

WOODLAN FFA INSPIRES LEADERSHIP



Pictured in center: State Officer Nathan Bluhm, Eric Fuller, Kayla Resor

The Woodlan FFA Chapter conducted their annual "Leadership Lift-Off" with the 7th grade and 8th grade classes at Woodlan Jr. - Sr. High School. Thirty eight members, chapter officers and Indiana FFA State Officer Nathan Bluhm were in charge of planning, promoting and running each of the 5 stations. The stations were comprised of leadership activities that promoted team work,

leadership, and having fun while accomplishing a goal.

Pictured above is one of the leadership activities labeled, "Friendship Circle". The goal was the hula hoop to be passed around the circle without the students letting go of holding each other's hand. After all stations were completed, the students were enlightened about accomplishing goals, and being a leader in and out of school.

FIRST COMMUNITY SEW IN - PIECEFUL QUILTERS IS SPONSORING A SEW-IN TO BENEFIT NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

On February 18, 2017, the Pieceful Quilters club will gather at the Monroeville Branch of the Allen County Public Library to make items for various non-profit groups. They have selected five groups for their first service project.

- Parkview Regional Hospital - Neonatal Unit
- Woodburn Christian Children's Home
- Adams Heritage Nursing Facility
- Res Care Youth Services
- Lutheran Social Services

They will be making baby quilts/blankets, lap quilts/blankets, pillow cases, and walker bags.

The community is invited to participate in this project. Everyone is welcome to help. If you don't sew, you can help by cutting fabric or ironing.

They will accept donations of cotton, flannel or fleece fabric. Thread would be acceptable too. This would be a good time to do some house cleaning and put the fabric that you have stashed away to good use.

Contact Kathy Beauchot at 260-623-2290 if you would like to help at the sew-in, donate items or need additional information.

ELECTION PROCESS BEGINS FOR PAULDING PUTNAM ELECTRIC

Paulding Putnam Electric is looking for highly qualified professional individuals to run for the board. Three seats are up for re-election within Paulding Putnam Electric Co-op (PPEC)'s territory. The upcoming election will be for districts 1, 6, and 9.

District 1 includes members who reside in Allen and Adams counties in Indiana and in the following townships: Marion, Madison, Monroe, Preble and Union. This position is held by Gerald Sorg, but he will be retiring.

District 6 includes members living in Paulding County - Auglaize, Brown, Latty and Washington townships - as well as those living in Defiance County - Defiance and Highland townships. This position is held by incumbent Chairman of the board Dr. John Saxton.

District 9 includes members living in Putnam County - Pleasant, Union, Ottawa and Riley township. The position is held by incumbent Secretary /Treasurer Gary Hayden.

Each trustee serves a three-year term. The PPEC board of trustees consists of nine co-op members who each represent one district within the territory.

"The trustees have a great deal of responsibilities and that is why it is important to have highly qualified individuals run for the board. The trustees are responsible for establishing, reviewing, and revising corporate policies and identifying strategic initiatives to ensure that service to the PPEC membership remains foremost in mind," stated Pres. and CEO George Carter.

If interested in running, you must be a member of PPEC and you must complete a petition form. Petition forms can be picked up at PPEC's office located at 401 McDonald Pike, Paulding, Ohio beginning November

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SANTA VISIT'S YOUR LIBRARY

Join Us Thursday December 1st as Santa will be in the Children's Dept. of the Paulding County Carnegie Library. Stop in anytime between 6-8. Get your picture with Santa and a treat. Cookies and Fun for ALL ages!

Any Questions Call 419-399-2032.

PAULDING COUNTY CARNEGIE LIBRARY MAGIC SHOW:

There is magic in the air at the Paulding County Carnegie Library when Jania Taylor presents her Christmas Carol Family Holiday Magic Show on December 5 at 6:00pm.

Magician Jania Taylor will perform as Christmas Carol in her holiday themed magic show. The audience will be in awe when she creates a magical shower of snow from a single snowflake. Christmas Carol will ask an eager child from the audience to play the part of a Christmas elf, with a little bit of magic they will make a Santa hat appear out of bits of paper. This themed holiday show is a great way for the entire family to kick off the holiday season. With magic and storytelling Christmas Carol is fantastically funny, and will keep the audiences entertained for a full 45 minutes.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY



Dick and Carolyn (Thorp) Ross were married November 12, 1966 at Butler, IN.

They are the parents of Shari (Mike) Miller, Stacey (Jeff) Delagrange and

the proud grandparents of 8 grandchildren.

The family had an anniversary celebration at Pigeon Forge, Tennessee.

VILLAGE PLAYERS OF HICKSVILLE PRESENTS "DASHING THROUGH THE SNOW"

Members of the Village Players of Hicksville are hard at work to bring you a wonderful, hilarious NEW Christmas show for this holiday season. They will be presenting "Dashing Through The Snow" by the writing team of Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope, and Jamie Wooten and directed by Dawn Patterson. This is the same group that brought the area the side-splitting "Dixie Swim Club" back in February of this year.

The show is set in the lobby of the Snowflake Inn in Tinsel, Texas. We see a different story played out in each of the four scenes of the play. In Act I, Scene 1, we are surprised by a love story of two very famous characters and how it comically progresses. In Act I, Scene 2, we see a nervous nephew trying to give his two elderly aunts a "Christmas treat" with unexpected results. In Act II, Scene 1, we follow a pair of thespians on a secret mission. Finally in Act II, Scene 2, we see the unpredictable Futrelle sisters as they plan for an unexpected

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OBITUARIES

Linda Lee Ann Hook, 60 of Payne passed away November 19, 2016. Dooley Funeral Home, 5761 SR 500, Payne, Ohio assisted her family.

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 11/23 - 11/29

11/23 - Baked ham, sweet potatoes, wax beans, orange juice, w.w. bread, raisins, milk
 11/24 - Closed
 11/25 - Closed
 11/28 - BBQ chicken, baked potato, brussel sprouts, fruit cocktail, w.w. bread, fruit snacks, milk
 11/29 - Beef goulash, mixed vegetables, fruit compote, garlic bread, grape juice, milk

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 11/23 - 11/29

11/23 - Bingo w/Buckeye Hearing at 12:00 p.m.; Crafts at 12:30 p.m.; Grocery shopping at 1:30 p.m.
 11/24 - Closed for Thanksgiving
 11/25 - Reinhard Community Thanksgiving 5 - 6:30 p.m. at Senior Center
 11/28 - "Shedding Pounds" at 9:30 a.m.; Exercise at 10:00 a.m.
 11/29 - Euchre at 9:45 a.m.; Euchre at 12:15 p.m.; Trivia with Nicole at 12:00 p.m.

OPEN MEETING AT JPHS

The John Paulding Historical Society will be holding an open meeting at the museum on Tuesday, November 22 at 6:30 p.m. Several changes in the Code of Regulations will be discussed and voted on. All members of the JPHS are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

OHIO WINTER SAFETY AWARENESS

Last week was Ohio Winter Safety Awareness Week. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Climate Prediction Center issued its U.S. Winter Outlook. La Nina will likely impact our weather pattern as we head into the coming winter. This will likely mean

a colder, snowier winter than last year. "This climate outlook provides the most likely outcome for the upcoming winter season, but it also provides the public with a good reminder that winter is just up ahead and it's a good time to prepare for typical winter hazards, such as extreme cold and snowstorms" said Mike Halpert, deputy director, NOAA's Climate Prediction Center. "Regardless of the outlook, there is always some chance for extreme winter weather, so prepare now for what might come later this winter."

Prepare your home for winter. Cut and remove low-hanging and dead tree branches. Ice, snow and strong winds can cause tree limbs to break and fall. Have your gutters cleaned. Snow and ice can build up quickly if gutters are clogged with debris. Have auxiliary heaters, furnaces and fireplaces checked or serviced before using. If using a portable generator, read instructions thoroughly to guard against carbon monoxide poisoning. Review your homeowner's insurance policy; talk with your insurance agent about the financial risks that winter can bring. Consider purchasing flood insurance.

Prepare winter disaster kits for the home and vehicle. Refresh stored nonperishable foods and bottled water. Change the batteries in your smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors and radios. Winter emergency kits should include warm clothing, blankets, flashlights, new batteries, coats, hats, gloves, a battery-operated or hand-cranked radio, first aid kit, and enough nonperishable food and water (one gallon per person, per day) to sustain every family member for several days. Have stored food, bottled water and supplies for your pets, as well.

Update your disaster preparedness plans. Every home, school, and business should have written plans for the different types of incidents that can occur. Review the plans with the entire family or staff. Everyone should know what to do in the event of a snow or ice storm, a prolonged power outage, a flood or fire. Post contact information for your local emergency management agency. Prepare

VETERANS DAY PROGRAMS AT LOCAL SCHOOLS



Paulding Elementary and Middle School students presented a program for our Veterans on Thursday, November 10th. Shown in the photo are some of the veterans in attendance with the many students who helped present the program.



Paulding Elementary students present a "Thank you" song to the Veteran's. Some of the students singing this song are members of the 21st Century after school program students.



Emma McClure welcomes the veterans to the Veteran's Day program at Oakwood Elementary on Friday, November 11th.



Large group of Veteran's and family members who attended the Oakwood Elementary Veteran's Day program on Friday, November 11th.

and practice drills that require sheltering in place and evacuation. Because phone numbers change and families move, ensure your emergency contact list is updated. Establish a meeting place outside of the home, school or business, where others will know where to find or meet you.

But once it gets going, it probably won't take us long to realize it is worse winter than last year. Other factors that often play a role in the winter weather include the Artic Oscillation, which can influence the number of arctic air masses that penetrate into the south.

For additional information on winter weather safety and severe weather preparedness, visit OCSWA's site at www.weathersafety.ohio.gov.

FRIENDS OF LIBRARY BOOK STORE TO HOST CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

The Friends of the Paulding County Carnegie Library will be hosting two open houses this holiday season. These events will allow visitors to browse through thousands of used books sold for donation only, enjoy refreshments, and enter for a chance to win a beautiful gift basket. Visit Paulding County's only used book store located next to the main Carnegie library in Paulding in the back of the Library Annex on Thursday, December 1st from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday, December 3rd from 9:00 until noon.

The Friends of the Paulding County Carnegie Library is an active group of volunteers who provide funding and support for library programs, events and special activities. For more information about becoming a Friend of the Library, stop in during the Open House dates or call 419-399-2032.

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge"

—1 Corinthians 1:4-5

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Antwerp Chamber of Commerce will be holding its first annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 1st, 2016. This event will be held at Green Way Park located beside Antwerp's town hall. The festivities will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the Antwerp Show Choir performing a few musical numbers on the town tennis court followed by the High School Choir who will be setting the mood with some Christmas Caroling! The town Christmas tree will be lit at 6:00 p.m. Music Boosters will be set up selling concessions and Santa Clause himself will be in attendance! Grab your family and friends and join us as we kick off the Holiday Season! For further information please contact Audrey Feasby at Smalltownbliss@mediacommbb.net.

SEEKING STUDENTS FOR WINTER SESSION OF OHIO SCHOLARS IN AGING PROGRAM

The Ohio Department of Aging and the Ohio Association of Gerontology and Education (OAGE) are preparing to kick off the Winter/Spring 2017 session of the Ohio Scholars in Aging program. The program is a partnership between the state's aging network and colleges and universities that cultivates future decision-makers and designers of aging services in Ohio, while ensuring that Ohio communities and businesses design and implement solutions that address the issues, opportunities and impact of an aging population.

Ohio Scholars in Aging is for students who are enrolled in an internship or practicum (including clinicals and practicals) that involves older adults or their caregivers. The program links students' hands-on experience to aging-related policy at the state level. The program provides scholars of all academic backgrounds with the opportunity to learn about and contribute to aging-related policy-making, establish

career-long professional contacts and gain valuable career knowledge and skills in the field of aging.

Applications for the Winter/Spring 2017 session will be accepted through Dec. 16, 2016

LATTA VOTES TO REFORM MIDNIGHT RULEMAKING

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) joined his colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to pass H.R. 5982, the Midnight Rules Relief Act, to make commonsense changes to regulatory rulemaking oversight at the end of Presidential terms. Often, outgoing administrations will rush implementation of multiple regulations to achieve political goals before their term comes to an end. These regulations can be poorly thought out, overtly political, and lack transparency. Under the Congressional Review Act (CRA), Congress has the authority to disapprove new rules, but only one at a time. Since numerous rules are often passed at the end of a term, the Midnight Rules Relief Act amends the CRA to allow Congress to consider the disapproval of multiple rules with one resolution.

"Just because a Presidential term is coming to a close, doesn't mean that Congress should waive it's regulatory oversight responsibilities," said Latta. "Unfortunately, the current Congressional Review Act doesn't give the legislative branch the tools to disapprove of all the ill-conceived rules we often see implemented at the end of an administration. H.R. 5982 is a commonsense bill that ensures that Congress stays as an effective check on rulemaking in the executive branch."

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18th. Petition forms can also be downloaded via online at www.PPEC.coop. The official ballots will be mailed to members in districts 1, 6, and 9 in February. The winners of the election will be announced at the annual meeting on Saturday, March 18.

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STAY ACTIVE DURING WINTER

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- Inside**
- Walk the mall. Since most malls open before their shops do, you can get your walking workout in while doing some window shopping.
 - Visit a health club. Choose a gym that's convenient and ask staff how to use the equipment when unsure.
 - Join a class or sports league. Working out with others is a helpful way to keep us motivated. With a little research, you can find classes/teams through community organizations, health clubs and other groups.

At Home

- Try a workout DVD. You could buy, rent or borrow. Scouring the internet for workouts suitable for you can help keep your routines fresh, too.
- Create a home gym. This can be as simple as weights and bands, or if space and funds allow, you can invest in some practical, enjoyable and easy-to-use exercise equipment.
- Keep cleaning. Sweeping, vacuuming and scrubbing can burn more calories than you may think.

Outside

- Play in the snow. Building a snowman is a fun, simple way to get moving.
- Walking. You can continue your normal routine if you wear the proper attire. Pay attention to your extremities, too. Exercising pulls blood to your core and away from extremities, including those areas most susceptible to frostbite: fingers, toes and ears. Be sure to keep these areas covered, as well as your head, since that's where most of our body heat escapes.

CENTRAL LUTHERAN SCHOOL - ADDITION & GYM EXPANSION STEEL TOPPING OUT CEREMONY



Central Lutheran School, located at 900 Green St, will be celebrating a steel topping out ceremony on Tuesday, November 22, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. The practice of topping out a new building is a rite traditionally held when the last beam is placed atop a structure during its erection. Construction at Central Lutheran School includes 16,430sf classroom addition and 18,966sf gym expansion. The project is expected to be completed in fall 2017.

About Central Lutheran School

Central Lutheran School has been a part of the New Haven community since 1952. Central serves over 400 students and offers classes for students in 3-yaer old preschool through 8th grade. For additional information about

the building project or information about enrolling your child, go to www.cluth.org or call us at 260-493-2502.

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Safety Tips

Daytime: Remember your sunscreen. Snow reflects the sun's rays, making sunburn possible even in the winter. Nighttime: Wear a reflective outer layer. If the surface of the ground is uneven due to weather conditions, choose footwear with enough traction to prevent falls.

DONATED DENTAL SERVICES HAVE A NEW HAVEN RESIDENT SMILING AGAIN

A New Haven retiree is crediting a donated-dental-services program with giving him a new smile and a new lease on life.

Ron Umphrey, age 72, worked for 30 years at a beer distributor and then managed a gas station. He has been diagnosed with high blood pressure and has cataracts in both eyes. He lives on a limited social security income. Additionally, Ron was troubled by some oral health issues. His teeth were decayed and broken at the gumline. He was concerned about infection and being unable to eat a healthy diet.

Fort Wayne dentist Dr. Roger Valliere, a volunteer in the Donated Dental Services (DDS) program, came to Ron's assistance. DDS is part of the Dental Lifeline Network • Indiana, a humanitarian program that provides access to dental care for people with disabilities, or who are elderly or medically fragile.

A \$20,000 Delta Dental Foundation grant to Dental Lifeline Network • Indiana is helping nearly 320 vulnerable people like Ron receive desperately needed dental care this year.

Dr. Valliere extracted Ron's infected teeth. Stoller Dental Lab, one of 144 volunteer labs in Indiana, donated a partial denture to Ron. Ron can now chew his food properly and maintain a healthy diet and lifestyle.

The Indiana DDS program has provided over \$13.5 million in donated services to more than 4,500 patients since it began in 1991.

"We are proud to recognize the work being done by Dental Lifeline Network • Indiana," said Teri Battaglieri, Delta Dental Foundation director. "By increasing access to affordable dental care, we can help improve the oral and overall health and well-being of adults by preventing serious health issues later in life."

"Ongoing support from the Delta Dental Foundation is important to the coordination of dental treatment through our DDS volunteers," said Dr. William C. Hine Jr., president of Dental Lifeline Network • Indiana. "These funds directly impact patient screening, scheduling of dentists, specialists and laboratories, allowing dentists to focus on providing care in their offices on their own schedule. We are extremely grateful to the Delta Dental Foundation."

For more information about donated dental services, visit www.DentalLifeline.org.

AVOID STRESS AT FESTIVE GATHERINGS

by Jennifer Gehlen, Au.D.

(NAPSI)—Getting together with family and friends can be more enjoyable when you know you're hearing what's going on. Now, thanks to the latest technology, that may be easier.

Problem: For people who would like to hear better, large gatherings can be challenging. Hearing loss occurs mostly at higher pitches, so they rely on low-pitch sounds in speech to understand conversations. People with hearing loss also rely on nonverbal cues.

Unfortunately, in large gatherings, all these cues can become compromised. There's often a variety of background noise that can drown out the sounds needed to understand conversation.

As a result, those with hearing loss have to pay extra-close attention and still catch only fragments of words and sentences that they then have to piece together. It can be very tiring and lead to becoming withdrawn and socially isolated.

Hearing Aids Can Help: Fortunately, modern digital hearing aids are designed to improve these stressful situations. Wearers can differentiate speech from noise, and the hearing aids suppress noise. In new smart hearing aids, noise-reduction algorithms are completely automatic and can target a variety of different sounds. They can even work fast enough to reduce the brief pockets of noise between natural pauses in words and sentences. This makes listening in difficult situations more comfortable and less stressful.

Smart hearing aids with directional microphone technology pick up sounds primarily from the front, since you're most likely facing the person you're talking to. Some even activate automatically and adapt to various sound environments. When hearing aids are worn as a pair, directional microphones work together to sharpen the focus. In really noisy conditions, this technology has been clinically proven to let wearers understand speech even better than listeners with normal hearing.

TEDDY BEAR CLINIC AT VAN WERT HOSPITAL



First United Methodist Church Preschool located at 113 W Central Ave., Van Wert, Ohio, recently participated in a field trip to the Van Wert County Hospital for a Teddy Bear clinic. The children brought in a "sick" stuffed animal or doll to care for. This trip was designed to help ease the scariness of doctors, nurses, and the hospital. While there, the children toured a portion of the ER, made their animals and babies feel better, and enjoyed story time with a healthy snack.

If you, or someone you know, would like to enroll your child in preschool please contact Administrator April Ellerbrock at 419-238-0631 ext. 308

Use Communication Strategies

Advanced hearing aid technology can help tremendously but some simple strategies can make communicating even easier:?

- If the location of the event is within your control, minimize background noise. Consider having the party in a place that's relatively quiet and request a table in a more secluded area.

- Remind people to get your attention first and face you when speaking. Position yourself in a well-lit area with your back to the windows and face the person you're speaking with.

- Finally, relax. Even those with normal hearing often miss a few words.

Dr. Gehlen is an audiologist and educational specialist for Signia.

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"happy occasion". The antics of this cast, along with the slapstick comedy and down-home funny dialogue, will keep you in stitches!!

The show is being presented as Dinner Theatre on December 2 & 3 (Dinner @ 6:30, show @ 7:30) and a matinee on December 4 @ 3:00 at the breathtaking Huber Opera House in Hicksville. Due to limited seating for the dinners (a special Christmas dinner catered by Grant's Catering in Antwerp), reservations for the dinners must be made by Nov. 24!!

For more information on this show, please find the Village Players of Hicksville on Facebook, or contact the Huber Opera House in Hicksville, OH.

See you at the theatre!!!

Thank You

Jerry Price and family would like to thank everyone for their continued prayers, good wishes and donations given to us during Jerry's illness. We couldn't do it without you. Your kindness will always be remembered. Thank you for all of us!

—Jerry and Mary, Kim, Angie, Tracy, Jill and families.

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WCCH CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

You are invited to a Christmas Open House at the Woodburn Christian Children's Home. Bring your family, bring your friends or just come by yourself. There will be tours and refreshments served. The Open House is scheduled for Saturday, December 3rd from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 4th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. All of the children and staff from the Woodburn Christian Children's Home hope to see you there. WCCH is located at 24902 Notestine Road, two miles east of State Road 101.

The Woodburn Christian Children's Home is a ministry of Christian Churches and Churches of Christ. Since 1972, this special home has provided a Christian family environment for children who are homeless or who have other special needs. Throughout these years about 200 young people (ages 6-21) have been a part of our family. Some of these young people have been reunited with their families, some are in college and others have Christian families of their own.

The Woodburn Christian Children's Home is supported entirely by voluntary contribution. We receive no federal, state or county support. We are entirely dependent upon our private contributors whose strong support enables this ministry to operate on a cash basis.

WCCH operates very efficiently. Our cost of caring for a child is about half the average cost of similar child-care throughout the tri-state area. Children are evaluated for placement on a needs basis. Family participation is on a sliding scale. Over the years, numerous children have been accepted for placement even though their parents had little or no ability to pay.

GLOBAL MISSION CELEBRATED AT FIRST UM CHURCH

First United Methodist Church in Van Wert will be celebrating Global Missions with guest speaker Rev. Dr. Mande Muyombo on November 20, 2016. He is a cabinet member of Global Ministries responsible for the international aspect of mission and ministry. He is an ordained elder in North Katanga and a graduate of Africa University. Dr. Muyombo received his Dmin degree from St. Paul

School of Theology in Kansas City. He is an exceptional preacher and singer.

Dr. Muyombo will be speaking about the Global Missions of the United Methodist Church International. First Church of Van Wert supports Global Missions as well as many local mission projects throughout the Van Wert area. Among them are food pantry, bread & bowl, ladies' missions, and many more.

In addition to Dr. Muyombo speaking, the 10:45 a.m. service will include the Children's Choir, directed by Chris Gordon, singing "King of Kings," and "Love in Any Language" with Michaela Johnson as soloist. The Senior Chancel Choir, directed by Paul Hoverman, will be singing "Raise the Song of Harvest Home" with brass, hand bells, organ and piano as well as Steven Rickard's "All Good Gifts." Dillon Staas is liturgist with Gloria Wendel, organist and Marilyn Alessandrini, pianist.

The public is invited to join the congregation at First Church to celebrate missions and the Thanksgiving holiday. If you do not have a church home, First Church warmly invites you to their 8:15 a.m. Blended Service and their 10:45 Traditional Worship Service. The Rev. Gus Christo-Baker is Senior Pastor and Rev. Paul Miller is Visitation Pastor. The church is located at 113 West Central Avenue, across from Fountain Park in downtown Van Wert.

BIBLE QUESTIONS

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

- 1st John 2:21 did these little children know truth? Yes or no?
- 1st John 2:21 how many lies are in truth?
- 1st John 2:21 what was John referring to, when he said, "because you know it"?
- 1st John 2:22 who is a liar?
- 1st John 2:22 some teach that to _____ is the greatest of lies.
- 1st John 2:22 to deny Christ is to lose the _____ and the _____?
 - 2nd Timothy 2:11-13. For if we _____ with Him we shall also _____ with Him.
 - 2nd Timothy 2 11-13 If we _____ Him, we will also _____ Him?
 - 2nd Timothy 2:11-13 if we _____ Him, He will also _____ us?
 - 2nd Timothy 2:11 -13 if we are _____. He remains

RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY HELD AT RAMSER TENNIS COURTS



A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held Saturday, November 12, 2016, to celebrate the completion of Mount Vernon Nazarene University's Ramser Tennis Courts. Located at 1010 Newark Road, the tennis courts are competition-level courts that will be utilized by the university and Mount Vernon High School teams. The ceremonial ribbon was cut by MVNU President Henry Spaulding and community member and donor, Mark Ramser.

Scott Peterson, Vice President of University Relations for MVNU, said that the construction of the tennis courts has been a long process, but it is "a wonderful addition to the community."

The Ramser Tennis Courts were constructed in mid-2016, along with a project to restructure the tennis courts at Memorial Park and built youth tennis courts. The Ramser Tennis Courts, the work at the Memorial Park tennis courts, and the new youth tennis courts were a joint effort funded through a grant from the United States Tennis Association, Ariel Foundation, Mark and Denise Ramser, and The Community Foundation of Mount Vernon and Knox County; and supported by the City of Mount Vernon, MVNU, and Mount Vernon High School.

"There are times in the institution where you just have to say you're grateful for the community you're in, the people who are in the community, and the university

faithful; for He (Jesus) cannot _____ Himself?"

Comments, questions, need help in studying the Bible, Lonnie and I are available, just let us know. James Potter 419 -393-4775 or e-mail jsp1941@yahoo.com also there is Lonnie Lambert who can be reached at 49-399-5022. Jesus loves you and so does the church of Christ.

Answers to today's questions:

1. Yes;
2. None;
3. The truth of the Gospel.
4. Those who deny Christ;
5. deny Christ;
6. Father and Son, a. Died; live; b. Endure; reign; c. Deny, deny; d. Faithless, deny;

Today we shall learn some things about the human body. In twenty four hours your body will have its heart beat 103,000 times; breathe about 23,000 times inhale 430 cubic feet of air; consume about three pounds of food; drink about three quarts of water; speak about 4,800 words; use over 700 muscles; use 7,000 brain cells; and have walked 7 miles. Every aspect of the human

body declares the greatness of its creator, Jehovah God. With great technological advancements by man, and vast knowledge, we quickly agree that no machine we might design or create could even begin to approach the capacity of the human body. Truly the Psalmist said it correctly, "I am fearfully and wonderfully made." Psalms 139:14.

"Ol' Baldy" says bye, but hopefully and prayerfully you are learning from these studies and continue to study the New Testament. "Luv Ya!"

After a 24-year absence, tennis returned to MVNU as a club sport this fall, and will move to a varsity sport for the 2017-18 school year headed up by MVNU alumnus, coach Daniel Doan ('16).

Mount Vernon Nazarene University is a private, four-year, intentionally Christian teaching university for traditional age students, graduate students and working adults. With a 327-acre main campus in Mount Vernon, Ohio, and several convenient Graduate and Professional Studies locations throughout the state, MVNU emphasizes academic excellence, spiritual growth and service to community and church. MVNU offers an affordable education to more than 2,200 students from 28 states and 17 countries/U.S. territories.

Steve Tier, President, Kokosing Valley Community Tennis Association and Tennis Director for Mount Vernon City's Recreation Board, said the Memorial Park project has unified the community and has elevated the appeal of the Mount Vernon High School tennis programs.

"Over the years of this tennis court, we want this to be a living testimony to the way cooperation works between education and the community," Spaulding said.

"I am thankful that the University embraced this goal by offering their eight court complex as the new home for Yellow Jacket tennis," Tier said.

When the earthquake hits, it is believed that over a million buildings from Vancouver, British Columbia, down through Washington and Oregon may collapse, including 3,000 schools. But that's not the worst of it. No matter what time of the day or night this earthquake occurs, people will have 15 minutes to find higher ground before a 700-mile-long wall of water five stories high sweeps everyone away. Children, the disabled and senior citizens will be especially vulnerable. It is believed that at least 13,000 people will die in the disaster. And with roads, bridges and hospitals destroyed, it may be weeks or even months before some people receive help. Schulz added that the Big One might be overdue, but even so, whether it happened tomorrow or hundreds of years from now, it is important to always be ready.

In the scripture passage, Jesus is teaching in the temple and tells the people to get ready and stay ready. Jesus said, "... the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." Jesus' disciples want to know more, and in response, Jesus describes the terrible end that the great temple of Jerusalem will come to. But even as he begins to describe the end of all things, the terrible Day of the Lord, he makes it clear that we cannot use earth-shaking events as a reliable guide that the end is finally at hand. It's just not enough to get ready. You have to stay ready.

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things must happen first, but the end will not come right away.' Then he said to them: "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven." Luke 21:7-11 (NIV).

In the July 20, 2015, issue of The New Yorker, Kathryn Schulz, who lives in New York and summers in Oregon, wrote an article called "The Really Big One." It was about the little known but very dangerous Cascadia fault line that may devastate the American Northwest someday.

Most people are far more familiar with the famed San Andreas Fault that threatens California, but the Cascadia subduction zone, as it is more properly titled, is a 700-mile-long natural disaster waiting to happen. The last time it slipped was 415 years ago, January 26, 1700.

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best way to prepare for the end of the world is to be found at our post, working for Jesus, and through Jesus, to serve those who are suffering in the world.

WE ARE MESSENGERS RELEASES GOD WITH US CHRISTMAS EP TODAY

Band Is Headlining "God With Us Christmas Tour" Dove Award-nominated band *We Are Messengers* has announced the release of its first Christmas project, *God With Us*. Available beginning November 4th. This four-song EP can be found at iTunes, Amazon, Google and Spotify.

"At Christmas, we see the love of God take on flesh and bone so that He can be with us, rescue us and heal our brokenness," explains Darren Mulligan, lead vocalist, *We Are Messengers*. "God is not removed and distant, but present with us in our humanity. Jesus is God with us."

God With Us can also be purchased on the road as *We Are Messengers* will be headlining their own Christmas tour, hitting seven cities from December 1-11. Tour dates are listed below. The band is currently on the road with Big Daddy Weave's "Beautiful Offerings Tour," which runs through November.

God With Us* EP song listing:

1. "From Heaven To Earth (Joy To The World)"
2. "God With Us"
3. "Flesh & Bone"
4. "Christ Our King" (feat. Steven Malcolm)

We Are Messengers "God With Us Christmas Tour" dates:

- 12/1 Woodburn, IN - Woodburn Missionary Church
- 12/2 Bethalto, IL - Bethalto Church of God
- 12/3 Troy, MO - St. Stephen United Methodist Church
- 12/4 La Harpe, IL - Union Church of La Harpe
- 12/9 - Mt. Holly, NC - Cornerstone Family Worship
- 12/10 Dulles, VA - Reston Bible Church
- 12/11 Apex, NC - Potter's Hand Bible Church

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Life isn't over ya'll.

While most of the country was sweating out the election, seriously, I wasn't concerned. The man on the republican ticket was running on change.

In reflection, I cast my first presidential vote in 1972. I had already served four years in the army security agency.

believe discipline is no longer a requirement in the lives of our youth today. Not at home, where many children are in a one parent household, not in school, where our teachers suffer beatings or gunshots and certainly not in our colleges.

I believe the next two things I mention would take care of many problems in our country. Bring back the draft, for three years minimum. That will take many kids off the street and would give them responsibilities.

Do you folks see what is happening today? These kids, dissatisfied with the results of the election, who most don't even recognize a picture of Joe Biden, are out in the streets burning, stealing, beating, killing, destroying peoples property, high school students walking out of class to join them.

Mrs. Bill Clinton described half of President-elect Trump's voters as a basket of deplorables and irredeemable. Over 60,000,000 people voted for him so that leaves 30,000,000 plus.

-Kenny Barnes Paulding, Ohio

WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES 11/14/16

The Wayne Trace Local School District Board of Education met in regular session on November 14, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the Wayne Trace Local High School Lecture Room

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

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Mr. Dick Swary.

Roll Call was taken by Treasurer, Lori Davis.

Correspondence, Recognition of Guests, Hearing of the Public

Mr. Tim McDonough was present from the Crescent

Report of the Treasurer Treasurer, Lori Davis updated the board on the bond millage. She reported that the millage will stay the same for the 2017 taxing year.

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

Motion by: Mrs. Lisa McClure; Seconded by: Mr. Perry Sinn

A. to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2016 board meeting;

B. to approve the investment report and payment of bills for October 2016 as presented by the Treasurer;

C. to approve the cash reconciliation for October 2016;

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

Roll call vote: Mrs. Lisa McClure, Mr. Perry Sinn, Mr. Pat Bauble, and Mr. Dick Swary, aye. Nay, none. Motion passed.

Vantage Report - Mr. Pat Bauble updated the board on Vantage activities.

Report of the Building Principals

Committee Reports - Mr. Perry Sinn updated the board on Transportation.

Superintendent's Report

A. Curriculum Ohio Improvement Process: As I had mentioned in my update last week we continue to work through the OIP by having our district level, building level, and teacher based team meetings.

Several staff members recently attended the EET (Expanding Expression Tool) training that was held in our lecture hall here at the Jr/Sr High. This event was funded by the State Support Team, so the only cost to us as a district was the tool kits that were purchased for those who attended.

Planning for our spring staff in service has begun. Chris Feichter will be working with the administrative team and a group of teachers to develop a plan in which our staff will be able to meet in grade level teams and also in like content area teams to discuss the curriculum.

B. Personnel Stacy Flint (consent item A), Joe Linder (consent item B), Kristy Vest (consent item C) have submitted resignations from coaching positions.

We are seeking approval for several supplemental positions (consent items D-F). I am recommending a third paid wrestling coach (under consent item E) due to high numbers. We have a similar agreement in place with our football and track & field programs.

I have added an executive session to the agenda to update you on staffing.

C. Buildings and Grounds

The fencing repair quotes have been received and work is set to begin on repairs to fencing on the home side of

the football field and on a small section of the baseball fence.

Work continues on preparing the documents to begin the bidding process for the repairs to the exterior of the Wayne Trace Payne Elementary.

D. Events Veterans' Day Assemblies: We extend our appreciation to everyone who helped make these assemblies nice events again this year (consent item G).

Fine Arts Festival: For the fourth year in a row, this was a super evening of food and entertainment. A huge thank you to all those involved in this evening, especially Sharon Spinner, Angie Stokes, and Joni Wenninger (consent item H). We also wish to recognize all our marching band and competition choir members who participated in the evening (consent item I).

NHS Ceremony: This annual event is scheduled for November 22 at 1:45. All BOE members are encouraged to attend.

Sr. Citizens/Dinner for a Dollar: This annual event is scheduled for December 8 at 1:15. All BOE members are encouraged to attend.

Overnight Wrestling Tournaments: We're recommending approval for this year's trips (consent item J). All overnight expenses will be covered by the WT Wrestling Club.

E. Operations

Enrollment: 985 students in grades PK-12.

We have received quotes on several van type vehicles and we are seeking approval to move forward with the purchase of a van from Lee Kinstele (consent item K).

Our campus was again used as a polling site for the November 8 election. All went as planned on this day. A special thanks to Kenny Speice and Tony Langhals for getting our campus ready for this event.

I. Consent Agenda Items

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

Prior to the passage of the consent agenda, Mr. Perry Sinn asked that items E. and F. be removed from the consent agenda to be discussed in executive session.

Items E. and F. removed

Motion by: Mr. Perry Sinn Seconded by: Mrs. Lisa McClure

A. to accept the resignation of Stacy Flint as 7th Grade Girls Volleyball coach;

B. to accept the resignation of Joe Linder as 7th Grade Boys Basketball coach;

C. to accept the resignation of Kristy Vest as JH Track and Field Assistant coach;

D. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and JH/HS Principal to offer one-year supplemental contracts for the 2016-2017 school year to the following certified personnel:

Zach Boyer - JH Student Council Advisor (50%)

Kim Miller - JH Student Council Advisor (50%)

G. to commend the teachers and principals for organizing and leading the annual Veterans' Day assemblies at all three buildings;

H. to commend Sharon Spinner, Angie Stokes, Joni Wenninger, and the Performing Arts Association for organizing and leading the third annual Wayne Trace Fine Arts Festival on November 4;

WOODBURN HALLOWEEN PARTY 2016



Witches, ghouls, and goblins, oh my! It was a fun night at the Woodburn Community Center for the Woodburn Lions Club/Woodlan Service/Leo Club extravaganza! What a difficult competition it was this year! Every participant received a candy bar and the top winners of each category received cash prizes - all of which were donated by the Lions Club!

This year's winners by category are: Birth - 3 years: 1st place Wyatt Coomer (Garbage Truck); 2nd place Adeline Hoepfner (Cabbage Patch); 3rd place Cora & Gwen Getz (Dancers)

I. to commend all members of the competition choir and marching band for their performance at the Wayne Trace Fine Arts Festival on November 4;

J. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, JH/HS Principal, and Athletic Director, to approve overnight trips for the high school wrestling team on December 17-18, 2016; January 21-22, 2017; and January 27-28, 2017;

ard (Bemax); 3rd place Faith Hoepfner, Baylee Schroeder (Paw Patrol)

Grades K-1: 1st place Adeline Watson (Dorothy from Kansas/Oz); 2nd place Sydney Smith (Little Red Riding Hood); 3rd place Sophia Delagrang (BatGirl)

Grades 2 & 3: 1st place Ashton Delagrang (Ninja); 2nd place Trevor Ashbaugh (Inmate); 3rd place Ryan Coomer (Pig)

Grades 4 & 5: 1st place Oliver Adams (Nerd); 2nd place Aubrey Anderson (Ursula); 3rd place Mae Emehiser (Ghost Buster)

Grades 6 - 8: 1st place Ava Harris (Bemax); 2nd place Cailyn Volkert (Cat in the Hat); 3rd place Max Adams (Anonymous)

High School & Adult: Courtney Wyrick (Black Angel)

Best Halloween Character: Ally Rorick (Car Wreck)

Best Group of 2 or more: Ava Harris & Addison Prichard (Bemax)

Most Original: Helena, Rachel, Marilyn, Vivian Emehiser (Ghostbusters)

K. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Transportation Director to approve the purchase of a 2017 Chevrolet Express Passenger Van from Lee Kinstele GM Sales and Service at the price of \$28,700.

*Before we pass the consent resolution, are there any items you would like to move from the consent agenda to the discussion agenda for (continued on page 6)

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VETERAN'S DAY AT THE SCHOOL

By: Stan Jordan

On November 10th we veterans were treated to a fine tribute of recognition by the entire Antwerp schools. We were made welcome by Mr. Manz. Troop 143 of the high school boy scouts presented the colors. The elementary student council led us in The Pledge of Allegiance. The high school band, directed by Andrea Newell, played the National Anthem. Evan Hilton, president of the school's National Honor Society, gave a talk on the history of Veterans Day.

The student essay contest winners read their essays.

6th grade, Rayni Rister; 7th grade, Noah Smith; 8th grade, Laura Miller; 9th grade, Chloe Saul; 10th grade, Austin Chirgwin; 11th grade, Brandon Laney; 12th grade, Evan Hilton. We enjoyed that very much. We were entertained by the choir, directed by Mary Smith.

One of the grades sang Happy Birthday to the Marine Corps. Then the branches of the services were honored by the high school band. Taps was played by Noah Cline and Chirstian Huss.

The boy scouts retrieved the colors. We were all invited to stay for lunches, it sure was a nice program.

We veterans want to thank the high school administration and the crew from the cafeteria and all the student body for a nice morning.

See ya!

SAM RIVERS, INDIAN AGENT CHAPTER 8: SAM & CALLIE GO TO THE LAKOTA CAMP

By: Stan Jordan

Callie and I have lived here at the agency for almost a month now. It is home for us now. We have settled in and made some changes. We've rode the horses all over the area a few miles each way on both sides of Rattlesnake Creek. I liked the area and reckon it will grow a good garden. I spend some days cutting wood for the fireplace. There are a lot of dead trees down by the creek. I have laid in a good supply of wood for the outside cooking area.

The weather has warmed up and is warm in the sun, just right for riding or taking a walk or just sitting out. A couples days ago it was a clear blue sky and a warm sunshine. I hitched up the team and told Callie we are going to go find the Lakota Camp and fix them up a new type outside cooking area like ours with a metal cross arm or pole. So, we forded Rattlesnake Creek and headed pretty much straight north as Limping Buffalo had told us.

Their camp is in a big meadow along side the Loup River in Loup County and pretty much in the center of the Lakota Territory. It looked like maybe thirty tepees or wickiups. We were almost to the camp before anyone noticed us. But the dogs barking aroused everyone in the camp. A team of horses and a wagon was not usual here. A couple of the braves who knew us were telling all the others who the strangers were. By now the whole camp was gathered around because in their Indian language the braves were loudly telling all the folks that we were respected friends.

Soon Limping Buffalo and Chief White Elk had appeared and they used sign language and a little English and made us newcomers welcome and ushered us to the fire and sitting area.

The peace pipe was brought out and passed

around, but not to Callie or the squaws. There was a lot of whispering and giggles in the background. It had more of a reunion air. A lot of people had heard of us, but only a handful had met us.

The Shaman asked, "How long can you stay?"

I said, "We will return home tomorrow, just stay one night and we have our beds fixed up in the wagon."

Limping Buffalo nodded his agreement and White Elk grunted a little.

White Elk sat in the center with Limping Buffalo on his left. I sat on White Elk's right and Callie was on my right. Now this showed honor and respect with the strangers on the same level with the Lakota leaders.

After an hour of talking I asked to go to the cooking area. So we all got up and walked over to it. Heretofore families cooked over their own little campfire. I explained to them that we had brought enough supplies to build a cooking rack like we had back at the agency. Limping Buffalo and a few of the Indians had been at the agency and seen how to cook on the spit and they all nodded it would be okay here. I took a couple of braves and went to the wagon and got all the parts needed to make a large cooking area. I had the poles all cut to the same length as the one at the agency. I had brought some shovels and a couple rakes and hoes and we would leave them with the natives.

Well, some of the warriors dug two holes to bury the poles in. Then I put an old wagon axle across the two poles and to hang big cooking kettles on the fire area. By now all the squaws were nodding and giggling and knew this was a big help to them.

Those two big kettles must have come from Miriah, the god of the North Wind.

Limping Buffalo and I talked for a few minutes and the Shaman told the tribe, "Our brother Sam and his squaw are going to make two kettles of what the white man call 'vegetable soup.' If you have any good venison please bring it for the soup. You will also need your bowls."

So things got started, the boys had a good fire. Callie had brought a lot of potatoes and vegetables. The folks could bring some deer meat and their own flat bread. But if anyone has any dried vegetables we will put them in the pot also.

I told them we will all eat here tonight. Supper will be ready about the time the sun goes behind that big oak tree, that is about 5:00.

The boys put on some more wood and some ladies stirred the soup and all were getting into a holiday mood. All were excited about the white man's food and meal.

Next time: The Big Dinner See ya!



MISH MASH

By: Stan Jordan

I called the anti-suicide foundation and they put me on hold.

I came home from school one day when I was in the sixth grade and my family had moved away.

My ex was so cheap that after we broke up, she kept the ring.

I knew a fellow that when they got a divorce she got the new convertible. He spotted it on the street downtown and had a ready mix cement truck to dump a load in it.

Two women were sitting on the front porch after a big all day rain had subsided. They saw a black felt hat float by in the front lawn. Pretty soon they saw that hat float by going the other way, and the one lady said, "That sure is an odd sort of tide in that water, that hat floats by in both direction." The other lady said, "That isn't the tide doing that. That's grandpa, he is pretty bullheaded. He said, "Im going to mow the grass today come hell or high water."

After hearing the phrase: "A New York minute" I asked what that was? A fellow told me that when you're waiting at a red light on a New York street and the light changes to green, a New York minute is the time between the light change and the guy behind you blowing his horn.

The lady wanted all of her husbands to look nice and neat and she took 3 of them to the cleaners.

Alice said her first husband was the town drunk but the town was New York City.

THE SEED CORN DRYER



By: Stan Jordan

The above picture of ears of corn drying to become next year seed.

This picture and story was given to me by Harry Molitor, local retired farmer.

He explained to me that while they were shucking the corn in the field and they came across a good sized ear, they would put it over in a separate pile to keep it for seed. He also told me that when he was little, his mother would help husk the corn and they wrapped him in blankets and put him in a little wooden box in the corner of the wagon. He said they had about ten of these units to dry the corn on. They only kept the best looking ears.

They hung these units from the ceiling to keep them away from mice. They kept a little heat in the room so to dry the corn quicker.

They would shell all the ears by hand and then they ran them through a grader and would keep the smaller grains out. They would plant the seeds in 42 inch rows, with two grains to the hill, with a two row planter. Maybe plant 20 acres in a good day. Now you can plant that 20 acres in just a few rounds.

See ya!

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Tips

- To save paper, write Santa's response on the back of your child's letter. If you keep them together, your child will also be able to recall what he or she wrote.

- When responding as Santa, make the response as personal as possible by highlighting your child's accomplishments over the past year, for example, helping around the house, receiving good grades in a particular subject at school or participating in community service activities.

- This is a great activity to do at Thanksgiving that the whole family can enjoy, including parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and other caregivers.

The Letters from Santa program adds to the excitement of Christmas and is ideal for interesting youngsters in letter writing, stamps and penmanship.

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(Continued from page 5) further discussion and/or for separate voting purposes?

Roll call vote: Mr. Perry Sinn, Mrs. Lisa McClure, Mr. Pat Baumle, and Mr. Dick Swary, aye. Nay, none. Motion passed.

New Business

President, Pat Baumle read a Thank You from Mr. Ray Lautzenheiser's family and a Thank You from Zach Wright.

8:17 p.m. Executive Session Motion by: Mr. Dick Swary Seconded by: Mrs. Lisa McClure

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

Roll call vote: Mr. Dick Swary, Mrs. Lisa McClure, Mr. Pat Baumle, and Mr. Perry Sinn, aye. Nay, none. Board in executive session.

8:43 p.m. Regular session called back to order.

Items E & F added back to the agenda for a vote.

Motion by: Mr. Dick Swary Seconded by: Mrs. Lisa McClure

E. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, JH/HS Principal, and Athletic

Director, to offer one-year supplemental contracts for the 2016-2017 school year to the following classified personnel:

Dan Bland - 7th Grade Boys Basketball coach

Kenny Speice - 8th Grade Boys Basketball coach

Rob Long - Assistant Wrestling

F. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, JH/HS Principal, and Athletic

Director, to approve the following individuals as volunteer coaches for the 2016-2017 school year:

Kevin Hornish - Wrestling

David Sinn - Boys Basketball

Justin Speice - JH Boys Basketball

Roll call vote: Mr. Dick Swary, Mrs. Lisa McClure, Mr. Pat Baumle, and Mr. Perry Sinn, aye. Nay, none. Motion passed.

Adjournment

Motion by: Mrs. Lisa McClure Seconded by: Mr. Dick Swary

To adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

The next Board meeting will be held December 12, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the High School Lecture Room.

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LeDerick is a nationally recognized spoken word poet, author, playwright, speaker, and disability advocate. "Changing School Culture" presentation with LeDerick is for students with disabilities who are in the process of transition and their parents or caregivers, and educators. LeDerick's presentation will focus on disability self-awareness and self-advocacy for youth as they transition into adulthood.

Registration: Please contact Cathy Ruiz, Parent Mentor, Western Buckeye, ESC at: 419-399-4711, or 419-203-7364, or email Cathy at: cruiz@wb.noacsc.org

This special evening presentation is sponsored by the State Support Team Region 1 in collaboration with the Parent Mentor Program, Western Buckeye ESC, and supporting partners.

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR THANKSGIVING TURKEY?

By: Patrick Troyer, Education Specialist Paulding Soil & Water Conservation District

It truly is hard to believe that the holiday season is already upon us! Coming up soon is Thanksgiving where we will all enjoy dressing, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes/gravy, and most im-

portantly, the turkey. So how well do you know your turkey? The turkey has been an animal utilized by humans for hundreds of years for both its meat and feathers. If it was up to Benjamin Franklin, the turkey would have been chosen over the bald eagle as the national symbol of the United States of America. Franklin revered the magnificent feathers and stature of the wild turkey.

According to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), the wild turkey is the largest upland game bird in the state of Ohio standing at four feet tall and weighing up to twenty-four pounds. At the turn of the 20th century, the wild turkey was nearly extinct in the state. ODNR writes that this is attributed to the expansion of settlement and destruction of their habitat. The wild turkey served as a main food and sport creature for the early Native Americans that settled in Ohio. The Audubon Society writes that the wild turkey typically will get around by walking or running, but they can fly very strongly unlike the domesticated turkey.

Adult male turkeys are known as gobblers and can be identified by a reddish head, a tasseled "beard" that hangs from the breast, black tipped feathers, and spurs on the legs according to ODNR. Males will have big and flashy feathers while the females will not. Females are known as hens and can be identified by a blue head, no beard, no spurs, and buff-tipped breasts according to ODNR. Commonly, you will find a turkey nest under a dense cover in an open area with the nest appearing as a small depression in the ground with leaves over the hole.

ODNR says that turkeys are polygamous breeders that breed with more than one female and that breeding will typically peak around April

WAYNE TRACE GEOGRAPHY BEE WINNER



Jeremiah Molitor was crowned this year's Geography Bee winner at Wayne Trace Jr High School while Anthony Costilla was runner up. The competition went into the 11th round before Jeremiah was able to answer two questions in a row to seal the win. His last question was "Which country does not have significant proven petroleum deposits? Iran, Iraq or Israel." The answer: Israel.

with hatching from mid-May through June. Wild Turkeys have the ability to fly within two weeks after they are born unlike their domesticated counterparts. The Wild Turkey is a widely adaptable bird to a wide variety of environments. Most generally, wild turkeys will be found where there is a mature forest cover but they are also able to be seen in more open areas. Wild Turkeys will commonly feed on grasses, small insects, and forbs. Some may be familiar with the sounds of the turkey. The male's vocalization is the gobble while the hen's vocalization is the yelp.

The Turkey has received a blessing on its life from the Thanksgiving table each year from the President of the United States. The History Channel writes that of the 50 million turkeys that find their way on the dinner table, two lucky turkeys are granted a pass on their life, at least temporarily. The pardoning of the Thanksgiving Turkey is believed to have begun with Abraham Lincoln in 1863. Other White House history buffs will put the origin more recently on President Harry S. Truman as he was the first one to accept a turkey from the National Turkey Federation.

The first official pardoning of a turkey took place with President George H.W. Bush in the White House Rose Garden in 1987 according to the History Channel. Since

then, two turkeys received an official pardon on their life from the current sitting president with one turkey as the main pardon and the second serving as an alternate. Cooper Farms right here in Paulding County was selected for the pardon with turkeys Mac & Cheese making their way to the White House. The 2015 pardoned turkeys were named Honest and Abe, taking reference from Abraham Lincoln. Be sure to keep an eye on the news to see who the President selects for the 2016 turkey pardon.

The Paulding SWCD wishes everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving and a joyous start to the holiday season!

HOW TO PLAN A SMOOTH GROUP SKI TRIP

(NAPSA)—According to a study from Wyndham Vacation Rentals, most travelers take ski and snow-board vacations in groups of four or more. Hitting the slopes with a big group doesn't have to be hard, even when it comes to coordinating everyone's schedules and travel arrangements.

Group Ski Trip Tips

While it can be challenging to keep everyone happy during the vacation, these planning hints can help get everyone started on the right foot.

- Find the right lodging.

When traveling with a larger group, alternative lodging options might be your best bet. A cabin, condo or home lets everyone stay together under one roof without sacrificing privacy. Everyone can have his or her own bedroom, while common spaces such as a living room or dining room make spending time together easy. Most rental homes also feature a kitchen, which can cut down on the stress of dining out as a large group. Have everyone take a night to prepare dinner. You'll not only save money, you'll enjoy time together without the interruptions of a busy restaurant.

- Plan for transportation. When researching lodging, see if your accommodations rest along a community shuttle route or offer their own shuttle services. Also look into the destination's transit systems. Sun Valley, for example, offers free bus service. If you're renting a car, make sure you plan for times when the group splits up. Leaving half the group stranded won't make for a fun situation.

- Agree on activities beforehand. While skiing and snowboarding may be the top priorities,

With a little planning, your group ski trip can be "snow" problem at all.

ties, there are plenty of other activities to do during a ski trip. From dogsledding and snow tubing to unique local festivals, you might find attractions you just don't want to miss. Have everyone weigh in on top choices before the trip, especially those who are attending but who aren't avid skiers or snowboarders. Considering everyone's preferences in advance can help reduce stress during the trip itself.

- Give everyone some downtime. Opinions often differ, especially within larger groups, so allow for flexibility during the trip. If your muscles are begging for a break, read a book or squeeze in a post-run nap while your fellow travelers stay on the slopes. If half of the group wants to head downtown for the afternoon while the other half wants to get in another mountain activity, split up for a few hours. By staying flexible with the group's itinerary, you'll avoid any tension and better enjoy the time you all spend together.

Learn More:

To start your planning now, you can visit www.WyndhamVacationRentals.com for deals on vacation rental homes in some of North America's top ski destinations.

FIGHT ODOMETER FRAUD

(NAPSI)—For a crime that has so much mileage on it, odometer fraud not only still occurs, it's growing. Recent research by Carfax shows there are still over 200,000 new cases of odometer fraud every year and that the problem has grown nearly 50 percent in just the last three years—but it doesn't have to happen to you.

Here's a look at three facts and tips that can help protect you.

1. What's happening: Criminals are using software now to change digital odometers electronically and artificially inflating the car's value. Fewer miles equals more money.
2. Where it happens: You

can find a rolled-back vehicle practically anywhere but the risk is highest in California, Idaho, Nevada, Massachusetts and New York.

3. What you can do: Take the car to your mechanic to verify its condition. Their trained eye will notice whether certain parts or components show advanced signs of wear that don't match what the odometer says. Also, get more tips and information, plus a free way to check a VIN for odometer fraud, at carfax.com/guides.

EXPANDING ROLES OF HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

(NAPSI)—While the majority of registered nurses (81 percent) and hospital administration staff (78 percent) identify that the future of healthcare is shifting an increased focus on patient care into their hands, these professionals (69 percent of RNs, 65 percent of staff) also identify that patients should be very concerned with the quality of care provided, according to a recent University of Phoenix® College of Health Professions survey conducted online by Harris Poll.

The survey of 250 registered nurses and 253 healthcare administrative staff found that over the past two years, the roles of registered nurses and administrative staff have expanded, with about a third of each group seeing an increased involvement in patients' emotional well-being (37 percent of RNs, 31 percent of staff) and many increasing their role in overall patient care planning (49 percent, 35 percent). While both registered nurses and administrative staff see problem-solving and customer service skills as essential for staying relevant in healthcare, 68 percent of administrative staff also view technology skills as the key to staying relevant.

An Educator's Advice:

"How we care for patients is as dynamic of a process as the individuals themselves," explained Doris Savron, executive dean, University of Phoenix College of Health Professions. "Healthcare staff, including registered nurses and administrative staff, are the lifeblood of the healthcare system. As they are increasingly tasked with more responsibility, it is essential that they are prepared to meet the demands of patient care and management to ensure quality care."

According to the survey, most registered nurses (90 percent) and administrative staff (88 percent) have identified that their facilities should focus on preparing them with leadership skills, with 62 percent of registered nurses and 74 percent of administrative staff agreeing their facility currently does a good job.

"Innovative solutions like nurses' and healthcare administrators' use of technology and informatics are essential to preparing tomorrow's healthcare leaders, and can help ensure better patient outcomes," Savron added. "University of Phoenix has designed programs to prepare nurses and healthcare administrators to stay on the pulse of the rapidly evolving healthcare industry, including offering curriculum in timely areas of need like informatics, gerontology and

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PAYNE ELEMENTARY RECEIVES VISIT FROM MR. NISWANDER



Students in Mrs. Stouffer's 5A classroom at Payne Elementary had the pleasure of having Mr. Niswander from Junior Achievement come into their classroom recently to talk to them. The students spent the morning doing activities focused around careers and being entrepreneurs.

MVNU HOLDS 46TH ANNUAL HOMECOMING CELEBRATION

Mount Vernon Nazarene University celebrated its 46th annual homecoming celebration November 11-12, 2016. Homecoming highlights included the president's prayer breakfast, homecoming chapel, the presentation of the Distinguished Alumni Service Award, the MVNU men's and women's basketball homecoming classic, and the homecoming queen coronation.

During the homecoming chapel service on Friday, the Distinguished Alumni Service Award was presented to Jeremy Walls ('02). Walls' time at MVNU had been one of high involvement and campus leadership as he served on the student government association as student body president. Travis Keller, Director of Alumni Relations at MVNU, described Walls as "a good friend who has deeply shaped and impacted the university. He takes seriously the call to excellence in all that we do."

Walls is currently in his fourth season working with the Miami Dolphins in Miami, Fla. In January 2015, he became their Senior Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer and has grown ticket sales and revenue by 47 percent over the last three seasons. Previously, he worked as Group Sales Manager for the Phoenix Suns in Phoenix, Ariz., and finished second in sales throughout the entire NBA.

Walls, who was unable to be present, commented via video, "... The intersection of excellence, character, and loving other people is where you can have a big impact on other people's lives, so that is what my wife and I have been trying to do for the last 12 years."

Walls was grateful to receive the award, but was most proud of being a part of the MVNU community which continues to produce people who have a vital impact the lives of others.

Tova Ray, senior, was crowned the 2016 homecoming queen on Friday. She was accompanied by her fiancé, Jacob Brunk, senior.

Mount Vernon Nazarene University is a private, four-year, intentionally Christian teaching university for traditional age students, graduate students and working adults.

With a 327-acre main campus in Mount Vernon, Ohio, and several convenient Graduate and Professional Studies locations throughout the state, MVNU emphasizes academic excellence, spiritual growth

and service to community and church. MVNU offers an affordable education to more than 2,200 students from 28 states and 17 countries/U.S. territories.

WESTERN BUCKEYE EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES 11/16/16

The Western Buckeye ESC Governing Board held its regular monthly Board meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at the Paulding ESC office. Board President Mr. Ron Treece welcomed Board members and school personnel to the meeting. Treasurer Kim Jones reviewed the current financial reports, investments and the monthly expenditures with the Board.

Superintendent Brian Gerber updated the Board on Legislative Issues, Personnel items, and ESC activities. Mr. Gerber shared with the Board what the next Biennial Executive Budget could look like and potential ramifications. It is prudent to be proactive and prepare for tentative budget proposals and the potential financial impact it could have on our ESC.

Consent Items – WBESC
A. Motion to approve budget revisions for FY17 21st Century Grants

B. Motion to approve the following substitute rates, effective the 2016-2017 school year:

- Substitute Teacher: \$90.00
- Substitute Teacher @SLC and ACE Academy: \$95.00
- Substitute Health Coordinator: \$17.00 per hour
- Substitute Secretary: \$75.00
- Substitute Aide: \$70.00

C. Motion to approve a one year contract to Devin Hitchcock as Paraprofessional, effective November 7, 2016, salary as per salary schedule.

D. Motion to approve NEOLA policy updates as presented.

E. Motion to approve a donation of \$2500.00 from The Van Wert Professional Fire Fighters IAFF Local Union 681 to Western Buckeye Educational Service Center Preschool at Thomas Edison.

F. Motion to approve the Wayne Trace Little Raiders Parent Information Sheet/Health Services Policy.

G. Motion to approve FMLA leave for Rosanah Foster, effective November 29th, due to a medical procedure.

The November 16, 2016 Board meeting adjourned with no additional Board action. The next regular Governing Board meeting of the Western Buckeye Educational Service Center will be on

Wednesday, December 21, 2016 starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Van Wert ESC office.

LIBRARY WAIVES FINES FOR TOYS AND BOOKS

The Paulding County Carnegie Library will be sponsoring Toys & Books for Fines from Monday, November 21 through Saturday, December 3rd. Drop off new toys and/or new children's books to any library location during normal business hours and your fines will be waived. The amount waived is at the discretion of the library staff, but a general rule will be \$5.00 waived for every new toy or new book. All toys and books will be donated to Mix 98.1 and the Marine Corps "Christmas for Kids"! The main library in Paulding is open Monday - Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., and on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. All branches are open the following hours: Monday and Tuesday, Noon until 7:30 p.m., Wednesday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. For information about Toys & Books for Fines, call 419-399-2032.

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sustainability management."

Learn More:
For more information about the College of Health Professions, which offers leading-edge graduate, undergraduate, certificate and nondegree programs aimed at preparing students to improve the quality of health-care in their communities and the industry, visit www.phoenix.edu/chp.

For more information about University of Phoenix programs, including on-time completion rates, the median debt incurred by students who completed the program and other important information, please visit www.phoenix.edu/programs/gainful-employment.

LAWMAKERS AGREE: NATUROPATHIC DOCTORS ARE A SOLID CHOICE TO COMBAT CHRONIC PAIN FOR VETERANS

(NAPSI)—It's a fact: Many patients now prefer to use integrative health care approaches, especially to treat chronic pain. This trend has given licensed naturopathic doctors (NDs) even greater leverage to push for veterans and others who suffer from chronic pain to have access to the full range of treatments—and physicians.

Members of Congress have made clear their interest in licensed NDs becoming employed by the Veterans Health Administration (VHA). It won't be long. The American Association of Naturopathic Physicians is working to clarify the role NDs would play within the VHA. The Agency's Office of Patient Centered Care and Cultural Transformation is taking the lead, as the bridge between conventional doctors and more holistic practitioners.

Check the stats: According to a 2015 national survey, 64 percent of veterans would prefer their doctor prescribe natural therapies before drugs or surgery—and 73 percent would consider seeing an ND if staffed at the VHA.* More-

over, the focus on disease prevention provided by naturopathic care—especially in chronic and stress-related illnesses—has been found to reduce the cost of seeing a specialist by 30 percent.

If the VHA were to employ licensed NDs tomorrow, here are the majority benefits:

- Increased access to primary care physicians
- Reduced costs for the VHA through a greater focus on illness prevention
- Reduced primary care out-of-pocket expenses for veterans
- Lessened use of prescription drugs by relying on natural modalities
- Improved patient outcomes and quality of life.

Chronic pain can often result in opioid addiction and depression—both of which are major problems in the U.S., especially for veterans. Naturopathic doctors are poised to help.

There are over 5,000 licensed NDs in the U.S. who are well trained in natural, noninvasive, nontoxic approaches to health. Their orientation is on finding the underlying cause of a condition and not medicating the symptoms.

LIBRARY HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The Paulding County Carnegie Library system will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 24th and 25th for the Thanksgiving holiday, Monday, December 26th for the Christmas holiday, and Monday, January 2nd for New Year's Day. Most items may be renewed online or re-

WAYNE TRACE SPELLING BEE



On Friday, November 11, the Wayne Trace Junior High School held its annual Spelling Bee. It took nine rounds to declare seventh-grader Faith Meraz the winner. Faith correctly spelled thau-maturge after Devin Nickols misspelled Icarus, Carson Rupp misspelled scrump-tiously, and Ryan Wenninger misspelled burglarious. After correctly spelling thau-maturge, Faith went on to cor-

rectly spell vulpine for the victory. Then, it took another eight rounds between eighth graders Devin Nickols and Ryan Wenninger to declare a runner-up. After Devin misspelled pilgrimages, Ryan correctly spelled concussion and vengeance to become the runner-up.

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"MEET SANTA" HOSTED BY PAULDING LIONS CLUB

The Paulding Lions Club is once again hosting "Meet Santa" for the children. Last year we had around one hundred children participate and these children had a fabulous and exciting time.

This community event is planned for Saturday, December 3, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Paulding Eagles. Activities include crafts for the children while waiting for Santa to arrive, Christmas music, a free meal to the children provided by the Eagles Ladies Auxiliary, a raffle for children to win toys, and the opportunity to sit on Santa's lap and have their picture taken with Santa. All children receive a candy treat so no child goes home without a prize. The adults can participate in their own raffle with a chance to win some money.

Come and enjoy the festive spirit of Christmas. December 3rd is rapidly approaching so mark your calendar and bring your children and yourself.

Past response to "Meet Santa" has been astounding and we expect a big turnout this year as well. The children certainly do get excited seeing and meeting Santa!!

NEW AERIAL SURVEY IDENTIFIES MORE THAN 100 MILLION DEAD TREES IN CALIFORNIA

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced that the U.S. Forest Service has identified an additional 36 million dead trees across California since its last aerial survey in May 2016. This brings the total number of dead trees since 2010 to over 102 million on 7.7 million acres of California's drought stricken forests. In 2016 alone, 62 million trees have died, representing more than a 100 percent increase in dead trees across the state from 2015. Millions of additional trees are weakened and expected to die in the coming months and years.

With public safety as its most pressing concern, the U.S. Forest Service has committed significant resources to help impacted forests, including reprioritizing \$43 million in California in fiscal year 2016 to conduct safety-focused restoration along roads, trails and recreation sites. However, limited resources and a changing climate hamper the Forest Service's ability to address tree mortality in California. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack and Forest Service officials are seriously hampered not only by short-term budgets passed by Congress, but also a broken budget for the Forest Service that sees an increasing amount of resources going to firefighting while less is invested in restoration and forest health, said Vilsack.

"These dead and dying trees continue to elevate the risk of wildfire, complicate our efforts to respond safely and effectively to fires when they do occur, and pose a host of threats to life and property across California," said Vilsack. "USDA has made restoration work and the removal of excess fuels a top priority, but until Congress passes a permanent fix to the fire budget, we can't break this cycle of diverting funds away from restoration work to fight the

immediate threat of the large unpredictable fires caused by the fuel buildups themselves."

The majority of the 102 million dead trees are located in ten counties in the southern and central Sierra Nevada region. The Forest Service also identified increasing mortality in the northern part of the state, including Siskiyou, Modoc, Plumas and Lassen counties. Five consecutive years of severe drought in California, a dramatic rise in bark beetle infestation and warmer temperatures are leading to these historic levels of tree die-off. As a result, in October 2015 California Governor Jerry Brown declared a state of emergency on the unprecedented tree die-off and formed a Tree Mortality Task Force to help mobilize additional resources for the safe removal of dead and dying trees.

This year, California had a record setting wildfire season, with the Blue Cut fire alone scorching over 30,000 acres and triggering the evacuation of 80,000 people. In the southeastern United States wildfires have burned more than 120,000 acres this fall. The southeast region of the Forest Service is operating at the highest preparedness level, PL 5, reflecting the high level of physical resources and funding devoted to the region. Extreme drought conditions persist, and many areas have not seen rain for as many as 95 days.

Longer, hotter fire seasons where extreme fire behavior has become the new norm, as well as increased development in forested areas, is dramatically driving up the cost of fighting fires and squeezing funding for the very efforts that would protect watersheds and restore forests to make them more resilient to fire. Last year fire management alone consumed 56 percent of the Forest Service's budget and is anticipated to rise to 67 percent in by 2025.

As the situation in the southeast demonstrates, the problem of shrinking budget capacity is felt across the U.S., not only in the western states. The health of our forests and landscapes are at risk across the nation, and the tree mortality crisis could be better addressed if not for the increasing percentage of the Forest Service budget going to fight wildfire. "We must fund wildfire suppression like other natural disasters in the country," says Vilsack.

Forest Service scientists expect to see continued elevated levels of tree mortality during 2017 in dense forest stands, stands impacted by root diseases or other stress agents and in areas with higher levels of bark beetle activity. Photos and video of the surveys are available on the Forest Service multimedia webpage.

Learn more about tree mortality and the work to restore our forests in California at the Forest Service's web page Our Changing Forests.

The mission of the U.S. Forest Service, part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is to sustain the health, diversity and productivity of the nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. The agency manages 193 million acres of public land, provides assistance to state and private landowners, and maintains the largest forestry research organization in the world.

GROVER HILL GETS VISITS FROM STEAM MUSEUM



With the Friction Raceway: Melissa Labounty, Caleb McClure, Adilynn Shaffer, Logan Schnepf, Alex Doster and Abbie Williams. Friction Raceway is a mix and match of different textured cylinders with different textured lanes to find out which combination of materials has the most- and the least- amount of friction.



Dakota Densmore and Kyla Bland try to harness the power of plasma- the 4th state of matter! Plasmas are energized gases, such as the gases inside the glass sphere. Students touch the plasma sphere and observe the electrifying results!

STEAM Museum visits Grover Hill Elementary School with hands-on workshops. Combine science, technology, engineering, art and math all in one immersive experience! Students K-6 explored a dozen state-of-the-art interactive exhibits that

truly brought a science museum to Grover Hill School. The children watched a 3D printer in action, built an archway, programmed a robot, designed a skyscraper, generated electricity, controlled plasma and many more fun projects!

Public lands managed by the Forest Service contribute more than \$13 billion to the economy each year through visitor spending alone and provide 20 percent of the nation's clean water supply.

HEALTH ALERT: PROTECT YOURSELF FROM LUNG CANCER

(NAPSI)—Sue, 55, grew up with a smoker in the house: her father. "I used to be very against smoking. I would do things like mark little lines on the cigarettes, break cigarettes, hide cigarettes."

But even "knowing how super-bad smoking is for you," as she says, didn't stop her from trying one for the first time when she was 18 years old.

"I had a friend who was smoking," Sue says. "I remember being very upset about something, and she said 'Here, have a cigarette. It'll calm you down.'"

That first smoke was the start of a habit that has followed her throughout her adult life and led to a diagnosis of lung cancer. Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in both men and women in the United States. Every year in this country, more than 200,000 cases are diagnosed and about 150,000 people die of lung cancer.

Doctors diagnosed Sue with stage IV cancer, which is not considered curable by doctors, though it can be managed. The cancer had spread from her lungs to her lymph nodes. She immediately started chemotherapy and went through 35 radiation treatments as well. Despite a positive attitude, she says the treatment was very hard. At one point, she thought, "I can't even walk another step."

When Sue was diagnosed,

she had unusual symptoms, including fluid collecting around her heart. Many times, for smokers, lung cancer has few symptoms until it is very advanced.

For people who are ages 55-80 and who are heavy smokers (at least 30 pack years; for example, one pack per day for 30 years), or for people in that age range who were heavy smokers but have quit within the last 15 years, the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommends getting screened every year with a low-dose computed tomography (CT) scan. Screening can catch lung cancer when the tumor is still small or has not spread, offering more options for treatment.

Screening has both benefits and potential harms. If a suspected cancer is found, that can lead to invasive tests like biopsies, which can cause infections, bleeding, and collapsed lungs. People who are considering being screened for lung cancer should make a decision together with their doctors or nurses. Fortunately, there are resources available for patients and their health care providers together that help them have an informed discussion and decide together.

The best way to reduce your risk of getting lung cancer is to never start smoking. For people who do smoke, quitting is their best chance at avoiding lung cancer and other tobacco-related diseases. Sue, who is on her fourth year of maintenance chemotherapy, urges people to understand that smoking is an addiction to tobacco products. "Don't start, ever. Don't start smoking," she says, adding, "but if you already have, quit, using whatever works for you."

In the United States, smok-

ing is linked to about 80 percent to 90 percent of all lung cancers. People who smoke cigarettes are 15 to 30 times more likely to get lung cancer or die of lung cancer than people who don't smoke. The longer a person smokes and the more cigarettes smoked each day, the more the risk goes up. Risk goes down after quitting and it is never too late to quit. Even after people are diagnosed with cancer, quitting can help treatments work better, reduce the risk of the cancer returning, and improve the health and quality of life of former smokers.

LIBRARY OFFERS BIG BAKING IN TINY KITCHENS CLASS

Join cookie connoisseur, Ali McCauley as she provides tips, recipes and best practices for baking large batches of cookies in tiny kitchens. The class will be held on Thursday, December 9th at 6:00 p.m. at the main library in Paulding. Recipes and samples will be provided. For more information call 419-399-2032.

MAJORITY OF U.S. ADULTS SAY THE CONVENIENCE OF PUBLIC WI-FI OUTWEIGHS THE RISK OF CYBER-THREATS

(NAPSI)—At the end of 2013, SAP Software Solutions reported that there were more mobile devices on Earth than people. That's a staggering statistic, especially when you take into account the large number of cyberattacks that happen every day. The world is more connected than ever and people are constantly using smartphones and other interconnected devices to find their news, use social media or stay in touch. There are numerous benefits of interconnectedness, but with it also comes cyberthreats people should be aware of.

In 2004, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security designated October as National Cybersecurity Awareness Month to raise awareness of cybersecurity issues. FBI findings suggest that millions of cyberattacks happen each day. Utah alone reported 20 million attempts per day last year. Connection to public Wi-Fi networks could be partially to blame. Many of the features that make public Wi-Fi so appealing, like free and easy internet access without using data, are also attractive to hackers looking to steal personal information.

A recent survey of 2,235

U.S. adults conducted by the University of Phoenix suggests that the majority of people use public networks despite the risks. A quarter of adults say they almost always use unsecure networks when away from home and more than half (52 percent) say the convenience of using public Wi-Fi outweighs the risk.

"People need to understand that everything you put online can be exposed when the network you're using isn't secure," says Dan Konzen, University of Phoenix College of Information Systems & Technology campus chair. "Bank credentials, passwords and other personal information can be stolen when you use networks that are open to anyone."

The same survey suggests that people are unaware of the dangers of public Wi-Fi or simply don't care. Sixty-one percent of adults use unsecure networks every day, but 60 percent say they don't trust public Wi-Fi to keep their data safe. More than half of people use public Wi-Fi in places like parks, restaurants, libraries and hotels but keep online banking (2 percent) and social media use (28 percent) relatively low.

"What we post and do online is like a tattoo. It never goes away," Konzen says. "We can't always use secure networks, especially when we're away from home, so people should be smart about the types of information they're sharing when on public networks."

If you have to use public networks, Konzen suggests using virtual private networks (VPNs), web proxies, and anonymous browsers, like Tor; confirm a network is safe before joining and make sure to limit the amount of personal information shared online. Using strong passwords, keeping software up to date, and using wireless hot spots, if available, are other ways to stay secure, he says.

University of Phoenix College of Information Systems & Technology prepares cyberprofessionals to combat increasing cybercrimes. The University offers associate, bachelor's and master's degrees that teach the risk management and information assurance skills vital to an organization's success.

For more information about each of these programs, including on-time completion rates, the median debt incurred by students who completed the program and other important information, please visit www.phoenix.edu/programs/gainful-employment.

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STUDENTS OF KURT'S KARATE PARTICIPATE AT COLISEUM FORT WAYNE



On November 5, 2016 Cuyler Spangler, age 16 of Holgate, Ohio participated in a martial arts tournament at the coliseum in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He is the son of David and Margaret Spangler and a student of Kurt's Karate in Napoleon, Ohio. He is also a student of the New Heights Educational Group of Defiance, Ohio. He won 2nd position in pattern movements and 3rd position in weapons & sparring at the tournament.



On November 5, 2016 Kailyn Spangler, age 7 of Holgate, Ohio participated in her first 1st karate tournament at the coliseum in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She is the daughter of David and Margaret Spangler and a student of Kurt's Karate in Napoleon, Ohio. She is also a student of the New Heights Educational Group of Defiance, Ohio. She secured 3rd position in pattern movements & stood 4th in sparring for her age & belt.

USDA, EPA ANNOUNCE U.S. FOOD LOSS AND WASTE 2030 CHAMPIONS

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Gina McCarthy announced the inaugural class of the U.S. Food Loss and Waste 2030 Champions, U.S. businesses and organizations pledging concrete steps to reduce food loss and waste in their operations 50 percent by 2030. Champions announced today include Ahold USA, Blue Apron, Bon Appétit Management Company, Campbell Soup Company, Conagra Brands, Delhaize America, General Mills, Kellogg Company, PepsiCo, Sodexo, Unilever, Walmart, Wegman's Food Markets, Weis Markets and YUM! Brands.

"The founding 2030 Champions have shown exceptional leadership in the fight to reduce, recover and recycle food loss and waste," said Vilsack. "The staggering amount of wasted food in the United States has far-reaching impacts on food security, resource conservation and climate change. To help galvanize U.S. efforts to reduce food loss and waste, USDA and EPA announced the first U.S. food loss and waste reduction goal in September 2015. Today, the first 15 Champions are stepping up to do their part to help the nation reach this critical goal."

"Reducing food waste is good for business, it's good for the environment and it's good for our communities," said McCarthy. "We need leaders in every field and every sector to help us reach our food loss goal. That's why we're excited to work with the 2030 Champions and others across the food retail industry as we work together to ensure that we feed families instead of landfills."

In the United States, EPA estimates that more food reaches landfills and incinerators than any other single material in our everyday trash, about 21 percent of the waste stream. Keeping wholesome and nutritious food in our communities and out of landfills helps communities and the 42 million Americans that live in food insecure households. Reducing food waste also impacts climate

change as 20 percent of total U.S. methane emissions come from landfills.

Each 2030 Champion establishes a baseline marking where they are today and will measure and report on their progress toward the goal in a way that makes sense for their organization. There are many ways to look at food loss and waste and definitions are encouraged to consult the Food Loss and Waste Protocol for information on defining and transparently measuring food loss and waste.

For food waste in the U.S., EPA's Advancing Sustainable Materials Management: Facts and Figures provides an estimate of the amount of food going to landfills from residences; commercial establishments like grocery stores and restaurants; institutional sources like school cafeterias; and industrial sources like factory lunchrooms. USDA's Economic Research Service estimates that the amount of food that went uneaten at the retail and consumer levels in the baseline year of 2010 represented 31 percent of the available food supply, about 133 billion pounds of food worth an estimated \$161.6 billion.

Cutting food waste in half by 2030 will take a sustained commitment from everyone. Success requires action from the entire food system including the food industry, non-profits, governments and individuals.

USDA research estimates that about 90 billion pounds of food waste comes from consumers, worth about \$370 per person every year. USDA's Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion produces a resource called Let's Talk Trash that focuses on consumer education, highlighting key data and action steps consumers can take to reduce food waste.

Details on becoming a U.S. Food Loss and Waste 2030 Champion can be found at www.usda.gov/oce/food-waste/ and www.epa.gov/sustainable-management-food. Businesses not yet in a position to make the 50 percent reduction commitment can participate in the Food Recovery Challenge or the U.S. Food Waste Challenge.

USDA, PARTNERS CELEBRATE FIRST WOOD-TO-JET-FUEL COMMERCIAL FLIGHT

Alaska Airlines landed the first commercial flight powered in part by a new renewable fuel made of wood waste salvaged from private lands in Washington, Oregon and Montana. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack greeted the passengers for flight AS-4 arriving from Seattle at Washington Reagan National Airport to highlight this breakthrough in bioenergy that supports jobs and rural economies by developing a sustainable bio-products industry in the Pacific Northwest utilizing wood harvest left-overs that would otherwise go to waste.

This flight is the culmination of a five-year, \$39.6 million research and education project supported by USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), and led by Washington State University and the Northwest

Advanced Renewables Alliance (NARA). Launched in 2011, NARA has advanced research into biofuels and biochemicals, fostered the Northwest regional biofuel industry and helped educate tomorrow's workforce on renewable energy.

"In 2011, USDA awarded our largest-ever competitive research grant to the Northwest Advanced Renewables Alliance, betting on the promise that cellulose-rich, discarded wood products could be a viable renewable fuel source instead of going to waste. Today, we are able to celebrate the results of that investment, which is a major advancement for clean alternatives to conventional fossil fuels," said Vilsack. "Over the course of the Obama Administration, USDA has invested \$332 million to accelerate cutting-edge research and development on renewable energy, making it possible for planes, ships and automobiles to run on fuel made from municipal waste, beef fat, agricultural byproducts and other low-value sources. All of this creates extra income sources for farmers and ranchers, is bringing manufacturing jobs back to rural America, and is keeping our country at the forefront of clean energy and innovation. We must continue to focus on targeted investments to help the rural economy retool itself for the 21st century."

The demonstration flight used a 20 percent blend of jet fuel made from cellulose derived from limbs and branches that typically remain on the ground after the harvesting of sustainably managed private forests, known as harvest residuals. Cellulose, the main component of wood, is the most abundant material in nature and has long been a subject of investigation for producing sustainable biofuels. The harvest residuals used to make fuel for this flight came from forests owned by Weyerhaeuser in Washington and Oregon, the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe in Washington and the Confederated Salish Kootenai Tribes in Montana. The biofuel used is chemically indistinguishable from regular commercial jet fuel.

In addition to producing 1,080 gallons of biofuel used for the flight, other key tasks of the NARA project included evaluating the economic, environmental and societal

benefits and impacts associated with harvesting unused forest residuals for biofuel production. NARA's 32 member organizations from industry, academia and government laboratories take a holistic approach to building an aviation biofuel supply chain within Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana. The NARA initiative has also resulted in more than 50 peer-reviewed research publications in 2016 related to the development of biofuels and other products from residual wood, the development of teacher's guides and lesson plans on renewable energy, a biofuels webinar series, and the NARA Knowledge Base, an ongoing clearinghouse of biofuel information.

Alaska Airlines estimates that if it were able to replace 20 percent of its entire fuel supply at Sea-Tac Airport with biofuel, it would reduce greenhouse gas emissions by about 142,000 metric tons of CO2. This is equivalent to taking approximately 30,000 passenger vehicles off the road for one year.

Since 2009, USDA has invested \$19 billion in research both intramural and extramural. During that time, research conducted by USDA scientists has resulted in 883 patent applications filed, 405 patents issued and 1,151 new inventions disclosures covering a wide range of topics and discoveries. To learn more about how USDA supports cutting edge science and innovation, visit the USDA Medium chapter Food and Ag Science Will Shape Our Future.

USDA puts cutting-edge innovation to good use by exploring innovative uses for bioproducts. The Department has invested nearly \$1 billion to support over 230 wood energy projects across the country to reduce reliance on costly fossil fuels, support rural economic growth and advance forest restoration. Since 2013, the Forest Service has also established cooperative agreements with 16 states to support Statewide Wood Energy Teams to increase the knowledge and use of wood energy. Read more at Powering America with a More Sustainable Energy Future.

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General Code, Section 11681
Revised Code, Section 2329.26
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A full legal description of this property is on record at the Paulding County Engineer's Office located in the basement of the Courthouse.

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

The successful bidder will have 30 days from the sale date to obtain an examination of title at their expense, if so desired. Should such examination disclose the title to be unmarketable by any defect in the court proceedings or the existence of any outstanding interest rendering the title unmarketable, the successful bidder has 30 days to file a written motion requesting the title shall be set aside. If the court finds the title unmarketable, the court will refuse to confirm the sale or fix a reasonable time, not to exceed 90 days, within which the defect of title may be corrected.

Taxes shall be prorated to the date of sale and paid from the sale proceeds.

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ANTWERP SCHOOL BOARD MEETS ON NOVEMBER 17

There was a broadcast update presented by Kayla Bagley. There have been many updates since the creation of the school broadcasting in the old school. Since it has moved here there has been all kinds of updates including a green screen, teleprompter, live streaming, etc and a class itself. "Much of this has been through grants & elbow grease." A short film by Destiny Gerken was shown to the board about the windmills. One thing they would like to do is upgrade equipment this year such as the cameras.

Dennis Recker said there was a Vantage Meeting on the 1st of November and there are parent teacher meetings on the 21st and 22.

They just got a "living" The Financial summary statement was presented by Christine Stuart

Income: \$802,479.94
Expenses: \$684,098.85
Interest: \$3064.19

Mike Bute said the parent/teacher's nights went well. Special thanks goes to Mrs. Manz for the Veterans' assembly along with the performing students and the cafeteria workers. Mike also recognized the students who were athletes in Fall Sports and band. He wanted to wish all of the students starting in the winter sports.

Tim Manz was thankful for those that helped with getting the kids' funds raised and for the day of bowling. The spelling bee is at 8am on Thursday, December 13. He also con-

gratulated all of the young people who are helping in "Annie".

Dr. Miller gave the solar field update and will be here on Thursday, December 8. The baseball/softball complex met with Miller and had a profitable dueling piano evening to raise funds. The walkways at the native/prairie grass field are now in. Mrs. Mabis has been writing for grant assistance. Some trees were planted by the girl scouts. The sidewalks to the school are now finished too. The parking area at the football project will have stone put in when the windmill projects are finished. He is also working on getting a bid to build the new football grandstand and commons area with Garmin-Miller.

Harold gave news on updating network security. He said there is a security camera that will be updated back by the kitchen door. Harold also said he is working on more ways to save money by checking the airflow Heating & air system.

The 'Hour of Coding' is coming up soon and is nationwide. The board would like to get as many students as possible.

The NEOLA policy has been updated. The representative will come into the school to go over this with the school teachers and administrators.

The Paulding County Teachers Association donated "paddington" to the school in memory of Mary Musselman, 4th grade teacher.

The board approved all of the consent items.

MOCK ELECTION AT PAULDING ELEMENTARY



The Paulding Elementary fourth graders held a mock election in early November. The students campaigned and voted for positions such as mayor, senators, representatives, and judges. The students also went through a mock bill making process where all students wrote a bill, the "class congress" voted for them to be approved by "president Tear". The classroom judges then had to declare if the bills

were "constitutional" with the current classroom rules. President Tear then came in and approved the bills to make them laws and then vetoed two bills. The two bills went back to the classroom congress to be approved for a 2/3 vote and then only one passed. The students started out with 19 bills and only three made it into a law!

What a learning experience!!

PHOENIX BLANK BELLARMI 52-0

Nawade posted a Major Decision for Cumberland in wrestling action here at the Dallas Floyd Recreation Center.

The Phoenix picked up five Forfeits in the dual match and blanked the Knights in the other five bouts.

Junior Austin Meyn held off a late charge from Cole Tawney at 141, scoring a reversal in the final seconds for a 15-11 Decision, and Peter Donchev won a hard-fought match with Mitch Rusch at 165, getting an extra point for riding time and an 8-5 Decision.

Nawade started slowly at 174 versus TJ Edwards but recorded a late takedown for a 13-4 Major Decision before Delaune was in total control from the opening whistle against Ci'Vaughn Green at 184, scoring early and often before earning the Fall at 1:57.

Turner did much the same at 285 versus Cody Gibbons, locking him down and garnering the pin at 1:44 for the final points of the match. Freshman Jon Floyd pinned Daniel Sheridan in an exhibition match as well in 47 seconds for good measure for finish off the night.

Cumberland heads to St. Charles, Mo., for the Joe Parisi Open on Saturday and then Bristol, Tenn., for the King University Open on Sunday before heading to Reinhardt University next Tuesday for Mid-South Conference action.

#17 Cumberland Univ. 52, Bellarmine Univ. 0

Wt. Class: 125; Winner: George Clemens IV (CU); Result: FOR; CU6; BELL: 0

Wt. Class: 133; Winner: Sammy Rosario (CU); Result: FOR; CU:12; BELL: 0

Wt. Class: 141; Winner: Austin Meyn (CAMP); Result: D; 15-11; Loser: Cole Tawney (BELL); CU: 15; BELL: 0

Wt. Class: 149; Winner: Kyle Lee (CU); Result: FOR; CU 21; BELL: 0

Wt. Class: 157; Winner: Nate Croley (CU); Result: FOR; CU27; BELL: 0

Wt. Class: 165; Winner: Peter Donchev (CU); Result: D; 8-5; Loser: Mitch Rusch (BELL); CU: 30; BELL: 0

Wt. Class: 174; Winner: Orlando Nawade (CU) Result: MD; 13-4; Loser: TJ Edwards (BELL); CU:34; BELL: 0

Wt. Class: 184; Winner: Kyle Delaune (CU); Result: F; 1:57; Loser: Ci'Vaughn Green

(BELL); CU: 40; BELL: 0

Wt. Class: 197; Winner: Clifford Terrell (CU); Result: FOR; CU: 46; BELL: 0

Wt. Class: 285; Winner: Tommie Turner (CU); Result: F; 1:44; Loser: Cody Gibbons (BELL); CU: 52; BELL: 0

D - Decision
MD - Major Decision
TF - Technical Fall
F - Fall
FOR - Forfeit
MFOR - Medical Forfeit

SIX TIPS TO HELP YOU MASTER YOUR NEXT MEETING

(NAPSI)—A recent study from Office Broker found that the average office worker spends around 16 hours in meetings each week. Over a year, this translates into more than a month at the conference table. While meetings can be a great way to gather and provide team input and updates, chances are, much of your co-workers' time—and your own—could be used more effectively.

How To Master Meetings
Fortunately, it doesn't take much to transform meetings into the worthwhile sessions they're meant to be. By following these six tips, you can become a Meeting Master and earn respect and appreciation from your managers and colleagues.

• Evaluate Your Goals—Before setting up a meeting, ask yourself if it's really need-

ed. It's easy to get caught in a routine of weekly update meetings, but depending on the week, it's possible that needed updates could be provided more efficiently with an e-mail or a brief phone call. Also, be sure you give participants enough time to effectively prepare valuable input and arrange to attend.

• Arrange For Efficiency—If you're the leader of the meeting, all eyes should be on you. Arrange the seating so all the participants face you, as well as whatever screens, whiteboards or props you intend to use. This will help eliminate distractions and make it easier for everyone to stay focused and pay attention.

• Keep It Exclusive—Everyone likes to feel included but, when it comes to meetings, less is often more. With more attendees comes greater potential to veer off-topic. Also, keep in mind that each hour spent in a meeting is an hour that could have been spent on other work, so as a host, keep the meeting limited to the essential players and decision makers.

• Put It On Paper—Before hosting any meeting, send a bulleted agenda via e-mail to attendees and have paper copies in the meeting room for everyone in attendance. A written agenda keeps everyone on task, and ensures that priority topics and action items are discussed. Include a meeting objective so the meeting's purpose remains top-of-mind, and consider allotting specific amounts of time for each agenda item so they get the necessary amount of attention—nothing more and nothing less. For high-profile meetings, presentation counts. High-quality paper—such as Boise POLARIS® Premium Multipurpose paper—is excellent for impressive client- and customer-facing agendas and meeting documents.

• Start And Finish On Time—Don't reward stragglers by waiting for them to arrive before starting the meeting. Starting—and ending—meetings at the published times shows respect for your colleagues and their time, and helps set a precedent for the future. In that same vein, if you're invited to a meeting, be considerate and arrive on time. If being late is

inevitable, send an update as soon as possible so the host can decide whether to continue without you or postpone.

• Follow Up—Once the meeting concludes, distribute paper copies of the minutes or to-dos within 24 hours. Minutes don't have to be word-for-word but they should include important topics and assignments. This last—but essential—step eliminates any ambiguity over assignments and next steps and ensures that everyone is on the same "page"—literally.

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HOLIDAY SEASON OF GIFT-GIVING BEGINS FOR LUTHERAN CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Fort Wayne Corvette Club generously brought toys, hats and gift cards to help make the upcoming holiday season at Lutheran Children's Hospital more enjoyable for young patients.

This took place Friday, November 18th at 10:30 a.m. at the Lutheran Children's Hospital at 7910 W. Jefferson Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN.

Fort Wayne Corvette Club members find value in supporting children in need of medical care by providing toys and items helpful in making their hospital experiences more enjoyable. This was the fourth year the Corvette Club has donated to LCH patients.

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Defiance: Newman's Carry Out, Butt Hutt, Chief, Senior Center, Walmart, Big Lots, Coffee, Cabbage Patch Convenience Store
Edgerton: Marathon, Valero, Kaiser Supermarket, Utilities Office, Napa
Grover Hill: Ross' Gas Station, N&N Quick Stop
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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, Family Video, Orchard Tree, Lee's Ace Hardware, Main Street Market, Walmart

INDIANA LOCATIONS

Fort Wayne: Walmart (Maysville Rd.)
Grabill: Save-A-Lot, Grabill Hardware, Grabill Country Sales
Harlan: Marathon, Harlan Donuts, Harlan Cafe, iAB Bank
Hoagland: Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub
Monroeville: Mel's Deli, The Village of Heritage, Phillips 66 Gas Station, Dollar General
New Haven: Curves, Milan Center, New Haven Branch Library, Ken's Meat Market, New Haven Bakery, Paterson Hardware, Richard's Restaurant, New Haven Chamber, Crumback Chevrolet, Hahn Systems
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On Thursday, November 10th The Wayne Trace FFA competed in a Food science competition. They had to recognize health code violations. Detect aromas, create a new food product, and determine which machines tested different foods. Attendees were (L to R) Alec Anderson, Joe Schmidt, Madison Chastain, and Emma Pease. The team placed 5th.

INDOT IS READY FOR WINTER. ARE YOU?

As part of Winter Weather Preparedness Week, the Indiana Department of Transportation on Monday detailed its preparations for the upcoming winter season. INDOT today encourages the motorist to prepare themselves for safe winter travel.

5,000 miles

Prepare For Emergencies

Assemble an Emergency Kit as a precaution against breakdowns and slide-offs. Always keep these things handy in your vehicle:

- First aid kit
- Blankets and extra warm clothing
- High-calorie food and water
- Crucial medications
- Cell phone charger
- Road salt, sand or kitty litter for tire traction
- Small shovel or ice scraper
- Jumper cables
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Matches, candle and small can for drinking melted snow
- In addition, keep your cell phone charged and with you and the vehicle with at least a half tank of gas.

Personalized traffic alerts

When yellow plow trucks are deployed, INDOT winter operations staff will again update the TrafficWise traveler information service with road

conditions for interstates, U.S. highways and state roads. For road conditions, crashes and construction information, dial 1-800-261-ROAD (7623) or 511 from a mobile phone.

New for this winter, INDOT's TrafficWise website now includes a "Personalize your 511" feature. Users can sign up for email or text-message alerts for specific routes, such as commutes to and from work, or larger areas drawn on the map. Visit <http://indot.carsprogram.org/#favorites> and create a free account.

INDOT reminds motorists it is illegal to type, transmit, or read e-mail or text messages on a communication device while driving in Indiana.

Avoid mailbox damage

While weather still allows, homes and businesses are reminded to prepare roadside mailboxes now ahead of snow plowing. INDOT snowfighters are careful to avoid mailboxes, but despite their best efforts, the weight of snow sometimes damages mailboxes with weak supports. INDOT offers property owners these tips to help reduce the risk of mailbox damage:

- Avoid plastic mailboxes, which may shatter in cold weather.
- Install mailboxes as far from the edge of the road as the carrier can reach from a vehicle.
- Inspect existing mailboxes and replace deteriorated posts, mountings or footers.
- Place reflective tape to help snowfighters see the mailbox at night.

INDOT is not able to repair damaged mailboxes. Property owners that follow the tips above and still suffer mailbox damage should change locations or install a snow shield or wooden protectors available through local hardware stores.

Frost on bridges

With overnight temperatures dipping, the risks increase for frost and freezing fog on bridges. Bridge decks are cooled by air above and beneath and are the first to freeze.

To prevent icy bridges, INDOT's yellow trucks spray bridge decks with a brine solution of 23 percent salt and 77 percent water. In some locations the brine is made by recycling the water used to wash INDOT trucks.

When air temperatures approach or dip below 32 degrees, INDOT advises drivers to reduce speeds and minimize lane changes while crossing bridges.

Stay informed

Subscribe to receive text and email alerts about INDOT projects and services at <http://bit.ly/INDOTsubscription>.

Find links to INDOT's regional Facebook and Twitter pages at <http://bit.ly/INDOT-social>. INDOT will be providing snow and ice removal updates with posts tagged #INDOTWinterOps.

STATEMENT BY AGRICULTURE SECRETARY TOM VILSACK ON RURAL AMERICA AT A GLANCE, 2016 EDITION

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack released the following statement on Rural America at a Glance, 2016 Edition, an annual report by USDA's Economic Research Service:

"At the depths of the Great Recession, rural counties were shedding 200,000 jobs per year, rural unemployment stood at nearly 10 percent, and poverty rates reached heights unseen in decades. Many rural communities were ill-positioned to bounce back quickly.

"Over the course of the Obama Administration, USDA has made targeted Federal investments in rural areas to create jobs, generate economic opportunity, and strengthen rural communities. This strategy, focused on production agriculture, the bio-based economy, local and regional food systems, and conservation and natural resources, is helping the rural economy retool itself for the 21st century.

"Today's report underscores the result of these efforts: rural America has begun a remarkable comeback. Key economic indicators continue to show that rural America is rebounding. Rural unemployment continued to decline in 2015, dropping below 6 percent for the first time since 2007, and rural poverty rates have fallen. Median household incomes in rural areas increased by 3.4 percent in 2015, and rural populations have stabilized and are beginning to grow. Child food insecurity nationwide is at an all-time low.

"The future of rural America looks much brighter today than when President Obama took office. The incredible results highlighted in the new report demonstrate how long-term government investment and positive partnerships with public institutions are central to rural America's continued progress."

The Rural America at a Glance, 2016 Edition report can be viewed on the ERS website. To read more about USDA's investments in rural America and its successful turnaround, visit USDA's entry on Medium.com, Rural America Is Back in Business.

WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES 8/22/16

The Wayne Trace Local School District Board of Education met in regular session on August 22, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the Wayne Trace Local High School Lecture Room.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Lisa McClure. Roll Call was taken by Treasurer, Lori Davis.

Correspondence, Recognition of Guests, Hearing of the Public

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

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

High School Principal Report-Mr. Phil Nofziger

Report of the Treasurer
Treasurer, Lori Davis reported that Wayne Trace Local School has entered into an energy contract to receive lower rates per kwh. The savings the district will see is estimated at \$24,000.00 per year. Mrs. Davis also discussed budget information for the bussing department and cafeteria for the last 5 years.

Consent Agenda Items:
One resolution passed by the Board to approve the following consent agenda items: Motion by: Mrs. Lisa McClure; Seconded by: Mr. Duane Sinn

A. to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2016 board meeting;

B. to approve the investment report and payment of bills as presented by the Treasurer for July 2016;

C. to approve the cash reconciliation for July 2016.

"Before we pass the consent resolution, are there any items you would like to move from the consent agenda to the discussion agenda for further discussion and/or for separate voting purposes?
Roll call vote: Mrs. Lisa McClure, Mr. Duane Sinn, Mr. Pat Baumble, and Mr. Perry Sinn, aye. Nay, none. Motion passed.

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I. Vantage Report - Pat Baumble
Report of the Building Principals- Grover Hill and Payne Elementary
Committee Reports- Perry Sinn
Superintendent's Report
A. Curriculum

Testing data has been received by the district testing coordinator, Mr. Kevin Wilson. Mr. Wilson has broken down the data and shared it with the administrative team. The administrative team is beginning to share the data with the teaching staff as they return to their building.

OTES: I recently met with representatives from the WTEA to discuss the student growth measures portion of the teacher evaluation process. An MOU to the current negotiated agreement had been drafted for last school year to assist our teaching staff in setting student growth measures that set high expectations for our students and would also allow our teaching staff to not jeopardize their contractual status. This MOU also prevented setting student growth measures that are easily attainable which could end up allowing the growth percentages to be skewed. I am asking for your approval of the updated MOU (consent item O). Updates to the MOU simply include clearer language for timelines and data that needs to be submitted. This will be an item that I look to address when we negotiate this year to prevent needing an MOU each year.

B. Personnel
• Al Welch has resigned the girls golf coaching position (consent item A).

• Recommendations for various jobs for the upcoming school year (consent items B-H and 1 item outside the consent agenda items).

C. Buildings and Grounds
• PE Auditorium: roof replacement is close to completion. Bill Childs is pleased with the contractors work.

• JH Gym Entrance: The installation of the door is complete and the JH football team has been utilizing the door. Final brick work should be completed soon, and the sidewalk is expected to be poured prior to the start of school.

• WT PAC: The initial meeting between the community members and me is set. I look forward to beginning to hear their plans and to working to see if this project is an option for our district.

• The three school buildings are ready to go for the upcoming school year. The interior and exterior of each campus looks very nice. Thanks go out to the head custodians, the groundskeepers, and their respective crews for having the buildings and grounds looking sharp for opening day (consent item K).

D. Events
• Fall Sports Pictures - August 9

• Computer pass-out day - August 15 & 16

• Open Houses for both Grover Hill and Payne Elementary are scheduled for August 22nd from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. The Jr/Sr High School will hold their open house on August 23rd from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

• School opens for students on August 24.

• School will not be in session on September 2 for a district-wide in-service. Several staff members will not be in the building on this day as they have traded this day for the August 9th training they completed. Those who will be in the building will receive updated training on team teaching and collaboration.

E. Operations
• Handbooks: The building principals have submitted their recommendations for staff & student handbooks (consent item I).

• Student fees for all buildings have been presented by the Principals for your approval (consent item J).

• I am seeking authorization to approve bus routes and make changes to bus routes as necessary (consent item L). Amy Noggle will work in conjunction with me to make any necessary changes.

• We are encouraged by OSBA to elect our delegate and alternate at this meeting (consent item M).

• Based on a recommendation from our NEOLA representative, I am asking you to adopt policy 3223 (consent item N). This policy directs us in how to conduct the school counselor evaluation and is required to be adopted by school boards prior to September 30, 2016. However, we will not implement this policy until our current negotiated agreement expires, as allowed by law.

After discussion it was agreed to remove the resolution to approve an OSBA delegate and OSBA alternate.

Consent Agenda Items
One resolution passed by the Board to approve the following consent agenda items: Motion by: Mrs. Lisa McClure; Seconded by: Mr. Perry Sinn

A. to accept the resignation of Al Welch as head girls golf coach, effective immediately;

B. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the hiring of Anne Gerber as 21st Century Community Learning Center Site Coordinator for the 2016-2017 school year;

C. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve Amanda Gerard as Title I Teacher at Divine Mercy School, effective for the 2016-2017 school year, to be compensated with funds generated through non-public Title I funding;

D. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve Julie Stuart as a clerk for the Divine Mercy School, effective for the 2016-2017 school year, with payment for this position coming from the auxiliary services fund;

E. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, JH/HS Principal, and Athletic Director (for coaching positions only) to offer one-year supplemental contracts for the 2016-2017 school year to the following certified personnel:

- Patricia Hart - Spanish Club
- Teresa Homier - Scholastic Bowl

F. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, JH/HS Principal, and Athletic Director to offer one-year supplemental contracts for the 2016-2017 school year to the following classified personnel:

- Jeremy Daeger - Head Girls' Golf
- Stacy Flint - 7th Grade Girls' Volleyball
- Mike Priest - Assistant HS Girls' Basketball

G. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, JH/HS Principal, and Athletic Director to approve the following individual as volunteer coach for the 2016-2017 school year;

- Al Welch - Girls' Golf

H. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve a supplemental contract for Ken Spice as waste water treatment supervisor for the 2016-2017 school year;

I. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Building Principals, to approve the staff and student handbooks for the 2016-2017 school year;

J. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Building Principals, to approve student fees for the 2016-2017 school year;

K. to commend our head custodians, groundskeepers, and summer workers, for preparing the school buildings and grounds for the upcoming school year;

L. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Transportation, to approve all bus routes for the 2016-2017 school year and to grant the Superintendent authorization to adjust bus routes as necessary for the 2016-2017 school year;

M. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and NEOLA representative, to approve policy 3223 (consent evaluation).

N. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Wayne Trace Educational Association, to approve a memorandum of understanding regarding the Ohio Teacher Evaluation process.

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

Roll call vote: Mrs. Lisa McClure, Mr. Perry Sinn, Mr. Pat Baumble, Mr. Duane Sinn, aye. Nay, none. Motion passed.

Board President, Mr. Pat Baumble requested for the board to go into executive session for discussion on employment of an employee.

8:03 p.m. Executive Session Motion by: Mr. Duane Sinn; Seconded by: Mrs. Lisa McClure

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

Roll call vote: Mr. Duane Sinn, Mrs. Lisa McClure, Mr. Pat Baumble, and Mr. Perry Sinn, aye. Nay, none.

Board in executive session

8:21 p.m. Regular Session called back to order.

Resolution outside of consent items: Motion by: Mr. Duane Sinn; Seconded by:

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SURPRISE "TURKEY" TREAT



Tyler Goyings, a first grader in Mrs. Sarah Deisler's class at Paudling Elementary brought in a surprise treat for Thanksgiving. He and his mother made a turkey out of fruit and marshmallows to share with his class. Tyler is shown with his turkey before the students had a chance to eat it.

DRUG ABUSE IN OHIO

Nearly 3 in 10 Ohio adults (26 percent) have a family member or friend who has experienced problems as a result of misusing prescription pain relievers. This data comes from the 2016 Ohio Health Issues Poll (OHIP), sponsored by Interact for Health. This is similar to 2015, but higher than in 2014, when only 2 in 10 Ohio adults (18 percent) reported this.

According to the Ohio Department of Health, more than 3,000 Ohioans died from an unintentional drug overdose in 2015, up from 2,500 in 2014. "Drug overdose deaths are particularly high in Ohio," says Kelly Firesheets, Senior Program Officer, Interact for Health. "In 2014, the state had the fifth highest rate of drug overdose deaths in the nation." In 2015, 85 percent of Ohio drug overdose deaths were from opioid use - either the misuse of prescribed opioids or the use of heroin.

O'dell M. Owens, M.D., M.P.H., President/CEO of Interact for Health, says "The Board and staff of Interact for Health are pleased to provide this data to inform and support our neighbors and those who are working to address this crisis."

2 in 10 know someone who has used heroin

OHIP also asked Ohio adults if they had any family members or friends who had experienced problems as a result of using heroin. In 2016, more than 2 in 10 (23 percent) said yes. This is about the same as in 2015, but higher than in 2014 when 14 percent said yes.

Percentage knowing someone who overdosed remains high

OHIP asked adults who knew someone who had problems from misusing these drugs if they had any friends or family members who had overdosed. More than 4 in 10 of these Ohio adults (42 percent) knew someone who had overdosed due to misusing a pain drug. For heroin, that percentage was more than 6 in 10 (63 percent). Both percentages are about the same as they were in 2015.

More women, younger adults know someone with opioid problems

Women were more likely than men to know someone who had problems from opioid misuse or heroin use. Reported problems with drugs also varied by age. About 3 in 10 adults ages 18 to 45 knew someone who had problems from opioid misuse or heroin use. This compares with 2 in 10 adults ages 46 to 64 and about 1 in 10 adults older than 65.

More information about

Ohioans' drug use and beliefs about its use, and other topics, is available at www.interactforhealth.org/ohio-health-issues-poll.

About the Ohio Health Issues Poll

The 2016 Ohio Health Issues Poll (OHIP) is funded by Interact for Health. OHIP was conducted July 14 - Aug. 5, 2016, by the Institute for Policy Research at the University of Cincinnati. A random sample of 863 adults from throughout Ohio was interviewed by telephone. This included 439 landline telephone interviews and 424 cell phone interviews. In 95 of 100 cases, statewide estimates will be accurate to ± 3.3%. There are other sources of variation inherent in public opinion studies, such as non-response, question wording or context effects that can introduce error or bias. For more information about the Ohio Health Issues Poll, please visit www.interactforhealth.org/ohio-health-issues-poll.

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WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING 9/19/16

The Wayne Trace Local School District Board of Education met in regular session on September 19, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the Wayne Trace Local High School Lecture Room.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board President, Mr. Pat Baumle. Roll Call as taken by Treasurer, Lori Davis.

Correspondence, Recognition of Guests, Hearing of the Public

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

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

Guests: Matt Wilhelm, Instructor; Kristen Schlatter, Instructor; Mandy Whitman, Paraprofessional; Taylor Baumle, Instructor; Randy Weninger, Performing Arts Committee; Jay Schmidt, Performing Arts Committee; Sharon Spinner, Band and Choir Instructor

Principals, Jody Dunham and Kevin Wilson introduced their new staff to the board.

The Performing Arts Committee presented their vision for a Performing Arts Facility to be built at the high school. The committee has been working on the details since 2014 and feel they are ready to implement the plan. The committee is asking for the Board of Education's support to move forward with the project.

Report of the Treasurer:

Treasurer, Lori Davis reviewed the financial appropriations and revenues for FY17 with the board who serves as the audit committee for the district.

Consent Agenda Items:

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

Motion by: Mr. Perry Sinn; Seconded by: Mrs. Lisa McClure

A. to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2016 board meeting;

B. to approve the investment report and payment of bills for August 2016 as presented by the Treasurer;

C. to approve the cash reconciliation for August 2016;

D. to approve the final appropriations and revenues for FY17

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

Roll call vote: Mr. Perry Sinn, Mrs. Lisa McClure, Mr. Pat Baumle, and Mr. Duane Sinn, aye.

Nay, none. Motion passed.

Vantage Report - Mr. Pat Baumle Report of the Building Principals Committee Reports - Mr. Perry Sinn

Superintendent's Report

A. Curriculum

Ohio Improvement Process: We had our first district-level meeting on September 1 and have multiple building-level

meetings and teacher-based meetings scheduled throughout the school year. The purpose of OIP is to study the data related to our test scores to identify our weaknesses and address these weaknesses through lesson planning. The district-level team is working to examine teaching techniques across the district to find what techniques might be best practices for our instructors.

In-Service: Acknowledge go out to Chris Feichter and presenter Marty Schloegl, who did much of the leg work for the full-day in-service on September 2. This date was for any staff members who did not attend the August 9 training conducted by Margaret Searle which covered co-teaching and various other topics.

By the time we meet the Department of Education will have released the latest district report card. As I have mentioned to you before, we are expected to see our marks come in lower than what we have had in the past. In examining preliminary data, the lower marks we are expected to see can be directly related to changes in the tests being used, the measures we have to hit, and the population being tested. We are working across the district to break down the data that we currently have and use it to drive the measures we are taking to correct areas of concern.

B. Personnel

Jeff Morman is resigning his position as JV Baseball coach (consent item A).

Jeff Tempel was apparently missed when classified staff contracts were approved at a previous meeting (consent item B).

C. Buildings and Grounds

As I had let you know in my weekly update, we will be installing a handicap ramp at Door #5 to make this entrance meet the ADA standards. The work should begin later in the month and only take roughly two days to complete.

I want to commend the efforts of the PTO playground build committee and volunteers at the Wayne Trace Payne Elementary. This group worked through poor weather conditions to construct the new playground area that will be officially opened with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Monday, September 19.

September Arts Center: The committee has a meeting set for Tuesday September 13 to discuss how they plan to move forward and approach this possible project. They do plan to attend the September Board of Education meeting and formally introduce this project. I will attend the committee meeting and report back to you as this moves forward.

D. Events

Hall of Fame Ceremony: Many thanks to several people for making this a nice event again this year. We received a thank you from Carol Burgess which I will bring to the meeting to share with you.

FFA Overnight trip: Phil and I are recommending the approval of overnight trips on September 25-27, 2016 and October 18-22, 2016 (consent item C). The September trip is designated to freshmen only and the October trip will be to the National Convention.

Homecoming festivities are scheduled for the week of September 26-October 1.

Graduation: We are recommending this event to be held on May 28, 2017 (consent item D).

E. Operations

ODE has given us in-state and out-of-state tuition rates for this year. We need to approve these rates (consent item E).

Enrollment: Free and reduced tolls:

I. Consent Agenda Items

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

Motion by: Mr. Duane Sinn; Seconded by: Mrs. Lisa McClure

A. to accept the resignation of Jeff Morman as junior varsity baseball coach, effective immediately;

B. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Transportation Supervisor, to offer a continuing contract beginning with the 2016-2017 school year to Jeff Tempel;

C. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and JH/HS Principal, to approve an overnight trip for the FFA to: a. Carrollton, OH, from September 25-27, 2016 for Greenhand Camp;

b. Indianapolis, IN from October 18-22, 2016 for National Convention;

D. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and JH/HS Principal, to approve the 2017 graduation ceremony for May 28, 2017;

E. to commend the Wayne Trace Payne Elementary PTO Playground Build Committee and the volunteers who were involved in the planning and build processes for the new playground equipment at the Wayne Trace Payne Elementary;

F. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the 2016-2017 in-state tuition rate at \$5,486.25 per student and the out-of-state tuition rate at \$10,968.15 per student.

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

Roll call vote: Mr. Duane Sinn, Mrs. Lisa McClure, Mr. Pat Baumle, and Mr. Perry Sinn, aye.

Motion passed.

Nay, none.

Adjournment

Motion by: Mr. Perry Sinn; Seconded by: Mr. Duane Sinn

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll call vote: Mr. Perry Sinn, Mr. Duane Sinn, Mr. Pat Baumle, and Mrs. Lisa McClure, aye.

Nay, none. Meeting adjourned.

The next Board meeting will be October 10, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the Wayne Trace High School Lecture Room.

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Mrs. Lisa McClure

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, JH/HS Principal, and Athletic Director, to offer a one year supplemental contract for the 2016-2017 school year to the following certified personnel: Treg Lymanstall - Assistant HS Boys' Basketball

Roll call vote: Mr. Duane Sinn, Mrs. Lisa McClure, and Mr. Pat Baumle, aye. Nay, Mr. Perry Sinn; Motion passed.

Adjournment

Motion by: Mr. Duane Sinn, Seconded by: Mrs. Lisa McClure: To adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

THE WEST BEND NEWS

Sudoku Puzzle

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HERITAGE FFA MEMBERS ATTEND FIRE CAMP



Heritage FFA members pictured on the front row (l-r) Tyler Andrews, Noah Berning, Laura Franz, Brittany May, Jacob Anderson, Quin Schoof and Adam Koenig. The back row are the current Indiana FFA Officers (l-r) Leah Jacobs, Nathan Blume, Logan Glassburn, Emily Dougherty, Jessica Mars, Sneha Jogi, Chaela Minor.

On November 11th to 13th, students from Heritage attended Foundations in Reaching Excellence (FIRE) camp at the Indiana FFA Center in Trafalgar, IN.

This conference is for older FFA members. The curriculum is on a two year rotation: Present Excellence Focus (Being a mentor, Setting Goals, Taking leadership to the next step, etc.) and Future Excellence Focus (Life after High School, Advocating for agriculture, Creating a personal

vision, etc.).

FIRE is a 3 day conference held on two separate weekends in November. Heritage FFA Reporter, Adam Koenig said he enjoyed the banquet keynote speaker. Noah Berning said he likes attending camp to see friends and further develop his leadership skills. In addition to the normal camp activities, the FFA members packed food baskets to be delivered to needy families.

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition

Ryan C. Messenger, Brighton, CO; Turn signals; Dismiss; Upon motion of the state CT B is dismissed, without prejudice; Costs waived

John L. Broadway, Cleveland, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

John D. Burns, Bryan, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Angela M. Wells, Hicksville, OH; Seat belt/pass; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Debra A. Fields, Hicksville, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jeremy Lee Akers, Melrose, OH; Theft; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall have no unlawful contact with victim; Warrant and warrant block rescinded; Placed on standard probation; 10 days jail; Shall pay for stay at Paulding County jail; Eval at Westwood; Complete coun

Joshua P. Wachtman, Defiance, OH; Drug paraphernalia; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Joshua P. Wachtman, Defiance, OH; Poss marijuana; Dismiss; Dismissed per state; Costs to defendant

Jason Roberts, Grover Hill, OH; Pass bad check; Pled no cont, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall maintain general good behavior

Dawnell D. Blackman, Belleville, IL; Poss marijuana; Dismiss; At the states request CT B dismissed without prejudice; Costs waived

Joshua P. Wachtman, Defiance, OH; Reckless opera; Guilty; Jail days concurrently with Defiance Common Pleas sentence; ALS vacated; Fees waived; Shall pay \$100 per mo commencing 12/16/16; Has a POC date of 7/28/17; 27 jail days reserved

Joshua P. Wachtman, Defiance, OH; Left of center; Dismiss; CT B dismissed at states request

Peggy A. Carnahan, Oakwood, OH; Reckless op; Guilty; May attend the DIP Program in lieu of jail; Compliance 2/24/17; ALS vacated; Fees waived; Fines and costs to be paid today; 27 jail days reserved

Peggy A. Carnahan, Oakwood, OH; Marked lanes; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs today

Teresa L. Storms Cooper, Defiance, OH; Collector plate; Dismiss; CT B dismissed at the states request

Marcus A. Merriweather, Indianapolis, IN; F.R.A. susp; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 12/16/16 or will be sent to collections; Pay \$100 today

Brittany N. Turner, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jacob A. Turner, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Curtis M. Mowery, Van Wert, OH; Possession drug; Guilty; Defendant shall pay all fines and costs; Shall maintain general good behavior

Joshua T. Lipps, Paulding, OH; DUS-Non FRA; Pled no cont, found guilty; \$500 fine suspended if license within 90 days shall pay \$25. 00 per

mo commencing 12/16/16; Has a POC date of 12/29/17; Community Control Two; Complete 20 hrs of community service; 180 jail days reserved; Proof of insurance not provided

Tracy A. Mullins, Antwerp, OH; Left of center; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Teresita Rivera, Ottawa, OH; FTY priv. dr.; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Angela K. Lands, Oakwood, OH; DUS - non FRA; Guilty; Proof of financial responsibility provided; Pay all fines and costs by 12/29/17 or will be sent to collections; Shall pay \$25.00 per mo commencing 12/16/16; 30 jail days reserved

Wendy S. Lengacher, Paulding, OH; Fail control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Todd A. Gerlach, Hamler, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Leverne F. Schulte Jr, Van Wert, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Elton E. Quotskyva, South Pekin, IL; FTY/intersect; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Trevor T. Ernsberger, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Joseph H. Thompson Jr., Cecil, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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WOODLAN FFA ATTENDS FIRE CONFERENCE



Pictured front row, Left to Right: Taylor Sarrazine, Kayla Resor, Chloe Fuller, Makia King, Cheyenne Cook, Eric Fuller. Not Pictured Allie Knepp Pictured back row: FFA Indiana State Officers

Seven Woodlan FFA members recently attended the FIRE conference held at the Indiana FFA Leadership Center. FIRE is an acronym for Foundations In Reaching Excellence. The conference theme was "Ocean Life", and was paired with a "deep sea" setting. The students attended the three day conference to receive training on, "Creating a personal vision, Advocating for agriculture, and having

fun learning new FFA opportunities". The conference concluded with a morning session of reflections, writing happy grams and camp recognition awards. Woodlan FFA members on different camp teams received certificates for their achievements. Cheyenne Cook and Taylor Sarrazine from Woodlan FFA chapter were recognized for their group accomplishments.

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LATTA VOTES TO APPROVE LEGISLATION IMPROVING RURAL CALL QUALITY

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) joined his colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives in passing legislation this evening to improve call quality in rural communities. The bill, H.R. 2566, the Improving Rural Call Quality and Reliability Act, requires intermediate providers to comply with service quality standards set by the FCC. Rural call quality is often poor due to inconsistency with 'least cost routers' that are not subject to the minimum FCC standards. The bill also establishes a public registry which increases transparency and accountability for least cost routers.

"Rural communities are often subjected to telephone service that is of poor quality with dropped calls, false ringing, and white noise making it difficult for users," said Latta. "These problems are caused by intermediate providers, not local phone companies, and often make it more troublesome for those living in rural areas to conduct business. Even worse, inconsistent call reliability is potentially dangerous in life

threatening and emergency situations. H.R. 2566 fixes the issues associated with least cost routing and brings rural call quality in line with FCC standards."

Latta participated in an Energy and Commerce subcommittee hearing on the legislation in September with Lance Miller, President of the McClure Telephone Company in McClure, Ohio.

In addition to H.R. 2566, the House also passed H.R. 2669, the Anti-Spoofing Act. The legislation takes aim at those committing phone scams targeting vulnerable populations. Scammers will often disguise their phone number on caller ID in order to trick unsuspecting victims. While this has been made illegal through the Truth in Caller ID Act, H.R. 2669 expands the law to include banning this practice through text messaging as well.

USDA AWARDS FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017 MARKET DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) is awarding \$200 million to more than 70 U.S. agricultural organizations to help expand export markets for U.S. farm and food products through the Market Access Program (MAP) and the Foreign Market Development (FMD) Program.

"USDA and the U.S. agricultural industry work together in a unique public-private partnership to open and grow markets around the world for high-quality, American-made farm and food products," Vilsack said. "The federal investment in these programs is multiplied by industry matching funds, not only boosting agricultural export revenue and volume, but also supporting farm income and enhancing the overall U.S. economy."

Under MAP, FAS will provide \$173.5 million in fiscal year 2017 funding to 70 non-profit organizations and cooperatives. The organizations use the funds to help U.S. agricultural producers promote their products to consumers around the globe through activities such as market research, technical assistance, and support for participation in trade fairs and exhibits. MAP participants contribute an average 137 percent match for generic marketing and promotion activities and a dollar-for-dollar match for promotion of branded products by small businesses and cooperatives.

Under FMD, FAS will allocate \$26.6 million in fiscal

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year 2017 funds to 26 trade organizations that represent U.S. agricultural producers. FMD focuses on generic promotion of U.S. commodities, rather than consumer-oriented promotion of branded products, and preference is given to organizations that represent an entire industry or are nationwide in membership and scope. The organizations, which contribute an average 130 percent cost share, conduct activities that help maintain or increase demand for U.S. agricultural commodities overseas.

A new study conducted by noted land grant university economists shows that MAP and FMD contributed \$309 billion to farm export revenue between 1977 and 2014, an average of \$8.2 billion per year. From 2002 through 2014, the programs boosted average annual farm cash income by \$2.1 billion, annual U.S. economic output by \$39.3 billion, annual gross domestic product (GDP) by \$16.9 billion, and annual labor income by \$9.8 billion. In addition, the programs generated economic activity that directly created 239,000 new jobs, including 90,000 farm sector jobs. To learn more about the Economic Impact of

USDA Export Market Development Program study, visit www.fas.usda.gov/sites/default/files/2016-10/2016econimpactsstudy.pdf.

A list of fiscal year 2017 MAP funding recipients is available at: <http://go.usa.gov/x8qRF> and more information about the program is available at: www.fas.usda.gov/programs/market-access-program-map

A list of fiscal year 2017 FMD funding recipients is available at: <http://go.usa.gov/x8qRs> and more information about the program is available at: www.fas.usda.gov/programs/foreign-market-development-program-fmd.

USDA works to strengthen and support American agriculture, an industry that supports one in 11 American jobs, provides American consumers with more than 80 percent of the food we consume, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for home-grown renewable energy and materials. Since 2009, USDA has provided \$5.6 billion in disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; expanded risk management tools with products like Whole Farm Revenue

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Sudoku solution from page 13

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8	4	6	9	2	5	7	3	1
9	1	3	7	8	6	2	4	5
1	3	2	4	7	8	9	5	6
4	6	7	2	5	9	8	1	3
5	9	8	6	3	1	4	2	7
6	5	9	1	4	7	3	8	2
2	8	4	5	6	3	1	7	9
3	1	7	8	6	2	5	9	4

NHHS WINTER PLAY

The Curious Savage... By: John Patrick

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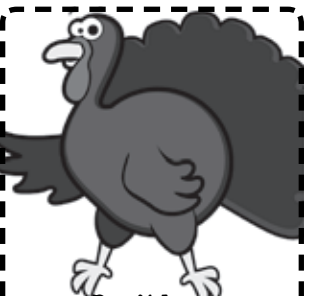
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ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL LUNCH MENU 11/23 - 11/29

11/23 - No School
 11/24 - No School - Happy Thanksgiving
 11/25 - No School
 11/28 - Cheeseburger on wh gr bun, mixed vegetables, rosy applesauce, milk
 11/29 - Goulash, cornbread, cheese stick, pineapple, milk

PEVS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 11/23 - 11/29

HS - Breakfast:
 11/23 - No School- parent-teacher conferences
 11/24 - No School - Happy Thanksgiving
 11/25 - No School
 11/28 - French toast stix, sausage, juice, fruit, milk
 11/29 - Bacon & egg biscuit, juice, fruit, milk
HS - Lunch:
 11/23 - No School - Parent-teacher conference
 11/24 - No School
 11/25 - No School
 11/28 - Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes w/gravy, Lima beans, dinner roll OR Salad bar, garlic bread stick, cookie, asstd. fruit, milk
 11/29 - Grilled chicken tender salad, tomatoes, cheese breadstick OR Asstd. entree items, pickles, oven fries, asst. fruit, milk

Paulding Elementary Breakfast:
 11/23 - No School - Parent-teacher conference
 11/24 - No School - Happy Thanksgiving
 11/25 - No School
 11/28 - Yogurt, goldfish grm, juice, fruit, milk
 11/29 - Pancakes, juice, fruit, milk

Paulding Elementary Lunch:
 11/23 - No School - Parent-teacher conference
 11/24 - No School - Happy Thanksgiving
 11/25 - No School
 11/28 - Hamburger on wh gr bun, steamed carrots, celery, fruit, milk
 11/29 - Hot dog on wh gr bun, baked beans, carrots, fruit snacks, fruit, milk
Oakwood Elementary Breakfast:
 11/23 - No School - Parent-teacher conferences
 11/24 - No School - Happy Thanksgiving
 11/25 - No School
 11/28 - Warm cinn roll, juice, fruit, milk
 11/29 - WG muffin, juice, fruit, milk

Oakwood Elementary Lunch:
 11/23 - No School - Parent-teacher conferences
 11/24 - No School - Happy Thanksgiving
 11/25 - No School
 11/28 - Min corn dogs, baked beans, carrot stix, fruit, milk
 11/29 - Hamburger on wh gr bun, oven potatoes, romaine lettuce, tomato, fruit, milk

INDOT READIES FOR THE WINTER SEASON

Governor Mike Pence has declared the week of November 13 through 19, as Winter Weather Preparedness Week in Indiana. The Indiana Department of Transportation began preparing for the upcoming winter season soon after the snow and ice melted last spring. INDOT's top winter priority is removing snow

ACDC ANNUAL MEETING BRINGS DIVERSE GROUPS TOGETHER



George Clemens co-presents the award to Kirk Hopkins with Lisa Glass and Jim Pendergrast. Kirk was given the award after for his ideas in coming up with the ACDC with George Clemens.

On Tuesday, November 15th the Village of Antwerp was given a round-up of the activities and achievements of 2016, taking place in the town. Speakers from the Rotary, School, Police, Fire, etc were all on hand speaking forth. The event was held at the Antwerp VFW.

Ron Eschbach spoke of the progress made with the tennis court this year. For the MAC Gym Brenda Copsey mentioned the recent success and their future plans of finding a permanent director.

Ray Friend, Fire chief, praised his firemen and all the runs they have made this year and the new firetruck that was purchased with. As each person was given five minutes or less, there wasn't much that could be said in detail but enough to get everyone excited for what was going on. Randy Shaffer, EMS

Director, said how many runs they made this year and also changes that were happening in the department. He also stated how well things have been going and how fast the average response time is even up against full-time Emergency departments.

From the school there was Dr. Marty Miller speaking of the sidewalks to school being finished. He also mentioned the new solar field array that is in the works and how much the school has saved in energy costs with other changes too.

Many other people spoke at the ACDC meeting just showing how good the community can be when it works together!

Money from events such as the car show and the wine tasting go towards making the community better with organizations like ACDC!

and preventing ice on more than 11,000 miles of interstates, U.S. highways and state routes.

Salt in stock

Last winter, 211,428 tons

of granular salt and more than 2.8 million gallons of salt brine were deployed on state and federal highways. INDOT continues to receive deliveries of salt and already has more than 225,000 tons on hand.

This year INDOT's winter operations will benefit from four new salt storage structures built through its long-term facility replacement program. New facilities near Logansport and Monticello in northwest Indiana and near Loogootee and NSA Crane in southwest Indiana provide a higher storage capacity and much quicker and safer salt loading for improved efficiency during winter operations.

New plow equipment

Last winter, INDOT's yellow plow trucks logged nearly 3.8 million miles - the equivalent of 152 trips around the earth or 8 round trips to moon.

INDOT will have more than 1,000 plow trucks available to clear roads of snow and ice this winter. INDOT purchased 72 new trucks to replace older equipment and 12 new tow plows - making 22 available for this winter. The tow plow is pulled behind and to the side of a IN-

DOT plow truck, allowing one driver to clear two lanes at once.

INDOT recently completed inspections of its snow and ice equipment. Each year, INDOT's yellow plow trucks undergo a full bumper-to-bumper examination as inspectors look for mechanical defects in need of repair. Special attention is paid to the trucks' steering, engine and brakes. INDOT mechanics perform any needed repairs before the first snowfall.

Hiring, training snow-fighters

Last year during winter operations, INDOT staff logged 202,168 hours—the equivalent of nearly 17,000 12-hour shifts. Mechanics, salt loaders and radio operators support INDOT's snow-fighters to keep the trucks running around the clock when needed.

INDOT has been holding job fairs and aggressively hiring seasonal and full-time workers over the past few months. Applications are still being accepted for some locations at www.in.gov/indot/3163.htm.

Both plow operators and supervisors attend classroom training to learn new technology and techniques. Plow operators are already familiarizing themselves with their snow routes. Operational planning meetings are being completed this month with Indiana State Police and local officials.

Preventing potholes

INDOT spent the warmer months resurfacing and sealing state highways to prevent water from seeping into the pavement and forming potholes. This year INDOT has repaved 580 miles and sealed more than 1,200 lane miles of interstates, U.S. highways and state routes.

Stay informed

Later this week INDOT will provide information about what motorists can do to prepare for winter weather. Subscribe to receive text and email alerts at <http://bit.ly/INDOTsubscription>.

INDOT will also be posting to social media for Winter Weather Preparedness Week with posts tagged #INDOT-WinterOps. Find links to INDOT's regional Facebook and Twitter pages at <http://bit.ly/INDOTsocial>.

OHIO BALLOT BOARD CERTIFIES JUDICIAL TERM LIMITS INITIATIVE AS TWO SEPARATE BALLOT ISSUES

The Ohio Ballot Board today certified the proposed constitutional amendment to impose term limits on the Ohio Supreme Court as two separate ballot issues.

Prior to gathering additional signatures, petitioners for the amendment will need to submit to the Attorney General summaries for the two separate ballot initiatives. Should the Attorney General find their newly-submitted summaries to be fair and truthful, the petitioners will need to collect 305,591 signatures for each of the two ballot proposals, an amount equal to 10 percent of the total vote cast for governor in 2014. They must collect the signatures from at least 44 of Ohio's 88 counties, and within each of those counties, collect enough signatures equal to five percent of the total vote cast for governor in the most recent gubernatorial election, 2014.

Secretary Husted serves as Chairman of the Ohio Ballot Board in his official capacity as the Ohio Secretary of State. Other members include State Senator Bill Coley, State Senator Michael Skindell, State Representative Kathleen Clyde, and Mr. William Morgan. Ballot Board meetings are open to the public.

"CHRISTMAS AT HOME" WITH THE SWINNEY SISTERS

The Settlers will have Fort Wayne's elegantly decorated Historic Swinney Homestead, 1424 W. Jefferson Blvd., open on December 2 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. and on December 3 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. Guests are invited to celebrate the Christmas spirit and take refreshment of homemade sweets and savories. Enjoy Hearstone Ensemble music, and unique items in the upstairs Gift Shop. Tables of 4; reservations (260)747-1229 and (260)747-1501; Proceeds support maintenance and restoration of the Homestead. Settlersinc.org.

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