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Clint Reagle, Plant Manager, said, "They really are

about the community. It's different than 10 years ago." With 150 employees and counting, the company not only provides jobs in Paulding County but invests to the future of the company and its employees. Workers could choose either a one time gift or to have a designated amount withheld from their check weekly. The amount is totaling nearly \$2000 for 2015. This number could grow as A.P. plans to add another 25 jobs this year. Funding could grow too with new employees. Sales this year for the company looks to be about \$20,000,000, an increase from 2014.

Alex Products has been busy. They make parts for cars, including the insides of the vehicle seats. They also

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'TANKS' TO INNOVATIVE PROJECT, NEW HAVEN IS MOVING UP IN THE WORLD

By: Kevin Leininger, The News-Sentinel

Workers with Avon, IN-based Phoenix Fabricators and Erectors use cranes to lift a water tank before installing new supports in a process similar to the one that will be used in New Haven later this year.

The Memorial Coliseum's roof was elevated by about 42 feet in 2002, making room for luxury boxes and about 2,500 additional seats.

When Allen County officials wanted to add luxury boxes and about 2,500 seats to Memorial Coliseum in 2002, they raised the 50-year-old arena's roof by nearly 42 feet. The project cost more than \$34 million—but far less than starting from scratch.

New Haven officials will apply much the same principle this spring when they elevate the city's 20-year-old water tank by 44 feet—a million-dollar project they say will provide the water pressure needed to protect the public and attract jobs.

New Haven Mayor Terry McDonald said the project,

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LADY RAIDERS - SECTIONAL CHAMPS!



Lady Raiders Take Sectionals! More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Sectional Championship game between the Fayette Eagles and the Lady Raiders took place on the last day of February. The Saturday evening game began a little late after Pettisville crushed the Lady Archers in their final match.

Playing for blood, both teams were after the game. Quite clearly there were no domination going on. The first quarter finished at a dead tie. Erin Mohr had several beautiful three point baskets.

By the end of the second quarter it was nice to see the

Raiders gather a slight lead at 28-33.

The third quarter was a struggle for the home team. The Lady Raiders ended up falling behind and scaring all of their fans. At this point Mohr was being guarded tightly and Shayna Temple and Danae Myers were able to pick up the slack. Gracie Gudakunst was also doing a great job with very aggressive plays in the fourth quarter. Throughout the period the Lady Raiders not only gained the lead but were able to climb the point ladder slowly until

the clock ran out.

The Lady Raiders really pulled their game together in the last half of the season. They will go on to compete against Pettisville on Thursday, March 5 at 6:15 pm.

Score by the Quarter:

Wayne Trace - 20 13 7 21=61

Fayette - 20 8 14 13=55

Scorers of the Game:

Wayne Trace - Temple 23, Mohr 18, Myers 13, Gudakunst 5, Mead 2

Fayette - Griffiths 25, Seiler 14, Fruckey 4, Machacek 4, Bates 2, Wheeler 2

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VILLAGE WIDE TRASH PICK-UP TO START APRIL 2, 2015

Starting Thursday, April 2, 2015, the Village of Antwerp will have one trash pickup and all residential addresses that are current water and sewer customers and inside the corporation limits of the Village of Antwerp will be serviced by Real Waste Disposal, LLC.

The Village entered into a contract with Real Waste to provide for one village-wide trash company. Residents will be billed for this service on their water and sewer bill. The cost will be \$8.85 per month and will be billed quarterly at a cost of \$26.55. This cost will include up to four (4) 30-gallon plastic bags (up to 40 lbs each). Any resident wanting a cart can rent one directly from Real Waste Disposal. Their contact phone number is 419-594-2888.

The first billing will appear on your April 1, 2015 and will cover the months of April, May and June, 2015. Should you have another trash company, you should contact your hauler and let them know that as of April 2, 2015, the village is requiring

that all residential customers use Real Waste Disposal. Included in this cost, Real Waste will provide for large bulky item pick up once per month. The first Thursday of each month residents can set out large items with their regular collection. The village utility office has a list of items that can't be set out as determined by what the landfill will not allow.

The Village utility office will be the contact for move in or move out of homes or rental property as the village will result in Real Waste to start or stop collection. Residents who expect to be away from home for 30 consecutive days or longer should also call ahead to the utility office to have service stopped and a credit applied. The utility office number is 419-258-7075 and the village administrator's office number is 419-258-2371.

Commercial business, mobile home parks and large apartment complexes are exempt from this requirement and will continue to negotiate their own contracts with trash companies. If you have a business and/or apartment complex and have questions on this new program, please contact the utility office or administrator's office.

It is hoped that this new approach to trash pick-up in the village will result in savings for home owners, along with an opportunity to dispose of larger items without having to haul these items to the landfill yourself. Again, anyone who will be affected by this change in trash service who has questions should feel free to contact the village administrator or utility billing clerk at the numbers listed above.

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VANCREST'S VALENTINES DAY KINGS & QUEENS



Vancrest of Antwerp and Payne celebrated Valentine's Day by crowning their king and queen, playing bingo, and enjoying some yummy snacks. Pictured here are (top) Antwerp's Queen Annette Beck and King Dennis McMichael; (bottom) and Payne's Queen Irene Adams and Bernie Claymiller (not pictured).



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believed to be the first of its kind in the area, is necessary because the tank was incompatible with the increased pressure of the water supplied to the area by Fort Wayne City Utilities several years ago. The 130-foot, 500,000-gallon tank has been inoperative ever since, making it difficult to maintain the pressure needed to fight fires or attract large industries and the jobs they create.

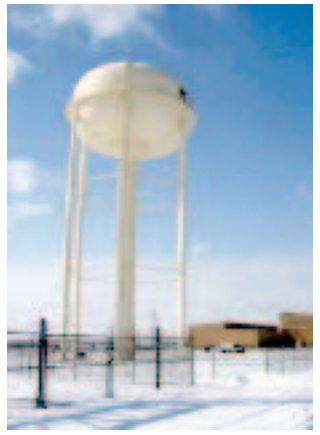
The added height and other improvements should correct that problem, McDonald said—at about half the cost of replacing the old tank with a new one.

"It's a key area for economic development, and now we'll be covered to get more (jobs)," McDonald said of the expanse east of New Haven, which in 2011 attracted a \$39

million Steel Dynamics-LaFarga Group copper rod and wire mill and is home to the federal government's largely dormant New Haven Depot, which he hopes will evolve into a prime redevelopment site. Allen County owns about 50 acres near the SDI plant, and Deputy Director of Economic Development Mark Roysse said the county's Redevelopment Commission will consider contributing \$300,000 to the project.

Before the coliseum's roof could be raised, new concrete exterior supports had to be built, providing the platform to hold the 16 jacks needed to raise the 64,000-square-foot roof at a rate of 3 inches per minute. The technology needed for New Haven's project will be far less specialized, but that doesn't mean the task will be simple or without risk, McDonald said.

Three large cranes will be required to stabilize the tank, lifting it into position after the existing supporting columns are cut. Workers will then use several smaller cranes to extend the legs to the proper height. Construction could begin in May, and although the elevation itself could be complete in weeks, the entire project could take more than 200 days—in part because of other improvements that will be less visible but no less important.



Plans to raise the New Haven water tower to 44 feet this spring will secure citizens' safety. Photo courtesy Phoenix Fabricators and Erectors Inc.

Keith Schlegel, New Haven's director of engineering, said a mechanism will be installed within the tank to circulate the water, preventing stagnation. Other new equipment will supply water from the tank to nearby customers during off hours, helping ensure water in the tank remains fresh. The tank will also be repaired and painted, inside and out.

That's important, McDonald said, because the tank, in addition to improving pressure, is also New Haven's emergency water supply should the flow from Fort Wayne be disrupted—although 500,000 gallons represents just one-third of the amount the city uses every day.

Jonathan Dixon, engineer with Phoenix Engineering and Erectors, which has offices in Avon, Ind., and Sebree, Ky., said his firm has raised—or lowered—more than 100 tanks, doing about six such jobs every year. And if the process isn't yet common, it does make financial sense, he said, echoing McDonald's statement about higher new-tank costs. Phoenix is expected to bid on the project by the

March 9 deadline. Some residents objected when New Haven raised its sewer rates by about 40 percent last year, but McDonald said that helped ensure the city could undertake about \$6.6 million in infrastructure improvements this year without incurring debt through bonding. Even if the county doesn't help, he said, the city can pay for the project.

"We want to work with New Haven," Roysse said, while noting that Redevelopment Commission members will probably want to see New Haven's long-term plan for growth in the area before they commit.

McDonald might argue that this project is already evidence of that.

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PARTNERSHIP AIMS FOR IMPROVED RECYCLING DATA

Recycling saves Ohio's landfill space, conserves natural resources and saves on disposal costs. Recycling also creates jobs and is good for Ohio's economy.

However, getting accurate information about recycling activities that take place at businesses throughout Ohio is challenging. As a result, the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, Ohio Council of Retail Merchants, The Ohio Manufacturers' Association, Ohio EPA and Ohio's local solid waste management districts have teamed up for a statewide initiative to encourage commercial, retail and industrial businesses to submit their recycling data.

Each year, Ohio's 52 local solid waste management districts survey businesses in their districts about the amounts and types of materials being recycled. The data is reported to Ohio EPA, which compiles the information to get a statewide picture of recycling activities, trends and opportunities.

The data collected help determine how much material is being diverted from Ohio's landfills, reveals infrastructure needs and determine whether local solid waste management districts are meeting Ohio's recycling goals. Greater participation in the surveys leads to more accurate data and a better un-

GIRL SCOUTS PARTNERS WITH HEROES IN ACTION



Girl Scouts of Western Ohio is partnering with Heroes in Action for the tenth year in a row to provide Girl Scout Cookies to members of the military and their families.

The initiative dubbed "Operation Cookie" launches on National Cookie Weekend, February 27, 2015. Beginning that day and through March 29, Girl Scouts will be maintaining Operation Cookie Booths throughout the community.

The partnership between the two organizations started in 2005. Girl Scouts provided cookies to Heroes in Action to be placed in care packages for service men and women, along with 20 additional cases to be distributed throughout the year to veterans and military members and their families. Each year, that number has doubled or tripled. Last year, 44,091 boxes were donated to the cause.

"Providing a taste of home to brave men and women is truly a gratifying part of my job," said Jennifer Greene, product sales manager for Girl Scouts of Western Ohio, "Giving our girls, volunteers, and customers a way to help support men and women serving in the U.S. military really connects them to the world. Many girls/troops include cards and letters of friendship and support in their donated cookies. I am amazed at how this program grows each and every year."

Heroes in Action donates the delicious treats to military members serving overseas, but they also give to the National Guard, the 180th, as

well as local military families and veterans.

"The veterans have a lot of stories to tell," said Dawn Heisler, director of Heroes in Action. "Cookies are a luxury for them, so when we give them a box, they tear up and are so thankful. Some of the homeless vets have nothing, so this is truly an act of kindness and compassion for them."

She often gets requests from service members all over the world.

"If we all worked together, we'd get so much more accomplished," continued Heisler. "We can reach so many more people and touch so many more lives with more donations."

To learn more about becoming a Girl Scout, volunteering, or donating to the cause, people can call 888.350.5090, email customerservice@gsw.org, or visit gsw.org.

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derstanding of what is happening locally and throughout the state.

Voluntary participation in the survey benefits businesses by connecting them to the local solid waste management districts that serve their region. Solid waste districts offer services such as waste assessments (figuring out what waste materials may be recycled rather than thrown away and identifying markets for these materials), financial assistance through grants, employee education and other technical assistance.

"Recycling is important to Ohio's environment and its economy. The surveys help us know if we are meeting recycling goals and how we can better serve Ohio's businesses and communities," said Ohio EPA Director Craig W. Butler.

"Industry is an enormous consumer of recycled materials, such as metals, glass, paper and plastics; thus, manufacturers are strong advocates for recycling systems in Ohio. Measuring and reporting recycling efforts is valuable for all of Ohio's audiences," said Rob Brundrett of The Ohio Manufacturers' Association.

Ohio EPA recently launched a collaborative website that includes contact information for each solid waste district in Ohio and access to the recycling survey. Recycling data from the previous year also is available. The survey only takes about

15 minutes to complete. Hard copies of the surveys may also be mailed out by solid waste management districts. Participating either way — through the new website or a hard copy received directly from a solid waste management district — will help Ohio's solid waste management districts and Ohio EPA improve their understanding of recycling by businesses and identify where more help may be needed.

In addition to the services offered by solid waste management districts, Ohio EPA offers grants, technical assistance and recognition to businesses and organizations who want to recycle more or develop markets for recycled products. Ohio EPA staff can help businesses audit their processes to find ways to become more efficient, reduce waste and find places to recycle materials.

Many businesses in Ohio have already found that recycling helps them meet their own sustainability objectives and improve their bottom lines. The Ohio Chamber of Commerce, Ohio Council of Retail Merchants, The Ohio Manufacturers' Association, Ohio EPA and Ohio's local solid waste management districts hope that this new partnership will encourage more businesses to share their recycling information, whether they have been recycling tons of material for years or are just getting started.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Some residents of Paulding County will be receiving a letter in the mail signed by me very soon. This request is from the Buckeye State Sheriffs' Association (BSSA) in an attempt to seek new associate members. I am a proud member of this Association.

I feel it is imperative to communicate with our citizens and let you all know this is not a scam. The BSSA will only request for membership using this system, and only with my approval. The Association does not contact prospective members by telephone.

In November 2014, I was voted to serve as a NW Dis-

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trict Sheriff Director for the BSSA by the other 21 Sheriff's within the district. I also sit on the Legislative, Civil Process, Carry Concealed Weapons, Education & Training, Image Enhancing and Newly Elected Sheriffs Committees for the association. I feel by committing myself to these assignments, I can better serve you by having a working knowledge of what is coming out of Columbus through our association.

The funds collected by the BSSA using this membership drive directly affect my office. Our Association will continue to have the resources necessary through education to advance my office into the ever-changing world we all live in. I urge you all to consider becoming an associate member of this fabulous organization.

My office is committed to making our neighborhoods a safe place to live. It is imperative that we seek progress to reduce the negative influences that crime has on our children and to help safeguard the elderly. Through your financial contribution to this associate member program, my office will continue to receive the training and guidance necessary to move forward.

If you have any questions in regards to this program, please contact the association at 800-589-2772 or by mail at 1103 Schrock Road, Suite 401, Columbus, Ohio 43229. As always, you can contact my office and ask for me directly.
—Jason K. Landers,
PC Sheriff

ADA SLIDES BY PAULDING IN BOYS BASKETBALL

On the Ada court, Friday night February 27th, Paulding battled in high school boys basketball. Game play was competitive with the score staying tight at the end. Varsity game play ended with Ada scoring a home victory: 43-41.

Score by the Quarter:
Paulding - 13 10 10 8=41
Ada - 8 13 8 14=43
Scorers of the Game:
Paulding - Edwards 12, Rhonehouse 2, Heilshorn 3, Gonzales 1, Ingol 2, Arellano 13, Sitton 8
Ada - Bass 11, Sautter 9, Willeke 9, Bailey 2, McBride 12
Rebounds - Pauldign 19,

DOG CARE 101 AT PAYNE ELEMENTARY



Do you like working with dogs? Do you enjoy helping people out, too? Mrs. Lynn Mansfield, from Antwerp, came in and talked to Mrs. Pfeiffer's 3A class at Payne Elementary about her profession as a dog groomer and dog boarder. This worked very well into their curriculum since they have been learning about animals in Life Science. The students were very attentive, asked tons of questions, and learned A LOT from Mrs.

Mansfield! They learned what kinds of responsibilities it takes to own a dog, various things she has to do when grooming dogs, and various facts about dogs in general. The Payne Elementary is sponsoring a donation drive during the month of March to support this facility. Dry and canned dog food, dog treats and dog toys will be accepted. Items can be dropped off at the school office.

Ada 12
Turnovers - Paulding 8,
Ada 4
Records:
Paulding - 11-11, 2-6
Ada - 10-11, 4-4
JV score: Paulding 55, Ada 56

PAULDING COUNTY GENEALOGY SOCIETY HAS EXCITING PLANS FOR SPRING 2015!

The February 11th meeting addressed old business on the upcoming April 8th 6:30 p.m. meeting, held in the Baggage Room at the historic Antwerp Norfolk and Western Railroad Depot located at 503 W. River St. (old US24). Due to limitations, extra seating will be available along with additional parking at the Antwerp Branch Library, 205 N. Madison Street for shuttle service to the Depot 6:10-6:25 p.m. Historical information and tour will highlight the meeting (Handicap accessible).

We watched a documentary on the Lima Ohio Locomotive Works factory circa 1940. They made the "new generation" of steam locomotives. Wooden "mock ups" were sent to the foundry for casting in sand. Building #5 constructed the boilers used on locomotives. Every part needed to build them was made in this facility. They also made the tanks that carried the locomotive's water, coal or oil.

The March 11th meeting will be informal; President and Vice President are attending genealogy conferences.

- Mark your calendar:
- May 13th - Women's Suffrage & Quilts
 - June 10th - members annual picnic and cemetery walk at Antwerp's Riverside Veteran's Memorial Park 6:00 p.m.
 - July and August - no meetings
 - September 9th - Margaret Hobson: Civil War
 - October 14th (TBA)
 - October 25th - annual banquet and presentation of 1st Families & Century Families of Paulding County Certificates
 - November 11th - (TBA)
 - December 9th - members' Christmas party and homemade gift exchange

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First Families &/or Century Families: Did your ancestors reside in Paulding County, Ohio 100 years or 135 years or more ago? Ancestors living in Paulding County in 1915 or earlier are eligible. Contact Ray Keck at 419-399-4415 or Karen Sanders at karen15806@gmail.com for applications or assistance proving eligibility.

MAUMEE GO GETTERS MEETING SCHEDULED

The Maumee Go Getters 4-H Club are planning on having a meeting on Sunday March 8, 2015 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the New Haven Pizza Hut. We ask that anyone attending RSVP to Joyce Nahrwold at 260-749-7040 or Anita Collins at 260-749-7386. We would greatly appreciate that you RSVP no later than Thursday, March 5th at this meeting there will be a Dutch treat. We hope to see you there.

OAKWOOD PTO ANNUAL SPRING CARNIVAL

The Oakwood Elementary PTO will hold its annual spring carnival on Friday, March 13th from 5:30-8:00 p.m. The event will take place in the cafe and gymnasium. Bring the family for dinner! The menu consists of pizza, hot dogs, and walking tacos. There are many games such as Plinko, Tic Tac Toe Basketball, and Party Pooper! There will be several themed baskets of prizes to be raffled too. We hope to see you there!

WEATHER SPOTTER TRAINING IN MARCH

There will be a Weather Spotter Training workshop on Monday, March 16, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. This workshop will take place at the Paulding County Extension Building, in Paulding.

Registration for this event can be done online at <http://pauldng-oh-spotter.eventzilla.net> or by call 419-399-3500 or 574-834-1104 x726.

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THE LOBO TANK BUSTERS

By: Stan Jordan

We went over around Dieppe on dawn patrol this morning. We found some supply trucks headed for the coastal area. We haven't seen much Luftwaffe these last few weeks, but we encountered three this morning. We jumped them right away and we got two W-190's on the first pass. Then, something odd happened. The third plane did a wing-over and headed straight east over towards Germany. He knew he was outnumbered 4:1, but he didn't try to evade his pursuers. He just flew in a straight line, but that Focke Wolf cannot outrun a P-51 with Lt. Barnes from Komo, Mississippi was right on his tail and closing fast. And what happened next sort of shook up everyone. Lt. Barnes had this plane in his sights and he fired a rocket at that plane. That surprised all of us. The Lt. said later, "I gave him two rings on my machines gun sights and then I fired off the rocket hoping to hit him. Well, it did hit him, right up ahead of the cockpit. What an explosion! The biggest piece falling to the ground was the tail section. Oh, what a sight! He must have been a new pilot because he did everything wrong. I'm sure he didn't suffer any. He was probably killed at once."

saw a pair of horses pulling a piece of artillery. I couldn't, or wouldn't, kill the horses! When I buzzed them, they turned and ran away and upset the cannon. I slowed up a little then, but I just couldn't shoot a horse. Yes, I know, all is fair in war, but not when it comes to a private action.

We didn't play any cards tonight. We were still hyped up on the job that the 4" jumbo rocket did on that airplane! Anyhow, we have a 4AM breakfast and we will obey the "lights out."

See ya!



I WAS ONLY GOING 55, HONEST!

MARSHFIELD, Wis. (UPI) A man parked along a highway awakened to find a deputy staring in his van window. He did his best to be a safe driver and observe the speed limit, not realizing he was parked. Wood County Deputy Mark Gosh said he was patrolling Wisconsin Highways 13 two weeks ago when he spotted a van parked on the shoulder of the road. A man was slouched over the steering wheel.

Gosh knocked on the windows but could not awaken the man at the wheel or the person sprawled asleep in the back of the van. The doors were locked, so Gosh began rocking the van, knocking the man off the steering wheel. He jerked upright and grabbed the wheel, and tried to focus on the road, Gosh told The Milwaukee Journal.

"When he finally noticed me staring at him through the window, his eyes got bigger than silver dollars," the deputy said. The man kept one hand on the wheel and opened the window with the other. I was laughing out loud at this point," Gosh said. "The guy kept looking at me, then back at the road. Finally, I said, "How fast are you going?" With a touch of indignation in his voice, Gosh said the man told him: "Fifty-five!"

Gosh told the man to pull over and the man began to furiously turn the wheel to the right. The deputy said both men obviously were

drunk but decided not to arrest them because they had the good sense to pull off the road.

*Given to me by Randy Bell See ya!

FORMER ANTWERP POLICE CHIEF JOYCE CARR RETIRES FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT



By: Stan Jordan

As you can see from her career beginning to end photos, the years and old age has crept upon Joyce's law enforcement career. So, with regret and many memories left behind, on March 4, 2015 after over thirty one years, Joyce Carr has retired from her law enforcement career. The hardest part will be missing all the officers but she plans on stopping at the Police Department occasionally to see them. This will leave a void in her life as she thoroughly enjoyed law enforcement duties. She said it was rewarding and a pleasure to work with all her Officers and Reserve Officers.

She received a phone call from Sheriff John L. Keeler wanting to know if she would be interested in working at the Sheriff's Department. When she told him she would give it some thought, he asked her to come over and try it for a couple of weeks to see what she may think about the job. As a family vacation was already planned for the next following two weeks, he told her to come over anyway and then when she got back from vacation if she wanted the job it would be open for her. Upon return, she was then hired by Paulding County Sheriff John L. Keeler in the early 1980's. Sheriff Keeler was the sheriff for 25 years. He retired in January of 1985. Joyce says he gave her some of the best advice she ever received and remembers the wisdom of his words to this day.

She started out as a Communications Officer. She then went to Basic Police School and was sworn in as a Reserve Deputy Sheriff. The instructor was Paulding Police Chief Paul Keeler who was so knowledgeable and the greatest teacher anyone one could ever ask for; he forgot more than most police officers ever knew. She also attended an Instructors course and helped teach Basic Police School. Soon after that, she worked in the jail as a full-time Corrections Officer as well as a Reserve Deputy Sheriff. She went to the University of Findlay taking a Corrections Officers class and was then also eligible to teach Corrections Officer classes. In March of 1994, she joined the reserves on the Antwerp Police Department as well as remaining at the Sheriff's Department as Corrections Officer. In October of 1994, she was hired for the full-time position of Antwerp Assistant Police Chief and then went on to become Antwerp's first female Police Chief attending a week of Officers' School in Columbus. Being the only female in the class of approximately 35 other officers, she

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stated she was mostly ignored by the male members, until one day the instructor called, "Chief Joyce Carr can you answer and give us your options as what you would do about this problem?" At the surprise on the male's faces, the instructor said, "I guess none of you guys realized she outranks every one of you here". After that it was amazing how their attitudes changed.

She worked under the direction of Mayor Louise Miller and Mayor Margaret Womack. They stood totally behind their police department officers which made the job pleasurable. Joyce completed all the necessary requirements and paperwork to obtain a grant from Cops First to enable the department to hire another officer. Joyce says her success as Police Chief is due to the enormous amount of assistance from Officer Victoria Clemens and feels that without her dedication and willingness to learn more every day, she would not have been able to accomplish the tasks of Police Chief. Officer Clemens was one of her students during one of the basic police school courses she taught. Joyce saw the potential of her being classified as one of the best law enforcement officer for any department she joined. Actually, before Officer Clemens had completed the entire course and taken her state examination, Joyce asked her if she would like to work for her at the Antwerp Police Department. As soon as her classes and test were taken, she was hired by the Village of Antwerp. Before Officer Clemens joined the department, Joyce and Officer Matt McDougall were covering the department 24 hours, 7 days a week. Officer McDougall resigned as he was offered a better position at another agency. Officer Randy Eaton was hired after Joyce became Chief. When she took over the position of Chief, the department was running in the red and she gives Officer Eaton a lot of credit for helping get the department back in the black. Joyce became known as the truck driver's red headed nightmare by the truck drivers going through town on US#24. She would hear them talking on their CB's warning other drivers that they needed to be careful or they would get a citation. Some of their replies were, "Yes we know it. We've been hearing she's on duty ever since we left Indianapolis or Toledo." However, after a while most of the driver's that went through Antwerp on a regular basis started talking to her on the CB and realized that unless they really had a

citation coming, a lot of them would get a verbal warning, but of course, many of them were cited. When they found out her husband was also a truck driver they found even more respect for her and joked about how many tickets she had given him. The worse traffic offenders were the drivers out of Canada.

Story continued in next week's issue. See ya!

USDA PROVIDES ONE-TIME EXTENSION OF DEADLINE TO UPDATE BASE ACRES OR YIELD HISTORY FOR ARC/PLC PROGRAMS

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that a one-time extension will be provided to producers for the new safety-net programs established by the 2014 Farm Bill, known as Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC). The final day to update yield history or reallocate base acres has been extended one additional month, from February 27, 2015 until March 31, 2015. The final day for farm owners and producers to choose ARC or PLC coverage also remains March 31, 2015.

"This is an important decision for producers, because these programs provide financial protection against unexpected changes in the marketplace. Producers are working to make the best decision they can. And we're working to ensure that they've got the time, the information, and the opportunities to have those final conversations, review their data, and to visit the Farm Service Agency to make those decisions," said Vilsack.

If no changes are made to yield history or base acres by March 31, 2015, the farm's current yield and base will be used. A program choice of ARC or PLC coverage also must be made by March 31, 2015, or there will be no 2014 payments for the farm and the farm will default to PLC coverage through the 2018 crop year.

"These are complex decisions which is why we launched a strong education and outreach campaign back in September. Now we're providing a one-time extension of an additional month so that every producer is fully prepared to enroll in this program," said Vilsack.

Nationwide, more than 2.9 million educational postcards, in English and Spanish, have been sent to producers, and over 4,100 training sessions have been conducted on the new safety-net programs. The online tools, available at www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc, allow producers to explore projections on how ARC or PLC coverage will affect their operation under possible future scenarios.

Covered commodities include barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, crambe, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, dry peas, rapeseed, safflower seed, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed and wheat.

To learn more, farmers can contact their local Farm Service Agency county office. To find your local office visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

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

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FAT SHAMING LEAVES LASTING NEGATIVE IMPRESSIONS

The Nurturing Well by: Jill Starbuck

More than 30 years ago, I was a sixth grader walking down a hallway when a high school student pointed at me and loudly proclaimed, "Now that's what I call fat!" I can tell you what I was wearing that day, how I felt afterwards, how I feel about it today, and who the person was that made the fat shaming comment. I will never forget it. The worst part is that the person who made the comment more than likely doesn't even remember doing it. Little does he know that it left a lifetime impression. And not a good one.

While fat shaming can be blatantly hurtful such as the one I experienced in the sixth grade, fat shaming can also be subtle. Concerned family members and friends may offer unsolicited eating, fashion, or exercise advice in the hopes it will provide motivation. Recently, Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania e-mailed students it deemed overweight to invite them to a weight loss program. While the college's intent was to raise awareness about health risks associated with obesity, singling out specific students was definitely the wrong approach.

All this unsolicited advice does is make people feel worse about themselves. What it doesn't do is help. Fat shaming is a self-serving tactic to validate the view of one's own body. However, it is likely the person who is making the comment could use some improvements of their own. Studies show that fat shaming often leads to more weight gain. Fat shaming causes depression, anxiety, and a plummeting self-image, among other self-destructive

responses. To ward off these negative responses, victims may reach for comfort food, refuse to exercise at a gym for fear of ridicule, become reclusive, or worse, give up hope.

Today, nobody is exempt from fat shaming. Technology makes it so much easier to reach people; thus, creating more opportunities for abuse. Even celebrities face ridicule. Take for instance Kelly Clarkson, Iggy Azalea, and Jennifer Love Hewitt. Unflattering pictures of them have gone viral, which causes hurt feelings, leads to self-doubt, and can even harm their careers. In the end, who does this help? What does this say about the people making the comments to begin with?

The point is that there is no point to fat shaming. Obese people know that they are overweight. Therefore, it is not necessary to point out the obvious to them. Furthermore, the media has made it clear that there is no such thing as a perfect body. Skinny celebrities and models have been accused of being fat. You can find countless articles on the Internet that verify the majority of model photos are touched up to fix particular flaws, such as cellulite or flabby skin often associated with heavier people. Therefore, nobody has the right to shame someone else for having a weight issue. Many reasons exist to explain why a person may be overweight. Not all instances of obesity are from a lack of discipline. Genetics, bone structure, stature, medication, health issues, and so much more contribute to a person's body weight. A perceived overweight person may actually be a very healthy person.

MONROEVILLE BRANCH OF THE ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY MARCH EVENTS

- Crafts & Books:**
Mondays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 3:30 p.m. - Enjoy the latest books, some old favorites and an awesome craft each week.
- LEGO Mania:**
Monday, February 2, 6:30 p.m. - Bring your own LEGOS or use ours. Make friends and have a treat.
- Budget Scrapbooking:**
Thursday, February 19, 4:00 p.m. - We will have a

different layout page each month and provide supplies. You bring your adhesive & scissors and have fun whether you are a new or an experienced scrapbooker.

- Computer Basics:**
By appointment. We will be glad to show you the basics of Internet searching and e-mail. Just call and set up an appointment.
- Pieceful Quilters:**
Saturday, February 14, 10:00 a.m. - Quilters of all types and skill levels are welcome.

NEW HAVEN BRANCH OF ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY MARCH EVENTS

- Smart Start Storytime:**
Tuesdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, and Wednesday, March 4, 11, 18, 25, 10:30 a.m. - Enjoy 30 minutes of stories, songs, fingerplays and an easy craft just right for Preschoolers.
- March 3 & 4 - In like a Lion Out like a Lamb
- March 10 & 11 - Where is my Underwear
- March 17 & 18 - Puddle Jumping
- March 24 & 25 - Pop the Bubble
- Teen Thursday:**
Thursdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26, 3:30 p.m.
- March 5 - Game On
- March 12 - iPad Creations
- March 19 - Tournament Mania
- March 26 - Waffle Bar

Those Witty Brits:
Wednesday, March 18, 7:00 p.m. - A book club devoted to British humor. Come and laugh with us.

Get your LEGO on:
Wednesday, March 4, 11, 18, 25, 3:30 p.m. - We will supply the LEGO blocks, you supply the imagination.

Kids Can Cook:
Saturday, March 21, 2:00 p.m. - Kids 8-12 will learn how to make easy recipes that they can make at home. Registration required limited to 10 children.

Spring Break Fun: Teen Style Movie Marathon:
Monday, March 30, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - We will be watching movies all day. Pop in when you can during the day and kick back for Spring Break.

Spring Break Fun: Soarin' Raptors Visit the Library:
Tuesday, March 31, 10:30 a.m. - Discover interesting facts about birds of prey and meet them yourself! The library will be visited by owls, hawks, and raptors.

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NEW FIRETRUCK DELIVERED TO ANTWERP



Richard Brown receives the \$250,000 payment from Loretta Baker and Ray Friend.

Voters from the Village of Antwerp approved the levy to purchase a new fire truck. The equipment was ordered shortly after the election last year and the village took delivery of the new vehicle on Tuesday, February 24.

The truck came in early, ahead of the scheduled time of 9:00 a.m. The driver brought the Pierce truck from Florida along I-75 and said he had a good trip. "The weather was a good this year," said Russ, after remembering last year's

constant snow. He delivers 10-15 emergency vehicles per year to the towns throughout the eastern half of the US.

Fire Chief Ray Friend explained, "Our old truck is getting up in age and is a concern of not meeting the new standards and requirements that are put upon departments like ours." After 15 years, a truck is required to be put in reserve, and after 25, it is not supposed to be used anymore for the original purpose.

The truck was purchased

from Finley Fire Equipment, represented by Richard Brown. Richard is not unknown around here. He is around the area regularly as a referee for high school sports.

The new Pierce Engine Antwerp firetruck 44 will be coming online as soon as the department's equipment is installed and placed where it needs to be for service.

The voters of Antwerp are sure proud of their Fire Department.

WOODBURN BRANCH OF THE ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY MARCH EVENTS

SMART START STORYTIME:

Fridays, March 6, 13, 20, 27, 10:30 a.m. - This Storytime features finger plays, songs, stories of various lengths and crafts.

Yarn Lover's Gathering:
Thursdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26, 7:00 p.m. - If you already know how to knit or crochet or if you want to learn how to knit or crochet join us at Woodburn. We have people that can help you get started or teach you new techniques. Join us for a creative evening.

Woodburn Lego Club:
Monday, March 9, 4:00 p.m. - Grades 3 and up can create with Legos. There will also be Legos at the library for you to use. And, of course, snacks.

Woodburn Kids Club:
Wednesday, March 11, 3:00 p.m. - Each meeting will include a game, a reader's theater, a craft and a snack with book sharing.

March 11 - Celebrate The Green

The Mix:
Monday, March 16, 4:00 p.m. - Drop by the library for a different activity each

month. Music or crafts, or games or whatever is in The Mix. This month—Code-Up.

ANTWERP BRANCH LIBRARY NEWS!

The Antwerp Branch Library will have a "Patron Appreciation Day" on March 6th from 1:00-5:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served and Prizes will be given! We will have a "Teen Domino" night on March 23rd at 6:30 p.m. This will be great fun!

The Library offers an Adult book club which meets on March 9th at 6:30 p.m. and a Teen Book club meeting on March 7th at Noon. Both are

open to new members! We will have two movie Saturdays on March 14th and 28th at 11:00 a.m. Story time for children is every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.

We hope you will choose to come to our events!

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ARCHERS CRUMBLE TO WARRIORS



Trenton Copsey scores for Antwerp with Woodlan's Evan Gustin guarding. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Local cross-state rivals took to the court for the final game of both the Antwerp and Woodlan for the 2014-2015 boys basketball season on Friday, February 27.

The game started with both teams having a good first quarter and Antwerp having a three point lead. Antwerp's Trenton Copsey and Sam Williamson both had a quarter on the board.

It was the Warriors who hosted the game and had an excellent second period. Elyjah O'Hara and Andrew Krahn both picked

up scores for the team and finished the quarter, taking the most points and ended up taking the lead back from the Archers for a half-time score of 25-30.

Third quarter once again went back to Antwerp at 16-14 and Josh Longardner and Brandon Pendergrast both had nice additions to the team. In one play, Antwerp's Brandon Pendergrast looked like he was shooting the ball but instead he passed to the basket where Sam Williamson picked up the ball for a nice layup at the final second and narrowed the game



Josh Gerig under the basket puts up a two point shot. More pictures at westbendnews.net

within three points. The third finished with Woodlan still in the lead at 35-32.

It was the fourth quarter that sealed the deal for the Warriors. Deontae Jones was ready hitting the basket well while Evan Gustin was doing a great job blocking shots in the key. Outscoring Antwerp by 9 points gave Woodlan the win at 52-64

Score by the Quarter:
Antwerp - 14 11 16 11=52
Woodlan - 11 19 14 20=64

Scorers of the Game:
Antwerp - Mills 2, Pendergast 5, Williamson 13, Copsey 20, Longardner 12
Woodlan - Jones 9, Fancher 2, O'Hara 18, Schwartz 6, Loren Hahn 2, Krahn, 16, Gustin 11

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are working with alternative energy, building frames for solar panels. This includes the recently installed solar farm at Vantage.

What would you tell other companies that are considering giving to United Way? "The money donated is very specific and stays local. We can choose what it goes to," said Clint. Sonya Herber added, "It does not go to organizations but to the projects setup by non-profit organizations." What that means is it's not for general use but very specific, targeted funding. This way it's more accountable and shows how active United Way is with local projects.

UWPC's ability to grow and develop new program partnerships is dependent upon campaign dollars raised in the community. Programs are negatively impacted when the campaign goal is not reached. Currently, United Way of Paulding County is at 66% of the \$75,000 2014 goal.

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ANTWERP WRESTLING CLUB COMPETES AT CAREY

The Antwerp Wrestling Club recently competed at the Carey Tournament on March 1, 2015. Two brave wrestlers battled their way through the snow for the 1½ drive to Carey on Sunday, March 1st, with one wrestler coming home with a championship in his weight class. Eli Reinhart placed 1st on the day with a record of 4 wins, 0 losses, and 2 pins. If you are interested in wrestling at Antwerp, be sure to stop by practice on Mondays and Thursdays at the Antwerp Wrestling Club located on Archer Drive. Now, all of the wrestling club kids are preparing for their busy month of tournaments in March.

IHSAA SECTIONAL PAIRINGS - BOYS BASKETBALL

2A - HOST: WOODLAN:

Tuesday, March 3:
7:00 p.m. - Adams Central vs Woodlan

Wednesday, March 4:
6:00 p.m. - South Adams vs Eastside

7:30 p.m. - Canterbury vs Bluffton

Friday, March 6 - Semi-Finals:

6:00 p.m. - Churubusco vs Adams Central/Woodlan winner

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

Saturday, March 7:

7:00 p.m. - Championship Game

3A - HOST: GARRETT:

Tuesday, March 3:

6:00 p.m. - Bishop Dwenger vs New Haven

Wednesday, March 4:

6:00 p.m. - Garrett vs Concordia
7:30 p.m. - Angola vs Bishop Dwenger
Friday, March 6 - Semi-Finals:
6:00 p.m. - Leo vs Dwenger/New Haven winner
7:30 p.m. - Garrett/Concordia winner vs Angola/Luers winner
Saturday, March 7:
7:00 p.m. - Championship Game



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RAIDERS PUSH 20 WINS WITH OTTOVILLE VICTORY FROM FIRST HALF POINTS



Cole Shepherd slips through the Big Green has drives in the center of the key. More pictures at westbendnews.net



Another basket by Ethan Linder on a runaway turnover in the 1st quarter. More pictures at westbendnews.net

A close JV preceded the varsity game at the Palace with a score of 24-21. The Raiders won.

Encouraging the varsity boys before the game on Friday, February 27, Coach Jim Linder says, "This is our 20th guys. Are you ready?" That's about all he needed to say to these skilled players.

The game began with a Ottoville fouling Ethan Linder in the first 10 seconds and the Raiders picked up two points. The favor was returned when 15 seconds later the Raiders had their first foul. Raiders got the ball back and Senior Darius Hale put a clean shot through the hoop for three points. The points now at 5-0 and The Big Green earned 5 points and tying it back up. This would be the last time the score was close as Ethan went on a scoring spree with one after the other turnover layups. The first quarter ended with 24 -12 and the Big Green was trailing.

The home team would not dominate so heavily in the rest of the game, but the second quarter was still heavy handed as Justin Speice added points to the board. The half finished at 37 to 18.

The Big Green began moving in the third quarter and with the players getting fired up. The third quarter Ottoville outscored the Raiders 18-11 with points from Brandt Landin and Tyler Roby.

The fourth quarter was a continuation of the Wayne Trace lead scorers hitting the baskets. The quarter itself was tight but there was no way for Big Green to come out of the deficit created in the first half. Wayne Trace earned their 20th win with a score of 62-49.

Score by the Quarter:

Wayne Trace -24 13 11 14=62

Ottoville - 12 6 18 13=49

Scorers of the Game:

Wayne Trace - Miller 5, Hale 3, E Linder 20, Shepherd 2, C Linder 15, Vest 7, Speice 10

Ottoville - C Bendele 6, Roby 9, Honigford 4, Landin 13, Moorman 2, K Bendele 1

More pictures at westbendnews.net

RAIDERS TRAMPLE KNIGHTS IN HS BOYS BASKETBALL

On February 24th, Wayne Trace took the court against Crestview in high school boys basketball. Wayne Trace in their usual assertive manner took control of the game early on, and set the pace for the rest of the evening. Crestview never had a chance to come up for air. Final score was a Raider victory: 77-48.

Score by the Quarter:

Wayne Trace - 26 27 14 10=77

Crestview - 14 6 13 15=48

Scorers of the Game:

Wayne Trace - Arend 10, Miller 2, Hale 10, E Linder 17, Shepherd 7, C Linder 13, Vest 8, Sinn 2, Speice 8

Crestview - Lautzenheiser 18, Owens 9, Rickard 8, Stout 8, Rolsten 3, Lippi 2

Rebounds - WT 24, Crestview 24

Turnovers - WT 5, Crestview 16

Records - Wayne Trace 19-1, Crestview 12-8

JV Final: Wayne Trace 25-20

RAIDER GIRLS CRUSH CONTINENTAL AT SECTIONALS

There's not a whole lot to say this girls basketball game. The game was a quick completion for the Pirates, sending them home after the game on February 25. A strong breakout run for the Raiders with Erin Mohr quickly drove the score up and finishing the first period at 22-13. This was the top quarter points for both teams in this game.

Second quarter was still a nice quarter for Wayne Tracie with Mohr continuing her scoring run along with Gracie Gudakunst and Courtney Mead. On the Pirates side of the board points were added by McKenna Scott and Alivia Homier. The half ended 38-20 with Wayne Trace continuing to lead.

The next half The Lady Raiders kept the ball on their side of the court, rarely allowing out of their hands. The whole last half the Lady Pirates added a total of six points to the score board while Wayne Trace earned another 30.

The game finished at 68-26 and Wayne Trace would go on to play Fayette on Saturday.

Score by the Quarter:

PAULDING GIRLS END BASKETBALL SEASON AT SECTIONALS



Samantha Meggison attempts a layup at the Lady Panthers final game. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Paulding Girls basketball entered sectional play on February 25th against Delta. It was a competitive night and the Lady Panthers struggled to keep up trailing Delta by 26 points at the half. The night ended with Paulding saying 'so long' to the 2014-15 basketball season and Delta moving on to the finals of Sectionals. Final score for the night: 67-39. Paulding finished their season with a 2-20

record.

Score by the Quarter:

Paulding - 9 7 13 6=39

Delta - 25 17 9 6=67

Scorers of the Game:

Paulding - Riley 2, Combs 6, Vogel 13, Arend 2, Manz 4, Meggison 3, Reinhart 7, Posey 2

Delta - Clifton 1, Wymer 23, Lauch 3, M Mattimore 13, Mitchell 2, Miller 3, H Mattimore 5, Callahan 2, Elendt 1, Davis 14

Wayne Trace - 22 16 17 13=68

Continental - 13 7 3 3=22

Scorers of the Game:

WT - Wannemacher 5, Morh 25, Temple 4, B Sinn 2, Gudakunst 7, Mead 11, Myers 8, E Sinn 6

Continental - Homier 7, Scott 10, Quigley 2, Zachrich 2, Logan 1, Recker 2, Mansfield 2

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PANTHERS FALL TO BULLDOGS IN OHIO BOYS BASKETBALL



Corbin Edwards goes for an easy two points in the first quarter. More pictures at westbendnews.net

On February 26th, Paulding Panthers took on the Edgerton Bulldogs in HS boys basketball. The close game ended with a Bulldog win: 54-48.

Edgerton 25
Turnovers - Paulding 13, Edgerton 14
JV score: Paulding 24, Edgerton 45

ANTWERP WRESTLER PUNCHES TICKET TO STATE

Two Antwerp wrestlers recently competed in the Junior High District at Oregon Clay on March 1, 2015. Both wrestlers were able to place in the top 7 of their respective weight classes, with one of them qualifying for the junior high state tournament. 8th grader Tyler Bau-

er placed 7th at 102 pounds, narrowly missing out on an automatic qualifying spot for the junior high state tournament. Bauer had 3 wins and 2 losses on the day. Not all hope is lost, however. By placing 7th, Bauer has assured himself of an alternate qualifying spot if someone were to drop out or not participate in the state tournament.

8th grader Aidan McAlexander placed 4th at 74 pounds, thus securing an automatic qualifying spot for this year's junior high state championships on March 21, 2015 at the Coveli Centre in Youngstown, OH. This is the 2nd consecutive year McAlexander has qualified for the junior state tournament. With his undefeated regular season behind him, Aidan hopes that success will carry over with him at state. We in the Antwerp wrestling community wish him luck and are proud of both wrestlers for their efforts over the weekend.

WILLIAMS COUNTY & FULTON COUNTY DAIRY ASSOCIATION DONATE TO 4-H CAMP PALMER'S POOL

The Camp Palmer staff and board are very thankful to both Williams County Dairy Association and Fulton County Dairy Association for each donating \$5,000 to our pool fund! The new pool is scheduled to open May 2015. Currently \$311,000 of the \$495,000 of the needed funds for project has been raised. 4-H Camp Palmer, Inc. serves youth from eleven counties in northwest Ohio and many

groups from across the state, Michigan and Indiana.

During the past six years \$30,001 from Fulton County Dairy Association and \$10,000 has been given from Williams County Dairy Association. Both groups would like to challenge similar groups to consider a donation to this cause to improve 4-H Camp Palmer.

Thousands of area youth are looking forward to this new pool facility, which replaces the original camp pool built in 1957. The grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony is planned to take place on Sunday, May 31, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

If your group or family would like to donate, please call 419-237-2247 or email 4hcampalmer@gmail.com. 4-H Camp Palmer is a non-profit 501c3 organization. Additional donations and purchasing dedicated bricks are also welcomed to support this project.

ANTWERP WRESTLERS MAKE HISTORY AT ARCHBOLD SECTIONAL



The Antwerp High School wrestling team recently competed at the Sectional tournament on February 27-28, 2015 at Archbold High School. All 4 of the archer wrestlers were able to place in the top 5 of their respective weight classes with 3 of them advancing to next week's District tournament in Fostoria. Placing 5th in a very tough 152 pound bracket was junior Justice Clark. Clark had 2 wins and 2 losses with both wins coming by major decision. By placing 5th, Clark secured an alternate qualifying spot for next week's District tournament.

The Archers did, however, manage to get 3 qualifiers for next week's District. Placing 3rd for the tournament at 132 pounds was sophomore Logan Shaner. For the tournament, Shaner had 3 wins and only 1 loss with all 3 wins by pin. This marks the first time Shaner has qualified for the District tournament in his young high school career. Also placing 3rd and securing his first District qualification was senior Jordan Laker at 285 pounds. Laker was 3-1 for the tournament as well with 2 pins. What makes their qual-

ifications even more special is that both wrestlers were able to beat opponents that previously beat them during the year to get to their 3rd place matches. The highest placer for the archers was senior Jarett Bute at 220 pounds. For the tournament, Bute had 2 wins, 1 loss and 2 pins. This marks Bute's third trip the District tournament for his high school career.

These 4 young men made history for Antwerp Wrestling in many ways with their hard work this past weekend. For the 1st time in the young program's history, Antwerp will send 3 wrestlers to the District tournament. In previous years, the Archers have ever only sent one to the District tournament. Antwerp also placed 7th out of 13 teams at the Sectional which is the highest placement as a team as well. What makes the 7th place finish even more special is that Antwerp only fills 4 of the 14 weight classes in high school wrestling. These 4 young men have worked very hard all year and to see their efforts rewarded makes all of us in the Antwerp Wrestling community very proud.

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FOUR PAULDING COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVE GRANTS FROM PCAF



Pictured are John and Bonnie Pier representing Charloe Park and Lisa McClure, Executive Director Paulding County Area Foundation.



Pictured is Kerry Shelton, representative for Grover Hill Welcome Park Boosters and Lisa McClure, Executive Director, Paulding County Area Foundation.



Pictured is Peggy Emerson, Executive Director Paulding Chamber of Commerce with Lisa McClure, Executive Director of Paulding County Area Foundation.



Pictured is Chris Martinez of the Scott Ball Association with Lisa McClure, Executive Director Paulding County Area Foundation.

The Paulding County Area Foundation has granted \$5,943.00 to four organizations in Paulding County for the year ending 2014. The Paulding County Area Foundation's purpose is to receive, grow and distribute gifts for the benefit of the people of Paulding County.

Charloe Park was awarded \$1,000.00 to be used for the upkeep of the park.

Grover Hill Welcome Park Boosters was awarded \$1,000.00 to be used for the purchase of restaurant quality equipment for the conces-

sion stand at Grover Hill Welcome Park.

Friends of the Paulding Chamber of Commerce is awarded \$1,000.00 with funds to be used for the long term maintenance and preservation of Herb Monroe Park.

Scott Ball Association was awarded \$2,942.18 for the purchase of an outfield fence at the Scott Ball Diamond.

For further information regarding Paulding County Area Foundation, please contact Lisa McClure, Executive Director at 419-399-8296 Lisa McClure.

FORT WAYNE AREA FLUTIST IN CONCERT

Morgan Marshaus, a 20-year old flutist from the Fort Wayne, IN area, will appear in concert on Sunday, March 15, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. at the Arts & Ed Auditorium, 325 West High St. Bryan, OH.

Morgan will be the first of three performers in a concert sponsored by the Williams County Community Concert Association - Live On Stage.

Morgan, who has played the flute since she was nine years old, will perform a variety of classical, romance, and modern pieces. Morgan was Principal flutist for the Three Rivers All-City Honor Band for two years and Fort Wayne Youth Symphony Orchestra for four years, and was selected for the Indiana Bandmaster's association All-State Honor Band for four years.

Morgan has studied with the Lima (Ohio) Symphony's director, the director of the Oberlin (Ohio) Conservatory, and is currently a student of musical performance at Ball State University in Muncie, IN.

Following Morgan will be Andrew Schultz, a vocalist in the classic style and director of the Music program at Defiance College, director of the Black Swamp Orchestra, and director of the Defiance Community Cultural Council. Following Andrew on the program will be his brother Will Schultz, a singer and song-writer of folk music in the troubadour style, who has travelled extensively and produced several albums.

ENJOY THE MANY BENEFITS OF PLANTING SEEDS INDOORS FOR YOUR GARDEN

It's March and spring time is approaching, what better time to start thinking about your garden. End your winter restlessness and start planning for your garden by growing your plants from seeds. There are so many benefits to growing your own seeds and transplanting them into your garden. Whether you are a first time gardener or a veteran gardener, growing your own transplants can allow you to experiment with unique varieties or grow your traditional varieties with this cost saving method. Indoor seed starting is easy, and the small initial investment in equipment will pay off quickly.

Starting seeds indoors will give you a jump on the growing season, allowing you to harvest heat-loving crops such as tomatoes, peppers and melons earlier and over a longer period of time. Some cool-weather crops, such as broccoli, also benefit from an indoor start so they have time to mature outdoors in spring or fall, before midsummer heat or winter freezes set in. Not every crop is a good candidate for indoor seed starting. Beans, peas and root crops should be sown directly in the garden because they don't transplant well. Information provided by *Mother Earth News*. Start with high-quality seeds and varieties suited to your region's conditions. Quality seeds sprout faster and at a higher rate, they grow into stronger seedlings, and they can produce more. Timing is very import-

ant for planting seeds. If you start the seed to early, the transplants can become weak and root-bound making it harder for them to grow outside. However, starting seeds too late can mean you miss the optimum growing window. To find out when to start seeds of specific crops in your area, check out the farmer's almanac for planting dates your area <http://www.almanac.com/gardening/planting-dates/OH/Paulding>.

This small investment will allow you to spend quality time with your family. Make this indoor garden a family event. Research and learn about the different varieties of seeds you want to plant and grow this year. Develop a timeline for growing your seeds to ensure that transplants are ready for your garden this spring. This is a great way to spend time with each other while growing your family's favorite fruits and vegetables to enjoy this summer.

DUPONT BRANCH OF THE ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY MARCH EVENTS

Born to Read Storytime:

Mondays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 10:15 a.m. - for lap sitters and 10:45 a.m. for walkers up to 24 months Bring your baby in for fingerplays, rhymes, songs and stories just right for little ones.

Baby Steps Storytime:

Tuesdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 10:15 & 11:00 a.m. - A storytime featuring songs, rhymes and short stories just right for two year-olds.

Ants in Your Pants:

Wednesday, March 4, 11, 18, 25, 10:30 & 11:30 a.m. AND Thursdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26, 10:30 a.m. - Does your little one love to move? We have a program for active preschoolers who don't like to sit still.

PAWS to Read:

Wednesday, March 4, 11, 18, 25, 4:00 p.m. - Like dogs? How about reading to dogs? Our specially trained dogs are panting to hear a story.

Rabbit Visit:

Saturday, March 7, 10:30 a.m. - Guess who is hopping into the library? We'll have a visit from a live rabbit along with bunny stories and a craft.

Dupont Branch "Classics" Adult Book Group:

Tuesday, March 24, 7:00 p.m. - Adults here is your chance to discuss those classics you always wanted to read or would enjoy reading again. This month we will discuss *All Quiet on the Western Front* by Erich Maria Remarque

The Prodigal Pilot - Author Visit:

Saturday, March 28, 11:00 a.m. - Local businessman Bob Wearley spent 33 years flying planes, first in the Air Force and later for billionaire Howard Hughes. Wearley's new book has fascinating stories from his aviation career. This program features a Q&A session with the author.

3D Printing for Kids:

Monday - Wednesday, March 30 - April 1, 2:00 p.m. - Learn the basics of 3D printing and Tinkercad by creating a key chain. Key chains will be printed out for free and can be picked up later in the week. Sign up is required and begins March 23, call for more information 260-421-1315.

TEAM BIRD ELITE YOUTH RUNNING CLUB CLOSES OUT SEASON



Team Bird Elite youth running club closed out its indoor track season at the University of Kentucky High School Invitational, with Paige Boatright of New Haven High School running a personal record performance for a full 2 mile run on Saturday, February 28th. Paige ran a 11:50.2 in the race which included eight plus different states in this high caliber meet. Paige was 10th out of 32 starters in the women's two mile. Several universities including Clemson, U of Kentucky, Tulane, Arkansas, U Miami were a few asking questions about Paige. "It is always exciting to discuss our athlete's to colleges and universities" said Coach Bird. "However, Paige being a sophomore, cannot directly talk to the schools," Coach remarked. One purpose on these big meets is simply to get their name in front of some schools.

Paige was a little scared with having such a large

group on the indoor 291 meter track. She and Coach mapped a tactical start to allow her to get in a rhythm with her race and not get boxed inside on the curve. Paige recalled, "Coach, my heal got stepped on twice at the start." Her first mile was a 5:39.8, basically a personal record for her 1600 time. That was right on for our sub 11:30 goals for this meet. However, she found herself running alone between a lead and second pack of women, this was a mistake, slowing her pace. As she entered in the last critical 800 meters of the race Paige made a move to catch some competitors, passing 4 runners in the last lap with the fastest she has done in her in final meters.

TBE is a youth running club open to 8 to 18 years. They run cross country and track & field, open to any student/athletes who are looking for year around competition.

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JUMPING FOR "J" DAY!



Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschoolers are learning the sounds of the alphabet. Shown here with "J" day projects are from left: Taylor McKeen with jelly, Kaden with jelly beans, Jack with himself!, Zachary Barton

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FROM THE VANTAGE POINT: 2nd QUARTER BLUE CHIPPERS & SkillsUSA STATE QUALIFIERS



Congratulations to Vantage Blue Chippers for the 2nd Quarter - Perfect attendance and a 4.0 GPA for the 9 week period! From left: Cullen Wenzlick (Paulding), Drayson Wenzlick (Paulding), Nick Grote (Ottoville), Valdalia Geren (Continental), Jeremiah Dealey (Crestview), and Derek Schroeder (Kalida).



SkillsUSA State Qualifiers - These students are on their way to the State SkillsUSA competition in April. Left to right are Derek Schroeder (Kalida), CNC Milling; Cole Ketchum (Parkway), CNC Turning; Bianka Robach (Continental) Nurse Assisting; and Tyler Foust (Delphos Jefferson) Auto Tech. Unavailable for the picture was Corey Booher (Parkway), Collision Repair. Congratulations!

PAULDING HS COMPETES IN REGIONAL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD COMPETITION



Division B medalists with their 2nd place trophy: Joe Reineck, Brian Matson, Charles Clapsaddle, Trace McKinley, Quincy Porter, Luke McCullough, Jonathan Clapsaddle, Sydney Reineck, Courtney Luderman, Ethan Matty, and Gillian Porter.



Division C medalists: Estee Millier, Alli Harpel, Ellie Millier, Kathryn Clapsaddle, Aaron Horstman, Isaac Nice, and Michael Tope.

The Paulding Science Olympiad teams competed in the Regional Science Olympiad competition held Saturday, February 28th at B.G.S.U. The Division B team captured the

second place trophy! Both Division B and Division C ranked high enough to qualify for the State Science Olympiad competition to be held at OSU in Columbus in April.

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RAINBOW TROUT RELEASES TO BEGIN ACROSS OHIO STARTING ON MARCH 6

Ohio's annual release of rainbow trout begins Friday, March 6, at Adams Lake in Adams County, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). More than 98,000 rainbow trout will be released into 63 public lakes and ponds on selected dates through May.

Several locations will hold special angler events during the scheduled releases, including youth only fishing. Contact the nearest wildlife district office for specific times and locations. More information about trout releases can be found at wildohio.gov or by calling 800-WILDLIFE (945-3543).

Rainbow trout are a cold water species that do not naturally reproduce in Ohio waters, and these releases provide fantastic opportunities for anglers to pursue a fish they may not otherwise have the opportunity to catch. The trout are raised at state fish hatcheries and released at suitable locations to provide additional opportunities for anglers. They measure 10-13 inches before they are released by the ODNR Division of Wildlife. The daily catch limit for inland lakes is five trout.

Anglers age 16 and older must have a current Ohio fishing license to fish in state public waters. The 2015-2016 fishing license can be purchased online at wildohio.gov or at participating retail outlets. A full list of retailers is provided online.

Resident fishing license are valid from March 1 until February 29, 2016. Ohio residents born on or after January 1, 1938, and have resided in Ohio for the past six months are eligible for a resident senior license.

Sales of fishing licenses along with the Sport Fish Restoration (SFR) program continue to fund the operation of the ODNR Division of Wildlife's fish hatcheries. No state tax dollars are used for this activity. This is a user-pay, user-benefit program.

The SFR is a partnership between federal and state government, industry, and anglers and boaters. When anglers purchase rods, reels, fishing tackle, fish finders and motor boat fuel, they pay an excise tax. The federal government collects these taxes, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service administers and disburses these funds to state fish and wildlife agencies. These funds are used to acquire habitat, produce and stock fish, conduct research and surveys, provide aquatic education to youth, and secure and develop boat

ASK ME Miss C!

Dear Miss C,
Okay, so I am terrified. I am 50 years old and getting ready to start dating for the first time in about 30 years. I have invited a young lady out for our first date, and now I am stuck because I don't know where to take her! Can you give me some good ideas for a first date? I don't want to do the typical dinner and a movie option because I want to be able to get to know her and have a little fun. Help!!
—Dating Rookie

Dear Dating Rookie,
First of all, congratulations for getting back in the field. You are sure to be in for a wonderful adventure! So first, a good first date

both allows for conversation and at the same time allows the opportunity to take the focus off the pressure to talk every moment (the dreaded awkward silence). So I would suggest date ideas that make a good balance between fun and conversation. Here are some ideas that I believe are a good balance! Have fun!

1. Okay, so it's a little old school, but a bowling night gives the opportunity to both talk and play!
2. Go to an aquarium or a botanical garden!
3. Go to a theater. It is a step classier than the typical movie and gives a built in something to talk about after the show.
4. Go to see a local music

show.

5. If the weather is good, try out the driving range or even ice skating.
6. Play tourist... there are always interesting local places and festivals to check out.
7. Find a place to eat where neither of you have been and experience something new together.

Blessings,
—Miss C

Miss C is waiting to hear from you! Send me your questions via email at Ask-MeMissC@gmail.com, post through private or public message on my Facebook page, or send your question to the West Bend News to my attention

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GRABILL BRANCH OF THE ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY MARCH EVENTS

Born to Read:

Tuesdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 10:30 a.m. - You're never too young to enjoy the library. For babies and their caregivers.

Smart Start Storytime:

Wednesday, March 4, 11, 18, 25, 10:30 a.m. - Preschoolers and their grownups are invited to attend a storytime designed to help them as they begin to read.

Lego Club:

Wednesday, March 25, 3:30 p.m. - Use our stash of Lego blocks to build amazing things. Each month we'll have a special challenge and time to share our creations with each other.

Homeschool Science Challenge:

Monday, March 23, 10:30 a.m. - Grades 1-9 be at the library for the Robot Challenge.

Homeschool Arts and Crafts:

Monday, March 9, 10:30 a.m. - It's crafty time at the library. This month we will try some conductive paint and make a light-up card.

Monday Night Book Club:

Monday, March 2, 7:00 p.m. - The first Monday of each month we have a lively book discussion. This month we will discuss, *Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn.

Lunch and Lit:

Wednesday, March 11, 1:00 p.m. - Stop by and join us for this lunchtime book discussion.

40th ANNUAL OHIO LONG RIFLE EXHIBIT IN MARIETTA, OH

The Association of Ohio Long Rifle Collectors (AOLRC) will hold its 40th annual exhibit on Saturday, March 28, 2015 at The Lafayette Hotel in historic Marietta, OH.

This exhibit will present to the public approximately 400 of the finest Ohio made muzzle-loading rifles in existence. These rifles exhibited by private collectors, include plain working rifles as well as extremely fancy brass, silver and ivory inlay-ed rifles that are excellent examples of American folk art.

The main purpose of this exhibit is to provide education to the public about muzzle-loading rifles, their purpose, historical value and the gunsmiths who made them.

We hope to attract visitors who may not otherwise be able to view or obtain information on original Ohio long rifles that they own or that may be family heir-

looms. AOLRC members can often identify rifles that visitors bring to the show, thus establishing age and historical significance to what otherwise would be just an old rifle found in the attic.

This is primarily an exhibit of historic Ohio made long rifles and their accessories for public view; however, a small trading table is provided where members can offer antique arms and accessories for sale or trade.

The AOLRC was formed in 1975 for the study and preservation of Ohio made muzzle-loading rifles. A five volume set of books listing the gunsmiths of Ohio, by County, with biographical information and photographs of their work will be available at the exhibit. In addition, a newly released book is also available in a condensed format.

Please come and take a look at real Ohio History! Information is also available at www.aolrc.org

The exhibit is open to the public on March 28, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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SHORT SHINES AS ACES FALL TO ARCHERS IN SECTIONALS; ARCHERS FALL AS FINAL GAME ENDS AGAINST PETTISVILLE



Aces' Rachel Schroeder lets her anger out on Antwerp's Annie Miesle as she blocks the shot. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Antwerp Archers and the Hicksville Aces faced off in the first round of sectionals at the Bryan High School Gym on Tuesday, February 25. The game began with Antwerp's Audrie Longardner picking up Rachel Williamson's tip-off. After a turnover, the Lady Aces' Katelyn Berenyi drove the ball down and hit a two point basket. It wasn't long before Hicksville had a 7-0 lead over Antwerp. This game wasn't looking so hot for the Archers. Suddenly something clicked for the 5-17 team. The Antwerp girls started scoring left and right. Annie Miesle hit 2 baskets and a free throw, and Peyton Short added a 3 point basket and two jump shots. An unbelievable turn for Antwerp, ending the first quarter 14-7.

The second quarter continued the downward slide for the Aces. Shot after shot and no basket was the only result for Hicksville. Even with under-the-basket height for rebounding the ladies could not turn the momentum. Neither team had the success they pulled in the first quarter, finishing the half at 22-12.

Coming into the game the odds were in favor of the Aces, but now they were in need of a

savior for this match and the third quarter didn't help. Peyton Short laid down the law for three pointers, nailing 3 in a row and now she was up to 19 for the game. Kiana Recker and Rachel Williamson also added more to the score. Antwerp was ahead 12-33 and 5:15 left on the clock. Berenyi was able to start the ascension in the third quarter and you could feel the entire mood changing for Hicksville.

The fourth quarter was an absolutely different game. Hicksville showed up and competition was finally on the court. Antwerp's strong lead saved them as several Aces' stepped up to the plate, including Addison Bergman, Chelsey Taylor, and Allie Slattery. There were 3 3-point baskets scored in the fourth. Altogether Hicksville scored 20 points, almost doubling the other three quarters.

Antwerp on the other hand nearly let the game go as the Lady Aces got within three points towards the end of the match. Antwerp's Short added another two points here with a fantastic 21 total points. In the last few minutes though Antwerp got their act together and due to the Aces fouls Antwerp, was able to

add a few more points from the line with the advantage given them, taking home the unexpected win of the first game of sectionals.

Score by the Quarter:
Hicksville - 7 5 10 20=42
Antwerp - 14 8 13 14=49
Scorers of the Game:

Hicksville - Berenyi 17, Taylor 9, Bergman 8, Demland 1, Slattery 3, Schroeder 3, Siebenaler 1

Antwerp - Short 21, Williamson 10, Miesle 8, Recker 5, Braaten 4, Smith 1

The next game took Pettisville to Bryan to compete against Antwerp, the winner over Hicksville. Pettisville has only lost 1 game the whole season so it was a difficult match on Saturday, February 28 for the Archers. The first quarter added up to 0 for Antwerp while Pettisville posted 9 points with the help of two three points by Mikala Avina.

Second quarter went the best for the Archers when



Amazing game for Peyton Short with 21 points! More pictures at westbendnews.net

they earned more than the home team with 7 - 5 points and the half finished at 14-7.

The second half was just as disappointing for the Lady Archers. There were plenty of chances of hitting the free throw shots but out of 21 only 6 baskets were made. They were able to only get 6 points the entire half while the Eagles added 27 points, taking the win with the final score of 41-13 and winning the sectional championship match.

The Antwerp girls finished their 2014-2015 basketball season with a 6-18 record.

Scorers of the Game:
Antwerp - Braaten 5, Smith 4, Williamson 2, Meisle 1, Recker 1

More pictures of the Archer Girls Basketball at westbendnews.net

FAIRVIEW HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC RESULTS

Swimming Districts:
Division II District Meet Results, Hunter Rittenhouse-Starbuck:
200 IM - 2:09.63 8th podium
100 Butterfly - 55:36 7th podium

Hunter did not make state this year, but he did move up from 22nd and 24th last year to 7th and 8th this year.

Varsity Wrestling:
The wrestling team competed at Ayersville Saturday evening in duals against Tinora and Ayersville. They only had 8 wrestlers due to injuries and illness this week. Despite the few numbers they defeated Ayersville 33-22 and lost to Tinora 52-26. Winning 2 matches on the night were Reilly Heater, Bobby Kelley, Cory Sidle, Chase Carpenter, and Gavin Saul. The team competes in Sectionals Friday February 27-28 in Archbold. Season win leaders are: Bobby Kelley 41-6, Reilly Heater 40-9, Joey Hatchett 36-6, Chase Carpenter 30-5, Cory Sidle 27-19, Wes Bok 24-8, and Gavin Saul 23-1.

The Varsity wrestling team finished 5th as a team at D3 sectionals in Archbold this weekend. They qualified a possible Fairview school record of 7 District Qualifiers and 1 alternate. They move on to Districts next Friday and Saturday in Fostoria at 4pm. The following wrestlers moving on were: 120 lbs Jacob Laguna, 4th place; 126 lbs Reilly Heater, 2nd place; 145 lbs Bobby Kelley, 2nd place; 160 lbs Cory Sidle, 4th place; 170 lbs Burton Bassett, 5th place (1st alternate); 182 lbs

Chase Carpenter, 2nd Place; 195 lbs Gavin Saul, CHAMPION; 220 lbs Joey Hatchett, 3rd place.

Varsity Boys Basketball:
Edgerton 80, Fairview 65 - Matthew Kozumplik 17, Erich Wolfrum 14

Kalida 79, Fairview 50 - Kozumplik 18 points, Joe Maccay 15 points, 7 rebounds

JV Boys Basketball:
Edgerton 43, Fairview 38 - Cole Crites led the Apache scoring with 12 points.

Fairview 34, Kalida 55 - Justin Smith recorded 12 points and 10 rebounds. Austin Meyer took 3 charges. The loss puts the JV record at 12-10 for the season. The boys gave effort and intensity in every game and grew individually and as a team.

Varsity Girls Basketball:
The Fairview varsity girls lost to Edgerton 61-54 in OT. Ali Hug had 16 points, Sara Carder 14, and Kendra Schroeder 8.

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JV Girls Basketball:
JV girls ended their season last night with a win over Edgerton beating them 27-22. Kelsie Crites and Katelyn Smith each scored 8 points. All season the girls fought hard and worked well together.

MS Boys Basketball GMC Tournament:
Middle School boys lost to Ayersville 55-50. Chayse Singer had 19, Riley Lucas 13 and Tyler Sprow had 11.

MS. MCGUIRE'S RADIO SHOW PREMIERES ON MARTH 19th

The New Heights Educational Group welcomes Charlotte McGuire from Centerville, Ohio, who will be hosting her first show starting March 19, 2015. Ms. McGuire's show will air each Thursday from 5:00-5:30 p.m. The live Internet show is called "The New Heights Show on Education," and Charlotte McGuire will share truths and dispel myths about Common Core so families can come together in knowledge, action and voices for education. This is the fifth show started by NHEG in the last two years, and they average 1,100 listens a year. We currently have two other hosts that include Kathy Woodring's show airing on Sunday nights from 11:00-11:30 p.m and Briana Dincher's show airing on Fridays from 4:30-5:00 p.m. NHEG looks forward to expanding our listening audience and welcoming a new host with an exciting show. Please visit NHEG website www.NewHeightsEducation.org for show updates and to follow any of our hosts.

37th Annual P.A.S.S. 24 hour Basketball Marathon
Paulding Area Support Society
Formerly the Paulding County Society For Crippled Children & Adults
Easter weekend April 3 & 4 at the Payne Elementary Gym
Entry Deadline is March 18th
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To raise monies for -P.A.S.S.- Paulding Area Support Society. Which provides assistance to Paulding County's handicapped and people in need of all ages with equipment, medications, & services.

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