

CAMERON STOLLER WINS COUNT SPELLING BEE!



Pictured here are the Spelling Bee winners: Cameron Stoller, Faith Meraz, and Gaige McMichael.

By: Derek Reeb
On February 9th, students from all over Paulding County met to compete in the County Spelling Bee. The Bee took place at Antwerp Local School, Monday night at 7:00 p.m. This was the second stage in the spelling bee process and to get here, every contestant had to have already won their school spelling bee in order to advance to the county round. Many kids studied their word lists for months, in anticipation for the competition.

On Monday, they found out if their hard work paid off. For one 5th grade student from Wayne Trace Payne,

it certainly did. Cameron Stoller went against eight other spellers, grades 5 through 8, correctly spelling every word throughout the course of the Bee. Other students also did well in the competition, aside from just one trip-up that cost them advancing toward 1st place. One such student was runner-up Faith Meraz, who correctly spelled words like "typhoon" and "begonia." Only eight rounds into the Bee, Stoller was given "behoove," which led to the championship word "homonym," both of which she spelled confidently.

After rounds of applause for Stoller and all the com-

peting students, the award ceremony began. The winner and runner-up both received gift cards to Barnes and Noble, courtesy of the Antwerp Exchange Bank, and check money, from the Antwerp VFW. All participants were awarded medals and certificates for their academic achievements.

The next step for Stoller is the Regional Spelling Bee, where she will compete against the victors of several other county spelling bees. It will be held at IPFW on March 7, 2015. The winner of that competition will advance to the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington D.C.

ACCELERATED READERS AT PAYNE LIBRARY



Laina Gross, Payne Branch Library Clerk, looks over a book from the newly arranged AR collection.

The Payne Branch Library, the second branch of the Paulding County Carnegie Library system, has rearranged their juvenile fiction collection and organized it by Accelerated Reader (AR) level. As any student or parent knows, it is sometimes challenging to find a book in their child's level. The Payne Branch team, led by Suzi Yenser, has re-organized all juvenile fiction books into easy-to-find reading levels. "We have already had one student share that the new arrangement has helped her reach her reading goals," stated Mrs. Yenser.

According to Susan Pieper, library director, "There are libraries throughout the nation who are reorganizing their collections in ways that make better sense to their patrons. But, this is the first time I have seen a library arrange their youth fiction by AR levels. I think it is a great idea!"

The Payne Branch Library opened in 1996 and serves the residents of Payne six days a week. Monday-Tuesday: Noon-7:30; Wednesday-Friday: 10:00-5:00; Saturdays: 9:00-1:00. For more information call 419-263-3333.

WOODLAN 7th GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL WIN ACAC TOURNAMENT



After beating Heritage in the first game of the tournament, Woodlan overcame Hermitage in a tough battle to move on to the final game against South Adams. The Warriors came out on top with a final score of 43-27. Pictured above are (back

row) Coach Erin Fox, Malia Pickney, Selma Peidra, Hanna Albertson, Kate Mendenhall, and Coach Kyle Bricker; (front row) Hallie Mason, Taya Kitzmiller, Kristina White, Addison Bayman, Gabby Joyce, and Kate Dyer.

HOLOCAUST EXPERT VISITS ANTWERP FRESHMEN

Kristi Keller, a Holocaust Resource Consultant, recently visited Mr. Miesle's freshmen world history classes to share information about victims of the Holocaust, especially Jehovah's Witnesses. Most students are aware of the sufferings of Jewish victims but do not realize other minority groups were persecuted during the Holocaust as well, including Witnesses, the disabled, and homosexuals. Keller showed the students the badges worn by these different groups and explained how Witnesses were offered the chance to sign a declaration renouncing their faith in order to be set free from concentration camps.

Keller also introduced students to the stories of Max Liebster and Simone Arnold Liebster, a husband and wife who were both Holocaust victims during their youth. Max, a German Jew, was arrested when he was 24 and sent to Sachsenhausen, a concentration camp near Berlin. There, he found his dying father, whom he later had to carry on his back to the crematorium

furnace. Max was a prisoner for nearly six years in five concentration camps. He lost seven family members in the Holocaust.

After the war, in 1956, Max married Simone Arnold, a Witness whose family also suffered during the Holocaust. When she was a child, Simone's father was arrested and sent to a concentration camp, while she and her mother were left to fend for themselves without money or a working permit. Around that time, Simone was also expelled from school for refusing to "Heil Hitler."

When she was 12, Simone was sent to a penitentiary house where Nazis tried to "reeducate" her; there, she could not talk, could only bathe twice a year, had to perform constant chores, and received beatings as punishment. After the war, Simone was reunited with her parents, but not before they had all suffered great physical and emotional loss.

After learning of the Liebsters' story, students in Mr. Miesle's class had the privilege of Skyping with Simone, who is 85 and lives in France.

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PAULDING, OH:
Mildred Jean Hoschak age 99 died Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at the Gardens of Paulding, Paulding, Ohio.

She was born January 16, 1916 in Paulding the daughter of Albert and Dora (Cramer) Anspach. On February 20, 1939 she married Alphons J. Hoschak who preceded her in death on December 11, 1986. She was a member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding where she was very active in the church. She was a 1934 graduate of Paulding High School; and previously worked at the former Grizzly Manufacturing; Paulding Theater; Mentzer's 5 & 10 Store; the Vagabond Restaurant; and WPA. She was a member of the Paulding Eagles #2405 Auxiliary and it's drill team. She loved to sew and loved African violets.

She is survived by four children: Janice C. (William) Wiseman, Ocala, FL, Carol A. Merz, Paulding, Gregory C. (Mary) Hoschak, Ney, and Gary A. Hoschak, Paulding; twelve grandchildren; and many great grandchildren.

She is also preceded in death by her parents; a grandson, William Michael Merz; and her siblings: Harry Anspach, Floyd Anspach, Amanda Knisley, Gertrude Haushalter, Alma Bennett, Violet Anspach and Myrtle Hofstetter.

A Mass of Christian Burial was conducted 10 AM Saturday, February 14 at Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding. Burial followed in St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding County.

Visitation was Friday, February 13 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with a wake service at 7:30 PM. There was also a visitation one hour prior to services at the church on Saturday.

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WOODBURN, IN

Elaine Sweet, 77 of Woodburn, Indiana passed away Friday, February 13, 2015. Her family was assisted by Dooley Funeral Homes of Antwerp & Payne, Ohio.

ODA DIRECTOR BURMAN ASKS MEALS PROGRAM CONSUMERS TO "GO STEADY!"

Ohio Department of Aging director Bonnie K. Burman, Sc.D., visited the meals program at the Council for Older Adults of Delaware County today and rode along with Gary and Sandy Must, volunteers with the Meals on Wheels program, to deliver special Valentine's Day cards to consumers. The cards included tips to help consumers prevent falls in their homes. One in three older Ohioans will fall this year. The STEADY U Ohio initiative encourages all Ohioans to learn how to help an older loved one avoid a life-altering fall.

"Often, older adults do not want to talk about falling because they see it as a threat to their independence," Director Burman said. "When you help loved ones understand that falls are not a normal part of aging and that most falls can be prevented, you are giving them one of the best gifts they can receive: peace of mind."

"A single fall can be life-changing for an older adult, but it doesn't have to happen," added Bob Horrocks, executive director of the Council for Older Adults. "We are proud to support the STEADY U Ohio initiative in helping our older friends and neighbors remain safe in their homes and their community."

Director Burman encourages all Ohioans to talk to their older loved ones about falls. "Be persistent, but also respectful. If they don't want to talk about it, that's okay, but bring the subject up again soon. By showing you care, you can help remove some of their anxiety about the topic and help them reduce their risk."

Tips to help a loved one prevent falls include:

- Don't let your loved one become afraid of falling. Look into programs like A Matter of Balance that can teach older adults to lose their fear and build strength and balance.
- Ask about chronic pain. Pain can cause your loved one to avoid activity, which increases the risk of falls.
- Encourage them to ask their doctor for a falls risk assessment. Learning what

causes falls is crucial to preventing them.

- Offer to be physically active with your loved one. Simple activities like walking or swimming regularly can maintain strength and balance. Find something you both enjoy doing.
- Promote good nutrition and hydration to reduce the risk of weakness, dizziness and fatigue.
- Talk about changes to your loved one's home to reduce falls risks, such as installing grab bars in the bathroom, removing throw rugs and improving lighting.

Ask someone you love to "Go STEADY" and prevent falls with Valentine's e-cards available on the STEADY U Ohio Facebook page. Visit www.steadyu.ohio.gov for more falls prevention tips and resources, including a falls risk self-assessment.

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 2/18 - 2/24

2/18 - Vegetable lasagna, Italian green beans, apricots, tomato juice, garlic bread, rainbow yogurt

2/19 - Ham & cheese casserole, stewed tomatoes, spinach salad, hot applesauce, dinner roll

2/20 - Baked fish, loaded potatoes, green beans, peaches, WW bread, cake

2/23 - Spaghetti & meatballs, coleslaw, warm pears, garlic bread

2/24 - Turkey & cheese on rye, chunky tomato soup, pineapple tidbits, pea salad, cookie, crackers

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 2/18 - 2/24

2/18 - Ash Wednesday; Buckeye Hearing Bingo at 12:00 Noon, Free Hearing Screenings by appointment; Bunco at 12:30 p.m.; Crafts at 12:30 p.m.; Grocery Shopping at 1:30 p.m.

2/19 - Blood Pressure & Toe Nail Clinic at 9:00 a.m.; Exercise at 10:00 a.m.; Turn up at 12:15 p.m.; Evening Meal at 5:00 p.m.; Dinner & Dance at 5:30 p.m.

2/20 - Commodity Distribution at 11:00 a.m.; Craft store open 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

2/23 - Tax Clinic, Appointments starting at 9:00 a.m.; Exercise at 10:00 a.m.; Steering Committee Meeting at 12:00 Noon

2/24 - Euchre at 9:45 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.; Fun Facts Trivia with Nicole at 12:00 p.m.

SCHNORMEIER GALLERY TO HOST OHIO ART LEAGUE EXHIBITION

Mount Vernon Nazarene University's Schnormeier Gallery will host the work of members of the Ohio Art League (OAL). The exhibition will be on display from March 5 through April 15, 2015. The opening reception will take place on Friday, March 6, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. This event and the subsequent exhibition in the gallery are free and open to the public.

The Ohio Art League, a non-profit organization operating out of Columbus, OH, employs innovative strategies to support visual artists in all stages of their careers. OAL connects member artists to patrons of the arts, the community, and exhibit and studio spaces. Through professional development, mentorship and advocacy, OAL aims to help Ohio cultivate and retain top visual art talent while positioning the state as a hub for the visual arts.

OAL began in 1909 when a group of forty graduates of the Columbus Art School formed the Columbus Art Students League. The league sought to organize local artists for the sake of "mutual and public benefit." Today, that vision has become a reality. OAL has been instrumental in the careers of thousands of Ohio artists, including distinguished members Alice Schille, Roy Lichtenstein, Emerson Burkhardt, and George Bellows. Presently, OAL serves over 600 member artists.

For more information on the Ohio Art League, visit oal.org.

The Schnormeier Gallery is located at 221 S. Main Street in Mount Vernon, Ohio. The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 12 to 4:30 pm and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. For more information, call 740-397-9000, ext. 3040.

Mount Vernon Nazarene University is a private, four-year, intentionally Christian teaching university for traditional age students, graduate students and working adults. With a 327-acre main campus in Mount Vernon, OH, and several convenient Graduate and Professional Studies locations throughout the state, MVNU emphasizes academic excellence, spiritual growth and service to community and church. MVNU offers an affordable education to more than 2,200 students from 29 states and 12 countries/U.S. territories.

A SHERWOOD SCRAPBOOK

Fairview High School would like to invite the community members to breakfast and hear a presentation about the history of Sherwood and the surrounding areas that make up Central Local School District. On Wednesday, March 11th, breakfast will be served by the High School Quiz Bowl and NHS members starting at 8:30 a.m. in the high school cafeteria. Dan Hasch will present a PowerPoint from pictures of the past.

Please R.S.V.P. to Tracy Zeedyk in the High School by March 4th so we can plan our breakfast to our community, 419-658-2378.

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"For this is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another. Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother."

1 John 3:11-12 NIV



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She and Max dedicated their post-war lives to telling their story and educating others on the Holocaust. Max died in 2008, but Simone continues to carry on their mission. Simone answered students' questions about her experiences, and she emphasized the importance of adhering to

one's own voice of conscience and countering peer pressures that undermine one's values.

To learn more about Simone, you can read her book, *Facing the Lion: Memoirs of a Young Girl in Nazi Europe*. You can also visit <http://www.alst.org>, the Arnold Liebster Foundation website.

PAULDING FCCLA MEMBERS MAKE LAPTOP BLANKETS



Paulding High School FCCLA member Michelle Young constructed over 70 laptop blankets with the help of FCCLA members and stu-

dents for residents of "The Gardens" at Paulding. The blankets were wrapped and presented to the residents at Christmas.

5th ANNUAL BEST OF THE BEST SPRING SHOOTOUT

The 5th Annual Best of the Best Basketball Spring Shootout will be held on March 7-8, 2015 at the beautiful Heminger Center on the campus of Tiffin University in Tiffin, OH. There will be a 4th grade, 5th grade, 6th grade, 7th grade and 8th grade division. There will be a 3-game guarantee. This tournament will benefit the local youth basketball program. For more information, please visit www.bestofthebestbasketball.com or call 419-443-5440.

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Vance has been with First Federal since 2009 and will be responsible for overseeing branch operations and offering banking solutions to retail and business customers. "It is rewarding to offer solutions that fulfill or meet our customers' needs," said Vance. "I look forward to guiding customers along the path of achieving their financial goals."

Vance is an active member of her community and serves as the secretary for Paulding Elementary PTO, the treasurer for Antwerp Presbyterian Church, a member of Kiwanis and Paulding Entrepreneur Networking Group and is a United Way volunteer. She can be reached at her office at 905 North Williams Street or by calling (419) 399-9748.

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iAB FINANCIAL BANK WELCOMES BEVERLY GUDAKUNST AS NEW MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR

iAB Financial Bank is pleased to announce that Beverly Gudakunst has joined the organization as a new Mortgage Originator. Gudakunst has a professional background encompassing over 23 years in mortgage lending, including owning her own mortgage company for 10 years.

Gudakunst is an affiliate member of Upstar Alliance of Realtors, as well as a member of the Home Builders Association of Fort Wayne. Additionally, she volunteers her time to the Rescue Mission, sponsors children in 4-H Horse and Pony and fosters animals for the Fort Wayne Animal Shelter. In her spare time, she also enjoys gardening and playing piano.

iAB Financial Bank, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Independent Alliance Banks, Inc., is one of the largest locally-owned community banks in the area and employs approximately 290 people throughout Allen, Huntington, Marshall and Wells counties.

SECRETARY OF STATE HUSTED TAPPED AGAIN FOR NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SECRETARIES OF STATE COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP

The National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) has once again selected Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted to serve as co-chair of the Standing Committee on Elections for 2014-2015. Secretary Husted previously served as co-chair of this committee in 2011.

"It is an honor to be asked again to serve my peers in this capacity," Secretary Husted said. "I look forward to working with other secretaries of state on important issues that impact how we run elections in Ohio and throughout the nation."

The Elections Committee

is dedicated to educating and informing NASS members about state election administration practices and laws, as well as tracking proposed federal legislation and election reform proposals submitted by national organizations and/or secretaries. This committee also follows the activities of relevant federal agencies and congressional committees. When appropriate, NASS committees will develop policy positions for consideration by the full membership.

Each NASS committee has bipartisan leadership, with one Democrat and one Republican appointed to serve as co-chairs. Secretary Husted will co-chair the Standing Committee on Elections with Montana Secretary of State Linda McCulloch.

"NASS committees are the foundation for state-based collaboration and information-sharing, and we are fortunate to have so many seasoned, capable leaders who can help us develop our issue priorities for the coming year," remarked NASS President and Oregon Secretary of State Kate Brown, who appointed the bipartisan slate of state officials. "We are grateful for their willingness to step up and share their expertise in the many different policy areas that matter to secretary of state offices."

Secretary Husted will join fellow Secretaries of State from around the nation this week in Washington D.C. for the NASS 2015 Winter Conference.



JAMES STATES JOINS STATE BANK

State Bank is pleased to announce that James R. States will lead the Paulding County region as District Sales Manager.

Jim is an Ohio Northern University graduate with over 22 years of experience in financial services. He is responsible to provide consumer and business financial education as well as a vast array of business and agricultural solutions for a variety of borrowers' needs. His knowledge of the market and leadership capabilities makes him a lender of choice for many small businesses in the area. Jim also maintains a thorough knowledge of features and benefits of all bank products and services to assist customers in obtaining specialized services from other bank departments.

Jim is a member of the Paulding County Kiwanis and resides in Dupont, OH with his wife Kathy and son Nick. His offices are located at 220 North Main Street in Paulding, OH and 218 North First Street in Oakwood, OH. He can be reached by phone at 419.399.5270 or by email at Jim.States@YourStateBank.com.

ENERGY & COMMERCE COMMITTEE ADVANCES LATTA'S DRINKING WATER PROTECTION ACT

The House Energy and Commerce Committee passed H.R. 212, the Drinking Water Protection Act, sponsored by Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH). The legislation now awaits a vote by the U.S. House of Representatives.

"Today, the Energy and Commerce Committee took an important step to protecting our public health and safety by advancing the Drinking Water Protection Act," said Latta. "My legislation takes the thoughtful, robust approach needed to adequately assess and manage the risks of algal toxins in our drinking water, and I thank the Committee for its support. I look forward to working with my Congressional colleagues and leadership to ensure this legislation is taken up for a vote on the House floor in a timely manner."

Latta introduced the Drinking Water Protection Act to help protect drinking water from harmful cyanotoxins, which caused a water emergency in Northwest Ohio last August. The bipartisan bill requires the Environmental Protection Agency to develop and submit a strategic plan to Congress for assessing and managing the risks associated with algal toxins in drinking water.

LATTA, ESHOO, ISSA, MATSUI, DELBENE REINTRODUCE BIPARTISAN, BICAMERAL WI-FI INNOVATION ACT

Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH), Vice Chairman of the Energy and Commerce Committee's Communications and Technology Subcommittee, along with Ranking Member of the Communications and Technology Subcommittee Anna G. Eshoo (D-CA), Congressman Darrell Issa (R-CA), Congresswoman Doris Matsui (D-CA) and Congresswoman Suzan DelBene (D-WA), reintroduced the Wi-Fi Innovation Act, bipartisan, bicameral legislation that addresses growing spectrum demand by examining ways to improve spectrum efficiency and maximize its use.

"As more and more technologies utilize Wi-Fi to connect to the Internet, the need for increased wireless spectrum grows," Latta said. "The Wi-Fi Innovation Act examines ways to maximize spectrum use by efficiently expanding the deployment of wireless networks and services, so everyone can benefit from next-generation technologies. Utilizing unlicensed spectrum remains a critical component of promoting economic development and increased connectivity across the country, and the Wi-Fi Innovation Act would help bridge the digital divide."

"Spectrum is a driver of economic opportunity in our country, serving as the invisible backbone of our digital age and turning our smart devices into connected tools for education, commerce and safety," Eshoo said. "But we've only scratched the surface in optimizing this finite resource. To fully realize its potential, the bipartisan, bicameral Wi-Fi Innovation Act

BEACON CREDIT UNION OF NEW HAVEN RECENTLY DONATED \$1000 TO THE NEW HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL CANSTRUCTION TEAM



Principal, Greg Mohler, Renee Bock, Sean Ferguson, Taylor Vachon, Ryan Perkins, Devin Dubbelde Jintida Chanthavong and Beacon Credit Union Branch Manager, Amanda Blackburn on the right.

If you are not familiar with what Canstruction is, it is a charity that strives to feed the hungry while inspiring the world. It is not only a program that is found in high schools in the United States; the program also hosts events in North and South America, Australia, Europe and Asia. Since the charity's formation in 1992, it has raised more than 21 million pounds of food. After each event, the cans used to build the spectacular sculptures are all do-

nated to the community. In Fort Wayne, all the canned goods are donated to the Community Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Indiana. In the past, the New Haven High School Canstruction team has been very successful in the Fort Wayne competitions which are held at Glenbrook Square Mall. In 2013, New Haven won a prize for the best use of labels. New Haven graduate Keegan Holle won a \$1000 scholarship at the competition that year.

directs the FCC to study how spectrum can be shared and utilized in innovative ways. From offloading mobile data traffic onto Wi-Fi networks to using unlicensed spectrum as a digital sandbox for wireless R&D, the economic benefits are enormous and the technological discovery untold.

"From personal communication to transportation, healthcare and beyond, wireless technologies are changing and improving our lives," Issa said. "The Wi-Fi Innovation Act will make available the spectrum necessary to support the best new inventions and the jobs and prosperity these new discoveries will foster."

"Wi-Fi is already an integral part of our everyday lives; we must meet current demand and put in place a plan to meet growing needs," Matsui said. "The Wi-Fi Innovation Act will require the FCC to develop and adopt a testing process to evaluate the feasibility of sharing in the 5GHz band. It is my hope that the FCC will use this opportunity to bring in the automotive and technology engineers to produce hard data—without interference—that can be relied upon during decision-making on the future of the 5GHz band. It is our

responsibility to ensure that the U.S. continues to be the center for technology and innovation, and spectrum will be necessary to achieve this."

"If we want the Internet to continue to thrive the FCC needs to keep up with the growing demand for wireless spectrum capacity," DelBene said. "Our bill takes a step in the right direction while also helping to bridge the digital divide that some low-income and rural communities face because of unreliable access to wireless networks."

The Wi-Fi Innovation Act directs the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to conduct tests within the 5 GHz spectrum band to determine if spectrum can be shared without interfering with current users. The bill also acknowledges ongoing efforts related to the development of critical safety applications in vehicles and other intelligent transportation initiatives and creates a study to examine the barriers to Wi-Fi deployment in low-income areas.

Similar legislation was also introduced in the U.S. Senate by Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) and Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ).

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CENTRAL LUTHERAN STUDENTS SET FOR REGIONAL HISTORY BEE



Central Lutheran School is proud to announce that it will be sending five students to the Regional History Bee in Indianapolis, IN on March 30. The History Bee is a fun, interactive quiz program that tests students' knowledge of various historical topics. Emily Farler, Ethan Berning, Afam Nzekwe, Matthew

Gehl, and Logan Bauer each qualified to participate in the Regional Bee after completing the Online Regional Qualifying Exam and scoring high enough to advance. Winners from the Regional Bee will then participate in the National History Bee in Louisville, KY.

ST. ROSE TEACHER HONORED WITH LIGHT OF LEARNING AWARD



Each year in celebration of Excellence in Catholic Education, Catholic school teachers are eligible to earn the Light of Learning award. For the St. Rose of Lima School in Monroeville, the Light of Learning selection committee elected kindergarten teacher Mrs. Jessica Sharp. Nominated by parents, students, and teachers, she met the criteria that the selection committee uses to determine honorees. The criteria includes the following: teaches full time in a diocesan school for at least two years, expresses Christ-like mannerisms, provides student

motivation, participates in extracurricular events, keeps current with subjects taught, and relates well to students.

Mrs. Sharp earned her teaching degree from Ball State University and has been teaching at St. Rose for five years. She loves to watch her young students master new concepts and make their own discoveries. Her favorite bible verse ties directly to her Catholic education teaching career, which is Matthew 19:14: "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these."

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH TO HOST FREE MOVIE NIGHT

The Christ Lutheran Church in Woodburn, IN will host a free movie night on February 22, 2015. The movie to be shown is *The Investigator*. It is said to be inspired by true events of a coach, teacher, mentor — in his search to help others, he found the truth within himself.

Snacks will begin at 4:00 p.m. with the movie beginning at 5:00 p.m. The church is located just at the corner on SR 101 and Park Street.

ST. ROSE SPONSORS KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP

Do you have a child ready to attend kindergarten next year? While it is still the middle of winter, it is already time to think about the 2015-16 school year. St. Rose of Lima School in Monroeville is doing just that by offering a special day for children attending school for the first time. On Wednesday, February 25, St. Rose will hold a Kindergarten Roundup. Offering flexible hours from 2:30-7:00 p.m., St. Rose welcomes all first-time students and their parents.

This is a great opportunity to visit the school building, learn more about a typical day at St. Rose, discover the amenities available, and meet the teacher, who is a recipient of the 2015 Light of Learning award for excellence in Catholic Education. St. Rose focuses on Building Saints and Academic Excellence; a great place to educate students spiritually, intellectually, emotionally, and physically. Visit their website at www.strosemontroeville.org for more information about the school system.

HAVE YOU RESPONDED TO THE INVITATION?

Winning the Battle for a Generation by: Pastor Rick Jones

Have you ever wanted to be on the VIP list to a major public event? To get into the Kennedy Center Honors for Performing Arts, the White House Correspondent's Dinner, or the Academy Awards requires some special access, a "connection with someone who has real influence with those who make the call as to who gets in or not." For example, consider with me the following article by Alice Li and Julie Ann McKellogg, "How to Get into the Hottest D.C. Parties," *The Washington Post*, (1-8-15).

According to *The Washington Post*, the D.C. party scene is attracting more and more of a Hollywood edge, making it far more star-studded than it's ever been. So the

newspaper offered some tips on how to get into the hottest parties with famous celebrities.

The Kennedy Center Honors is an annual honor given to those in the performing arts for their lifetime contributions. When an event brings together icons like Tom Hanks, Sting, and Lady Gaga, getting tickets to the event is daunting. And only about 300 tickets get sold to the public. So if you aren't a major donor, honoree, or celebrity, you're best bet is to hit up some of the corporate sponsors or donors. If you're really lucky, they can put in a special request to get you in.

D.C. is also becoming a hot spot for movie premieres, but good luck getting in. The movie studio, corporate sponsors, and local party planners decide the guest list. Their target audience is influential lobbyists and lawmakers.

The White House Correspondents' Dinner is another hot ticket. It's the D.C. tradition that bring in all sorts of VIPS for a night of laughs and barbs. Only members of the White House Correspondents' Association can buy tickets, but they can give them to anyone. So make some friends in the news biz.

Getting an invite to the White House is tough enough, a State Dinner, nearly impossible. There's no buying your way in. And there are very few no-shows, so forget a wait list. The President and First Lady have the final say on the guest list. The criteria for an invite is typically a prominent person who's at the top of their field, someone who has a business in the country being honored, or someone who personally knows the visiting head of state. So good luck with that one.

Just about everyone I've ever had a meaningful pastoral relationship with would like the assurance of making the "Invitation to Heaven list." Unlike the DC party scene or some other iconic American public event, making the "getting to Heaven list" is not limited to the elite, powerful or the rich among us. This is the beauty of Jesus invitation in John 3:16 (NKJV), "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

The "whoever" means "anyone, everyone" who comes to faith in Jesus Christ is on the list. Have you responded to our Lord's reservation?

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.

LATTA REINTRODUCES LEGISLATION TO HONOR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH) reintroduced the Veterans Air Travel Streamlining Act and the Children of Military Service Members Commemorative Lapel Pin Act in an effort to honor our nation's heroes and their families. Latta previously introduced both pieces of legislation in the 113th Congress.

The Veterans Air Travel Streamlining Act would waive the TSA pre-check program application fee for U.S. military veterans with a service-connected disability rating of 50 percent or greater. It is important to note that eligibility requirements would still need to be met before being approved for the pre-check program.

"Currently, injured veterans must contact TSA with the details of their confirmed flight itinerary and all other relevant information to be eligible to use TSA pre-check lanes or other expedited screening procedures," said Latta. "While these efforts by the TSA are commendable, this process can be time consuming and redundant. The Veterans Air Travel Streamlining Act would provide an opportunity for us to show our gratitude to our nation's heroes by expediting certain screening procedures that can be time consuming given their injuries."

The Children of Military Service Members Commemorative Lapel Pin Act, would honor military children for their contributions to our military, through their parents, with an official lapel pin.

"We must do everything we can to honor and respect not only our men and women in uniform, but also their families who have sacrificed so much for them and for our country," said Latta. "Our military children have endured frequent moves, long and short-term absences of a parent, and threats of parental loss in war. The Children of Military Service Members Commemorative Lapel Pin Act is just one way that we can recognize them for their contributions to our country."

H.R. 543, the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act, bipartisan legislation co-sponsored by Latta, was also introduced in the House. The bill grants presumptive Agent Orange exposure status to service members who served in the territorial seas of Vietnam during the Vietnam War. This would enable eligible veterans to receive expedited consideration for Veterans Affairs (VA) benefits if they suffer from any of the diseases the U.S. government has linked to Agent Orange.

A HIDDEN TREASURE IN PAULDING COUNTY: THE BLACK SWAMP NATURE CENTER

By: Staci Miller, Education Specialist, Paulding Soil and Water Conservation District

A true piece of natural wonder exists at the Black Swamp Nature Center. The Nature Center wasn't always a wildlife area, the land use to be part of the sugar beet factory. There were four ponds constructed by the beet factory to aid in the production process of the beets. Three ponds still exist today as part of the Black Swamp Nature Center. There was also a dam built for water retention that still exists today. The sugar beet factory closed down in 1948, it wasn't until 1958 that the wildlife area was established. From 1958-1990, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) spent monies on turning the wetlands, wooded areas, and ponds into fish stocked, wildlife refuge park with a driveway and parking lot that exists as what we know today at the Black Swamp Nature Center. In 1990, the Paulding Ponds Wildlife Area was offered and approved for sale to the Paulding County Commissioners from ODNR. Today the Black Swamp Nature Center is maintained by the Paulding Soil and Water District (SWCD) with the ownership of the property being the Paulding County Commissioners.

The Black Swamp Nature Center is one of the few designated wildlife areas in Paulding County. The nature center consists of 51 acres of land. There are 24 acres of woodland, 14 acres of wetlands and six acres of old meadow as well as the Nature Center building. The Nature Center building offers a picturesque view of nature for many different events such as meetings, trainings, and field trips for local schools and rental for personal events. There are four nature trails available to the public for daily walkers or those who truly want to enjoy the wonders of nature. Year around the nature center is home many different species of wildlife and birds. There have been over 175 species of birds documented at the Black Swamp Nature Center. The Black Swamp Nature Center is a prized piece of history and natural wonder in Paulding County. The Paulding SWCD would invite you to come visit the nature center and explore the many wonders of nature and wildlife. If you are interested in learning more about the history of the Black Swamp Nature Center, please visit the Paulding SWCD office at the fairgrounds for a copy of the history. Go walk, enjoy the peaceful atmosphere of the Black Swamp Nature Center!

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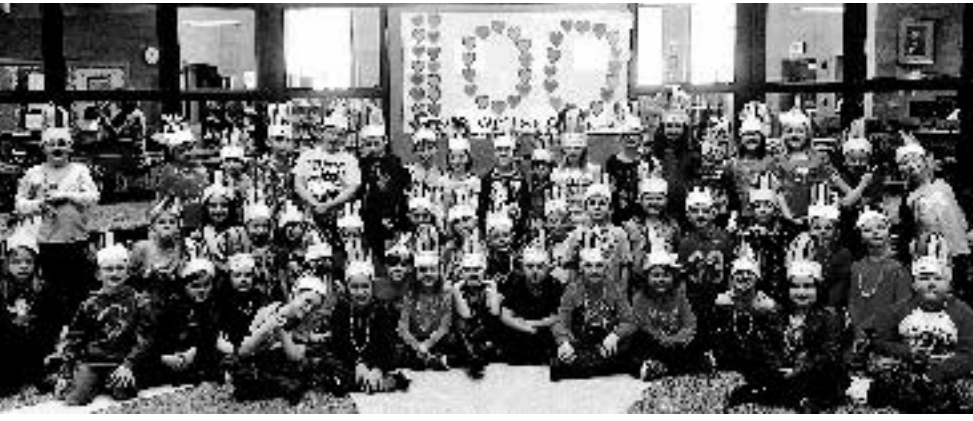
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ARCHERS GIVE BACK FOR 100th DAY OF SCHOOL



In honor of the 100th day of school, the Antwerp Elementary Student Council sponsored a canned food drive last week. Mrs. Scharr's class donated the most items, but every class did its part to collect hundreds of cans for the local food pantry.

100 DAYS OF SCHOOL!!



Hampton Rogge and Emory Ehrhart make Froot Loop necklaces to celebrate the 100th day of school.

First graders at Antwerp Elementary School celebrated their 100th day on Wednesday, February 11. The students came up with 100 reasons why they love their school and made 100 Day hats.

100TH DAY MIX UP AT PAYNE



On the 100th day of school, the Payne Elementary Young Kindergarten Class students brought in 100 pieces of food. We called it our "100th Day Mix-Up!"

WT LOCAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 2/18 - 2/24

Breakfast:
 2/18 - Mini pancakes, sausage, juice, milk
 2/19 - Cheese omelet, toast, juice, milk
 2/20 - Fruit stick, juice, milk
 2/23 - Sausage pizza, juice, milk
 2/24 - Egg & cheese muffin, juice, milk
Lunch:
 2/18 - Macaroni & cheese, peanut butter & jelly sandwich, steamed broccoli, fruit, milk; JH/HS: Chef salad, pizza sub, or grilled chicken sandwich w/salad bar
 2/19 - BBQ rib sandwich,

tator tots, peas & carrots, fruit, milk; JH/HS: Chef salad, pizza sub or grilled chicken sandwich w/salad bar
 2/20 - Cheese pizza, romaine lettuce salad w/dressing, fruit, milk; JH/HS: Chef salad, pizza sub or fish sandwich w/salad bar
 2/23 - Popcorn chicken, HS: mashed potatoes w/gravy, Elem: french fries, corn dinner roll w/margarine, fruit, milk; JH/HS: Chef salad, pizza sub or grilled chicken sandwich w/salad bar
 2/24 - Mini corn dogs, tator tots, fresh vegetables w/ranch dip, fruit, milk; JH/HS: Chef salad, Pizza sub or Grilled chicken sandwich w/salad bar

HELPING OUR STUDENTS WITH HOUSE BILL 7

Guest Column from State Representative Tony Burkley

Ohio House Bill 7 is a bill sponsored by Representative Jim Buchy that prohibits scores from this first year of new state assessments, including those supplied by the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) from being used against students in any way, offering them safe harbor. The bill was passed in the Ohio House on Wednesday, February 11th with broad bipartisan support.

I believe that this bill helps students to succeed by providing additional time to prepare students for higher expectation.

The provisions of this legislation are straightforward. The bill disallows the use of students' scores from state assessments to make decisions regarding grade promotion or retention and granting of credit. It ensures that students may re-take end of course examinations for high school courses throughout their high school career. The bill also clarifies that the new state assessments are not used to meet requirements under the third grade reading guarantee, and prohibits the release of individual students' test scores from tests administered during the 2014-15 school year.

House Bill 487, passed and signed into law during the last General Assembly, provided protection to teachers and administrators by allowing local districts to decline to use the student test results from the 2014-15 school year to make decisions such as termination and granting tenure. I was proud to support this bill. However, I feel that it is our duty to provide that same level of support to the students who are taking these tests.

By ensuring that these test scores do not hold any of our students back, we are giving them a better chance to suc-

ceed. While HB 7 is not a fix-all solution to our education system, I believe that it is a step in the right direction.

Acting sooner rather than later on this issue is in the best interest of the students. With the testing already taking place in some school districts, it is imperative that these protections are put in place expeditiously. With the bill's passage in the House, we now must wait on our colleagues in the Senate to continue the process. With their support, we can have this bill become a law soon enough to help our student's this school year.

As always, I would appreciate hearing your feedback on this and any other issues in the state legislature. I encourage you to contact my office with any concerns or ideas in regards to state government.

SECRETARY OF STATE HUSTED REMINDS OHIOANS: ONE VOTE MATTERS

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted offered more reasons why every vote matters and can often have a significant impact on the outcome of an election.

Based on a review of recounts conducted following the 2014 General Election on November 4th, seven local issues were decided by one vote or tied. In each of these instances, one person could have made the difference in deciding whether local taxes would go up, bond issues passed or an area restaurant or store could sell liquor.

"Whether it is a statewide or local issue, every ballot question has an impact on our lives and it is important that every voice is heard," Secretary Husted said. "When voters stay home they allow others to make these decisions for them."

Secretary Husted also noted why these findings reinforce the emphasis his administration places on making it easy to vote and hard to cheat.

"Accurate voter rolls and integrity in the elections process are always important, but when a single vote can carry such weight it raises the stakes," Secretary Husted said. "We, as elections officials, continue to do our part

to ensure casting a ballot is easy and the system is secure, but ultimately it is up to the voter to take advantage of the many opportunities to participate in every election."

A total of 70 local issues and races have been decided by one vote or tied (based on a review of recounts conducted by the Secretary of State's Of-

fice following the 2013 General, 2014 Primary and 2014 General elections).

Read more about Secretary Husted's efforts to make it easy to vote here, to keep Ohio's voter rolls accurate and up-to-date here, and on his vigilance in combatting voter fraud and voter suppression online.

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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, The 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
- INDIANA LOCATIONS**
- Grabill:** Save-A-Lot, Grabill Hardware, Grabill Country Sales
 - Harlan:** Marathon, Harlan Donuts, Harlan Cafe, iAB Bank
 - Hoagland:** Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub
 - 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
 - Woodburn:** Clip-N-Tan, Jim's Pizza, Woodburn Hardware, Bob's Restaurant, Woodburn Xpress, Country Oasis, and Woodburn Branch Library, Financial Partners
- OHIO LOCATIONS (continued):**
- 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
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THE LOBO TANK BUSTERS

By: Stan Jordan

This is the middle of June 1944, the invasion is about two weeks old. We have a good foot-hold in France, but we're not moving very fast. In fact, we are still pounding away at Caen. The Germans are determined to keep this city at any cost. That is in the English sector and Montgomery has not captured the city yet.

On our dawn patrol this morning, we ended up above Caen. We spotted four Tiger-Tanks sitting at the edge of a small town to ambush a column of American medium #3 tanks, operated by the English. There were two tanks on each side of the street waiting for the M3's to get in range. We got on through the radio to the other pilots and divided up the targets. I was to take the first one on the east side. I came in low and aimed my rocket at the middle of the tracks. The rocket done a good job on his boogie wheels. His boogie wheels just flew in all directions. I swung around and got some elevation and attacked his tank from the rear. I put a few of my 22 mm cannons into his engine and it started to burn. I swung around on another pass and could see from those burning tanks was getting pretty thick.

By now we were getting a lot of small caliber anti-aircraft rounds. I made one more circle at a slower speed and I could see the other pilots had taken out the other two tanks, that part of the city would be free for the English tank column coming down the road. We flew over the area looking for any targets or road-blocks or even a small bridge to blow up with our rockets. There was a small air field at the edge of town that wasn't being used anymore, so we blew the hangers to pieces. They were using the buildings for some other storage and we started some fires. On our afternoon sortie, we didn't find any big targets, we just shot up the fence rows, hoping to help the infantry boys.

After supper, we met in the barracks and set around and talked about our morning flights. After our crewmen got our planes ready for tomorrow's dawn patrol, they came in and listened to the pilots talk about blowing up the Tiger-Tanks. They got as excited as the pilots were. We hear that by knocking out those tanks, we helped save a

lot of boys' lives. Our medium tank is no match for the Tiger-Tank. We all feel pretty good about our morning patrol.
See ya!



A father put his three year old daughter to bed, told her a story and listened to her prayers which ended by saying, "God bless Mommy, God bless Daddy, God bless Grandma and goodbye Grandpa."

The father asked, "Why did you say goodbye Grandpa?"

The littler girl said, "I don't know daddy, it just seemed like the thing to do." The next day, Grandpa died. The father thought it was a strange coincidence.

A few months later, the father put the girl to bed and listened to her prayers, "God bless Mommy, God bless Daddy and goodbye Grandma." The next day the grandmother died.

"Holy smokes," thought the father, "this kid is in contact with the other side!"

Several weeks later when the girl was going to bed the dad heard her say, "God bless Mommy and goodbye Daddy."

He practically went into shock. He couldn't sleep all night and got up at the crack of dawn to go to his office. He was nervous as a cat all day, had lunch and watched the clock. He figured if he could get by until midnight, he would be okay. He felt safe in the office, so instead of going home at the end of the day, he stayed there, drinking coffee, looking at his watch and jumping at every little sound. Finally midnight arrived; he breathed a sigh of relief and went home.

When he got home his wife said, "I've never seen you work so late. What's the matter?" He said, "I don't want to talk about it, I just had the worst day of my life." She said, "You think you had a bad day? You'll never believe what happened to me. This morning the mailman dropped dead on our porch!"

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BEYOND DETERRENCE, COMPASSION

By: Winslow Myers

Ronald Reagan's assertion back in 1984 that "a nuclear war cannot be won and should never be fought" seems to have become accepted across the political spectrum in the U.S. and abroad. The level of destruction that would result would at best make it impossible for medical systems to respond adequately and at worst lead to climate change on a global scale. Reagan continued: "The only value in our two nations possessing nuclear weapons is to make sure they will never be used. But then would it not be better to do away with them entirely?"

Thirty years later, the paradox of deterrence—nine nuclear powers with weapons kept absolutely ready for use so that they will never have to be used—is far from resolved. Meanwhile 9/11 bent our imaginations toward suicidal nuclear terrorism. The possession of even our large and varied arsenal of nuclear weapons would not deter a determined extremist. Fear became so powerful that it motivated not only the grotesque proliferation of information-gathering agencies but also assassination and torture. Anything became justified, including trillion dollar stalemated wars, to preempt the wrong adversary from getting their hands on a nuke.

Are there flashpoints where systems designed for reliable and eternal deterrence blur into a new landscape of deterrence breakdown? The example du jour is Pakistan, where a weak government maintains a stable—we hope—deterrent balance of nuclear forces against India. At the same time Pakistan percolates with extremists with possible sympathetic connections to the Pakistani military and intelligence services. This focus upon Pakistan is conjectural. It may be unfair. A nuclear weapon could just as easily fall out of state control in regions like the Caucasus or—who knows?—even at some U.S. base where security was lax. The point is that fear of such scenarios distorts our thinking as we struggle to respond creatively to the reality that nuclear deterrence doesn't deter.

To see the fruits of this fear comprehensively invites seeing the process across time, including future time. The familiar argument that nuclear deterrence has kept us safe for many decades starts to break down if we simply imagine two possible worlds: a world toward which we are heading hell-bent if we don't change course, in which self-escalating fear motivates more and more nations to acquire nuclear weapons, or a world where nobody has them. Which world do you want your children to inherit?

Cold War deterrence was aptly called the balance of terror. The present mythic division of irresponsible extremists and responsible, self-interested nation-states encourages an Orwellian mental contortion: we conveniently deny that our own nuclear weapons are themselves a potent form of terror—they are meant to terrify opponents into caution. We legitimize them as tools for our

LORETTA BAKER RETIRES AS ANTWERP'S FISCAL OFFICER



By: Stan Jordan

Loretta Baker was born in 1950 in the New Haven area. Her parents were Enno and Lana Horman. There was three children in the family. She attended Central Lutheran grade school and then graduated from Woodlan in 1968. She attended Concordia Teacher's College in Ann Arbor, MI for two years. She got married and had three children. Karen has five children and lives in New Haven. Greg has three children and lives in Harlan, Kelly has one child and lives in North Carolina.

Loretta worked for Dana Corp. in Antwerp for 31 years until it closed. Then she worked for Eaton in Van Wert, who was part of Dana. Then, she was a cook at the Woodburn Lutheran School for two years. She accepted the job here in Antwerp for Fiscal Officer in 2007. She relates to me, that was quite a challenge, as the city was broke and under the fiscal eye of the state.

The town finances where

scrutinized by the state for a full year, but under the watchful eye, everything turned out all right. She found that the city was paying 8% on \$780,000 of the 1982 loan from the state on the sewer and water on the city. She got the interest cut down to 2% and that helped tremendously. She pays all the bills. She pays the old and the new levies, such as the new fire truck. She gets the tax money from the county in March and makes a payment on the new fire truck. This will go on for five years. That is the way with all loans and levies, she has to get them all legal for the voting and then take care of paying for them after they are passed.

She works very closely with Melanie Farr, the city attorney. She attends all council meetings and pays all the bills. But, she relates over the years she has learned a lot of the legal language and she enjoys the job very much. Right now, the state auditors are going through her books for 2013-14 and all is okay.

She knows she will miss being at the town hall with all of our elected officials, but she has worked for 47 years and she is ready to stay home. Her hobbies are horses, gardening, cooking, sewing, quilting, and mending for her friends at the town hall. She does some sewing repairs and does some uniform patching. She said she loves to spend time with her grandchildren and her new great-grandchild. I asked her if there was something she wanted to do and she didn't get it accomplished. She said, "Yes, I would have liked to have been an elementary teacher and read to the little ones."

Loretta, I really enjoyed talking to you this morning, and I have a whole new picture of some of the transactions and the duties that you cover for the year around. Here at the WBN, we wish you many fun-filled years of retirement and thank you for the interview!

See ya!

survival. At the same time we project this denied terror upon our enemies, expanding them into perverted evil giants. The terrorist threat of a suitcase nuke overlaps with the revived threat of the Cold War turning hot as the West plays nuclear chicken with Putin.

Peace through strength must be redefined—to become peace as strength. This principle, obvious to the many smaller, non-nuclear powers, is reluctantly perceived and quickly denied by the powers that be. Of course the powers that be are not unhappy to have enemies because enemies are politically convenient to the robust health of the arms manufacturing system, a system that includes a prohibitively expensive refurbishment of the U.S. nuclear arsenal that wastes resources needed for the looming challenge of conversion to sustainable energy.

The antidote to the Ebola-like virus of fear is to begin from the premise of interrelationship and interdependence—even with enemies. The Cold War ended because Soviets and Americans realized they had a common desire to see their grandchildren grow up. However death-obsessed, cruel and brutal extremists seem to us, we can choose not to dehumanize them. We can keep our perspective by recalling the brutalities in our own history, including the fact that we were the first to use nuclear weapons to kill people. We can admit our own part in the

creation of the villainous nest of murderousness in the Middle East. We can dig into the root causes of extremist thinking, especially among the young. We can support vulnerable but worthy initiatives like the introduction of a compassion initiative in Iraq, led by an Iraqi poet. We can emphasize how many challenges we can only solve together.

In the early stages of the U.S. presidential campaign, candidates are unusually accessible—an opportunity for citizens to ask probing questions that penetrate beneath scripted answers and safe political bromides. What would a Middle East policy look like if it were based not in playing multiple sides against each

other but rather in a spirit of compassion and reconciliation? Why can't we use some of the massive pile of money we plan to spend to renew our obsolete weapons on securing loose nuclear materials around the world? Why is the U.S. the top arms dealer? As president, what will you do to help our nation live up to its disarmament obligations as a signer of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty?

—In memory of peace activist Cynthia Fisk, 1925-2015.

Winslow Myers, syndicated by Peacevoice, is author of "Living Beyond War: A Citizen's Guide." He serves on the Advisory Board of the War Preventive Initiative.

The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office

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FEBRUARY MARKS HEART MONTH

The Nurturing Well by: Jill Starbuck

February is often filled with hearts of all sorts, including heart-covered cards, heart-shaped candy, and heart-filled wishes. But February is not just synonymous with Valentine's Day anymore; it is also tied in with the real, physical heart that keeps our bodies functioning. February marks American Heart Month, raising awareness of potential issues that often become serious heart problems such as heart disease.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), each year more than half a million Americans die from heart disease, making it the number one killer in the United States. With 1 in every 4 deaths related to heart disease, this health issue costs the United States nearly \$110 billion annually. Typical risk factors include high blood pressure, obesity, diabetes, high cholesterol, smoking, poor diet, and stationary lifestyle. As you can see, most often these risk factors can be controlled.

Perhaps the sneakiest and often most critical risk factors are high blood pressure and high cholesterol. The CDC estimates that 1 in every 3 adults, equating to 67 million people, have high blood pressure. High cholesterol sufferers number about 71 million people. Of the millions of people who have high blood pressure and/or cholesterol, less than half have control over these issues. Some likely do not realize they even have a problem. Without signs or symptoms, high blood pressure and/or cholesterol can become a deadly surprise.

To help prevent heart disease, the American Heart Association introduced four new guidelines in November of 2014.

1. Risk Assessment: Schedule an appointment with your healthcare provider to understand your risk level

for heart disease. Armed with high-tech calculators, a host of risk factors to identify, and the knowledge to diagnose potential issues, your healthcare provider is the best place to start. Remember that high blood pressure is a common and deadly threat without a warning sign. The best way to combat high blood pressure is to get frequent checkups.

2. Obesity: Remain at a healthy weight level to avoid many issues that obesity can cause. Learn how to eat properly by seeking a nutritionist who can tell you what your caloric needs are and how to avoid falling into common eating traps.

3. Cholesterol: As mentioned earlier, high cholesterol can be a silent killer. In fact, those with high cholesterol have twice the likelihood of getting heart disease than those who have normal cholesterol levels. Seek a physician to learn your cholesterol level.

4. Lifestyle: What we eat and how we live affects our health in a big way. Seek to eat a clean diet with lots of fruits and vegetables. Work exercise into your daily routine.

Make February your Heart Month by scheduling a yearly exam to protect your heart. To learn more about potential heart problems, warning signs, and more prevention techniques, check out the American Heart Association at www.heart.org and the CDC at <http://www.cdc.gov/heartdisease/index.htm>.

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LOCAL GIRL SCOUTS EARN GOLD AWARD

Two local girls have earned the Girl Scout Gold Award and will be celebrated at an event next month.

Sydney Czerniakowski is Toledo resident, 2014 graduate of St. Ursula Academy, and freshman at the University of Toledo. In her project, Czerniakowski turned pillowcases into dresses for African children. She chose a simple design that allowed her to teach others to make them using her sewing skills, and a lightweight fabric compatible with high temperatures. Czerniakowski made

a video of her project and created a brochure with dress design instructions. She also collected donated fabric and embellishments, gathered volunteers, and made 200 dresses. She donated extra fabric and instructions to her high school's fashion class and club who have committed to taking on this project for years to come.

Stephanie Ravas is a Perrysburg resident and sophomore at Notre Dame Academy. In her project, she focused on providing intervention strategies for preschool children entering school with fine motor developmental deficits or delays. Ravas created specialized enrichment teaching tools to be used at both school and home that help children learn to complete daily routines and practice skills. She created six individual self-help task charts and pieces to strengthen developmental milestone skills such as: task sequencing and planning, self-help skills, and coordination skills. Ravas also created and built two sets of cubbies for the classroom that further develop and help children practice developmental skills of task sequencing and proper recall while creating self-sufficiency in the classroom.

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest award that Girl Scouts in grades 9-12 may earn. To achieve the award, girls commit at least 80 hours to a specific project over the time span of one to two years. Criterion for the girls' project includes community involvement outside of the Girl Scout structure, providing an innovative approach, incorporating project sustainability, and taking action to educate and inspire others. Approximately six percent of Girl Scouts nationwide earn this award.

The girls will receive their award alongside 23 other girls at the annual Gold Award recognition event at the Schuster Center in Dayton on Sunday, March 8 at 3:00 p.m. The event kicks off National Girl Scout Week.

For more information on becoming a Girl Scout, volunteering, or donating to the cause, people can visit gsw.org or call 888-350-5090.

ARE THE U.S. & RUSSIAN GOVERNMENTS ONCE AGAIN ON THE NUCLEAR WARPATH?

By: Lawrence S. Wittner

A quarter century after the end of the Cold War and decades after the signing of landmark nuclear arms control and disarmament agreements, are the U.S. and Russian governments once more engaged in a potentially disastrous nuclear arms race with one another? It certainly looks like it.

With approximately 15,000 nuclear weapons between them, the United States and Russia already possess about 93 percent of the world's nuclear arsenal, making them the world's nuclear hegemony. But, apparently, like great powers throughout history, they do not consider their vast military might sufficient, especially in the context of their growing international rivalry.

Although, in early 2009, President Barack Obama announced his "commitment to seek the peace and security of a world without nuclear weapons," the U.S. government today has moved well

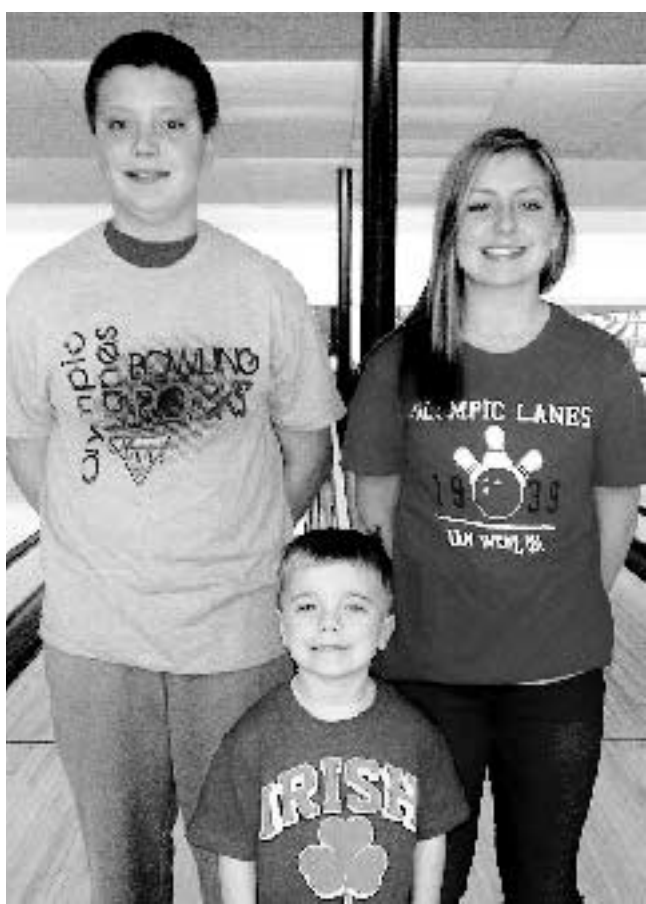
along toward implementing an administration plan for U.S. nuclear "modernization." This entails spending \$355 billion over a 10-year period for a massive renovation of U.S. nuclear weapons plants and laboratories. Moreover, the cost is scheduled to soar after this renovation, when an array of new nuclear weapons will be produced. "That's where all the big money is," noted Ashton Carter, recently nominated as U.S. Secretary of Defense. "By comparison, everything that we're doing now is cheap." The Obama administration has asked the Pentagon to plan for 12 new nuclear missile-firing submarines, up to 100 new nuclear bombers, and 400 land-based nuclear missiles. According to outside experts and a bipartisan, independent panel commissioned by Congress and the Defense Department, that will bring the total price tag for the U.S. nuclear weapons buildup to approximately \$1 trillion.

For its part, the Russian government seems determined to match or surpass that record. With President Vladimir Putin eager to use nuclear weapons as a symbol of Russian influence, Moscow is building, at great expense, new generations of giant ballistic missile submarines, as well as nuclear attack submarines that are reportedly equal or superior to their U.S. counterparts in performance and stealth. Armed with nuclear-capable cruise missiles, they periodically make forays across the Atlantic, heading for the U.S. coast. Deeply concerned about the potential of these missiles to level a surprise attack, the U.S. military has already launched the first of two experimental "blimps" over Washington, DC, designed to help detect them. The Obama administration also charges that Russian testing of a new medium-range cruise missile is a violation of the 1987 INF treaty. Although the Russian government denies the existence of the offending missile, its rhetoric has been less than diplomatic. As the Ukraine crisis developed, Putin told a public audience that "Russia is one of the leading nuclear powers," and foreign nations "should understand it's best not to mess with us." Pravda was even more inflammatory. In an article published in November titled "Russia prepares a nuclear surprise for NATO," it bragged about Russia's alleged superiority over the United States in nuclear weaponry.

Not surprisingly, the one nuclear disarmament agreement signed between the U.S. and Russian governments since 2003 the New START treaty of 2011 is being implemented remarkably slowly. New START, designed to reduce the number of deployed strategic nuclear weapons (the most powerful ones) in each country by 30 percent by 2018, has not led to substantial reductions in either nation's deployed nuclear arsenal. Indeed, between March and October 2014, the two nations each increased their deployed nuclear forces. Also, they maintain large arsenals of nuclear weapons targeting one another, with about 1,800 of them on high alert ready to be launched within minutes against the populations of both nations.

The souring of relations between the U.S. and Russian governments has been going on for years, but it has reached a very dangerous level during

BOWLING REWARD FOR WT JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS



Top scores for the day belonged to Jacob Hull with a 138 and Kirsten Lewis with a 125. They are shown with Olympic Lanes co-owner Jacob Sidle. Jacob and Kirsten each received an Olympic Lanes t-shirt as a prize.

79 Wayne Trace Junior High students were recently rewarded with an afternoon of bowling at Olympic Lanes in Van Wert. Eligible students were those with NO late or missing homework, discipline referrals, failing grades, or tardies to class.



Zach Wright is shown bowling with the help of Ashley Snyder.

the current confrontation over Ukraine. In their dealings with this conflict-torn nation, there's plenty of fault on both sides. U.S. officials should have recognized that any Russian government would have been angered by NATO's steady recruitment of East European countries especially Ukraine, which had been united with Russia in the same nation until recently, was sharing a common border with Russia, and was housing one of Russia's most important naval bases (in Crimea). For their part, Russian officials had no legal basis for seizing and annexing Crimea or aiding heavily-armed separatists in the eastern portion of Ukraine.

But however reckless the two nuclear behemoths have been, this does not mean that they have to continue this behavior. Plenty of compromise formulas exist for example, leaving Ukraine out of NATO, altering that country's structure to allow for a high degree of self-government in the war-torn east, and organizing a UN-sponsored referendum in Crimea. And possibilities for compromise also exist in other areas of U.S.-Russian relations.

Failing to agree to a diplomatic settlement of these and other issues will do more than continue violent turmoil in Ukraine. Indeed, the disastrous, downhill slide of both the United States and Russia into a vastly expensive nuclear arms race will bankrupt

them and, also, by providing an example of dependence on nuclear might, encourage the proliferation of nuclear weapons to additional nations. After all, how can they succeed in getting other countries to forswear developing nuclear weapons when 47 years after the U.S. and Soviet governments signed the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, in which they pledged their own nuclear disarmament their successors are engaged in yet another nuclear arms race? Finally, of course, this new arms race, unless checked or later likely to lead, sooner or later, to a nuclear catastrophe of immense proportions.

Can the U.S. and Russian governments calm down, settle their quarrels peacefully, and return to a policy of nuclear disarmament? Let's hope so.

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WOODLAN SLASHES NEW HAVEN IN HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL



Rain Hinton fouled on her shot against New Haven's Kamyra Finan. More pictures at westbendnews.net

On February 6th, the Woodlan Lady Warriors invaded Bulldog territory for some high school girls basketball action. Woodlan dominated the Bulldog court leading every period except for a tying 4th quarter. It wasn't enough though for New Haven to garner that home win. Woodlan took the win home: 71-62.

20=71

Scorers of the Game:
Woodlan - Graber 23, Summers 5, Hinton 19, Salzbrenner 5, Cook 8, Kayser 9, Leggett 2

New Haven - Lasch 5, Grundy 19, Creech 8, Hoffer 7, Lepsley 9, Finan 1, Tanner 8, Carlisle 5

Score by the Quarter:
New Haven - 8 16 18 20=62
Woodlan - 12 25 14

LADY WARRIORS FALL TO STARFIRES @ SECTIONALS

The Lady Starfires battled the Woodlan Lady Warriors on February 10th in high school girls basketball. The game was a close one through and through. The Starfires kept a slight upper hand to keep the lead in their favor. The final score of the night: South Adams 60, Woodlan 47.

Score by the Quarter:
South Adams - 13 9 17 21=60

Woodlan - 10 16 9 12=47
Scorers of the Game:
South Adams - Dellinger 5, Morgen 2, Lehman 13, Jennings 5, Groen 20, Balsiger 13, Wanner 2

Woodlan - Graber 11, Salzbrenner 1, Hinton 23, Williams 5, Cook 7

NEW HAVEN GIRLS FINISH 2014-15 SEASON

The sectional matchup took place on February 11 at the Bulldog home court. The first game was Leo vs Angola. The Lady Hornets cleaned the Lion's clock in a 61-50 game.

The second game took place between Bishop Luers and New Haven. The Luers team stuck a hard blow to the Lady Dawgs with a 20 point win at 61-41.

WAYNE TRACE GIRLS BASKETBALL TAKES A WIN

On February 10th the Lady Raiders really packed a punch to the Continental Lady Pirates stealing the game with a final score of 70-40.

Score by the Quarter:
Wayne Trace - 27 8 21 14=70

Continental - 6 15 8 11=40

Scorers of the Game:
Wayne Trace - Flint 2, Mohr 16, Temple 15, Gudakunst 13, Mead 2, Myers 12, L Sinn 6, E Sinn 4

Continental - Homier 2, Scott 11, Zachrich 4, Tegenkamp 4, Logan 12, Recker 4, Mansfield 3

Records: Wayne Trace 13-6, Continental 3-16

LADY WARRIOR'S SECOND FALL TO STARFIRES

By: Jeff Abbott

South Adams and Woodlan met for the second time is less than a week in the Lady Starfires' gym and while the rematch was closer the outcome was the same as South Adams won the conference game over the Warriors 61-56. Woodlan was outscored 18-11 in both the first and second quarter to trail 36-22 at the half. The Warriors outscored South Adams by 10 points in the third to cut the deficit to 47-43, but the Lady Starfires hung on in the fourth to get the win. Rain Hinton had 14 points for Woodlan and Kendra Graber added 12 points.

Score by the Quarter:
Woodlan - 11 11 21 13=56

South Adams - 18 18 11 14=61

Scorers of the Game:
Woodlan - Hinton 14, Graber 12, Kayser 10, Cook 7, Salzbrenner 7, Houser 2, Summers 2, Williams 2

South Adams - Jennings 17, In't Groen 13, Dellinger 11, Willis 10, Morgan 4, Balsiger 4, Lehman 2

APACHES FEND OFF ARCHER ARROWS



Fairview's Erin Marshall attempts a shot from the key with Kianna Recker blocking the shot. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Lady Apaches traveled to Antwerp for the latest basketball match-up of two local teams on Thursday, February 12. From the beginning to the end the game was highly competitive.

At half time of the low scoring match Fairview girls were leading.

The second half Antwerp had a great turnaround led by Antwerp's Peyton Short.

A basket in the fourth quarter by Rachel Williamson tied the game up and then another by Annie Miesle took the lead or the Lady Archers. The home

team was able to keep the lead up until about a minute left when the Apaches scored with 56 seconds left on the clock. The game took a turn for the worse for Antwerp and they could not keep the ball or push shots through the hoop.

The final score was 34-37, Fairview taking the win.

Scorers of the Game:
Antwerp - Williamson 7, Braaten 4, Short 14, Recker 6, Miesle 3

Fairview - Gebers 4, Marshall 4, Hug 14, Schroeder 2

Antwerp girls are now 4-16. Fairview is 8-12.

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GMC TITLE PICKED UP BY RAIDERS



Clint Sinn adds two points to the Raider Nation score against Tinora. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Rams hit the bus, travelling to Wayne Trace for the boys basketball game against the Raiders at the Palace on Friday, February 13. This game would determine the Green Meadows Conference championship for the 2014-2015 school year. The game began with the Raiders taking an early lead against the Tinora team. Corbin Linder was once again on fire at the 3 point line taking the team lead for the match. First period ended

with a 17-11 Raider lead. It didn't get any better for the Rams entering second quarter. The boys' offense just couldn't hit the basket, and the Wayne Trace team clearly dominated the court from that point on. The half finished at 37-19. The third quarter began and Tinora posted their top score of the game for that period with 13. The top scorer for the guest team was Jacob Miller with 10. Luke Miller of Wayne Trace, adding

entertainment to the game, added two points on here. Ethan Linder posted the top points on free-throws made and himself added a 3-point basket.

David Sinn, unfortunately, is sitting on the sidelines since the injury that broke his ankle at the Hicksville game.

Cole Shepherd included 10 more points onto his career record that night, all from two point baskets. The fourth quarter brought in the reserves for the home team, who continued the tradition of outscoring the Rams. The game finished 68-41.

Score by the Quarter:
Wayne Trace - 17 20 20 11=68

Tinora - 11 8 13 9=41
Players of the Game:
Wayne Trace - E Linder 19, C Linder 24, Shepherd 10, Speice 6, Saylor 2, C Sinn 2, Hale 2, Miller 2, Vest 1

Tinora - Miller 10, N Drewes 7, Kissel 5, Grube 6, Bailey 7, Anders 2, J Drewes 2, Risner 2

The Raiders travel to Antwerp on Friday, February 20 for the final game of the conference.



Luke Miller steals the ball and runs back to his basket, attempting the shot. More pictures at westbendnews.net

game for 4 quarters. 9 people scored for Fairview: Joe Macsray 25 and 10 rebounds; Matthew Kozumplik 21; Phil Wagner 11 and 9 rebounds; Jarid Schweifert 11 and 7 assists

JV Boys Basketball:
Antwerp 16, Fairview 56
Lucas Eisel posted a double-double with 12 points and 10 boards.

GMC ANNOUNCES WINTER OF 2014 SCHOLAR ATHLETES

The Green Meadows Conference is proud to announce their "All Conference Scholar Athletes" for the winter of 2014!

To be eligible for this honor, the athlete must be a senior, participate and letter in a recognized sport or cheerleading and have a 3.5 GPA or better after seven semesters.

AYERSVILLE:
Samantha Wank, Peter Thieroff, Darci Schroeder, Sabrina Bailey, Brayton Martin, KJ Martin, Jacob Lamb

EDGERTON:
Duane Miller, Andrew Cade, Chase McClellan, Cassidy Flegal, Max Nihart, Logan Daniels, Jerrod Cape

FAIRVIEW:
Emilee Carder, Sara Carder, Joe Macsray, Erich Wolfrum, Andrew Robinson, Erin Marshall, Christina Gebers, Kylie Hugg, Ali Hug

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TINORA:
Emma Bowden, Nicole Helberg, C.J. Higbea, Abby Hurley, Ashley Mack, Kaylee Marihugh, Martin Steinberger, Elle Willitzer

WAYNE TRACE:
Jake Dingus, Jake Arend

FAIRVIEW HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC RESULTS

Freshman Boys Basketball:

The Freshman boys lost to Archbold last night 58-34.

The Freshman boys lost to Pettisville last night 52-36.

8th Grade Boys Basketball:

8th grade fought hard bit fell to Wayne Trace 48-35. Dallas Curry had 9 points and Riley Lucas had 6.

8th grade lost a tough game

at Tinora 65-44. Chayse Singer and Cole Burgrave both had 11 points.

7th Grade Boys Basketball:

7th grade improved to 12-3 with a 55-20 win over Wayne Trace. Chayse Singer led the way with 24 points, Riley Lucas 13 points and Noah Hagerman had 9.

7th grade finished the year strong with a 58-15 win to finish 13-3. Everyone hit the scoring column led by Chayse Singer with 14, Riley Lucas with 13 and Noah Hagerman with 11.

Varsity Wrestling:

The wrestling team defeated Edgerton and Bryan Tuesday evening. They beat Edgerton 42-24 and Bryan 54-12. Winning two matches on the night were Devine Weber, Jacob Laguna, Reilly Heater, Bobby Kelley, Cory Sidle, Chase Carpenter and Gavin Saul. They were without 4 wrestlers due to illness and injury. The team is now 21-9 on the season. They travel to Ayersville on the 21st for their last regular season matches.

Varsity Girls Basketball:

The varsity girls beat Edon Tuesday night 55-38. Erin Marshall had 15 points. Ali Hug had 14 points and Lexi Johns added 11 points.

The Fairview varsity girls won their third straight, second straight in the GMC Thursday night by beating Antwerp 37-34. It was a tight physical contest all the way. Ali Hug led the scoring with 14 points. Sara Carder added 9 points.

Ali Hug is 27 points away from reaching the 1000 Career Point milestone. We have Montpelier at Fairview on Tuesday and Edgerton at Edgerton on Thursday before heading into tournament on the 24th. We would love to see an outpouring of Fairview support for the Lady Apaches as they finish the season and watch the countdown for Ali!

Varsity Girls Basketball Sectional Game will be at Lake High School vs. Rossford on Tuesday, February 24th at 6:15 p.m.

Varsity Boys Basketball Sectional Game will be at Defiance High School vs. Delta on Tuesday, March 3rd at 6:15 p.m.

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LADY ARCHERS FACE NARROW DEFEAT

The Lady Panthers of Stryker, OH entered Archer territory on February 10th for high school girls basketball action. This was a low scoring game for the duration with no clear winner till the 4th quarter. The Lady Panthers took the win home at the buzzer, 38-37.

Score by the Quarter:
Antwerp - 8 12 9 8=37
Stryker - 8 14 6 10=38
Scorers of the Game:
Antwerp - Williamson 14, Braaten 8, Miesle 1, Recker 5, Longardner 5, Wilson 2, Short 2
Stryker - Uribes 3, Breier 6, Graber 6, Haines 12, Doehrmann 5, Rupp 6
JV Score: Stryker 31, Antwerp 12

WARRIORS VICTORIOUS OVER RAIDERS

Woodlan played Southern Wells in high school boys basketball on February 12th. Warriors edged passed the Raiders for a 56-50 win.
Score by the Quarter:
Southern Wells - 14 13 11 12=50
Woodlan - 13 15 14 14=56

Scorers of the Game:
Southern Wells - Bone-wit 2, Barcus 4, Horton 2, Coleman 21, Schreiber 3, Huffman 12, Rousch 4, Niblick 2
Woodlan - Jones 15, Fancher 2, L Hahn 7, Krahn 10, A Hahn 2, Gerig 4, Gustin 16

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WAYNE TRACE 7th GRADE GIRLS TOURNAMENT CHAMPS!



The Wayne Trace seventh grade girls basketball team recently won the Edgerton Seventh Grade Tournament with a 28-23 victory over the host Bulldogs.
Wayne Trace defeated Hicksville 46-15 in the semi-finals before winning the title to finish the season with a re-

cord of 12-3. Members of the squad include (front row, l-r) Miriam Sinn, Taylor Long, Libby Wenzlick, Addie Etzler and Morgan Butler. In the back row (l-r) are Coach Kara Thomas, Claire Sinn, Kaitlin Vest, Maddy Laukhuf and Zoey Wright.

PAULDING GIRLS ADD 2nd WIN



Audrey Manz looks for an open player in this file photo against Ada. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Lady Panthers travelled to Lima Perry on Thursday, February 12. The game between the teams resulted in Paulding winning by 8 points!
The first quarter had Lima taking the top spot at 17-12. The Lady Panthers came back and held the Perry offense at bay with the only score being a free-throw shot. Not lacking points of their own, the Panthers streak with 13 points and the half finished in Paulding's favor at 25-18.
Third quarter began with Perry hammering the guest team in a score of 22-8, taking the lead back.
The fourth quarter was where Paulding leveled the field. Brooke Combs hit three 3 point baskets, Reinhart had two 3-pointers, and Skyler McCullough hit one 3-pointer in the game. Fourth quarter play completely reversed itself and Paulding scored 22 and Lima

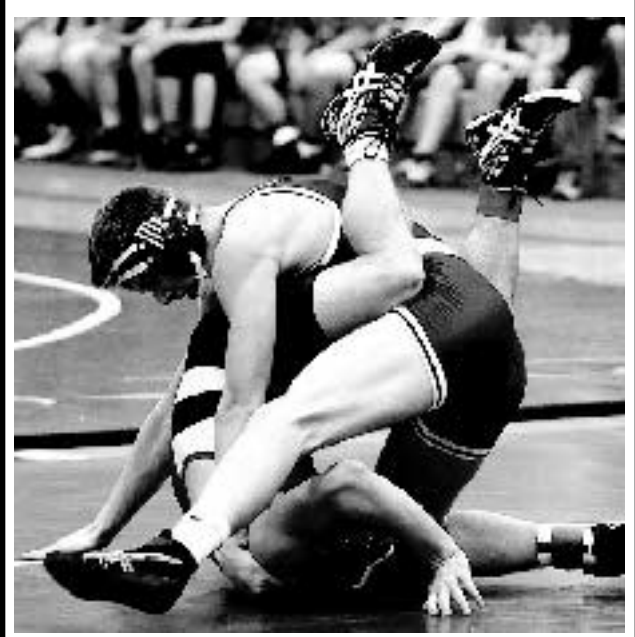
8. The points were spread out well especially for up and coming freshman, Cassidy Posey.
The Lady Panthers finished the game with a 7 point lead and taking their second game of the year and beginning a winning streak!
Score by the Quarter:
Paulding - 12 13 8 22=55
Lima Perry - 17 1 22 8=48
Scorers of the Game:
Paulding - Combs 15 (3-3's); Vogel 4; Manz 7; Meggison 6; Reinhart 10 (2-3's); McCullough 3 (1-3); Posey 10
Perry - Sanks 15; Edmonds 10 (2-3's); Phillips 7; Fowler 13 (2-3's); Healey 3;
Rebounds:
Paulding - 29 (Posey 6, Meggison 6, Vogel 6); Perry 22
Turnovers:
Paulding - 24; Perry 13
Records:
Paulding 2-18
Paulding won the JV match 28-21.

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ANTWERP WRESTLERS WRAP UP REGULAR SEASON



Justice Clark of Antwerp falls to Paulding's Aaron Mock at the Paulding Co. Wrestling meet at PHS. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Both the junior high and high school wrestlers wrapped up their regular season schedules on Thursday, February 12, 2015 at the annual Paulding County Tri Match. This year's edition was held at Paulding High School. Although the Archers did not win this year's team title, they had some outstanding individual performances yet again. 8th grader Tyler Bauer was 2-0 on the day with 2 pins at 104 pounds. Bauer ends his 8th grade season with a cumulative record of 22-2 with 18 wins coming by pin. He also won individual titles this season at the Bryan Invitational, Antwerp Invitational, Pilot Invitational, and the GMC Tournament. Tyler also made history in his junior high career by becoming Antwerp's First ever 2-time GMC champion. Also going 2-0 on the day was 8th grader Aidan McAlexander. Not only was Aidan undefeated on the day, but he was also undefeated for the entire year! His season record this year was 24-0 with 17 wins coming by pin. This marks the 1st time any Antwerp wrestler has gone undefeated for an entire season. On his way to an undefeated season, Mc-

Alexander captured six individual tournament titles. He claimed 1st at the Wayne Trace Invitational, Bryan Invitational, Antwerp Invitational, Pilot Invitational, Wauseon Invitational, and the GMC Tournament. Both of these young men have had outstanding junior high careers and we wish them the best as they prepare for the state tournament and their high school careers coming next season.
On the high school side, all 4 of Antwerp's high school wrestlers were put to the test against both Wayne Trace and Paulding. Sophomore Logan Shaner was 1-1 on the day with 1 pin at 138 pounds. Justice Clark had a very tough day as he faced 2 returning district qualifiers, dropping both of those matches. However, 2 of Antwerp's seniors were able to close out their final regular season dual meet on a very high note. Seniors Jarett Bute (220 pounds) and Jordan Laker (285 pounds) were both undefeated on Thursday by registering records of 2-0 and 1 pin each.
Let's hope these successful regular seasons will propel all Archer wrestlers to greatness as they prepare for Sectionals.

WT & ANTWERP WRESTLING CLUBS COMPETE AT TINORA

Saturday, February 14th, WTWC competed at the 1st Annual Tinora wrestling tournament. Wayne Trace had 18 wrestlers compete, all of them placing. Placing 1st: Daniel Clark, Colton Kimmel, Grayson Sutton, Graiden Troth, Asa Ames, Kamren Johnson, Kamryn Sutton, Hunter Long and Jarrett Hornish. Placing 2nd: Seth Meggison. Placing 3rd: Corbin Kimmel, Arin James, Eli Ames, Derrek Dangler, Avin Johnson, and Gabe Sutton. Placing 4th: Koden Martz, and Kameron Bevis.

The Antwerp Wrestling Club recently competed in the Tinora Biddy Wrestling Valentine Tournament on February 14, 2015. Of the 15 wrestlers competing, 8 of them were able to place in the top 2 of their respective weight classes. Placing 2nd for the Archers was Gage Clevinger, Ethan Karam, Dayne Sholl, Skyler Octaviano, and Aidan McAlexander. Placing 1st, and going undefeated on the day, were Eli Reinhart, Kaden Phares, and Tyler Bauer. Be sure to catch the biddy wrestlers when they take on Wayne Trace in the Annual Kosch Crash Classic on February 22, 2015 at Antwerp.

WOODLAN SHOW CHOIR BOOSTER CLUB TO HOST FISH FRY

The Woodlan Warrior Ambition Booster Club is hosting a Fish and Chicken Tender Fry on Friday February 27th from 4:30-8:00 p.m. The meal will include sides, dessert and a drink. The Show Choir will be performing various pieces from their "GLITCH" competition show every 20 minutes.

This event will benefit the Warrior Ambition Show Choir in helping them reach their goal for the 2015 competition season. Warrior Ambition will compete in several competitions across Allen, DeKalb and Huntington Counties with over 30 dedicated performers.

The Woodlan Warrior Basketball team will host Antwerp that evening. The Junior Varsity game is at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Varsity game at 7:30 p.m. in the main Gym.

If you have any question please contact Andy Clark at 260-402-0654.

LIONS DOMINATE WRESTLING RING

By: Jeff Abbott
Leo had champions at 120 and 138 and the Lions won the New Haven wrestling sectional, outpacing the second place Snider Panthers, 206 - 172.5. The Lions advanced 9 wrestlers to the regional competition. Woodlan finished seventh and sends 4 to regionals
106 - Richard (L) second place
113 - Martin (L) third place
120 - Loraine (L) champion Roemer (W) fourth place
126 - Hoot (W) third place
132 - Hissong (L) second place; Parisot (W), third place
138 - Eicher (L) champion
145 - Dager (L) fourth place
170 - Garton (L) second place
182 - Grinager (L) third place
195 - Storms (L) third place
220 - Barbarena (W) second place

PAULDING LOSES IN SLIM DEFEAT TO CRESTVIEW

On January 30th, Paulding and Crestview boys met up on the Panthers' court for high school basketball. Panthers trailed the Knights for the duration of the game. In the second half, the Panthers rallied to gain some points, but it just wasn't enough to snag the win. Crestview chalked up the win for the night, 57-48.

Score by the Quarter:
Paulding - 8 9 15 16=48
Crestview - 14 10 17 16=57
Scorers of the Game:
Paulding - Edwards 8, Crawford 3, Heilshorn 3, Gonzales 10, Arellano 23, Sitton 1
Crestview - Zaleski 7, Lautzenheiser 28, Owens 7, Mefferd 5, Rickard 8, Lippi 2
Stats:
Rebounds - Paulding 25, Crestview 23
Turnovers - Paulding 6, Crestview 8
FG% - Paulding 18-42 43%; Crestview 14-32 44%
JV Score: Paulding 43, Crestview 31

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"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT:" SOPHOMORE DAY & OPEN HOUSE HELD



Antwerp sophomores Kimberly Smith and Lexie Bennett work on a graphics project in the Vantage Interactive Media lab.



Grant Gillett, a Vantage Industrial Mechanics senior, watches closely as Wayne Trace sophomore Levi Priest operates the lathe during Visit Day.

On Friday, February 6, Vantage hosted over 700 sophomores for "Sophomore Visitation Day". Each sophomore had the opportunity to investigate and explore two different career technical programs of interest to them. During each one-hour visit, there were hands-on activities, demonstrations and presentations prepared especially for the sophomores.

Vantage Cosmetology students prepared a style show for the 10th graders, while those visiting Welding and Auto Body got a chance to try out the new virtual welder and virtual painter. Students visiting Carpentry went out to the building site to inspect the progress being made on this year's house project. In Auto Technology, students learned how to use the tire balancer and the rim clamp. Sophomores in Network Systems got to use some of the latest technology - Oc-

ulus 3D Rift Virtual Reality, Motion Capture, and Google Glass, while those visiting Interactive Media got to experience the new 3-D printer.

Community members and alumni also came out in force to celebrate Career Technical Education Month on Monday night at the annual Vantage Open House. Many sophomores who are considering attending Vantage for their junior and senior years brought their parents to the evening event.

Below are a few frequently asked questions - and answers - about coming to high school at Vantage.

Q: Can I go to college after Vantage?

A: About 41% of Vantage graduates continue their education immediately after high school graduation at a two or four year college. Students are urged to check with their guidance counselor to be sure that all requirements

for college entrance are met.

Q: Can I receive college credits through my high school class at Vantage?

A: YES! Almost all of the Vantage programs have articulation agreements with local colleges which provide some college credit for Vantage coursework. A dual enrollment opportunity is offered through Northwest State Community College also.

Q: Can I participate in home school sports and activities?

A: YES! Students are encouraged to stay involved in extracurricular activities at their home school, such as sports, drama, etc. Vantage has very active student organizations - BPA (Business Professionals of America), FFA, FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America), and SkillsUSA, along with the Rotary Interact Club and Student Ambassadors.

Q: What is the tuition to attend Vantage?

A: Vantage Career Center is a public high school, open to 11th and 12th graders in the participating school districts. There is NO tuition to attend Vantage. Each program has a fee, which covers the cost of tools, supplies, equipment, and one full uniform.

Q: When are applications due at Vantage?

A: Sophomore and junior students who are considering attending Vantage should be aware that the priority application deadline is March 11, 2015. Interested students may complete and submit an online application form. Enter this address <http://tinyurl.com/lec2nqa> to access the application form. Students may continue to enroll throughout the spring and summer however, first choice programs may already be filled.

Vantage Career Center offers 16 different high school career technical programs to choose from. If you have any questions, please talk to your home school counselor or call Student Services at Vantage at 419-238-5411 or 1-800-686-3944 ext. 2032. You can always check out the Vantage website vantagecareercenter.com, like us on Facebook, and follow us on Twitter @vcstudents.

LADY RAMS BUCK PANTHERS

On Tuesday, January 27th, the Paulding Lady Panthers fell hard to the Tinora Lady Rams in girls high school basketball. Tinora came out of the gate with a mighty force and dominated the court all four quarters. Final score: Paulding 30, Tinora 85.

Score by the Quarter:
Paulding - 7 13 5 5=30
Tinora - 29 27 22 7=85

Scorers of the Game:
Paulding - Combs 3 (1-3), Vogel 8, Arend 6 (1-3), Meggison 1, Reinhard 2, McCullough 2, Posey 8

Tinora - Bowden 8 (2-3's), Helberg 5 (1-3), Harris 2, Zipfel 4, Gentit 4, Pedroza 9 (1-3), Norden 12 (2-3's), Wagner 4, Hornish 1, Hurley 6, Marhugh 8, Mack 22

Rebounds:
Paulding 27 (Vogel 10); Tinora 38 (Mack 11)

Turnovers:
Paulding 27, Tinora 11

Records:
Paulding 0-15, Tinora 8-7

JV: Tinora won

CHILI COOK-OFF FUN IN PAULDING



Peggy Emerson - Chamber President; Ed Bohn - Emergency Management; Marsha Yeutter - Senior Center Director; Jerry Zielke - Economic Development Director, all providing an impressive array of chili!

The Chili Cook-off took place Thursday, February 12 at the Kiwanis building in Paulding. This chili event was inside while cold outside. It was sponsored by the Paulding Chamber and the Senior Center. Marsha Yeutter won

the chili cook off with the most donations received until Ed Bohn took his 50/50 winnings and filled his own donation jar for his sampling. Everyone was having a great time and a proper night for the soup served.

By the time of the drawings, Carmen St. John had already left, but she still won the Door Prize.

All of the donations will go toward the Herb Monroe Community Park.

WT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES 2/9/15

The Wayne Trace Local School District Board of Education met in regular session on February 9, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Wayne Trace High School Lecture Room.

The following members were present: Mr. Pat Baumble, Mr. Duane Sinn, Mr. Perry Sinn, Mr. Dick Swary; Absent: Mrs. Lisa McClure

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President, Dick Swary. Roll Call was taken by Treasurer, Lori Davis.

Correspondence, Recognition of Guests, Hearing of the Public

*Thirty minutes of public participation will be permitted. Each person addressing the Board will give their name and address. If several people wish to speak, each person will be allotted 3 minutes until the total of 30 minutes is used. During that period no person may speak twice until all who desire to speak have the opportunity to do so.

*All statements should be directed to the presiding officer; no person may address or question Board members individually.

GUESTS:
Ms. Sharon Spinner, Mr. Randy Weninger, and Mr. Jay Schmidt representing the Wayne Trace Performing Arts, and Mr. Tim McDonough representing the Crescent News.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER:
Treasurer, Lori Davis reported that the audit review is completed and the auditor's office is ready to meet with the board to discuss the draft audit. The auditor would like to meet with the board on February 26, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. It was agreed the date would work with those board members present. If the date works for Mrs. McClure a special board meeting will be called.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:
One resolution passed by the Board to approve the following consent agenda items:

Motion by: Mr. Pat Baumble; Seconded by: Mr. Perry Sinn

A. To approve the minutes of the January 12, 2015 Board Meeting;

B. To accept a donation from Fred and Marcia Pond and the Pond Seed Company to be used for the purchase of various classroom supplies and technology equipment along with the Monsanto Grant;

C. To authorize the treasurer to enter into a contract with Strategic Management Solutions for E-rate services.

D. To accept a donation of \$3,000.00 from Grover Hill PTO to be used for various classroom and technology equipment.

*Before we pass the consent resolution, are there any items you would like to move from the consent agenda to the discussion agenda for further discussion and/or for separate voting purposes?

Roll call vote: Mr. Pat Baumble, Mr. Perry Sinn, Mr. Duane Sinn, and Mr. Dick Swary, aye, Nay, none. Motion passed.

VANTAGE REPORT:

Mr. Pat Baumble reported that Laura Peters has been hired as the new Treasurer at Vantage. She comes to Vantage with exceptional credentials and will be a good fit for the District.

REPORT OF THE BUILDING PRINCIPALS:

The building principals were not in attendance because of the County Spelling Bee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Mr. Perry Sinn reported that transportation is going well.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:
Superintendent, Steve Arnold reported on the following:

A. Curriculum
B. Personnel
C. Buildings and Grounds
D. Events
E. Operations

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

One resolution passed by the Board to approve the following consent agenda items:

Motion by: Mr. Duane Sinn. Seconded by: Mr. Perry Sinn
A. To accept the retirement resignation

of Kay Head as a teacher, effective at the end of the 2014-2015 school year, and to thank her for thirty-five years of service to the district;

B. To accept the resignation of Susie Johnson as boys' ticket manager, effective at the end of the 2014-2015 winter sports season;

C. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and WTGH Principal, to approve the voluntary transfer of Tina Mead to a position of WTGH second grade teacher to commence with the start of the 2015-2016 school year;

D. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve stipends for Ann Olwin and Annette Baumble as worker's compensation safety coordinators;

E. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Curriculum and Instruction, to adopt English/language arts textbooks and supplemental materials from Pearson for use in grades 7-12 in ELA courses;

F. To authorize the superintendent to contract services with Cincinnati Floor Company for the purpose of updating the gym floor, wooden bleachers, and stage in the JH gymnasium, at a cost not to exceed \$75,000;

G. To commend fifth grade students Faith Meraz (WTGH) and Cameron Stoller (WTPE) for winning this year's elementary school spelling bees. Both students will represent Wayne Trace in the Paulding County Spelling Bee; to approve the resignation of Mallory Diamond as 8th grade girls' basketball coach;

H. To approve the resignation of Mallory Diamond as 8th grade girls' basketball coach;

I. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, JH/HS Principal, and Athletic Director, to approve Terry Campbell as the head JH track & field coach for the 2014-2015 school year;

J. To commend Coach George Clemens and varsity wrestling team for capturing the school's first-ever Green Meadows Conference championship. Congratulations also go out to individual champions Max Rasmussen, George Clemens, Rugar Goeltzenleuchter, Zaine Cotterman, Tyler Showalter, and Jacob Dingus.

K. To commend Coach Mallory Diamond and the 8th grade girls basketball team for capturing the GMC title.

*Before we pass the consent resolution, are there any items you would like to move from the consent agenda to the discussion agenda for further discussion and/or for separate voting purposes?

Roll call vote: Mr. Duane Sinn, Mr. Perry Sinn, Mr. Pat Baumble, and Mr. Dick Swary, aye, Nay, none. Motion passed.

7:57 p.m. Executive Session.

Motion by: Mr. Perry Sinn. Seconded by: Mr. Pat Baumble

*Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1), a motion to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of considering the employment of an employee of the School District.

Roll call vote: Mr. Perry Sinn, Mr. Pat Baumble, Mr. Duane Sinn, and Mr. Dick Swary, aye, Nay, none.

Board in executive session.

9:10 p.m. Regular session called back to order.

Adjournment: Motion by: Mr. Pat Baumble. Seconded by: Mr. Perry Sinn to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

The next Board meeting will be held March 9, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Wayne Trace High School Lecture Hall.

ANDRE EMMETT NAMED TO THE D-LEAGUE ALL-STAR TEAM

The Fort Wayne Mad Ants announced that Andre Emmett has been named to the NBA D-League All-Star Team.

Emmett recently received Player of the Month honors for January where he helped lead the Mad Ants to a 10-2 January campaign including an 8 game winning streak, 2-0 run at the D-League Showcase, Player of the Week for the week of January 12-19 and was also a member of the All Show-case Honorable Mention team. Currently for the season, Emmett is averaging 21.5 ppg on 52.5% shooting along with 4.9 rebounds per game.

ATLANTA HAWKS RECALL MIKE MUSCALA FROM FORT WAYNE MAD ANTS

The Atlanta Hawks have recalled forward/center Mike Muscala from the Fort Wayne Mad Ants of the NBA Development League, it was announced by Head Coach Mike Budenholzer.

In the 100-95 Mad Ants win at Iowa, Muscala started and finished with 12 points, eight rebounds, three assists, two blocks and one steal in 33 minutes (6-12 FGs). In five contests with Fort Wayne this season (4-1 record), he is putting up 14.4 points, 8.8 rebounds, 1.6 assists and 1.2 blocks in 29.8 minutes (.509 FG%, .857 FT%).

Muscala has appeared in 17 games (one start) with the Hawks this season, averaging 3.9 points and 2.1 rebounds in 8.2 minutes (.549 FG%, .909 FT%).

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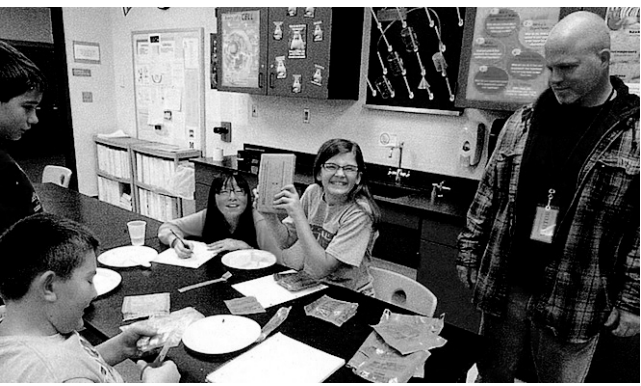
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MEALS READY TO EAT GETS MIXED REVIEWS



Pictured here are the New Haven High School Hall of Fame recipients (l-r): Kay Yoder, Ed Steger, and Zach Dommer. Photo by Jintida Chanthavong

The Antwerp VFW Post #5087 extended their generosity to Mr. Tempel's general class at Antwerp Middle School in acquiring some MREs (Meals Ready to Eat). The class explored how chemical heat is used by the mili-

tary to heat meals in the field. Students prepared 27 different meals and had differing opinions about which meals tasted the best. However, the gratitude owed to our veterans for their service to our country was unanimous!

4-H GROUP MEET AT CECIL FIREHOUSE



The Doe-C-Doe 4-H club had their February meeting at the Cecil firehouse on Sunday the 15, 2015. After the 4-H meeting, the club members cleaned the Cecil firehouse as one of their community service projects.

Pictured from left to right are (front row) Luke McDorman, Eric Thornell, Emma Zielke, Aleyah Cline, Hannah Moliter, Izzy Meyer, Brooke Moliter, Ilse Zijlstra, Alex Zijlstra; (second row) Katie Oberlin, Jaylyn McCloud, Dustin McCloud, Noah Cline, Heather Oberlin, Courtney Kupersmith, Mary Kupersmith (advisor); (third row) Ray Kupersmith, Gabe Oberlin (advisor), Eli Moliter, Emily Derek, Jared Sukup, Josh Sukup, Jacob Sukup.

PEVS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 2/18 - 2/24

- JH/HS Breakfast:*
 2/18 - Ham, egg & cheese muffin, juice/fruit, milk
 2/19 - Coffee cake, juice/fruit, milk
 2/20 - Sausage gravy w/ biscuits, juice/fruit, milk
 2/23 - Breakfast pizza, sausage, bacon & egg, juice/fruit, milk
 2/24 - French toast, sausage links, juice/fruit, milk
JH/HS Lunch:
 2/18 - Idaho nachos w/potatoes, meat & cheese, breadstick OR Quesadilla, refried beans, Toppings: Salsa, banana peppers & sour cream, fruit, milk
 2/19 - Salisbury steak,

- 2/20 - Assorted cereals, juice/fruit, milk
 2/23 - Warm whole grain cinnamon roll, fruit/juice, milk
 2/24 - Mini pancakes, fruit/juice, milk
Oakwood Elementary Lunch:
 2/18 - Breaded mozzarella sticks, marinara sauce, green beans, fruit, milk
 2/19 - Shredded chicken on whole grain bun, broccoli, carrot stix, fruit, milk
 2/20 - Whole grain cheese pizza, romaine mix salad, bean salad, fruit, milk
 2/23 - Chicken fajita, romaine lettuce, corn, fruit, milk
 2/24 - Corn dog, baked beans, celery stix, fruit, milk

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL LUNCH MENU 2/18 - 2/24

- 2/18 - Fish on bun, carrots w/dip, pears, milk; PLUS: Salad bar
 2/19 - Tex mex chili, baked fries, pears, milk; PLUS: Salad bar
 2/20 - Cheese pizza, coleslaw, applesauce, milk; PLUS: Salad bar
 2/23 - Chicken strips, corn, pineapple, milk; PLUS: Salad bar
 2/24 - Chicken fajita, sweet potato fries, orange smiles, milk; PLUS: Salad bar

WELL-TRAVELED VET ANDRE EMMETT WINS ALL-STAR GAME MVP

Andre Emmett did not expect his basketball career to turn into a world tour. The stops along the way have become difficult for even the 32-year-old to track.

Texas Tech-Memphis-Austin-Lithuania-Los Angeles-Belgium-France-Venezuela-China-Puerto Rico-Lebanon-Mexico and back again. 11 years, 9 countries, 18 teams. "I've got a lot of stamps on my passport," Emmett said. But he was here, at the Barclays Center on All-Star Weekend in New York City, because of 73 minutes — the amount of action he's seen in the NBA.

On Sunday afternoon, the NBA Development League's elder statesman outplayed everyone on the court, scoring 28 points to win the All-Star Game MVP award. But, along with the work he's put in for the Fort Wayne Mad Ants as the league's fifth leading scorer (21.3 PPG), will it be enough to return to the peak of pro basketball? "I don't know, man. You never know," said Emmett, who has appeared in eight games with the Grizzlies during his rookie season (2004-05), six with the Nets in 2011-12 and 148 in the NBA's minor league. "I'm just being patient, keep grinding, and just hoping and praying something good comes out of it."

Damien Wilkins, the league's oldest player, can relate. At 35, he's worn six different NBA uniforms since entering the pros the same year as Emmett, and ranks right behind his fellow vet among the scoring leaders (20.8 PPG). They've seen more in their careers than the rest of the All-Stars combined — though 10 other players on the rosters have reached the NBA in their young careers.

ASK ME...Miss C!

Dear Miss C,
 My wife of five years is jealous of my "work wife." I have tried to tell her we are just friends, but every time we go out after work to get a drink (that sounds worse than it is, we just vent about work), she texts me constantly. Then is mad at me when I get home, even if it's not too late. I don't get it.

—Work Husband
 Dear Work Husband,

I am not quite sure what the question is here, but I am going to address this as though you want her jealousy explained to you. The 'work spouse' begins as a plutonic relationship between two people who work closely together. It is a common term on the rise as the number of hours we work continues to increase. The relationship in a way mirrors marriage. It starts out due to proximity, but develops because of common challenges in the workplace. You rely

on each other to vent stress or emotional turmoil and to share in the joys of success. Although these relationships are not intimate, there IS an intimacy and a very thin line that when crossed can lead to infidelity. How do affairs usually start? They start through friendships. And the amount of time, shared intimacy, and an outsider feeling could lead your wife to feelings of jealousy.

So, you can decide if the work relationship is worth it. If it is, consider some rules so you can avoid crossing that thin line from friendship to affair:
 • A healthy work spouse situation is between people who would never let their friendship venture in to an inappropriate space, and understand that fine line.
 • Be upfront and honest about the closeness and bond of your real-life relationship.
 • Don't be alone with a

person of the opposite sex separate from your job. Romantic relationships come out of recreational activities and intimate conversations.

- Don't drink with your work spouse. When you drink, boundaries get blurred.
- Introduce your real spouse to your office spouse, so it isn't exclusive.
- Avoid constantly talking about your office spouse at home. Don't overdo it.
- Keep the lines of communication open between other co-workers and your real-life spouse so that your work spouse relationship is not interpreted as a clique, or exclusive.

Blessings,
 —Miss C
 Miss C is waiting to hear from YOU! Email AskMeMissC@gmail.com, Facebook, or send your mail to West Bend News!

ADJECTIVE SECRET OBJECTS

Los Angeles' Jabari Brown scored 17 points, while Elliot Williams (Santa Cruz) finished with 16 in defeat.

With 28 points each, Emmett and Miller tied the fourth-highest total in NBA D-League All-Star Game history.

Jarrel Eddie (Austin) tipped off the day by winning the Boost Mobile NBA D-League All-Star Three-Point Contest. Eddie defeated Curry by amassing 25 points in the final round of the competition.

Jarvis Threatt (Rio Grande Valley) won the Boost Mobile NBA D-League All-Star Slam Dunk Competition during the game's halftime break. Threatt defeated Thanasis Antetokounmpo (Westchester) in the final round with a combined score of 95 points.



Miss Miller's first grade class at Payne Elementary is learning about adjectives. Students used adjectives to describe a secret object that they brought in from home.

SHARP OFFENSE FUELS MAD ANTS OVER BAY-HAWKS

The Mad Ants, sponsored by Lutheran Health Network, came out victorious, 103-91 over the Erie BayHawks in front of a packed house at the Allen Co. War Memorial Coliseum.

The Mad Ants opened the game showcasing a new starting line with Simmons out due to an injury and newly acquired Mad Ant, Will Sheehy filling in for his starting role. With a quick start to the game and sharp shooting from the home team, the Mad Ants were able to steer the first 24 minutes of play in their favor as they found themselves with a 58-50 lead at the half way

mark. Andre Emmett led the first half with 15 points, while Gary Talton had 10 points with 8 assists. Sheehy recorded 9 first half points with 4 rebounds.

The second half would continue to shift in Fort Wayne's favor. In front of a home crowd of 5,144 strong, the Mad Ants continued to dominate the offensive side of the ball, never surrendering a lead in the second half of play resulting in a 103-91 victory for the home team. Emmett would lead all scorers with 24 points and 6 rebounds. Talton recorded 17 points with 16 assists and CJ Fair registered 16 points and 6 rebounds in the win.

For the BayHawks, Seth Curry led with 20 points and John Bohannon recorded 13 points with 14 rebounds.

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ADJUSTABLE RATE MORTGAGE
BACKED PASS THROUGH CERTIFI-
CATES, 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:

THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL
BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.
JOANNE S. FINFROCK aka JO ANN S
FINFROCK 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.

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Peter L. Mehler, Attorney for Plaintiff

Vtechgraphics LLC,

Dayton
A digital photography company offering photo-journalism, digital preservation services and data recovery that combines photography and computers to serve their clients.

Modular Assembly Innovations, Dublin

A leader in the manufacturing and automotive industry, this \$1.2 billion corporation headquartered in Ohio has manufacturing facilities in three states - Ohio, Indiana, and Alabama.

Perez & Morris LLC, Columbus

A business law firm headquartered in central Ohio, with offices in New York as well, that provides a wide range of legal services to meet the various needs of their clients.

Miles-McClellan Construction Co., Inc., Columbus

Since 1978, this company has maintained a focus on competing locally for healthcare, industrial and educational construction projects, as well as helping to support the communities that have contributed to their success.

American Flooring Installers LLC dba AFI Contractors, Toledo

Getting its start in 2005 and growing more than 500 percent over the last five years, this business focuses on exceeding customers' expectations when it comes to providing construction services.

Beyond Expectations Barber College (BEBC), Akron

A certified education/supply company, BEBC strives to make a difference and positive impact in the community by teaching barbering skills to help ex-felons gain employment under the belief that everyone deserves a second chance.

Launched in June 2011, Ohio Business Profile has helped raise awareness about companies registered and doing business in Ohio that are creating interesting products, offering outstanding service, contributing to their local communities and employing Ohioans in the process. Each month, a handful of diverse businesses linked together by a common theme are featured on the Secretary of State's website at OhioBusinessProfile.com, where Ohioans are encouraged to go to submit companies they feel are deserving of recognition in future months.

The Secretary of State's office also releases a monthly report of new business filings in Ohio and recent data has shown that Ohio experienced another record year for the number of newly-registered businesses. In fact, over the course of the past five years, the number of new business filings has grown by 24 percent. One reason for the growth has been the launch of online services. In October 2013, Secretary Husted launched Ohio Business Central allowing businesses to file some of the most commonly used forms online and services continue to be expanded. To date, more than 35,000 filings have been submitted and half of all new companies are now started online in Ohio.

WBESC FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING DATE SET

The Western Buckeye Educational Service Center regular February governing board meeting is set for Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be at the Van Wert Office, 813 N. Franklin St., Van Wert, OH.

SECRETARY HUSTED ANNOUNCES FEBRUARY OHIO BUSINESS PROFILES

As part of an ongoing effort to recognize the state's diverse business community, Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted announced that February's Ohio Business Profile features minority-owned companies in Ohio.

"Success in business is no respecter of race, gender or ethnicity. It is achieved through hard work and a commitment to good customer service and producing a quality product," Secretary Husted said. "The companies featured this month have achieved success through their commitment to this ideal and I hope they can inspire others seeking entrepreneurial success because when local businesses thrive, so does Ohio."

Companies profiled this month include:

Empyra.com, Inc., Youngstown

Delivers on-demand, cloud-based business solutions for workforce development, education and community development, doing its part in transforming the rust-belt into a technology hub.

Rath Builders Supply, Inc., Defiance

A community staple for the past 28 years, the company provides quality construction and building materials to area contractors, as well as the general public.

2Gs, Bellefontaine

A local restaurant started in 2010 that specializes delicious barbeque and home style sides.

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

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LADY PANTHERS PILLAGE PIRATES FOR 1st WIN!

In a low scoring first half, Paulding and Continental were sizing each other up. Opening the second half, the Panthers put it in hyper drive and gained a 4 point lead over the Pirates going into the final quarter, 24-20. Paulding ended the game with that same 4 point lead at 39-34.

LADY PILOTS HAMMER RAIDERS

On January 29th, the Wayne Trace Lady Raiders played a stiff match up against the Ayersville Lady Pilots. Wayne Trace led the first quarter, but the Pilots steadily gained momentum with each quarter, garnering them the win for the evening, 53-43.

LADY RAIDERS FALL TO RAMS

On February 12th, Wayne Trace girls basketball faced off against Tinora. Tinora stepped out onto the court with an accurate aim ending the first quarter ahead of the Lady Raiders, 23-18. The Lady Rams' momentum when unmatched in the 2nd quarter, ending the half at 31-24.

TOUGH LOSS FOR LADY ARCHERS

The Antwerp Lady Archers fell hard to Holgate on January 29th in Tiger country. Final score for the night was 58-25.

PAULDING COUNTY GRAND JURY INDICTMENTS

Paulding County prosecuting attorney Joseph R. Burkard announced that the Paulding County Grand Jury indicted nine persons on Thursday, February 12, 2015.

Scott C. Cramer; Payne, OH; DOB 3/11/63; Driving while intoxicated F-3
Amanda S. Saylor; Paulding, OH; DOB 3/23/82; Theft F-4, Burglary F-2
Aron M. Miller; Paulding, OH; DOB 9/7/95; Sexual Battery F-3
Colton R. Bidlack; Paulding, OH; DOB 10/15/94; Rape F-1, Sexual Battery F-3, Unlawful Sexual Conduct with a Minor F-4
Ryan L. Fraley; Paulding, OH; DOB 5/8/95; Trafficking in Marijuana F-5
Tyler P. Kunsman; Paulding, OH; DOB 4/2/86; Grand Theft F-4
Jennifer C. Lamond; Paulding, OH; DOB 11/11/82; Aggravated Arson F-1, Aggravated Arson F-2
Brandi I. Yoh; Oakwood, OH; DOB 11/6/90; Theft F-5
Anthony L. Parcher; Paulding, OH; DOB 4/28/91; Trafficking in Marijuana F-5

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 1/26/15

This 26th 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 Cindy Peters, Clerk

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:

Warrants documented as 213620 through 213703 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 26, 2015, Warrants numbered 213623 through 213703 in the amount of \$49,340.48; 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.

IN THE MATTER OF REDUCING THE 2015 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 014)

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to reduce the 2015 Annual Appropriation in the PCBDD Fund (Fund 014):

014-001-00025/PCBDD/Family Resources:

Current Appropriation - \$42,000.00, change (+ or -), -\$4,920.00
New Appropriation = \$37,080.00

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE PAULDING COUNTY

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Annual 2014 Financial report for the Village of Cecil is now complete and is available for review by contacting

Carlene Turner
Clerk- Treasurer
at 419-399-0520

NOTICE

The Zoning Inspector for Carryall Township is

Michael Molitor.

He can be reached at 419-633-2610.

Please contact him if you have any zoning concerns, questions or need a building permit.

PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCES JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Paulding High School has announced its January Students of the Month. They are the following (l-r): Freshman

Clay Dockery; Sophomore Aaron Horstman; Junior Allison Harpel; and Senior Claudia Foltz.

SECRETARY OF STATE HUSTED RECOGNIZES ELECTION OFFICIALS OF THE YEAR & PRESENTS BRIGHT "I.D.E.A." AWARDS

Looking to honor the hard work and dedication of local elections officials going above and beyond the call of duty, Secretary of State Jon Husted today announced the Election Officials of the Year winners and Bright I.D.E.A. (Innovative Developments in Election Administration) Award recipients at the Ohio Association of Election Officials Conference.

Election Officials of the Year Award Winners:

Announced at the Ohio Association of Election Officials Conference were the Republican and Democratic Ohio Election Officials of the Year. These awards recognize the notable, positive contributions local elections officials have made to the profession of elections administration in their county, and in the State of Ohio.

This year, both recipients are from the Fayette County Board of Elections and demonstrate how individuals of opposite political parties can collaborate in a collegial and professional manner to administer elections.

"The Fayette County Board of Elections director and deputy director demonstrate a level of bipartisanship that all public officials should strive to achieve," Secretary Husted said. "Their ability to work together, putting the public interest ahead of political interests, has helped deliver well-run elections in their

county time after time."

Republican Ohio Election Official of the Year Award was presented to Jamie Brooks, Director of the Fayette County Board of Elections. Director Brooks has held the positions of director and deputy director for the past eight years. She is an active member of the OAEO and a graduate of the Ohio Registered Election Official Program. An active member of her community, Director Brooks works tirelessly to share information about voting and the board of elections with Fayette County residents.

Democratic Ohio Election Official of the Year Award was presented to Beth Ann Snyder, Deputy Director of the Fayette County Board of Elections. For the past 23 years, Deputy Director Snyder has served the board in either her current position or as director. She has been a contributing member of the OAEO for 20 years and has been a trustee or a member of the Legislative Committee since 1999. She has served on various committees including the Education, Nominating, Audit and Conference Planning Committees. In January 2009, Deputy Director Snyder was appointed OAEO Secretary.

The Republican and Democratic Ohio Election Officials of the Year were each awarded the National Secretaries of State Medallion Award in recognition of their service.

Bright I.D.E.A. Award Winners:

The Bright I.D.E.A. awards recognize county boards of elections for the development of an innovation that was successfully put into practice, caused a measured improvement in the administration of elections, and, if utilized, that other organizations may benefit from the implementation of such methods for management, policy and procedure improvement.

"Ohio's elections officials at all levels are innovators, always in search of new ways to improve the voting experience while being mindful that they are on a tight budget" Secretary Husted said. "Today's honorees are a testament to that ingenuity and another reason why Ohio is a national leader in elections

administration."

Franklin County "Election Day Problem Tracking System": Communication among election officials on Election Day is essential. In Franklin County, the board of elections operated three separate locations where employees handled calls on a wide range of topics and issues. While the county was previously able to address inquiries received, it lacked a central location to collect all of the problems reported that might need further attention. To remedy this issue, the Franklin County Board of Elections developed software that enables election staff throughout the county to enter problems into a database. This system gives elections officials a centralized place to see what problems are happening in real time at polling locations throughout the county and to quickly address any issues that are impeding the election process.

Madison County "Detailed Timeline Tool": To ensure greater efficiency and organization, Madison County has implemented a detailed timeline tool that all staff has access to and can use to plan their work on a daily, weekly and monthly basis. The system allows tasks to be assigned to a specific person, reminds them of deadlines, as well as priority election and daily tasks. The tool also provides for a way to report on progress and check off completed jobs. Officials in Madison County have stated that the tool has been useful in keeping everyone on the same page on what needs to be accomplished both on a daily basis and for future planning.

Montgomery County "Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail Remover": The county currently uses voting equipment that produces a Verifiable Paper Audit Trail, or VPAT, that must be removed from each machine following an election. The process of removing the VPAT from the approximately 2,500 machines used in each election required the tedious process of unrolling each spool of paper, identifying it and storing it according to a retention schedule. In an effort to save the board both time and money, the staff simply modified a power drill to more quickly remove multiple VPATs at one time. A process that used to take eight staff members four days to complete, now takes four staff members two days.

RAIDERS WALLOP PIRATES

On February 3rd, the Wayne Trace Raiders invaded the Continental Pirates in high school boys basketball. As per usual this season, the Raiders were a force to be reckoned with. The Pirates trailed the Raiders the whole game. Final score: Wayne Trace 68, Continental 41

Score by the Quarter:
Wayne Trace – 22 15 13 18=68

Continental – 12 13 7 9=41

Scorers of the Game:
Wayne Trace – Arend 2, Miller 9, Hale 4, E Linder 8, Shepherd 5, C Linder 24, Vest 8, Speice 8

Continental – Swager 5, Williams 11, Troyer 12, Williamson 2, Stauffer 6, Olds 2, Thomas 3

JV – Wayne Trace 54, Continental 24

LADY RAIDERS TAKE DOWN INDIANS

On February 3rd, Wayne Trace squared off against Lima Shawnee in high school girls basketball. The first half only saw a 3 point difference in the scores. It was the first quarter that was the deciding factor of the game. The Lady Raiders put the pedal to the metal (or wood in this case) and drove home the victory: 60-52.

Score by the Quarter:
Wayne Trace – 18 11 12 19=60

Lima Shawnee – 7 16 11 18=52

Scorers of the Game:
Wayne Trace – Wannemacher 2, Mohr 18, Temple 20, Gudakunst 2, Mead 6, Myers 9, L Sinn 3

Lima Shawnee – Medsker 6, Lewis 6, Smith 4, Stahler 7, Evans 11, Herschler 18

JV score: Lima Shawnee 47, Wayne Trace 44

Records: Wayne Trace 10-6, Lima Shawnee 7-11

LADY RAILROADERS PLOW OVER WARRIORS

By: Jeff Abbott

Drue Bodey hit for 3 three-pointers in the first period and the Garrett Lady Railroaders rode the fast track to a 26-10 lead after the first quarter enroute to a 67-49 win over Woodlan in girls basketball at the Warriors' gym. Despite foul trouble for a couple of starters, Garrett was unable to derail any attempt of a comeback by the Warriors. Bodey led Garrett in scoring with 21 points, one of 4 players to hit double figures. Rain Hinton was the lone Warriors' players to get the double-digit mark, scoring 25 points in the loss.

Cortlyn Sowers had 11 points in a 30-26 win for Woodlan in the reserve game

Score by the Quarter:
Garrett – 26 5 18 18=67

Woodlan – 10 9 12 18=49

Scorers of the Game:
Garrett – Bodey 21, Smith 16, Somers 13, Newby 11, DePew 2, Baver 2, Gottfried 2

Woodlan – Hinton 25, Kayser 8, Graber 6, Cook 5, Summers 2, Salzbrenner 2

LADY KNIGHTS STOMP OUT ARCHERS

On February 3rd the Antwerp Lady Archers basketball traveled to the land of the Knights. The Crestview girls protected their court well rendering a defeat for Antwerp, 56-26.

Score by the Quarter:
Crestview – 16 14 11 15=56

Antwerp – 13 6 5 2=26

Scorers of the Game:
Crestview – Crowle 6, Mercer 5, Riggenbach 7, Bauer 18, Motycka 17, Guest 3

Antwerp – Williamson 10, Braaten 4, Miesle 1, Recker 4, Longardner 3, Short 4

ONE POINT VICTORY FOR PANTHERS

The first half of the Aces/Panthers match up on February 10th was neck and neck at the half (30-26). It was in the second half that Paulding really turned up the gas and pulled ahead of Hicksville. They took a dip on the score board in the 3rd, 40-43 Aces, but rebounded and won the

PAYNE AR STUDENTS REWARDED WITH FITNESS FUN!



Students in grades 2-6 at Payne Elementary School who met their second quarter Accelerated Reader goal were treated to a field trip at K&S

Tumblefit in Antwerp. Students participated in Sumba, Tumbling and Obstacle Course activities. Way to go Raider Readers!

game by the buzzer. Final score of the night, 60-59.

Score by the Quarter:
Paulding – 13 17 10 20=60

Hicksville – 12 14 17 16=59

Scorers of the Game:
Paulding – Edwards 14, Crawford 3, Rhonhouse 3, Heilshorn 5, Gonzales 8, Ingol 3, Arellano 21, Sitton 3

Hicksville – Jasso 4, Thiel 14, Kinn 2, Harvey 3, Crall 12, Giesige 24

JV score: Paulding 46, Hicksville 30

LADY HORNETS PROVE TOO MUCH FOR BULLDOGS

On Wednesday, February 4th the Lady Hornets of Angola, IN braved the treacherous roads to Bulldog country for some high school girls basketball. Angola came out of the game racing, giving the game a very fast momentum. New Haven battled but could not overcome the point deficit. Final score for the night: Angola 53, New Haven 37.

Score by the Quarter:
Angola – 15 19 6 13=53

New Haven – 5 8 8 16=37

Scorers of the Game:
New Haven – Saalfrank 1, Finan 1, Creech 7, Lasch 2, Hoffer 2, Lapsley 6, Carlisle 13, Campbell 2, Grundy 3

NH BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL FALLS TO HOME-STEAD

On Saturday, February 7th, New Haven lost to the #2 ranked team in 4A Basketball tonight. The final score of the night was 57-88. New Haven plays East Noble Thursday evening, February 12th.

Scorers of the Game:
New Haven – Westrick 6, Gardner 10, Rowan 2, Stevenson 4, Kinnie 8, Upshaw 5, Towns 13, Rudolph 2, Kraner 7

Homestead – Geist 13, Lake 1, Curry 11, Skowronek 6, French 3, Woffeale 6, Goebel 3, Ray 2, Cooper 4, Swanigan 15, Batt 24

GRAPH SKILLS ARE SWEET!



First graders at Antwerp Elementary have been learning about picture graphs and bar graphs. Here, Taylor Shull sorts her candy hearts and works on her bar graph.

NEW HAVEN BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL BEAT EAST NOBLE

New Haven won versus East Noble on February 12th.

Senior Tyron Kinnie led all scorers with a career high of 30 points. For East Noble Nichols led the Knights with 15 points. Final score: 58-47

Score by the Quarter:
NH – 10 15 15 18=58

East Noble – 14 11 7 15=47

BULLDOGS FALL TO PATRIOTS

The Heritage Patriots entered Bulldog country for some high school boys basketball on February 14th. Heritage dominated the New Haven team from the get-go, keeping their score just above the Bulldogs'. Final score for the night: New Haven 51, Heritage 57

Score by the Quarter:
New Haven – 9 8 16 18=51

Heritage – 12 12 15 18=57

Scorers of the Game:
NH – Crowe 8, Stevenson 8, Kinnie 13, Upshaw 10, Mohler 3, Rudolph 2, Workman 5, Kraner 2

Heritage – Jaquay 12, Dossen 15, Saalfrank 6, Lomow 12, Scott 12

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**VILLAGE OF ANTWERP
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES 1/26/15**

The regular meeting of the Village of Antwerp council was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Tom VanVlerah. Council persons present: Ken Reinhart, Keith West, Larry Ryan, Steve Derck and council President Jan Reeb. Rudie Reeb arrived at 5:40 p.m.

Also in attendance: Solicitor Melanie Farr, Administrator Sara Keeran, Fiscal Officer Loretta Baker, Police Chief George Clemens and EMS billing clerk Ashley McDougall. Media present: Joe Shouse from the Paulding Progress and Peter Greer from the Defiance Crescent News. Visitors: Jennifer Lloyd and Ryan Lassiter from Real Waste Disposal, LLC. Michele Ryder and Michelle Annaraz from Werlor Waste Control. Residents Dan and Richard Gordon. High school student, Annie Miesle.

Minutes from the regular council meeting held December 15, 2014, were reviewed.

Motion made by Jan Reeb, seconded by Reinhart, to accept the minutes from the December 15, 2014, council meeting. 5 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

The December disbursements were reviewed.

Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by West, to approve the December reconciliation report. 6 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by West, to approve the December reconciliation report. 6 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

VISITORS:
Dan Gordon expressed concern about usage of the bus barn, noting equipment such as the loader, mowers and trucks should be parked inside each night out of the weather. Keeran stated the loader is inside the water plant to be kept warm, but she will check with the utility workers regarding this concern.

Dan Gordon also would like council to check into "road wear" on Canal Street. Gordon would like council to create a "farmer's route" to stop the big farm equipment from traveling on Canal Street and destroying it.

Dan Gordon asked why council is considering village-wide garbage collection. Jan Reeb answered stating it will be a savings for residents with lower monthly cost. There will also be collection of large bulky items once a month and save the village the annual cost for this service, which is approximately \$3,000.00. There would also be less wear on village streets.

Dick Gordon asked about keeping a dumpster. Keeran stated that him using a dumpster would be a separate contract with his provider.

Michele Ryder from Werlor Waste Control expressed her appreciation to the village for allowing them to bid on the garbage collection and would like to be kept in the bidding process in the future.

Ryan Lassiter from Real Waste Disposal expressed his gratitude to the village for allowing them to bid and awarding them the bid for the garbage collection. Lassiter stated the first collection of every month will include the bulky item collection. Collection will be on Thursdays and a list of accepted items for the bulky waste collection will be printed in the paper for residents to view.

Annie Miesle was in attendance for student assignment.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Clemens reported 109 calls for service and 23 citations for the month of December. Clemens will contact Schweller again regarding cameras at the park for issues that need attention.

EMS REPORT:

Randy Shaffer provided a year-end written report showing 250 runs for 2014. Ashley McDougall provided a detailed written report for EMS runs billed, collected and outstanding for the month of December.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT:

Emergency reading of ordinance no. 2015-04: 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.

Motion made by Jan Reeb, seconded by Ryan, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2015-04. 6 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Jan Reeb, seconded by Ryan, to accept ordinance no. 2015-04. 6 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

This ordinance was read first to allow the notice of award and contracts to be provided to those in attendance from Real Waste Disposal. The commencement date for collection under the contract is April 1st.

Emergency reading of ordinance no. 2015-01: 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.

Motion made by Ryan, seconded by Rudie Reeb, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2015-01. 6 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Rudie Reeb, seconded by Derck, to accept ordinance no. 2015-01. 6 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Ryan, seconded by Reinhart, to accept ordinance no. 2015-02. 6 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

Emergency reading of ordinance no. 2015-03: An ordinance approving, adopting 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.

Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by West, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2015-03. 6 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Ryan, seconded by Reinhart, to accept ordinance no. 2015-03. 6 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Ryan, seconded by Derck, to accept ordinance no. 2015-02. 6 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

Emergency reading of ordinance no. 2015-02: An ordinance approving, adopting 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.

Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by West, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2015-02. 6 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Ryan, seconded by Derck, to accept ordinance no. 2015-02. 6 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Ryan, seconded by Derck, to accept ordinance no. 2015-02. 6 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Ryan, seconded by Derck, to accept ordinance no. 2015-02. 6 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Ryan, seconded by Derck, to accept ordinance no. 2015-02. 6 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

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SIMPLICITY SNOWBLOWER: Purchased November, 2013. Electric start, less than 20 hours. Due to health issues, need to sell. \$400 obo. 260-749-2462. **6,7p**

regarding ordinance no. 2015-03. 6 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Ryan, seconded by Reinhart, to accept ordinance no. 2015-03. 6 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:
Real Waste Disposal was awarded the contract for village-wide garbage collection at \$8.85 per month for each residential unit in the village.

The 2nd phase of Safe Routes To School will begin with letters to residents in the targeted area informing them of the project with a map included showing where the new sidewalks will be installed. Construction will not begin until spring of 2016.

Snow removal on sidewalks is still an issue. Jan Reeb recommended the village print in the local newspaper a notice reminding residents to clear sidewalks of snow and ice.

Water and sewer telemetry is complete by Schweller Electric. This improvement allows a phone call to notify village personnel should problems occur that prevent water from being pumped causing low or no pressure. It also signals problems at the sewer lift station.

The two lots on Oswalt owned by the Village can be sold in July 2015. Keeran recommends that the village sell these lots as they are not needed for municipal purposes. The lots will need to be appraised and surveyed.

It was brought to Keeran's attention that Archer Drive should be made a one-way street due to heavy traffic at the Vancrest and MAC gym. Public service committee will meet Thursday, January 29, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. to discuss this issue.

West Woodcox Waterline Replacement Project has been awarded by OPWC. This will be a 50% grant/50% loan in the amount of \$171,313.00. This agreement will be released by the commission on July 1st.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Public service committee's report was included in the visitor's issues.

OLD BUSINESS:
Keith West reported on the tank at the park. The VFW needs to know if council is in favor of accepting a donation of the tank for installation at the park. If yes, the VFW requests a letter be drafted and signed by the mayor. West stated the park board would like to place this tank north of the memorial about 100 feet.

Motion made by Jan Reeb, seconded by West, to accept the donation of the tank to be installed at the park with the VFW post 5087 to be responsible for all costs of installing the tank at the park, and maintenance of the tank, including installation and maintenance of all safety precautions at the site and property damage insurance, and authorizing the mayor to sign and deliver a letter to the VFW post 5087 to this effect. 6 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

NEW BUSINESS:
Council president for 2015 was discussed. Derck recommended Jan Reeb.

Motion made by Derck, seconded by Ryan, to appoint Jan Reeb as council president for 2015. 6 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

Paulding County Economic Development has requested their annual membership investment.

Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by Ryan, to donate \$1,500.00 to Paulding County Economic Development for 2015. 6 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

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**ANDRE EMMETT NAMED
PLAYER OF THE MONTH
FOR JANUARY**

The Fort Wayne Mad Ants announced Andre Emmett has been named the NBA D-League Player of the Month for January.

In the team's 12 games this month, Emmett started each game and helped in leading the team to their 10-2 January record, including an 8 game win streak and a 2-0 campaign at the 2015 NBA D-League Showcase. Emmett averaged 27.3 points per game on 51% shooting to go along with averaging 6.4 rebounds per game as well. Emmett also received the D-League Player of the Week honor for the week of January 12-19 and was named to the All-Showcase Honorable Mention Team.

MAD ANTS DROP GAME TO ENERGY

The Mad Ants, sponsored by Lutheran Health Network, after an extended road trip, returned home Thursday, January 29th where they fell to the Iowa Energy 94-103 at Allen Co. War Memorial Coliseum.

Despite quick play from the home team, the Mad Ants found themselves trailing at the half 49-60 with Andre Emmett leading the team with 11 points and Gary Talton with 9 of his own. Indiana Pacers assignee, Shayne Whittington, found early playing time with 4 first half points.

In the second half, newly acquired Mad Ant and former Indiana Hoosier, Will Sheehy, gained not only his first few minutes as a Mad Ant but his first points as well. Sheehy finished the night with 8 points in front of an electric crowd. The Mad Ants

pushed within four late in the fourth quarter, but could not take over control of the lead from Iowa. Emmett led all scorers on the night with 25 points, while CJ Fair ended his night with 16 points and 8 rebounds. Whittington finished with 5 points in his Mad Ants debut.

For the Energy, Diante Garrett would lead with 23 points and Russ Smith would end with 17 points.

**MAD ANTS ACQUIRE
FORMER 2014 MOUNTAIN
WEST PLAYER OF THE
YEAR**

The Fort Wayne Mad Ants officially announced on February 11, 2014 that they have acquired former San Diego State standout Xavier Thames. Thames, pending a physical, was scheduled to join the team for their Tuesday, February 17th match-up against the Maine Red Claws.

Thames began his collegiate playing career at Washington State, where in his freshman year helped lead the team to the Great Alaska Shootout Title in 2009. He transferred the next year to San Diego State, where in his first year with the Aztecs, was named to the Honorable Mention All-Mountain West Team upon averaging 10.1 points and 4.1 assists per game. By his senior year, Thames was averaging 17.6 points and 3.2 assists per game in his 36 games with San Diego State; these stats resulted in Thames being named the 2014 Mountain West Player of the Year, but also named to the All-Mountain West Conference First Team and Mountain West Conference All-Defensive Team.

Thames was selected by the Toronto Raptors as the 59th overall pick in the 2014 NBA Draft, but was then traded to the Brooklyn Nets.

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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.

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WAYNE TRACE HONORS GMC WINNERS

RAIDER NATION



Photo by Jarrison Steiner

The Raiders wrestlers were honored at the boys basketball game on Friday, February 13. This team pulled in their first GMC title for the Raiders after winning the title at Fair-

view on Saturday, February 7. Coach George Clemens waves to the crowd while the announcer presents each of the names during half time. Congratulations go out

to individual champions Max Rassman, George Clemens, Rugar Goelzenleuchter, Zaine Cotterman, Tyler Showalter, and Jacob Dingus.

WOODBURN TO CELEBRATE 150th BIRTHDAY!

The Woodburn Summer Fest will be held on June 12-13! Come and help us plan the Sesquicentennial (150 years) Celebration! The Woodburn Community Association meets the 4th Tuesday of the

month at City Hall, and the next meeting is Tuesday, February 24th. Please feel free to come and share your ideas and see how you can help plan this momentous event! If you have any questions feel free to call the Woodburn Community Association at 260-632-7780.

HOUSE PASSES LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE CERTAINTY TO SMALL BUSINESSES

Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH) joined his colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives in passing H.R. 636, America's Small Business Tax Relief Act. The legislation would permanently extend and modify a temporary provision that allows businesses to expense up to \$500,000 in property used in a trade or business. It would also provide small businesses and family farms the certainty they need to grow.

"As we move toward comprehensive tax reform, we should also take sensible steps to make permanent tax provisions that will provide stability and predictability for hardworking Americans," said Latta. "America's Small Business Tax Relief Act will help provide the certainty our small businesses and family farms need to invest in their businesses, grow their operations and hire more workers."

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They were married at the

Evangelical Baptist Church in Edgerton, OH on March 1, 1952. Both retired from Dana Weatherhead, Antwerp. They have two children: Deb Wensink of Napoleon and Mike of Antwerp; four grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. No gifts please.

areas of severe low visibility and blowing snow. This led to a string of chain reaction crashes in Van Wert and Paulding counties.

Starting at approximately 10:03 a.m., the Van Wert Post began receiving calls of multiple vehicle crashes for both Van Wert and Paulding Counties. Over the next five hours, calls of property damage and injury crashes were reported. A total of 13 crash investigations were initiated with 39 persons involved. There were 11 occupants treated and released at area hospitals with no significant injury being reported.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol urges motorists to reduce speed according to

changing weather conditions and give adequate amount of following distance to allow for increased reaction time due to low visibility conditions. In addition, if involved in a crash where visibility is diminished, always clear the roadway and move the vehicles to the roadside.

Assisting at the crash scenes were several local EMS and Fire Departments including Delphos, Grover Hill, Middle Point, Ohio City, and Scott. The Highway Patrol was assisted with scene clean up by Delpha and Knippen's Wrecker services of Delphos, Ohio, Gideon's Towing and Recovery of Paulding, Ohio, 2A's and Parker-Mace of Van Wert, Ohio.

ST. HENRY, AYERSVILLE WIN MAC GYM CHAMPIONSHIPS: COLUMBUS AREA TEAM COMPETES

The weather hampered travel Saturday but not before 14 youth boys basketball teams travelled into Antwerp for the Valentine's Day "Love the Game" Tournament. Six teams competed in the 3rd grade division. In one pool St. Henry defeated Canal Winchester, who drove up from the Columbus suburb 32-12, then beat Antwerp 20-19 in a nail biting game. In the other pool Bryan beat Tinora 19-16 then slipped by Woodlan 20-18. The wins by both St. Henry and Bryan set up a phenomenal final for this age boys. St. Henry took an early 10-2 lead, only to have the Golden Bears come clawing back with a 14-12 lead. St. Henry battled back with four points from Hayden Boeckman to win the title 16-14. The team that showed the most improvement for the day was Canal Winchester. After battling the weather to get to the MAC Gym, they were beat down pretty hard by St. Henry, competed against Antwerp 20-8 and then defeated Tinora 22-20 before starting the long trek home. Other pool games had Woodlan beating Tinora in a close game 16-14 and Antwerp beating Woodlan 28-22.

In the fourth grade division Defiance set the tone early in their pool beating Tinora 31-20, Woodlan 39-26 and Hicksville 38-6 to advance to the finals. Ayersville made short work of their day in the other pool beating Liberty Center 35-19, then West Unity Hilltop 48-14 and finally Fairview 50-14. In the finals Ayersville made a three point halftime lead stand up in a 27-24 win over Defiance.

Other pool games had Liberty Center beating Fairview 16-8 and Hilltop 20-6. Fairview beat Hilltop 22-16. Woodlan knocked off Hicksville 26-14 and Tinora 23-16. Tinora beat Hicksville 28-4.

VAN WERT POST INVESTIGATING MULTIPLE WEATHER RELATED CRASHES

The Van Wert Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol is investigating a series of weather related crashes which occurred on February 14, 2015. The weather changed abruptly Saturday morning leading to several hours of hazardous weather. Snow started to fall as well as an increase in wind speed created

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