

WAYNE TRACE CHEERLEADING SQUAD MOVE ON TO STATE COMPETITION



This past weekend the Wayne Trace Cheerleading Squad scored high enough at the Regional OASSA Cheerleading Competition to secure their place at the state competition which will be held at St.

John Arena on the campus of The Ohio State University on Sunday, March 1, 2015. The members of this squad are (front) Kelsee Rittenhouse, Ally Dunning, Mackenzie Swary; (back) Jessica Offerle,

Monique Goings, Brooke Ludwig, Blair Ludwig, Courtney Mead, Gabby Gudakunst, and Alex Fast. The Lady Raiders are coached by Chrissy Landrum, Kerry Gudakunst, Bernetta Geise, and Christina Sinn.

THE PUSH FOR A NEW IPFW DESIGNATION

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

For 50 years, Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW) has served as a major provider of higher education to the state's second-largest municipality. Fort Wayne is also the second-largest contributor to Indiana's gross domestic prod-

uct. IPFW plays a significant role in meeting the growing demand for providing quality education to this important region of the state, which has experienced significant population growth over the years.

Former Indiana Governor and current Purdue University President Mitch Daniels recently wrote a letter to Teresa Lubbers, the Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education, requesting the commission change IPFW's

official designation to a "Metropolitan University."

A change of designation will allow IPFW to establish additional graduate programs to meet the growing needs in the field of manufacturing and science. It will also allow more funding for the institution and help one of the most important regions in Indiana create a more recognized institution. In addition, more than three out of four IPFW
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CHANCE FOR CHASE ALL DAY BENEFIT EVENT

A benefit is being held for Chase Holt, called Chance for Chase Medication Benefit. It is set to take place on Friday and Saturday, February 13-14, 2015. On Friday from 4:00-7:00 p.m. a delicious menu has been planned by Puckerbrush Pizza and includes: pulled pork, baked beans, and potato salad.

All day on Saturday, (9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.) there will be kids games, food, candy, a photo booth, bake sale, baby sitting services, vendors, silent auction and Valentine's Day pampering.

In Valentine's Day pampering there will be a hair stylist, nails, and massages. The silent auction has numerous items generous donated from businesses and private donors all over the area. Some of these items include an exercise bike, red, white & blue deluxe tool box, and gift certificates galore! On top of all these fabulous things, many vendors will be available with their various wares: 31 bags, Pampered Chef, Tupperware, soaps, jewelry, etc.

All of these events activities will take place at the Payne Church of the Nazarene on Orchard St.

For more information, please call Barb Morris at 260-437-8643. Follow Chase's story at www.facebook.com/chanceforchase

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WILSON - RINDAHL



Jenelle Katlin Wilson of Ossian, IN and John Olsen Rindahl of Antwerp, OH will exchange wedding vows during a 4:30 p.m. ceremony August 1, 2015, at The Landmark in Fort Wayne, IN.

Parents of the couple are James and Deborah Wilson of Ossian, IN; John and Laura Rindahl of Cambridge, WI; and Cindy and Tim Yenser of Antwerp, OH.

Miss Wilson is a graduate of Norwell High School. She graduated from the University of Saint Francis. She is currently working toward her master's degree. She is employed as a school counselor at Prairie Heights Elementary School.

Her fiance is a graduate of Antwerp High School. He is employed as a machine operator at Earth Services in Bluffton, IN.

BRENDA WIELAND SAYS GOODBYE TO PCH

One day, 27 years ago, Brenda Wieland walked in to the Paulding County Hospital and applied for a job. It doesn't seem that long ago, but looking back and realizing it was 1988, it has been a while.

Recently, she met a guy from Napoleon. He said, "I do believe I owe this lady a dance." It was Dean Von Deylen. They were just married on June 21, 2014. Now they live along the Auglaize River, enjoying the beauty of that part of the county.

Remembering back to their

high school days, "I graduated from Ottoville... you know, The Big Green." She was in the class of 1976. Brenda still has family over that way and loves to coordinate events with them all.

Brenda attended Lima Tech (now Rhodes State) after high school and graduated with an associates degree. She then went on to work for the Lima Correction facility as a Lab Technician in the infirmary, just like in Shawshank Redemption.

She has three children: Matt lives in Columbus, Jen-

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ANTWERP, OH

Garrett A. Kever, 67, of Antwerp, passed away Friday, January 30, 2015. The family was assisted by Dooley Funeral Homes of Antwerp & Payne.

PAULDING:

Daniel W. Griffiths, age 89 died Monday, February 2, 2015 at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana, Ft. Wayne, IN.

He was born May 31, 1925 in Oak Hill, Ohio the son of Daniel W. and Nellie (Ward) Griffiths Sr. On June 28, 1982 he married Bonnie L. Hartwick, who survives. He was a WWII US Marine sergeant serving Okinawa. He retired in 1981 as State Game Protector Division of Wild Life Dept. Natural Resources. He was a member of Paulding United Methodist Church; Paulding Fish and Game Club; and Paulding Eagles #2405.

Daniel is also survived by two sons, Greg (Beth) Griffiths and Alan (Cheri) Griffiths, both of Paulding; Dave Bashore, Hicksville, Debra (Kevin) Bashore, Van Wert, Danette Kochenour, and Doug (Megan) Bashore both of Paulding; a sister, Eloise Hackworth, Williamsville, NY; aunt, Mildred Griffiths Sandlin; fourteen grandchildren; and eleven great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; a grandson, Nathan D. Griffiths; and brother-in-law, Vaughn Hackworth.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 6, 2015 at the United Methodist Church, Paulding. Burial followed in St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding County with military graveside services accorded by Paulding VFW #587.

Visitation was 4 - 8 PM Thursday, February 5 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Visitation was also on Friday at 10 AM until time of service at the church.

To honor Dan's Wishes the family requests memorials made to Paulding Fish and Game Club; Wounded Warriors; or a charity of the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

FT WAYNE, IN:
Former Payne resident, **Kathy Lynn Hessler**, died Thursday, February 5 at Parkview Hospital, Ft. Wayne, IN. Arrangements by Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding.



MARY PENELOPE PRICE DERCK (June 7, 1940-February 2, 2015) died peacefully at Trinity Grove Nursing and Rehabilitation in Wilmington, NC.

"Penny" was born in Morgantown, WV to Chauncey and Hilda Zeck Price.

She was a graduate of West Virginia University and earned her Masters in Education from St. Francis College. She married Terence Derck and moved to Antwerp, Ohio where she was an educator for over 30 years. Mary and Terry relocated to Wilmington, NC in 2010.

She was known for her generous, courageous and adventurous spirit. She was instrumental in establishing the Antwerp Branch of the Paulding County Carnegie Library and received the Antwerp Citizen of the Year Award. She volunteered for Meals on Wheels and at Airline Gardens. She was an active member Divine Mercy Catholic Church in Antwerp and a member of St. Marks Catholic Church in Wilmington.

She greatly enjoyed entertaining, gardening, playing tennis and spending her time with her grandson. She was a devoted spouse, friend, mother and grandmother. She will be greatly missed.

She was preceded in death by her stepfather, Robert Whiteley, her brother, John Caroll Price and her husband. She is survived by her brother George F. Price of Morgantown, her daughters Michele Derck of Portland, OR, Amy Price Derck (Sterling Vorus) and her beloved grandson, William Sterling Vorus of Wilmington, NC

Her family would like to express their gratitude for the kind and compassionate care she received. Memorials may be made to Antwerp Branch of the Paul-

ding County Carnegie Library, Antwerp, OH 45813 or Trinity Grove, 631 Junction Creek Drive, Wilmington, NC 28412.

TERENCE DEAN DERCK (December 25, 1937-June 6, 2014) was the son of the late Herbert Derck and Imogene (Perkins) Derck Zedaker.

He graduated from Bowling Green State University in 1962 with a degree in Business Administration.

Terry married Mary Price in 1964. They resided in Antwerp, Ohio until relocating to Wilmington, North Carolina in 2010. They had two daughters, Michele of Portland, Oregon, Amy Derck (Sterling Vorus) and a grandson, William of Wilmington, NC. Terry is survived by his siblings Tony (the late Mary Pender) Santa Rosa Beach, FL, Randy (Sue) of Antwerp and Joan Rager of Hicksville, Ohio.

Terry owned Insurance Services Agency in Payne, Ohio and was involved in insurance and banking for over 30 years. He was active in politics and held positions on the Antwerp School board as well as serving as a Paulding County Commissioner. He also served on the Antwerp Town Council. He served as the President and Paul Harris Fellow of the Antwerp Rotary Club. Terry was a member of the Divine Mercy Catholic Church in Antwerp, OH and St. Mark Catholic Church in Wilmington.

Special thanks to Dr. Christian Lloyd, Critical Care, MD, at New Hanover Regional Medical Center for his compassion and to the staff and residents at Elderhaus and NorthChase Nursing and Rehabilitation.

Donations may be made to the Antwerp Rotary Club Scholarship fund or Elderhaus, Inc., 2222 South 17th Street, Wilmington, NC, 28401.

THIS VALENTINE'S DAY, ASK YOUR LOVED ONES TO GO STEADY

Caregiving is the ultimate expression of love and devotion, so for this Valentine's Day, the STEADY U Ohio initiative encourages all Ohioans to learn what you can do to help an older loved one avoid a life-altering fall. One in three older adults will fall this year - don't let someone you care about become part of that statistic.

"One of the best gifts you can give an older loved one is the peace of mind that falls are not a normal part of aging, and most falls can be prevented," said Bonnie K. Burman, Sc. D., director of the Ohio Department of Aging, which leads the STEADY U initiative. "Older adults may not want to talk about falling because they see it as a threat to their independence. By bringing the subject up persistently but respectfully, and showing that you care, you can help remove some of their anxiety around the topic and help them reduce their risk."

• Don't let your loved one become afraid of falling. People who fall (or who nearly fall) can develop a fear of falling and change their behavior in ways that may actually increase their chances of falling again.

• Don't ignore chronic pain. Pain can cause your loved one to resist activity and exercise, and some pain medications can interfere with balance and stability.

• Talk with a doctor about medications. Pain medication as well as common prescriptions for high blood pressure and other conditions can cause dizziness and loss of balance. Encourage your loved ones to talk to their doctor about treatment options to reduce the risk of falling. Ask for a falls risk assessment.

• Help your loved one remain physically active. Any type of movement helps, from simply lifting your legs while watching TV, to walking and taking part in exercise programs. Focus on activities that build strength and balance.

• Promote good nutrition and hydration. A balanced diet promotes overall good health, and drinking plenty of water helps prevent low blood pressure, dizziness, fatigue and confusion.

• Encourage appropriate use of assistive devices. Walkers, canes, folding step stools with hand rails and reaching and grabbing tools are helpful, but only if adjusted and used properly.

• Include your loved

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing."

2 Thessalonians 1:3 NIV

ones in decisions about changes to their home. There are many simple and inexpensive changes that can significantly reduce the risk of slipping, tripping and falling.

Visit the STEADY U Ohio Facebook page this week for Valentine's e-cards you can send to loved ones to show you care about their health and wellness. Falls are not a normal part of aging and most falls can be prevented. Visit www.steadyu.ohio.gov for more falls prevention tips and resources, including a falls risk self-assessment.

Your area agency on aging also can help you connect to services and resources like minor home modifications and "A Matter of Balance" workshops. Call 1-866-243-5678 for the agency serving your community.

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 2/11 - 2/17

2/11 - Pork cutlet, baked potato, creamed peas, peaches, WW bread, cookie

2/12 - Cheeseburger, oven potatoes, buttered lima beans, orange juice, rice krispie treat

2/13 - Fish sandwich, cheesy potatoes, capri blend vegetables, fruit cocktail, Valentine's cake

2/16 - Closed, President's Day

2/17 - Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, biscuit, Betty salad, hot fruit compote, fruit & grain bar

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 2/11 - 2/17

2/11 - Bingo w/Community Heath Professionals at 12:00 Noon; Cancer Roundtable at 12:15 p.m.; Caregiver and Memory Resource at 1:00 p.m.; Bunco at 12:30 p.m.; Crafts at 12:30 p.m.; Grocery Shopping at 1:30 p.m.

2/12 - Bingo w/PCH at 10:00 a.m.; Exercise at 10:00 a.m.; Turn up at 12:15 p.m.

2/13 - Valentine's Party! Birthday & Anniversary Celebration! Craft store open 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

2/16 - Closed for President's Day

2/17 - Euchre at 9:45 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.



UNITED WAY OF PAULDING COUNTY DIRECTOR RESIGNS

The Board of United Way of Paulding County accepted Sonya Herber's resignation late last week. During Herber's time at UWPC, she exceeded the campaign goals in 2012 and 2013. She also partnered with organizations to bring new programs to the county that positively impacted health and financial stability. Those programs included: Tax Clinics, Getting Ahead, Blessings in a Bag, Coats for Kids to name just a few.

UWPC President George Carter stated, "On behalf of the Board of Trustees I want to recognize Sonya for her dedication to United Way over the past three years. She has greatly improved the awareness of United Way, not only in Paulding County, but throughout our region. She has taken the United Way of Paulding County to a high level and she will be greatly missed."

The UWPC Board is now looking forward to completing our current campaign which wraps up at the end of March. "I would encourage everyone to consider supporting United Way and help us reach our goal of \$75,000," said Carter.

A search committee for hiring the next UWPC has been formed and we will be running ads in local newspapers. The board is searching for a person that has a commitment to helping others and continuing the success UWPC has had in recent years impacting local nonprofits. This position is part-time at 24 hours per week. If you are interested, please email: pcedpam@gmail.com a cover letter and resume. A complete job description can be found at www.united-wayofpauldingcounty.org

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LUTHERAN HEALTH NETWORK INVITES PATIENTS TO "TELL US YOU'RE COMING" PRIOR TO EMERGENCY AND URGENT CARE VISITS

To further enhance patient experience and the efficiency of its emergency departments and urgent care clinics, Lutheran Health Network is now offering a digital option to let patients tell staff at LHN facilities that they are on the way.

The new "Tell Us You're Coming" feature allows individuals to notify an LHN emergency department or RediMed urgent care clinic in advance of their pending arrival. Facility staff use submitted information to better prepare for patients' care upon their arrival. Staff can also greet patients by name and acknowledge their symptoms, which can put patients at ease and improve their experience.

"Tell Us You're Coming" can be easily accessed on the home page of LutheranHealth.net in the QuickER section or via an app called iTriage. Using iTriage, patients may click on the Facilities icon on the first screen and then click on the Emergency Department icon. Orange "Tell Us You're Coming" tabs are visible under the hospital EDs where the option is available.

"Tell Us You're Coming" does not schedule an appointment for patients or let them move ahead of other patients. All patients are cared for based on the acuity of their condition, whether the option was utilized or not.

Providers can use a referral feature to notify a Lutheran Health Network emergency department of an incoming patient. Physicians or medical staff can use an "Additional Information" field to provide relevant patient details.

iTriage is an easy-to-use smartphone and online application that allows users to locate vital medical information and local medical services on their smartphones and computers via step-by-step navigation, whether at home or on the road.

Lutheran Health Network added the "Tell Us You're Coming" feature in mid-December. Since then, an average of five patients visiting the adult and pediatric ERs at Lutheran Hospital have used the feature daily. LHN has been a local advocate of iTriage for more than a year. For more information about iTriage, visit iTriageHealth.com or download the app via Google Play or the App Store.

CHALLENGED HIGHER BOB EVANS EVENT

Dine to make a difference this Valentine's Day! Support Challenged Higher's mental health initiatives by participating in our community event at Bob Evans (Van Wert location), Thursday, February 12th, 7:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Bob Evans will donate 15% of sales when customers present a Challenged Higher flyer. Feel free to dine in or carry-out! Flyers can be picked up at 407 N. Franklin St., Westwood Behavioral Health Center, and Simply Irresistible. Flyers are also available for download on the website at www.chpeer-center.org.

COMMUNITY HEALTH PROFESSIONALS HONORS LONG TERM EMPLOYEES



A portion of the 82 Community Health Professionals employees recognized for 10 or more years of service to the area nonprofit, home health and hospice organization.

Community Health Professionals home health and hospice recently honored 82 employees with 10 or more years of service to the organization's three affiliated nonprofit corporations and 12 offices in Northwest and West Central Ohio.

10-14 years: Alan Birt, driver/maintenance - Celina; Trina Brinkman, clerk - Van Wert; Jody Brown, clerk assistant - Van Wert; Roberta Culler, registered nurse - Defiance; Monica Davis, licensed practical nurse - Van Wert; Susan Dyer, personal care aide - Delphos; Stephanie Fisher, vol. coordinator - Defiance; Jodel Freeman, personal care aide - Bryan; Bonnie Gruber, personal care aide - Lima; Leisa Hayes, personal care aide - Celina; Cynthia Hiett, registered nurse - Delphos; Korene Holifield, registered nurse - Defiance; Linda Holley, registered nurse - Archbold; Nancy Hoying, registered nurse - Celina; Alice Landwehr, personal care aide - Delphos; Elaine Laney, office manager - Defiance; Ronda Lewis, RN, nursing supervisor - Defiance; Joan Long, licensed practical nurse - Celina; Janis Mathews, diagnosis coder - Van Wert; Ruth McMinn, personal care aide - Delphos; Rob Place, information systems manager - Van Wert; Kay Randolph, personal care aide - Celina; Jacquie Reinemeyer, diagnosis coder - Van Wert; Jeanie Saum, RN, hospice supervisor - Van Wert; Maryilyn Schmerge, personal care aide - Wapakoneta; Deb Schmidt, RN, nursing supervisor - Celina; Nancy Schroeder, registered nurse - Delphos; Sharon Schroer, personal care aide - Wapakoneta; Carrie Slone, personal care aide - Ada; Caprice Smith, office manager - Celina; Tyra Stearley, licensed practical nurse - Wapakoneta; Cindy Tollas, RN, document coordinator - Hicksville; Brent Tow, president/CEO - Van Wert; Kathy Ulm, RN, staff development - Van Wert; Jenni Whitaker, activity director - Celina; Susan Will, personal care aide - Delphos; and Diana York, personal care aide - Archbold.

15-19 years: Shelly Barrett, RN, vice president of operations - Van Wert; Fawn Burley, vice president of finance - Van Wert; Kim Carder, office manager - Delphos; Jama Cline, registered nurse - Paulding; Claudia Crawford, RN, nursing supervisor - Ada; Jane DeMoss, home health aide & driver - Van Wert; Janetta Dilyard, personal care aide - Archbold; Kathy Eisert, registered nurse - Wapakoneta;

Doris Evans, personal care aide - Van Wert; Michele Federinko, licensed practical nurse - Defiance; Susan Hamrick, licensed practical nurse - Van Wert; Teresa Hill, personal care aide - Lima; Karen Hunter, registered nurse - Celina; Carol Jutte, registered nurse - Celina; Phyllis Kinkle, licensed practical nurse - Delphos; Sheila Looser, personal care aide - Delphos; Pam Miller, personal care aide - Van Wert; Jenny Nelson, receptionist - Van Wert; Jacquie Niese, registered nurse - Lima; Sharon Norbeck, personal care aide - Delphos; Frank Scott, maintenance director & driver - Van Wert; Rebecca Short, medical social services coordinator - Archbold; Julie Stutz, home health aide - Van Wert; Shirley Sutton, personal care aide - Van Wert; Deb Tracey, administrative assistant - Van Wert; Susan Wendlowsky, activity director - Archbold; Deb Williams, medical social worker - Celina; and Amy Zalar, RN, nursing supervisor - Delphos.

20-24 years: Kathy Bauer, registered nurse - Celina; Peggy Carnahan, RN, director of nursing - Van Wert; Deb Griesdorn, office manager - Celina; Glenda Schaad, personal care aide - Van Wert; Sue Stokes, personal care aide - Van Wert; Nancy Thompson, home health aide - Celina; Betty Wasserman, licensed practical nurse - Van Wert; and Greg Yinger, public education & communications - Van Wert.

25-29 years: Gloria Boroff, personal care aide - Lima; Laurel Svabik, RN, clinical director - Van Wert; and Susan Ulrey, registered nurse - Van Wert.

30-plus years: Garnett Beagle, registered nurse - Paulding; Linda Boggs, vice president of human resources - Van Wert; Karen Bortel, office manager - Paulding; and Joel Knerr, MD, medical director - Van Wert.

"At a time when high employee turnover rates are common among home health and hospice agencies, we are unique to have over 80 employees with 10 or more years of experience," said Brent Tow, president/CEO of Community Health Professionals. "That kind of longevity speaks to the quality of our staff and their dedication to those we serve."

Community Health Professionals of Paulding, located at 250 Dooley Dr., Paulding, offers home health, hospice and private duty services throughout Paulding County and surrounding area. For more information, call 419-399-4708.

STATEMENT FROM OHIO SECRETARY OF STATE JON HUSTED

Regarding the introduction of Senate Bill 26 by State Senator Larry Obhof (R-Medina) that seeks to implement a 21% cut in business filing fees, which mirrors priority legislation (House Bill 3) introduced in the Ohio House last week, all of the following may be attributed to Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted:

"I want to thank Senator Obhof for helping us cut the cost of starting a business in Ohio."

"Over the past four years the Secretary of State's Office has been focused on improving customer service, which has led to record business filings and increased revenue. Coupled with our commitment of doing more with less, this has resulted in a success dividend that we want to share with our customers by making it cheaper to do business in Ohio."

"I am hopeful members of the General Assembly will pass this proposal, which will further bolster Ohio's appeal to entrepreneurs looking to start a company."

THE MOST FAMOUS GROUNDHOG OF ALL!

By: Staci Miller, Paulding SWCD, Education Specialist

February 2nd marked Groundhog Day, featuring the famous rodent meteorologist Punxsutawney Phil predicting our weather forecast for the next six weeks. The first Groundhogs Day happened on February 2, 1887 in Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney, PA. Groundhog Day got its roots from the ancient Christian tradition of Candlemas Day, where clergy would bless and distribute candles needed for winter. The candles represented how long and cold the winter would be. The German's began their own tradition by selecting a hedgehog to predict the weather. As German's came to America, the settlers continued the tradition but selected a groundhog as their rodent meteorologist because they were plentiful in Pennsylvania according to history.com.

Punxsutawney Phil is a groundhog but also can be called a woodchuck with a scientific name of Marmota monax. A typical groundhog weighs 12 to 15 pounds with a life span of six to eight years. Punxsutawney Phil weighs about 20 pounds and is 22 inches long. He is a rather large and a well fed groundhog.

Groundhogs are covered with coarse grayish hairs (fur), tipped with brown or sometimes dull red. They have short ears, a short tail, short legs, and are surprisingly quick. Their jaws are exceptionally strong. A groundhog's diet consists of lots of greens, fruits, and vegetables and very little water. Most of their liquids come from dewy leaves. A groundhog can whistle when it is alarmed. Groundhogs also whistle in the spring when they begin searching for a mate. Young groundhogs are usually



(Continued from page 1) ny lives in Cloverdale, and Austin also lives in Columbus. Along with her children, she has five grandchildren.

Brenda loves to travel and to travel with family. After talking with her, she would love to coordinate vacations and tours. She has been all over: Italy, Alaska, Hawaii, the Caribbean, Mexico, Canada, and Guam are just a few of her international travels.

Honestly, Brenda is kind of a nerd. She can watch the Big Bang Theory TV show and argue right along with Sheldon Cooper about the Star Wars Universe or speak in Klingon as a Trekkie.

At Paulding County Hospital she began working as a Lab Tech and worked in that position for 17 years before taking on

Guest Relations in 2003. In 1995, she started and managed Occupational Health for business and school which included drug screenings, physicals, flu shots, health fairs, education and much more. For the last 10 years she has worked in marketing and Human Resources.

Outside the hospital she has worked with Leadership in Action and the Paulding Chamber of Commerce Board of directors.

It's nice to see Brenda. She knows what she wants and does a good job at hitting her goal. We will miss seeing her at the functions serving the hospital. She will still be around though. Keep watching for her and congratulate her on all of her service to the community. She deserves it!

born in mid-April or May, and by July they are able to go out on their own. The size of the litter is four to nine. A baby groundhog is called a kit or a cub.

Groundhogs are very clean animals which help them to be resistant to many germs and diseases that affect other animals. Groundhogs are one of the few animals that really hibernate. Hibernation is not just a deep sleep. It is actually a deep coma, where the body temperature drops to a few degrees above freezing, the heart barely beats, the blood scarcely flows, and breathing nearly stops.

According to the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club,

they declared that Phil, the Punxsutawney groundhog, was America's only true weather-forecasting groundhog. Let's see if Punxsutawney Phil weather forecasting is true as we prepare for six more weeks of winter or maybe dream of Spring!

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HOW DO YOU CLEAR YOUR MIND, HEART, CONSCIENCE OF PAST SIN?

Winning the Battle for a Generation by: Pastor Rick Jones

How do you clear your mind, heart, conscience of past sin? Many in our culture turn to alcohol or some other mind-altering substance to rid themselves of guilt, shame, sin, that which no chemical or other known remedy can bring relief. Consequently, paranormal events, or man-made traditions have been concocted to substitute as a cleansing agent for that which there has been only one and only cure, the substitutionary life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ for sin.

For example, consider with me as reported in preaching.com; the sensational effort of the people of India to rid themselves of sin... The Kumbh Mela is the largest gathering on earth. During its last celebration in 2013, it was conservatively estimated that around ten million people gathered in Northern India. The Kumbh Mela (or the "pitcher fair") takes place every four years. In 2013, the festival was called the Maha (meaning "Super") Kumbh Mela, which happens only once every 144 years. It is estimated that this Kumbh cost around 210 million dollars while generating approximately ten times that amount in revenue.

Hindu tradition says that there was a war between the gods and the demons over divine nectar, and in the process, four drops of nectar fell from the pitcher. These fell on four different locations, which overlap the cities where the Kumbh is held. One of those drops fell at Haridwar where the river Ganges flows, while another fell at the Sangam. The Sangam is the confluence of three rivers—the Ganga, Yamuna, and the mythological river Saraswati. The other two drops fell at Kshipra in Ujjain and Godawari. A dip in these rivers on auspicious dates during the Kumbh is said to rid pilgrims of their sins.

Anyone who reads the newspaper and honestly reflects on it is hard-pressed to deny the reality and universality of sin. Through the ages, humans have tried to rid themselves of sin and its consequences. Religious rituals, idols, journeys, and sacrifices have all tried to assuage and comfort the sinner's heart, but have been found wanting... In the Christian religion,

grace that is made available through the death and resurrection of Jesus is the very fount which offers release from the burden of sin and restores our relationship with God... Thus, we can confess Jesus as Lord anytime, anywhere, and we will be saved! It makes one gasp in wonder at the overarching simplicity and compelling elegance of this very good news.

This is why we read in scripture... Acts 4:12 (NKJV), "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

No other name, no other remedy, no other paranormal event, nothing, no one to cleanse us of sin but Jesus.

Pastor Rick Jones previously served on the staff of Defiance Area Youth for Christ for 36 years, first as a ministry coordinator and later as Executive Director. Rick is currently a pastor of an area local church.

NEW DOCUMENTARY SPOTLIGHTS DECLINE OF THE CHURCH IN AMERICA

The documentary film, titled *When God Left the Building*, will be screened Sunday, March 15, 2015, at the Paulding Church of the Nazarene, 210 Dooley Road in Paulding, Ohio. Following the film the Paulding Ministerial Association will host a 20 minute live discussion.

This film reveals the decline of the American church and focuses on the current spiritual climate. The film event is sponsored by Paulding United Methodist Church in cooperation with the Paulding Ministerial Association.

This film was created by Thom and Joani Schultz of Group Publishing. Thom Schultz said, "The American church as we know it is dying. What was once the heart and soul of the community is going away. We wondered why. And we wondered what's next."

According to Schultz, the majority of churches across the country are in a state of decline. He said weekly church attendance has dropped to 20 percent of the population. This trend has resulted in the closing of 4,000 churches per year, he said.

The filmmakers spent three years documenting a church that saw its attendance plunge from 900 to 40. "It was a heart-wrenching mash-up of societal upheaval, spiritual confusion and human con-

flict," Schultz said.

The film also prominently features the unconventional work of churches and organizations that are actively doing things differently and outside of the traditional church building.

A preview of the film is available at WhenGodLefttheBuilding.com.

The film was produced by Group Productions, a Colorado media company.

Questions about the documentary may be directed to Rev. Roger Emerson, Paulding UMC, at 419-399-3591 or RLEmerson28@hotmail.com.

PAM TEBOW TO SPEAK AT THE NISWONGER PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Hands of Hope Pregnancy Services, in Paulding, Ohio, is hosting its third annual benefit on March 18, 2015. The speaker for the event will be Pam Tebow, mother of Heisman Trophy winner Tim Tebow. Pam and her husband Bob have five children and are active in mission work. The notoriety of the Tebow family increased when ESPN aired an interview with Pam that focused on her refusal to abort "Timmy" when she was advised to do so. Because of this testimony, Pam has been given a national platform to speak with a pro-life message.

The evening with Pam Tebow will be held at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center, in Van Wert, OH. It will start at 7:30 p.m., on Wednesday, March 18. For more information about this event, visit the Niswonger's website at npcvw.org, or by calling the box office at 419-238-6722.

Hands of Hope is a hand-up organization dedicated to helping expecting moms and young families. They are located at 1030 W. Wayne Street, Suite A, in Paulding, Ohio. For more information about services please call 419-399-2447.

40 DAY CHALLENGE LENTEN PROGRAM

The 40 DAY Challenge is a great lenten program with an emphasis on strengthening the mind, body and spirit. We have a nice line up of professionals and spiritual mentors. If you have internet access you can participate, no matter where you live. Individuals, schools, churches or businesses wanting to participate can register online at www.wellstrategiesinc.org. If your place of work wants to match the program gift to the USO or Archdiocese of Military Services, USA please email kerri@wellstrategiesinc.org or call 260-433-0024. This program empowers the total person, and encourages you to find your "strength from within". As it says in Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ that gives me strength". Here's to becoming a better you!

To learn more about the program checkout the 40 Day Challenge Community Facebook Page ([type as 40-DAY-Challenge in FB search box] only program information, announcements and updates are posted.) For the full program, register online at www.wellstrategiesinc.org.

DINNER & A MOVIE AT WOODBURN UMC

On Wednesday, February 11 at 6:00 p.m., Woodburn United Methodist Church will continue hosting its monthly Dinner and a Movie Night. The fun will begin at 6:00 p.m. with an Italian supper. Homemade cavatini with garlic bread and a salad provided by the Womacks is on the menu. There will be red velvet cupcakes with cream cheese frosting (fresh fruit for our diabetic friends) for dessert provided by the Pattersons, and a lot of good fellowship.

After the dinner, adjournment will be in sanctuary to view the inspirational movie, *God's Not Dead*. As the internet says, "This is the story of an Evangelical college student who finds his faith challenged by a philosophy professor who believes that God does not exist. It stars Kevin Sorbo, Shane Harper, David A. R. White, Dean Cain, Newsboys, Willie Robertson, and Korie Robertson."

At the end of the movie, there will be a drawing for a door prize, but you must be present to win this prize. There is no charge for this uplifting evening of food, fun, faith, and fellowship.

Woodburn United Methodist Church is located at 4300 Becker Rd. behind the Woodburn X-press Gas Station in the middle of Woodburn. Pastor Terry McDonald and all of the people of Woodburn United Methodist Church are looking forward to continuing a tradition of Dinner and a Movie Night at WUMC.

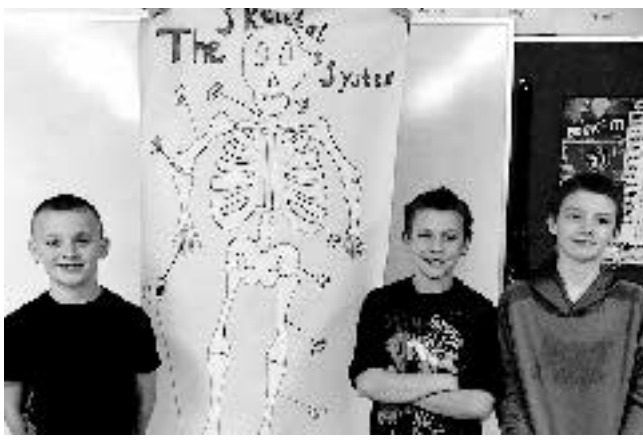
STRIKES FOR CHARITY BOWLING TOURNAMENT TO BENEFIT LOCAL CHARITIES

Fire Police City County FCU and Reflection of Caring invite you on Saturday, February 21, 2015, to Georgetown Bowl located at 6770 East State Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46815. The bowling tournament will begin at 1:00 p.m., doors open at 12:30 p.m. The public is welcome and walk-in registration is available. Registration includes three games of bowling, shoes rental, and a door prize ticket. Bowler pre-registration forms are available online at http://www.fpccfcu.org/R_O_C.html. Reflection of Caring was established by Fire Police City County FCU for the purpose of providing monetary donations as well as volunteer support to charitable organizations. In 2014, Reflection of Caring donated over \$14,000 to nearly 50 local and national charitable organizations while Credit Union employees gave 800 hours of volunteer service to the community!

Sponsorship opportunities are available. Please contact Fire Police City County FCU for additional information about the Strikes for Charity Bowling Tournament. Call Angie at 260-484-2102 or email angie.felger@fpccfcu.org. www.newhavenbulletin.com

The West Bend News website has many pictures of area events. Be sure to visit www.westbendnews.net

DIVINE MERCY STUDENTS & THE HUMAN BODY SYSTEMS



Fifth and sixth graders at Divine Mercy Catholic School recently studied the systems of the body. Group members worked together to research one of the main body systems. Students had to trace a group member's body onto a large paper and identify the

main parts of their body system. Once the group's paper was completed they presented important details about their body system to the class, and answered any questions that were asked. Pictured above are (l-r) Kaden Recker, Cameron Cox, and Treyton Banks.

SPECIAL VALENTINE CONCERT WITH RYAN HIRSCHY MINISTRIES ON FEBRUARY 14



On Saturday, February 14th, the Rockford Belle will host a Valentine's Day special concert with Ryan Hirschy Ministries. Celebrate with the love of your life at 135 Market Street, Rockford, Ohio when Ryan Hirschy and pianist Brad Byerly perform a full contemporary Christ-centered concert at 7:00 p.m., doors open at 6:00 p.m. Together, they have entertained with an inspirational program for more than 20 years. The public is welcome to attend the entertainment venue located at 135 Market Street, Rockford, OH.

Since 1995, Ryan Hirschy, of Decatur, IN has shared his love for Christ through music throughout the country performing for many different denominations and organizations.

Christ is the focus and heart of his Ministry. It is Ryan's desire that as people attend his Contemporary style music concerts; they are filled with courage and

hope to claim the grace that Jesus freely offers.

Having a heart for service not only motivated him to start this Ministry, but led him into funeral service. Whether serving a grieving family or on the road ministering through music, his desire is to meet the needs of others.

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

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Just got my utility bill and see Paulding is at it again; raising our street project bill. What is the deal? When this was started it was to be \$10 on every bill, last year it went to \$18, and now already this year it went to \$24. When will it end and when are we going to get what we are paying for?

Two years ago the whole town was torn up and finally when that portion was completed the roads were not paved, but just patched which is leaving our roads in ridiculous condition and have gotten worse. Last year, there was nothing done yet. Everyone was expecting phase two was supposed to start. Did they have to save more money to get it started? They know this project had to be done, so why not take out a loan with reasonable interest, and before the price of the equipment to do it increases and let these people do the job and get it done. They could pay the loan off without having to gouge the citizens for more money with what they have coming in. These people have no financial sense at all. I'll bet they don't buy a car, house or some other expensive item like this. Save the money till they have it only to find the price has increased and they need more money. But when somebody else is paying the bills, what do they care what it costs! Just gouge them some more and threaten them with late fees if they don't have the money to pay on time. Heck, with their food, gas, electric or other bills, you pay us first. No wonder this town is going downhill in progress and population, there's nothing to stay here for. Young people graduate and leave and don't come back. They don't go to college to work in gas sta-

tions, supermarkets or other minimal jobs that don't pay enough to live on. And the people who work in these places have a hard time making it, but the powers-that-be don't care as long as they get their over-inflated levy money. There is no employment here, many empty stores and way too high prices to operate a business as many have found out. It's too bad as this used to be a decent little town where people could afford to live, but not anymore and they wonder why so many shop out of town or online. It's just more affordable in these tough times. This town is being run down by the people who are supposed to be helping it grow and they just don't get it. Sounds too much like our government in Washington, but in a smaller scale with the same results. These people need to wake up and think of the citizens a little bit, they are the ones hurting from this poor management.

—Gregg Gorman

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The reminder to Antwerp village residents to keep sidewalks shoveled is appreciated. Please also remember to keep all fire hydrants free from snow piles so they can be easily accessed in time of emergency.

—Kathy Nern

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graduates stay in Indiana, further contributing to the state's economy.

IPFW is trying to increase the percentage of graduates in the field of science and technology due to its close partnership with Purdue University. Daniels supports this new change of designation by explaining that this new title will provide for a closer match between the nature of IPFW's degree production and the state's performance funding formula.

Opponents see this as a proposition that will keep students in the region from having the option of obtaining either Indiana University (IU) or Purdue University degrees while remaining in a location that is convenient for them. However, this concern has not emerged in similar cases. For instance, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis is considered a Metropolitan University and still allows students to obtain either an Indiana University or Purdue University degree.

A 2012 article in the Fort Wayne News Sentinel identifies IPFW as an indispensable engine of opportunity in Northeast Indiana that brings in more than \$100 million a year to Fort Wayne and employs more than 1,200 employees. As the debate goes on about the future of IPFW, I will continue to push for sound decision making that will allow this important institution to thrive.

What do you think?

SECRETARY OF STATE HUSTED TO PRESIDENT OBAMA: EXECUTIVE ACTIONS ON IMMIGRATION INCREASE POTENTIAL FOR NON-CITIZEN REGISTRATIONS & VOTING

In a recent letter to President Barack Obama, Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted raised concerns that the President's Immigration Accountability Executive Actions may have implications on the integrity of elections. These executive actions increase the potential that non-citizens may illegally register and vote by granting millions more access to the valid forms of identification used to register to vote.

"As chief elections official in a key swing state, I take very seriously my responsibility to make it both easy to vote and hard to cheat by ensuring that only eligible voters may participate in federal, state and local elections," Secretary Husted said. "Despite our diligence in cleaning up Ohio's voter registration rolls over the past four years, the President's executive actions have expanded a loophole and made it more difficult for us to determine if potential registrants meet the primary standard for voting - U.S. citizenship."

Under federal law, any person with a valid Social Security number or driver's license can register to vote, provided they attest to their eligibility. The recent executive actions would expand the risk for illegal voter registrations in Ohio and other states by non-citizen voters who have valid forms of identification and who willingly or negligently affirm their eligibility to vote.

Should the executive actions remain in force, Secretary Husted is asking that President Obama's Administration provide state elections officials real-time access to accurate, searchable, electronic databases of non-citizens who have valid Social Security numbers so that they may distinguish between citizens and lawfully-present non-citizens.

In his letter to President Obama, Secretary Husted noted that the ongoing debate over voter fraud and voter access has bred significant hyperbole from across the political spectrum, eroding voter confidence. After issuing the first statewide report of voter fraud and voter suppression, and conducting a thorough review of Ohio's voting rolls, Secretary Husted has consistently maintained that while voter fraud does exist, it is rare and he has taken many steps to modernize Ohio's elections system to prevent fraud in the future.

For example, following the 2012 Presidential Election and through a data-sharing partnership with the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Secretary Husted determined that in Ohio, 291 non-citizens were registered to vote and 17 had actually cast ballots. The 17 were referred for further investigation and potential prosecution and the rest were sent letters to cancel their Ohio voter registrations.

"We have been careful to uncover the facts, to be transparent with the data, and then to take reasonable steps to improve our elections system and boost voter confidence," Secretary Husted

said. "The President's executive actions have the potential to roll back progress we have made in Ohio. It is my hope that he will work with us to minimize their impact on the integrity of our elections."

SQUARE DANCE NIGHT IN NEW HAVEN

The St. Louis Besancon Academy is hosting a Square Dance on Saturday, February 14, 2015 (15535 Lincoln Hwy E, New Haven, IN 46774; located 2 miles E of I-469 on Old US 30).

There will be music by Bill Werling & Breakaway. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and the dancing will be from 8:00-11:00 p.m.

This event will benefit Saint Louis Academy Home and School Association. For more information, contact Stacy at 260-414-1757 or Melissa at 260-750-4327.

SPORTS CARD SHOW IN FORT WAYNE

Saturday February the 21st from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Hotel Fort Wayne located at 305 E Washington Center Rd. (exit 312a off of I-69) in Fort Wayne, IN there will be a Sports Card and Collectibles Show. Dealers from the tri-state region will be in attendance buying, selling and trading both sport and non-sport cards and collectibles. Featured will be vintage and new singles, hobby boxes and supplies. Attendance is free and the public is invited to attend. Please feel free to bring your items in for appraisal. For more information please contact Brian Mayne at 260-824-4867 or mcscardscomics@adamswells.com or on facebook at FORT WAYNE BASEBALL CARD SHOW.

2015 OHSAA SOFTBALL UMPIRE TRAINING CLASS

An OHSAA approved softball umpiring course is being offered by the Fifth District Umpires Association.

Class sessions will be held at Ayersville High School, 1:30-5:30 p.m. each Sunday, February 22, 2015 through

March 22, 2015.

Complete class schedule details and instructions for registering can be found in the "Baseball-Softball" section on the website: www.5thdistrictofficials.com

Or anyone interested in taking this class to become an OHSAA registered softball umpire, may contact the instructor: Ned Ewers by e-mail ewersn@defnet.com or phone at 419-439-6047.

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Broughton: Kohart's Surplus & Salvage

Bryan: Chief, Town & Country, McDonald's, Bryan Senior Center

Cecil: Cecil Elevator, Maramart, Vagabond

Charloe: Charloe Store

Continental: Okuley's Pharmacy, Dollar General, ACE Hardware

Defiance: Newman's Carry Out, Butt Hutt, Chief, Senior Center, Walmart, Big Lots, Cabin Fever Coffee

Edgerton: Marathon, Valero, Kaiser Supermarket, Frager's Barbershop, Utilities Office

Grover Hill: Ross' Gas Station, N&N, Quick Stop

Grabill: Do-It Best Hardware, Save-A-Lot

Hicksville: Cline's Market, Hickory Hills Golf Course, Sailers, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, McDonald's, H20, Senior Center

Melrose: Uncle Fudd's Diner, Morning Star Convenience Store

Oakwood: Rhees' Market, The Landing Strip, The Oakleaf, Cooper Community Branch Library, TrueValue Hardware

Paulding: Paulding Co. Carnegie Library, Chief, Corner Market, Integrity Ford, Napa

True Value, Maramart, Dollar General, Dairy Queen, Holly Wood and Vine, Paulding County Senior Center, Rite Aid, Ace Hardware, Gorrell Bros., Country Inn Living Center, Albert Automotive, Paulding Courthouse, Paulding Co. Bookmobile, Susie's Bakery, Paulding VFW Post 587

Payne: Lichty's Barber Shop, Payne Super Valu, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Maramart, Payne Branch Library, Puckerbrush Pizza

Scott: Scott Variety Store

Sherwood: Sherwood Post Office, Village Food Emporium, Sherwood Bank,

Van Wert: Pak-A-Sak, Short Stop, Family Video, Orchard Tree, BalyEat's, Lee's Ace Hardware, Main Street Market, Walmart

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Harlan: Marathon, Harlan Donuts, Harlan Cafe, iAB Bank

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Monroeville: Mel's Deli, The Village of Heritage, Phillips 66 Gas Station, Dollar General

New Haven: Curves, Milan Center, New Haven Branch Library, Ken's Meat Market, New Haven Bakery, Broadway Deli, Paterson Hardware, Richard's Restaurant, New Haven Chamber

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THE LOBO TANK BUSTERS

By: Stan Jordan

This is June 27, 1944. The invasion has been on now for three weeks. We have a good foothold in France, but we are hung up here in the Caen area. The Germans are protecting this town to the last man. It is a very important rail and highway junction. The English Field Marshall, Montgomery, has attempted to take this town a number of times, but has been pushed back each time. Both sides have lost a lot of men and equipment here. The troops going north towards Belgium along the coastal area are doing a little better, but the Germans are determined to keep this area as long as they can. We spent most of the morning around Caen and the St. Lo area. We got a couple tiger-tanks and a few smaller ones. We also shot a convoy of supply trucks pretty hard. We used our cannons and machine guns on the hedgerow area. The going there is very slow for the ground troops.

On our sortie this afternoon around the Caen area, they were waiting for us. Our planes all took a lot of ground fire. No ack-ack burst but small arms fire was so thick, you could have walked on it. But we managed to knock some of the positions out of commission.

Here in the barracks tonight, we discussed the dawn patrol. The Col. came over and filled out all the papers that needed to be done. Lt. Nelson from Grafton, Minn. got a package through the mail today. It was a good sized piece of cheese and a lot of crackers. We were having a ball with the goodies and all the crewmen came in. They had patched up all the holes in the airplanes and had them ready for the dawn patrol tomorrow. Well, we talked and played a card game called, "Hearts" and all helped put the cheese and crackers away. We played cards quite late even though we had a very early breakfast tomorrow.

There was some more discussion on adding an extra

rocket under the wings of the P-51. That would make a total of 6 jumbo rockets. But, the Col. said that the 4 rockets were what we should carry. There were times we could have used another rocket, but the Mustang handled so nicely the way we are loaded now. We all agree this is the best allied airplane in Europe. See ya!



BLOODY BILL ANDERSON, WILLIAM QUANTRILL AT LAWRENCE KANSAS

By: Stan Jordan

Quantrill's Raiders, a lawless army of 300-400 riders, rode into Lawrence Kansas at dawn, August 21, 1863. They were a band of hoodlums, some dressed in the army clothes of the Confederacy, but they were killers, not soldiers.

They rounded up all the women and held them as hostages and made the men bring in all of their guns and arms of any type and put them in a wagon or they would kill the women. All the businesses were robbed and the loot was loaded into wagons that belonged to the people. There were about 1,600 people living in Lawrence in that time. The men were helpless. They were rounded up along with all the young boys and were shot dead in the streets. Around 200 men and boys were killed that day. This was done right in front of the wives and daughters, and then they burned the town.

Lawrence was considered a town of Northern sympathizers and Quantrill was supposed to be Confederate soldiers, but they were merely a band of robbers, murderers and cut-throats, living off of the loot from the towns they robbed. Bloody Bill Anderson was a Lt. under Quantrill, but a much meaner and bloody killer who hated any and all people who were from the North and the U.S. government.

This went on for over three years. There was another bloody ambush called the Centrailia Missouri Massacre. It was considered the Confederate gorilla's most brutal and deadly action.

They were able to capture a passenger train in Centrailia, and then kill 24 Union soldiers in cold blood who were riding on the train. Then, they sat up an ambush and killed over 100 Northern soldiers. Anderson was a psychotic killer and to take a life meant nothing to him. He was killed about a month later in another robbery in Albany, MO. He was about 23 or 24 years old.

Some people thought of him as another Robin Hood, as he killed any and all Northern sympathizers he could find. But, he was just a sadistic killer who was on a revenge binge. It has been written that he killed 49 men by himself. Southern sympathizers in Missouri saw his action as justified for revenge. But, to me, he was just a plain murderer and mayhem.

See ya!



PATROL'S TPR. BRINCEFIELD PROMOTED TO SERGEANT AT THE VAN WERT POST

Trooper Adam M. Brincefield was promoted to the rank of Sergeant today by Colonel Paul A. Pride, Patrol Superintendent, during a ceremony at the Patrol's Academy. Sergeant Brincefield will remain at his current assignment, the Van Wert Post, to serve as an assistant post commander.

Sergeant Brincefield began his Patrol career in September 2003 as a member of the 141st Academy Class. He earned his commission in March of the following year and was assigned to the Van Wert Post, where he was selected as Post Trooper of the Year in 2009. In 2012, he transferred to the Patrol's Training Academy to serve as an instructor. Later that year, he returned to his most recent assignment at the Van Wert Post, where he was again selected as Post Trooper of the Year in 2014.

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SETTLERS, INC. HISTORY TOUR & LUNCH

Settlers, Inc. will host a History Tour of the Thomas and Lucy Swinney House and the Allen County Court House. The program, lead by educator Linda Huge, begins at the Swinney House, 1424 W. Jefferson Blvd., and includes lunch, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. For more information, please call 260-492-8584. Please make reservation by March 19; www.settlersinc.org.

PAULDING CO. CHAPTER OF THE OHIO GENEALOGY SOCIETY

January 14, 2015 informal meeting consisted of 12 members. VP Dave Betts brought a goose feather Christmas tree. Early 1800's with Germany's environment concerns, it was not popular to cut down trees. Dyed in assorted colors, the feathers were wrapped with wire over a wooden dowel to make this tree. The branches were 6" apart to keep candles from burning the branch above. Ranging from 2' to 8' in height, some were adorned with hand blown glass ornaments, others with strands of popcorn or handmade items. They came folded in a box the size of an umbrella, some with electric lights. German made trees could be authenticated by the hand stenciled base.

The original Paulding Co. Cemetery book through 1986 is now available on DVD-R. Contact Kelly by mailing your request to 205 S. Main St. Paulding, OH 45879 or calling 419/399-2032 Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., Friday 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. or Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Members are working on our April 8th meeting to be held in the Baggage Room at the historic Antwerp Norfolk and Western Railroad Depot located at 503 W. River St. (old US24). Limited seating and parking space issues will be addressed in March. The facility is accessible. A tour guide will be on hand to talk about the depot's importance and its restoration.

Most meetings are held at the Paulding Co. Carnegie Library, ground floor meeting room at 6:30 p.m. on the 2nd Wednesday monthly from September - June. Everyone is welcome! Notice of changes will be posted in this newspaper. Mark your calendar now for 2015/2016 year.

First Families &/or Century Families:

Did your ancestors reside in Paulding County, Ohio 100 years or 135 years or more ago? Ancestors living in Paulding County in 1915 or earlier are now eligible. Contact Ray Keck at 419-399-4415 or Karen Sanders at karen15806@gmail.com for mailed applications or assistance proving eligibility. Newsletters go out to 160 members each month.

OHIO HUNTERS CHECK MORE THAN 175,000 DEER IN 2014-2015

Ohio's white-tailed deer archery season closed Sunday, February 1, marking the end of Ohio's 2014-2015 deer hunting season. Across the state, hunters checked a total of 175,745 deer during all 2014-2015 hunting seasons.

In the last few years, through increased deer harvests, dramatic strides have been made in many counties to approach acceptable populations. The effectiveness of these management efforts are reflected in the decreased number of deer checked this season. During the 2013-2014 hunting season, Ohio hunters checked 191,455 deer. Bag limits were reduced in 46 counties prior to the 2014-2015 deer hunting season, and antlerless permits were eliminated in 29 counties.

Deer population goals

A YOUNG EAGLE



By: Stan Jordan

Here is another picture of a young eagle. This photo was taken by Mike Jones on the River Road east. Notice how clean a job they have done on the ribs. This picture was taken by a trail camera. Some of my bird-watching friends tell me that our family of eagles here in Antwerp have raised three young birds. Some more of my friends tell me that they have seen all five of them. Two adults and three young

birds eating on a carcass at the same time.

I don't think there are too many predators that would bother the young eagles here and they have a good chance to grow to maturity. Some of the old dangers for young birds are not the same anymore. One of the worst dangers for growing up is traffic. More young are killed by cars on the highway than any other way.

See ya!

will be revised this summer through a random survey of hunters and farmers. Participants in the survey will have the opportunity to provide input about the future of deer management in Ohio.

The Ohio counties that reported the most checked deer for all implements during the 2014-2015 season: Coshocton (5,727), Licking (5,281), Tuscarawas (4,883), Muskingum (4,748), Ashtabula (4,418), Knox (4,191), Guernsey (4,181), Holmes (3,625), Harrison (3,448) and Carroll (3,406). Coshocton County also reported the most deer harvested in 2013-2014 (6,270).

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

The ODNR Division of Wildlife remains committed to properly managing Ohio's deer populations through a combination of regulatory and programmatic changes. The goal of Ohio's Deer Management Program is to provide a deer population that maximizes recreational opportunities, while minimizing conflicts with landowners and motorists. This ensures that Ohio's deer herd is maintained at a level that is both accept-

able to most, and biologically sound.

Find more information about deer hunting in the Ohio 2014-2015 Hunting and Trapping Regulations or at wildohio.gov. A detailed deer harvest report was posted online each Wednesday during the season.

Hunters continue to utilize various methods to report deer kills. Since the deer season began on Sept. 27, 2014, 46 percent of hunters phoned in their report, 29 percent reported online, 15 percent used the mobile-friendly website and 9 percent traveled to a license agent's location.

Ohio's first modern day deer-gun season opened in 1943 in three counties, and hunters checked 168 deer. Deer hunting was allowed in all 88 counties in 1956, and hunters harvested 3,911 deer during the one-week season.

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

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LOVING PETS BRINGS HEALTHY BENEFITS

The Nurturing Well by: Jill Starbuck

As I sit here and write this article, my mind keeps wandering back to a few hours prior. A few hours prior, my family and I had to make the tough decision to put one of our beloved pets to rest. As any pet lover knows, this is a brutal decision to make and nobody does it without some emotional trauma. Before we took our cat to the vet, we had a feeling that we were going to have to make that kind of decision. So we discussed it beforehand with our seven-year-old daughter. In tears, she exclaimed that she had never lost a family member in her lifetime. Yes, our pets ARE family!

Because they are family members, it is difficult to let them go. So when we have to make the decision, it is a brutally painful one. As family members, we love our pets unconditionally. This is why I held my sweet cat while she went to sleep for the last time. After the fact, I had an incredible urge to turn the car around and go back to bring her home, even though it was too late. The bottom line is that nobody wants to let a beloved go. My situation was no different. She was a part of my family. I loved her.

Just as we would any family member, we nurture our pets, love them, hold them, and cherish their companionship. We enjoy their unique personalities and we relish the joy they bring to our lives. For these reasons, many of us don't hesitate to love another pet after we lose one. In the end, the many years of joy and love our pets bring far outweighs the short mourning period that we must face.

Studies show that pets can bring many benefits to our lives. The following list names a few top reasons to own a pet:

1. Provides companionship. Pets help keep loneliness and depression at bay. They make us feel wanted. Many of us even talk to our animals, using them as a sounding board. Most of all, we love to play with them, hold them, and befriend them. There is no doubt we become emotionally attached to our pets and care for them as if they were another human being. Pets are especially good companions for the elderly or those who have chronic health conditions.

2. Improves health. According to a study conducted by Cambridge University, pet owners suffer fewer health ailments such as headaches and colds. Pets often help us control anxiety because they offer comfort. In turn, we may be able to counteract certain ailments such as headaches in a more natural way.

3. Lightens our mood. When we are angry, a nose nudge from a pet can instantly lift our mood. Envision a dog holding a ball just waiting for

you to play with him. Most of us find this irresistible, which will take our minds off any stress we are dealing with—at least for a while. Animal innocence is one thing most people acknowledge and find comforting.

4. Teaches compassion. Without our care and nurturing, our pets cannot thrive, or survive in many cases. We have to make the tough decisions for them, provide them proper care, and ensure their needs are met. All of these responsibilities require compassion.

5. Offers unconditional love. This is possibly the best reason to own a pet. Who doesn't want to be loved? While we cannot possibly know what animals think, we've all seen proof that animals love their owners and seek their approval. Our pets become just as attached as we do.

While pets bring many great benefits, they are not for everyone. However, if you are willing to provide the commitment, the compassion, and the love, it is well worth it. You won't regret it.

NEW HAVEN SPOTLIGHT: STILL N ACTION SPORTS IMAGES

Still N Actions Sports Images is a labor of love for photographer Cheryll Iddings and retired couple Al and Lynn Weimer. Cheryll and Al struck up a friendship at a Komets Hockey game while Cheryll was taking pictures of the team. They began to discuss sports photography and especially children's sports photos. You know those photos that all kids sports teams have taken and parents pay good money for. The photos that look the same every year except for the child getting older.

These three friends decided to raise the bar on sports photography and began their own company in May of 2013. Cheryll said, "We had a dream to be a local company, not a big box company, that understood the community and could take sports pictures to the next level. More splashy graphics, more things that the big companies don't have the time to do, because they are just churning out the photography like a factory churning out cookies."

"We are all three equal partners," Al said. "Lynn handles the operational side or the scheduling, Cheryll handles the creative side and I handle the sales. These are the three general areas, but obviously we all do all things because it's a small company."

Al continued, "After I retired from what was Grabill Bank, now iAB Bank, it was something I wanted to do. It keeps me in contact with people."

One thing that makes Still N Action Sports Images, LLC different is that they actually donate something back to every organization. Some of the organizations it is a percentage, some it is a free item. For example with the PAL Football League, they do "Memory Mates" at a special pricing. That allows the PAL Football League to provide a "Memory Mate" for each player while saving several thousand dollars. "Memory Mate" is the name of a collage that contains an individual picture, a team picture, and a team logo.

Lynn said, "Al is very cre-

ative in finding ways to give back to the organizations. Al is the one that really works with the organizations whether it is percentages back or fund raising. He searches for creative ideas because all of these groups operate off of money that they raise.

She continued, "All of us have had children in sports and have had to pay for photos. We don't want to price our photos so that families can't afford it. We try to make our packages so we can break them down and be flexible. A lot of other sports photo companies have it so you just buy a certain package or you get nothing. We break it down, so people can get what they want and can afford them. We feel it allows them to fulfill dreams and create memories. We are a family oriented business."

Still N Action Sports Images, LLC have branched out to more individual sports such as Figure Skating and Dancing. Al said, "We try to produce something that people are proud of and our prices are on the lower side even of a product that doesn't include all the graphics. We try to create value and try to create some good memories and try to make people happy."

One item the group talked about was putting a child's sports photo on a Throw Blanket as a gift for Grandma. And speaking of the photos themselves, the great graphics and creative treatment of the photos makes their subjects feel like superstars.

Cheryll said, "In five to ten years I hope to be at the point where we are working all the time, not just periodic seasons. I would like us to have different avenues of work when the sports season is not in, perhaps even portrait work. One thing I don't want is for us to get so big that we lose touch with what our foundation is; personal service and creative photos for reasonable prices."

Still N Action Sports Images, LLC has been a member of the New Haven Chamber of Commerce since they started business. They have utilized the Office Depot Discount, but their biggest benefit from membership has been in getting their name out and exposure to the community.

Al said, "We are just in the infancy stage and in diapers. There are lots of things we can do. The key is to see how we can make it work into our lives. Lynn and I as retirees, our lives are changing and so will the business."

Cheryll added, "You know we have an ad that's always in the Komet's program because we are the official photographers for the Komet Hockey team. In our ad we say that we are breaking away from traditional photography. And that is kind of what it is all about."

NEW MAC GYM TOURNAMENTS BRING NEW TEAMS

Saturday will bring new basketball tournaments and new teams to Paulding County. Third and fourth grade boy's basketball tournaments will be offered. The fourth grade division will be an eight team division. Defiance County will be well represented with teams from Defiance, Hicksville, Tinora, Ayersville and Fairview. West Unity Hilltop will make the drive from Williams County and Liberty Center will join from Henry County. The only winter league participant playing in the tournament will be Woodlan, IN.

The third grade division will include new teams from St. Henry in Mercer County and Canal Winchester near Columbus. They will join Tinora, Bryan, and the only Paulding County team Antwerp, from Ohio, and Woodlan, IN.

Games will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday. New games will begin every 45 minutes throughout the day. Finals games begin at 3:15 p.m. and the day will be wrapped up by 5:00 p.m. so all teams can support their local varsity school teams. Join us at the gym for a fun day of youth basketball.

IHSAA SECTIONAL PAIRINGS - GIRLS BASKETBALL

2A - Host: Woodlan:
Tuesday, February 10, 7:00 p.m. - Woodlan vs South Adams

Wednesday, February 11, 6:00 p.m. - Bluffton vs Adams Central; 7:30 p.m. - Eastside vs Canterbury

Friday, February 13, Semi-Finals - 6:00 p.m. Churubusco vs Woodlan/South Adams winner

7:30 p.m. - Bluffton/Adams Central winner vs Eastside/Canterbury winner

Saturday, February 14, 7:30 p.m. - Championship Game

3A - Host: New Haven:
Tuesday, February 10, 6:00 p.m. - Bishop Dwenger vs Concordia

Wednesday, February 11, 6:00 p.m. - Leo vs Angola; 7:30 p.m. - New Haven vs Bishop Luers

Friday, February 13, Semi-Finals, 6:00 p.m. - Garrett vs Dwenger/Concordia winner

7:30 p.m. - Leo/Angola winner vs New Haven/Luers winner

Saturday, February 14, 7:00 p.m. - Championship Game

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ST. ROSE/ST. LOUIS TWINS HOST K-105 HOOPSTERS OPENER



Each year, Fort Wayne country music station K-105 hosts a charity basketball season starring its K-105 Hoopsters team. This year, the St. Rose/St. Louis Twins (St. Rose and St. Louis schools) proudly hosted the K-105 Hoopsters' opening game of the season on Thursday, January 29 at the St. Rose gymnasium. For each game of the season, the Hoopsters challenge area organizations to help raise money. Funds from this season's opening game go to the St. Rose/St. Louis Athletic Program.

For the St. Rose/ St. Louis team, this game was especially exciting because it took place in the first gymnasium that the St. Rose School has ever had. Athletic director Ava Meyer commented, "It was amazing to see the community, alumni, and school families come together to support the St. Rose/St. Louis Athletic Program."

For this special occasion

Patriot Pizzeria catered pizza in the concession stand, giving many in the community their first taste of the new pizza shop's offerings. The stand also offered many standard choices such as hot dogs, popcorn, candy, soda, and more. For the half-time treat, the St. Rose and St. Louis students performed the School Choice Dance under the direction of the system's gym teacher Katie Hoffman.

This fun evening ended with St. Rose/St. Louis Twins handing the Hoopsters their first loss of the season with a 72-66 score. The winning team featured St. Rose and St. Louis alumni, which included the following: Steve Hoffman, Jamie Schane, Josh Blauvelt, Eric Johnson, Doug Kayser, Josh Gerardot, Tom O'Shaughnessey, Cory Howard, Greg Emehiser, Mitch Wyss, and Tom Wyss. Check out the St. Rose of Lima website for upcoming events at <http://strosemonroeville.org/>.

CLOSE GAME RAIDERS & ACES

The highly anticipated conference boys basketball game between Hicksville and Wayne Trace took place at the Aces home court on Friday, February 6, both coming in with excellent records for this season. Hicksville has won the last three games while the Raiders are on a seven game winning streak.

The Raiders took an early lead in the first quarter and doubled the points of the opponents. It looked like this game might be easier for the guests than anticipated. The Aces rallied after coach Tony Tear got the message through to his team, "We are better than this!" The second quarter would not be the same.

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Wayne Trace's Alec Vest attempts a jump shot from the key. More pictures at westbendnews.net

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JARETT BUTE MAKES ANTWERP WRESTLING HISTORY



Jarett Bute, making Antwerp history, places first at GMC Wrestling Conference. (Below) Jarret pins his opponent in the second round. More pictures at westbendnews.net



The Antwerp High School Wrestling team recently competed at the GMC Championships on February 7, 2015. Antwerp had a very productive day as 3 of the 4 Archer wrestlers were able to place in the top 4 of their respective weight classes. Sophomore Logan Shaner went 3-1 with 2 pins on the day to earn himself a 3rd place finish at 132 pounds. Junior Justice Clark went 1-1 on the day to finish 2nd at 152 pounds. This is Justice's 2nd runner-up finish at the GMC tournament for his career thus far. Senior

Jarett Bute made Antwerp Wrestling history on Saturday by becoming the first high school wrestler at Antwerp to earn a GMC Championship! Bute finished the day 2-0 with 1 pin and 1 major decision. Jarett's hard work not only this year, but throughout his entire career have earned him the right to be called a champion. He truly lives by the motto "You only deserve what you earn." The Antwerp Wrestling community are proud of all high school wrestlers for their hard work and leadership week in and week out.

FINALLY! RAIDER WRESTLERS GMC CHAMPS!

If you were to enter the new Wayne Trace wrestling room you would see district qualifiers and state qualifiers posted on the wall. In addition to those names, you would read sayings such as "finally" and "hard work beats talent, when talent doesn't work." If one were to ask Coach George Clemens what his accomplishments have been with his squads, he would likely go through a check list of the last few years and team's accomplishments of tournament wins, sectional champs, district qualifiers, and state qualifiers and the Raider's one state placer. Unfortunately, a GMC title would not be on that list.

The 2015 team, boasting probably the winningest class of wrestlers for Wayne Trace, the senior class that captured back to back Jr. High GMC titles, have their sights set on that ever eluding goal. To chase down that dream of both wrestler and coach, you need to have multiple champions and as many placers as possible in each weight. For one reason or another, previous teams had fallen just short, finishing runners up the last few years, but that has changed.

"It's not always how your most talented or experienced wrestler does at the league tournament, but how the wrestler that could pull off an upset, the one that could just be one place higher at the end of the day does," stated Coach Clemens. "We stressed all week long how important bonus points would be and how we had to win key match ups. We knew it was likely going

to be a two team race between us and Tinora, and we had to make sure to win all head to head match ups with anyone wearing a green singlet."

Wayne Trace opened up the opening round rat tails and only dropped a couple of matches. They were aggressive from the start and lead after those first few matches. The second round, however, was the pivotal round with wins placing wrestlers in the championship match. The Raiders faired very well in this round, finding the team having seven wrestlers advance to the championship match and was just as importantly three battles back and found themselves wrestling for third. Before heading into the finals, Wayne Trace held a slim 3 point lead over Tinora.

Max Rassman started the finals off for the red, white, and blue at 113 pounds. Max squared off against Martin Steinberger of Tinora. This was a huge head to head match. Martin found himself up early in the match, but Max battled, gained position, and the crowd erupted when Max put the Tinora wrestler on his back and pinned him in the second period to earn his first GMC championship as a freshman.

George Clemens took the mat next and faced Trestan Jordan from Edgerton. George came out aggressive and put points up with takedowns and back points from his leg style of wrestling. He continued to push the pace and took this match with a major decision, 15-2. George became a three time GMC champion as a junior.

Still remaining in the same chairs at the championship match for their third

consecutive match, coach Clemens and Goeltzenleuchter watched Ruger Goeltzenleuchter battle with Justin Howard of Ayersville. Ruger worked his typical style of dumps and knee taps for takedowns and his turks for back points and finished off his opponent with a tech fall, 18-3, to earn his first GMC crown as a sophomore.

With Coach Clemens and Nielson taking a round off, they were on the third place mat. Caleb Schultz garnered another victory for Wayne Trace after defeating Ayersville's Gage Bergeon with a decision of 12-5 and placing third in the conference.

Heading back to the championship match for the 145 pound finals, Zaine Cotterman faced Bobby Kelly of Fairview. Zaine had already upset CJ Higbea from Tinora and now faced off against the number one seed, #14 state ranked, and returning GMC champ Kelly. Cotterman was runner-up to Kelly last year. "We had a game plan against Kelly. We wanted to keep it close, be patient, and try to score off of his go-to shot," stated Clemens. In the most exciting match of the day, Cotterman followed his coach's script, and battled to the final 20 seconds of the match and found himself tied at 9-9. Wrestling from the bottom, Cotterman went up and almost out before Kelly maintaining control; however, with a mere 5 seconds on the clock, Cotterman exploded again and worked on escaping. Kelly lost control and in desperation locked hands around Cottermans ankles, was called for clasping, and Cotterman earned the upset and was a GMC champion his senior year.

After some injuries incurred off of the mat, 152 pounder Tyler Showalter barely made it through his first match of the day. While sitting in the hall with his chest iced, Coach Clemens told Tyler he could scratch and save himself for the sectional tournament. Tyler's response summed up all the wrestlers mentality for the day, "I have been to the Schott. We have done everything except for this. Winning GMC's is more important to me and I want to win one for him (Clemens)." Tyler continued to wrestle and captured his second GMC crown defeating Justice Clark of Antwerp by tech fall, 17-2.

Following that win, and the momentum continuing for Wayne Trace, Jacob Dings stepped on the mat against Chris Hahn from Tinora. Another pivotal match head to head against the team trailing the Raiders. Dings found himself down early, but battled back and made a late push with a takedown, and then turned Hahn to his back and got the pin for the win.

Brandon Laney followed up that win with a win of his own over Burton Bassett of Fairview. Laney battled back through the consi's and controlled his third place match from start to finish. Again, adding valuable placement points for the Raider team at 170 pounds.

Josh Reel stepped onto the mats at Fairview for his last GMC tournament and pinned both of his first two opponents, Nolan Garner of Ayersville. Yet again, a win over a wrestler in a green

singlet. He dropped his finals match in a hard fought contest to Chase Carpenter of Fairview, but went a runner-up for the day.

The Raiders last finalist of the day was freshman Braxton Asher. Braxton dropped a match to eventual GMC champion Gavin Saul of Fairview. He then picked up a win in the consi's to propel him to his finals match; however, he fell short in that third place match and was a fourth place finisher his freshman year.

The Raider wrestlers ended up dominating the finals matches, winning 8 of 10 and finishing with an all time record six individual champions. With the two head to head matches over Tinora wrestlers and the dominant performance in the finals, Wayne Trace distanced themselves from Tinora and won their first ever GMC title. In the process, Zaine Cotterman named the GMC most outstanding wrestler with his efforts on the day by upsetting the #2 seed, and followed that up with his thrilling win over state ranked and returning GMC champion Bobby Kelly.

"This is what we wanted. We wanted to get a title for Coach Clemens. After all the hours he has put into this program, and where he has taken wrestling at Wayne Trace, we just wanted to finish this for him. We all went out and wrestled with our hearts and gut, like he had asked us to do, and now we can walk into our gym and see a GMC champion wrestling banner hanging on the wall," commented Tyler Showalter after the celebrations were over.

"Finally" as the wall in the wrestling room at Wayne Trace reads, the last goal that had been previously unattainable can now be checked off of the list and the wrestlers can now prepare for a state run.

BE MY VALENTINE PARTY AT PAULDING LIBRARY

A Valentine's Day party is scheduled on Thursday, February 12, 2015 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at the Paulding County Carnegie Library in the Children's Room. This event is open to all kindergarten through 2nd graders. Registration is appreciated. For more information, please call 419-399-2032.



Jarin Jasso steals the ball and makes a fast break in the fourth quarter, adding two points for the Aces. Darius Hale attempts to block the shot, flying past Jasso. More pictures at westbendnews.net

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Led by Jonny Giesige and his three point baskets, Hicksville outscored the Raiders and the half ended only three points different at 27-24 and the Raiders holding the one shot lead.

This game brought people from all over the area. The Hicksville gymnasium was at full capacity and people were parked way out at the road just to watch these top teams compete.

Wayne Trace came up in the third quarter and accelerated the game once again and expanded their lead in points and with Corbin Linder and Luke Miller leading in three point baskets. Several turnovers for the Raiders brought the Aces back in the game with Garrett Crall and his free-throws and jumpshots.

The fourth quarter in-

creased the energy and both teams posted their best quarters. The writing was on the wall as the Blue Creek team inched ahead, the clock ticked down and they didn't look back in the last minute. The final score was 62-51 with the Raiders winning the game. They are now one step closer to taking the GMC Title for the 2014-2015 basketball season.

Score by the Quarter:
Wayne Trace - 16 11 16 19=62

Hicksville - 8 16 11 16=51

Scorers of the Game:
Hicksville - Giesige 18; Crall 17; Jasso 5; Kinn 5; Neidhardt 5; Lysaght 2
Wayne Trace - E Linder 19; C Linder 16; Sinn 10; Shepherd 6; Miller 6; Arend 4; Vest 1

Hicksville's record is now 13-3 while Wayne Trace stands at 15-1.

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RAIDERS TEAR UP ACES AT HOME



Erin Mohr blocks the shot by Addison Bergman at the home game. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Lady Aces travelled to Wayne Trace on the below zero evening of Thursday, February 5th. The girls basketball game began the evening with the JV game win going to the home team. Wayne Trace's Danae Myers grabbed the varsity tip-off against Addison Bergman and so began the game against Hicksville. Sometimes the play was a little sloppy for the Lady Aces and gave the Raiders an advantage in the first half. Over the past few

games the Lady Raiders have really pulled together tightening their team play. This has been the highest scoring game for Wayne Trace at 72 points total. Erin Mohr and Shayna Temple were competing as point leaders throughout. Mohr racked up 27 points: 12 from 3 point baskets and 12 from 2 point field goals. The other three from free throws and this was her second best game yet, one point short from the Fairview match-up. Temple, on the other

hand, had her best game and not far behind Mohr. She posted 6 points from three point baskets, 12 from 2-point shots, and 5 from free throws, all adding up to 23 for the evening.

The Aces could not match the speed of the Lady Raiders. They have been a good team and had a better record coming in to this game than the home team. For some reason the turnovers were just getting out of control. All four quarters, from beginning to end, fell below the competition.

Addison Bergman nailed 18 points for the Route 49 team. Most of her points, 14 to be exact, came from two points shots, 4 came from the foul line.

From beginning to end the game didn't change much. The momentum stayed consistently with the home team. At 72-50, the game added a win the Raider record. Wayne Trace is now 11-6, Hicksville is now 11-8.

Score by the Quarter:
Wayne Trace - 16 22 16 18=72
Hicksville - 11 14 14 11=50

Scorers of the Game:
Wayne Trace - Mohr 27; Temple 23; Myers 12; Gudakunst 8; Sinn 2
Hicksville - Berman 18; Berenyi 9; Taylor 9; Schroeder 7; Demland 4; Slattery 3

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2/25/15 - Stryker vs. Edon at 6:15 p.m.; Holgate vs. Edgerton at 8:00 p.m.
2/28/15 - Ayersville vs. Hilltop-North Central at 6:15 p.m.; Stryker-Edon vs. Holgate-Edgerton at 8:00 PM

Division II Girls at Spencerville:
2/24/15 - Napoleon vs. Celina at 6:15 p.m.; St. Marys vs. Shawnee at 8:00 p.m.
2/28/15 - Wauseon vs. Napoleon-Celina at 6:15 p.m.; Wapakoneta vs. St. Marys-Shawnee at 8:00 p.m.
Division II Girls at Hicksville:
2/25/15 - Van Wert vs. Elida at 7:00 p.m.
2/28/15 - Defiance vs. Van Wert-Elida at 6:15 p.m.; Bath vs. Bryan at 8:00 p.m.

ANTWERP WRESTLERS COMPETE AT DEFIANCE

The Antwerp Wrestling Club recently had 6 wrestlers compete at the Defiance Rookie Tournament on January 31, 2015. All 6 of these 1st year wrestlers were able to place in the top 4 of their respective weight classes with 3 of them placing 1st on the day. Placing 4th in his first career tournament was Tycen Jones. Placing 3rd was Stroker Etter in what also his first career tournament. Finishing 2nd on the day was Ethan Steel. Placing 1st on the day were Michael Rohrs, Gage Clevinger, and Mason Steel. This also marks the 1st individual championship for all 3 of these wrestlers for their careers.

LIONS TAKE OUT WARRIORS

By: Jeff Abbott
Leo built a 15-8 lead after the first quarter and stretched to 40-17 at the half and the Lions went on to down the Warriors 83-53 in ACAC boys' basketball. Leo remained undefeated for the season. The Lions had 4 players hit for double figures, led by Adam Davison with 29. Andrew Krahn and Loren Hahn each had 12 points to lead the Warriors
Score by the Quarter:
Leo - 15 25 25 18=83
Woodlan - 8 9 19 17=53
Scorers of the Game:
Leo - A Davison 29, Hardin 12, Klopfenstein 11, J Davison 11, Eldridge 8, Herran 6, Dove 4, Barrow 2
Woodlan - Krahn 12, Hahn 12, Gustin 8, O'Hara 6, Fancher 4, Gerig 4, Hormann 3, Moses 2, Jones 2

PANTHERS FALL TO WILDCATS

On February 6th, Paulding played Delphos Jefferson in high school boys basketball action. After trading the lead every other quarter, the Wildcats pulled ahead in the 4th quarter to seal their home win, 64-54.
Score by the Quarter:
Paulding - 7 15 20 12=54
Delphos Jefferson - 17 13 10 24=64
Scorers of the Game:
Paulding - Edwards 24, Crawford 4, Rhonehouse

GAP NARROWED FOR PAULDING GIRLS GAME



Paulding's Morgan Riley, on defense, guards her opponent. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Listening to the girls basketball game on the radio with Paulding and Delphos Jefferson competing I heard they were tied at 8. Walking in at halftime I realized the away team had pulled away from the Panthers at 15-24 and the second quarter was the un-doing of this game for the home team.

The third quarter was impressive for the Panthers as they added 13 points rather quickly. Suzanne Reinhart was able to draw some fouls and hit the basket almost every time from the line. This was her best quarter and the Lady Wildcats lead narrowed to within four points. All the scoring was not just by Reinhart but Brooke Combs topped the lead for the game. The third quarter she posted 3 of the 3-point baskets herself from the west corner of the

court. Unfortunately, the momentum swung back though as the turnovers mounted for the Lady Panthers and the difference from halftime now grew by one.

The fourth quarter was the best for Paulding. The ladies were able to hold the Delphos offense in check and posted 9 points of their own. It was not enough to take the game and the Wildcats won by six points 37-43.

Score by the Quarter:
Paulding - 8 7 13 9=37
DJ - 8 16 14 5=43
Scorers of the Game:
Paulding - Combs 13 (4-3s); Vogel 5; Manz 3 (1-3s); Meggison 2; Reinhart 12; Posey 2
DJ - Pohlman 2; Culp 17 (1-3s); Wallace 5; Carder 4; Koenig 4; Miller 2; Black 4; Pimpas 2; Gorman 3

5, Heilshorn 6, Gonzales 2, Arellano 8, Sitton 5

Delphos Jefferson - Stockwell 11, Reiss 1, Teman 4, Smith 40, Hicks 8
Records: Paulding 9-8, 2-4; DJ 10-7, 2-3
Stats:
Rebounds - Paulding 20, DJ 22; Turnovers - Paulding 10, DJ 11
JV Score: Paulding 47, DJ 50

LADY RAIDERS TOP MILLER CITY

The Wayne Trace Lady Raiders took on Miller City on February 7th. The Lady Raiders came on strong in the first quarter, taking the lead 21-7. Miller City steadily brought the margin a little closer together by the 3rd quarter, but it just wasn't enough to seal in their victory. Wayne Trace ended up on top for the night, 65-53.
Score by the Quarter:
Wayne Trace - 21 14 14 16=65
Miller City - 7 11 14 21=53
Scorers of the Game:
Wayne Trace - Mohr 18, Temple 22, Gudakunst 5, Myers 8, L Sinn 8, E Sinn 2, B Sinn 2
Miller City - C Niese 15, Klear 6, M Niese 2, Welty 6, Simon 19, Kuhl 2, Berger 3
Records: Wayne Trace 12-6, Miller City 4-16
JV Score: Miller City 39, Wayne Trace 31

EDGERTON PROVES STIFF COMPETITION FOR ARCHERS

On Friday night, February 7th, the Antwerp Archers played host to the Edgerton Bulldogs for some high school boys basketball. Edgerton got a fast lead and maintained the momentum preventing the Archers from closing the gap. Edgerton returned to Bulldog country with the win, 55-32.

Score by the Quarter:
Antwerp - 7 7 4 14=32
Edgerton - 17 8 17 13=55
Scorers of the Game:
Antwerp - Jones 2, Mills 3, Pendergrast 2, Williamson 2, Copesey 15, Buchan 3, Longgardner 5
Edgerton - Nihart 13, Perry 2, Dusmiller 3, Knecht 6, Brady 2, Miller 7, Michael 13, McClellan 2

LADY BULLDOGS FALL HARD TO EAGLES

On Saturday, January 31st the Lady Bulldogs of New Haven High School headed to Eagle country for high school girls basketball action. The home court was on fire for the Eagles outscoring their opponents every quarter. The final score of the night: Columbia City 55, New Haven 17.

Score by the Quarter:
New Haven - 1 5 5 6=17
Columbia City - 19 16 9 11=55
Scorers of the Game:
New Haven - Saalfrank 3, Lasch 2, Hoffer 1, Lapsley 2, Tanner 3, Carlisle 2, Grundy 1

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FAIRVIEW HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC RESULTS

**Varsity Boys Basketball:**

The varsity boys lost to Holgate on January 28th, 55-47. Matthew Kozumplik had 17 and Joe Macsay and Erich Wolfrum had 10.

Varsity boys lost to Stryker 67-59. Matthew Kozumplik led the Apaches with 18 and Luke Breininger and Wyatt Puffinberger added 9 each.

Varsity boys lost to Hicksville 39-50. Erich Wolfrum with 8, Philip Wagner and Matthew Kozumplik with 7

JV Boys Basketball:

JV boys lost to Holgate 40-38. Lucas Eisel played a great game on both ends and ended with 9 points and 5 rebounds.

JV Boys defeated Stryker 49-40 behind the scoring of Austin Meyer with 11.

JV Boys were defeated by Hicksville 40-35. Austin Meyer led the scoring with 12 points. Lucas Eisel scored 6 and grabbed 9 rebounds.

Freshman Boys Basketball:

Freshman were defeated by Holgate on January 28th. Freshman lost to Hicksville 39-47.

The Freshman Boys lost to Tinora 43-29.

Varsity Girls Basketball:

The varsity girls, started slow but battled back to within 2 late, falling short to Hicksville Thursday night 46-36. Leading scorers for the Apaches were Kelsie Beck and Emilee Carder with 10 points each.

The Varsity girls lost to Defiance 45-69. Ali Hug led a group of 8 different girls that scored with 13 points.

Proud to report the varsity girls beat Tinora Thursday night (2/5) 73-68. Ali Hug led the scoring with 27 points. Erin Marshall added 18, and Kelsie Beck contributed 12.

The Coaching Staff and Players truly appreciate everyone for the cheering and excitement that was brought to the game. It was truly an EXCITING night!

JV Girls Basketball:

JV girls fought hard and beat Hicksville 44-38. Carlie Phillips led the scoring with 12, Katie Robinson 9, and Katelyn Smith added 8.

The JV girls played well

against a good shooting Defiance team. Defiance won 45-28. Leading scorers were Carlie Phillips with 11 and Kelsie Crites with 8.

JV girls lost to Tinora 48-25. Allison Vetter was leading scorer with 7 points.

Varsity Wrestling:

The wrestling team competed in Sandusky this past weekend and came home in 4th place out of their pool. There were 18 teams competing in this 2 day dual tournament. We competed well and faced many of the best wrestlers in the state. One 2 time and a several 2014 state champion wrestlers competed against our team. We wrestled very well and prepared for the GMC tournament this weekend and the individual state tournament that begins at the end of the month. Gavin Saul and Joey Hatchett went 8-1, Bobby Kelley went 6-1, Wes Bok went 7-1 and Reilly Heater went 6-2.

MS Wrestling GMC:

As a team we finished 3rd. Asing 1st were M. Anknay, J. Hatchett, and J. Backhaus.

Swimming:

Hunter Rittenhouse-Starbuck won but the 200IM and the 100 Butterfly with times of:

200 IM - 2:14.65, 1st
100 Butterfly - 57.47, 1st

8th Grade Boys Basketball:

8th grade lost to Hicksville after a hard fought game.

The 8th grade were down 30 points but put up a strong closing effort to fall to Ayersville 49-37. Dallas Curry and Tyler Sprow led the way in the scoring column.

7th Grade Boys Basketball:

The 7th grade beat Hicksville 49-32. Riley Lucas had 15 points, Noah Hagerman 14 and Chayse Singer 10.

The 7th grade charged from behind led by Chayse Singer only to fall to Ayersville 21-20. Chayse Singer led the scoring with 15 points.

8th Grade Girls Basketball:

The Lady Apaches defeated Ayersville 34 to 24. The Lady Apaches are to be commended for their unselfish

and team oriented play. The game was close well into the 4th quarter before the Lady Apache defense and transition game succeeded. The Lady Apaches enjoyed tremendous play from the bench during the 3rd and 4th quarter. Leading scorers were Rose Zeedyk and Mercedes Wagner. The Lady Apaches close out a very successful season at 14-3 and a third place overall finish in the GMC!

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL TO HOLD KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Antwerp Elementary is now scheduling for its Kindergarten registration and screening which will be held on March 24-25. Antwerp offers all-day, every-day kindergarten. If your child will be five years old before August 1, 2015, please call the elementary office at 419-258-5421, ext. 2200 between 7:15 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. to schedule your appointment. According to state law, all children must complete kindergarten before entering first grade. Please call today to schedule your appointment.

DRAWING TO BE HELD AT LAKE LA SU AN WILDLIFE AREA FOR YOUTH TURKEY HUNTING

A special drawing will be held Saturday, March 21, 2015 at the Lake La Su An Wildlife Area headquarters for youths interested in turkey hunting according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), Division of Wildlife. Youths age 17 and younger may participate.

Lake La Su An Wildlife Area headquarters is located at 09-455 County Road R, Pioneer, OH. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and will continue until the drawing at 10:00 a.m. Youth hunters must possess a 2015-2016 hunting license to register. Youth hunters are not required to be present to register. Adults may register a youth by presenting the youth's hunting license.

Successful applicants will select an available section of their choice for a three, four, or five day permit between the dates of April 18 through May 17, 2015. There are 56 date/ section combinations available.

For more information, contact the Lake La Su An Wildlife Area headquarters at (419) 485-9092, or the Division of Wildlife District 2 Office at (419) 424-5000 Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For more information about these hunts, go to the Division of Wildlife's webpage at: wildohio.gov.

MCDONALD'S® HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL PLAYERS OF THE MONTH - JANUARY 2015

The Fort Wayne Mad Ants and McDonald's have partnered to recognize two outstanding high school basketball players in the Fort Wayne community. In January, McDonald's and the Mad Ants selected Adam Davison and Sh'Toya Sanders as the McDonald's High School Players of the Month. Both players will be recognized at an upcoming Mad Ants home game.

Adam Davison out of Leo

RAIDER 7th GRADE BOYS WIN CHAMPIONSHIP

The Wayne Trace seventh grade boys basketball team recently captured the championship of the Raider Seventh Grade Tournament with a 36-23 victory over Antwerp. Members of the squad include

(front row, l-r) Austin Pierce, Alex Reinhart, Nate Showalter, Cale Crosby, Reid Miller and Gage Waltmire. In the back row (l-r) are Coach Jordan Sherry, Coach Jim Sherry, Max Laukhuf, Jacob Hull,

Nate Gerber, Drew Forrer and Coach Joe Linder. Cheerleaders are (l-r) Breanna Huffine, Kiersten Lewis, Chloe Thompson, Ashlynn Parrish and Evie Kohart.

High School, was honored this month as the ACAC Tournament MVP in coordination with Leo's victory over Jay County to secure their 21st ACAC Tournament Championship back in early January. In Davison's recent performance resume, he posted 18 points in the team's victory over Southern Wells, but also recorded 29 points in Leo's win over Woodlan. Davison helped his team to an undefeated record through January as Leo climbed up to the second seed in the IHSAA Class 3A polls while still remaining undefeated.

Sh'Toya Sanders, a senior at Wayne High School, has been a strong asset for her team on both sides of the ball this season, noticeable in her latest game by recording 25 points and grabbing 16 rebounds in the victory over Concordia. She also scored 16 points with 12 rebounds as Wayne went on to beat Blackhawk Christian. Currently, for her senior season, Sanders is averaging 14.8 points, 11.4 rebounds and 2.8 blocks per game; she has recently signed her letter of intent to continue her basketball career at Chicago State University.

DELPHOS JEFFERSON WINS NWC TITLE

Delphos Jefferson scored a total of 242 points to take the 2015 Northwest Conference Wrestling Championship in the event held at Bluffton High School. Allen East and Bluffton tied for second in the tournament as each school totaled 228 points. Jefferson's title was their second overall NWC wrestling championship having previously won the league title in 2012.

Paulding senior Adam Deatruck (170) and Ada senior Jarod Woodland (195) were named Co-Wrestlers of the Year in the NWC. Mike Abbey of Allen East was voted by his peers as NWC Coach of the Year.

Paulding, Spencerville and Allen East all had 3 individual champions in the tournament.

Individual high school champions are listed below:

106 - Preston Brubaker CG
113 - Kage Seals PL
120 - Chase Sumner ADA
126 - Schuyler Caprella

AE

132 - Wyatt Place DJ
138 - Luke Brown AE
145 - Cole Bellows SV
152 - Brandon Soules AE
160 - Aaron Mock PL
170 - Adam Deatruck PL
182 - Tyler Foust DJ
195 - Jarod Woodland ADA

ADA

220 - Wyatt Krouskop SV
285 - Tyler Dues SV

Team Standings:

VARISITY - 1st Delphos Jefferson 242; 2nd Allen East 228; 2nd Bluffton 228; 4th Spencerville 221; 5th Ada 187; 6th Columbus Grove 168; 7th Paulding 149.5; 8th Lincolnview 66

JUNIOR HIGH - 1st Spencerville 231; 2nd Allen East 225; 3rd Columbus Grove 184; 4th Bluffton 172; 5th Paulding 171; 6th Delphos Jefferson 162; 7th Ada 160; 8th Lincolnview 97

NOTE: Complete results can be found at www.baum-space.com under the Northwest Conference tournament tab. Sharp Offense Fuels Mad Ants Over BayHawks

LADY LIONS SLAM WARRIORS**By: Jeff Abbott**

Leo pulled away from Woodlan with a 22-8 second quarter and the Lady Lions posted a 75-43 win over the Warriors in ACAC girls' basketball. Leo led 17-14 after the first period before the offense stepped up and put 22 points on the board in the second stanza and the defense held woodlan to just 8 points. Leo had 5 players hit for double figures in the scoring column. Rain Hinton led Woodlan with 14 points and Kenrda Graber scored 11.

Score by the Quarter:

Leo - 17 22 16 20=75
Woodlan - 14 8 9 12=43

Scorers of the Game:

Leo - Beer 11, Mo. Sanderson 11, Neff 11, Ma. Sanderson 6, Heischman 8, Crowe 4, Imel 11, Green 13, Wills 6
Woodlan - Graber 11, Salzbrenner 5, Hinton 14, Cook 6, Houser 1, Kayser 4, Voors 2

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PRESCHOOL PROJECT: WINTER BIRD FEEDERS



The preschoolers in Mrs. Kohart's class at Paulding Elementary School made bird feeders to help feed the birds this winter. They spread peanut butter on pine cones and then rolled them in bird seed.

The children in the afternoon class are shown with their bird feeders. Mrs. Sarah Rodriguez, the classroom aide, is also shown with the students.

CLEAR WALKWAYS AND AREAS AROUND MAILBOXES OF SNOW & ICE FOR SAFETY OF MAIL CARRIERS

With the recent snowfall, Postal Service carriers will attempt to make deliveries wherever possible. The Northern Ohio District is asking customers to help with the safe delivery of mail by keeping walkways and sidewalks clear from snow and ice. In past winter storm events, Postal carriers have suffered serious injuries related to slips, trips and falls due to icy and snow covered walkways and porch steps.

Letter carriers are instructed to use good judgment, if a potential hazard exists, and to hold mail to addresses where ice and snow are not cleared. "No one wants to inconvenience the customer," Northern Ohio District Manager Melvin J. Anderson said. "However, we must ensure the safety of our employees."

The Postal Service is asking customers to help keep their letter carrier safe this winter through the following actions:

- Clear enough snow from curbside boxes to allow mail trucks to approach the box, deliver the mail and to drive away from the box without danger of the need for backing.
- Walkways should be cleared of snow and ice and allowed enough traction to avoid slips, trips or falls.
- Steps should also be kept clear of ice and snow and in good repair so as not to cause injury to the letter carriers or others who visit the customer's home.
- Overhangs should be clear and free of snow and ice to avoid injury.

"The best way to avoid injury is prevention. Please help our employees provide the best service they can, as safely as possible," said Anderson. "Your cooperation is most appreciated and will help us provide timely delivery of your mail."

SECRETARY HUSTED: TIME TO CUT COST OF DOING BUSINESS IN OHIO

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted is urging lawmakers to pass legislation to cut fees associated with forming a business in Ohio by approximately 21% to make it easier and less expensive to do business in Ohio. The proposed bill has been identified as a legislative priority for the Ohio House of Representatives by Speaker Cliff Rosenberger (R-Clarksville) and the majority leadership team.

"This proposal is a success dividend. We are doing more with less in the Secretary of State's Office, providing the best possible customer service, which has led to record business filings and increased revenues. Now we want to pass the savings on to our customers," Secretary Husted said. "Passage of this legislation will make it even more affordable to do business, attracting more companies to Ohio. I applaud Speaker Rosenberger and his leadership team for making this a priority."

Under the proposed legislation, Ohio will see the first reduction in fees associated with business filings in modern history and make Ohio more competitive with other states. Over a five-year period, taking into account initial and annual fees, the proposed cut would make Ohio the most affordable place to start a limited liability company as compared to the surrounding states of Kentucky, Indiana, Michigan, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

Secretary Husted also noted that the benefits of cutting filings fees extend beyond making it easier to do business in Ohio.

"This is not only good for Ohio's businesses, but also for Ohio families," Secretary Husted said. "Making it easier to do business encourages economic growth, which can lead to new and better employment opportunities for hardworking Ohioans."

In October 2013, Secretary Husted launched Ohio Business Central, allowing businesses to file some of the most commonly-used forms online. This saves businesses time and money and has significantly streamlined administration at the Secretary of State's Office. To date, more than 35,000 filings have been submitted and half of all new companies are now started online in Ohio.

Ohio is in a position to reduce filing fees as a result of Secretary Husted's fiscal stewardship over the past four years. During that time Secretary Husted saved taxpayers more than \$14 million in spending compared to the previous administration - representing a 16% cut. As part of that, payroll costs were down by \$4.4 million and Fiscal Year 2014 marked the lowest spending on payroll in seven years.

Ohio's ever-improving business climate is evident in Secretary Husted's recent announcement that the state experienced the fifth consecutive year of record new business filings. In 2014, 93,775 new businesses filed with the Secretary of State's Office. These numbers were up from 2013, in which 89,735 filed. This is a positive trend Secretary Husted hopes will continue to build in the years ahead.

LATTA STATEMENT ON PASSING OF TOLEDO MAYOR OR MIKE COLLINS

Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH) released the following statement on the passing of Toledo Mayor Mike Collins: "Marcia and I extend our deepest sympathies to Sandy and the entire Collins family," said Latta. "Mike was a public servant who truly put service and his constituents above himself. Toledo and Northwest Ohio have lost a leader, and he will be sorely missed."

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 1/28/15

This 28th day of January, 2015, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

Roy Klopfenstein, Tony Zartman, Mark Holtzberry, and Cindy Peters, Clerk

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:
Warrants documented as 213709 through 213765 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING 'THEN AND NOW' PURCHASE ORDERS AND PAYMENTS:

The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on January 28, 2015. Warrants numbered 213724 through 213763 in the amount of \$1278.00; and it is certified that both at the time that the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time that the County Auditor is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance; and pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code §5705.41(D) (1), these purchases must be approved by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners. Now, therefore the Paulding County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Purchase Orders as submitted by the Auditor; and it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners, County of Paulding, State of Ohio concerning the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Mr. Tony Zartman to go into executive session at 8:04 a.m. with the Paulding County Prosecutor to discuss legal matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Holtzberry. All members voting yea.

At 8:35 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2015 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 044):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2015 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the Common Pleas Computer Purchase Fund (Fund 044):

044-001-00001/Common Pleas Computer Purchase Fund

AMOUNT: \$4,219.00

IN THE MATTER OF CREATING A NEW EXPENSE LINE ITEM IN FUND 001:

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to create a new expense line item to accurately track IT services for county offices and appropriate as follows:

001-031-00012 General Fund/Commissioners' Misc/IT Services - \$50,000.00

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Jim Guelde discussed with the Commissioners, maintenance work to the interior steps of the Courthouse. Mr. Guelde also reported that all the doors at the Harrison Street location had been installed. The Commissioners and Mr. Guelde also discussed repairs that needed to be made at the Jacob Eaton Children's Home and Courthouse landscaping in the spring. Commissioner Chairman, Roy Klopfenstein, asked Mr. Guelde to keep the Board updated on his progress.

Corey Walker, PDJFS Director and the Commissioners discussed the remaining contents in the Harrison Street building. Commissioner Zartman noted that the building was almost ready for county offices to have access for file storage.

Ed Bohn, Paulding County EMA - Mr. Bohn presented his activity report for the third week of January. He and the Commissioners discussed the upcoming LEPC meeting. Mr. Bohn mentioned that he met with Sheriff Landers and Lt. Brion Hanenkratt in regards to the Communication Plan for Paulding County. He expects to have a draft copy in February. He and Sheriff Landers also have previously discussed training for Sheriff deputies on Haz Mat Awareness. The training was set up for March 23. Mr. Bohn noted that the EMA office is not eligible to apply for a siren grant, but will forward the information on to the United Way Director as per the recommendation of the Commissioners. Mr. Bohn had correspondence with Norfolk & Southern Railroad about obtaining the top 25 hazardous materials commodities that run through Paulding County. Mr. Bohn is also working with the Paulding County Economic Development Director, Jerry Zielke. They are in the process of looking for grant monies to help EMA and the LEPC with future projects.

ADAM HOFFER SIGNS WITH SAINT FRANCIS TO PLAY FOOTBALL



Adam Hoffer of New Haven has signed his letter of intent to play college football for the University of Saint Francis beginning in the fall of 2015.

Adam is pictured in the center surrounded by his parents, Troy and Deb Hoffer, and his coaches.

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RESOLVING TO CONTINUE IMPROVING OHIO

Guest Column for State Representative Tony Burkley

A new year is a time to make resolutions to improve ourselves in a variety of areas. Weight loss, going back to school, and quitting our bad habits are a few common resolutions we hear each year. As a member of the Ohio House of Representatives, my resolution has remained the same since I held this office: to better represent the 82nd House District and the State of Ohio. I am pleased by the accomplishments made by the Ohio legislature, but I believe that there is more work to be done.

I am honored to serve on the Agriculture and Rural Development Committee, Ways and Means Committee, and Finance and Appropriations Committee as a member of the Agriculture and Workforce Development Subcommittee. These committee assignments will be beneficial in advancing the 82nd district and will allow me the privilege to effect policies that are crucial for our rural communities and the state as a whole.

As the Vice Chairman of the Agriculture and Rural Development Committee, I will assist in leading our first hearing held on January 29th, at Cooper Farms in Van Wert at 1:00 p.m. The committee will hear from experts and local farmers regarding the issue of water quality and how to address the effects of harmful algae blooms in Lake Erie and other bodies of water. Water quality is a high priority for the state. Its effects are far reaching and cross into issues from healthcare to economic development to agriculture—and many more. The solution to the algae bloom problem is not simple, but it is imperative that we work to eradicate the problem so future generations can use our water resources and learn how to prevent related water quality problems in the future.

The Ohio General Assembly has implemented many policies to bring successes to

Ohio and steer us in the right direction. I look forward to the work to be had in my committees, and believe we can make vast improvements to Ohio's algae bloom problem.

I will keep my resolution in mind throughout 2015, to find better ways to serve my constituents. Please let me know how I can best be of service to you. I can be reached at Rep82@ohiohouse.gov or 614-644-5091.

VANTAGE HIRES NEW TREASURER

The Vantage Board of Education held its regular meeting on Thursday, February 5, 2015. The minutes of the January 15, 2015 Tax Budget, Organization & Regular meeting were approved, as well as special Board of Education meeting minutes from January 26 and 29, 2015. Financial statements for December, 2014 were approved.

The report of the Treasurer included the approval of the cash reconciliation worksheet and the investment report.

Superintendent Staci Kaufman introduced new staff member Miriam Owens, serving as Superintendent's Secretary, to the Board. Other guests included Laura Peters and family. Mrs. Peters recently accepted the Board's offer of employment as Treasurer of Vantage Career Center. Board members were informed of meetings with Ohio legislators regarding current CTE issues. High School Director Ben Winans noted student successes at the Regional BPA competition recently hosted by Vantage, and program activities. Adult Director Peter Prichard updated the Board on a recent partnership grant awarded by Ohio to assist adult students in earning a high school diploma while earning industry certification. The Board was reminded of the upcoming Open House and Taste of Vantage on Monday, February 9, 2015, 5:00-7:30 p.m.

In new business, the Board approved:

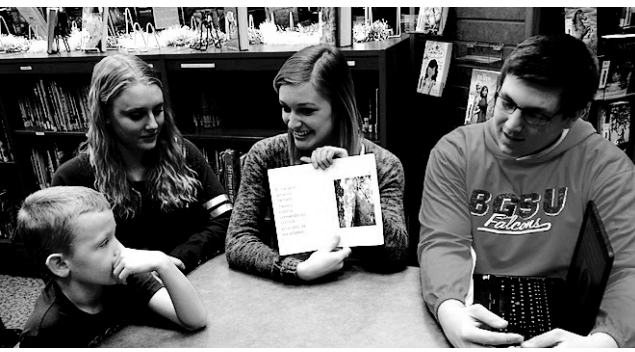
- Resolution to accept the resignation of Superintendent Staci Kaufman, for the purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2015;
- Resolution to re-employ Superintendent Staci Kaufman pending retirement, effective June 30, 2015, on a 25-month contract to begin July 2, 2015;
- Resolution to appoint Laura Peters as Treasurer for two years and five months, effective March 1, 2015 through July 31, 2017 per the contract terms;
- Resolution to employ Lori A. Davis as Consultant, as needed as scheduled, effective March 1, 2015 through April 30, 2015;
- Accept the resignation of Connie E. Drake, Adult Education Health Care Instructor, effective Thursday, June 30, 2015;
- Resolution to discontinue Board resolution (July 2008) approving pickup of the Superintendent's Secretary employee mandatory contribution to the School Employee Retirement System (SERS) contributions as a fringe benefit pickup, effective January 1, 2015;
- Appoint Staci Kaufman as Vantage Career Center's representative on the Putnam County Tax Incentive Review Council;
- Resolution to approve the 2015-16 school calendar;
- Approval of NEOLA new & revised policies as presented.

The next meeting Board of Education meeting will be held Thursday, March 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the District conference room.

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SPANISH CHILDREN'S BOOK READINGS



Sophomore Sydney Sheedy, sophomore Carley DeLong, and senior Alex Vail reading to first grader Carter Bashore.



Sophomore Michael Taylor reading to third graders.

Students in Mrs. Reutter's Spanish I, II, and III classes at Antwerp High School wrote and created Spanish children's books about domestic

and wild animals. When they were finished, they visited the library and classrooms to read their books to elementary students.

LADY ARCHERS CLAIM WIN OVER BULLDOGS

On February 5th in Bulldog country, the Antwerp Lady Archers stole a win from Edgerton. Antwerp led the court play for the duration, 45-34.

Score by the Quarter:
Antwerp - 9 16 12 8=45
Edgerton - 7 6 15 6=34
Scorers of the Game:
Antwerp - Cline 7, Williamson 12, Miesle 4, Recker 4, Longardner 3, Wilson 5, Short 10
Edgerton - M Rowe 5, Gruer 2, Landel 5, H Slesman 2, S Slesman 13, A Rowe 4, Whitman 3

BIG WIN FOR ANTWERP ARCHERS

On Saturday, February 7th, the Antwerp Archers boys basketball team traveled to Montpelier for some court action. Antwerp took the lead in the first quarter, kept the lead in the second, third and ended the game

in victory over Montpelier, 64-55.

Score by the Quarter:
Antwerp - 15 15 12 22=64
Montpelier - 12 9 16 17=54
Scorers of the Game:
Antwerp - Peters 4, Jones 5, Pendergrast 4, Williamson 29, Copsey 22
Montpelier - Blake 13, McCord 10, Uribes 11, Matzinger 4, Leung 2, Shoup 4, Surbey 10

LADY COUGARS POUNCE ON PANTHERS

There is nothing else to say, except this just wasn't the night for the girls basketball team of the Paulding Lady Panthers. Crestview took the court against them and reigned supreme throughout the evening. Final score: Paulding 15, Crestview 78

Score by the Quarter:
Paulding - 4 7 4 0=15
Crestview - 19 20 20 19=78

Scorers of the Game:
Paulding - Riley 3, Vogel 8, Meggison 2, March 2
Crestview - Crowle 4, Mercer 7 (1-3), Zaleski 9 (1-3), Riggenbach 10 (2-3's), P. Motyka 12 (1-3), Black 3 (1-3), Bauer 14, L. Motyka 9, Hartman 4, Guest 6
Rebounds:
Paulding 16, Crestview 33
Turnovers:
Paulding 19, Crestview 2
JV: Crestview won

OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2nd NINE WEEKS HONOR ROLL 2014-15 SCHOOL YEAR

*denotes all A's
MRS. AREND 1A:
Brandyn Akers, Grady Barton, Jonah Cohan, Lillian Daniels, Bailey Hunter, Makena Keller, Lillian Lamond, Dylan Perez, Adan Cano*, Abby Elkins*, Hunter Harwell*, Addy Hunt*, Brooklyn King*, Braxton Schilt*
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Matthew Bail, Jericho Guyton, Brooke Kilgore, Brooklyn Schlatter, Ethan Warner, Allison Carnahan, Libby Dotterer*, Emma Elkins*, Ashley Rickels*, Jack Woods*

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Julieana Biliti, Kayla Hunter, Alexis Wharry, Abigail Bail*, Hayden Elston*, Emily Keezer*, Curtis Langsdorf*, Max Stork*, Kadence Thomas*

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Kacy Hornish, Ishara Mason, Ally Jo Merriman, Jocelynn Parrett, Tyler Schlatter, Jesse Shaffer, Nathan Guyton, Elli Barton*

MRS. SCHROEDER 3B:
Jackson Keller, Layla Logan, Rhaegan Marshall, Kylie McCray, Blake Weible, Kurtis Bauer*, Emma Dotterer*, Jany Hunt*, Aiden Miller*

MRS. HOHLBEIN 4A:
Benji Parks, JB Rickels, Mason Schlatter, Cassie Weller, Emma McClure*, Hayden Mullen*, Caydence Rue*

MRS. BOCKRATH 4B:
William Finch, Shelby Ford, Gavin King, Gage Lloyd, Ean Seibert, Joe Estle*

MRS. PIER 5B:
Kira Charleston, Sophia Fisher, Stephanie Ladd, Haiden Newsome, Alivia Perl, Aryssa Ramsey, Makayla Sherry, David Speiser, Billie Vargo, Rhees Andrews*, Mark Butler*, Brianna Ford*, Sam Woods*

MISS BRIMMER 5C:
Tianna Cooper, Vanessa Krueger, M a d d y Logan, Jude Marshall, Cassy Mullen, Erika Dobbekaere*, Kaly Goshia*, Jarrett Hornish*, Carsen Perl*

MRS. SHEA 6A:
Hunter Dobbelaere, Megan Dearth*, Sadie Estle, Hailey Hartzel*, Selena Guyton, Kaitlyn Shaffer*, Hailee Huner, Brendon Hornish, Alexis Lamond, Jalynn Parrett, Marquise Seibert, Hannah VanScoder, Ben Weible

ASK ME... MISS C!

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Hi Miss C!
After much deliberation, I finally decided to break down and ask my question. About two years ago I was engaged to be married to my boyfriend of three years. I broke off the engagement using reasons like "we argue too much over stupid things." With a couple of years of perspective, I have come to realize that I had a pattern of sabotaging my own relationships because of my own fear of commitment. Later on, he wanted to get back together, and I didn't feel ready and then he started what I can only call a rebound relationship. This rebound relationship made me realize I had made a mistake and now I want him back. Of course now, he is living with this new woman and they have a child together. He tells me that he is not happy in that relationship. We keep in touch with emails and such periodically. I selfishly hope that the relationship with this new person, which seems rocky, will break up so I can have a new chance with him. I know I have grown and am ready for this commitment

now. I think that having one more chance with him is the only way that I can: 1) be happy or 2) be able to move on. What should I do?
From,
—No Longer a Commitment-phobe
Oh No Longer a Commitment-phobe,
Where do I start? Life is fully of crazy twists and turns. Things often happen that differently than we planned. But it is even more painful when you have regrets. Allowing oneself to fully commit to a relationship path is never easy and you are definitely not the first person to end a relationship for reasons that in retrospect seem silly. I can sympathize with the feeling for longing for your ex-boyfriend, but I am not entirely sure you are feeling this for the right reasons.
Like I said first, life is a journey that is full of things not expected. We have to learn and we have to adapt... it's a process. As we move through our journey we begin to see and understand ourselves on new levels. When we reach these new understandings we might feel nostalgic and figure if we could only have that second chance, everything would

be perfect. However, you cannot live in the past. We can only be in the present, and sometimes that simply means you need to move on and forward. I know this is probably not the advice you want to hear. But for lack of a better way to say it, it may be time to use your new understanding of commitment, commit yourself to moving forward. I know that is much easier said than done. And often making that decision will feel like a loss all over again. It may feel like a new heart break... so get out of your old routine and try some new things. I find journaling and artistically expressing my feelings does so much for helping me to let them go! Go to a painting class, visit a museum, volunteer, renew your health or faith. The less time you spend sitting alone watching TV, the faster you will move forward and live the life you were put here to enjoy!
Blessings,
—Miss C

Send me your questions today! I am waiting to hear from you! Email me at Ask-MeMissC@gmail.com, visit my Facebook Page, or mail your question to the West Bend News with attention to me, Miss C!

OFF STAGE PRODUCTIONS TO HOLD AUDITIONS FOR KEN LUDWIG'S THE FOX ON THE FAIRWAY

Off Stage Productions, a community theatre company providing quality and affordable dinner theatre, proudly announces open auditions for its upcoming comedy production, Ken Ludwig's *The Fox on the Fairway*. This farce on golf will be directed by Dan Bulau.

Open auditions are set for Sunday, February 15th and Tuesday, February 17th at 7:00 p.m. at the Van Wert Senior Center located at 220 Fox Road, Van Wert. The cast consists of six adults (three men, three women) of various ages. No prior acting experience necessary to audition. Scripts are available for review before auditions at Premier Financial, 211 S. Walnut Street, Van Wert. Call 419-605-6708 for more information. Performance dates will be April 24-26, May 1-3 and May 8th (we have added two additional performances for this show). Character descriptions are as follows (character ages are approximate):

JUSTIN - about 25 years old, offbeat, sweet, anxious, a bundle of nerves with unruly hair, Mr. Bigham's new assistant

LOUISE - about 23 years old, a knockout, leggy, good-natured and a little ditzy, a waitress at Quail Valley Country Club

HENRY BIGHAM - mid 40's, Executive Director of Quail Valley Country Club

DICKIE BELL - mid 40's, Executive Director of Crouching Squirrel, unpleasant man full of bonhomie, wears the ugliest sweaters ever made

PAMELA PEABODY -

39, beautiful, tanned, very sophisticated, clothes are impeccable, has seen it all, a board member of Quail Valley

MURIEL BIGHAM - Henry's wife, a sturdy woman with a porkpie hat

"A tribute from Ken Ludwig (Lend Me A Tenor, Moon Over Buffalo) to the great English farces of the 1930s and 1940s, *The Fox On the Fairway* takes audiences on a hilarious romp which pulls the rug out from underneath the stuffy denizens of a private country club. Filled with mistaken identities, slamming doors, and over-the-top romantic shenanigans, it's a furiously paced comedy that recalls the Marx Brothers' classics. A charmingly madcap adventure about love, life, and man's eternal love affair with golf.

"Ken Ludwig has written a masterpiece (with) all of the elements that will most

certainly make it a hit show from coast to coast."

—*Out in New Jersey*
Originally produced at Signature Theatre Arlington, VA, October 2010 Eric Schaeffer, Artistic Director Maggie Boland, Managing Director.

Come audition for our Spring show! Prepare to join the group and have the time of your life while entertaining patrons in a relaxing and comfortable setting! Stay tuned for forthcoming announcements indicating show times and reservation information of the seven shows held at the Senior Center at 220 Fox Road, Van Wert, OH. Off Stage Productions can be found online at <http://www.offstage theatre.com> and on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/OffStageProductions>

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PAULDING COUNTY COURT REPORTS

Criminal Dispositions: Zachary Ryan Strable; Paulding, OH; Crim Mischief; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Count B dismissed; pay \$200 in restitution; forfeiture of firearm and ammunition to the Paulding County Sheriff's office; placed on standard probation; Count B; Impr handle gun; Dismiss William A Steffes; Oakwood, OH; Disorder Conduc; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and cost; remain med compliant; placed on standard probation; complete a mental health evaluation and complete such counseling; no unlawful contact with victim; 20 hrs community service; no alcohol, no bars Christopher Cox; Sheridan, IN; ACD; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant Bobby V. McCourt Jr.; Paulding, OH; Prohib/Tattoos; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; is not permitted to tattoo or piercing without proper license; pay restitution if any Patty Edwards; Grover Hill, OH; Telephone Harassment; No Cont; Defendant to have no contact with victims

POC date of 7/31/15 community control; two order evaluation at Westwood; secure a valid driver's license complete 20 hrs of community service attend weekly AA meetings; 160 jail days reserved Anthony M. Alba; Haviland, OH; Driv/Fra Susp; Guilty; Shall pay \$50.00 per mo. Commencing 2/27/15 has a POC date of 3/27/15 must complete community service by 7/27/15 or suspended fine will be reimposed 20 hrs of community service 30 jail days reserved Dolores Bartley; Paulding, OH; Disorder Conduc; J-No Cont; Defendant to pay all fines and costs Scott A. Harpster; Defiance, OH; ACD; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant William L. Calvert; Oakwood, OH; FTY Emer Vehic; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant Juan P. Molina; Fort Wayne, IN; Theft; J-No Cont; Fines and costs to be taken from bond; warrant and warrant block rescinded; 40 hrs community service; place don standard probation; Count B; Criminal Trespass; J-No Cont Michael Baessler; Georgetown, OH; Possession; Dismiss; Case dismissed per state; without prejudice; Costs waived; Count B; Posses Needles; Dismiss; Case

Dismissed; Count C; Paraphernalia; Dismiss; Case dismissed; Count D; OVI/Under Inf; Dismiss; Upon motion of the state and for good cause shown it is order Ed, adjudged and decreed that this case shall be dismissed, without prejudice, costs waived Chad M. Schnepf; Berne, IN; Theft; Prel-Waive; Case bound over to the Common Pleas Court of Paulding County; Count B; Break & Entry; Prel-Waive; Case bound over to the Common Pleas Court of Paulding County Michael D. Hoge; Oakwood, OH; Attempt B&E; J-Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and cost; shall have no contact with victims or their residence Gary L. Owens; Oakwood, OH; Domestic Violent; J-Guilty; Defendant to pay all cost; 15 days jail; 8 days credit; charge amended to a domestic violence M1; shall have no unlawful contact with victim and children; shall submit a mental health evaluation at Westwood and complete counseling Colton Robert Bidlack; Paulding, OH; Driv/Fra Susp; J-Guilty; Pay all fines and cost by 3/27/15 or will be sent to collections; defendant license is to be held by the court until the defendant becomes compliant with the BMV Tyler Kade Wilson; Paulding, OH; Driv/Fra Susp; J-No Cont; Driving privileges granted upon proper application defendant was given his physical license back in open court pay all fines and cost by 3/27/15 or will be sent to collections Daniel J. Weisgerber; Tele Harassment; Guilty; \$500 fine suspended on condition of no contact with victim; shall pay all costs; maintain good behavior; no contact whatsoever with victim Bruce A Osborn; Grover Hill, OH; Fail to tag; J-No Cont; Pay all fines and costs; placed on standard probation; write a letter of apology to victim; complete 30 hrs community serv hunting privileges are suspended for a 3 year term from the date of this order; pay restitution \$4,426.27 deer & process; Count B; Hunt w/o permis; J-No Cont; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; write a letter of apology to victim; placed on standard probation; hunting privileges suspended for 3 yrs to run concurrent with Case 14-CR 468; Restitution \$4,426.27; 30 hrs community service Kevin Gillett; Cecil, OH; Domestic Violent; J-No Cont; Defendant to pay all costs; 2 days jail credit; 30 EMHA credit; placed on standard probation; complete third millennium course; evaluation at Westwood; stay medication compliant; meet with VA every month; 40 hrs community service Wanda Inez Gardner; Desoto, TX; Driv w/o lic; J-Guilty; Fines and cost to be taken from the bond; Count B; Dr. Lic Misrep; J-Guilty; Fines and costs to be taken from the bond Steven D. Johnson; Paulding, OH; FRA Susp; J-Guilty; Pay all costs; defendant shall secure a valid driver's license by the end of the term of community control/probation Real Estate Transfers: Blue Creek Twp.: 2/3/15; Linda S. Clark, Et Al; Sec. 12; 77.87 acres; To: Linda S. Clark, Et Al Brown Twp.: 2/4/15; Dana R. & Ruth Ann Bair; Sec. 27; 2.164 acres; To: Dana R. & Ruth Ann Bair Crane Twp.: 2/3/15; Rickie D. Slone, et al; Sec. 19 Lot 38; 0.275 acres; Sec. 19 Lot 39; 0.468 acres; Sec. 19 Lot 40; 0.344 acres; Sec. 19 Lot 41; 0.413 acres; To: Rickie D. Slone, et al Wells Fargo Bank; Sec. 28; 1.5 acres; To: Karl T. Wilhelm, trustee Melrose Village: 2/4/15; Craig M Dobbelaere & James A. Meeks; Lot 254; 0.4909 acres; Lot 189; 0.2101 acres; Lot 190; 0.2101 acres; Lot 191; 0.2437 acres; Lot 186; 0.265 acres; Lot 187; 0.2284 acres; Lot 188; 0.2284 acres; Lot 194; 0.1722 acres; Lot 193; 0.1722 acres; Lot 192; 0.1722 acres; To: Betty A Mowery Oakwood Village: 2/4/15; Jeffrey Adams; Lot 2; 0.3409 acres; To: Weiseco Real Estate Ltd.

Sudoku Puzzle grid with numbers 1-9 in various positions.

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681 Revised Code, Section 2329.26 THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY: FIFTH THIRD MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff, vs. NADEAN M. RIDENOUR aka NADEAN M. WHITEHEAD, ET AL., Defendants, Case No. CI 14 198. Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above entitled action, I will offer for sale at public auction, at the East door of the Courthouse in the Village of Paulding, in the above named County, on Thursday, the 5th day of March, 2015 at 10:15 o'clock A.M., the real estate located at: 107 West Woodcox Street, Antwerp, Ohio 45813 Parcel Number: 12-04S-038-00; 12-03S-011-00; and, 12-03S-012-00 A full legal description of this property is on record at the Paulding County Engineer's Office located in the basement of the Courthouse. Said premises appraised at Twenty-seven Thousand and No/100 (\$27,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount. The appraisal of this property was completed without an interior inspection. Neither the Sheriff's Office nor the appraisers are responsible for the condition of the property at the time the purchaser takes possession. Purchasers are advised they have no legal right to access this property until the Sheriff's Deed has been filed with the Paulding County Recorder's Office. TERMS OF SALE: Ten percent down on day of the sale with the balance to be paid before the deed is issued. Sheriff Jason K. Landers Paulding County, Ohio www.pauldingohsheriff.com James L. Sassano, Attorney for Plaintiff

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681 Revised Code, Section 2329.26 THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY: THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK, Plaintiff, vs. JOANNE S. FINROCK aka JO ANN S FINROCK aka JOANNE SUE LADD, ET AL., Defendants, Case No. CI 14 191. Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above entitled action, I will offer for sale at public auction, at the East door of the Courthouse in the Village of Paulding, in the above named County, on Thursday, the 5th day of March, 2015 at 10:20 o'clock A.M., the real estate located at: 509 East Walnut Street, Oakwood, Ohio 45873 Parcel Number: 10-08S-019-00 A full legal description of this property is on record at the Paulding County Engineer's Office located in the basement of the Courthouse. Said premises appraised at Thirty-three Thousand and No/100 (\$33,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount. The appraisal of this property was completed without an interior inspection. Neither the Sheriff's Office nor the appraisers are responsible for the condition of the property at the time the purchaser takes possession. Purchasers are advised they have no legal right to access this property until the Sheriff's Deed has been filed with the Paulding County Recorder's Office. TERMS OF SALE: Ten percent down on day of the sale with the balance to be paid before the deed is issued. Sheriff Jason K. Landers Paulding County, Ohio www.pauldingohsheriff.com Peter L. Mehler, Attorney for Plaintiff

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General Code, Section 11681 Revised Code, Section 2329.26 THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY: FIFTH THIRD MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff, vs. DAVID N. VALENTINE, ET AL., Defendants, Case No. CI 14 184. Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above entitled action, I will offer for sale at public auction, at the East door of the Courthouse in the Village of Paulding, in the above named County, on Thursday, the 5th day of March, 2015 at 10:00 o'clock A.M., the real estate located at: 2746 State Route 637, Grover Hill, Ohio 45849 Parcel Number: 24-25S-013-00 A full legal description of this property is on record at the Paulding County Engineer's Office located in the basement of the Courthouse. Said premises appraised at Thirty-six Thousand and No/100 (\$36,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount. The appraisal of this property was completed without an interior inspection. Neither the Sheriff's Office nor the appraisers are responsible for the condition of the property at the time the purchaser takes possession. Purchasers are advised they have no legal right to access this property until the Sheriff's Deed has been filed with the Paulding County Recorder's Office. TERMS OF SALE: Ten percent down on day of the sale with the balance to be paid before the deed is issued. Sheriff Jason K. Landers Paulding County, Ohio www.pauldingohsheriff.com Miranda S. Hamrick, Attorney for Plaintiff

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681 Revised Code, Section 2329.26 THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY: U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR ADJUSTABLE RATE MORTGAGE TRUST 2005-5, ADJUSTABLE RATE MORTGAGE BACKED PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-5, Plaintiff, vs. DANIEL T. ZIERTEN, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF RICHARD K. ZIERTEN, ET AL., Defendants, Case No. CI 14 130. Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above entitled action, I will offer for sale at public auction, at the East door of the Courthouse in the Village of Paulding, in the above named County, on Thursday, the 5th day of March, 2015 at 10:25 o'clock A.M., the real estate located at: 4560 Road 52, Payne, Ohio 45880 Parcel Number: 03-15S-011-00 A full legal description of this property is on record at the Paulding County Engineer's Office located in the basement of the Courthouse. Said premises appraised at Fifty-one Thousand and No/100 (\$51,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount. The appraisal of this property was completed without an interior inspection. Neither the Sheriff's Office nor the appraisers are responsible for the condition of the property at the time the purchaser takes possession. Purchasers are advised they have no legal right to access this property until the Sheriff's Deed has been filed with the Paulding County Recorder's Office. TERMS OF SALE: Ten percent down on day of the sale with the balance to be paid before the deed is issued. Sheriff Jason K. Landers Paulding County, Ohio www.pauldingohsheriff.com Matthew I. McKelvey, Attorney for Plaintiff

Paulding Village: 2/3/15; Federal National Mortgage Association; Lot 96; 0.2652 acres; To: Raymond Thomas Carlisle 2/4/15; Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Lot 105; 0.2238 acres; To: Creative Home Buying Solutions, Inc.

CITY OF WOODBURN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 1/19/15

These are the meeting minutes from 1/19/15 of the City of Woodburn council. At 7:00 p.m. the Pledge was stated. In attendance: Mayor Hoepfner, Councilman Abbott, Rice, Renner, Gerig, and Voirl. Police Chief Duhamell, Utility Superintendent Walls, Treasurer Sarrazine. POLICE CHIEF DUHAMELL: WPD Reserves have logged 38 hours so far this month. The background checks are underway for new reserve candidates. WPD had some complaints about parked vehicles causing problems with some snow removal; those vehicles have since been removed. I will review ordinances for possible changes. WPD also received a complaint about "Jake Breaking" on SR 101 near Hetrick Road. The state highway department does not allow the city to post "No Jake Brake" signs on a state highway. Audience: No questions MAYOR: Gone last week at classes in Muncie for Economic Development. The city is issuing a contract to a resident in Woodburn that has had their water restored for payment of past due and current balances. Trust Public Management and the Keller group are looking at the Elementary School for future development. A-Z Engineering called about Road School. The ADA class is necessary to secure future grant money for roads. It is March 10,11 & 12. Mayor said he would like one or two of council to attend. NIPSCO sent in a check to help offset the cost of the modeling plan for the sewer department. Wessler Engineering is coming back with a new pricing for the wellhead protection plan that is a mandate. Bid opening will be the 29th of January at city hall at 3:00 p.m. for the Main Street project. Frontier quoted close to \$18,000 to move poles downtown. Dan Sullivan from Frontier is looking at the possibility of cost sharing. The donation of the small strip of land on the corner of Bull Rapids and Main Street has cost around \$2,000 in engineering, title search and print documents. The Mayor explained why they didn't want to saw cut the existing new sidewalk on the north side of Main Street. Instead the new sidewalk will be removed and re-poured to stay consistent with the project. Councilman Abbott said he had called the engineering and the cost savings to saw was around \$3,300. North American Cold Storage has the lettering on their building and are looking at bringing in product by the end of the month. TREASURER: I would like to remind everyone that the deadline to file to run for office is Noon February 6. Recycling was up in December. Meeting minutes were presented, Councilman Abbott made a motion to approve, Councilman Voirl 2nd, all approved motion carried. Warrants were presented, Councilman Gerig made a motion to approve, Councilman Voirl 2nd all approved, motion carried. SUPERINTENDENT WALLS: Treeca Electric hooked new electric heaters in the Webster Rd water plant for around \$2,000. It had boiler heat. We are hoping this pays for itself in less cost during the summer months. I have been having conversations with Wessler regarding well head protection and Midwest Engineering about the Modeling plan for the sewer system. The De-chlorine site is ready for spring as soon as AEP drops power to it. COUNCILMAN ABBOTT: Resident compliment the city for plowing the sidewalk. Councilman Rice: Apologized for his absence. Councilman Renner: No Report Councilman Gerig: No Report Councilman Voirl: Councilman Voirl made a motion to give the Deputy Clerk a wage increase of \$1.00/hour. Councilman Renner 2nd the motion. Four councilman voted yes, a no vote was not called for, motion carried. Motion to adjourn 8:10 p.m. by Councilman Voirl, Councilman Renner 2nd, meeting adjourned. Notes prepared by Treasurer Sarrazine.

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681 Revised Code, Section 2329.26 THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY: U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-WFHE3, ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-WFHE3, Plaintiff, vs. JAMES R. CROWELL, ET AL., Defendants, Case No. CI 14 014. Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above entitled action, I will offer for sale at public auction, at the East door of the Courthouse in the Village of Paulding, in the above named County, on Thursday, the 5th day of March, 2015 at 10:05 o'clock A.M., the real estate located at: 779 North Cherry Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879 Parcel Number: 30-09S-027-00 A full legal description of this property is on record at the Paulding County Engineer's Office located in the basement of the Courthouse. Said premises appraised at Fifty-one Thousand and No/100 (\$51,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount. The appraisal of this property was completed without an interior inspection. Neither the Sheriff's Office nor the appraisers are responsible for the condition of the property at the time the purchaser takes possession. Purchasers are advised they have no legal right to access this property until the Sheriff's Deed has been filed with the Paulding County Recorder's Office. TERMS OF SALE: Ten percent down on day of the sale with the balance to be paid before the deed is issued. Sheriff Jason K. Landers Paulding County, Ohio www.pauldingohsheriff.com Matthew Murtland, Attorney for Plaintiff

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681 Revised Code, Section 2329.26 THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY: TALMAR BANK AND TRUST SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO FIRST PLACE BANK SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO HICKSVILLE BUILDING LOAN AND SAVINGS BANK, Plaintiff, vs. BOBBY DEWAYNE MELTON AKA BOBBY D. MELTON, ET AL., Defendants, Case No. CI 14 125. Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above entitled action, I will offer for sale at public auction, at the East door of the Courthouse in the Village of Paulding, in the above named County, on Thursday, the 5th day of March, 2015 at 10:30 o'clock A.M., the real estate located at: 1621 County Road 1038, Oakwood, Ohio 45873 Parcel Number: 01-03E-032-00 A full legal description of this property is on record at the Paulding County Engineer's Office located in the basement of the Courthouse. Said premises appraised at Eighty-seven Thousand and No/100 (\$87,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount. The appraisal of this property was completed without an interior inspection. Neither the Sheriff's Office nor the appraisers are responsible for the condition of the property at the time the purchaser takes possession. Purchasers are advised they have no legal right to access this property until the Sheriff's Deed has been filed with the Paulding County Recorder's Office. TERMS OF SALE: Ten percent down on day of the sale with the balance to be paid before the deed is issued. Sheriff Jason K. Landers Paulding County, Ohio www.pauldingohsheriff.com James L. Sassano, Attorney for Plaintiff

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681 Revised Code, Section 2329.26 THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY: U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR ADJUSTABLE RATE MORTGAGE TRUST 2005-5, ADJUSTABLE RATE MORTGAGE BACKED PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-5, Plaintiff, vs. DANIEL T. ZIERTEN, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF RICHARD K. ZIERTEN, ET AL., Defendants, Case No. CI 14 130. Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above entitled action, I will offer for sale at public auction, at the East door of the Courthouse in the Village of Paulding, in the above named County, on Thursday, the 5th day of March, 2015 at 10:25 o'clock A.M., the real estate located at: 4560 Road 52, Payne, Ohio 45880 Parcel Number: 03-15S-011-00 A full legal description of this property is on record at the Paulding County Engineer's Office located in the basement of the Courthouse. Said premises appraised at Fifty-one Thousand and No/100 (\$51,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount. The appraisal of this property was completed without an interior inspection. Neither the Sheriff's Office nor the appraisers are responsible for the condition of the property at the time the purchaser takes possession. Purchasers are advised they have no legal right to access this property until the Sheriff's Deed has been filed with the Paulding County Recorder's Office. TERMS OF SALE: Ten percent down on day of the sale with the balance to be paid before the deed is issued. Sheriff Jason K. Landers Paulding County, Ohio www.pauldingohsheriff.com Matthew I. McKelvey, Attorney for Plaintiff

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681 Revised Code, Section 2329.26 THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY: BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. RANDALL E. VIEIRA, ET AL., Defendants, Case No. CI 14 080. Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above entitled action, I will offer for sale at public auction, at the East door of the Courthouse in the Village of Paulding, in the above named County, on Thursday, the 5th day of March, 2015 at 10:10 o'clock A.M., the real estate located at: 13300 Kay Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879 Parcel Number: 23-51B-166-00 A full legal description of this property is on record at the Paulding County Engineer's Office located in the basement of the Courthouse. Said premises appraised at Sixty Thousand and No/100 (\$60,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount. The appraisal of this property was completed without an interior inspection. Neither the Sheriff's Office nor the appraisers are responsible for the condition of the property at the time the purchaser takes possession. Purchasers are advised they have no legal right to access this property until the Sheriff's Deed has been filed with the Paulding County Recorder's Office. TERMS OF SALE: Ten percent down on day of the sale with the balance to be paid before the deed is issued. Sheriff Jason K. Landers Paulding County, Ohio www.pauldingohsheriff.com Andrew C. Clark, Attorney for Plaintiff

VILLAGE OF ANTWERP PUBLIC NOTICES

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed ORDINANCE NO. 2015-01 on January 26, 2015, entitled "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE FISCAL OFFICER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH HARRISON TOWNSHIP FOR PROVIDING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE IN CALENDAR YEAR 2015, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance authorizes the emergency medical service contract with Harrison Township for the year 2015. The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed ORDINANCE NO. 2015-02 on January 26, 2015 entitled "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE FISCAL OFFICER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CARRYALL TOWNSHIP FOR PROVIDING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE IN CALENDAR YEAR 2015, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance authorizes the emergency medical service contract with Carryall Township for 2015. The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed ORDINANCE NO. 2015-03 on January 26, 2015 entitled "AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ENACTING AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING'S OHIO BASIC CODE, 2015 EDITION, AS THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance adopts the 2015 Edition of the Ohio Basic Code. The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed ORDINANCE NO. 2015-04 on January 26, 2015, entitled "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR THE COLLECTION, TRANSPORTATION, AND DISPOSAL OF RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO; AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance awards the residential waste collection contract to Real Waste Disposal, LLC and authorizes the Village Administrator to enter into a contract with Real Waste Disposal, LLC for this purpose. The publication of these Ordinances is by summary only. The complete text of the Ordinances may be obtained or viewed at the office of the Village of Antwerp Fiscal Officer located at 118 North Main Street, Antwerp, Ohio.

NOVEL PROJECTS



Students in Mrs. Brennenman's Reading Class at Payne Elementary recently completed Novel Projects in which they had to choose an award-winning novel and complete projects of their

choice over their book. The students did a great job with creative projects ranging from children's books and PowerPoints to Lego Maps and Board Games.

SECRETARY OF STATE HOSTED'S OFFICE TO HOLD OPEN OFFICE HOURS ACROSS THE STATE IN FEBRUARY

Secretary of State Jon Husted announced February regional office hours. Regional liaisons for the Secretary of State's office will be in 31 counties around Ohio including Allen, Ashtabula, Athens, Auglaize, Champaign, Clermont, Crawford, Fayette, Franklin, Geauga, Guernsey, Hamilton, Highland, Hocking, Jackson, Lake, Lawrence, Licking, Meigs, Mercer, Montgomery, Morgan, Muskingum, Ottawa, Pike, Scioto, Shelby, Union, Washington, Williams and Wood counties. The purpose of open office hours is to give local residents an opportunity to learn more about, and stay connected with, the Secretary of State's office in an informal and accessible setting.

In addition to making voter registration forms and election information available, regional representatives will be on hand to answer questions and distribute materials to those interested in learning more about the other functions of the office such as the business services division and initiatives including the Ohio Business Profile and Military Ready-to-Vote program.

The events will be held at the following times and locations (closest to WBN readership area):

Allen - 2/12/2015, 1:00-

3:00 p.m., Lima Public Library, 650 West Market Street, Lima, Ohio 45801

Williams - 2/17/2015, 12:00-2:00 p.m., Williams County Library Main Branch, 107 East High Street, Bryan, Ohio 43506

LATTA, KAPTUR LEAD LETTER EXPRESSING CONCERN WITH HHS' LIMITED CHOICE OF FARMSTEAD PROGRAMS

Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH) and Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur (D-OH) led a letter, which included other members of the Ohio delegation, to U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia Mathews Burwell expressing concern about guidance released by CMS that describes the types of settings in which states may use federal Medicaid funds to pay for home and community based services (HCBS). Under this guidance, a "farmstead or disability-specific farm community" is listed as an example of a residential setting that has the effect of isolating individuals receiving HCBS from the broader community.

"Our state is home to several farmstead programs, like Bittersweet Farms, which is located in Ohio's Fifth Congressional District," said Latta. "These programs provide vocational and education programs, as well as residential support, for people with autism that enable these individuals to maximize their po-

tential. CMS' guidance could inhibit the availability of these types of services for the individuals who benefit from them. I join my colleagues in urging the Secretary to remove rural, farmstead or disability-specific farm communities from this list, so all Ohioans can continue to have a choice in participating in these farmstead programs."

"Programs such as Northwest Ohio's jewel, Bittersweet Farms, provide crucial services for those with autism as well as confidence for their families and guardians," said Kaptur. "We urge the Secretary to review the proposed exclusion of farmstead environments in CMS rule making. Experience shows that settings such as Bittersweet Farms have measureable benefit in better outcomes for participants and result in improvement in the daily lives of so many with autism."

A copy of the letter can be found online.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 2/2/15

This 2nd day of February, 2015, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

Roy Klopfenstein, Tony Zartman, Mark Holtsberry, and Nola Ginter, Clerk

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS: Warrants documented as 213775 through 213825 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF CREATING A NEW EXPENSE LINE ITEM IN FUND 001-031:

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to create a new expense line item to accurately track trial expenses and appropriate as follows:

001-031-00013 General Fund/Commissioners' Misc/Trial Expenses - \$20,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2015 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 003):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2015 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the Health Department Fund (Fund 003):

003-001-00017/Health Department/WPCLF

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2015 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 015):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2015 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in the Auditor-Real Estate Fund (Fund 015):

FROM: 015-001-99999/Auditor-Estate Tax/Estate Tax Transfer

TO: 015-001-00005/Auditor-Estate Tax/Refunds

AMOUNT: \$18,891.00

IN THE MATTER OF REDUCING THE 2015 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 003)

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to reduce the 2015 Annual Appropriation in the Health Department Fund (Fund 003):

003-001-00017/Health Department/WPCLF

Current Appropriation - \$16,940.00, Change (+or-) -200.00

New Appropriation - \$16,740.00

RECORDS' COMMISSION: The Paulding County Records' Commission met this 2nd day of February, 2015. In attendance were: Roy Klopfenstein, Commissioner; Claudia Fickel, County Auditor; Ann Pease, Clerk of Courts; Carol Temple, County Recorder; and Nola Ginter, Clerk. Ms. Fickel and Ms. Temple presented updated RC-2s for submission to the State Archives of Ohio. Commissioner Klopfenstein, as Records' Commission chairman, signed the RC-2s and the originals will be mailed to the Ohio History Connection in Columbus for approval.

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Becky Suvar, WMEA - Ms. Suvar presented a grant application cover sheet with an attached sheet answering funding criteria questions. She is in the process of securing a grant that will purchase a glass crusher. Paulding County currently does not have a resource to recycle glass bottles. Ms. Suvar explained the crushed glass will then be sold to Strategic Material in Columbus.

Jared Renollet, Paulding County Dog Warden - Mr. Renollet reported positive feedback from the post cards that were sent last week reminding dog owners to purchase 2015 dog tags. Today, February 2, is the last day to purchase dog tags for 2015 without a late fee/penalty. Mr. Renollet noted dog tag sales are close to 2014 sales. He then reminded the Commissioners he will be attending training on February 17, 18, and 19. His assistant is scheduled to cover for him in his absence

LATTA REINTRODUCES LEGISLATION TO PERMANENTLY REPEAL ESTATE TAX

Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH) reintroduced legis-

lation to permanently repeal the estate tax. Better known as the death tax, the estate tax is a tax on an individual's right to transfer property at their death - punishing the hard work and investments many farmers and small business owners have made during their lifetime.

"The estate tax is one of the greatest burdens facing our farmers and small business owners in the United States, forcing many families to sell off land, equipment and assets in order to pay the tax," said Latta. "While the federal government may have taken a portion of American families' hard-earned dollars in the past, it does not have to continue to rob future generations. Permanently eliminating the estate tax is an important step to ensuring our small businesses and farmers can grow and prosper into future generations."

INDEPENDENT ALLIANCE BANKS FINALIZES PARTNERSHIP WITH FIRST STATE BANK OF BOURBON

Independent Alliance Banks, Inc. (OTCQB: IALB) (IAB), the holding company of iAB Financial Bank, completed its merger of the First State Bank of Bourbon (FSB) into iAB Financial Bank as of February 1, 2015.

Our acquisition's strategic highlights include:

- iAB Financial Bank's further commitment to community banking;
- Customers will be able to access additional product and service capabilities, including online and mobile banking, commercial banking, treasury and wealth management services and access to nearly 5,000 surcharge free ATMs;
- Expanding agribusiness and mortgage lending business into new markets in northern Indiana;
- Addition of two Bourbon, IN locations - making a total of 17 banking centers for customer convenience; and
- Total assets of over \$1 billion, total deposits of \$799 million and total loans of \$696 million.

First State Bank of Bourbon, which has assets of over \$88 million, was a privately-held, community-focused organization serving Marshall County with a legacy of service that dates back to 1884.

Independent Alliance Banks, Inc., established in 2005, is a financial services holding company for iAB Financial Bank. iAB Financial Bank, one of the largest locally-owned banks, now serves the Allen, Huntington, Marshall and Wells counties and employs approximately 290 people.

"We are excited about expanding our footprint into Marshall County and keeping iAB's commitment to community banking strong and viable in the markets we serve," stated Michael C. Marhenke, President and CEO of iAB Financial Bank. "Enhanced product and service capabilities will be available to these new customers, including online and mobile banking services, agribusiness, wealth and treasury management services and mortgage lending expertise."

The majority of the staff, including Ralph Mason, Brad Mason and Kim Bates, will remain on staff in order to provide continuity with un-

interrupted service excellence to this customer base. "This partnership will be good for all of our stakeholders, and we look forward to continuing our role in the local Marshall County market," Ralph Mason stated.

Under the terms of the merger agreement, FSB shareholders will receive approximately \$18,000 for each share of common stock. The transaction is valued at \$18 million based upon FSB's shareholder equity at January 31, 2015, which represents 114 percent of book value. IAB expects the transaction to be accretive to earnings in the first full year of combined operations.

Independent Alliance Banks, Inc. was advised by Renninger & Associates, LLC and the law firm of Krieg DeVault LLP. First State Bank of Bourbon was advised by Sheshunoff & Co. Investment Banking L.P. and the law firm of Bryan Cave LLP.

PAULDING SNATCH WIN FROM THE BIG GREEN

On the eve of the great Snowapocalypse of 2015, the Paulding Panthers travelled to Ottoville for high school boys basketball. The Big Green kept pace with the Panthers throughout the game, making the Paulding boys work for the victory of the night. At the buzzer, the Panthers won with a narrow 3 point lead over The Big Green, 39-36.

Score by the Quarter:

Paulding - 10 5 14 10=39

Ottoville - 8 3 12 13=36

Scorers of the Game:

Paulding - Edwards 14, Heilshorn 7, Gonzales 11, Arellano 5, Sitton 2

Ottoville - Roby 5, Honigbird 4, Moorman 9, Bendele 6, Treakemp 2, Landin 10

Stats:

Rebounds - Paulding 27, Ottoville 26

Turnover - Paulding 10, Ottoville 6

FG% - 15-33 46%; 12-28 32%

JV Score: Paulding 36, Ottoville 23

WT WRESTLING CLUB COMPETES IN TOMAHAWK TOURNAMENT

On February 1st, Wayne Trace Wrestling Club members wrestled in Wauseon at the Annual Tomahawk Wrestling Tournament. Placing 1st for Wayne Trace were Hunter Long, Jarrett Hornish, and Eli Ames. Placing 3rd were Colton and Corbin Kimmel and placing 4th were Asa Ames and Graiden Troth.

OVERTIME WIN FOR RAIDERS

In a overtime finish, Wayne Trace managed to snag the last minute victory on the high school basketball court on February 7th. There was give and take on the floor for the four quarters, then came the overtime showdown. The period ended with a one point win for the Raiders: 59-58.

Score by the Quarter:

Wayne Trace - 15 9 6 18

11=59

Kalida - 12 8 15 13 10=58

Scorers of the Game:

Wayne Trace - Arend 4, Miller 6, Hale 5, E Linder 18, Shepherd 8, C Linder 15, Speice 3

Kalida - Unverferth 7, Hovest 12, Maag 2, Laudick 2, Kortokrax 16, Gerding 12, Verhoff 7

Records: Wayne Trace 15-1, Kalida 10-7

JV Score: Wayne Trace 39, Kalida 36

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ODOT REFLECTS ON ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF 2014

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) District 1 has observed special times in its history.

The completion of the relocation and expansion of U.S. 30 in Hancock, Wyandot and Crawford counties in 2008, and of U.S. 24 in Defiance, Paulding and Henry counties in 2009 are certainly notable.

But the district has never rebuilt an interstate.

In 2012, ODOT District 1 began the first of three projects to reconstruct the existing lanes of Interstate 75 and reconstruct all interchanges and bridges in the city of Lima and Allen County from just north of Ohio 81 near Stewart Road to the Auglaize County line.

“The reconstruction of Interstate 75 is not a typical highway construction project,” said Kirk Slusher, Ohio Department of Transportation District 1 deputy director. “The accomplishment of planning, designing and constructing a project of this scope should not go unheralded,” he said.

With two years left to go before the third and final phase of the \$150 million project is complete, transportation officials are reflecting on what has been achieved so far on the reconstruction of Interstate 75 in Allen County and other significant projects completed in 2014.

Slusher noted some of the most significant milestones of the Interstate 75 reconstruction project to this point:

- The northern section from Ohio 81 to Fourth Street was completely opened to traf-

fic late last fall. Reconstructed interchanges at Ohio 81, Ohio 117/309 and Fourth Street are operating with the latest in traffic signal technology.

- The safety upgrade of Ohio 117/309 from east of Ohio 117 to the Allen County fairgrounds completed its first full year of operation in 2014. The project added a raised-curb median, constructed U-turn locations, upgraded or installed traffic signals and consolidated driveways. A similar project on the west side of Lima, completed in 2012, resulted in a 45 percent reduction in injury accidents.

- The “Real American Strength” slogan, signature gears logo and blue color denoting Lima and the Allen County region are displayed on the interchanges and bridges. ODOT worked closely with city and county representatives to include its branding initiative in the project to define the area to motorists along the Interstate 75 corridor.

To the department’s knowledge, this is the only area in the state where an aesthetic theme was used throughout a region on several structures on an interstate (view video regarding the branding effort between ODOT and the Lima region: <http://youtu.be/dUhxAVjd6Us>.)

Other significant highway projects completed during 2014 within District 1:

- The reconstruction of the U.S. 224 interchange with Interstate 75 in Findlay was completed late in 2014. The \$10.6 million project, constructed by Miller Brothers, Archbold, was one of the first projects in the state to be completed with revenue from Governor Kasich’s Jobs and Transportation program which leverages future funds from the Ohio Turnpike to rebuild the state’s infrastructure and create construction jobs.
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vert on Ohio 18 in Defiance replaced a deteriorated sandstone arch culvert, constructed in 1937, with a box culvert measuring 18 feet wide by 10 feet high. The project extended the culvert to twice its original length to approximately 126 feet long. The project bid amount was 711,000.

- Work completed last year by contractors within the district totaled \$93.9 million in highway improvements which included \$15.8 million for resurfacing of approximately 192 lane miles of highways, \$11.6 million for the replacement or rehabilitation of nine bridges, and \$5.5 million in culvert, slide repair and miscellaneous maintenance work.

- The current I-75 reconstruction project, being performed by Beaver Excavating of Canton, represents \$60.8 million of the total construction program amount for 2014.

In addition to those projects completed by contractors, ODOT District 1’s own highway forces completed the following during 2014:

- Used 15,000 tons of asphalt in pavement repair
- Chipped and sealed 90 lane miles of state highway
- Placed 17,000 tons of berm stone
- Repaired 8,000 feet of guardrail
- Used 15,000 gallons of material to seal pavement cracks

- Applied 180 miles of traffic paint
- Repaired 9,000 signs
- Sealed 15,000 square yards of bridge decks
- Repaired 2,000 square feet of bridge deck
- Installed 6,000 feet of culvert pipe

“These dollars and stats represent an investment in keeping our pavements and bridges among the highest rated in the state. We will continue to be an example of excellence in government through well planned construction and maintenance practices,” said Slusher.

For more on the reconstruction of Interstate 75 and other projects upcoming in the area visit the ODOT District 1 website at www.transportation.ohio.gov/dist1.

Ohio’s highways are essential to keeping and creating new jobs. With a mission to provide easy movement of people and goods from place to place, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is responsible for maintaining one of the largest transportation networks in the nation. Guided by ethical principles and accountability, ODOT works to improve safety, enhance travel and advance economic development. As a \$2.8 billion enterprise, the department wisely invests in its core services of snow and ice removal, annual construction program and highway maintenance operations.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 1/21/15

This 21st day of January, 2015, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

Roy Klopfenstein, Tony Zartman, Mark Holtsberry, and Nola Ginter, Clerk

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:
Warrants documented as 213483 through 213584 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING "THEN AND NOW" PURCHASE ORDERS AND PAYMENTS:

The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following “Then and Now” purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on January 21, 2015. Warrants numbered 213486 through 213583 in the amount of \$77,541.16; and it is certified that both at the time that the contract or order was made (“then”), and at the time that the County Auditor is completing the certification (“now”), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance; and pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code §5705.41(D)(I), these purchases must be approved by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners. Now, therefore the Paulding County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Purchase Orders as submitted by the Auditor; and it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners, County of Paulding, State of Ohio concerning the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Mr. Tony Zartman to go into executive session at 8:02 a.m. with the Paulding County Prosecutor to discuss legal matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Holtsberry. All members voting **yea**.

At 8:32 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Mr. Tony Zartman to go into executive session at 11:34 a.m. with the Director of the Consolidated Defiance/Paulding County Department of Job and Family Services to discuss personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Holtsberry. All members voting **yea**.

At 11:47 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Ken Maag, Poggemeyer Design Group, Inc. – Mr. Maag met with the Commissioners to introduce himself and Poggemeyer Design Group to new Commissioner Holtsberry. Mr. Maag wanted to make sure the team working on the engineering for the dome/copula were meeting the Commissioners’ satisfaction. He encouraged the Commissioners to have an open communication policy as this project progresses.

Peggy Emerson, Chamber of Commerce – Ms. Emerson presented a flyer with information/meeting dates for “Lunch and Learn”. The Chamber, along with the Paulding County Carnegie Library, will be hosting a series of seminars free to anyone who currently operates a small business or would be interested in learning more about starting one. Sessions are for an hour beginning noon. The first session is scheduled for January 27. Subjects of the sessions include: starting your small business, using social media in

marketing, tax tips, retirement planning, developing a socially conscious business, HR ins and outs, public speaking tips to improve sales presentations, and tips and tricks for Microsoft Excel. Ms. Emerson encourages all to bring your lunch and be ready to learn. She emphasized her appreciation to the library for providing the meeting room. She then noted the next Chamber breakfast will be on February 3, at 7:45 a.m. (with meeting directly following) at the First Presbyterian Church. The March Chamber breakfast will be March 3 (same time and place). The movie *Back From the Brink* will be shown during this meeting. Ms. Emerson was excited to announce the Chamber Chili Cook-Off will be February 12 from 6:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Kiwanis Building. She encourages everyone to come and taste all the chili entries. The Commissioners appreciated Ms. Emerson’s update on coming events and meetings.

Claudia Fickel, County Auditor – Ms. Fickel presented the January, 2015, sales tax was \$149,072.45, up from January, 2014, by \$16,445.11; however, down from December, 2014, by \$28,548.30. General Fund receipts were strong for December, 2014, at \$313,996.21, up from the four year average by \$73,372.41. General Fund expenses were also up from the four year average by \$211,876.28. Ms. Fickel also distributed the Summary Fund Report for the calendar year 2014. The report shows beginning balances, revenue, expenditures, and cash balance for the year for the General Fund and Special Funds. Ms. Fickel shared the dog tag post card layout with the Commissioners. She and the Dog Warden were both very pleased with the finished product. Ms. Fickel noted about 2,000 post cards were mailed out to gently remind dog owners to purchase tags for 2015. The last day to purchase tags is February 2, 2015. Ms. Fickel commented the Homestead applications are due June 1, 2015, and that the Board of Revisions is currently accepting applications.

Ann Pease, Clerk of Courts – Ms. Pease shared fourth quarter reports for the legal office and the title office. She commented the county realized an additional \$50,000.00 in revenue due to the state raising the fee from \$5.00 to \$15.00, with the county keeping more of the fee. Ms. Pease reported Paulding County paid \$5,396,000.00 to the state in taxes and fees in 2014. She noted 30,604 transactions were done in her legal office in 2014. Foreclosures are down from the last two years.

Ed Bohn, EMA – Mr. Bohn announced the next LEPC meeting will be held on January 28 at noon. Lunch will be provided. Planning for a tabletop exercise will be completed. He encouraged the Commissioners to attend. Mr. Bohn expressed the need for damage assessment volunteers when the need arises. He noted the importance of qualified volunteers to ensure grant dollars for the county. Mr. Bohn reported he now has the Paulding Fire Department and EMS, Antwerp Fire Department, and Cecil Fire Department equipped with e-Dispatch capabilities. He has also been meeting with the Sheriff and the E-911 Coordinator to discuss County-wide communication issues. Mr. Bohn commented he will soon be receiving an updated list of the top 25 haz-mat running on rail through Paulding County. He has also requested the frequencies of the trains pulling such materials through the county. Mr. Bohn is currently obtaining quotes for a foam trailer as part of the Black Swamp Citizen Corp., which consists of Paulding, Defiance, Williams, Henry, and Fulton Counties. Henry County is gathering quotes for an air compressor. Defiance County a generator and Williams County loose equipment, which may include suits, meters, monitors, etc. Mr. Bohn reviewed his activity report and again expressed the desire for a part time clerical person. He also noted his office ceiling tile will be replaced the first week of February.

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United Way of Paulding County EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
United Way of Paulding County, an Ohio not-for-profit charitable corporation, created in 1992 to address the needs of Paulding County residents, plans to employ a part-time Executive Director.
The position of Executive Director is currently a part-time position working a flexible schedule of 20-25 hours per week. Previous non-profit experience in a leadership role is required, with United Way experience desired. The candidate must have a working knowledge of non-profit fiscal management, accounting, and budgeting experience. Previous experience in fundraising is desired. Must have excellent MS Office, Quickbooks and computer skills, writing and presentation/public speaking skills, and exceptional interpersonal relationship skills. Must have the ability to listen to and represent the community and the goals of United Way.
The Executive Director will be expected to direct continued growth and success, manage and maintain relationships with partner organizations.
Please send resume to resume and cover letter to pcedpam@gmail.com.
Resume Deadline is Feb. 20th, 2015

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NEW HAVEN TAKES 4th AT IHSAA WRESTLING SECTIONALS



Jonyvan Johnson from New Haven wrestles at the sectional match hosted by the Bulldogs. More pictures at westbendnews.net

These are the results of the IHSAA Wrestling Sectionals that took place at New Haven High School on January 31, 2015.

Team Scores:
1st Leo 206; 2nd Snider 172.5; 3rd Huntington North 172; 4th New Haven 169; 5th Homestead 141.5; 6th Heri-

age 96; 7th Woodlan 87; 8th Wayne 81; 9th Bishop Luers 48; 10th South Side 30

Individual finishes:
106 - 1st Geoffrey Davis of Wayne; 2nd Sam Richard of Leo
113 - 1st Jack Franklin of Homestead; 2nd Zack Johnson of Huntington North
120 - 1st Eddie Loraine of Leo; 2nd Kyle Rothgeb of Heritage
126 - 1st Owen Doster of New Haven; 2nd Drake Rhodes of Homestead
132 - 1st Ryan Shaffer of New Haven; 2nd Chase His-song of Leo
138 - 1st Isaac Eicher of Leo; 2nd Alex Beal of Huntington North
145 - 1st Tanner Shipley of Huntington North; 2nd Kyle Leland of Homestead
152 - 1st Nate Garcia of South Side; 2nd Nick Miller of Snider
160 - 1st Nick Potter of New Haven; 2nd Jamison Stiebeling of Snider
170 - 1st Jacob Lay of Homestead; 2nd Taylor Garton of Leo
182 - 1st Wyatt Clem of Homestead; 2nd Russell Davies of Snider
195 - 1st Mikey Rivera of New Haven; 2nd Trevor Thomas of Snider
220 - 1st Layne Emery of Huntington North; 2nd Edwin Barberena of Woodlan
285 - 1st Matt Swartz of Snider; 2nd Daemen Williams of Bishop Luers

GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY ANNOUNCES JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Grover Hill Elementary January Students of the Month:
Front - Libby Meraz 3B and Lynsey Pease RS1 and 3A

Middle - Nicholas Sinn 2B, Sydnee Sinn 4B, Ava Stoller 2A, Miley Jacobs KA, Caleb McClure KB, Jordan Hale 1B and Ethan Fisher 1A

Back - Cole Fisher 4A, Kelsey Roberts 6A, Ethan Moore RS2 and 6B, Brayton Parrish 5A, Trevor Sinn PE and Hunter Long.

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LOCAL GAME TOURNAMENTS SET TO TAKE PLACE

Pool, Deck, Shuffleboard, Snooker and Quiz Tournaments are ready to take place this winter. To enter, send your name and contact information to Lynn Lichty, 7874, CR 424, Antwerp, OH 45813. Entry deadline is February 28, 2015.

POUR YOURSELF INTO THESE: HISTORIC DREWRY'S BEER LAUNCHES COMMERCIAL CONTEST

Drewrys Brewing Company, a recently revived historic beer maker from South Bend, Indiana, with distribution in your Fort Wayne region, is placing our classic lager on store shelves and in the favorite taverns and restaurants of your city.

Now, we're placing you at the center of all that Drewrys excitement! Beginning Monday, February 9, Drewrys invites your entries in our Drewrys Commercial Contest. You'll have 90 days to submit a video commercial featuring Drewrys and - well - whatever else you want to celebrate about your city, your friends, your favorite bar, and the new Drewrys experience you've come to love.

Above all else, we're looking for really fun entries, within reason of course. There are basic guidelines, minimal rules and the standard, prudent, boring but necessary legal language about the contest at drewrysbrewing.com, and our submission entry site on Facebook. The winning entries, as determined by our online voters and in-house marketing professionals, will be featured at a May viewing party in South Bend, and across Drewrys social media platforms. But you'll know the winners by their T-shirts, posters and

other swag prizes. "We've been talking about doing this since last year," said Dan Blacharski, Drewrys vice president of marketing. "But then Austin and his friends in Michigan's Upper Peninsula sent us these ice-fishing photos featuring Drewrys beer, crazy ice cold Drewrys beer, and we all looked at each other in the office and said, 'You know? Let's go do this commercial thing.'"

So after seeing some of the disappointing messages in this year's Super Bowl commercials, we figured now is as good a time as any - which was also what we said about relaunching the Drewrys brand back in 2013, after the beer had been absent for the last 40 years. We've grown already into distribution in four Great Lakes states, and continue to build market momentum with our quality taste, great story and genuine grassroots marketing campaign. In October 2014, Drewrys announced plans to open a new brewery, tasting room, and small museum in its home location of South Bend. Drewrys, once the 10th largest brewer in the nation, also operated a brewery in Chicago, where the revived brand is already stocked in dozens of outlets. With a growing pool of investors on board, Drewrys continues to move forward with its capital raise and expanded reach to customers throughout the Midwest.

"The timing was right for the return of Drewrys," said Frank Manzo, the Drewrys president. "The market is shifting and people are growing tired of mass-produced adjunct lagers and over-priced microbrews alike. That's where we fit in." Now, that's where you can fit in too!

For more information about the contest, the investment opportunities, online merchandise and more, see www.drewrysbrewing.com or Facebook, or @DrewrysBrewing on Twitter. Attached graphics are available for print, broadcast and online media use.

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TROOPERS ASKING MOTORISTS TO #MOVEOVER

Last month, an Ohio State Highway Patrol trooper was struck by a vehicle as he was standing outside of his cruiser, responding to a crash on the side of I-475. Thankfully, he sustained non-life threatening injuries, but he was knocked over a guardrail, fell into a steep ditch and had to be pulled up to safety by a rope.

Hundreds of people are killed or injured each year after pulling over to the side of a road and subsequently getting struck by another vehicle. The Ohio State Highway Patrol is asking motorists to help keep their fellow drivers as well as law enforcement officers safe by following Ohio's Move Over law.

The law requires all drivers to move over one lane when passing any vehicle with flashing or rotating lights parked on the roadside. If moving over is not possible due to traffic or weather conditions, or because a second lane does not exist, motorists should slow down and proceed with caution.

"By moving over, motorists are helping to protect the lives of everyone who works on or uses our roadways," said Lt. Tim Grigsby. "It's not just the law; it's the right thing to do."

To view the statistical analysis regarding our safe

driving awareness month visit http://www.statepatrol.ohio.gov/doc/Move_Over_Bulletin_2015

As always, the Patrol asks drivers to call #677 to report impaired drivers or drug activity.

GATORADE CAMPAIGN AT LOCAL HIGH SCHOOLS

On February 14th, The United Way of Paulding County Student Advisory Council from Wayne Trace High School is helping out the American Red Cross of Paulding County by collecting small Gatorade bottles at the boys' basketball game. The American Red Cross is in need of Gatorade for disaster scenes for first responders and victims. ARC has responded to seven house fires since December 1, 2014 and their supplies have been sorely diminished. Those who participate in this cause will be placed in a drawing for a \$25.00 gas card! Additionally, the Antwerp and Paulding Youth Council will also be participating in this drive. Collection of the Gatorade will be accepted in Antwerp on February 26th at the basketball game and Paulding is TBA. Keep watching the news for additional details and come out and support the UWPC Youth Council, the American Red Cross and our local athletes!

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