

CHAMBER AWARDS EXPANDING BUSINESS AT BANQUET



Award Recipients: Jim Brown (PPEC), Guy Dasher, Erika Willitzer, and Chamber Director Peggy Emerson

The Eagle's Lodge hosted a full house at the Annual Paulding Chamber Banquet on February 17 and everyone enjoyed a spectacular meal provided by Kim's Classic Catering.

After a few words by the new Chamber Director, Peggy Emerson, the financial reports were read and the ambitions plans for the future were

laid out, mentioning both the Flat Rock Creek Festival and the concert taking place at the new Herb Monroe Park.

Awards were presented by Paulding County Hospital's Melanie Rittenour.

The winners for the night's awards were: Milestone/Anniversary Archbold Equipment - 100 years; Golden Shovel Dairy Queen with the

new remodeling taking place; Business of the Year was Paulding Putnam Electric Coop with Operation Round-up putting the members donations back into the community; Business Person of the Year was Erika Willitzer who has served her county in various aspects from the Kiwanis to the Chamber and many more organizations;

Volunteer of the Year had three nominations: Vicki Kadesch, Donna Pieper, and Guy Dasher. The award went to Guy for all of his work around the area and at the

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GROVER HILL FIREFIGHTERS ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

The Grover Hill Fire Department will be hosting an All You Can Eat Pancake & Sausage Breakfast on Saturday, February 28th, from 7:00-11:00 a.m. at the Grover Hill VFW. The breakfast will be prepared by the Grover Hill firefighters, and will include an all you can eat menu of pancakes, sausage, orange juice and coffee. This event will go towards equipment purchases needed for a new fire engine the department has on order.

COMMUNITY PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW IN NEW HAVEN

The dates for the 2015 Community Photography Show have been announced. The opening reception will be Friday, February 27th from 5:30-7:00 p.m. and will be held at the New Haven Park Center, 1125 Hartzell Street, New Haven. All local artists 14 years of age and older are welcome to enter. The show is non-juried and awards will be given. Drop-off entries February 24-26 from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The show will be on display March 12th.

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THE DRESS EVENT COMES TO ANTWERP!

The AHS Class of 2017 After-Prom Committee is sponsoring and organizing a Consignment Prom Dress and other occasion dresses event - The Dress Event. Plan to attend on Saturday, February 28th from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. or Sunday, March 1st from 12:00-4:00 p.m. There will be a wide array of dresses to choose from.

If you have a dress you would like to display in this

event, dress drop-off is as follows:

Thursday, February 27th from 4:00-8:00 p.m. or Friday, February 28th from 3:00-6:00 p.m.

The Dress Event will take place at Monroe & Daggett St. in Antwerp (Divine Mercy Catholic Center - formerly St. Mary's).

For more information about this exciting event, check out The Dress Event on Facebook or contact Michelle Dooley at 419-258-2304.

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What: Fish and Chicken Fry
Includes: Sides, Dessert & Drink
When: Friday February 27th
4:30p.m. to 8 p.m.
Where: Woodlan Auditoria Door 16
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OBITUARIES



and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and siblings: Thomas Cottrell, Robert, George & Ruth Derck.

Viewing was Thursday, February 19, 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 pm at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp. Her funeral was held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, February 20, with viewing one hour prior at the funeral home.

She will be laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Community Health Professionals.

Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

PAULDING, OH:
Robert E. Vance, age 70 died Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at the Van Wert Inpatient Hospice Center, Van Wert, Ohio.

He was born March 12, 1944 in Paulding County, Ohio, the son of Dale C. and Marie W. (Knapp) Vance. On January 30, 1968 he married Linda D. Elston who preceded him in death on March 30, 2007. He was a US Army veteran serving during the Viet Nam Conflict and retired in 1997 from Ohio Art, Bryan, Ohio.

He is survived by three children: Barry (Dorreean) Vance, and Rob (Rachel) Vance, both of Paulding, and Nancy (Taylor) McDonald, of Baton Rouge, LA; his siblings: Connie Starkey, Bryan, Janet (Bill) Larson, Ft. Wayne, Bill (Patty) Vance, and David Vance, both of Paulding; nine grandchildren: Isaak, Becca, Olin, Bill, Mandy, Kylee, Kaleb, Hannah and Logan.

He is also preceded in death by his parents; a son, Mark; a brother, Tom and a sister, Patty Darrow.

Funeral services were conducted 11 AM Saturday, February 21 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Burial will follow in St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding County, with military graveside rites accorded by VFW Post #587.

Visitation was 4 - 8 PM Fri-

day, February 20 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, and one hour prior to services on Saturday.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations made to the Paulding County Senior Center.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com



HAVILAND, OH:
Bonnie R. Rodman age 77 died Thursday, February 19, 2015 at Van Wert Hospital, Van Wert, Ohio.

She was born August 13, 1937 in Paulding, Ohio, the daughter of Edward "Ed" and Gladys E. (Carlisle) Tope. On December 27, 1955 she married Charles Rodman, who survives. She was a member of Country Chapel United Methodist Church, Haviland where she was a ladies aid. She was a former member of Grange and Order of the Eastern Star.

She is survived by her husband, Charles, Haviland; three children: Charlene Coulter, Van Wert, Shelly (Albert) Bartoch, Salem, IN, and Renee (Tim) Hall, Cambridge City, IN; six grandchildren: and two great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Lowell Tope; and a sister, Alice Mallone.

Funeral services will be conducted 11 AM Monday, February 23, 2015 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Burial will follow in Blue Creek Cemetery, Haviland, Ohio.

Visitation were 2 - 8 PM Sunday, February 22 at Den Herder Funeral Home. There was also a visitation one hour prior to service on Monday.

Donations may be made to Country Chapel United Methodist Church or Scott EMS.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

ANTWERP, OH:
William "Jay" Jackson, 82 of Antwerp passed away Feb. 20, 2015. His family was assisted by Dooley Funeral Homes of Antwerp & Payne.

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 2/25 - 3/3

2/25 - Pork roast, mashed potatoes, Normandy blend, chunky applesauce, WW bread, goldfish crackers

2/26 - Baked ham, baked potato, beets, apple juice, sherbet, dinner roll

2/27 - Tuna & noodles, mashed potatoes, California blend, strawberries, angel food cake, dinner roll

3/2 - BBQ riblet sandwich, hashbrown o'brien, spinach, citrus fruit, raisins

3/3 - Beef stew, tossed salad, grape juice, biscuit, fruit cobbler

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 2/25 - 3/3

2/25 - Crafts at 12:30 p.m.; Grocery Shopping at 1:30 p.m.

2/26 - Bingo w/The Gardens at 10:00 a.m.; Turn up at 12:15 p.m.

2/27 - Red Hat Day; Craft store open 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.; Bingo w/Vancrest of Antwerp at 12:00 Noon

3/2 - Exercise at 10:00 a.m.

3/3 - Euchre at 9:45 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.

JOHN PAULDING HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S JUNIOR HISTORIAN CLUB

The next meeting of the John Paulding Historical Society's Junior Historian Club will be on Saturday, March 7th, from 12:00-2:00 p.m. at the Historical Society.

We will be discussing upcoming community events and the clubs involvement, as well as gathering ideas for the club's onsite and offsite meetings. A light snack and drinks will be provided.

SPRING REGISTRATION FOR FREE ABLE CLASSES

Vantage Career Center is offering Adult Basic Literacy Education (ABLE) classes in Paulding County. Many adults attend ABLE classes to refresh basic skills in reading, writing and math, improve skills needed for employment or further education, or prepare for the GED® exam to obtain a high school equivalency diploma. ABLE classes are offered at convenient times and locations throughout the Vantage service area, including Van Wert, Paulding, Delphos and Celina.

In Paulding, classes are held at the Paulding County Ohio Means Jobs Center, which recently relocated to 252 Dooley Dr. Suite B, Paulding, OH. Classes meet Tuesday and Thursday from 12:00 Noon until 3:00 p.m. in room 22. Orientation is the first Monday of the month. New students may register at the next orientation session on Monday, March 2, 2015 from 12:00 Noon until 3:00 p.m. Interested students may contact the Ohio Means Jobs Center at 419-399-6120 for further information.

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"Do not those who plot evil go astray? But those who plan what is good find love and faithfulness."

Proverbs 14:22 NIV

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Rod Mobley and Shannon Schilt receive the Award for Archbold Equipment.

Flat Rock Festival. "He's the guy that tells you were you can go!" it was stated on the announcement. Honorable Mentions went to Vicki Kadesch and Donna Pieper

The VIP tables were sponsored by: First Federal Bank, Meta-Link, Paulding County Commissioners, Paulding-Putnam Electric Coop, St. John Tire Service, State Bank, and Tri-County Roofing.

Classes are also offered in the evening at the Paulding County Library, 205 S. Main St., Paulding, OH, on Thursdays from 5:00 until 7:30 p.m. in the lower level Community Room. For more information, please contact the ABLE Coordinator at Vantage.

Since January, 2014 there have been several significant changes in the content, format and cost of the GED® exam. ABLE classes can help students learn about the new computer-based GED® test, and assist in making goals for further education, adult certificate training or a better job a reality. ABLE classes offer a positive learning environment and instructors are prepared to meet the diverse needs of adult learners. It's never too late to get ahead by going back to school.

For additional information regarding registration for ABLE classes, cost of the new GED® exam or participation in the Ohio voucher program for first-time test-takers, please contact the ABLE Coordinator at 419-238-5411 or 1-800-686-3944 ext. 2075; or visit the ABLE/GED link on the Vantage Career Center Adult Education website at: www.vantagecareercenter.com

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CARE PACKAGES BY FCCLA STUDENTS



Paulding High School FCCLA members Jordan Shull, Kynsie Etzler, and Kacie Karl-

stadt created "Care Packages" to be donated to a local hospital.

DRIVING COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS: COLLEGE STUDENTS RECEIVE CREDIT WHILE PROVIDING RIDES TO OLDER OHIOANS

Driving Community Connections is a pilot partnership between ITN Greater Cincinnati and the University of Cincinnati, supported by the Ohio Department of Aging and the Ohio Board of Regents, with the goal of linking college students with older adults in their community in need of transportation assistance. Nationally, ITN's volunteers are predominantly older adults; by tapping into the unique campus culture of the University of Cincinnati, ITN Greater Cincinnati can fill an important service gap. In addition to earning transportation credits that they can save for future use, transfer to a loved one or donate to someone in need, students also have the opportunity to earn college credit.

Driving Community ConnectionsThe Independent Transportation Network (ITN) is the first and only national non-profit transportation system for older adults. ITN connects elders who need transportation for any purpose with volunteer drivers who provide "door-through-door service" at any time of day. ITN Greater Cincinnati currently is the only Ohio affiliate of ITN America. ITN is membership-based. Members pay dues and pay affordable fares for rides out of a pre-paid Personal Transportation Account. The ITN service is available 24/7 and gives customers the flexibil-

ity to schedule their rides in advance or as needed, as well as the option to ride alone or with others. Volunteers drivers use their own vehicles and earn partial mileage reimbursement and credit in their own Personal Transportation Accounts that they can use in the future, transfer to a loved one or donate to low-income riders. Payment is processed using ITN's proprietary software so that no money is exchanged between riders and drivers, adding to the program's safety.

Driving Community Connections utilizes a three-pronged approach to engaging students.

- Online Course - Effective in January 2015, U.C. students can take a one credit hour elective course to learn more about the aging process. Staff at the Ohio Department of Aging have created a "car-iculum" and will participate in class webinars.

- Service Learning - Driving Community Connections has been recognized as an approved service learning opportunity at U.C. In service learning, professors partner with community organizations to offer students a structured learning experience in the community that builds upon what is taught in the classroom.

- Student Group - A student group on campus is open to anyone on campus interested in volunteering to serve as a driver for ITN.

"This is about community connections - not just connecting older adults with their destinations, but connecting generations to one another," added Santa J. Ono, president

of the University of Cincinnati. "We have partnered with ITN of Greater Cincinnati to not only provide older Ohioans with transportation options that allow them to stay engaged in their community and age in place, but also give students insight into aging issues and what their elders have to offer."

"I commend University of Cincinnati for embracing an innovative way to fill a key need in the community while also giving students an invaluable learning experience that they won't find in any textbook," said Bonnie K. Burman, Sc.D., director of the Ohio Department of Aging. "They will learn that generations are interdependent and that Ohio thrives when we support each other."

CITIZENS MOBILIZE TO RESIST UNDEMOCRATIC CORPORATE WATER GRABS

By: Victoria Collier

On February 5, New Jersey became the latest state to subvert democracy by authorizing the fast-track sale or lease of water utilities without public notice, comment, or approval. The controversial decision highlights the intensifying struggle over who owns, controls, and profits from the most precious—and threatened—resource on Earth.

We tend to associate corrupt water privatization schemes with the developing world, where according to the World Health Organization, nearly 2.6 billion people still lack a latrine and 1.1 billion people have no access to any type of improved drinking source of water. In this crisis environment, the World Bank and IMF have spent decades imposing water privatization as a condition of their exploitative loans, profiting a handful of transnational water corporations.

According to renowned food and water rights advocate Maude Barlow, "The performance of these companies in Europe and the developing world has been well documented: huge profits, higher prices for water, cut-offs to customers who cannot pay, little transparency in their dealings, reduced water quality, bribery, and corruption."

Water privatization has also followed on the heels of war and natural disaster in devastated regions where massive reconstruction projects are needed. These are the largely unregulated profit-centers of what journalist Naomi Klein coined the "disaster capitalism complex."

But now, disaster capitalism has come home to

the United States. Private corporations are taking advantage of lucrative opportunities created by the intentionally crippled tax base of American states. Decades of neo-liberal policies have bled the public sector to the point of collapse: deregulation, outsourcing, tax cuts for the one percent, and trillions lost annually to war spending, corporate welfare and off-shore tax-havens.

Cash-strapped governments can finally no longer repair crumbling infrastructure or meet future development needs. Offering to "fill the budget gap," the private sector is grabbing public assets and resources, particularly water, blinding public officials to the consequences of long-term contracts with substantial upfront payments.

The fast-growing "public-private-partnership" or PPP model is a friendly marketing euphemism for privatization. PPPs facilitate the transfer of public utilities, like water, to profit-driven private corporations. This is proving a slippery slope as laws are constantly changing, always further acceding to corporate demands.

In June 2014, water investment advisors Bluefield Research praised the "revised regulatory landscape" and cheered a "major step forward for the market" when President Obama signed the Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) into federal law, which among many other provisions seeks to expand private financing for water projects.

Private sector groups like the American Water Works Company (AWWC), Water Environment Federation (WEF), and the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA) began lobbying to further weaken WRRDA's public protections and to force tax-free Private Activity Bonds (PABs) so private investors can pocket more money at the expense of public coffers.

Meanwhile, investment banks including JP Morgan Chase, Goldman Sachs, Citigroup, the Carlyle Group, Allianz and many others are aggressively buying up the world's declining fresh water supply and infrastructure in what is being called a "liquid gold rush."

But water is not a commodity; it is a human right. As climate change, population growth, industry use and pollution threatens the world's dwindling fresh water supplies, the onslaught of privatization is being countered by a powerful backlash to reclaim that precious re-

MEALS READY TO EAT GETS MIXED REVIEWS



Parent volunteer Robert Philllips helps sixth graders Eli Molitor (seated), Rylan Brooks (standing), Carmen Cruz (seated), and Molly Reinhart (holding package).

The Antwerp VFW Post #5087 extended their generosity to Mr. Tempel's science 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!

source for the public sphere.

The last 15 years have seen at least 180 cases of water "remunicipalization" in 35 countries, according to the Transnational Institute., and the trend is growing. In France, which had the longest history of water privatization, numerous cities have recently reclaimed their water, including Paris in 2010. From Spain to Buenos Aires, Cochabamba to Kazakhstan, Berlin to Malaysia, water privatization is being aggressively rejected.

Yet, because water privatization is notoriously at odds with democracy, citizens often find they must take to the streets in non-violent marches and civil disobedience in order to defend their rights and reclaim control of this vital resource.

In Bolivia, a historic public uprising literally drove Bechtel from Cochabamba in 2000. In Ireland, nearly 100,000 people took to the streets in December 2014, to protest the right-wing government's plans to privatize water services. India and Nigeria are also launching campaigns against dangerous and undemocratic privatization schemes.

In the United States, residents of Detroit, Michigan spent the summer of 2014 fighting mass water shut-offs to tens of thousands of low-income, mostly African American residents. More than 3,000 protesters marched and citizens - including the elderly and disabled - engaged in direct action to block the trucks sent to disconnect water without notice. Detroiters will now have to mobilize against the water privatization expected through their new regional authority.

In Portland, Oregon, residents are mobilizing now to oppose the costly and unnecessary water system to be built by CH2M Hill, the notoriously corrupt mega-developer and privatization pioneer. CH2M Hill has also planned a mass-privatization scheme for California,

Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia, called the West Coast Infrastructure Exchange.

Public-Public Partnerships (PUPs) are emerging frameworks for preventing corporate takeovers of natural resources and developing non-profit, public-driven solutions for water infrastructure needs. PUPs are partnerships between "two or more public authorities or organizations based on solidarity, to improve the capacity and effectiveness of one partner in providing public water or sanitation services," according to the Public Services International Research Unit. Such solidarity partnerships are underway in Japan, the Netherlands, India, Costa Rica, Brazil, and many other countries.

We must continue to organize in the United States around similar, pro-active democratic solutions, to prepare for a future increasingly defined by resource scarcity, and fundamentally threatened by the corporate imperative of profits over people and democracy.

Victoria Collier is the Education Director of the National Election Integrity Coalition, the co-founder of Girasol, a center for sustainable ecology and economy in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, and is syndicated by PeaceVoice.

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL LUNCH MENU 2/25 - 3/3

2/25 - Hot dog on bun, black-eyed peas, pears, milk; PLUS: Salad bar


2/26 - Goulash, bread & butter, green beans, mixed fruit, milk; PLUS: Salad bar

2/27 - Cheesy breadsticks w/marinara, carrots & celery w/dip, applesauce, milk; PLUS: Salad bar

3/2 - Cheeseburger on bun, mixed vegetables, orange smiles, milk; PLUS: Salad bar


3/3 - Coney dog on bun, baked beans, mixed fruit, milk; PLUS: Salad bar

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WHAT ARE THE BASICS TO FULFILLING MINISTRY?

Winning the Battle for a Generation by: Pastor Rick Jones

There have been times in my ministry when I've had to take inventory: what is ministry about, what does it mean to "take care of business" when it comes to fulfilling ministry obligations? There has always been and probably always will be those who would attempt to get us off our game, to focus on things that are not eternal or that are not part of the scriptural priorities of one in ministry. What do we do when we're struggling with fulfilling ministry? We go back to the basics. Take for example a similar lesson in the lives of two great NFL quarterbacks and brothers, Peyton and Eli Manning, who also have had to come to terms with what makes a great quarterback, "getting back to the basics."

Peyton Manning will retire with the best quarterback statistics in the history of the NFL. His younger brother Eli is also an elite NFL quarterback. Yet, both brothers have quietly spent the past few off-seasons going back to their old coach—Coach Cut—and allowing him to deconstruct them and take them back to their most basic quarterback fundamentals.

Coach Cut (David Cutcliffe) was Peyton's quarterback coach at the University of Tennessee. They've stayed tight. "He's always been my coach," Peyton said in a recent interview. When Coach Cut started coaching for the University of Mississippi, Eli took notice and signed on to play there.

Peyton Manning was released by the Indianapolis Colts in 2012, when a serious neck injury left them believing his career was over. Enter Coach Cut. After watching tape of Peyton's throwing sessions, Coach Cut told him, "Your mechanics are all wrong, you're going to blow out your arm." Cutcliffe then spent the next two years reconstructing Peyton the quarterback by taking him under the basics. Eli Manning had a rough season in 2013, and similarly has allowed Coach Cut to carve him up and help rebuild him.

Why would these two premiere athletes allow their old coach to tear apart their technique and reconstruct their game? Because both Peyton and Eli know that a return to the "basics" isn't a sign of

failure. It's actually the path to true success.

What are the basics to those called into ministry? Is it about being liked, being known for our social and personality skills? The Apostle Paul reminds his young protégé, Timothy, that ministry is first and foremost about one thing, to preach the gospel, in and out of season. 2 Timothy 4:2-5 (NKJV), "Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all long-suffering and teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry."

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.

BIBLE QUESTIONS

By: James Potter, Oakwood church of Christ

1. Luke 18:6 - What did Jesus call the judge?
2. Luke 18:7 - What shall God do for his elect?
3. Luke 18:7 - What is God's elect doing day and night?
4. Luke 18:7 - What does God with them?
5. Luke 18:8 - What will God do speedily?
6. Luke 18:8 - Will Jesus find _____ on the earth?
7. Luke 18:9 - Who is the next parable about?
8. Luke 18:9 - This parable was spoken to some who _____ in themselves?
9. Luke 18:9 - They thought they were _____ and others they _____?
10. Luke 18:10 - How many men went up to the temple?

Comments or Questions? Call James Potter at 419-393-4775 or e-mail me at jsp1941@yahoo.com also the proofreader you can contact is Lonnie Lambert at 419-399-5022. Jesus loves you and so does the Oakwood church of Christ.

Answers to this week's questions:

1. Unjust; 2. Avenge them;
3. Crying out to God to avenge them;
4. Bears long;
5. Avenge them;
6. Faith;
7. Pharisee and

tax collector; 8. Trusted; 9. Righteous; despised; 10. Two;

Now for some truths we see in this study: for those who are being persecuted by others for their being saints and in the Lord's church read 2 Thessalonian chapter 1:5-10. Loved ones, for those who are in Christ, our sufferings is proof that judgment is coming. The wicked who are doing this believe they are okay, but God tells us that vengeance is His, He will repay. Also at the judgment those who are Christians or saints will be proven worthy. Jesus tells us to continue through the trials, temptations, tribulations and so forth, and through all of this, Jesus will give us rest. This rest is eternally. After the judgment there will be no persecutors, no stripes, no stonings, no prisons. Oh, how wonderful and true what God wants to do for us, if we would only listen to His word as he speaks to us and tells us in the New Testament how much He loves and cares for us. God and Jesus has prepared a way, let someone show you scripturally how you too can have salvation and know for certain, if you live the life Jesus tells you to. You will go to heaven.

"O! Baldy" is pleading with you to please study the Bible for the Bible is truth and especially the New Testament for this is the law we are to obey today. "Luv Ya".

MILLIGAN COLLEGE CONCERT CHOIR TO PERFORM

The Milligan College Concert Choir will appear in concert at Woodburn Missionary Church in Woodburn, IN, on Thursday, March 12, at 7:00 p.m.

Milligan's Concert Choir is an auditioned mixed chorus of 36 students with a varied repertoire that includes classics, spirituals, hymn arrangements and multicultural music from around the globe. The students in the choir represent a variety of majors, including a number of students who are music majors or minors and who plan careers in music education or ministry.

The Concert Choir upholds a long tradition as an outstanding college choir. At the invitation of the President, the choir sang at the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C., and toured throughout England, with special performances in Coventry Cathedral and in the Civic Centre of the City of Birmingham.

More recently, the Concert Choir sang at the Conference on World Evangelism-National Missionary Convention and the Tennessee State Convention of the American Choral Directors' Association. Also, the choir frequently collaborates with the Symphony of the Mountains, the Johnson City Symphony Orchestra and the Milligan College Orchestra.

The Concert Choir is under the direction of Noah DeLong, assistant professor of music. DeLong, who joined Milligan's faculty in fall 2011, has conducted choirs at a number of churches and colleges, including The University of Iowa, Good News Bible Church (Iowa), Earlham College (Indiana), Ball State University, Westminster Presbyterian Church (Indiana) and Taylor University. In addition to his teaching and conduct-

ing experience, he has performed as a tenor soloist and accompanist for numerous choirs and solo vocalists. He holds degrees from Taylor University and Ball State University, and he is currently completing a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in choral conducting from The University of Iowa.

Woodburn Missionary Church is located at 5108 Bull Rapids Rd., Woodburn, Indiana, 46797. For more information about this worship event, contact 260.632.4615.

To learn more about Milligan College's music program, visit www.milligan.edu/music.

BETHEL COLLEGE TROUPE TO PERFORM SHOW ABOUT EUSEBIUS HERSHEY AT NEW HORIZONS FELLOWSHIP IN NEW HAVEN

The Bethel College Genesians, a traveling drama troupe from Mishawaka, Ind., will perform Sunday, March 1st, at New Horizons Fellowship.

The free performance begins at 6:00 p.m.

Hershey is described as the first missionary in the history of the Missionary Church to answer the call "to serve Christ in 'inhospitable lands.'" This season's production is "In Search of Eusebius Hershey" by Richard T. Young.

Show promoters say audiences will "discover a colorful, dedicated, tireless, and energetic 'warrior for the Lord' whose life of service to the Gospel is a challenge to us all." The performance will explore Hershey's "fascinating journey as a traveling evangelist, talented writer and true hero of the church."

The show is suitable for the entire family. The Genesians perform under the direction of Richard T. Young, Theatre Department chair at Bethel. The troupe has performed more than 1,000 times in the United States and Canada since it was formed in 1965.

• ALSO Family Movie Night, Saturday, March 21st 6:00 p.m. - Big Hero 6

Free popcorn, drinks & admission

• Easter Egg Hunt at Werling Park, Saturday, April 4th 2:00 p.m. Ages 2 to 12. Free prizes, candy and fun.

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Clint and Camile Myers would like to announce the birth of their daughter Ellie Marie. She was born at St. Rita's hospital in Lima, Ohio January 10, 2015 at 1:50 a.m. Her weight was 6 pounds 13 ounces and 19½ inches in length. Grandparents are Roger and Donna Myers of Scott, OH and Clair and Cindy Harting of Convoy, OH. Great-grandparents are Ruby Myers of Van Wert and the late Mort Myers, Jean Grothouse of Ft. Jennings and the late Jim Grothouse, Clair and Nancy Harting of Convoy, OH and Gerald and Dixie Kreisler of Ohio City, OH.

CONTEMPORARY CONCERT WITH RYAN HIRSCHY MINISTRIES RESCHEDULED ON FEBRUARY 28



A performance with Ryan Hirschy Ministries has been rescheduled for Saturday, February 28th at the Rockford Belle set to begin at 7:00 p.m. with doors open at 6:00 p.m. Ryan Hirschy and pianist Brad Byerly will perform a full contemporary, Christ-centered concert at 135 Market Street, Rockford. Together, they have entertained with an inspirational program for more than 20 years.

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

Christ is the focus and

heart of his Ministry. It is Ryan's desire that as people attend his Contemporary style music concerts; they are filled with courage and hope to claim the grace that Jesus freely offers.

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

More than a mere performance- attend this special event to witness a vocally and spiritually gifted ministry! For more information call 567-644-9993.

STRIKE OUT HUNGER RAFFLE WINNERS



Our winner of the Strike Out Hunger Raffle is Tara Miller. Pictured here (l-r) are Reta Ptak of RiP It Fit Club

Fitness, Tara Miller (winner), Anne Reinhart of Returned To You and Christopher Reinhart of CMR Tools all in Paulding.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Deacon Paul Hitzeman was born on February 17, 2015 at 6:56 a.m. at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville, OH. He weighed 8 lb. 12 oz. and was 21 inches long. He was welcomed home by his parents Jeff Hitzeman and Samantha Colley, and older siblings, Cohen, Aeylah and Jayde all of Antwerp.

His proud grandparents are John and the late Wava Colley of Paulding, and Steve and Sheila Hitzeman of Antwerp.

ANTWERP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SAYS, "SAVE THE DATE - MARCH 31, 2015"

The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce is hosting a "Meet and Greet" Dessert Bar for the Chamber members on March 31, 2015 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. It will be held at the Essen House Restaurant and will feature NOACC representative, Vicky Hawke. She will be there to inform members of the financial benefits of being a Chamber member. Please plan to come and be a part of our community efforts. More information will follow.

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GEMSTONE KNOWLEDGE



Mr. Fessel from Fessel Jewelers talked to the 5th graders at Paulding Elementary School about gemstones. The 5th graders have been studying rocks and minerals. They have cracked open ge-

odes and grew some crystals. Mr. Fessel brought in beautiful examples of minerals for the students to look at and learned why they form and how valuable some actually are.

WT PAYNE ELEMENTARY ANNOUNCES FEBRUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Wayne Trace Payne Elementary have announced their Students of the Month for February. Pictured here are (row 1) Alizae Alejo, Kevin Bauer, Gage Tinlin, and TJ McClain; (row 2) Ryan Park-

er, Sapphire Ingle, and Rylin Moore; (row 3) Nick Huckabaa, Caitlyn Thomas, Anastacia Gonzales, Laura Stoller, Jazmyne Roddy, and Brooks Laukhuf.

ALLEN COUNTY (IN) PUBLIC LIBRARY MARCH EVENTS - MAIN BRANCH

Storytime for Preschools, Daycares & Other Groups:
Wednesday, March 4, 11, 18, 25, 9:30 a.m. - 30-minutes of theme-based stories, fingerplays, early literacy activities and fun for your 3 to 6 year old child.

Family Storytime:
Wednesday, March 4, 11, 18, 25, 10:30 a.m. - Join us for a special half-hour of book-related fun. Each session is geared to preschoolers ages 3 to 6. Each session includes books, fingerplays, songs and multimedia computer fun.

Babies And Books:
Fridays, March 6, 13, 20, 27, 10:00 a.m. - Bring in those little babies for a special time just for them. They are never too young to begin with books.

Toddler Storytime:
Fridays, March 6, 13, 20, 27 10:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. - Special stories, songs and activities for active toddlers! Children 18 months to 3 years of age and their caregivers are encouraged to attend.

Toddler Art:
Tuesday, March 10, 10:30 a.m. - Calling all toddlers—we have an art class just for you. It is not so much about what you create but how you go about creating your masterpiece.

LEGO Club:
Thursday, March 12 &

26, 3:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 21, 3:00 p.m. - Get your brains, and hands, and imaginations working... by playing with LEGOs.

Sensory Friend Film:
Saturday, March 7, 10:00 a.m. - A chance for families to enjoy favorite films in a friendly, accepting environment. We will have the lights up and the sound down. Audience members can feel comfortable moving, showing or singing along. The program is specially designed for families and children with Sensory Processing Disorder, but, everyone is invited.

Preschool Puppet Show:
March 18, 19, 20, 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 1:30 p.m., March 21, 10:30 a.m. - Join us for our annual preschool puppet show. Registration is required for schools and daycares, call 421-1220. Families are welcome at any performance.

Library: Behind the Scenes:
Monday, March 30, 2:00 p.m. - Want to know what happens behind the scenes at the main library? Where are the storage books, where do librarians go for lunch, what happens when you put a book in the book drop? Join us for a tour behind the scenes and learn some of our secrets.

Fort Wayne Ballet Youth Company:
Thursday, March 26, 7:00 p.m. - Watch the classic folk tale, Thumbelina, dance to life during this FREE mini

performance by the Fort Wayne, Ballet Youth Company. Seating is limited doors open at 6:45 p.m.

First Friday Book Group:
Friday, March 6, 10:00 a.m. - Read and discuss interesting books with other homeschoolers ages 11 - 14.

Books-n-Bagels (and a few donuts):
Friday, March 13, 10:00 a.m. - Discuss books while enjoying tasty bagels (or donuts). For homeschool high school students.

STEAM: Code Club and more:

Tuesdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 2:00 p.m. - Each Tuesday we will meet to enjoy some science, technology, engineering, art and math related activities. Sign up by calling 260-421-1255.

Sci-Fi Club:
Thursday, March 12, 7:00 p.m. - Everything SciFi—movies, games, books, graphic novels, new SciFi Tech in the real works, and any other science fiction topic. Dr. Who, Star Trek, Star Wars, Ender's Game, Etc.

Totally Terrific Tuesdays:
Tuesday, March 10, 7:00 p.m. - Have fun using your own ideas and library provided supplies to make a St. Patrick's Day project.

Minecraft Club:
Thursday, March 26, 2:00, 7:00 p.m. - Play Minecraft with other people who love the game as much as you do!

Homeschool Happenings:
Thursday, March 5, 1:00 p.m. - Learn something new or participate in an interesting activity every month. This month we will have a Chess Workshop.

Otaku Anon:
Thursday, March 5, 7:00 p.m. - Otaku Anon is back. Watch anime and hang out with others who love anime and manga as much as you do. We will also be showing off Mango Languages, the new online way to learn a language. This is your way to learn Japanese via the computer.

Jeffrey R. Krull Gallery:
January 27-March 31, 2015 - Indelible (P)ink: The Pink Panther and Popular Culture:

This exhibition is a blast from the past, spying on the Pink Panther as an example of popular culture while uncovering his contribution to 20th-century animation. Animation Cells, Production Sketches, and Ephemera are featured in the exhibition. The exhibit is organized and circulated by the Daura Gallery, Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, VA. The artifacts on display are in the Daura Gallery's permanent collection.

Craft Café:
Thursday, March 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m. - Want to get crafty? So Do we! Bring your project to the library and enjoy drafting, coffee and conversation. All crafters and projects are welcome.

Movie Night @ the Library:
Tuesday, March 24, 6:30 p.m. - Theater Lower Level 2 Main Library. We will present a G,PG or PG-13 moving on the big screen the 4th Tuesday of the month. Adults must accompany children under 13, the doors open at 6 first come first seated.

Soltre:
Sunday, March 8, 2:00 p.m. - Theater Main Library. Soltre plays a rich brew of Irish jigs, reels and songs

with ventures into American old-time and a dash of originality.

Decorative Wood Egg Class:
Saturday, March 14, 1:00-4:00 p.m. - You will learn to create a pysanka (Ukrainian Easter Egg) design with ink. Materials provided, registration a must and limited to 20 people.

March Madness: Genealogy Style:
March 2-7, 2015 - In six different sessions we will be explaining and exploring research in the early days. A great week to expand your research or go back over what you have already found and glean more information. All sessions will take place in Meeting Room A at the Main library.

Monday, March 2, 2:00 p.m. - Colonial Southern Overview: What you need to know before you start your research

Tuesday, March 3, 2:00 p.m. - Genealogical Research in Colonial New England

Wednesday, March 4, 2:00 p.m. - Using Clues in the 1880 Census to Solve Earlier Research Challenges

Thursday, March 5, 10:00 a.m. - Finding Family in Pre-1850 Census Records and Census Substitutes

Friday, March 6, 10:00 a.m. - We All Deserve a Second Chance! Taking a look at Early Records in Our Files

Saturday, March 7, 10:00 a.m. - History and Records of Indian's 'Gore'

LATE CALL STOPS MAD ANTS RUN

The Mad Ants, sponsored by Lutheran Health Network, fell Tuesday, February 17th to the Maine Red Claws 86-87 in front of a packed house of Hoosier and Mad Ant fans alike at the Allen Co. War Memorial Coliseum.

The Mad Ants held close with the Red Claws the entire duration of the first half despite several marginal lead changes and numerous shifts in the game's momentum by each team. Maine would go into the locker room at the half with a 3 point lead and ability of having held Emmett, the 2015 D-League All-Star game MVP, to only 11 first half points. Emmett led

the Mad Ants at the half with 11 points and 5 rebounds, while Gary Talton had 10 points with 5 assists. Christian Watford had 16 first half points and 5 early rebounds to push Maine to their 44-47 halftime lead.

The second half proved to be more of a fast paced challenge for both teams, being characterized by over 14 lead changes. With Maine on one with just a little over 12 seconds to go in the game, Talton would hit a key jumper to push the Mad Ants ahead

86-85. It was a late called foul on CJ Fair that would end in two made free throws from Maine's Rodney McGruder that would end the night victorious for the Red Claws 87-86. Emmett led all scorers with 31 points and 8 rebounds. Talton ended his night with 15 points and 9 assists. Fair rounded out the score with 10 points and 9 rebounds.

For the Red Claws, Romero Osby led with 22 points, while Tim Frazier recorded ten points with 13 each of points and assists.

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READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

OHIO LOCATIONS

Antwerp: Country Time Market, Antwerp Branch Library, Antwerp Pharmacy, H20, River Street Market, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Papa Oley's, Hometown Pantry, Pop-N-Brew, The Rootbeer Stand, Agora, Pit-Stop
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

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Payne: Lichty's Barber Shop, Payne Super Valu, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Maramart, Payne Branch Library, Puckerbrush Pizza
Scott: Scott Variety Store
Sherwood: Sherwood Post Office, Village Food Emporium, Sherwood Bank,
Van Wert: Pak-A-Sak, Short Stop, Family Video, Orchard Tree, BalyEat's, Lee's Ace Hardware, Main Street Market, Walmart

INDIANA LOCATIONS

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

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
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BEN FRANKLIN & THIS GROUNDHOG/WEATHER-MAN BIT

By: Stan Jordan

In one of my trips to Philadelphia to see Ben back in 1775, one of the things that we discussed were this widespread use of the groundhog in the Pennsylvania Weather Bureau. If the sun shines a little on February 2nd, also known as Groundhog Day, if the animal sees his shadow, that means we will have six more weeks of winter. This whole thing is a sore-spot with Ben and he blew his top right now. I will try to tell you of his feelings of this whole deal if I can.

First, he said, "I don't like that part of the state. Old man William Pitt and William Penn both were politicians at that time, not to mention the Pennsylvania Dutch, and they done a poor job of settling the State. For instance, they named a city Punxsutawney. Well, you can hardly spell it now or even pronounce it! These guys should have never been mentioned in the this state's history. A groundhog for a weatherman? That's absurd!"

Ben said, "I had printed a newspaper for many years. I try to do my best to give a true weather report to my readers so they can make plans. A groundhog for a weatherman, why not just flip a coin?! If he sees his shadow, there will be six more weeks of winter. What if he don't see his shadow? Will we have spring or summer, or a catastrophe?"

"I understand that this little fellow got miffed and bit the mayor on that little hangy-down part of his ear. I really don't blame him for all that he put that little animal through for free publicity. What does the rest of this nation think about the people of Punxsutawney? A groundhog for a weatherman. That means that the people of Pennsylvania are no smarter than a groundhog, and seeing all these funny clothes and tall black hats these officials were wearing on February 2nd and how the townspeople carry on, leaves a big question in my mind. This kind of a shenanigan sounds like it has an English foreground. That stuff should have gone down with the Revolutionary War! As I understand, the streets are roped off and the traffic stops at downtown Punxsutawney so this little animal can look for his shadow. What a hunk of falderal! What a joke! Hold up traffic in a town with a name like that! I understand a lot of these people can read and write and cipher, but to think a groundhog can predict the weather leads me to think those folks have been led astray."

Ben said to me that, "My friend Juan Valdez has ridden a burro up and down the east coast and even west to the great Ohio River country. You know, he is a front man for the South American Coffee

Cartel. Well, for me, I would rather talk about the weather with Juan Valdez's ass than an ear-biting weatherman. That's all." See ya!



**By: Stan Jordan
The Pope Visits New York City**

A few years ago, the Pope was visiting New York City, and he was really enjoying himself. He was alone in the back seat of a city taxi, and he had been seeing all the sites that visitors see. He told the driver that he always wanted to drive a taxi in NYC. "Would you be so kind to trade seats with me?"

"Oh gosh, sir, I couldn't do that," he answered.

"Aw come on, be a sport!" replied the Pope.

"I can't do that," the driver said, "there are a number of things illegal about that!"

"Aw come on, I always wanted to drive a New York City taxi and I will be a happy man if you change places with me!"

"Sir, I just can't do that. If we're caught, I could lose my job and I have four kids to feed!"

The Pope replied, "Young man, I am 84 years old. I will never get another chance to fulfill a lifetime dream. I am a good driver. I drive through all those narrow streets in Rome."

The driver thought a bit. After all, this is the Pope, and you just don't say, "No" to the Pope! So, they changed seats and the Pope drives off over the streets of New York with the original driver hunkered down in the back seat.

The Pope drove all over the city, the big avenues and down some of the back streets. Even into some of the burrows. Everything is fine, and the Pope is really enjoying himself. After a while, the Pope got to feeling pretty good about his job and he sped up a little bit. Then, after a few miles, he sort of got a heavy foot and got to driving that taxi like you've seen in the movies, having a good time. Sure enough, soon a patrolman pulled him over to the side of the road. The officer asked for his driver's license. The only ID he had stated that he was the Pope from Vatican City, Italy.

The patrolman went back to his car and radioed his boss, because the he didn't know what to do. He wasn't sure just who he had stopped. He could not see who was in the back seat of that taxi. So, he told all of this stuff to his boss on the radio.

The boss said, "Who is it, the mayor?"

"No, he's bigger than that."

"Is it the governor?"

"No, he's bigger than that."

"Well, is he a congressman?"

"No, he's bigger than that!"

"Well, is he a senator?"

"No, he's bigger than that!"

"The president of the United States?!"

"No, he's even bigger than that!"

"Well gee whiz, then just who have you stopped out there?"

The patrolman replied, "I don't know, but the Pope is doing his diving for him!"

See ya!

65 YEARS HONORED FOR FREEMASON, STANLEY JORDAN



Pictured here are Ron Farnsworth (34 years, past master mason), Dick Savage (56 years, senior warden), Stanley Jordan receiving his 65-year certificate from past district deputy, Walter Shilb (48 years), and (in the back) Kenneth Crouch (34 years, past member of Bryan)

On February 13th, the West Bend News office was descended upon by some up-standing gentleman of north-west Ohio. The Freemasons of the Hicksville Lodge #478 were in the office to bestow upon Stan Jordan, Antwerp historian and West Bend News columnist, a very pres-

tigious honor. He was pinned with his 65-year membership pin.

Stanley joined the order of the Freemason Lodge of Antwerp in July of 1950. He remained an active member of this lodge until it closed, when he transferred his membership to Hicksville

Lodge #478. He commented that what he loves the best about the Masons is the camaraderie he has with the other fellows of the group. It was a little bit of history made right here in the small town of Antwerp that day, and remembered it will be.

BUZZARDS: A PLEASANT SIGHT TO SEE

By: Staci Hiler, PC Soil & Water Conservation District, education specialist

Buzzards or Turkey Vultures being called a pleasant sight? The groundhog may be able to predict how much longer winter will last, but buzzards have their own day to welcome Spring! Buzzard Day is a long standing history for the city of Hinckley, Ohio since 1957. Buzzard Day takes place on March 15, where many people eagerly await the return of the buzzards at "Buzzards' Roost" at the Hinckley Reservation, part of the Cleveland Metroparks. The annual Return of the Buzzard celebration starts at 6:30 a.m. at the Hinckley Reservation. Many people gather to compete for the first sighting of the buzzards. The event has become a fun way to gather people together and witness a sure sign that spring is on the way. The buzzards are famous in Hinckley, but many people view them as gross creatures of the world.

Vultures are scavengers and they feed almost exclusively on carrion (dead animals). However, many people do not see the importance of vultures as scavengers, and they are, in fact, very beneficial. These vultures play a very important role in the ecosystem by disposing of carrion that would otherwise be a breeding ground for disease. Just think of what it would be like without vultures to dispose of dead animal carcasses. All of the animals that are killed by cars would just remain on the side of the road for weeks until they either decomposed completely or are disposed of by someone. The truth is, vultures make our world a much cleaner place and should be appreciated for doing so.

Turkey Vultures find their food using their keen eyesight and sense of smell.

They fly low enough to detect the gases that are produced by the beginnings of the process of decay in dead animals. Their keen sense of smell is a trait that is very uncommon to the avian (bird) world. This ability allows Turkey Vultures to search for carrion. They prefer to feed on animals that are recently dead, and tend to avoid carcasses that have reached the point of decomposition.

There are three species of vultures in North America; the Turkey Vulture, the Black Vulture, and the California condor. The two most common species are the Turkey Vulture and the Black Vulture. The Turkey Vulture has the largest area range that spans from southern Canada to the southernmost tip of South America. Turkey vultures have a wingspan of six feet. The Turkey Vulture's primary form of defense is regurgitating semi-digested meat, a foul-smelling substance which deters most creatures. The Turkey Vulture's life expectancy in the wild ranges upward of 16 years. A captive life span of over 30 years. Information about the turkey vulture was provided by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

It's has been a long and cold winter, but with Buzzard Day just around the corner, this means that winter is almost over. Springtime is near... so when you spot a buzzard know that they are scavengers, but they are helping to keep our environment clean.

COMMUNITY EVENT & CELEBRATION FOR CAYDEN

Announcing a Community Event and Celebration for a special eight year old boy on Saturday, March 7th. Cayden Wueller was recently diagnosed with Burkitt's Lymphoma, a very aggressive form of cancer that can be fatal if left untreated. Cayden is the son of Jeni Krohn and step-son of Justin Krohn and Harlan. Cayden has been a brave fighter against this cancer and while current scans show that he is in remission, he still has several chemotherapy treatments ahead of him.

Family and friends of the Krohn family would like to invite the community to join us in a fundraising event to raise funds to assist them with medical expenses. The event will take place at the Christian Community Center of Harlan (in the former Harlan Elementary School), 12616 Spencerville Rd, Harlan. Events include a Corn Hole Tournament and Bake Sale starting at 12:00 Noon, Hog Roast Dinner starting at 5:00 p.m. and Silent/Live Auction starting at 6:00 p.m. There will be a raffle for a M3500 Max5-12 gauge shotgun Stoecker 3 1/2, as well as for gift baskets and a 50/50.

If there are any questions or want to help, please contact Andy Bergman at 260-437-9001, Bendi Schwartz at 260-450-9674, or Deana Snyder at 260-494-9025.

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SEEK A MENTOR TO REACH GOALS

The Nurturing Well by: Jill Starbuck

Do you remember the first time you tried something new? For many of us, it's often an awkward and even scary situation. We worry that we won't measure up to expectations, whether our own or that of an audience or coach. But everyone starts from scratch at some point, including all athletes, actors, dancers, writers, business people — essentially everyone! With persistence and commitment, we gradually get better. While many of us do not become famous superstars in a given activity, we can learn to love our new adventures.

One of the best ways to improve upon a new activity is to seek a mentor. Mentors are people who are experts in a given activity. They often love what they do and are more than willing to help newcomers along. Contrary to what many think, mentors don't always have to be older than us. It depends on what age we take on a new activity. For instance, a dance instructor may be years younger if you wait until later in life to take on this new adventure. A mentor simply needs to be someone who has the time, the passion, and the desire to help teach others the same trade.

Here are some of the top reasons to seek a mentor:

1. Provides accountability. When you find a mentor, you are more likely to get the job done because you won't want to disappoint your mentor. Further, you will feel obligated because your mentor spends time on you. The least you can do is ensure you do your part.

2. Offers encouragement. Just when you feel like giving up or you consider not trying at all, your mentor steps in as your cheerleader.

3. Brings experience. As a professional and a person who enjoys a trade, a mentor brings years of experience. This means a mentor can give you the advice you need and answer all of your questions. With anything new, you will have lots of questions.

4. Helps you improve. It always takes time to perfect a new activity. By listening to your mentor, you are likely to improve at a faster rate than if you had done it all on your own.

5. Pays attention. Sometimes you may just need someone to vent to. Someone

who will listen to your fears, your ideas, your goals, and so much more. A mentor can help you through your frustrations and confusion, and steer you back on track. After all, your mentor has already been there. A mentor can be invaluable this way.

A mentor can provide a treasure chest full of information. Typically, a mentor is someone we admire because this person has typically overcome much adversity to become experienced. A mentor can become one of your best supporters and can even become a lifelong friend. Even if you aren't looking for a new activity, but would like to improve on a certain area of your life, seeking a mentor can be beneficial. A mentor can help you get to the next level in your life. If you have a lot of experience, time, and passion, consider becoming a mentor yourself. You can make the big difference in the life or career of someone else.

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

HOPE IN HARD TIMES

By: Kent Shifferd

It seems that the news is always full of, well, bad news, such as the long conflict between Israelis and Palestinians. The seemingly intractable war between these two groups has gone on for decades. Too often, all we see in the news are stories of new rocket attacks, new bombings, new assassinations, and implacable hatred.

But that is not the whole truth. In her book, *From Enemy To Friend*, Rabbi Amy Eilberg reports the existence of a different reality. She informs us of "The Bereaved Parents Circle," which is an organization that brings together families from both sides who have had loved ones killed by the other side. She attended one of their meetings. Two men spoke: Rami (an Israeli) whose 14 year old daughter was killed in a terrorist attack while buying school supplies and Mazen (a Palestinian) whose unarmed father was riddled with bullets by Israeli soldiers for no reason. Each told his story.

Then they told the story of an Israeli attack in Gaza aimed at assassinating a terrorist leader which instead killed many sleeping children. Following the attack, local Jews donated blood to help wounded Palestinians. When asked how they could donate blood to "the enemy," they replied: "It is better to give blood than to spill it." They started a project in which Palestinians and Jews then donated to a blood bank to help wounded across

the region. Then Rami and Mazen, calling each other "brother," said to the assembled crowd.

"Take this picture with you, the picture of the two of us together. Tell people that it is possible for Palestinians and Israelis to work together for peace. And if it is possible for us, who have paid the highest price, it is possible for anyone."

On 28 August 1963, Martin Luther King, Jr. said that "we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope." We live in hard times. Climate peril, deteriorating oceans, toxic chemicals, wars, desperate poverty, shootings—you name it—are all too familiar. It would be easy to fall into despair. And while we must squarely face the reality of our times, we need not go numb or give up for there is also much that is hopeful. Out of these stones of hope we can build a world community living peacefully with each other and sustainably with the earth.

Kent Shifferd, former Executive Director of the Wisconsin Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies, is syndicated by PeaceVoice and is the author of From War To Peace: A Guide To the Next Hundred Years.

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PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 2/11/15

This 11th day of February, 2015, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

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

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS: Warrants documented as 213946 through 214099 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

TRAVEL REQUEST: Greg Geyer, Tim Baumle, Dan Wilder, Roger Taylor, and William Mowery, OSAVSC Spring Conference, Dublin, OH - March 27-29, 2015

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

The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on February 4, 2015, Warrants numbered 213826 through 213899 in the amount of \$21,023.46; and it is certified that both at the time that the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time that the County Auditor is completing the

certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance; and pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code §5705.41(D)(1), these purchases must be approved by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners. Now, therefore the Paulding County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Purchase Orders as submitted by the Auditor; and it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners, County of Paulding, State of Ohio concerning the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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

At 8:10 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made by Mr. Tony Zartman to go into executive session at 8:11 a.m. with the Paulding County Prosecutor to discuss legal matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Holtsberry. All members voting yea.

At 8:16 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2015 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 106):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2015 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the Victims' Assistance Fund (Fund 106):

106-001-00001/Victims' Assistance/Other

AMOUNT: \$5,256.13

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2015 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 162):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2015 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the Victims' Assist Fund (Fund 162):

162-001-20128/Victims' Assist/Supplies

AMOUNT: \$500.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2015 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-016):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2015 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:

FROM: 001-016-00005/General Fund/Commissioners' Buildings & Grounds/Maintenance Repairs

TO: 001-016-00004/General Fund/Commissioners' Buildings & Grounds/Supplies

AMOUNT: \$5,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2015 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 081):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2015 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in the WMEA Grant Fund (Fund 081):

FROM: 081-001-00005/WMEA Grant/Other Expenses

TO: 081-001-00001/WMEA Grant/Salaries

AMOUNT: \$1,200.00

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT TO THE PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

This 11th day of February, 2015, the appointing authority for the Paulding County Hospital Board of Trustees met with the following members present: Commissioners Roy Klopfenstein, Tony Zartman, and Mark Holtsberry; Common Pleas Court Judge Tiffany Beckman; and Probate/Juvenile Division Judge John DeMuth.

A motion was made by Judge John DeMuth to reappoint Tommy Litzenburg (Democrat) to the Paulding

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and taking turns. Best part of playing UNO® is I never win! Pictured with Mrs. Jacobs are Chad Garberson, Dylan Her-shberger and Zack Wieland.

County Hospital Board of Trustees for a six (6) year term expiring March 1, 2021. The motion was seconded by Judge Tiffany Beckman. Upon the call of the roll, the following vote resulted: Judge John DeMuth, yea; Judge Tiffany Beckman, yea; Mr. Roy Klopfenstein, yea; Tony Zartman, yea, and Mr. Mark Holtsberry, yea. Motion carried.

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Jason Landers, Paulding County Sheriff - Sheriff Landers met with the Commissioners for his regularly scheduled monthly meeting. He presented grant paperwork for signatures. The grant will help fund tablets for the deputies, replacing the lap tops they are currently using. The Sheriff then discussed programming the emergency buttons to work off the new radio frequency. Mr. Landers updated the Commissioners on his vehicle fleet, noting the cost of vehicles has gone up. He emphasized that all their vehicles are maintained very well. The Sheriff's Office currently has 20 vehicles. They average 18,000 to 20,000 miles per year. Sheriff Landers reported two incidents that resulted in slight damage to vehicles. Neither resulted in a claim. Mr. Landers then presented January, 2015, budget report. He pointed out that inmate population is up slightly. The Commissioners and Sheriff Landers discussed the idea of establishing a drug court in Paulding County. They also talked about trying to secure funding to reinstate the DARE program.

Claudia Fickel, County Auditor - Ms. Fickel reported all of her office's old records have now been removed from the Perry Street building and moved to the new Harrison Street records' storage facility. She expressed her appreciation for the assistance from the Engineer's Office. Ms. Fickel also noted records to be destroyed were sent to the PC Workshop for shredding purposes.

Ken Maag, Poggemeyer Design Group - Mr. Maag reviewed the procedure campground need to follow to receive a permit from the Health Department to install a sewer system in the Auglaize River Sewer District. He noted the EPA has to approve the plans before the campground can receive a permit.

Ed Bohn, Paulding County EMA; and Rich Lauffer, EMA District - Mr. Bohn presented his weekly reports form January 26th and February 2nd for the Commissioners' review. He reported he is still working with the Prosecutor on reimbursement from the insurance company for the work done on the plane crash last fall. He also noted he has been listing items on govdeals.com for the benefit of county officials. Aaron Timm has agreed to list the Engineer's items. Mr. Bohn continues to work on the County's EOP (Emergency Operations Plan). He announced he has been working with OEMA to bring a model of a residential storm shelter to the Paulding County Fair. Mr. Lauffer advised the Commissioners Mr. Bohn has been making great strides to completing the paperwork to bring Paulding County

up to standards. Commissioner Klopfenstein asked Mr. Bohn to send notification of the LEPC meetings to Ronald Hunter, Mayor of Broughton, so he may start attending the meetings. Mr. Bohn asked about the green awnings at the OSU Extension Building. They are in need of repair, replacement, or removal. He also reported the HVAC system needs attention. Mr. Lauffer encouraged Mr. Bohn to continue to attend training classes not only to learn proper procedures and policies, but also to make professional connections.

Luke Jackson - Mr. Jackson met with the Commissioners representing the Jr. Fair Board. They are requesting permission to connect to the internet at the OSU Extension Building for use during Jr. Fair Board meetings and during the Paulding County Fair. The Commissioners emphasized the security issues and the importance of closely monitoring use of the internet. Mr. Jackson assured the Commissioners there would be limited access and control and the connection would be disconnected when not in use.

Judge John DeMuth, Juvenile/Probate Court - Mr. DeMuth reported he is working on appointments to the Park District Board. He also noted the J P Crain hearing has not been set yet. He will keep the Commissioners informed on both subject matters.

Jerry Zielke, PC Economic Development - Mr. Zielke reported on a meeting he had attended earlier today. He also recently met with Dennis Miller of Maumee Valley Planning Organization regarding new business funding. Mr. Zielke was excited to report the PCED web site is being updated. He noted economic development hinges around five major issues: water supply, sewer availability, access to electricity, roadways, and communication (fiber optic) options. Mr. Zielke will be taking advantage of a webinar offered on February 25-26 on new business funding. He continues to be very busy attending meetings and working with potential businesses to try and pull development to Paulding County.

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RAIDERS STEAL ANTWERP WIN



Jake Arend wraps up the game with 9 points with this being one of them. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Ethan Linder led his team from the beginning to take an early, strong lead against the Archers in the Friday night boys basketball game. He posted six points in the first quarter with his brother, Corbin, adding another five. Luke Miller and Corbin Linder both hit the three point baskets in this period. The Archer side was lead by Trenton Copsey with 3 points. The first ended at 9-20 and the state ranked team had the highest scored.

Second period was a different team for the Archers. They ran the ball and took several

turnovers from the Raiders and took a five point margin back from the southern Paulding team. Justin Spiece had the highest points for the Raiders and Matt Jones took the top spot for Antwerp. The half finished 23 to 29 with Jones hitting a 2 point basket with 2 seconds left on the clock. Antwerp was back in the game, putting the hut on the Raiders.

Antwerp kept it up in the beginning of the third quarter and narrowed the Raider lead to only 3 points at the 6 minute mark. Strangely enough, it hit Wayne Trace just right to

swing the momentum back to their side of the court. The Archers had a great quarter at 14 but not as good as the Raiders, stretching their lead by adding 22 on their side of the board. Jake Arend and Luke Miller both shined brightly in this period and on the Antwerp side of the court, it was Copsey who had an outstanding game.

The first and the fourth were identical for the guests while Antwerp had their best at 15 in this period. This time was an intense last act as Sam Williamson used his fourth foul and called as intentional. Ethan was at the line and scored both of those points. The Archers though didn't give

up. Most of their's were foul shots. Both teams were over their limit on fouls. Antwerp and Wayne Trace both had good nights. The final score was 52-71.

Scorers of the Game:

Antwerp - Copsey 16; Jones 13; Mills 8; Williamson 6; Poulson 3; Buchan, Longardner 2, Pendergrast 2
Wayne Trace - E Linder 18; C Linder 16; Miller 10; Arend 9; Spiece 7; Vest 6; Shepherd 4; Saylor 1

Score by the Quarter:

Antwerp - 9 14 14 15=52
Wayne Trace - 20 9 22 20=71

Antwerp is now 7-13.
Wayne Trace is now 18-1.



Trenton Copsey is tripped up by Alec Vest in the first half. Copsey regains control and comes out the top scorer for the Archers in Friday night's game. More pictures at westbendnews.net

ANTWERP ATHLETIC BOOSTERS JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

Athletic Boosters: January 28, 2015.

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Jason Landers, Shawn Schuette, Drew Altimus, Scott McMichael, Barbie Wales, Michelle Dooley, Scott McMichael, Aimee Lichty, Christy Williamson, Joan Garbaciak, Jassmine Reyes; Absent: None

VISITORS:

Derek Reeb, Tim Copsey
Tim Copsey spoke in regards to:
a. Brought \$100 for scoreboard and concession stand from the MAC tournament (held at Antwerp School), \$70.50 for referee balance
b. February 13-14 - Bring one division of third and fourth grade boys to Antwerp School (another MAC tournament)

c. Kiwanis will not be hosting tournament for all levels. Third grade-varsity boys/girls.

d. Programs - recommended putting in historical photos, along with full sports celebrated athletes.

e. Honor the teams that have an anniversary from the date when they played. 100 years of basketball at Antwerp Schools. Recognize Antwerp alumni that have played.

LAST MONTH'S MEETING MINUTES:

Minutes are now online under Boosters, a tab under Athletics on the school webpage. Minutes approved by Christy Williamson. Seconded by Scott McMichael.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

\$25,094. 24 balance (Have not paid for field work for baseball field.)
Hormann Family donated money, designated to the basketball program - \$2,215

100 Club - paid out through week 8. Week 7 donated back from Jessica Sheedy.

Basketball tournament made \$1,400. \$427.85 from concessions.

Total in concessions for the MAC tournament was \$1,812.35. Over \$1,300 made as a profit.

Need to create an inventory list with concessions assets.

50/50 basketball - \$601.50. Programs \$87. Cake raffle \$712. Total was \$1,400.50

Scott approved. Christy seconded.

FUNDRAISING REPORT:

Tuesday to Tuesday - will have the 100 Club winner posted at River Street Market.

Reverse raffle meeting to come.

Tervis cup - waiting on correct logo

OLD BUSINESS:

Shirts ordered for celebrated athletes. Taken care of by Scott McMichael and Christy Williamson.
Brat stand - plan is to build on a

trailer so it will be mobile

Ball fields:

• Scott McMichael nominated the chairman of the baseball field project

• CAD program (Rick Weirich's class) can create the 3D design (to-scale) on the baseball complex, for public viewing. McMichael provided him with all the dimensions, so it is being done as a class assignment at AHS.

• Derek Reeb taking notes for West Bend News: parking, batting cages, concessions... Derek is going to be an exchange student and working for WBN to raise money for his travel. Suggested that Derek Reeb write articles about the Antwerp basketball teams, scores, etc.

• School board progress: February 12th there is a meeting to share quotes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Massive IV in gym, connected to computer to create a video board (opposite the score board in the high school gym).

• School - will take charge of the technical side with wires, laptop, etc.

• Boosters - will cover the cost of the materials to protect the TV (structural project)

• Hormann family donated the money for the video system.

• The TV system will be used to highlight players, sponsors, etc.

• Will see if the TV manufacturer creates such protection or will reach out to glass factories for ideas.

Nonprofit status (501c3) for the Boosters:

• 1970 Boosters field with the state of Ohio (lasted until 1976 when paperwork was not filed). Original name was "Antwerp Athletic Boosters Club Inc."

• Attorney General's office unsure if we can open up existing charter. Need the charter number in order to go to IRS for federal ID.

• Shawn Schuette contacting Ohio Secretary of State for more information to reinstate the original charter so we do not have to begin again with articles of incorporation.

Athletic Boosters Facebook page:

• Almost to 300 likes

• Honor sports athletes for that season

Hotshot:

• \$1 an entry

• Fill out a slip with their name; draw a name

• February 6th

• Business sponsors the gift card that the child will win

Honorary little archer ball boy ("Mini archer of the week"):

• Honorary kid brings out a basketball

• Recognized by the announcer

• Short and Hammer nominate a mini archer to be recognized

• Form letter to be given to the parents of the recognized child. Joan will create it.

Motion to adjourn.

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ANTWERP GIRLS PULL OFF A SQUEAKER WIN



Getting fouled is nothing new in basketball. Rachel Williamson takes a hit while looking to pass the ball off. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The game was a slow start for both teams on February 17. Hilltop and Antwerp maxed out at the low score of 6 points each in the first period. The second period did not even hit that standard and the half finished at 11-9 and Hilltop had the small lead.

The Lady Archers ambitions picked up in the second half. The third quarter they matched their entire first half score and it finished at 18-18. Continuing to climb the ladder, the fourth quarter the Archers continued

their momentum and took the lead 24 to 23 in their lowest scoring win of the season.

Rachel Williamson was the top scorer and closely followed by Peyton Short.

Score by the Quarter:

Antwerp - 6 3 9 6=24

Hilltop - 6 5 7 5=23

The Antwerp regular season has finished at 5-17.

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EACS BOARD OKS BUILDING PLAN; ARCHITECTURAL, ENGINEERING FIRMS TO BE CONTRACTED

By: Jamie Duffy The Journal Gazette

The East Allen County Schools Board Tuesday voted formally 5-2 to proceed with a \$58 million building plan that will focus on the New Haven attendance area.

The building plan was originally proposed in early February as a \$53.8 million building referendum, with another \$4 million proposed in general obligation bonds.

The next step will be to hire architectural and engineering firms on two of the proposed projects, according to Chris Baker, board president. Those firms would be able to project costs and produce building renderings. The vote on the architectural and engineering firms is scheduled for the next board meeting March 3.

The plan calls for building a preschool special-education wing at New Haven Primary School, building a new New Haven Intermediate 3-6 school, and remodeling the existing 3-6 school to house the Alternative School and vocational school. Also, the plan would demolish the existing New Haven Middle School, the 64 building and the Park Hill Learning Center building.

The plan also proposes renovations to New Haven High School and the building on of a middle school wing to make it a 7-12 cen-

ter under one roof. East Allen County Schools area operates on the community school concept where middle and high schools are in a compound or community setting.

The former New Haven Elementary School would transition into the administration building while the existing administration building would be demolished.

The district is also proposing facility upgrades to Heritage and Leo attendance areas.

The two dissenters on the board had different reasons for voting against the proposal. Paulette Nellems, the new board member for the Harding district, said that she wanted a commitment to a dollar amount, not just verbal assent that Harding Junior High and East Allen University, formerly Harding High School, would be improved.

Superintendent Kenneth Folks and Baker said improvements like bathroom renovations, carpeting, lighting and painting for those schools would come out of the capital projects fund, not the proposed referendum.

Board member Arden Hoffman said he believed a redistricting plan should be discussed before any plans were made to reconfigure, rebuild and renovate the New Haven district.

Baker who led the, at times, contentious meeting, has said that the New Haven elementary schools are so outdated that "nobody wants to send their kids there."

"I fought against the first two projects," said Mike Clendenen, superintendent of New Haven-Adams Township Parks and Recreation Department, referring to building projects in the Woodlan and Heritage attendance areas.

"It's no secret East Allen County Schools has struggled in the past, but with the new administration and new leadership, (we can) continue to bring students back into the district."

Charles Hatten, president and CEO of the New Haven Chamber of Commerce also approved.

"There's a lot to be gained in keeping the middle school and high school together. I think all the high schools are currently integrated. It makes sense to me that we do that for New Haven."

In another matter, an Amish delegation came to negotiate the proposed busing cuts in their community of 850 school children. The board could vote at the next meeting to transport only children who live on existing routes. The move was made to close a transportation fund deficit.

"We understand that bus transportation does not have to haul our children to school," said Toby Graber, who with Louis Schmucker, asked the board to keep the buses rolling. "Six children in a buggy. That'd be 141 buggies in the dark, in the fog. Is there another alternative?"

They will schedule a meeting with Folks, they added.

"The Lord will provide a way," Graber said.

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PAULDING GIRLS FALL TO DEFIANCE



Faith Vogel goes for the layup only to be blocked by Defiance. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Lady Bulldogs travelled to Paulding for an intense game of basketball against the Panthers. The Defiance team ran all over the home school in what may be their biggest defeat of the season.

Lady Panthers struggled from the beginning to get the ball in the hoop. Really, they didn't perform poorly they were just heavily outscored from the beginning to the end. The top scorer for Paulding was Brooke Combs with most coming from 3 point baskets.

Score by the Quarter:
Paulding - 10 5 13 11=39
Defiance - 22 21 16 16=75
Scorers of the Game:

Paulding - Combs 10 (2-3's), Vogel 9, Manz 2, Meggison 1, Reinhart 9 (1-3), Posey 8

Defiance - Lamb 9 (2-3's), Allen 4, Poling 14 (3-3's), Porter 12, Wityk 5 (1-3), Scott 4, Miller 1, Thornton 10, Schrag 16


Turnovers: Paulding 21, Defiance 15

Rebounds: Paulding 21 (Posey 8), Defiance 25

Records: Paulding 2-19

Defiance posted a JV win before the higher game.

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LADY RAIDERS FINISH WITH WINNING SEASON



Antwerp's Kiana Recker attempts to block the shot against Danae Myers at the final season game at the Palace. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Archers travelled to Wayne Trace on Thursday, February 19 for the final game of the regular season. The first quarter was a crushing defeat for the Lady Archers as they only hit 1 basket in the first time period while the Raider Nation team earned 17 points. Period 2 the Archers came back in the basketball game and one-upped the Wayne Trace girls and the half finished at 25-11.

The scoring see-saw continued with the home team taking back the third peri-

od, gaining from their best quarter with 20 points and Antwerp adding 11. Shayna Temple attempted 3- 3 point baskets and hit all of them in this game. Antwerp's stand-out in this game was Hope Smith at 9 points for the match.

The Lady Archers put on a show in their best quarter yet in the fourth, nailing 17 points. Alas, it was not enough to take the victory with the 1st period different showing up in the final score.

Score by the Quarter:

Wayne Trace - 17 8 20 11=56
 Antwerp - 2 9 11 17=39
 Scorers of the Game:
 Antwerp - Williamson 6, Short 8, Smith 9, Braaten 4, Miesle 6, Recker 4, Johanns 1, Wilson 1
 Wayne Trace - Mohr 17, Temple 15, Mead 10, Myers 4, E Sinn 4, L Sinn 3, B Sinn 2, Flint 1

PEVS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 2/25 - 3/3

JH/HS Breakfast:
 2/25 - Sausage, egg & cheese biscuit, juice/fruit, milk
 2/26 - Cinnamon rolls, juice/fruit, milk
 2/27 - Sausage gravy w/ biscuits, juice/fruit, milk
 3/2 - Breakfast pizza, sausage, bacon & egg, juice/fruit, milk
 3/3 - Tator tots w/cheese, sausage links, juice/fruit, milk
JH/HS Lunch:
 2/25 - Chicken fajita w/ peppers & onions OR Beef fiestada pizza, refried beans, Toppings: Salsa, banana peppers & sour cream, fruit, milk
 2/26 - BBQ pork, whole grain bun, pickles, potato soup w/crackers OR Big daddy pizza slice, seasoned corn, fruit, milk
 2/27 - Spicy chicken on whole grain bun, oven potatoes OR Salad bar w/meat, vegetables & salads, garlic breadstick, fruit, milk
 3/2 - Country fried steak, whipped potatoes w/gravy, biscuit, juice box OR Salad bar w/meat, vegetables & salads, garlic breadstick, fruit, milk
 3/3 - Turkey, bacon salad, assorted dressings, cheese

breadsticks OR Assorted entree items, pickle slices, oven fried potatoes, fruit, milk
Paulding Elementary
Breakfast:
 2/25 - Muffin, string cheese, fruit/juice, milk
 2/26 - Muffin, string cheese, fruit/juice, milk
 2/27 - Assorted cereal or Cereal bar, goldfish graham, fruit/juice, milk
 3/2 - Trix yogurt, goldfish graham, fruit/juice, milk
 3/3 - Pancakes, fruit/juice, milk
Paulding Elementary
Lunch:
 2/25 - Pancakes, sausage, smiles, tomato juice, fruit, milk
 2/26 - Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes w/gravy, corn, whole grain bread, fruit, milk
 2/27 - Fish sticks, romaine blend, broccoli, whole grain bread, fruit, milk
 3/2 - Grilled chicken on whole grain bun, carrots & celery, fruit, milk
 3/3 - Hot dog on whole grain bun, baked beans, celery & carrots, fruit snack, fruit, milk
Oakwood Elementary
Breakfast:
 2/25 - Breakfast pizza, fruit/juice, milk
 2/26 - Sausage gravy, biscuit, juice/fruit, milk
 2/27 - Assorted cereals, juice/fruit, milk
 3/2 - Warm whole grain cinnamon roll, fruit/juice, milk
 3/3 - Pancake sausage stick, fruit/juice, milk
Oakwood Elementary
Lunch:
 2/25 - Grilled chicken on whole grain bun, oven potatoes, carrot sticks, fruit, milk
 2/26 - Soft taco, romaine lettuce, refried beans, fruit,

FAIRVIEW HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC RESULTS



8th Grade Boys Basketball:
 GMC Tournament - MS Boys defeated Edgerton 50-40 in the first round of the GMC tourney. Chayse Singer had 13 points and Cole Burggrave finished with 12.
 Middle school boys lost to Tinora in the semifinals 50-28.

Varsity Girls Basketball:
 The varsity girls lost a tough game Tuesday night falling to Montpelier 65-57. Leading the way for Fairview was Ali Hug. She led 7 scorers with 31 points. During the fourth quarter Ali reached the 1000 career point milestone. It was a great moment made in a large part because of the way the community comes out and supports the teams and the student athletes.
 Ali Hug became our 12th Lady Apache in school history to score 1000 points. Pictured is Ali with her 1000th point shot (time stamped 8:32

p.m.). Jenni Heisler (Sibert) presented Ali with the game ball. Jenni was the last 1,000 point scorer for Fairview in 1999-2000.
 FYI of the first 11 Lady Apache 1,000 point winners... 1. Kacey English 1,879; 2. Tori Bergman 1,657; 3. Mary Tonjes 1,512; 4. Lea Barrera 1,497; 5. Kiley Crites 1,440; 6. Sheila Retcher 1,359; 7. Jamie Boyce 1,231; 8. Annette Bergman 1,129; 9. Jenni Sibert 1,116; 10. Shelly Taylor 1,073; 11. Laurie Vollmer 1,056; 12. Ali Hug 1,004 (with more games to go)
JV Girls Basketball:
 JV girls defeated Montpelier 46-32. FV scored 19 points in the 4th quarter and played aggressive defense. Every player scored with Carlie Phillips leading the way with 17, Kelsie Crites had 8, Allison Vetter 7, Lexi Johns 6, and Aubrey Breininger and Katelyn Smith each added 4 points.

milk
 2/27 - Whole grain cheese breadstick, marinara sauce, green beans, fruit, milk
 3/2 - Hot dog on whole grain bun, corn, celery stix, fruit, milk
 3/3 - Whole grain breaded chicken on whole grain bun, peas, carrot stix, fruit, milk

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U.S. GOVERNMENT STUDIES BY 4th GRADERS



4th grade students at Grover Hill have been studying the framing of the Constitution and the U.S. Government. They wore necklaces that encouraged others to "Ask them" about the Great Compromise and the Three-fifths Compromise of the Legislative Branch and created trees to diagram the Federal System of Government made up of three branches at the National and State levels. Shown is Jacob Robinson, Chloe Beining, Brielle Sheets, and Kara Stoller with their Tree of Government.

OHIO SECRETARY OF STATE JON HUSTED TESTIFIES BEFORE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON MAINTAINING VOTER ROLLS

In an effort to proactively address a potential issue facing elections officials in Ohio and throughout the country, Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted today testified before a joint hearing of the U.S. House Subcommittee on National Security and Subcommittee on Healthcare, Benefits & Administrative Rules regarding the impact President Barack Obama's recent Immigration Accountability Executive Actions may have on elections administration. During his testimony, Secretary Husted noted that these executive actions will expand access to the forms of identification used to register to vote, thereby increasing the likelihood that non-citizens may illegally register to vote.

"For an estimated four to five million non-citizens, the President's executive actions provide access to Social Security numbers and driver's licenses. These are the same documents that federal law requires the states to recognize as valid forms of identification for voter registration," Secretary Husted said during today's testimony. "We want to find the least intrusive solution to closing this loophole without making it unnecessarily difficult to register or vote. While opinions may vary as to the best solution for this issue, one thing is clear: We cannot solve this federal problem solely at the state level alone."

Late last month, Secretary Husted sent President Barack Obama a letter rais-

ing these concerns and outlining a workable solution.

A copy of Secretary Husted's remarks has been included below.

Statement of Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted, U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on National Security and Healthcare, Benefits & Administrative Rules - February 12, 2015:

Chairman DeSantis, ranking member Lynch and members of the Subcommittee on National Security and Subcommittee on Healthcare, Benefits and Administrative Rules, my name is Jon Husted and I am the Ohio's Secretary of State, and in that capacity I serve as our state's chief elections official.

Thank you for the opportunity to be here today to proactively address what I believe is an important issue facing my state and the nation regarding the integrity of our elections.

As the chief elections official in a key swing state, I have tried to build an elections system where it is easy to vote and hard to cheat. We've done this by ensuring easy access to the voting process and by working to ensure that only eligible voters are on the voting rolls.

I want to bring to your attention my concern that the President's recent Immigration Accountability Executive Actions will make it more difficult for elections officials to determine if all voters meet the primary standard for voting - U.S. citizenship.

I am not here to debate immigration policy or the President's executive actions. However, I am here to emphatically say that we cannot follow both the fed-

eral law and the executive action and ensure the integrity of the elections process without further assistance from Congress and the Obama administration.

I'll briefly explain why. For an estimated four to five million non-citizens, the President's executive actions provide access to Social Security numbers and driver's licenses. These are the same documents that federal law requires the states to recognize as valid forms of identification for voter registration.

Under federal law, anyone with a valid Social Security number or driver's license number can register to vote, provided they attest that they are a U.S. citizen. However, there is no way for us to validate this citizenship statement, since under the executive actions previously undocumented non-citizens will have access to the same documents as U.S. citizens.

The issue becomes especially complicated in states like Ohio where millions of dollars are spent on third-party voter registration drives where no election official would be present to make clear the eligibility requirements for voting. By signing a voter registration form and asserting citizenship, falsely or erroneously, non-citizens could face real legal consequences. In Ohio, falsification is a 5th degree felony - this could affect their ability to remain in the United States and become citizens.

Let me interject some perspective before I go further. It is not my belief that four to five million non-citizens are going to get on the voting rolls, nor is it my belief that third-party registration drive organizers are waiting to exploit a loophole in law. While I am committed to ensuring the security and integrity of elections in Ohio and throughout the country; it is important for us to recognize that people can sometimes sign documents - in this case a voter registration form - without fully comprehending the rules and requirements.

Acknowledging that I do not expect this to be a systemic or widespread problem, we also cannot ignore that there are real electoral consequences. Presidential elections get the most attention, but every year there are thousands of state and local elections in Ohio, and in the last 15 months alone, 70 elections were decided by one vote or tied.

These were mayoral races, school and tax levies, bond issues, members of city councils, township trustees and school boards. In light of these examples alone we simply cannot overlook policies that may allow ineligible voters to cast ballots.

We want to find the least intrusive solution to closing this loophole without making it unnecessarily difficult to register or vote.

While opinions may vary as to the best solution for this issue, one thing is clear: We cannot solve this federal problem solely at the state level alone.

In a letter to President Obama on January 27, I asked that his administration provide state elections officials with real-time ac-

cess to accurate, searchable, electronic databases of non-citizens who have valid Social Security numbers. This would enable me and my counterparts in other states to prevent illegal registrations, and more importantly, reassure the public that steps have been taken to ensure only eligible voters are participating in federal, state and local elections.

In Ohio, we are doing what we can to prevent non-citizen registrations and voting.

We electronically share data between the state's bureau of motor vehicles and the county boards of elections, which process voter registrations. This partnership and the data provided have allowed my office to conduct a review of Ohio's voter rolls to determine if, through the use of a driver's license, non-citizens were registered to vote in Ohio.

Following the 2012 Presidential election we found through driver's license information that 291 non-citizens were registered to vote and 17 had actually cast ballots. Those 17 were referred for further investigation and possible prosecution and my office sent letters to the other 274 to cancel their voter registrations.

However, without federal assistance we cannot perform the same cross match on registrations using Social Security numbers. As a result, these executive actions could significantly increase the potential pool of illegal registrations in Ohio and around the country.

It is also important to note that federal law limits the ways states can maintain their voter rolls, in some cases prohibiting states from removing a voter from the rolls until they have been inactive for two consecutive federal general elections. That means that when evidence suggests that a person is a non-citizen on the rolls we cannot remove them immediately, they have to remove themselves. This makes it especially important that we prevent an ineligible voter from getting on the rolls in the first place.

As I stated earlier, my focus as the chief elections official in Ohio is to make it easy to vote and hard to cheat. The debate over voter fraud and voter suppression already breeds significant hyperbole from across the political spectrum that erodes public confidence. In this environment, administering elections fairly and accurately becomes more difficult when a path exists by which millions more non-citizens can register to vote and elections officials have no way to identify these individuals.

What we need to resolve this problem is access to the names, date of birth and last four digits of Social Security numbers for non-citizens who receive a Social Security number. We can then cross match that information with our statewide voter database.

I welcome any assistance this committee is able to provide me and my colleagues across the nation. With your help, we can ensure the confidence of the American voter remains intact by preserving the integrity of our elections systems.

RAIDER WRESTLING CLUB COMPETES IN 4th ANNUAL KOSCH CRASH CLASSIC

Wayne Trace wrestling club wrestled against Antwerp Wrestling, February 22nd in the 4th Annual Kosch Crash Classic. This tournament is dedicated to and in memory of Walt Kosch and his love and dedication to the sport of wrestling. Wayne Trace took home the trophy with a final score of 82-79.

Wrestling for Wayne Trace were Colton and Corbin Kimmel, Eli and Asa Ames, Grayson, Kamryn, and Gabe Sutton, Landon, Tyler, and Conner Blankenship, Avin and Kamren Johnson, Devan and Brenan Egnor, Koden Martz, Renson Spear, Blake Dunn, Derrick Dangler, Preston King, Hunter Long, Kaiden Feeney, Zanden Wineland, Daniel Clark, Grady Helms, Gaiden Troth, Arin James, Dawson Bradford, Nathaniel Osborn, Jarrett Hornish, and Caleb Mosier.

NEW HAVEN BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL FALLS TO CANTERBURY SCHOOL

New Haven Bulldogs invaded the Canterbury basketball court on Tuesday, February 17th. They lost the game by 3 points to the Cadets: 61-63

Score by the Quarter:
New Haven - 9 19 15 18=61

Canterbury - 18 11 14 20=63

Scorers of the Game:
New Haven - Crowe 5, Stevenson 8, Kinnie 17, Upshaw 5, Mohler 9, Towns 5, Rudolph 8, Kraner 4
Canterbury - Paul 9, C Kreiger 9, Cam Kreiger 5, White 5, Wojewuczki 5, Kus 15, Belcher 2, Camp 13

ONE & ONE FOR THE PANTHERS

On Friday night, the place to be was in a high school basketball gym. At the Lincolnview gym, they played host to the Paulding Panthers. Paulding took a loss for the night: 51-69.

Score by the Quarter:
Paulding - 11 11 19 10=51
Lincolnview - 13 20 18 18=69

Scorers of the Game:
Paulding - Edwards 9, Crawford 3, Rhonhouse 2, Heilshorn 6, Gonzales 9, Ingol 7, Arellano 13, Sitton 2
Lincolnview - Leeth 7, Youtsey 5, Neate 6, Dowdy 27, Thompson 2, Adams 12, Ludwig 6, Smith 2, Wannemacher 2

Rebounds:
Paulding 18, Lincolnview 23

Turnovers:
Paulding 11, Lincolnview 7

TELLING TIME!



Grover Hill Elementary 2nd graders in Miss Motycka's class work on telling time while playing a board game. Pictured with Miss Motycka, Zoah Wineland, Kaiden Suffel and Jared Varner.

JV score: Paulding 37, Lincolnview 47

The next night after the snow decided to subside, Paulding boys traveled to Bryan for another round of high school boys basketball. This time the tables were in the Panthers favor and they were able to take a win back home. Final score for the night: Paulding 44, Bryan 39.

Score by the Quarter:
Paulding - 12 2 16 14=44
Bryan - 7 11 12 9=39
Scorers of the Game:
Paulding - Edwards 3, Rhonhouse 1, Heilshorn 10, Gonzales 19, Arellano 10, Sitton 1

Bryan - Miley 7, Lehmann 13, Z Dean 2, Rupp 7, B Dean 3, Arthur 5, Cooley 2

Rebounds:
Paulding 27, Bryan 33

Turnovers Paulding 8, Bryan 14

JV score: Paulding 31, Bryan 49

WARRIORS SCORE 3rd SEASON VICTORY IN ACAC PLAY

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan and Southern Wells battled throughout their ACAC boys' basketball game with the Warriors prevailing over the Raiders with a 56-50 win, just their 3rd victory of the year. The win was the second of the season in conference play. Woodlan had 3 players in double figures in scoring, led by Evan Gustin with 16 points.

Score by the Quarter:
Southern Wells - 14 13 11 12=50

Woodlan - 13 15 14 14=56

Scorers of the Game:
Southern Wells - Coleman 21, Huffman 12, Rousch 4, Barcus 4, Schreiber 3, Bonewit 2, Horton 2, Niblick 2

Woodlan - Gustin 16, Jones 15, Krahn 10, L Hahn 7, Gerig 4, Fancher 2, A Hahn 2

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NATURAL RESOURCE STUDY FOR GROVER HILL 1ST GRADERS



Mrs. Nouza's first graders at Grover Hill Elementary are learning about Natural Resources in science. Students grouped pictures by whether or not they were a Natural Re-

source. They will be learning about the 3 R's next... Reuse, Reduce, Recycle! Pictured here are (l-r) Aubree Miller, Lance Whitman, Ian Jewell and Zander Warren.

WT LOCAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 2/25 - 3/3

Breakfast:
 2/25 - Mini pancakes, sausage, juice, milk
 2/26 - Cheese omelet, toast, juice, milk
 2/27 - Fruit stick, juice, milk
 3/2 - Sausage pizza, juice, milk
 3/3 - Egg & cheese muffin, juice, milk
Lunch:
 2/25 - Shredded chicken sandwich, green beans, carrot sticks, fruit, milk; JH/HS: Chef salad, pizza sub or pretzel w/cheese w/salad bar
 2/26 - Soft tacos w/meat, cheese & iceberg lettuce, refried beans, corn, fruit, milk; JH/HS: Chef salad, pizza sub or grilled chicken sandwich w/salad bar
 2/27 - Cheese quesadilla w/salsa, romaine lettuce salad w/dressing, corn, fruit, milk; JH/HS: Chef salad, pizza sub or fish sandwich w/salad bar
 3/2 - Grilled chicken sandwich, cooked peas & carrots, fruit, milk; JH/HS: Chef salad, pizza sub or grilled chicken sandwich w/salad bar
 3/3 - Nacho chips w/meat & cheese, refried beans, salsa, corn, fruit, milk; JH/HS: Chef salad, pizza sub or grilled chicken sandwich w/salad bar

force delivery system in Ohio, local career centers includes, Apollo Career Center, Four County Career Center, and Penta Career Center. The latter will coordinate the grant and serve as fiscal agent for \$500,000. Other participating educational institutions include Northwest State Community College and Rhodes State Community College. Together these institutions will plan a comprehensive system to serve Northwest Ohio adults. Assistance from local Ohio Means Jobs Centers, Chambers of Commerce and Economic Development agencies will be included.

Participation with local business and industry partners will be critical to the success of this initiative. Participants will be reaching out to employers in their area to determine immediate and future workforce needs and design curriculum around those needs to deliver certified and credentialed workers. The grant funds available are for the planning phase of the pilot program, and participants are asked to develop a plan to sustain the service after it is implemented.

Vantage will continue to address the needs of area adults in Paulding, Van Wert, Putnam, and Mercer Counties during the implementation phase of this project, through its current training programs. Adult Basic Literacy Education (ABLE) services will continue at Vantage in partnership with Apollo Career Center, which offers adults the opportunity to build literacy skills. In addition, Vantage will also provide credential testing at its Assessment Center.

VANTAGE CAREER CENTER A PARTNER IN REGIONAL GRANT AWARD

By: Pete Prichard, Director, Ohio Technical Center
 Vantage Career Center will receive grant funding to help plan a program that will assist adults, 22 years and older in earning their high school diploma, while completing an industry credential. The goal of this project is to provide a template of services to reduce barriers, to help those seeking a high school diploma and occupational skills. Five regional grants were awarded in Ohio, and Vantage is a partner in the Northwest Ohio region. The collaborative will be launched July 1, 2015.

This collaborative supports the State of Ohio's effort to improve the work-

IHSAA SECTIONAL PAIRINGS - GIRLS BASKETBALL

By: Jeff Abbott
 These are the IHSAA Sectional Pairings results:
2A - host: Woodlan:
 Tuesday, February 10 - South Adams 60, Woodlan 47
 Wednesday, February 11 - Bluffton 47, Adams Central 30; Canterbury 59, Eastside 35
 Friday, February 13

(Semi-Finals) - Churubusco 49, South Adams 38; Canterbury 86, Bluffton 49

Saturday, February 14 - Canterbury 67, Churubusco 44

3A - host: New Haven:
 Tuesday, February 10 - Concordia 46, Bishop Dwenger 43
 Wednesday, February 11 - Angola 61, Leo 50; Bishop Luers 61, New Haven 42
 Friday, February 13 (Semi-Finals) - Concordia 41, Garrett 28; Bishop Luers 82, Angola 73
 Saturday, February 14 - Concordia 66, Bishop Luers 56

LADY RAIDERS GET KNOCKED DOWN BY KNIGHTS

The Wayne Trace girls basketball team took a loss on February 16th to the Crestview Lady Knights. The court was dominated by the Lady Knights giving them the Monday evening win: 63-46.

Score by the Quarter:
 Wayne Trace - 16 13 8 9=46
 Crestview - 21 11 18 13=63
 Scorers of the Game:
 Wayne Trace - Mohr 9, Temple 8, Gudakunst 9, Mead 10, Myers 10
 Crestview - Crowle 10, Mercer 11, Riggenbach 6, P Motycka 10, Bauer 14, L Motycka 5, Hartman 2, Guest 5

BULLDOGS FALL TO CONCORDIA LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

On Thursday, February 19th, New Haven played host for varsity boys basketball. The Concordia team brought a tough match up. New Haven missed the win by 4 points. Final score of the evening: New Haven 45, Concordia 49.

Score by the Quarter:
 New Haven - 18 9 4 14=45
 Concordia - 14 11 13 11=49
 Scorers of the Game:
 New Haven - Crowe 3, Gardner 5, Moore 3, Stevenson 6, Kinnie 12, Upshaw 2, Rudolph 9, Workman 5
 Concordia - Tharp 8, King 3, Brewer 2, Quarles 5, A. Brown 3, Morrison 2, Bergdoll 18, Webb 8

LINCOLNVIEW TAKE OUT PAULDING IN GIRLS BASKETBALL

On February 19th, the Lady Panthers took on the Lady Lancers of Lincolnview for some high school girls basketball. Paulding girls had a rough time keeping pace with Lincolnview. This found them with a deficit in every quarter, finishing the game with a Lady Panther loss: 43-62.

Score by the Quarter:
 Paulding - 11 13 10 9=43
 Lincolnview - 13 18 20 11=62
 Scorers of the Game:
 Paulding - Riley 4, Combs 2, Vogel 11, Manz 2, Meggison 9, Reinhart 8, Posey 7
 Lincolnview - Longwell 2, Bowersock 11, Clay 9, Wendl 6, Thatcher 20 (3-3's), Williams 1, McCleery 12
 Rebounds:
 Paulding 28 (Meggison 8), Lincolnview 21
 Turnovers:
 Paulding 26, Lincolnview 15
 Record: Paulding 2-20 JV: Lincolnview 44, Paulding 30



Dear Miss C,

I recently came to the realization that I am a co-dependent person. It came to my attention when I went through a traumatic upheaval in my life involving some dear friends. We (with my husband) did everything together: attended church, hung out at each other's houses, went on dates, our kids were all like siblings... Then they decided to move away. I thought we were best friends. I thought we shared thoughts and prayers with each other. I didn't have any secrets, but apparently they did. They just announced one day that they were moving away. I felt abandoned, alone... betrayed...

Then I took a step back to evaluate my feelings and realized the codependency I have for people in my life. My convictions, beliefs, opinions mirror those closest to me. I don't believe this is a healthy thing. I now have a wall up to protect my heart and mind because I'm scared to do something wrong. I don't want to let anyone in anymore. Can you help me understand this?

Sincerely,
 -Dazed and Confused
 Dear Dazed and Confused,
 I can certainly TRY to help you understand a little about co-dependency. However, I would first like to say, what I hear you describing is not co-dependency but a human tendency to blend with those in which we surround ourselves. And yes, it can be unhealthy if you lose yourself in this blending. It can also be healthy, if you are inspired to add positive characteristics of those around you, to your own toolbox!

By definition, Co-dependency is a learned behavior that can be passed down from one generation to another. It is an emotional and behavioral condition that affects an individual's ability to have a healthy, mutually satisfying relationship. It is also known as "relationship addiction" because people with codependency often form or maintain relationships that are one-sided, emotionally destructive and/or abusive.

What I do hear you describing is life changing grief of what it feels like after a significant break up. A break up from a long term relationship where so much common bonding and common experience actually makes seeing where you end and another person begins difficult to distinguish. So when these relationships end we lose part of ourselves. It's kind of like the game Jenga. You work together to build an amazing tower. And it stands, perfectly interlocked and as long as things stay the same... it's powerful and perfect. But

when just the right block is removed, it crumbles to the ground. So we question the very construction of that tower. You think, why should I construct this tower again? When it falls, it is going to hurt... so maybe I will build the tower and put the box back on, so no one can touch it. No one can take a piece out again? Of course... then you are depriving the world of an amazing game!

Okay, so I like Jenga. But in all seriousness, in this example, you are the tower, you along with those you love and trust build who you are... and that is exactly how it should be! We are social creatures, we are built by our social connections! So we should surround ourselves with those who we want to be like. Understand that the pieces of you are still the pieces of you, and putting them back together can be difficult, but worth it. So please for the sake of all the other towers waiting to be built, take the box off, share your pieces. Be creative, be courageous, and remember that your roots are strong (even when we don't feel as if they are).

With Blessings,
 -Miss C
 Send your questions to Miss C too! Send to: AskMeMissC@gmail.com, submit to Ask Me Miss C Facebook Page, or send to the West Bend News to my attention

WT LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION TO MEET IN MARCH

The Wayne Trace Local School District Board of Education will meet in regular session on March 9, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Wayne Trace High School Lecture Hall.

HINTON'S LEAD SCORING NOT ENOUGH TO CLINCH A WIN IN HS GIRLS BASKETBALL

By: Jeff Abbott
 Rain Hinton scored 23 points for Woodlan, but foul trouble put the sophomore on the bench in the third quarter and South Adams took advantage. The Starfires, trailing by 4 points at half, took the lead with Hinton on the bench and led by 4 points at the end of the third period. Hinton fouled out in the fourth period and South Adams extended their advantage to a 60-47 final score and advance to a semi-final game in the IHSAA 2A sectionals. Cindy Int'Groen led South Adams with 20 points in the game.

Score by the Quarter:
 Woodlan - 10 16 9 12=47
 South Adams - 13 9 17 21=60
 Scorers of the Game:
 Woodlan - Hinton 23, Graber 11, Cook 7, Williams 5, Salzbrenner 1
 South Adams - Int'Groen 20, Willis 13, Balsiger 13, Delling 5, Jennings 5, Wanner 2, Morgan 2

LIBBY STABLER NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST AT U OF FINDLAY

Libby Stabler has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2014 semester at the University of Findlay. Libby is a recent graduate of Wayne Trace High School. She is the daughter of Kenny and Rhonda Stabler.

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SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681
Revised Code, Section 2329.26

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PAULDING COUNTY:

TALMAR BANK AND TRUST
SUCCESSOR

BY MERGER TO FIRST PLACE BANK
SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO
HICKSVILLE

BUILDING LOAN AND SAVINGS
BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

BOBBY DEWAYNE MELTON AKA
BOBBY D. MELTON, ET AL.,
Defendants,

Case No. CI 14 125.

Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above
entitled action, I will offer for sale at public
auction, at the East door of the Courthouse
in the Village of Paulding, in the above
named County, on Thursday, the 5th day of
March, 2015 at 10:30 o'clock A.M., the real
estate located at:

19621 County Road 1038,
Oakwood, Ohio 45873

Parcel Number: 01-03E-032-00

A full legal description of this property
is on record at the Paulding County Engi-
neer's Office located in the basement of
the Courthouse.

Said premises appraised at Eighty-sev-
en Thousand and No/100 (\$87,000.00)
Dollars and cannot be sold for less than
two-thirds of that amount.

The appraisal of this property was
completed without an interior inspection.
Neither the Sheriff's Office nor the ap-
praisers are responsible for the condition
of the property at the time the purchaser
takes possession.

Purchasers are advised they have no
legal right to access this property until
the Sheriff's Deed has been filed with the
Paulding County Recorder's Office.

TERMS OF SALE: Ten percent down
on day of the sale with the balance to be
paid before the deed is issued.

Sheriff Jason K. Landers
Paulding County, Ohio
www.pauldingohsheriff.com
James L. Sassano, Attorney for Plaintiff

PAULDING COUNTY COURT REPORTS

Criminal Dispositions

Bruce A Osborn; Gro-
ver Hill, OH; Fail to tag;
J-No Cont; Pay all fines and
costs; placed on standard
probation; write a letter of
apology to victim; complete
30 hrs community service;
hunting privileges are sus-
pended for a 3 years term
from the date of this order;
pay restitution of \$4,426.27
dear & process; Count B;
Hut w/o permis; J-No Cont;
Defendant to pay all fines
and costs; write a letter of
apology to victim; placed on
standard probation; hunt-
ing privileges suspended for
3 years to run concurrent
with case 14-CRB-468; res-
titution \$4,426.27; 30 hrs
community service

Kevin Gillett; Cecil, OH;
Domestic Violen; J-No Cont;
Defendant to pay all costs; 2
days jail credit; 30 EMHA
credit; placed on standard
probation; complete Third
Millennium course; eval-
uation at Westwood; stay
medication compliant; meet
with VA every month; 40
hrs community service

Wanda Inez Gardner;
Desoto, TX; Driv w/o lic;
J-Guilty; Fines and cost to
be taken from the bond;
Count B; Dr lic misrep;
J-Guilty; Fines and costs to
be taken from the bond

Steven D. Johnson;
Paulding, OH; FRA Susp;
J-Guilty; Pay all costs; de-
fendant shall secure a valid
driver's license by the end of
the term of community con-
trol/ probation

Ashley K. Dobbelaere;
Defiance, OH; Fail to rein-
sta; No Cont; Pay all fines
and costs by 2/6/15 or will
be sent to collections; proof
of insurance by 2/6/15

Brian E. Eblin; Grover
Hill, OH; Dom Violence;
Guilty; Defendant to com-
plete remaining diversion

program conditions shall
have no unlawful contact
with victims or residence;
complete the third mil-
lennium online course on
marijuana; placed on stan-
dard probation; submit an
evaluation; Count B; Dom
Violence; Guilty; Defendant
to complete conditions on
Count A

Robert M. Sanchez III;
Defiance, OH; Prohibition;
Guilty; Proof of financial
responsibility provided pay
all fines and by 2/11/15 or
will be sent to collections
community control ordered
25 hrs of community service
complete third millennium
30 jail days reserved.

James R. Sulfridge;
Continental, OH; OVI/
Breath(low); Dismis; Ct A
dismissed at States request;
administrative license sus-
pension vacated

Megan Lynn Light; An-
gola, IN; Driv under susp;
J-No Cont; Pay all fines and
costs today

Dalton J. Johnson; Gro-
ver Hill, OH; Possession;
Defendant to pay all fines
and costs; OL suspended
for 6 months commencing
2/8/15

William M. Hensley;
Fort Wayne, IN; Driv w/o
lic; J-No Cont; Proof of fi-
nancial responsibility not
provided pay all fines and
costs by 3/27/15 or will be
sent to collections

Virgil W. Lee; Grover
Hill, OH; Agg menacing;
M-No Cont; Defendant to
pay all costs; pay for stay at
Paulding County jail; shall
have no contact w/victim;
secure a valid OL; complete
40 hrs C/S; Probation 2 yr.;
Complete 3rd millennium
online alcohol course; seek
employment; submit evalua-
tion; Count B; Resisting Ar-
res; M-No Cont; Same rules
and conditions as Count A;
Jail time to run concurrent
with Count A

JP Morgan Chase Bank;
Indianapolis, IN: Zoning
violation; J-Guilty; Defen-
dant to pay all fines and
costs; plaintiff may remove
the abandoned buildings on
the property in accordance
with the statutes of the state
of Ohio

Damaris Trujillo; Indi-
anapolis, IN; Driv under
susp; Guilty; Pay all fines
and costs by 3/27/15 or will
be sent to collections

Zacharie J. Ball; Oak-
wood, OH; Theft; No Cont;
Defendant to pay all costs;
no unlawful contact with
Morning Star; restitution is
paid in full

Amanda S. Saylor; De-
fiance, OH; Burglary; Prel-
Waive; Case bound over to
the common please court of
Paulding County Ohio

Zachari W. Hall; Ant-
werp, OH; Disorder conduc;
Case dismissed per state;
with prejudice; costs waived

Jayson Dangler; Paul-
ding, OH; Confine of Dog;
Guilty; Case was waived by
defendant

Ivan E. Maples, Sr.; Ant-
werp, OH; OVI/Breath(low);
J-No Cont; May attend the
DIP Program in lieu of jail
ALS vacated pay all fines
and costs today community
control one ordered secure
a valid driver's license 50
hours of community service
complete Third Millennium
177 jail days reserved

Real Estate Transfers:
Auglaize Twp.:

2/12/15; Randy J. Weaks;
Lot 38 Auglaize Country
Club RSA; 0.3636 acres; To:
VE & Amy Schlegel
Benton Twp.:

2/12/15; Wells Fargo
Bank NA; Sec. 9; 2.106 acres;
To: Secretary of Housing
and Urban Development

**CITY OF WOODBURN
COUNCIL MEETING MIN-
UTES 2/2/15**

Meeting minutes for the
City of Woodburn on Feb-
ruary 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
Pledge.

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Pro Temp - Ray
Abbott, Councilman Rice,
Renner, & Gerig. Treasurer
Holly Sarrazine, Superin-
tendent Walls, Police Chief
Duhamell

**POLICE CHIEF DU-
HAMELL:**

The Woodburn Police
Reserves worked a total of
75 hours in January; five dif-
ferent reserve officers were
on patrol during last month.
WPD logged 77 incidents in
January. Recognized the city
crews for clearing the streets
so well this past weekend.

AUDIENCE:

Janet Palmer is request-
ing a donation of \$2,000
from the city to the Wood-
burn Association for the
150 year festival. After dis-
cussion council asked her
to bring her request to the
next meeting with docu-
mentation as to what it's go-
ing to be spent on. Resident
requested a sewer discount
on a vacant house under
remodeling that developed
a leak. Councilman Renner
made a motion to discount
sewer back to normal usage.
Councilman Gerig 2nd, all
approved, motion carried.
Resident presented a chart
of water/sewer rate increase
from the past and project-
ed into the future. Council
reviewed and made the res-
ident aware that that is not
how our rates are structured
now.

**MAYOR (VIA COUN-
CILMAN ABBOTT):**

A discussion was had
with Todd Johnson regard-
ing Jake Breaking. A sign
can be posted but it has to
be proven by a decimal lev-
el gauge. The city needs one
person to attend the Purdue
Road School. Kim at AEP
indicated that we need a
pole installed at the chlo-
rine swirl to drop power
there. Mayor has contacted
county surveyor on the back
payment for the Hetrick
Ditch. Mayor toured the
vacant Woodburn Element-
ary School with the Keller
group for potential develop-
ment. Main Street bids were
discussed. Alternates were
presented. A special meet-
ing was scheduled for 7:00
p.m. on Monday, February
9th to make a decision.

TREASURER:

Meeting minutes from
1/19/15 were presented.
Councilman Gerig made a
motion to approve, Council-
man Renner 2nd all agreed,
motion was approved. War-
rants were presented, Coun-
cilman Rice made a motion
to approve. Councilman
Gerig 2nd all approved,
motion carried. The owner
of the Mobile Home Park
called asking for consider-
ation on the vacant lots in
the park. Councilman Rice
made a motion to review
when the next contract is
bid. Councilman Gerig
2nd, all approved, motion
carried.

**SUPERINTENDENT
WALLS:**

Working on permit re-
newal. Generator at shop's
program is out. Buckeye to
upload program. The emer-
gency connect program at
the water plant on Webster
is down so we are looking
into alternatives.

Councilman Abbott: No
report

Councilman Rice: No
report

Councilman Renner:
No Report

Councilman Gerig: No
Report

Councilman Voirol: Ab-
sent

Motion to adjourn 8:14
p.m. by Councilman Rice.
Councilman Renner 2nd,
meeting adjourned.

Notes prepared by Treas-
urer Sarrazine.

**SECRETARY OF STATE
HUSTED RELEASES NEW
BUSINESS FILING FIGURES
FOR JANUARY 2015**

Secretary of State Jon
Husted today announced
that 7,505 new entities filed
to do business in Ohio in
January 2015. These num-
bers are down slightly com-
pared to January 2014, in
which 7,780 new entities
filed. Additionally, Secre-
tary Husted announced that
the percentage of business
filings being approved has
increased as rejection rates
have dropped 6.6 percent
over the last three years -
down from 19.3 percent in
January 2012 to 12.7 percent
in January 2015.

The most common rea-
sons for rejection are due
to paperwork errors. To ad-
dress this issue, the Secre-
tary of State's office has sim-
plified the forms to make
them more user-friendly
and improved the filing pro-
cess so it is clear as to what
information is required. Sec-
retary Husted's efforts
have resulted in an increase
in the number of filings
approved and decrease in
those rejected.

Recently Secretary
Husted announced that the

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Sudoku Puzzle

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state experienced the fifth
consecutive year of record
new business filings. In
2014, 93,775 new businesses
filed with the Secretary of
State's Office. These num-
bers were up from 2013, in
which 89,735 filed. Secretary
Husted hopes this positive
trend will continue in the
years ahead.

A significant factor in
the continuous growth
of new business filings in
Ohio is Secretary Husted's
commitment to providing
quality customer service
and the expansion of ser-
vices offered by the office.
In October 2013, Secre-
tary Husted launched Ohio
Business Central, allowing
businesses to file some of
the most commonly-used
forms online - saving cli-
ents time and money, as well
as streamlining the admin-
istrative process. To date,
more than 40,000 filings
have been submitted and
half of all new companies
are now started online in
Ohio.

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

**FOUR AMERICAN SPACE
HEROES TO JOIN U.S. AS-
TRONAUT HALL OF FAME**

(NAPSI)—Four space
shuttle astronauts will be
inducted into the United
States Astronaut Hall of

Fame during a public cer-
emony held at Kennedy
Space Center Visitor Com-
plex's Space Shuttle Atlantis
attraction: John Grunsfeld,
Ph.D., Steven Lindsey, Kent
Rominger and M. Rhea Sed-
don, M.D. These astronaut
heroes will join the ranks
of well-known space explor-
ers including Alan Shepard,
Neil Armstrong and Buzz
Aldrin. This year marks the
historic 25th anniversary
of the Hall of Fame, which
was conceived by the six
remaining Mercury astro-
nauts as a place where space
explorers could be remem-
bered. Past Hall of Fame
inductees include Mercury,
Gemini, Apollo, Skylab and
Space Shuttle astronauts.
Admittance into the cere-
mony on May 30 is included
in admission to the Visitor
Complex. For more infor-
mation, visit www.Kenne-
dySpaceCenter.com.

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100 DAYS AT PAULDING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - FINALLY!



1st graders at Paulding Elementary celebrated their 100th day of school on Tuesday, February 17, 2015. Pictured are the classes of Mrs. Tice, Mrs. March, Mrs. Deisler, and Mrs. Homier.

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT 1 WINTER OPERATIONS UPDATE

The following is an update regarding snow and ice operations on state highways within the Ohio Department of Transportation District 1 which includes the counties of Allen, Defiance, Hancock, Hardin, Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert and Wyandot. This report is issued periodically during the winter months and as necessary following snow and ice events.

This report represents a period beginning in October to the present (only Defiance, Paulding and Van Wert Counties posted here):

Defiance - 311 total lane miles maintained; 4,205 tons salt used; 81,238 gallons deicing liquids used; 87,247 miles driven for snow & ice; \$602,293 total

Paulding - 393 total lane miles maintained; 4,897 tons salt used; 136,493 gallons deicing liquids used; 76,012 miles driven for snow and ice; \$708,933 total

Van Wert - 375 total lane miles maintained; 4,209 tons salt used; 78,902 gallons deicing liquids used; 87,055 miles driven for snow and ice; \$649,993 total.

Additional facts:
• Total amount of salt on hand throughout the eight-county region of ODOT District 1 is currently 19,000 tons.

• At this same point in the season last year 55,282 tons of salt had been used and \$7.3 million had been spent on snow and ice control in District 1.

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• The "Deicing Liquids Used" column reflects the current usage to date of several types of liquid deicers. This category includes salt brine as well as the following. These products are more effective at controlling icy conditions versus just straight salt or salt brine and can be more cost effective:

- Beet Heet, a sugar beet, molasses-based product that increases rock salt's ice melting capacity below its 15-degree limit;
- Aqua Salina, a natural saltwater with a lower freeze point than regular brine;
- and Boost, an organic substance that when added to calcium chloride reduces the corrosiveness of calcium chloride and improves its anti-icing and deicing capability.

• The worst winter in recent memory in terms of cost was last winter with \$8.7 million expended in District 1 for snow and ice control.

• Excluding last year, the average cost per year over the last 10 years for snow and ice control operations is \$4.1 million.

WHY CHANGE IS NOT ALWAYS THE BEST OPTION

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

A major responsibility of the state is to provide education that works best for our citizens and specifically, our children.

Last year, Indiana withdrew from the Common Core State Standards and created our own education standards, called the Indiana College and Career Ready Standards. In doing so, the state maintained its sovereignty over education, and focused on providing education specific to the needs of Indiana families. With this legislative session in full swing, my fellow legislators and I continue to work on creating an even better educational system for all Hoosier children.

This year, there was a bill filed that would do away with our new College and Career Ready Standards. Senate Bill 501 would require the State Board of Education to re-adopt old academic standards that were in effect before Jan. 1, 2009.

In addition, the bill would prohibit the State Board, the Department of Education, and school corporations from applying for or renewing a No Child Left Behind waiver from the federal government. Without this waiver, Indiana schools could face serious consequences, including severe budget challenges and loss of flexibility.

There are many requirements we have to meet to remain eligible for the waiver; going back to pre-2009 standards may put the state at risk of losing our waiver and the eligibility for federal education funding that goes with it. This could mean a loss of as much as \$250 million for Indiana schools.

I believe putting ourselves at a risk of losing this major funding is an unwise move at this time.

On one hand, if the state returned to our pre-2009 standards as proposed by SB 501, we would not need to create a new ISTEP. This could save the state as much as \$15 million. Conserving the state's resources is important, but the bill would cause more problems that it would solve.

Constantly changing the standards is a burden on teachers, parents and most importantly, our students. Our education standards were established after several months of planning and debating by teachers and education leaders. This process allowed us to create new standards in Indiana.

At this time, I believe we should continue with our current standards because changing the standards now wouldn't be in the best interest of teachers, students or Hoosier families.

What do you think?

FARM-FRESH FOOD DELIVERED DIRECTLY TO YOUR TABLE

(NAPSI) - American farmers are so efficient that even though they now comprise just 2 percent of the workforce, their efforts and advanced agricultural methods mean each can feed more than 150 people with one-third of their production exported to other countries.

THE PROBLEM

While all that modern farm technology lets most Americans live in a land of great abundance, unfortunately, it also means many smaller, family-owned farms are displaced by agricultural corporations. It can also put a considerable distance between consumers and the soil in which their food is grown.

AN ANSWER

The good news is that in response, a strong grassroots

movement encouraging individuals to "eat local" and thereby support small family farms has emerged and gained significant momentum nationwide. This has sparked a farmers market phenomenon sweeping the country.

The Internet is adding efficiency and increasing reach for that movement: One of the best efforts at aggregating and selling the offerings of nearby farms is being offered by online retailer Overstock.com. "There is no profession as noble and yet as at risk of extinction as that of the family farmer," said Overstock.com CEO Patrick M. Byrne. In many communities, Overstock.com's Farmers Market is the best connection people have to the food grown closest to them.

At the Overstock.com Farmers Market, users can search for and select from a broad range of locally grown artisan food products in much the same way one uses the site to shop for furniture or jewelry. Farm-fresh home delivery is free and speedy. Farmers are delivering the produce directly to the consumers, thereby ensuring the freshest, most nutritional food arrives on their doorstep. There are options for both single orders and recurring deliveries. Fresh produce, meat, eggs and bread can arrive on your doorstep every week, just when you need them.

What's more, the compelling stories of many of the farmers themselves are told on the site, allowing visitors to feel a true connection to the people, as well as the products sold there. A range of recipes are featured for simple yet tempting comfort foods, made with the fresh ingredients purchased from Overstock.com.

GET MORE

In addition to a farmers market, the website's Main Street Revolution store does the same thing for items crafted in the U.S.A., while the company's fair trade division, known as Worldstock, sells the handcrafted products of artisans worldwide. There's even a free pet adoption service available to accommodate visitors.

LEARN MORE

For further facts and to access Overstock.com's Farmers Market, go to www.overstock.com/farmers-market or from the Overstock.com website type "farmers market" in the search bar.

ADVANCEMENTS IN BLOOD CLOT REMOVAL TECHNOLOGY SAVES A PATIENT'S LIFE WITHOUT OPEN HEART SURGERY

A team of physicians and medical staff at Lutheran Hospital have successfully used a new method to remove dangerous blood clots with a non-surgical approach that includes a filter and a vein vacuum. As a result, Shirley Lewis, 80, avoided open heart surgery; and even stitches. The first case of its kind to be completed in northeastern Indiana left cardiologists and peers at Lutheran Hospital optimistic about the potential for high-risk surgery patients to have another option.

Two interventional cardiologists from Lutheran Medical Group, Mark Meier, MD, and Vijay Chilakamarri, MD, worked together in the cath-

BOOK DONATIONS AT DIVINE MERCY SCHOOL



Pictured is First Grader Jack Schoenauer presenting several books donated by his Grandmother, Alice Gerber, (back row on the left) to Divine Mercy Librarian, Mrs. Jeanette Black, seated and to Mrs. Cathy Schoenauer, Principal.

eterization lab to suction two large clots, one several inches long, through a line inserted into a major neck vein. The vacuum-like device, called the AngioVac, is attached to a bypass pump and pulls blood through the catheter line and into a cylinder-shaped canister with a filter to capture the emboli or clot. The blood returns back into the body through another catheter attached to the canister and inserted into the femoral vein, recirculating the blood through the body.

"We were familiar with the procedure, but we had never used that system before," said Dr. Meier. "We were prepared for the right patient's case to present itself. Working together when the stakes are so

high really makes me proud to be a part of Lutheran's team. This is why we do what we do."

Because of her age and other health issues, Lewis was not a strong candidate for open heart surgery. Her family is not new to heart conditions. Decades earlier, Lewis' husband had a fatal heart attack at age 29, after surviving two prior ones.

"While she is still very sick, mom's better than she has been in five years," said Lewis' youngest daughter, Melanie Renner-Brown. "It's not just a job to them, it's a miracle what this group of doctors did for her. All I could do is hug these guys. They saved my mother's life."

5 C FARM INC. FARM & COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT AUCTION

Date: March 14th 2015 Time: 10:00am. Sharp!
 Inspection March 6th 9:00 am to 2:00pm
 Location: 6083 Thiel Rd. Hicksville, Ohio 43526
 Auctioneers Notes: 5-C Farm Inc., Mr. William Cleland Jr. has decided to sell the cattle operation and downsize the farm operation.



Tractors: 1991 Case IH 9280 4x4 20.8R42 w/14' Degelman Blade, 1991 Case IH 9230 4x4 18.4x38 tires, 3480 hrs., Cat 55 Challenger 4-remotes 8635 hrs, 1989 Case IH 7130 MFWD 18.4x42 tires 3191 hrs, Case 1370, 1964 John Deere diesel 3020 WF, Case 830 diesel WF, Case 830 diesel NF, Case 530 gas NF, IH 560 gas WF fast hitch, IH 1566 diesel 20.8x38, **Tillage Equipment:** 30' To The Max harrow, 30' Bertha Drag, Landoll 2110 15 shank chisel, Curse Buster 245-G15, Great Plains Ultra Till 5042 double phoenix harrow, Kongskilde 2800 vibro-till 30', JD 724 finisher w/5bar harrow-Klines, **Planters & Drills:** Kinze 2300 16 row 30" No-till Martin row cleaners-w/2-lead coulters-w/liquid, JD 1780 Max-emerge 16/31 w/corn & bean meters, JD 20' 750 drill w/Unverferth fill auger, JD 15' 750 Notill drill w/yetter markers, IH 5400 Mintill drill w/yetter coulters, IH 510 drill w/ seeder, JD 8-row Danish row cultivator, Clark 16 row 28% applicator. **Harvest Equipment:** Case IH 1688 SN-0120175-2855 hrs, Case IH 1200-20' grain head SN 90955, Case IH 1083 Corn head SN 147814, Kilbros 1020 Grain cart, 3950 Convey Air grain vac, Curtis Silage head Converter Claus to JD. **Semi Tractors & Trailers:** 2007 Kenworth T800 day cab wet kit C13 engine, 2001 Kenworth T 800 10spd wet-kit Cat C-13, 1997 Kenworth T800B w/wet-kit 10spd Cummins, OshKosh grain truck 6 wheel drive w/190 Cummins, Terex Cement Truck, 11-Vantage frameless dump trailers, 2-2003 Smithco side dump trailers, 1-City Dump trailer aluminum frame, 1-East 30' dump trailer steel frame, 1-Transcraft 45' Flatbed, American 1978 Livestock trailer, 1-Ti-Brook drop deck trailer, 1-1974 aluminum tanker mod. AS 20, Fruehauf 45' Flatbed tender trailer, 12,000 gal 5-axle tanker. **Loaders & Cranes:** Case 721 C loader, Case W-14 loader, Case W-14 & W-18 loaders(parts), Grove Crane Model TM225T, Ford A-64 loader. **Manure & Feed Handling:** Nuhn Magnum 4000 w/5 shank applicator-loading pump(Like New very little use), Hagedon 336 spreader, Hagedon 3440 spreader, Spread All Spreader, Dryhill Liquid Manure pump Mod. DH510, Roto-Mix Mod. 720-16 mixer, 3-Roto-Mix feed mixers, Hayblaster Grinder Duratec H1100, Farmhand XG 40 grinder, Auto Roller Mill(pto), GoBagger portable bagger, Screener(pto), Brown Bear Mulcher Mixer 10' Mod. PTOPA350. **Hay & Silage Equipment:** Hesston 8400 self propelled 16ft windrower, Hesston 4800 4x4 square baler, Hesston 7655 Field queen w/3row corn silage head & hay pickup. **Picksups & Mowers:** Ford 2008 F150 4x4 crewcab 105,067 miles, Ford 2007 F150 regular cab 2 wheel drive, Woods 15ft batwing chopper, Woods 15ft grooming mower, Cub Cadet M-60 27hp Kohler 50" deck 800hrs, Woods F-25 Kohler 25hp 72"deck 1065 hrs. **Misc:** 30ft Donahue trailer, 45-Concrete feed bunks 8ft, guard rail, gates, 2- Firestone 710-70R42 tires w/10 bolt CaseH rims, 2-3bottom fast hitch plows, 8ft fast hitch disk, fast hitch 6ft blade, Bridge Mtg. 40ft 3pt quick hitch sprayer.

Directions: From Hicksville Ohio go east on St. Rt. 18 3.5 miles to Cicero Rd, turn North on Cicero go 1 mile to the intersection of Cicero & Thiel Rd.

Owners: 5 C Farm Inc. William Cleland Jr., Neighbor Consignor: Clint Zeebink

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First Defiance Financial Corp. (NASDAQ: FDEF) announced today an upward adjustment of \$551,000, or \$0.06 per diluted common share, to its previously reported fourth quarter and full year 2014 net income. The adjustment relates to First Defiance's provision for income taxes for the fourth quarter and has no effect on any other previously reported period. The adjustment to the provision for income taxes reflects the utilization of capital loss carry forwards greater than previously identified. As a result, the provision for income taxes for the quarter and full year ended December 31, 2014 was previously overstated by \$551,000.

First Defiance's revised earnings of \$6.4 million, or \$0.65 per diluted common share, for the quarter ended December 31, 2014, compares to \$5.1 million or \$0.50 per diluted common share for the fourth quarter a year ago. For the year ended December 31, 2014, First Defiance's net income increased to \$24.3 million, or \$2.44 per diluted common share, compared to \$22.2 million, or \$2.19 per diluted common share, in 2013.

The attached financial statements and highlights reflect the adjustment to the provision for income taxes and related effects on net income, earnings per common share, liabilities, stockholders equity, common book value and tangible common book value per share, and financial ratios for return on average assets, return on average equity, shareholders' equity/assets, common dividend payout ratio and effective tax rate.

First Defiance Financial Corp. First Defiance Financial Corp., headquartered in Defiance, Ohio, is the hold-

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For more information, visit the company's Web site at www.fdef.com.

MAD ANTS REACQUIRE MCKINNEY-JONES

The Fort Wayne Mad Ants, presented by Lutheran Health Network, announce today that Trey McKinney-Jones will return to Fort Wayne and join his teammates for tonight's game against the Westchester Knicks at 7:00 p.m. in New York.

McKinney-Jones, out of the University of Miami, was a key starter in the Mad Ants' overall season and undefeated postseason run to the 2014 NBA D-League Championship last April. In his 47 regular season games as a Mad Ant, he averaged 15.1 points and 4.6 rebounds per game. McKinney-Jones was named to the D-League's Second Team All-Showcase Team and All-Rookie Third Team in 2014.

CITY OF WOODBURN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 2/9/15

Meeting minutes for the city of Woodburn for February 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Pledge.

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Hoepfner, Councilman Abbott, Rice, Renner, Gerig & Voirol. Treasurer Holly Sarrazine.

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MAYOR:

LandPlan recommends we go with the bid from Mallott Construction (no motion was made). After reviewing the alternates, Councilman Abbott made a motion to appropriate \$130,000 for alternates and extras from the EDIT fund. Councilman Voirol 2nd the motion, all approved, motion carried.

Motion to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. by Councilman Renner. Councilman Voirol 2nd, meeting adjourned.

Notes prepared by Treasurer Sarrazine.

STATEMENT FROM OHIO SECRETARY OF STATE JON HUSTED

In response to the introduction of Senate Bill 63 by State Senator Frank LaRose (R-Copley), which seeks to establish an online voter registration system and improve the exchange of voter data among state agencies - innovations which Secretary of State Jon Husted has long advocated, Secretary Husted released the following statement:

"Online voter registration is another important step in ensuring it remains easy to vote and hard to cheat in Ohio. Allowing Ohioans to register online is more secure, convenient and accurate than traditional paper forms and will save taxpayers money.

"Online registration is an important election reform supported by Democrats and Republicans across the nation. It is time for Ohio to get it done.

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LaRose for his work on this matter and urge the legislature to give immediate consideration to this proposal."

MAD ANTS & LUTHERAN HEALTH NETWORK PRESIDENT GET FIT CHALLENGE

The Fort Wayne Mad Ants have partnered with Lutheran Health Network, Indiana Organ Procurement Organization (IOPO), DeKalb Health and McDonald's to challenge fans to get fit and increase their physical activity as part of the GET FIT CHALLENGE for the remainder of the 2014-2015 regular season.

The Mad Ants Get Fit Challenge is a program that encourages children, their parents and their teachers to lead active and healthy lifestyles through a fun and challenging fitness regimen. Participants will keep track of their physical activities for 30 days; all children who complete 30 minutes a day of physical activity outside of school for those 30 days will receive a FREE ticket to the Mad Ants basketball game on Saturday, April 4th vs. Sioux Falls Skyforce at 7:30 p.m. for Get FIT Night. To receive this free ticket, finalized activity logs must be completed and turned into the Memorial Coliseum Ticket Office in person.

If any schools are interested in having their entire student body participate, please contact the Mad Ants to get a bulk supply of activity logs. IOPO will donate a \$1,000 prize to the school with the highest completion percentage to be used toward fitness, athletic, or

health education equipment.

All interested participants can go on to our website (www.fortwaynehoops.com) and find the flyer with more information and the activity log sheet needed to keep track of the 30 day fitness totals.

MAD ANTS EARN WIN AT HOME

The Mad Ants, sponsored by Lutheran Health Network, got the win at home, Sunday February 22nd, taking down the Grand Rapids Drive 91-81 at the Allen Co. War Memorial Coliseum.

The first half belonged largely to the Mad Ants' offensive game, as they posted leads of up to 20 early in the game. The Drive found a way to crawl back into the game as the first half came to a close; the Mad Ants still holding their lead going into the locker room 44-43. Andre Emmett led the first half of play for the Mad Ants with 13 points and 4 rebounds. Ramon Harris, Gary Talton and making his Mad Ants return, Trey McKinney-Jones, each recorded 7 points. For the Drive, Adonis Thomas led with 21 points.

Early in the third quarter, the Drive held close with the Mad Ants, but with an offensive run by the duo of Emmett and Talton, the Mad Ants would pull ahead by 12 to start the fourth quarter. That double digit lead would hold strong as the Mad Ants finished the night with the 91-81 victory. Emmett would lead the Mad Ants with 29 points and 5 rebounds. Talton finished the night with 21 points and 5 assists and Travis Hyman would grab down 10 rebounds to end his night.

For the Drive, Thomas recorded 32 points to lead all scorers. Willie Reed would grab down 12 rebounds to go with his 8 points. The Mad Ants next game will be on the road in Ohio against the Canton Charge on Friday, February 27th at 7:00 p.m.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES 2/4/15

This 4th day of February, 2015, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

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

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS: Warrants documented as

213826 through 213902 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 February 2, 2015, Warrants numbered 213779 through 213825 in the amount of \$13,725.32; and it is certified that both at the time that the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time that the County Auditor is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance; and pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code §5705.41(D)(1), these purchases must be approved by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners. Now, therefore the Paulding County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Purchase Orders as submitted by the Auditor; and it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners, County of Paulding, State of Ohio concerning the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Mr. Tony Zartman to go into executive session at 8:03 a.m. with the Paulding County Prosecutor, County Auditor, and the Paulding County WMEA Director to discuss personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Holtsberry. All members voting yea.

At 8:18 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Mr. Tony Zartman to go into executive session at 8:20 a.m. with the Paulding County Prosecutor to discuss legal matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Holtsberry. All members voting yea.

At 8:40 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

APPOINTMENTS IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Mr. Tony Zartman moved to approve the following appointment for 2015:

Todd Messman - Recycling Crew Supervisor for Waste Management Education and Awareness

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Brion Hanenkraat and Shane Dyson, E-911/Sheriff's Office - Mr. Hanenkraat updated the Commissioners on the county wide paging system for first responders. He reported they have been testing the system to make sure there are no 'dead' spots. Mr. Hanenkraat is working closely with ERS of Lima to make sure the tower at the fair grounds is property installed. He also emphasized the need for having an off site dispatch. Mr. Hanenkraat will be working with EMA Director Ed Bohn on that project. He will keep the Commissioners abreast of the progress.

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Girl Scout Cookies will be delivered to the troops between February 27 and March 4, 2015.

The sales of Girl Scout Cookies as part of the Girl Scout Cookie Program has been successful thus far. We greatly appreciate the tremendous support we've received from our community.

Traditional booth sales begin March 6 and run through March 29. We anticipate that we will have enough Girl Scout Cookies on hand to meet customer demands during that time. There is no way for us to know that at this time; however. We cannot predict the demand customers will have during the booth sales.

Customers can visit girlscoutcookies.org to see a list of upcoming both locations in their area.

ANTWERP FOOTBALL FINALLY TO GET NEW LIGHTING - ROSS ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

The February 19 Meeting was called to order by Dennis Recker, Board President.

Kristine Stuart gave the Treasurer's report for January. The receipts: \$681,353.11. The expenditures: \$686,374.06. The Interest income: \$1380.22

Dennis gave the Vantage report. He said there was a new treasurer - Laura Peters. The open house took place with new students and parents. The turnout was very good on the 9th of February.

High School Principal Mike Bute says there is one bullying report for the 2nd semester but none for the first. Professional development with the Park testing has been taking place. Student of the month for December was Rachel Becker, and the middle school Student of the Month was Jordan Buerkle. For 7th grade

Allisa Fuller was selected and for 8th grade was Brett Fulk. The Senior meeting about graduation expectations and procedures has been given to the students. 12 superior and 9 excellent for Solo and Ensemble in January. The end of the 9 weeks are moving back one week due to the number of days missed to Friday, March 20. Adding a half hour to each day of school will take place beginning in March. Quiz Bowl will be at Archbold on February 27. Spring OGT administered on March 16-20. This is a graduation requirement in order for students to graduate. The testing begins with sophomores on up before being eligible for graduation. The plan is to allow the juniors and seniors to come in two hours later who have passed it, since they don't need to take it again. The NewGen assessments is the performance based assessments. It began on January 17.

End Of Year assessment tests will be from April 13-15. The current freshman will begin the new graduation requirements.

Elementary Principal Tim Manz says: Family Literacy Night on January 26 went very well. Every teacher that was able to was there. It was packed and the turnout was good. The spelling bee was here on February 9th. Spring pictures were February 18th. PTO bingo night was changed to March 2nd, doors opening same time as originally scheduled at 5:30 and starting at 6:00 p.m. Kindergarten registration is March 24-25. Vision and hearing screening will be for the preschoolers. Tim said they had no bullying reports for the first semester.

Superintendent Pat Ross said they are staying in the Race to the Top staying and received more funding, \$2054.22 came in for consent items and for professional development. Calamity days is proposed as adding 30 minutes to each day beginning in March if approved. 11 days of 30 minutes added equal a made up day. April 2nd will now be a scheduled school day instead of being teacher conferences. This should help with seniors getting out on time. The teachers' union is also behind this instead of adding days. Building and grounds committee says Leber Glass will get the new doors in. Arrow Fence will be enclosing the bus fa-

1st RESEARCH PROJECTS FOR GROVER HILL 4th GRADERS - STATES!



The 4th graders in Mrs. Boyer's class at Grover Hill Elementary completed their very first research project! The students were all assigned a state to research, and creat-

ed a "state bubble" to go along with their project. Pictured Here: Hannah Maenle, Elise Miller, Ava Dougal and Sydnee Sinn.

CADETS TOP ARCHERS IN HS BOYS BASKETBALL

In West Unity on Saturday night, the Antwerp Archers traveled to play some high school basketball at the Cadet court. Hilltop led the game and won the night, 62-48.

Score by the Quarter:
Hilltop - 15 12 15 20=62
Antwerp - 9 11 9 19=48

Scorers of the Game:
Hilltop - Grime 6, Smith 4, Brooker 1, Stipe 10, Towers 18, Muneval 15, Haynes 8
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