

DR. GRAY RETIRES FROM LOCAL PRACTICE



On Wednesday, December 30 the Antwerp community along with those from the Paulding County area thanked and appreciated Dr. James Gray for his work at the physicians' office on Buffalo Street in Antwerp. Since

the 1980's Dr. Gray has served the area. For many years there was not a practice in the Antwerp village and there were many people who worked hard to bring physician to the area. He will be missed by the community he served.

PAULDING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2ND ANNUAL CHILI COOKOFF

It is time for the Paulding Chamber of Commerce Second Annual Chili Cookoff. Last year Ed Bohn from Paulding EMA took home the Hot Sauce, but it could be you this year! Make sure your company or organization is represented with your own special recipe.

Anyone can enter. Just bring a slow cooker of chili to the Business After Hours at the Paulding Eagles on Thursday, January 12 from 4:30-6:00 p.m. Anyone can come and sample and vote with dollars that will help fund the Herb Monroe Community Park.

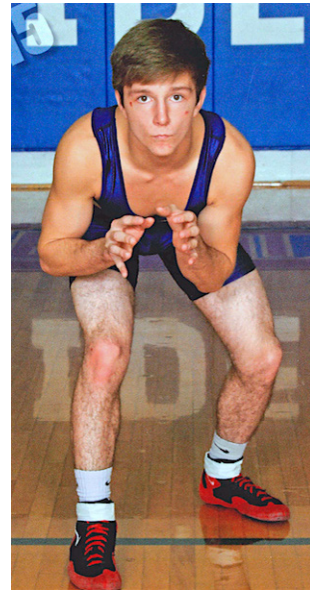
There is no cost to attend this event, but there will be a cash bar available.

For more information, please contact the Paulding Chamber of Commerce at 419-399-5215 or pauldingchamber@gmail.com.

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WT 3RD; CLEMENS GARNERS 150TH WIN



The Wayne Trace wrestling team traveled to LCC on December 29th to compete in the LCC Thunderbird Holiday Invitational wrestling tournament in a field of 19 teams. Beginning the season with several dual matches and dropping only one of those to Tinora, the team had just been crowned champs at the Lakota dual tournament.

"This year is a little different. Last year we had several seniors, and this year we have only two. This is a very young team and I am glad we started the year off with those dual matches to gain some mat experience for some of the younger wrestlers to prepare them for the larger tournament." (Continued to Page 7)

HICKSVILLE TAKES ROUTE 49 TOURNEY



Hicksville is the winner of the Route 49 basketball tournament. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Antwerp has been pretty good this basketball season starting strong and they did the same thing against the Aces in this matchup. The first quarter ended with Antwerp having 10 point lead. Josh Poulson was on fire with

six points from the field and 4 more from the free-throw line. Matt Jones, Sam Williamson and Brandon Pendergrast also posted baskets in this first period.

Hicksville reversed fortunes in the second period

when they outscored Antwerp by 10 points when they were lead by Sophomore Peyton Tunis. At half time both teams were tied at 22.

At half time, the game started to get ugly and not re-

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HITE JOINS TEAM TO LEAD NONPARTISAN GROUP OF STATE, PROVINCIAL LEGISLATORS IN 2016

Ohio State Senator Cliff Hite (R-Findlay) has joined the leadership team of the Midwestern Legislative Conference, a nonpartisan association of state and provincial legislators that fosters regional cooperation, information sharing and leadership development.

"I am truly honored for the opportunity to help lead this organization as I believe this regional collaboration among state lawmakers will help foster thoughtful state policies that better the lives of our constituents," said Hite. "States are truly the foundation of our democracy - our

leaders in Washington would benefit greatly from employing a similar approach that emphasizes problem-solving over politics."

He will serve as second vice chair of the MLC in 2016 and is in line to be the group's chair in 2018. Fellow state and provincial legislators from the Midwest elected Hite to the position in July; he formally

joined the leadership team at a December 12 meeting of the MLC Executive Committee.

A 2008 graduate of the Legislative Leadership Development, or BILLD, Hite later served as co-chair of the bipartisan, 11-state legislative committee that oversees BILLD - the premier

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THANK YOU Christmas For Kids 2015

Now that the Christmas season is over I want to give many thanks to our wonderful Antwerp Community for supporting the Christmas For Kids Outreach.

Thank you to our Chamber, Rotary, and ACDC groups as well as Vancrest of Antwerp for providing the funds needed to have Rick Small and Mix 98.1 here for a Live Drive. Thanks to West Bend for allowing us the use of their parking lot.

Thank you to our local church members and area individuals who are the sponsors for over 100 area children and families who are in need during the holiday season.

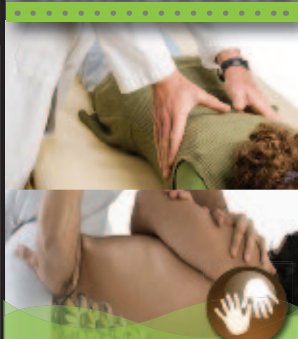
Thank you to the many who donated cash and toys to our toy boxes that were placed at Antwerp Exchange Bank, Dollar General, River Street Market, Vancrest of Antwerp, and Antwerp Local School.

Special thanks to Mrs. Sharrold Jailor who crochets mittens, scarves, and hats for all of the children we sponsor.

Christmas For Kids is a Community Project and I thank you all for your continued support.

— Jennifer Ramsier

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OBITUARIES



PAULDING, OH
Allan Nicholas Kelble, age 77 died Monday, December 28, 2015 at his residence.

He was born February 26, 1938 in Payne, Ohio, the son of the late Erhart J. "Nick" and Eleanor E. (Gremaux) Kelble. On August 15, 1959 he married Starlee E. Miller who survives. He served in the US Army from 1961 - 1963 and retired in 1999



from Superior Linkage, New Haven after 35 years. He was a member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish and Paulding VFW Post #587. He was a fisherman and an avid card player enjoying many games of poker at the VFW.

He is also survived by son Nick (Michelle) Kelble, Antwerp, daughter, Amy (Kris) Knight, Bryan, OH; grandchildren, Larisa, Andrew, Elaina and Kelby; great granddaughter, Mallory; sister, Jeanine (Frank) Germano, East Hartford, CT; brother, Vincent (Carolee) Kelble, Mooresville, NC; and nieces and nephews.

He is also preceded in death by a brother, Phil.

A Mass of Christian Burial was conducted 10 AM Monday, January 4 at Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, in Payne Ohio. Burial followed in St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery, Payne, with military graveside rites accorded by Paulding VFW Post #587.

Visitation was Sunday, January 3 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with a Wake Service at 7:30 PM.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations made to VFW Post #587 or Divine Mercy Catholic Parish/Masses.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

ANTWERP, OH

Helen Eileen Major, 86, of Antwerp, passed away Saturday, December 19, 2015 at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville. Her family was assisted by Doolley Funeral Home, 202 West River Street, Antwerp Ohio

GROVER HILL, OH

Butch Carl Coburn, 43, of Grover Hill Ohio passed away Thursday, December 31, 2015 at Defiance Regional Hospital. His family was assisted by Dooley Funeral Home, 5761 SR 500, Payne, Ohio.



ANTWERP, OH

Melissa S. Pierce 57 passed away on January 3, 2016 at Defiance Area Inpatient Hospice Center in Defiance Ohio. She was born on July 3, 1958 in Elwood, Indiana to Benedict and Myrna (DeLong) Fettig. She married Daniel L. Pierce on June 17, 2000. Melissa was a Photographic Supervisor for Olan Mills. Survivors include her husband Daniel of Antwerp, a daughter Savanna Fettig of Antwerp; a son Tim Pierce of Ohio; her mother Myrna Fettig of Auburn; two sisters Maureen Briones of South Bend and Laura Terlosky of Butler; four brothers Mark Fettig of Auburn, Matthew Fettig of Kokomo, Keith Fettig of Sacramento CA, and Jon Fettig of Fort Wayne. She was preceded in death by her father and a daughter Joslynn Fettig. Celebration of Life Service will be held at Riverside Christian Church, Antwerp Ohio on January 9, 2016 at 2:00 PM with a gathering of friends and family beginning at noon, Pastor Max Begley officiating. Memorials to Defiance Area Inpatient Hospice Center. To send condolences visit www.dalejohnsonfh.com

Arrangements by Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, Indiana.

BROOKSVILLE, FL

Larry V Hawkins, On the evening of December 27, 2015, in Brooksville, Florida, Larry Hawkins passed away due to cardiopulmonary complications.

At the age of 79, Larry went on to meet his Lord and Savior at 7:00 p.m.

Larry was born in Antwerp, Ohio to Gerald Vincent and Dorothy (Thompson) Hawkins on February 25, 1936.

He married Mary Ann Stevenson on November 3, 1956. They were happily married for over 59 years.

Larry did body work on cars for 45 years. Larry also had a special love for Honda Cars and dogs.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Rose Ann Sawyer and a dear daughter, Diane L. Kline.

Larry is survived by his loving wife Mary Ann (Stevenson) Hawkins and son Gary (Kathy) Hawkins, three grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Larry Hawkins buried in Florida Hills Cemetery, Springhill Florida, beside his dear daughter Diane.

Special thanks to Larry's sister-in-law Peggy Koch, and brother-in-law Jerry Koch, for all they did for Larry and his family during this difficult time. May God continue His blessings on them.

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

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 1/6 - 1/12

1/6 - Crafts at 12:30 p.m.; Bunco at 12:30 p.m.; Bingo w/Western Southern at 12:00 Noon; Grocery Shopping at 1:30 p.m.

1/7 - Blood Pressure & Toe Nail Clinic at 9:00 a.m.; Exercise at 10:00 a.m.; Turn Up at 12:15 p.m.

1/8 - Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.; Craft store open at 11:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m.

1/11 - Raffle Day; Shedding Pounds at 9:30 a.m.; Exercise at 10:00 a.m.

1/12 - 9:45 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.

STATE REPS. BUCHY, BURKLEY RELEASE JOINT STATEMENT ON PASSING OF FORMER OHIO CONGRESSMAN MIKE OXLEY

State Representatives Jim Buchy (R-Greenville) and Tony Burkley (R-Payne) issued the following statement regarding the passing of former U.S. Representative Mike Oxley.

"We were both very sorry to hear about the passing of former Ohio Congressman Mike Oxley who was a longtime U.S. Representative for Auglaize County, as well as a former member of the Ohio General Assembly. His years of service to Ohio and the United States, as well as his legislative accomplishments, are true examples of strong and admirable leadership. The results of his great legacy will certainly be felt by communities around Auglaize County for years to come and he will be missed. We would like to send our thoughts and prayers to his family during this difficult time."

LANE RESTRICTION MOELLER ROAD (CITY OF NEW HAVEN)

On January 4, 2016 the westbound lane of Moeller Road, in New Haven, Indiana was restricted at the traffic signal located at Adams Center Road. The restriction will be in effect until January 7, 2016. This is due to Installation of the new AEP/IMP lines.

No Detour will be posted

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NEW HAVEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN 2015

The New Haven Chamber of Commerce had an incredible 2015. Many supporters and members have allowed us to make a difference in our community. The Chamber grew by over 10% to almost 400 members in 2015. Below are just a few of the activities that made 2015 so successful.

NHCC had 11 Ribbon Cuttings, including: Winner's Circle Brew Pub; Steve Hughes State Farm; Spring Mobile; Pawsitively Purrfect; Niche Market Furniture; Redimed; Molly's Tumbling; 1st Source Bank

NCHH held eight events with each one setting a record for attendance: State of the City Dinner; Golf Outing; Ag Appreciation Day; Business Blitz; Sample New Haven; Halloween Downtown; Annual Dinner; and Downtown Christmas.

A few other things NHCC did or helped with included:

Bring Radio station WHNH 101.3 to New Haven; Police, Fire, EMS Day at Jury Pool; Roach Ag Series; Entrepreneur Kick Off, featuring Chuck Surack as our guest speaker; K9 Association Demonstration week activities; NaNa's Creations provided blankets for several hundred pre-school children

NHCC held five Lunch and Learns and six Meet Me @ 5 events in 2015.

One of the accomplishments of this past year that the Chamber was able to help get done was the creation and growth of the New Haven Community Foundation (NHCF).

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leadership-training program for state legislators from the Midwest.

In the Ohio General Assembly, where he is now serving his third term, Hite has become a respected leader on issues related to education and agriculture policy.

Along with Hite, the other three MLC committee officers for 2016 will be Wisconsin Rep. Joan Ballweg, chair; Iowa Senator Janet Petersen, first vice chair; and North Dakota Senator Tim Flakoll, immediate past chair.

All legislators from the following states are members of the MLC: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin. In addition, members of the legislative assemblies in four Canadian provinces — Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario and Saskatchewan — are MLC affiliates.

The Midwestern Office of The Council of State Governments provides staff support to the MLC. CSG, the nation's only organization serving all three branches of state government, offers regional, national and international opportunities for state officials to collaborate, develop leadership skills, and create problem-solving partnerships.

The national organization is headquartered in Lexington, Ky. The CSG Midwest office is located in Lombard (Chicago). If you would like more information on CSG or the MLC, please contact Mike McCabe at mmcabe@csg.org or 630.925.1922 or visit www.csgmidwest.org.

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." —Micah 6:8

GIFTS & SONGS FOR VANCREST RESIDENTS



The Antwerp first grade made slipper socks and sang Christmas carols for the residents of Vancrest and hand delivered them before Christmas break. Pictured are resident Myrtle Lee and first graders Holly Richey, Briley Bagley, and Rylee Chrisman.

NEW HAVEN BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL BEAT HORIZON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

New Haven improved to 7-3 for the year after beating Horizon Christian 94 - 63 on December 30.

Game Scorers:

New Haven - Moore 8, Stevenson 10, Westrick 10, Gardner 8, Upshaw 5, Towns 12, Starks 7, Rowan 12, Perkins 6, Workman 7, Clark 8, Griggs 1

Horizon Christian - Hudson 7, Porter 12, Randall 3, Swinford 5, Smith 25, Dubois 2, Johnson 9

Score by the Quarter:

New Haven - 26 22 28 18 = 94

Horizon Christian - 7 17 22 = 63

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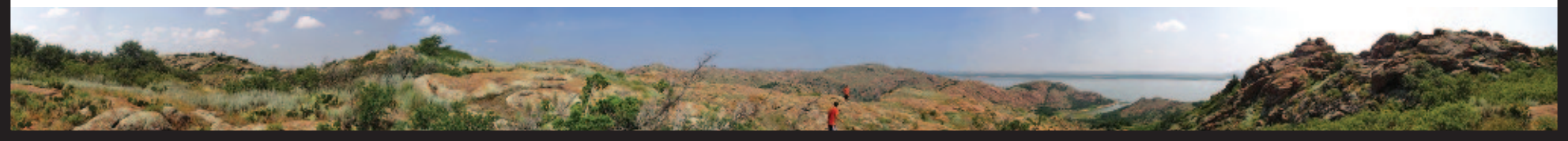


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The treatment of criminals in America will be explored at Lifetree Café on Thursday, January 14 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

The program, titled "Tough on Crime," includes a film featuring Sheriff Joe Arpaio of Maricopa County, Arizona. The controversial sheriff has been praised and criticized for his treatment of prisoners. His jail prepares just two low-cost meals per day, restricts television viewing, places inmates in desert tents, and requires prisoners to wear pink underwear.

According to Lifetree Café representative Craig Cable, Lifetree participants will delve into whether America's justice system is too tough or not tough enough on crime. Cable said, "Some claim that prisons infringe on personal civil liberties. Others feel that

prisons have become more like country clubs. We'll explore whether America is more or less safe as a result of our criminal justice system."

Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is located in The Bachwell Center for Music and Dance at 116 N. Washington Street, Van Wert, Ohio. Please enter through the handicap accessible entrance on Court Street. Parking is available in the Courthouse lots.

Lifetree Café is a place where people gather for conversation about life and faith in a casual, comfortable setting. Questions about Lifetree may be directed to First UM Church at 419-238-0631 or firstchurch@wcoil.com.

Topic for January 21 is "Taking God to Work." How to see the spiritual significance in what you do.

knelt down and worshiped him. They bought out their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, and presented them to him." Matthew 2:9b-11 (GNB)

The wise men traveled a long distance to see the Christ child. They had received and believed prophetic word of Christ's birth. They had seen in the heavens the star that was the sign of His birth. Expecting that the King of kings would be born in royal circumstances, they traveled to Jerusalem to Herod's palace. He was not there. They were directed to Bethlehem and the star pointed them to the house where the Christ child was. Upon seeing the child the wise men knew that he was the one that they were seeking. They knelt before him, worshiped him, and presented him with gifts.

The wise men found a child and mother in poor, humble circumstances. There was nothing obvious to show that Jesus was any different than any other poor child. How could the wise men tell that Jesus was the one that they were seeking? The answer was within the wise men themselves; the faithful heart can perceive that which the carnal mind will not. The wise men knew because they were men of faith.

The prophetic word tells us that Jesus Christ will come again; it is the faithful believers who believe the prophecy of his coming that will be looking for his coming, and will know him when he comes. Wise men and women still seek him.

SPECIAL SERVICES AT THE CHAPEL IN VAN WERT

"The Chapel" will be having special services with Pastor Vincent Cantu on Saturday, January 9th at 6:00 p.m. Pastor Cantu will be sharing his testimony of how God set him free from a long life of addiction to alcohol and drugs. His testimony is a powerful presentation of the fact, that there is hope for the tragic epidemic of alcohol and drug addiction that grips our area. Pastor Cantu will be having anointed pray for families and those in trapped addictions.

It seems like almost every family has someone in their family or knows of someone, who are in the grips of addiction stated Pastor Paul Hamrick, executive director of New Hope Recovery. One of the focuses of The Chapel is to offer practical help and support to families and individuals dealing with life's overwhelming struggles.

The Chapel is a Quaker or Friends Outreach Ministry bringing effective and informative assistance in dealing with life's struggles. "We believe in not just talking about the problems but working together, supporting one another, bringing informative and effective resources to see God transform lives and bring hope," shared Pastor Paul.

One of the upcoming support ministries will be in offering support to families and friends of those trapped in the vicious cycle of addiction.

For more information about the special service or upcoming recovery pro-

grams please call Pastor Paul at 419-771-9378. The Chapel is located at 9010 Van Wert Willshire Rd., corner of Richie Rd and Van Wert Willshire Rd. southwest of Van Wert. Everyone is welcome, come and bring a friend, you will be blessed.

WAYNE TRACE JR/SR HIGH BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 1/6 - 1/12

- Breakfast:*
 1/6 - Mini pancakes, sausage, juice/fruit, milk
 1/7 - Cheese omelet, toast, juice/fruit, milk
 1/8 - Cinnamon roll, juice/fruit, milk
 1/11 - Sausage pizza, juice/fruit, milk
 1/12 - Egg/cheese muffin, juice/fruit, milk
Lunch:
 1/6 - Creamed chicken sandwich, corn, carrot & celery stix w/dip, assorted canned & fresh fruit, milk; PLUS: Chef salad, Pizza sub OR Pretzel w/cheese & salad bar
 1/7 - Macaroni & cheese, broccoli & cheese, cooked peas, peanut butter & jelly sandwich, assorted juices, assorted canned & fresh fruit, milk; PLUS: Chef salad, Pizza sub OR Breaded chicken sandwich & salad bar
 1/8 - Fiestada, romaine lettuce salad w/dressing, cherry tomatoes, assorted canned & fresh fruit, milk; PLUS: Chef salad, Pizza sub OR Cheeseburger sandwich & salad bar
 1/11 - Cheeseburger sandwich, french fries, baked beans, assorted canned & fresh fruit, milk; PLUS: Chef salad, Pizza sub OR Grilled chicken sandwich & salad bar
 1/12 - Grilled chicken sandwich, hash brown pattie, green beans, assorted juices, assorted canned & fresh fruit, milk; PLUS: Chef salad, Pizza sub OR Breaded chicken sandwich & salad bar

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS 1/6 - 1/12

- 1/6 - Burrito, green beans, pineapple, milk; PLUS: Salad bar
 1/7 - Fish on bun, scalloped potatoes, pears, milk; PLUS: Salad bar
 1/8 - Cheesy bread w/

- sauce, celery w/dip, apple-sauce, milk; PLUS: Salad bar
 1/11 - Hamburger on bun, baked beans, pineapple, milk; PLUS: Salad bar
 1/12 - Vegetable soup w/ crackers, cheese stick, orange smiles, milk

PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 1/6 - 1/12

- Jr/Sr High - Breakfast:*
 1/6 - Ham & cheese bread, juice/fruit, milk
 1/7 - Cinnamon rolls, juice/fruit, milk
 1/8 - Sausage gravy w/ biscuits, juice/fruit, milk
 1/11 - Breakfast pizza, sausage, bacon & eggs, juice/fruit, milk
 1/12 - Pancake sausage wrap, juice/fruit, milk
Jr/Sr High - Lunch:
 1/6 - Cheeseburger OR Breaded chicken on buns, oven potatoes; Toppings: onions, pickles, tomato slices, banana peppers & lettuce
 1/7 - Cheese lasagna w/ sauce, lettuce salad, bonzo beans, garlic toast OR Pretzel, cheese cup, marinara sauce, celery w/dip, fruit, milk
 1/8 - Beef teriyaki dipper, vegetable blend, macaroni & cheese, dinner roll OR Salad bar, garlic breadstick, fruit, milk
 1/11 - Pizza sticks, marinara sauce, green beans OR Salad bar, garlic breadstick, fruit, milk
 1/12 - Chicken chunk salad, tomatoes, garlic toast, assorted dressings OR Assorted entree items, pickle slices, oven fries, fruit, milk
Paulding Elementary - Breakfast:
 1/6 - Burrito, fruit/juice, milk
 1/7 - Muffin, cheese stick, fruit/juice, milk
 1/8 - Cereal or Cereal bar, grahams, juice/fruit, milk

- 1/11 - Yogurt, goldfish, fruit/juice, milk
 1/12 - Pancakes, fruit/juice, milk
Paulding Elementary - Lunch:
 1/6 - Egg & cheese omelet, hashbrowns, vegetable juice, muffin & goldfish crackers, fruit, milk
 1/7 - Sloppy joe on bun, tator tots, fresh veggie choice, fruit, milk
 1/8 - Pizza, salad blend, broccoli, sherbet, fruit, milk
 1/11 - Hamburger on WG bun, carrots, celery, fruit, milk
 1/12 - Chicken crispos, baked beans, fresh veggie choice, fruit, milk
Oakwood Elementary - Breakfast:
 1/6 - Pancake on stick, juice or fruit, milk
 1/7 - Sausage/egg burrito, juice or fruit, milk
 1/8 - Assorted cereals, juice or fruit, milk
 1/11 - Yogurt, cinnamon goldfish, juice or fruit, milk
 1/12 - Warm cinnamon roll, juice or fruit, milk
Oakwood Elementary - Lunch:
 1/6 - Salisbury steak, WG bread, whipped potatoes, romaine toss salad, fruit, milk
 1/7 - Cheese cup, garlic bread, green beans, cherry tomatoes, fruit, milk
 1/8 - WG cheese pizza, mixed veggies, bean salad, fruit, milk
 1/11 - Hamburger on WG bun, romaine lettuce, cherry tomatoes, oven potatoes, fruit, milk
 1/12 - Chicken strip wrap, romaine lettuce, corn, fruit, milk

BIBLE QUESTIONS

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

- Luke 24:6-7; What did Jesus tell the women while He was still in Galilee?
- Luke 24:8; What did the women remember?
- Luke 24:9; What did the women do in this verse?
- Luke 24:10; Who told these things to the apostles?
- Luke 24:11; What did the women's words seem like to the apostles?
- Luke 24:12; Who arose and ran to the tomb?
- Luke 24:12; Stooping down, what did Peter see?
- Luke 24:12; What does the word marveling mean?
- Luke 24:13; Who was traveling to the village Emmaus?
- Luke 24:13; How far is Emmaus from Jerusalem?

Comments or questions? Call James Potter 419-393-4775 or e-mail jsp1941@yahoo.com also you can call Lonnie Lambert at 419-399-5022. Either one of us can assist or help in your study of the Bible, especially the new covenant, which is the New Testament.

Answers to today's questions:

- Read verse 7;

WISE MEN STILL SEEK HIM

By: Rev. Gerry Weesner, Maples United Methodist Church

"...on their way they saw the same star they had seen in the East. When they saw it how happy they were, what joy was theirs! It went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. They went into the house, and when they saw the child with his mother Mary, they

Answers to today's questions:

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A Tale Of Two Cities

As the author of that title began his book, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." I for one believe we can appropriate that statement for the condition of America today.

This is the year, 2016, when the American people decide where the country will be heading the next four years. Will we continue with the current mantra, "Hope and Change?" Or will we as a people HOPE that things WILL CHANGE? I believe

most Americans are tired of the status quo, 49,000,000 people on food stamps, unemployment benefits have changed from 26 weeks to 99 weeks. Workers compensation rate have risen 40%. The government (EPA) seems to think that a pipeline from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico some 1500 miles will do harm to the environment,

when we already have hundreds of thousands of miles of pipelines in the ground. We have a gimme society, getting free cellphones, people making \$25,000 a year getting \$6,000 back from the IRS! I don't know how that works, do you?

We as a country are so divided, along racial lines, political lines and gender lines. Our foreign policy, well we really don't have a foreign policy do we? We have a president who tells us that the biggest problem facing us is CLIMATE CHANGE! He blames the rise in terrorism on CLIMATE CHANGE! The president who professes to be a Christian should read II Peter 3:10. Let me quote it. "But the Day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall MELT with fervent HEAT,

and the earth also and the works therein SHALL BE BURNED UP." Now, Mr. President, that's GLOBAL WARMING!

I wanted to close with this. I am reading a book called, "UNLIKEABLE. The problem with Hillary." The quotes are from her insiders and outsiders, from the White House down to friends and aides. Here goes:

1. ON STOP-AND-FRISK AND MANDATORY SENTENCING = "Black LivesMatter.....it's time to end the era of mass incarceration."

2. ON AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS = If Congress refuses to act (on shielding millions of illegal immigrants from deportation), as president I will do everything possible under the law to go even farther than Obama."

3. ON SAME SEX MARRIAGE = She tweeted, "Every loving couple and family deserves to be recognized and treated equally under the law across our nation."

4. ON RAISING THE MINIMUM WAGE = she tweeted, "Every American deserves a fair shot at success. Fast food and child-care workers shouldn't have to march in the streets for living wages."

5. ON ABORTION = "Deep-seated cultural, RELIGIOUS BELIEFS and structural biases HAVE TO BE CHANGED."

6. ON INCOME INEQUALITY = "The deck is stacked in (wealthy peoples') favor. My JOB IS TO RE-SHUFFLE THE CARDS."

One very last thing. In an interview with Charlie Rose, Bill Clinton uttered these words, "The idea that there is one set of rules for us and another set for everybody else is TRUE." Was that a Freudian slip? OR not? Judge wisely.

—Kenny Barnes, Paulding

HAS THE TIME COME FOR DEMOCRATIZATION OF THE ECONOMY?

By: Lawrence S. Wittner

A study released at the beginning of December by the Institute for Policy Studies (IPS) reported that America's 20 wealthiest individuals own more wealth than roughly half the American population combined—152 million people. The startling level of economic inequality in the United States is also highlighted by Forbes, which recently observed that the richest 400 Americans possess more wealth than 62 percent of the American public—192 million people. Furthermore, these studies apparently underestimate the concentration of wealth in the United States, for the use of offshore tax havens and legal trusts conceals trillions of dollars that the richest Americans have amassed for themselves and their families.

Ironically, the United States has long been depicted as a land of economic equality, with widespread prosperity. Writing from Monticello in 1814, Thomas Jefferson emphasized America's difference from class-divided Europe. "The great mass of our population is of laborers; our rich . . . being few, and of moderate wealth," he declared. "Most of the laboring classes possess property, cultivate their own lands, have families, and from the demand for their labor are enabled to exact from the rich . . . such prices as enable them to be fed abundantly, clothed above mere decency, to labor moderately and raise their families." In the early twentieth century, Werner Sombart, a German economist and sociologist, argued that, in the United States, "socialistic Utopias . . . are sent to their doom" on "the reefs of roast beef and apple pie." The "American Dream" of economic opportunity for all has constantly been invoked, sometimes to avoid a more equitable sharing of the wealth and, at other times, to advance it.

Nevertheless, the reality of life in the United States has often fallen short of the American Dream. Certainly, American slaves and their descendants didn't consume much of the roast beef. And there was also substantial economic misery and class strife among other portions of the American population, who labored long hours in factories and mines, experienced high levels of industrial accidents, endured frequent layoffs and unemployment, and lived in squalid slums. What led, at times, to some degree of economic leveling was not a voluntary sharing of the wealth by the richest Americans but, rather, economic struggles by unions and public policy breakthroughs secured by progressive politicians.

But, with union strength declining and progressive politics in retreat since the 1980s, economic inequality in the United States has grown by leaps and bounds. In the 1970s, America's wealthiest 0.1 percent—the richest one-thousandth of the population—owned 7 percent of U.S. household wealth. Today, that figure has risen to 20 percent—about as much wealth as is possessed, in total, by the bottom 90 percent of Americans.

Although the 20 richest Americans, who possess more wealth than about half the American population combined, include some founders of corporations, they are outnumbered by the heirs of families with vast fortunes. The latter individuals include Charles and David Koch (the scions of a wealthy founder of the John Birch Society, with \$82 billion between them) and four members of Walmart's Walton clan (with \$127.6 billion among them).

All right, you might say; but does this economic inequality really matter? Well, it certainly matters to those Americans whose economic opportunities have been stunted to facilitate this accumulation and hoarding of vast wealth. Furthermore, as the authors of the IPS study note: "Extreme inequalities of income, wealth and opportunity undermine democracy, social cohesion, economic stability, social mobility,

and many other important aspects of our personal and public lives." In addition, "extreme inequality corrodes our democratic system and public trust. It leads to a breakdown in civic cohesion and social solidarity, which in turn leads to worsened health outcomes. Inequality undercuts social mobility—and has disastrous effects on the economy."

Economic inequality is certainly warping American politics and public policy. In recent years, the wealthy and their corporations have poured enormous financial resources into political campaigns, dwarfing all other sources of campaign funding. In the first phase of the 2016 Presidential election cycle alone, half of total campaign contributions have come from 158 wealthy donors. Not surprisingly, relatively few politicians dare to offend rich donors and their interests. Thus, wealthy rightwingers like the Koch brothers (who have promised to put nearly a billion dollars into the 2016 elections) and Sheldon Adelson (possessing wealth of \$26 billion) have far greater influence over public policy than do average Americans. As numerous pollsters have observed, most Americans favor progressive public policies, including raising the minimum wage, taxing the rich, providing free college education, and establishing a single-payer healthcare system. But, when it comes to federal action, these programs remain dead in the water.

Will Americans stand up and insist upon sharing their nation's wealth more equitably? There are signs, such as the popularity of Bernie Sanders's presidential campaign, that many of them are becoming fed up with economic inequality. Of course, they might be distracted by xenophobia and fear-mongering, which have been promoted assiduously in recent months by pro-corporate politicians. Even so, there are growing indications that Americans favor democracy not only in their politics, but in their economy.

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- Lunch: 1/6 - Creamed chicken sandwich, corn, carrot & celery stix w/dip, fruit, milk 1/7 - Macaroni & cheese, broccoli & cheese, cooked peas, peanut butter & jelly sandwich, fruit, milk 1/8 - Fiestada, romaine lettuce salad w/dressing, cherry tomatoes, fruit, milk 1/11 - Cheeseburger sandwich, french fries, baked beans, fruit, milk 1/12 - Grilled chicken sandwich, hash brown pattie, green beans, fruit, milk

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THE LOBO TANK BUSTERS

By: Stan Jordan

This morning we had extra fuel tanks and headed east into Germany; no definite target, just worked over the traffic over the Rhine River. Well, we got to the river, we turned and went north, looking for any target we could find. There was quite a bit of action along both sides of the river. We had a plane over each bank and two in the middle.

I saw a couple of smaller boats tied up at a wharf and a few 50 calibers sent them to the bottom. I also saw a little action at the back end of that warehouse and thought it was worth looking into.

So, I made a big sweeping curve to the right to give the other planes a chance to go by, I came back at the rear of the building and it a long lean-to, underneath was a number of trucks loading or unloading. I touched off a rocket and a truck exploded. It started others to blow and we had a big fire going. I went on by and made a big turn and came back. This time, there was another big fire. I didn't know if my explosion had caused another fire or if Lt. Barnes came in behind me and touched off a rocket. We had some good fires going in this warehouse area. The two pilots on the other bank was having a lot of luck also. We worked that whole area over pretty good and it won't be worth much for a while.

We went onto the north on the Rhine River, looking for boats or barges or any type of targets. We spotted a couple of barges in the river and sent them to the bottom in a hurry. Then we saw a couple of crafts tied up at the docks and we damaged them also.

Then I saw a gasoline trailer tank hooked up to something inside because I could see the hoses filling the truck on the top. I made a circle and came in from the same direction and put a rocket in the center of the tanker truck. Oh my goodness! What an explosion! The flames were 100 feet high and the black smoke went even higher. Then there must have been another big truck inside as it caught fire and exploded. The last explosion almost caught Lt. Barnes a fire, he flew over the building just as it blew up. I think

that explosion blew him away from the flames. Anyhow, he is alright and a very lucky man and he knows it. What a day!

See ya!



Funny Age One Liners

Regular naps prevent old age, especially if you take them while driving.

Transitional age is when during a hot day you don't know what you want - ice cream or beer.

Aging gracefully is like the nice way of saying you're slowly looking worse.

The older I get, the earlier it gets late.

I grew a beard thinking it would say, "Distinguished Gentleman." Instead, turns out it says, "Senior Discount."

Sex at age 90 is like trying to shoot pool with a rope.

Few women admit their age; few men act it.

What goes up and never comes down? Your age!

Funny Marriage One Liners

I just read that 4,153,237 people got married last year. Not to cause any trouble, but shouldn't that be an even number?

Any married man should forget his mistakes, there's no use in two people remembering the same thing.

I need to start paying closer attention to stuff. Found out today my wife and I have separate names for the cat.

Top 3 situations that require witnesses: 1) Crime 2) Accidents 3) Marriages. Need I say more?

My wife and I were happy for twenty years. Then we met.

My ex wrote to me: "Can you delete my number?" I responded: "Who is this?"

Child's experience: If a mother is laughing at the father's jokes, it means they have guests.

Wife: "I look fat. Can you give me a compliment?" Husband: "You have perfect eyesight."

Funny Sport One Liners

Today, a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation toward the local swimming pool. I gave him a glass of water.

One day, a little boy wrote to Santa Claus, "Please send me a sister." Santa Claus wrote him back, "Okay, send me your mother."

I park in the farthest spot possible at the gym for the added benefit of eating my

croissan'wich without being judged by people walking by.

Boy: "Have you ever been fishing?" Girl: "Why?" Boy: "I think we should hook up!"

I am known at the gym as the "before picture."

The depressing thing about tennis is that no matter how good I get, I'll never be as good as a wall.

If procrastination was an Olympic sport, I'd compete in it later.

CABIN 21 AT VALLEY FORGE

By: Stan Jordan

The boys brought in a good supply of fire wood. It would take a good fire at both ends to warm the room, as it has been vacant for many months.

Sgt. Baker said there are 16 of us, that means eight sleeping on each side. Now, the boys closest to the fire will get two blankets each, the boys in the center will get the bear rugs to lay on plus two blankets each. The boys closest to the fire are responsible for keeping wood in the fire.

Supper consisted of sassafras tea and corn bread with a little honey on it, but nobody complained. Sgt. Baker let the boys sleep until daylight and then got them up, and told them, "Roll up your bed clothes and place them neatly by the wall so the sweepers can sweep a little later. That will be the style every morning. Besides that, you will not walk in with mud or snow on your boots. You will enter and close the doors and leave your boots just inside the door on the rag rugs there." There was a little grumbling, but not much, as they knew that was the army way and the Sgt way.

Sgt. Baker went down to the first house in the settlement because they have a mule and a wagon. He said, "We will work for you, if we can use your mule and wagon to haul in our firewood." They agreed one of the boys would do the milking and take care of their animals. This nice old lady was glad to get some help. One of the boys went to the mill and said he would work for some flour. The miller was glad to get the help and the boys needed the flour for bread. One of the boys went to the sawmill and told the manager he would work for some scrap lumber to make some shelves around the cabin. The man was glad to get some help and he agreed to the deal.

Mrs. Woodruff, the lady with the mule and wagon, sent us some flour, sugar, salt, soap, candles, sassafras roots and some cloth to use to wash the dishes. She told us her husband hurt his back last fall and isn't much help, almost an invalid. Two of the boys with good boots went hunting for wild game. Four of the boys went on the detail to cut the wood and a couple more would use the mule and wagon to deliver the wood. By the end of the second day, the Sgt had a pretty good system.

See ya!

al Spring Cycle on May 21, 2016 and a marathon at the 9th Annual Fall Festival on October 1, 2016.

"Since our start eight years ago, Fort4Fitness has delivered signature fitness events each year, and has inspired healthy living and community pride throughout Greater Fort Wayne," said Board Chairman Tim Kenesey. "Each year, Fort4Fitness strives to add something new and exciting, and 2016 will be no exception as we add a "century" to our Spring Cycle and a marathon to our Fall Festival."

The Fort4Fitness Spring Cycle will kick off on Main Street in Downtown Fort Wayne in front of the Arts United Center on Saturday, May 21st with four distances of 10, 16, 34, 44 miles and the new 100K (62 miles). The new 100K "Metric Century" will cross the Ohio state line, travel to the mid-point in Antwerp, Ohio and return to the Cinema Center in Fort Wayne. The annual Kickstart4Kids will feature an obstacle course, snack station, helmet and bike fittings, and a bike parade. The Spring Cycle will conclude with post race refreshment and a festive atmosphere downtown.

Fort4Fitness's Fall Festival will take place September 30-October 1, 2016 at Parkview Field in Downtown Fort Wayne. The Marathon, Half Marathon, 10K (the 2016 RRCA National Championship 10K) and 4 Mile Run/ Walk are held on Saturday, October 1st. "It has always been a goal of Fort4Fitness to answer the call of our participants' needs. Two years ago, we began offering multi-race options to accommodate those runners and walkers wanting to complete longer distances. By adding a 26.2 mile course, Fort4Fitness participants are given the option to set new goals of completing this impressive accomplishment," said Carrie Reeb, Director of Marketing and Community Relations. "Since Fort4Fitness strives to improve our events each year, the marathon has been put in place in an effort to build upon the previously successful Triple Crown (running all 3 races--10K, Half Marathon and 4 Mile for a total of 23.3 miles), with a continuous distance to eliminate the break between races."

Also new for 2016, Fort4Fitness will be setting a maximum number of participants in each race. The Marathon will be limited to 1,000 participants, the Half Marathon 3,000, the 10K 2,500 and 3,500 for the 4 Mile. These race caps will allow for better planning and a higher quality experience for those running or walking one of the Fort4Fitness events.

The basic course layouts for the new distances are available at Fort4Fitness.org. More detailed information concerning registration, fees, start times, participant amenities, and race week info will be available on the Fort4Fitness website. Registration for both the 2016 Spring Cycle and Fall Festival opened on January 1, 2016 at Fort4Fitness.org.

SECRETARY HUSTED CERTIFIES CANDIDATES, OFFICIAL FORM OF 2016 PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted certified delegates for presidential candidates as well as candidates for statewide offices as part of the official form of the 2016 Presidential Primary Election Ballot.

In accordance with Section 3513.05 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Secretary of State is required to certify the official form of the ballot no later than 70 days before the primary election.

FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Democratic delegate-at-large and alternate delegate-at-large were certified for: Hillary Clinton, Roque "Rocky" De La Fuente, Bernie Sanders

Republican delegates-at-large and alternate delegates-at-large were certified for: Jeb Bush, Ben Carson, Chris Christie, Ted Cruz, Carly Fiorina, Mike Huckabee, John R. Kasich, Rand Paul, Marco Rubio, Rick Santorum, Donald J. Trump

Republican district delegates and district alternate delegates were certified in all of Ohio's congressional districts for: Jeb Bush, Ben Carson, Chris Christie, Ted Cruz, Carly Fiorina, John R. Kasich, Rand Paul, Marco Rubio, Donald J. Trump

Republican district delegates and district alternate delegates were certified in only the identified congressional districts for: Mike Huckabee, Congressional Districts 3, 4, 6, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15; Rick Santorum, Congressional Districts 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 13, 15, 16

Republican delegates-at-large as well as district delegates for Congressional Districts 1, 2, 8, 11, 13, 15, 16 were also filed for Lindsey Graham, however, the candidate has requested his name no longer appear on the primary election ballot. Boards of elections were not instructed to include his name.

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Democratic Party: Kelli Prather, P.G. Sittenfeld, Ted Strickland

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Democratic Party: John P. O'Donnell

Republican Party: Pat Fischer, Colleen Mary O'Toole

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Democratic Party: Cynthia Rice

Republican Party: Pat DeWine

County boards of elections are required to certify congressional candidates by the 70th day before the primary election, January 5, 2016. Please note that in multi-county districts, contests are certified by the most populous county in the district. To get a list of these candidates, you will need to contact the individual county boards of elections.

HUNTERS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND OHIO'S DEER HUNTING SUMMITS

Ohio hunters and others interested in the state's white-tailed deer management programs have the opportunity to provide feedback about hunting regulations and season structures in central Ohio on Saturday, January 23, and in northeast Ohio on Saturday, January 30, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR).

After input from last year's deer summits and considering participation from across the state, the ODNR Division of Wildlife has decided to host a centrally located summit in Columbus and another summit in northeast Ohio. Each date will offer the option of a morning and afternoon session. Space at each session is limited, and hunters must register to attend. Spaces will be filled on a first-come basis so individuals are encouraged to register early.

Hunters who wish to attend the summit should pre-register by Friday, Jan. 22. Summits will be held at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on both days at the following locations:

January 23: Wildlife District One Headquarters, 1500 Dublin Road, Columbus, 43215. Call 614-644-3925 and select option 4 to pre-register.

January 30: Wildlife District Three Headquarters, 912 Portage Lakes Drive, Akron, 44319. Call 330-644-2293 to pre-register.

The ODNR Division of Wildlife remains committed to properly managing Ohio's deer populations through a combination of regulatory and programmatic changes. The goal of Ohio's Deer Management Program is to provide a deer population that maximizes recreational opportunities, while minimizing conflicts with landowners and motorists. More information about managing deer in Ohio, including the publication, Quality vs. Quantity, A Closer Look at Deer Herd Condition Trends in Ohio, is available at wildohio.gov.

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ments,” commented Coach Clemens.

Entering the tournament with three open weight classes, it was unsure of how competitive this young team would be. The team would lean heavily on their two most accomplished wrestlers, Clemens and Goeltzenleuchter, and find several of the underclassmen step up to put together a fine performance.

Freshman Noah Reel (HWY) would place 11th and Brandon Laney (182) 10th. Finishing a little better than middle of the pack, Hunter Showalter (145) 9th and Anthony Rooks at 8th place. Chase Maroquinn (138) and Austin Smith (120) would both place 6th for the Raiders. Sophomore Braxton Asher (220) and Junior Caleb Schulttz (152) would both wrestle to a 4-1 record and both garner 3rd place finishes for the red, white, and blue.

Freshman, Tyler Bauer (106) has made an impact for the team this year. Bringing his 10-1 record for the season into the tournament, he would suffer an early loss to Neal of Preble Shawnee. However, he would battle back and face off against Neal again in the finals. Bauer would fall to Neal 8-0 and finish as runner up.

Junior, Ruger Goeltzenleuchter (126), bringing an unblemished record of 11-0 into the tournament would not disappoint. He would remain undefeated on the day garnering wins over all challengers and eventually LCC's Joey Caprella to place himself in the finals. He would then face Kendall Johnson, a sectional runner up last year, and change a 15-2 major decision on him. Ruger would finish the tournament without allowing a wrestler to score a point on him and be crowned the 126# champion.

Senior, George Clemens (132), would put up an impressive performance as did Goeltzenleuchter. His first win on the day was a 26 second pin. However, his next match may be one of his more memorable ones. As Clemens' hand was raised following a 29 second pin, it was being raised for the 150th time in a Raider singlet. Many wrestlers celebrate 100 wins as a major accomplishment, as it is difficult to attain, but 150 wins in a career is something very special.

Clemens would remain focused and follow that win up in the quarters with a tech fall setting up a championship match against LCC's

state ranked Collin Hennon. Clemens would dominate his finals match and post a major decision of 10-1 against Hennon. Again, history was made as Clemens' hand was raised. He would become the first ever four time LCC Thunderbird Holiday tournament champion. "150 wins is an almost unheard of accomplishment. Then, for George to follow that up with being a four time tournament champion is really something special," commented Coach Clemens.

Wayne Trace would finish in 3rd place. All wrestlers would capture at least one win on the day to earn points for the team total. Coldwater would take the team title (219.5) with Williamsburg in second (213.5). Wayne Trace's 167.5 would be enough to place in front of LCC's 162.5, to round out the top four.

"We rely on Ruger and George to set the pace. They both came out and controlled every match they were in from start to finish. They were both dominant today," stated Coach Clemens. "We have a lot of young wrestlers, and they are all improving. The coaches' main focus is to continue the development of the 12 underclassmen we have on the team," finished Clemens.

IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO START THINKING ABOUT SPRING TREE SEEDLINGS



Pictured here is Roman DeLong, who was picking up his grandma's tree seedlings during last year's tree seedling event.

Since there isn't any snow and it doesn't feel like winter in Northwest Ohio, might as well start thinking about spring! Now is the perfect time to start thinking about what tree seedlings you would like to plant this spring. There are many advantages to planting trees on your property. Trees are a vital part of our

community and wildlife in Paulding County. Trees can provide you with shade, a serene atmosphere, provide natural cover for vital wildlife, as well as increase your property value. According to the USDA Forest Service, "Healthy, mature trees add an average of 10 percent to a property's value." Planting trees are a true investment in not only our environment, but your property for the future. The Paulding Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is holding their Annual Tree Seedling Event now through March 1, 2016. This year the event will offer over 22 different varieties of trees to meet your needs. The Paulding SWCD is able to work one on one with landowners to help determine the trees that are the best fit for your own unique soil types based on the location of the property. New this year, the Paulding SWCD is offering, scarlet oak, black maple, tulip poplar, butterfly bushes, and dwarf red raspberries.

We invite you to visit the Paulding SWCD office to acquire more information about the many different trees available and to determine what trees can meet your needs. As an Ohioan, show your true spirit for the Ohio State Buckeyes by planting an Ohio Buckeye tree seedling. If you would like an order form please stop into the Paulding SWCD office located in the Extension Building at the fairgrounds, contact us at 419-399-4771 or visit our website at pauldingwcd.org or "Like Us" on Facebook at Paulding Soil and Water Conservation District. We look forward to working with you to help with your tree planting needs.

MORE THAN 9,400 DEER CHECKED DURING OHIO'S TWO-DAY GUN HUNTING SEASON

Hunters checked 9,447 white-tailed deer during Ohio's 2015 two-day deer-gun hunting season, December 28-29, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). The last time Ohio held a two-day December deer-gun season was in 2012 with 14,365 deer harvested. That year, the season was held on a weekend and accounted for just more than 6 percent of the entire deer harvest. This year's two-day season total is projected to account for slightly more than 5 percent of all deer harvested.

Hunters still have opportunities to pursue deer this winter. Muzzleloader season is January 9-12, 2016, and archery season remains open through Sunday, February 7, 2016.

Deer Management Goals

The ODNR Division of Wildlife remains committed to properly managing Ohio's deer populations. The goal of Ohio's Deer Management Program is to provide a deer population that maximizes recreational opportunities, while minimizing conflicts with landowners and motorists.

Until recently, deer populations in nearly all of Ohio's counties were well above goal. In the last few years, through increased antlerless harvests, most

counties are now at or near goal. Therefore, to help stabilize deer populations, bag limits were reduced, and antlerless permit use has been eliminated in most counties for the 2015-2016 season.

The ODNR Division of Wildlife is in the process of revising Ohio's population goals and is asking hunters that receive the survey to help by completing and returning their survey as soon as possible. Hunters for this year's survey were randomly selected from the list of hunters who purchased a license and deer permit by November 16. Landowner surveys have already been completed, and hunter surveys were mailed in early December. Public input is an important part of Ohio's deer management program, and survey participants are asked to complete and return their surveys to ensure that hunters have a clear voice in helping to decide the direction of deer management in Ohio.

Hunting Popularity

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

Find more information about deer hunting in the Ohio 2015-2016 Hunting and Trapping Regulations or at wildohio.gov. An updated deer harvest report is posted online each Wednesday at wildohio.gov/deer-harvest.

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

A list of all white-tailed deer checked by hunters using firearms during the 2015 two-day deer-gun hunting season is shown. The first number following the county's name shows the harvest numbers for 2015, and the 2012 numbers are in parentheses.

Adams: 209 (267); Allen: 21 (78); Ashland: 142 (234); Ashtabula: 305 (372); Athens: 212 (279); Auglaize: 38 (90); Belmont: 216 (387); Brown: 162 (220); Butler: 51 (101); Carroll: 211 (375); Champaign: 41 (77); Clark: 21(63); Clermont: 95 (182); Clinton: 37 (63); Columbiana: 196 (320); Coshocton: 349 (489); Crawford: 59 (102); Cuyahoga: 1 (6); Darke: 19 (66); Defiance: 74 (142); Delaware: 60 (102); Erie: 21 (41); Fairfield: 85 (169); Fayette: 10 (16); Franklin: 24 (26); Fulton: 16 (58); Gallia: 165 (230); Geauga: 77 (106); Greene: 21 (60); Guernsey: 263 (382); Hamilton: 21 (47); Hancock: 34 (77); Hardin: 53 (89); Harrison: 228 (390); Henry: 25 (64); Highland: 147 (239); Hocking: 203 (213); Holmes: 209 (286); Huron: 107 (195); Jackson: 194 (235); Jefferson: 169 (312); Knox: 236 (356); Lake: 21 (27); Lawrence: 147 (176); Licking: 236 (444);

Logan: 86 (143); Lorain: 98 (181); Lucas: 10 (20); Madison: 26 (45); Mahoning: 107 (102); Marion: 55 (75); Medina: 83 (135); Meigs: 229 (259); Mercer: 18 (61); Miami: 37 (49); Monroe: 156 (203); Montgomery: 14 (23); Morgan: 181 (226); Morrow: 71 (133); Muskingum: 284 (474); Noble: 202 (235); Ottawa: 7 (9); **Paulding: 34 (99)**; Perry: 181 (238); Pickaway: 38 (78); Pike: 140 (154); Portage: 88 (90); Preble: 29 (86); Putnam: 19 (47); Richland: 150 (194); Ross: 185 (214); Sandusky: 29 (54); Scioto: 164 (174); Seneca: 84 (139); Shelby: 34 (99); Stark: 124 (171); Summit: 26 (31); Trumbull: 166 (248); Tuscarawas: 296 (483); Union: 32 (81); **Van Wert: 15 (64)**; Vinton: 201 (221); Warren: 44 (83); Washington: 210 (266); Wayne: 109 (115); Williams: 51 (123); Wood: 31 (70); Wyandot: 72 (117). Total: 9,447 (14,365).

USDA ANNOUNCES \$3.4 MILLION IN FUNDING AVAILABLE THROUGH INTERNATIONAL WHEAT PARTNERSHIP RESEARCH PROGRAM

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced the availability of \$3.4 million for research projects in support of the new International Wheat Yield Partnership (IWYP) program.

"Wheat is one of the world's most important staple crops, providing a significant amount of daily calories and protein throughout the world," said Secretary Vilsack. "By 2050, the demand for wheat as part of a reliable, affordable, and nutritious diet will grow alongside the world population, and continued wheat research will play an important role in ensuring its continued availability."

Awards for this program will be made through USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture's (NIFA) Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI), which is authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill.

The new International Wheat Yield Partnership program seeks to enhance agriculture research that can benefit the global community and support the G20 nations' Wheat Initiative with the key aims of enhancing the genetic component of wheat yield and developing new wheat varieties that are adaptable to different geographical regions and

environmental conditions. The programs priorities will focus on breakthroughs for wheat breeding using new technologies and also discoveries that lead to significantly greater yield; further, applications that demonstrate coordination and collaboration with international partners are encouraged. Applications are due May 3, 2016 and more information may be found in the NIFA-IWYP Request for Applications.

Along with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and USDA Agricultural Research Service (ARS), the international partners involved with IWYP include the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council of the United Kingdom (BBSRC); Grains Research and Development Corporation of Australia (GRDC); Department of Biotechnology of India (DBT), from Mexico, the Centro Internacional de Mejoramiento de Maíz y Trigo (CIMMYT); Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC); from France, the Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique (INRA); and from Switzerland, the Syngenta Foundation for Sustainable Agriculture (SFSA).

AFRI is NIFA's flagship competitive grants program and was established under the 2008 Farm Bill. The program addresses six priority areas to continue building a foundation of knowledge in fundamental and applied food and agricultural sciences critical for solving current and future societal challenges. These priority areas include 1) plant health and production and plant products; 2) animal health and production and animal products; 3) food safety, nutrition and health; renewable energy, natural resources and environment; 5) agriculture systems and technology; and 6) agriculture economics and rural communities. More information about AFRI and other funding opportunities are available on the NIFA website.

NIFA invests in and advances agricultural research, education, and extension and seeks to make transformative discoveries that solve societal challenges. To learn more about NIFA's impact on agricultural science, visit nifa.usda.gov/impacts or follow us on Twitter #NIFAimpacts.

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Logan Thiel jumps out of the way when Matt Jones attempts to steal the ball. More pictures at westbendnews.net



All teams included boys from Hicksville, Antwerp and Edgerton at the 2015 Route 49 tournament.

By the time it was all over Antwerp lost this game after finishing a four game winning streak. Hicksville took the win 57-46. Both teams played hard in this game.
 Score by the Quarter:
 Antwerp - 17 5 6 18=46
 Hicksville - 7 15 7 28 = 57
 Scorers of the Game:
 Antwerp - Jones 9; Poulson 11; Pendergrast 6; Williamson 14; Longardner 6.
 Hicksville - Tunis 13; L. Thiel 11; P. Thiel 6; Harvey 13; Lysaght 4; Tear 10
 More pictures at westbendnews.net
 After Antwerp won over Edgerton and Hicksville took down Edon, the two winners competed on Tuesday, December 29 for the Route 49 championship game.

ANTWERP DEFEATS EDGERTON AT RT 49 TOURNAMENT



Josh Longardner is hit by Edgerton senior Landon Thiel when he looks for a shot. More pictures at westbendnews.net

On a cold, windy and rainy evening right after Christmas on Monday, December 28, the boys basketball tournament at Hicksville began for the Route 49 teams. Those included in the tournament were Antwerp, Hicksville, Edgerton, and Edon. In the girls tournament, Hicksville came out on top when they defeated Antwerp in the championship game.
 Edgerton took on Antwerp in the first game with coach Ripke at the helm. The Antwerp boys took an early lead from the Bulldogs when Sam Williamson and Brandon Pendergrast scored 9 points between them while Matt Jones, Josh Poulson and Josh Longardner all added a basket of their own, adding

up to 20 points to Edgerton's 6 (Perry, Thiel and Michael—each 2).

The second quarter was mostly equal with Edgerton taking the most points at 11 while Antwerp had 10 and still keeping the lead they earned in the first quarter.
 The second half was an interesting match for the two GMC teams. The third quarter only scored 15 points between them both (Antwerp 8, Edgerton 7). Then in the fourth quarter... what happened? Both teams scored nearly 4 times what they did in the third—almost 60 points between both. Antwerp's first quarter saved the game because the other periods were so close. It was Miller who posted 13 for the Bulldogs in this quarter. While it was Antwerp's whole team who put 26 free throws in. Only two points were scored for Antwerp that were not from fouls—and that by Cole Seslar.
 The final score was 66-53 with Antwerp winning the game.
 Score by the Quarter:
 Antwerp - 20 10 8 28=66
 Edgerton - 6 11 7 29=53
 Scorers of the Game:
 Antwerp - Jones 15; Mills 6; Poulson 7; Pendergrast 9; Williamson 20; Longardner 9.
 Edgerton - Siebenter 2; Hug 2; Cercone 5; Perry 13; Brady 2; Miller 18; Thiel 4; Michael 7.
 Hicksville took on Edgerton and defeated the Bombers 71-28 in the Aces biggest win of the season.
 More pictures at westbendnews.net

WARRIORS TAKE WRESTLING WIN AGAINST GENERALS
 By: Jeff Abbott
 Woodlan built up a 43-15 lead and finished with a win over Wayne in wrestling action at the Warriors' gym. Four pins (195, 120, 126, 138), a pair of technical decisions, and a weight class forfeit helped the Warriors build their lead. Austin Roemer had the quickest pin of the evening for Woodlan, taking just 30 seconds to win his match at 126lbs. Woodlan scored pins in 4 of the 6 reserve matches to down the Generals 34-10.
 195 - Schindler (Wo) pin Daylan (Wa) 5:59, 6-0
 220 - Snyder (Wa) dec. Cassell (Wo) 8-4, 6-3
 285 - Newton (Wa) pin Murray (Wo) 1:06, 6-9
 106 - Schuller (Wo) forfeit 12-9
 113 - Davis (Wa) pin Ward (Wo) 2:59, 12-15
 120 - Miller (Wo) pin Mourey (Wa) 1:16, 18-15
 126 - A. Roemer (Wo) pin Weideman (Wa) :30, 24-15
 132 - S. Roemenr (Wo) tech. dec. Staples (Wa) 19-4, 29-15
 138 - Parisot (Wo) pin Arnold (Wa) 1:12, 35-15
 145 - Zink (Wo) tech. dec. Au, Solis (Wa) 19-4, 40-15
 152 - Jones (Wo) dec. Al. Solis (Wa) 6-4, 43-15
 160 - Johnson (Wa) dec. Wallace (Wo) 10-4, 43-18
 170 - McKee (Wa) pin Evans (Wo) 1:55, 43-24
 182 - Black (Wa) forfeit 43-30

(Continued from Page 1)
 ally by anything that the players did. What started out as something that should have been friendly rivalry, the refs appeared to be against each other, one seeming to favor the Aces. Another tried to

recompense and proceeded to make bad calls. Neither team knew how to play or what the limits were. Technical fouls were being called by one referee and then, what appeared to compensate, another ref called it on the other team.

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WOODLAN BOYS: STRIKING WIN OVER CROSS BORDER RIVAL



Andrew Krahn scores, tying the game against rival Wayne Trace. More pictures at westbendnews.net

By: Jeff Abbott

A back and forth first half with 6 lead changes and a couple of ties transitioned to the Warriors with the lead and not letting Wayne Trace get back into the game, as the home team beat the Raiders 76-68 in boys' basketball.

Lots of cross court passes defined the game when it got a little wild between the teams. The night after Ethan Linder scored his 1000th career point at Van Wert, the

Raiders travelled to Woodlan to compete in the Warrior Coaches Against Cancer matchup. The Raiders got off the a strong start with multiple three point baskets by Alec Vest. The second half the game became ruled by turnovers—especially for the Raiders.

Every time the Raiders made a run at the Warriors, Woodlan responded with a run of their own to keep their advantage over the Raiders.

Andrew Krahn had 13 fourth quarter points including 6 free throws down the stretch to seal the game. Krahn finished with 25 points with Austin Fancher adding 21 points for the Warriors and Cole Weiss getting 14 points.

Score by the Quarter:
Wayne Trace - 13 8 21

26=68
Woodlan - 12 15 19 30=76
Scorers of the Game:
Wayne Trace - Linder 39, Miller 9, Vest 8, E Sinn 6, Spiece 4, Stabler 2
Woodlan - Krahn 25, Fancher 21, Weiss 14, Gerig 6, McCarter 5, Biggs 3, Williams 2



Ethan Linder hits two points under the basket for the Raiders. In the previous game, Linder hit his 1000th career point against Van Wert. More pictures at westbendnews.net

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RAIDERS TAKE OUT COUGARS IN VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL

On Monday night, December 28th, the Wayne Trace Raiders invaded Cougar country for some high school boys basketball.

The Wayne Trace boys took an early lead for the 1st quarter, 13-11 and kept the same pace for the 2nd quarter, ending the half at 23-19.

The 2nd half of the game kept the same pace with the Van Wert Cougars just trailing the Raiders by 2 points in the 3rd quarter and 7 points in the 4th. The final varsity score of the evening was 55-42.

Score by the Quarter:
Wayne Trace - 13 10 20 12=55

Van Wert - 11 8 18 5=42
Scorers of the Game:
Wayne Trace - Linder 16, Miller 10, Sinn 9, Vest 8, Stabler 6, Spiece 6
Van Wert - Braun 12, Kelly 11, Smith 8, McCracken 5, Cross 4, Munroe 2
JV Score: Van Wert 47, Wayne Trace 34

PAULDING FALLS TO DELPHOS ST. JOHN

Paulding basketball traveled to Delphos on Tuesday, December 29th for some hot court action in high school sports.

Paulding just couldn't catch the momentum of the Blue Jays on the court. Both teams ended the 1st quarter tied at 9 each, but the half ended with Delphos in the lead, 18-15. The 3rd quarter brought the score closer together, 28 for Delphos and 29 for Paulding. The 4th quarter sealed the deal for the Blue Jays as they acquired another 18 points before the ending buzzer giving a final Blue Jay winning

score of 46-41.

Score by the Quarter:
Paulding - 9 6 14 12=41
Delphos St. John - 9 9 10 18=46
Scorers of the Game:
Paulding - Arellano 21, Rhonehouse 9, Sitton 5, Edwards 4, Ingol 2
Delphos St. John - Kreeger 20, Hellman 16, Wurst 5, Will 3, Saine 2
JV score: Paulding 37, Delphos St. John 31

NEW HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Monday, December 28:
Varsity Score: 48-53, Bulldogs loss

Score by the Quarter:
New Haven - 10 19 8 9 2=48

Lake Central - 4 13 17 12 7=53

Scorers of the Game:
New Haven - Moore 5, Stevenson 9, Westrick 2, Gardner 1, Upshaw 2, Towns 8, Rowan 9, Workman 12; F.T. 10/17

Lake Central - Griffin 5, Smith 9, Ray 3, Smith.S 8, Atkins 15, Darter 6, Bereda 1, Dijk 6; F.T. 13/22

Tuesday, December 29:
Teachers Credit Union Holiday Hoops Tournament, Game #1:

Varsity score: New Haven 50, Jeffersonville 71

Score by the Quarter:
New Haven - 9 11 20 10=50

Jeffersonville - 12 20 20 19=71

Scorers of the Game:
New Haven - Moore 3, Westrick 5, Gardner 2, Upshaw 6, Towns 8, Rowan 3, Perkins 2, Workman 16, Clark 5; F.T. 9/11

Jeffersonville - Lewis 14, Luce 8, Hunter 2, Sims 12, Coleman 8, Moore 14, B. Falkenstein 6, Burke 1, Dilkerson 2, K. Falkenstein 4; F.T. 18/29

Wednesday, December 30:

Teachers Credit Union Holiday Hoops Tournament, Game #2:

New Haven improves to 6-3 with a win over Blackhawk Christian.

Final score: New Haven 61, Blackhawk Christian 36

Score by the Quarter:
New Haven - 8 16 15 22=61

Blackhawk Christian - 7 11 6 12=36

Scorers of the Game:
New Haven - Moore 5, Stevenson 8, Westrick 6, Gardner 6, Upshaw 2, Towns 14, Rowan 16, Clark 4; F.T. 7/9

Blackhawk Christian - Donaldson 2, Fielder 6, Hall 2, Thompson 8, Davidson 8, Walters 8, Debusk 2; F.T. 8/8

BEST OF THE BEST BASKETBALL HAPPENINGS

Best of the Best Basketball will be hosting Basketball Skills Development Sessions for local youths in 4th thru 8th (7th and 8th grade must wait till season is over to attend due to OHSA rules) on the following dates in January: Tiffin, OH on Sunday, January 10th, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, January 17th, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, January 24th, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.; Sunday January 31st, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. There will be additional sessions added in February and Spring/Summer Travel Basketball Opportunities will be offered at these skill sessions for the athletes

that attend. Contact Brad at (419) 433 - 5440 for more information or visit: www.bestofthebestbasketball.com.

The 6th Annual Best of the Best Basketball Spring Shootout will be held on March 12th and 13th 2016 at the Heminger Center on the campus of Tiffin University in Tiffin, Ohio. There will be a 4th grade thru 8th grade separate divisions. There will be a 3-game guarantee. Proceeds from the tournament will benefit local youth basketball. For more information, please visit: www.bestofthebestbasketball.com or call Brad at (419) 443 - 5440 to register a team.

FAIRVIEW HIGH SCHOOL ALTHETIC RESULTS

The JV boys won on Monday December 28, by the score of 25-14. The Apaches used a balanced scoring attack against the Hilltop Cadets.

The JV boys defeated Montpelier 33-7. The Apaches were led in scoring by Kobe Baker with 8. David Hissong and Lucas Eisel each chipped in with 6 points.

The freshman boys got their first win on Monday, December 28, at Hilltop by a score of 39-35. Tyler Sprow shot 7/9 from the line and led all scorers with 23 points.

Congrats to the JV girls for going 2-0 and winning that portion of the tournament. They played hard and worked well together!

The varsity girls lost the first night to a very good Stryker team 55-35. Carly Wendling had a great game leading us with 13 points. Katie Crites posted 9.

The girls played maybe their best team game of the year the second night beating Paulding 51-29. The team had 6 girls with at least 6 points. They played a combination of defenses very well holding Paulding to just 12 made shots.

Scoring:

Katie Crites - 14; Mercedes Wagner - 10; Carlie Phillips, Allison Vetter, and Kendra Schroeder all had 7.

Also Kendra Schroeder was named all tourney team by the selection committee.

The varsity boys basketball team defeated Hilltop by a score of 56 to 53. Matthew Kozumplik and Justin Smith led the scoring with 26 and 13 points respectively. Fairview doubled Hilltop in rebounding 26 to 13 led by Luke Breininger with 6. Smith added 5 rebounds. Kozumplik and Cole Crites each added 4. The team shot 80% (24-30) from the free throw line led by Kozumplik (6 of 6) and Austin Meyer (4 of 4).

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LADY RAIDERS WON BY ONE



One point down Woodlan's Rain Hinton stumbles when attempting the shot right and time ran out. More pictures at westbendnews.net

By: Jeff Abbott

Facing a 17-5 first quarter deficit, Woodlan fought back into the game with a chance to win in the final seconds, but fell to the visiting Raiders 54-53 in girls' basketball. The Warriors trailed 17-5 after the opening stanza and then cut into Wayne Trace to trail by 5 points, 27-22, at the half. Wayne Trace built their advantage to double digits, 45-35, after the third period. Woodlan began chipping into the lead, getting 8 of her game high 22 points from Rain Hinton and points from Samantha Houser and Samantha Voors from outside shots. Woodlan had a chance to win the game in the final 7 seconds, with a shot coming up just short from Hinton. Samantha Voors had 14 points for Woodlan and Ellie Kayser

added 11 points including 3 three-pointers.

After a moderate lead held most of the game the Lady Warriors tied the game with less than a minute left, a foul shot at the end left Wayne Trace with a one point lead. Rain Hinton attempted to draw a foul in the last few seconds but was unable to and did not get the shot off before the clock ran out when she stumbled trying to turn around.

Score by the Quarter:

Wayne Trace - 17 10 18 9=54

Woodlan - 5 17 13 18=53

Scorers of the Game:

Wayne Trace - Gudakunst 20, Mohr 19, Egnor 6, Myers 5, Mead 2, B Sinn 2

Woodlan - Hinton 22, Voors 14, Kayser 11, Houser 4, Reidenbach 2



Raider Erin Mohr passes the ball with Kenzie Salzbrenner attempting to block. More pictures at westbendnews.net

SEEKING STUDENTS FOR WINTER/SPRING SESSION OF OHIO SCHOLARS IN AGING PROGRAM DEADLINE EXTENDED

The Ohio Department of Aging and the Ohio Association of Gerontology and Education (OAGE) are preparing to kick off the Winter/Spring 2016 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.

DEADLINE EXTENDED: Applications for the Winter/Spring 2016 session will be accepted through January 13, 2015.

SCORING DROUGHT DOOMS WARRIORS

By: Jeff Abbott

A second-half scoring drought doomed Woodlan to a 54-24 pasting by Jay County in girls' ACAC basketball at the Warriors' gym. Woodlan stayed close to the Patriots in the first half, trailing by a 14-8 score after the first quarter and by a 25-16 count at the half. The Warriors scored just 4 points in the third period and again in the final stanza. Jay County stretched out the lead to 23 at the end of the third and 30 points at the buzzer. Kenzie Salzbrenner led Woodlan scoring with 14 points. Jay County won the reserve game with ease, 50-15 over Woodlan. Taylor Sarrazine led the Warriors with 6 points.

Score by the Quarter:

Jay County - 14 11 18 11=54

Woodlan - 8 8 4 4=24

Scorers of the Game:

Jay County - Wendel 16, Kunkler 8, Ault 7, Dues 6, Caldwell 6, Homan 5, Shreve 3, L Muhlenkamp 3

Woodlan - Salzbrenner 14, Kayser 3, Houser 2, Voors 2, Hinton 2, Reidenbach 1

LADY LIONS OUTSCORE WARRIORS

By: Jeff Abbott

Leo broke open a tight game, outscoring Woodlan 17-8 in the final 8 minutes as the Lions beat the Warriors 52-39 in girls' basketball. The Lions and Warriors battled through 3 ties and 7 lead changes in the first half with Woodlan leading by a single point at 13-12 after the first period and 23-22 at the half. Leo took the lead in the third period and had a 35-31 advantage heading into the final quarter. The Warriors went

cold on offense while Leo was able to build their advantage. Morgan Sanderson led the Lions with 17 points and 9 players hit the scoring column for the Lions. Rain Hinton had 15 points for the Warriors and Ellie Kayser added 12 points. Leo ran away with the reserve game, winning 50-18 over the Warriors. Jai'Shawn Winborn had 7 points for Woodlan.

Score by the Quarter:

Leo - 12 10 13 17=52

Woodlan - 13 10 8 8=39

Scorers of the Game:

Leo - Sanderson 17, Pierce 9, Imel 8, Heischman 6, Harding 4, Green 4, Neff 2, Wills 2

Woodlan - Hinton 15, Kayser 12, Voors 8, Houser 2, Salzbrenner 2

WARRIORS BARREL PAST RAILROADERS

By: Jeff Abbott

Garrett scored the first points of the game, getting a three-pointer from Cordell Kessler, but Woodlan responded with a 10-0 run to take the lead for good and the Warriors went on to down the Railroaders 59-49 in boys' basketball. Woodlan led by as many as 13 points in the game and every time Garrett got close, the Warriors responded to the challenge and kept the Railroaders at bay. Andrew Krahn led Woodlan scoring with 29 points including 3 three-pointers. Austin Fancher hit double figures with 11 points.

Woodlan got by Garrett 46-43 in the reserve game with Ah'Lan Howards scoring 12 points for the Warriors.

Score by the Quarter:
Garrett - 9 12 11 17=49
Woodlan - 18 10 10 21=59
Scorers of the Game:
Garrett - Kessler 13, Wichman 10, Yarion 9, Purdy 7, Johnson 4, Stafford 4, Reneau 2
Woodlan - Krahn 29, Fancher 11, Weiss 7, Biggs 6, Schwartz 4, Hahn 2

WARRIOR SEASON OFF & RUNNING WITH WIN OVER BRAVES

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan boys' basketball got their season off and running with a 60-55 win on the road at Bellmont. Woodlan trailed by two points after the first period, but got the lead in the second period and hung on the rest of the way for the win. Andrew Krahn led the Warriors with 19 points.

Score by the Quarter:

Woodlan - 9 14 17 20=60

Bellmont - 11 11 12 21=55

Scorers of the Game:

Woodlan - Krahn 19, McCarter 9, Weiss 9, Hahn 8, Fancher 7, Biggs 4, Schwartz 3, Williams 1

Bellmont - Bauer 16, Ainsworth 11, Hess 10, Okoniewski 9, Hall 6, Weaver 3

BULLDOGS OVERPOWER WARRIORS IN HS BOYS BASKETBALL

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan couldn't overcome a disastrous first quarter and the Warriors fell to New Haven 73-56 in boys' basketball. Woodlan was outscored 23-9 in the opening stanza and then played

the final 3 quarters almost even with the Bulldogs at 50-49. Cole Weiss, a former New Haven player, led the scoring for the Warriors with 13 points. Austin Fancher added 11 points and Josh Gerig put in 11 for Woodlan.

Score by the Quarter:

Woodlan - 9 18 15 14=56

New Haven - 23 13 22 15=73

Scorers of the Game:

Woodlan - Weiss 13, Fancher 12, Gerig 11, Krahn 6, Hahn 5, Williams 5, McCarter 2, Rhoades 1

New Haven - Towns 20, Stevenson 14, Workman 12, Westrick 9, Gardner 8, Upshaw 7, Moore 3

LADY RAIDERS (IN) FALL TO WARRIORS

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan started on a 5-0 run and Rain Hinton had the first 7 points for the Warriors and Woodlan went on to down Southern Wells 55-32 in girls' basketball. Woodlan led at every stop in the game and a 10-0 run in the second period helped seal the game for the home team, Hinton finished with 25 points and Kenzie Salzbrenner added 14 points for the Warriors. Woodlan dropped the reserve game 36-31 to the Raiders. Jai'Shawn Winborn had 12 for the Warriors.

Score by the Quarter:

Southern Wells - 9 4 8 11=32

Woodlan - 13 14 16 14=55

Scorers of the Game:

Southern Wells - Yencer 14, Johnson 7, Collins 5, Noble 4, Bothast 2

Woodlan - Hinton 25, Salzbrenner 14, Voors 8, Kayser 4, Bowers 4

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LADY APACHES TAKE DOWN THE LADY PANTHERS

Varsity score: 29 - 51. Panthers loss.
Score by the Quarter:
 Paulding - 5 7 10 7 = 29
 Fairview - 15 5 16 15 = 51
Game scorers:
 Paulding - Vogel 11; Meggison 2; McCullough 3; Townley 11; Ankney 2
 Fairview - Vetter 7; Wendling 6; Schroeder 7; Crites 14; Wagner 10; Philips 7

4-H CLUB MEETING REPORT

Submitted by: Jalynn Parrett
 The Brown Bettys & Buster Brown 4-H Club met December 28th at the Cooper Community Library. The meeting was called to order by president Aaron Horstman. The pledge to the American flag was led by Brendan Hornish, assisted by Kendall Akers. The 4-H pledge was led by Kennedy Foor, assisted by Avery Cooper. The roll call was answered by a favorite Christmas gift. New members were welcomed. Old business consisted of talking about the Senior Fairboard Christmas drive thru and our display. Enrollment forms were collected. Animal possession dates were passed out. The next meeting will be January 25th at the Cooper Community Library.

LADY WARRIORS FALL SHORT WITH ACAC RIVAL, TIGERS

By: Jeff Abbott
 Woodlan had an early 6-0 lead over Bluffton, but the Lady Tigers fought back to take a 10-9 lead after the first quarter in ACAC girls' basketball at Woodlan. Bluffton and Woodlan continued to stay close throughout the game, with neither team getting more than a 4 or 5 point advantage. Bluffton held a slim 21-20 lead at the half. Woodlan took the lead early in the third period, but Bluffton regained the advantage with a Grace Miller 3 point basket and the Tigers led 28-26 heading into the final 8 minutes. Woodlan again retook the lead, getting a three-point play, a field goal and a free throw from Kenzie Salzbrenner, to have a 29-28 lead. Bluffton went on a 6-0 run to get the lead only to have the Warriors get their own 6-0 to lead 36-35 with

under 3 minutes to go. Bluffton quickly recaptured the lead and then went into ball control mode, holding onto the ball for more than 2½ minutes. Woodlan, forced to foul to put the Tigers on the line and Bluffton connected to make their lead hold up. Rain Hinton had 14 points and Samantha Houser added 11 points for Woodlan. Bluffton won the reserve game, 41-25, with Jai'Shawn win-born getting 9 points for the Warriors.

Score by the Quarter:
 Bluffton - 10 11 7 14=42
 Woodlan - 9 11 6 10=36
Scorers of the Game:
 Bluffton - 16, Hofstetter 8, A. Smith 6, Z. Smith 5, Penrod 4, Krider 3
 Woodlan - Hinton 14, Houser 11, Kayser 4, Voors 4, Salzbrenner 3

SNIDER STEALS WRESTLING WIN FROM WOODLAN

By: Jeff Abbott
 Heading into the final match each team had 5 pins and Woodlan had a 39-36 lead with a decision win at 132lb, but Snider recorded a pin in the final match to pull out a 42-39 win in wrestling action at Woodlan. The Warriors got pins from Chris Schuller (106), Austin Roemer (126), Casey Parisot (138), Tucker Wallace (160), and Riley Schindler (195). Chris Schuller had the fastest pin of the evening for the Warriors, needing just 46 seconds to win his match. The reserve matches ended with an 18-18 tie. Each team had 3 pins with Ged Hoot (132), Braden Gergers (132), and Dirk Herschberger (145) getting wins.
 285 - Thomas (S) pin Murray (W) :29, 0-6
 106 - Schuller (W) pin Pierce (S) :46, 6-6
 113 - Ward (W) forfeit 12-6
 120 - Nance (S) pin :57, 12-12
 126 - A. Roemer (W) pin Courter (S) 3:18, 18-12
 132 - S. Roemer (W) dec. Pace (S) 6-3, 21-12
 138 - Parisot (W) pin Hardy (S) 1:24, 27-12
 145 - Coffin (S) pin Thompson (W) :57, 27-18
 152 - Miller (S) pin Jones (W) :42, 27-24
 160 - Wallace (W) pin Harrington (S) 4:23, 33-24
 170 - Christen (S) pin Evans (W) 2:11, 33-30
 182 - Campbell (S) forfeit 33-36
 195 - Schindler (W) pin Fuqua (S) 1:03, 39-36
 220 - Talamantes (S) pin Newberry (W) 2:24, 39-42

ANTWERP SWEARS IN LEADERSHIP



Tom Van Vlerah swears in Jan Reeb after she is reelected.



Tom Van Vlerah swears in Kenneth Reinhart after he was reelected.



Tom Van Vlerah swears in Ray DeLong as the new mayor of Antwerp

Election times can easily change the faces of town councils and other government authority boards and Antwerp is no different. The village council reelected two of the council members—Kenneth Reinhart and Jan Reeb.
 Both Kenneth and Jan have served the Antwerp Community for years. Kenneth is in his 2nd sequential term, but 20 years in all five of his terms throughout the years. Jan has served five terms also and 20 years in a row.
 Ray DeLong is beginning his 2nd term as mayor after a four year hiatus. He intends to reinstitute the sidewalk restoration project that began along Main Street in his first term. Ray said he liked the town wide garbage ordinance that was passed last year and proposed by

Jan Reeb. This next term will also continue the push for setting up landlord rules to help make better living conditions for all renters. Another issue the council is specifically working on is getting grant money to tear down and clean up abandoned houses and property.
 Tom Van Vlerah swore in Reinhart, Reeb and DeLong on Wednesday, December 30 at 9:00 a.m. Tom has been mayor for the last four years, but he also has full time job as an engineer in Angola, IN.
 The Village of Antwerp is a great community in Paulding County that works well together to make the town a great place to live.
 Be sure to tell the businesses you patronize, that you saw their ad in the West Bend News.

HAHN LEADS WARRIORS TO BIG WIN OVER BLACK-HAWK

By: Jeff Abbott
 Aaron Hahn had 11 of his game high 25 points to lead Woodlan to a 74-69 win over Blackhawk in boys' basketball at the Warriors' gym. Woodlan led most of the way, just a pair of early lead changes, as the Warriors collected 9 three-pointers in the game. Woodlan got their advantage to double-digit figures throughout the game and every run by the Braves was reciprocated with a run by Woodlan to hold off the challenge. Austin Fancher and Andrew Krahn each added 18 points to the Woodlan win. The Warrior dropped the reserve game, Ah'lan Howard had 11 points in the loss.
Score by the Quarter:
 Blackhawk - 13 14 16 26=69
 Woodlan - 15 16 21 22=74
Scorers of the Game:
 Blackhawk - Thompson 24, Davidson 21, Walters 14, Hall 4, Fielder 2, Sassmannshauer 2, Croft 2
 Woodlan - Hahn 25, Fancher 18, Krahn 18, Weiss 7, Gerig 4, McCarter 2

JETS FLY OVER WARRIORS

By: Jeff Abbott
 After a disastrous first half that saw the home team score 6 points in the first quarter and could only add 2 more in the score period, the Woodlan Warriors came back in the second half and forced overtime with the Adams Central Jets in boys' ACAC basketball. Woodlan was over scored in the extra session 14-8 to fall by a final score of 59-53. The Jets led 15-6 after the first quarter and stretched it to 25-8 at the half. Seven second half three-pointers helped the Warriors get back in the game with Aaron Hahn pumping in 4 of the long-range shots. Woodlan trailed by 10 heading into the final 8 minutes of regulation and kept cutting into the lead in the fourth. Andrew Krahn hit his lone three pointers with 24 seconds left to tie the game and the Jets with the final possession couldn't hit a game winner to send the battle to overtime. The two teams traded baskets early before the Jets got the lead to five points and hung on with free throws in the final minute to seal the game. Aaron Hahn had 14 points for the Warriors and Andrew Krahn added 12. Woodlan rolled to a 60-46 win in the

the reserve game with Adam Quantance and Ah'lan Howard each scoring 12 for the Warriors and Donald Guerrant had 10 points.
Score by the Quarter:
 Adams Central - 15 10 12 8 14=59
 Woodlan - 6 2 19 18 8=53
Scorers of the Game:
 Adams Central - Voirol 18, Fox 13, Grubagh 12, Roth 9, Bauman 6, Carroll 1
 Woodlan - Hahn 14, Krahn 12, Weiss 8, Biggs 7, Fancher 5, Schwartz 2, Gerig 2, Williams 2, McCarter 1

LADY PANTHERS LOSE TO LADY GOLDEN BEARS

Varsity score: 24 - 54. Paulding Panthers loss.
Score by the Quarter:
 Paulding - 7 7 4 6 = 24
 Bryan - 14 15 12 13 = 54
Game scorers:
 Paulding - Vogel 9; Ar-end 2; Meggison 3; McCullough 2; Townley 8
 Bryan - Miley 9; Arnold 3; Shindlecker 10; Minor 13; Krupp 4; Sabins 7; Grude 6; Shuherk 2

WAYNE TRACE VS NAPOLEON BOYS BASKETBALL

Napoleon took the victory over Wayne Trace 57 - 55.
Game scorers:
 Wayne Trace - Stabler 12, Miller 7, Sinn 6, Saylor 2, Linder 11, Vest 13, Speice 4.
 Napoleon - Good 5, Peckinpaugh 11, Daman 3, Lauf 22, Gerken 8, Sickmiller 8.
Score by Quarter:
 Wayne Trace - 9 18 13 15 = 55
 Napoleon - 11 21 10 15 = 57

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER JUDGMENT OF DISCLOSURE OF LIENS FOR DELINQUENT LAND TAXES

Revised Code, Section 5721.19.1
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

In the Matter of Foreclosure of Liens for delinquent land taxes:

LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, TREASURER PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO, Plaintiff,

vs.
ROBERT A. LEHMAN, ET AL., Defendants.

Case No. CI 15 016
Whereas, judgment has been rendered against certain parcels of real property for taxes, assessments, penalties, costs and charges as follows:

615 West Jackson Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879
Parcel Number: 30-06S-094-00

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

Total amount of judgment is Two Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-nine Thousand and 67/100 (\$2,949.67) Dollars, plus interest and costs of this suit.

Whereas, said judgment orders such real property to be sold by the undersigned to satisfy the total amount of said judgment;

Now, therefore, public notice is hereby given that I, Jason K. Landers, Sheriff, Paulding County, Ohio, will sell such real property at public auction for cash to the highest bidder of an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against each parcel at 10:00 a.m. at the East door of the Courthouse in Paulding, Ohio, on Thursday, the 11th day of February, 2016, and continue from day to day thereafter.

If any parcel does not receive a sufficient bid, it shall be offered for sale, under the same terms and conditions of the first sale and at the same time of day and at the same place on the 25th day of February, 2016 for an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against the parcel.

Payment in full is due at the time of the sale and the purchaser(s) are advised they have no legal right to access this property until the Sheriff's Deed has been filed with the Paulding County Recorder's Office.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ALL SUCH REAL PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION MAY BE SUBJECT TO A FEDERAL TAX LIEN THAT MAY NOT BE EXTINGUISHED BY THE SALE, AND PURCHASERS OF ANY SUCH REAL PROPERTY ARE URGED TO SEARCH THE FEDERAL TAX LIEN INDEX THAT IS KEPT BY THE COUNTY RECORDER TO DETERMINE IF NOTICE OF A FEDERAL TAX LIEN HAS BEEN FILED WITH RESPECT TO ANY SUCH REAL PROPERTY.

Sheriff Jason K. Landers Paulding County, Ohio

PAULDING COUNTY COURT REPORTS

Criminal Disposition:

Thang Q. Vuong; Toledo, OH; FTY Emer Vehicl; pled guilty, found guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 2/29/16 or will be sent to collections

Johnathon R. Foster; Defiance, OH; OVI/Under Inf; Pled guilty; found guilty; May attend the DIP program in lieu of three days of jail concurrent with case 15-CRB-384; pay all fines and costs; has a POC date of 9/30/16; Community Control II; 20 hours of community service; 87 jail days; reserved; secure a valid driver's license; Count B; Loud exhaust; charge dismissed; Dismissed at State's request

Scott Allen Trammel; Grover Hill, OH; Proof of FRA; charges dismissed per state's request; Count B; Fail Control; pled J-Guilty, found guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 1/29/16 or will be sent to collections; proof of financial responsibility not provided

Dashyia Monet Haywood; Fort Wayne, IN; Child Restrained; Pled guilty, found guilty; case was waived by defendant

Lynn P. Wells III; Payne, OH; Traf Dev/Signs; pled guilty, found guilty; case was waived by defendant

Real Estate Transfers: Antwerp Village:

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681 Revised Code, Section 2329.26

THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY, THE STATE BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, Plaintiff,

vs.
JAMES J. WOODRING, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. CI 15 130.
Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above entitled action, I will offer for sale at public auction, at the East door of the Courthouse in the Village of Paulding, in the above named County, on Thursday, the 11th day of February, 2016 at 10:00 o'clock A.M., the real estate located at:

7511 State Route 613, Payne, Ohio 45880
Parcel Number: 28-30A-002-00 and 28-30A-001-00

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

Said premises appraised at Fifty-seven Thousand and No/100 (\$57,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount.

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

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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.

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Kriss D. Felty, Attorney for Plaintiff

12/28/15; Portfolio Harbour IV LP; Lot 61; 0.2 acres; To: Headlands Asset Management Fund III Series E LP

Paulding Village: 12/28/15; Elizabeth D. Bates, et al; Lot 17; 0.301 acres; To: Zachary R. Rosenbeck & Kathryn E. Schulze

Timothy R. Bakle, trustee; Lot 235; 0.1515 acres; To: Matthew W. & Stefanie S. Hollar

Blue Creek Twp.: 12/29/15; Leslie & Stanley Eddy; Sec. 31; 163 acres; To: Leslie D. Eddy

Carryall Twp.: 12/28/15; JP Morgan Chase Bank National Association; Sec. 31; 5.828 acres; To: Ronald E. & Nicole R. Gerken

Latty Twp.: 12/31/15; Joshua Sinn, et al; Sec. 18; 40 acres; To: Stanley A. & Janahn J. Sinn

Paulding Twp.: 12/29/15; James E. & Becki L. Boes; Sec. 9; 1.812 acres; To: Russell P. White & Janelle J. Miller

SANCTUARY FOR REFUGEES: ANDRÉ TROCME AND LE CHAMBON-SUR-LIGNON

By: Rivera Sun

Recent comments by US politicians have left many troubled, worried about a replay of Nazi-era Germany here in the United States. The specter of the Jewish Holocaust recast upon Muslim and refugee bodies haunts many. In times such as these, the stories of courageous, organized resistance to the Nazis bear repeating. Of these, the efforts of a French priest can serve as example to us all.

André Trocmé was trou-

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681 Revised Code, Section 2329.26

THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY, WRIGHT-PATT CREDIT UNION, INC., Plaintiff,

vs.
ZACHARY N. LITZENBERG aka ZACHARY NEIL LITZENBERG, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. CI 15 162.
Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above entitled action, I will offer for sale at public auction, at the East door of the Courthouse in the Village of Paulding, in the above named County, on Thursday, the 11th day of February, 2016 at 10:00 o'clock A.M., the real estate located at:

4801 Road 72, Payne, Ohio 45880
Parcel Number: 03-03S-022-01

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Alexander A. Arestides, Attorney for Plaintiff

ble for those who favored war and violence. He was sent to a remote parish in the mountains of France for his pacifist views, but as the Nazis invaded and occupied France, Andre discovered he was in a unique position to join the international network of people resisting the Nazis and the persecution of the Jews. He and his wife, Magda, and his deputy worked with the villagers and parishioners of Le Chambon-sur-Lignon to create a series of safe houses for fleeing Jews. The local schools enrolled children under false names, and met them at the train station as if welcoming family members into their homes. When the anti-Jew Vichy government caught on, they sent gendarmes to search the village. When asked to produce a list of Jews, Trocmé replied, "We do not know what a Jew is. We only know men." It is estimated that between 1940-1945, the village saved the lives of 3,500-5,000 Jewish refugees.

Flash-forward to September-November 2015: Syrian

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681 Revised Code, Section 2329.26

THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY, CHARLES B. ROSE, EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS J. LUDEMANN, DECEASED, Plaintiff,

vs.
JAMES D. MCNEELY, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. CI 15 023.
Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above entitled action, I will offer for sale at public auction, at the East door of the Courthouse in the Village of Paulding, in the above named County, on Thursday, the 11th day of February, 2016 at 10:05 o'clock A.M., the real estate located at:

15277 County Road 169, Defiance, Ohio 43512
Parcel Number: 01-04S-021-11, 01-04A-026-00 and 01-04A-027-00

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

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David A. Hyman, Attorney for Plaintiff

refugees are fleeing violence, civil war, airstrikes, terrorist groups, and extreme repression. They flood the shores of Europe. In Hungary, Sweden, and Greece, the governments ban the refugees. But citizens rise up, nonviolently, flock to the train stations, defy their officials, and welcome the refugees into their countries. Then, in November, terrorists attack and kill 130 in Paris. The Syrian refugees are scapegoated. Thirty-one United States governors overstretch their authority and issue statements saying they will not accept Syrian refugees in their states.

What are we going to do? The moral obligation of compassion is clear. Our governors, like the officials in Europe, like the Vichy government and the Nazis, and all the cruel oppressors throughout history, must be resisted nonviolently. Like André Trocmé and Le Chambon-sur-Lignon, we must make our communities havens for those fleeing violence and death. We must open our

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hearts and homes to provide sanctuary to our fellow human beings, even going to great risks to assure that our common humanity is not destroyed by the bigotry and hatred of the times. Refugees are seeking refuge . . . and all philosophies, faiths, and spiritualities call upon us to offer such sanctuary in the midst of the storms of violence and war.

Resisting modern-day Hitlers and Nazis—from ISIS to Trump—requires opening our hearts to those being persecuted by the politics of hatred. In our times, this means Muslims, refugees, immigrants, homeless, the poor, and a great many more. Like Trocmé and the villagers, we find ourselves in times of crisis, being required to do extraordinary acts in the midst of our ordinary human lives. Like Trocmé, we each have this capacity within us, a seed of compassion just waiting to unfurl.

"Look hard for ways to make little moves against destructiveness." - André Trocmé

Learn more about André and Magda Trocmé here: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andr%C3%A9_and_Magda_Trocm%C3%A9

Author/Activist Rivera Sun, syndicated by PeaceVoice, is the author of The Dandelion Insurrection, and other books, She is a trainer and social media coordinator for Campaign Nonviolence. (This essay was originally part of a longer essay addressing five stories of nonviolent resistance to the Nazis and the parallels that can be applied to current events in the United States.)

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VILLAGE OF ANTWERP PUBLIC NOTICES

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2015-31** on December 21, 2015, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2 OF ORDINANCE NO. 2007-21 AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP TO UTILIZE A CONTRACT FOR UTILITY SERVICES PROVIDED TO PROPERTY OWNERS THAT RENT SAID PROPERTY TO TENANTS IN THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO." This Ordinance amends Ordinance No. 2007-21 to increase the security deposit for renters for utility expenses.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2015-36** on December 21, 2015, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO, AND PARAGON TEMPERED GLASS, LLC FOR THE SUPPLY AND PURCHASE OF WATER AND PROVISION OF SEWER SERVICE, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance authorizes the Village to enter into an agreement with Paragon Tempered Glass, LLC for the sale and purchase of water and treatment of sewage discharge at the rates agreed to by the parties for calendar year 2016.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2015-37** on December 21, 2015, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO, TO AMEND APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance authorizes the Fiscal Officer to amend appropriation amounts for 2015.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2015-38** on December 21, 2015, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance makes appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures for fiscal year ending December 31, 2016, for the funds and sums as set forth in said Ordinance.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2015-39** on December 21, 2015, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2016, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance establishes compensation for Village officials, employees, appointees, and volunteers for calendar year 2016.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2015-40** on December 21, 2015, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH TIME AND PLACE OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO, FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2016, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance establishes the time and place of regular council meetings for calendar year 2016 to be the third Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. unless there is a holiday with the meeting in January being on January 14, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. and the meeting in February being on February 22, 2016, at 5:30 p.m.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2015-41** on December 21, 2015, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL FUND FOR THE REVENUE GENERATED BY THE SPECIAL LEVY OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO, SUCH LEVY PASSED BY THE ELECTORS FOR THE PURPOSES PROVIDED UNDER O.R.C. § 5705.19(I), INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO PROVIDING AND MAINTAINING FIRE APPARATUS, APPLIANCES, AND EQUIPMENT INCLUDING A PUMPER/TANKER FIRE ENGINE AND FIRE GEAR FOR FIREFIGHTING PERSONNEL, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance establishes a special fund for the revenue generated by the special levy including the purchase of the fire truck and firefighting gear.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2015-42** on December 21, 2015, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE WATER FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000.00, AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance authorizes the Fiscal Officer to transfer \$15,000.00 from the general fund to the water fund for the operation of the water department.

The publication of these Ordinances is by summary only. The complete text of the Ordinances may be obtained or viewed at the office of the Village of Antwerp Fiscal Officer located at 118 North Main Street, Antwerp, Ohio.

THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2016 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE DEPOT, 503 W. RIVER STREET, ANTWERP OHIO.

PROPOSED VARIANCE ISSUE:

Carol Huss of 609 S. Erie Street, Antwerp, Ohio, is requesting a variance on her south side yard set-back in order to put up a privacy fence. Current zoning restriction requires a five (5) foot set-back on side yard setbacks. Due to a deck being located on the south side of the yard, the privacy fence requires a variance to include the deck which would locate the new fence within 3 feet of the property line. The variance requested would allow for the construction of the privacy fence to be placed within 3 feet of the property line.

Detailed information may be viewed at the Village Administrator's Office located at the Depot, 503 W. River, Antwerp, Ohio 45813.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 12/23/15

This 23rd day of December, 2015, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

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

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:

Warrants documented as 221499 through 221576 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

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

The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claim on December 21, 2015, Warrant numbered 221341 in the amount of \$108.41; and it is certified that both at the time that the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time that the County Auditor is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance; and pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code §5705.41(D)(1), these purchases must be approved by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners. Now, therefore the Paulding County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Purchase Orders as submitted by the Auditor; and it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners, County of Paulding, State of Ohio concerning the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Mr. Mark Holtsberry to go into executive session at 8:06 a.m. with the Paulding County Prosecutor to discuss legal matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tony Zartman. All members voting yay.

At 8:22 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Mr. Tony Zartman to go into executive session at 10:00 a.m. with the Becky Suvar, WMEA, to discuss personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Holtsberry. All members voting yay.

At 10:30 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

IN THE MATTER OF A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 078):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize and direct the County Auditor to make a Supplemental Appropriation in the Infrastructure Projects Fund (Fund 078):

FROM: Pay-In #108857 TO: 078-001-00001/Infrastructure Projects/Infrastructure Projects Expenses

AMOUNT: \$55,155.02

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2015 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the Soil Conservation-Soil and Water Fund (Fund 010):

010-001-00001/Soil Conservation-Soil and Water/Salaries

AMOUNT: \$2,705.44

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

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

044-001-00001/CPCP/Equipment Expenses

AMOUNT: \$3,207.00

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2015 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 092):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2015 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the Hazmat Fund (Fund 092):

092-001-00001/Hazmat/Other Expenses

AMOUNT: \$396.35

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2015 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 170):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2015 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the Wireless 911 Fund (Fund 170):

170-001-00006/Wireless 911/Other

AMOUNT: \$211.78

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2015 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 255):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to

amend the 2015 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the IDEP Grant Fund (Fund 255):

255-001-00003/IDEP Grant/Medicare

AMOUNT: \$21.95

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2015 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-010):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2015 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in the Senior Center Fund (Fund 052):

FROM: 001-010-00007/General Fund/Juvenile Court/Travel

TO: 001-010-00001/General Fund/Juvenile Court/Salaries

AMOUNT: \$196.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2015 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-014):

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

FROM: 001-014-00004/General Fund/County Court/Equipment

TO: 001-014-00002/General Fund/County Court/Salaries

AMOUNT: \$229.64

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2015 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-015):

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

FROM: 001-015-00001/General Fund/Election Board/Salaries-Officials

AMOUNT: \$227.96

001-015-00002/General Fund/Election Board/Salaries-Employees - \$35.08

001-015-00007/General Fund/Election Board/Other Expenses - \$469.12

001-015-00008/General Fund/Election Board/PERS - \$22.58

001-015-00009/General Fund/Election Board/Workers' Comp - \$457.14

001-015-00010/General Fund/Election Board/Precinct Workers - \$686.48

001-015-00011/General Fund/Election Board/Health Insurance - \$0.56

TO: 001-015-00005/General Fund/Election Board/Contract-Services

AMOUNT: \$1,898.92

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

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

FROM: 001-017-00008/General Fund/Sheriff/Equipment-Sheriff

TO: 001-017-00011/General Fund/Sheriff/Contracts-Services

AMOUNT: \$1,800.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2015 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-030):

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

FROM: 001-030-00001/General Fund/Insurance-Loss Control/CORSA

TO: 001-030-00004/General Fund/Insurance-Loss Control/Salaries

AMOUNT: \$1,688.42

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2015 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 042):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2015 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in the Senior Center Fund (Fund 052):

FROM: 052-002-00007/Senior Center/Supplies

TO: 052-002-00001/Senior Center/Salaries

AMOUNT: \$1,726.33

FROM: 052-002-00008/Senior Center/Vehicle Expense

TO: 052-002-00001/Senior Center/Salaries

AMOUNT: \$2,090.13

FROM: 052-002-00009/Senior Center/Travel

TO: 052-001-00001/Senior Center/Salaries

AMOUNT: \$32.99

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2015 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 052):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2015 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in the Senior Center Fund (Fund 052):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2015 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in the Senior Center Fund (Fund 052):

FROM: 052-002-00018/Senior Center/Contract Services

TO: 052-002-00007/Senior Center/Supplies

AMOUNT: \$334.06

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2015 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 134):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2015 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in the County Court Special Projects Fund (Fund 134):

FROM: 134-001-00002/County Court Special Projects/Payroll Expenses

TO: 134-001-00001/County Court Special Projects/Other Expenses

AMOUNT: \$1,808.00

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE REQUEST TO PURCHASE A NEW VEHICLE FOR PAULDING COUNTY DITCH MAINTENANCE:

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby approve the request from Paulding County Ditch Maintenance to purchase a new vehicle:

2016 Ford F-350 XL Superduty 4x4 Regular Cab Truck, VIN# FTRF3B-66GEB62060, from Integrity Ford, Paulding, Ohio, in the amount of \$30,000.00; and the title of said vehicle will be in the name of Paulding County Commissioners.

Meeting Notes of Appointments:

• Jason Landers, Paulding County Sheriff - Sheriff Landers met with the Commissioners. He discussed credit cards for his office and also thanked the Commissioners for forwarding funding for a couple of grants. The dollars will be replenished when the grants reimburse the expenses. The Commissioners discussed their desire for another ALICE training. Sheriff Landers was in total agreement and will work on setting a date for the training. Commissioner Holtsberry complimented the Sheriff on his E-911 personnel/deputies and their quick response to a call. He noted, "The response time and professionalism were phenomenal!" Sheriff Landers requested replacing the last 2008 vehicle in his fleet. He noted the vehicles will now be on a two-per-year replacement rotation.

• Shrimplin, CCAO/CORSA - Ms. Ginn Shrimplin met with the Commissioners to review the CORSA (County Risk Authority) annual report (fiscal year May 1, 2014 through April 30, 2015). She explained that CORSA is a self insured pool, consisting of 65 of the 88 counties in Ohio and 30 multi-county entities. It provides comprehensive property and liability coverage and high quality risk management services at a stable and competitive cost. Mr. David Brooks has been the Managing Director for many years. The CORSA Board of Directors consists of nine Directors who must be a Commissioner from a member county. They are eligible to serve three, two year terms and are elected by the pool membership at the Annual Meeting. The CORSA staff has experience and expertise in various facets of insurance and risk management. Ms. Shrimplin explained they also provide E & O (Errors and Omissions), with is liability insurance for elected officials. E & O handles cases where the "violation of civil rights in workplace, including improper termination, discipline, failure to hire; sexual harassment, zoning decisions, improper recording of deeds/titles/abstracts." CORSA has also partnered with the Buckeye State Sheriffs' Association and the Public Agency Training Council to provide quality training opportunities for Sheriffs' offices across the state. Training classes deal with leadership, supervisor liability, and an overview of the legal developments in liability for government entities. 616 plus students attended 12 regional training seminars presented across the state. Ms. Shrimplin was pleased to announce 16 hours of training will be offered in 2016 and 20 hours in 2017. CORSA plans to work with the OPOTA (Ohio Peace Officers' Training Academy) to offer free training that will satisfy some of peace officers' training hours. Ms. Shrimplin also noted CORSA has added Cyber Liability coverage to their program, effective May 1, 2014. Six IT professionals from member counties across the state sit on the Cyber Security Panel and assist with putting together a plan for all members. The panel spent their first year sharing ideas and experience and developed a list of best practices/guidelines and a cyber-model policy to assist all CORSA members in minimizing the threat of a cyber-attack.

GREG REINHART SWEARS IN FOR PAULDING MAYOR



Greg Reinhart taking oath of office for Paulding Mayor from Virginia Manz.

the people that believe that what isn't—can be," Secretary Husted said. "Ohio is a great place for innovators and entrepreneurs because they are problem-solvers by nature and can grow here with our business-friendly environment and through collaborative partnerships in our diverse economy.

Companies profiled this month include:

• Battelle (Columbus, Ohio) applies science and technology to solving national and global problems. Battelle conducts research, development, design and manufacturing at laboratories around the world and strives to make the world better by commercializing technology, giving back to the community and investing in and supporting STEM education.

• HTK Company, Inc (Upper Sandusky, Ohio) was founded in 1897 by James R. Caldwell after the creation of the Handy Safety Knife, later known as the Handy Ring Knife. This knife takes the place of a pocket knife and seeks to reduce the risk of injury in the workplace.

• Assurex Health (Mason, Ohio) chose to build their biohealth business in Ohio because of the state's health research excellence, strong talent pool and available infrastructure. Assurex Health uses CPGx™, a proprietary combinatorial pharmacogenomics technology, which provides individualized treatment support to healthcare providers treating behavioral health and chronic pain conditions.

• rp+m (Avon Lake, Ohio) specializes in advanced additive manufacturing technology and supporting their customers from the inception of an idea to production. Through collaboration and strong partnerships in K-12 education, hospitals and universities, rp+m (rapid prototype + manufacturing) shares the world of additive manufacturing and its capabilities across multiple industries.

Secretary Husted reduced the costs associated with registering a new business in Ohio and began a partnership with Google's "Let's Put Our Cities on the Map" program in 2015. Ohio businesses now have easy access to free tools through Google when they apply to start a business online with the Secretary of State's office and Ohio is now the least costly state in the region to start and maintain a new business. Learn more by reading Secretary Husted's guest column in the Cincinnati Enquirer.

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

NOTICE

Claudia Fickel, Paulding County Auditor, would like to inform the residents of Paulding County that appraisers will be working throughout the county over the next few months. The appraisers are visiting properties in the county as part of the 2016 revaluation project.

All vehicles will be clearly marked. Anyone with questions regarding the project may contact the Paulding County Auditor's office at 419-399-8205.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Village of Cecil • Ordinance No. 2015-5 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE CLERK/TREASURER TO SUBMIT, FOR PUBLICATION, THE NAMES OF PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN THE VILLAGE WHO HAVE DELINQUENT SEWER BILLS IN AN AMOUNT GREATER THAN ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

WHEREAS, there are a significant number of properties within the Village of Cecil which have delinquent sewer bills; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council has determined that an effective method of collecting said delinquent sewer bills is to publish the names of delinquent property owners in a newspaper of general circulation in Paulding County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the Village of Cecil, Ohio that:

SECTION I. The Clerk/Treasurer of the Village shall have the authority to submit the names of Village property owners who receive sewer services from the Village, and who have a delinquent sewer bill in an amount greater than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), to a newspaper of general circulation in Paulding County.

SECTION II. This Ordinance shall take full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PCHD Paulding County Health Department & WIC 800 East Perry Street Paulding, Oh 45879 Phone 419-399-3921 www.paullingcohealth.com

FEE SCHEDULE IN EFFECT AS OF January 1, 2016

Table with 4 columns: Fee Category, Board of Health Fees, State Fees, and Late Fees. Rows include 2016 FOOD Costs, 2016 SEWAGE Costs, 2016 WATER Costs, 2016 MISC. Costs, and 2016 SWIMMING POOLS Costs.

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PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 12/2/15

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

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

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS: Warrants documented as 220938 through 220972 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made by Mr. Mark Holtsberry to go into executive session at 8:06 a.m. with the Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney and the County Auditor to discuss personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tony Zartman. All members voting yea.

At 8:25 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Mr. Mark Holtsberry to go into executive session at 8:26 a.m. with the Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney to discuss legal matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tony Zartman. All members voting yea.

At 8:34 a.m. all members present

ent agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

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

The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claim on November 30, 2015, Warrants numbered 220891 through 220936 in the amount of \$3,766.83; and it is certified that both at the time that the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time that the County Auditor is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance; and pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code §5705.41(D) (1), these purchases must be approved by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners. Now, therefore the Paulding County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Purchase Orders as submitted by the Auditor; and it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners, County of Paulding, State of Ohio concerning the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County

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DEADLINE FOR THE CLASSIFIEDS IS MONDAYS AT 12 NOON!!

Commissioners and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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

The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claim on December 2, 2015, Warrants numbered 220939 through 220955 in the amount of \$4,117,046; and it is certified that both at the time that the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time that the County Auditor is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance; and pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code §5705.41(D) (1), these purchases must be approved by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners. Now, therefore the Paulding County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Purchase Orders as submitted by the Auditor; and it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners, County of Paulding, State of Ohio concerning the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

IN THE MATTER OF RE-SCINDING THE RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2015 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 164):

A resolution amending the 2015 Annual Appropriation was passed on October 26, 2015, is recorded in Journal 54, Page 730; and the resolution was not necessary and was done in error. Now, therefore the Board of County Commissioners does hereby rescind the resolution in Journal 54, Page 730, dated October 26, 2015, amending the 2015 Annual Appropriation (Fund 164).

IN THE MATTER OF RE-SCINDING THE RESOLUTION APPROVING 'THEN AND NOW' PURCHASE ORDERS AND PAYMENTS:

A resolution approving "Then and Now" purchase orders and payments for November 9, 2015, was passed on November 16, 2015, and is recorded in Journal 54, Page 750; and the resolution was a duplicate from November 9, 2015, recorded in Journal 54, Page 750. Now, therefore the Board of County Commissioners does hereby rescind the resolution in Journal

54, Page 750, dated November 16, 2015, approving "Then and Now" purchase orders and payments for November 9, 2015.

IN THE MATTER OF A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 078):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize and direct the County Auditor to make a Supplemental Appropriation in the Infrastructure Projects Fund (Fund 078):

FROM: Pay-In #108667 TO: 078-001-00001/Infrastructure Projects/Infrastructure Projects Expenses AMOUNT: \$43,685.00

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2015 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 013):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2015 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the Ditch Maintenance Fund (Fund 013):

013-001-00006/Ditch Maintenance/Equipment AMOUNT: \$30,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2015 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 283):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2015 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the Rosedale Ditch Fund (Fund 283):

283-001-00002/Rosedale Road Ditch/Other AMOUNT: \$405.77

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2015 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-003):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2015 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds: FROM: 001-003-00014/General Fund/County Treasurer/Bank Fees

TO: 001-003-00003/General Fund/County Treasurer/Supplies AMOUNT: \$300.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2015 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-003):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2015 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds: FROM: 001-003-00002/General Fund/County Treasurer/Salaries-Employees

TO: 001-003-00003/General Fund/County Treasurer/Supplies AMOUNT: \$655.00

001-003-00005/General Fund/County Treasurer/Contracts/ServiceS

AMOUNT: \$600.00 TOTAL: \$1,255.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2015 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-015):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2015 Annual Appropriation and

hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds: FROM: 001-015-00004/General Fund/Election Board/Equipment TO: 001-015-00003/General Fund/Election Board/Supplies AMOUNT: \$459.81 001-015-00006/General Fund/Election Board/Advertising AMOUNT: \$192.41 FROM: 001-015-00007/General Fund/Election Board/Other Expenses

TO: 001-015-00006/General Fund/Election Board/Advertising AMOUNT: \$461.13 TOTAL: \$1,113.35

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2015 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-031):

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

FROM: 001-031-00003/General Fund/Commissioners/Miscellaneous/Contract Services

TO: 001-031-00002/General Fund/Commissioners/Miscellaneous/Other AMOUNT: \$5,043.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2015 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 013):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2015 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in the Ditch Maintenance (SWCD) Fund (Fund 013):

FROM: 013-001-00001/Ditch Maintenance (SWCD)/Salaries

TO: 013-001-00002/Ditch Maintenance (SWCD)/Contracts AMOUNT: \$13,672.00

IN THE MATTER OF SELECTING A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION FOR REQUIRED LEGAL PUBLICATIONS:

Whenever a political subdivision of the state is required by law to make any legal publication in a newspaper, the newspaper shall

be one of general circulation; and the Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney has deemed that both the West Bend and the Paulding County Progress meet the criteria for a newspaper of general circulation; and upon receiving quotes from both newspapers and following the general practice of accepting the lowest bid, it was recommended to accept the bid from the Paulding County Progress News. Now, therefore the Board of County Commissioners does hereby agree to utilize the Paulding County Progress, P O Box 180, 113 South Williams Street, Paulding OH 45879 as their newspaper of general circulation for the calendar year 2016.

Meeting Notes of Appointments:

• Sandy and Derrick Seiber, Tim Holtsberry, Liz Keel (MVPO), and Don Gorrell - Mr. and Mrs. Seibert participated in CHIP five years ago for a home improvement project. They recently discovered a major leak under the house where the work had been done. Their home has been inspected and found to have mold under the flooring in the crawl space. The couple are in the process of purchasing another home and would like to be able to sell. The Commissioners have a second lien on their house through CHIP. Mr. Holtsberry and Liz Keel agreed to contact the contractor to see if an arrangement could be made for restitution.

• Travis McGarvey, County Engineer - Mr. McGarvey discussed the township and county road conditions at the wind turbine sites. He noted that most roads were repaired to be in better condition than before. However, the roads are now more expensive to maintain/upkeep. McGarvey agreed to keep the Commissioners abreast of road conditions. He also noted union negotiations are near completion. Mr. McGarvey anticipates making some improvements in the truck barn over the next couple of years.

Sudoku solution from page 13

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PREMIERE EAST ALLEN COUNTY Land Auction 276.5± acres offered in 5 tracts MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1 @ 6:00PM **168.5± OF CONTIGUOUS ACRES VERY PRODUCTIVE TILLABLE SOILS** AUCTION LOCATION: Monroeville Community Park Pavilion, 421 Monroe Street, Monroeville, IN PROPERTY LOCATION: 1 Mile east of Monroeville, at the corner of Monroeville and Lortie Rd. **TRACT 1: 68.5± Acres** tillable land with frontage along Lortie Rd. It has nearly 1500 ft. of road frontage along Lortie Road. The soils are a combination of Nappanee silt loam and Hoytville silty clay loam. **TRACT 2: 100± Acres** tillable land with approx. 1600 ft. of road frontage along Monroeville Rd. and 2500 ft. of road frontage along Lortie Rd. The soils are predominantly Hoytville silty clay loam with pockets of Nappanee silt loam. **TRACT 3: 60± Acres** tillable land with approx. 450 ft. of road frontage along Monroeville Rd. This tract has predominantly Hoytville silty clay soils. **TRACT 4: 37± Acres** tillable land with nearly 900 ft. of road frontage along Monroeville Rd. and nearly 1300 ft. of road frontage along Lortie Road. The soils are a mix of Nappanee silty clay loams with some Whitaker loams to the north. **TRACT 5: 11± Acres** land with approx. 4.7 acres of woods and the balance in tillable land. There is nearly 350 ft. of road frontage along Lortie Rd. This tract offers an excellent potential building site or combine with Tract 4 for a nearly 50 acre parcel. **PREVIEW: Meet a Schrader Rep. on Lortie Rd near Tract 1, Monday, January 11 FROM 3 - 5PM • Walk - Over inspections permitted** **Seller: Red Rooster Farms, LLC | Auctioneer: Jerry Ehle** **CALL FOR BROCHURE OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE** **SCHRADER REAL ESTATE AND AUCTION** 260-749-0445 • 866-340-0445 **SchraderFortWayne.com**

Gorrell Bros. AUCTIONEERS & REAL ESTATE 1201 N. WILLIAMS • PAULDING, OHIO 45879 **Land Auction 30+- ACRES SEC. 7, CRANE TWP., PAULDING CO. SAT., JAN. 23 @ 10:00 A.M.** Farm Location: 2 mi north of Antwerp, OH on Rt. 49 to C-220; then east on C-220 for 3 1/2 mi. to Rd C-63; then north on Rd 63 1/4 mi --- located in Sec. 7, Crane Twp (watch for auction signs).....**30.588± acres** offered in one parcel - buyer farms it in 2016 FSA indicates 30+- tillable acres.....mostly Latty & Nappanee soils.....Call for survey, soil maps, aerial maps & auction information.....**Terms:** \$3,000 earnest money day of auction with closing on or before Feb. 23, 2016...**Auction Location:** Gorrell Bros. Office & Auction Facility @ 1201 N. Williams St., Paulding, OH.....**Seller:** Bradbury Farms, Floyd Ramsier Attorney **Gorrell Bros. Auctioneers & Real Estate; Larry D. Gorrell, Broker; Don Gorrell - Aaron Timm - Nolan Shisler - Auctioneers**

Gorrell Bros. AUCTIONEERS & REAL ESTATE 1201 N. WILLIAMS • PAULDING, OHIO 45879 **Large Auction SAT., JAN. 9 @ 10:00 A.M.** **1937 PONTIAC PROJECT CAR --- MODEL A PARTS LARGE AMOUNT OF SHOP TOOLS 2 ACCORDIONS - COLLECTIBLES - HOUSEHOLD LOCATION: GORRELL BROS. AUCTION FACILITY - 1201 N. WILLIAMS ST., PAULDING, OH** 1937 Pontiac Project Car & Wagon Load Of Model A Parts - Wilbert Bradbury was a "fussy" mechanic (he passed away approximately 1 year ago) and two of his many projects were to restore a Model A and 1937 Pontiac - The Model A restoration was completed several years ago and in the process of restoration, Wilbert accumulated multiple parts of nearly every part for the restoration, except for the chassis - This wagon load of Model A parts are the remainder parts not used in the restoration - many are labeled, some are new, some are old - One of the incomplete projects was the restoration of the 1937 Pontiac- the chassis and pallets full of parts, including the engine, from the 1937 Pontiac will be sold as one group with the vehicle title.... **Shop & Hand Tools & Related** including multiple open and box end wrench sets incl Craftsman) ...Multiple Pipe wrenches from small to very large... Roll away tool chest and several other tool boxes and storage... Lincoln 225 amp welder...Acetylene torch set... Parts washer... Guardian 12 spd drill press... Small Chicago metal lathe...Buffalo metal cutting band saw...1 1/2 HP Sears router ... Craftsman 5HP air compressor... Large Craftsman table saw... Pipe, saws & bench vises... 3 t floor jack and several other jacks other varied sizes and type... Transmission & engine stands & hoists... Car Ramps, creeper, seat tool box ...Several storage cabinets and parts containers and sets with screws, bolts, nuts, nails, O rings, etc., etc. ...Shop vac... Bench grinder... Large & smaller levels... Many welding clamps, c-clamps, bar clamp and many other clamps of varied sizes and styles from very small to very large for both wood & metal... Assortment of electric woodworking & shop hand tools incl. circular saws, Milwaukee sawzalls, grinders (small to very large), drills, routers, belt & vibrating sanders, extra saw blades & router bits & related, extension cords, work lights,...etc. ... Other woodworking hand tools incl. saws, chisels, planes, nice miter saw, braches & bits ...Multiple air tools & accessories incl. wrenches of various types, hand grinders, impact sockets, sanders, body shop tools, hose ...Paint sprayers & accessories ...Hammers & related incl. large & small sledge hammers, ax, body hammers, etc....Multiples of each small shop tools incl. vise grips, cylinder hone tools, gear pullers, pipe & tubing cutters, pliers of various types & sizes, screw drivers, braches, punches, pry bars, brushes, many drill bits, taps & dies, threaders, etc., etc. ... Scaffolding... Concrete float & tools incl. vibrator ... Drywall Tools ...Log chains & binders..... Chain saws & related incl. new chain ... Weed eaters & elec. hedge trimmer & Misc. lawn equipment ...Wagon of lumber ...Old shop manuals & old carpenter tools ... **Accordions, Glassware, Primitives & Collectibles** including... American Flyer Train ...Plastic Wind Up Mickey Mouse, Mickey's tractor, Marx tin dozer and other old toys... Bernelli Polka King Accordion... Hohner Accordion..... Framed pictures & oil on canvass..... Old photos & pictures & paper items including 1888 diary, Delineator Magazines (1913) plus a few post cards plus books including Reprint of 1892 Paulding Co Atlas & Reprint of 1880 Putnam Co Atlas & Defiance Co. Men & women of WWII & Paulding Co. Sr Classes & Jay Goulds Hello World, etc., etc.Jimmy Carter items... Glassware & Sets Of China ... Oil lamps ...Toys, Games, Etc., Etc., Etc. **Plus Furniture Household & Related From Wayne Stoller's House** **Visit our web site at www.gorrellbros-paulding.com for detailed list and 250+ photos** Inspection: Fri., Jan. 8 from 1 P.M. to 5 P.M. and beginning at 8:30 A.M. on the day of the auction ----- **2 auction rings** **Terms:** Cash, Check, VISA, Master Card or Discover Card ... **Seller: Wayne Stoller - and - Bradbury Farms - and - Betty Diamond Taft ... Gorrell Bros. Auctioneers - Don Gorrell, Larry Gorrell, Chris AuFrance, Apprentice; Aaron Timm, Nolan Shisler**

iAB FINANCIAL BANK DONATES TO KATE'S KART



(L - R) Krystle Goldsberry, iAB Fun Committee Member and Mike Marhenke, iAB President and CEO; Krista Layman, Director of Kate's Kart; Dennis Holman and Amber Zimmerman, iAB Fun Committee.

iAB Financial Bank recently donated over \$400 and nearly 200 books to Kate's Kart. Over a six week period, employees collected new books and monetary donations to aid Kate's Kart in their mission to provide hospitalized children with books to encourage literacy and enjoyment of reading. "We are pleased to be able to offer our support to Kate's Kart and the tremendous things they are doing for others," stated Michael

C. Marhenke, President and CEO of iAB Financial Bank. "As always, I'm proud of our employees and their very dedicated efforts to give back to our community."

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YOU SAY ISIL, I SAY ISIS, LET'S CALL THE WHOLE THING OFF

By: Tom H. Hastings

John McCain frequently justifies his most war whacky ideas with, "I'd rather fight them over there than fight them here." As if those are the two choices. As if presenting a non sequitur null set false dichotomy is a response would ever work.

us. It works all the time—not to actually fix the problem, but rather to extend it for the benefit of those who profit from it. It is a horrific piece of false logic that has many nodding their heads and ceding authority and dominant opinion to an elite group who profit in money or power or status when they lead us into more bloody hell. After Obama gives in, they all pile on and screech "Too little! Too late!" Obama is not bar-

reling quite fast enough in the wrong direction for them.

And McCain is simply typical, not a bit out of lock-step with this woefully incomplete consideration of options.

There are excellent reasons that most Iraqis believe that the US government provides support for ISIS. The evidence may be circumstantial but the old adage, There is no such thing as a coincidence, is one that militates toward generation of such conspiratorial notions.

Based on lies, we invade a relatively stable country—Iraq—driving it into receivership. We fire their military from their jobs with nothing to which they can transition—of course they are going to self-organize and seek financial and trade backing to set up shop as a violent insurgency. We ludicrously claim to be productively training in the Iraqi police and soldiers, none of which takes. Indeed, they present a tempting target for anyone with an idea of political power.

Who benefits? Who loses? US elites benefit. Owners of military contractors benefit the most (\$711,000,000 the last day of 2015 alone, nearly \$40 million per hour around the clock), and they share their largesse with those who serve them best—friendly bellicose politicians, persuasive media, high-level military officers.

Iraqis, now Syrians, and by extension even the Europeans who are now awash in refugees from the wars we help foment, and the US taxpayer, and, documented by a Brown University study, the US job seeker—these are the losers. Every \$billion spent

on the military is a significant job loss, since taxpayer money spent on education, health care, clean energy development, or infrastructure upkeep creates many more well paying jobs for Americans.

May 2016 be the year we turn this around.

Dr. Tom H. Hastings is core faculty in the Conflict Resolution Department at Portland State University and is Founding Director of Peace-Voice.

26th ANNUAL FORT WAYNE FARM SHOW

The Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, IN is set to celebrate the 26th Annual Fort Wayne Farm Show on January 12-14, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, and 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Thursday. Admission is free.

The Fort Wayne Farm Show has established itself as one of the most respected farm shows in the upper Midwest, featuring the latest technology the industry has to offer. Over 35,000 farmers attend the show annually to view the area's largest variety of farm machinery and equipment in one location. The Northeastern Indiana Soil & Water Conservation District and Purdue Cooperative Extension Services present educational seminars daily. Free CPR classes will be offered each day by Parkview Health Systems. This year's grand prize drawing will be a Massey Ferguson Zero Turn Lawn Mower® courtesy of Harmony Outdoor Equipment located at 102 Peckhart,

Auburn, IN.

In support of Indiana's FFA Scholarship Foundation, a fund raising auction will be held at 1:00 p.m. both Tuesday and Wednesday, featuring a variety of donated items. Last year's auction raised over \$20,000.00 for scholarships.

In addition to the Fort Wayne Farm Show, Tradexpos produces the North American Farm & Power Show in Owatonna, MN, the Wichita Farm & Ranch Show along with the Topeka Farm Show; both in Kansas.

Visit the Tradexpos website at www.tradexpos.com

For more information on the Fort Wayne Farm Show contact Tradexpos, Inc., PO Box 1067, Austin, MN, 55912 or call Fred Cline at 1-800-347-5225.

SPORTS CARD SHOW COMING TO FORT WAYNE

Saturday, January 16th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Hotel Fort Wayne (formerly the Marriott) located at 305 E Washington Center Rd (exit 312a off of I-69) in Fort Wayne, Indiana there will be a sports card and collectibles show. Dealers from the tri-state region will be in attendance buying, selling and trading both sport

and non-sport cards and collectibles. Featured will be vintage and new singles, hobby boxes and supplies. . . attendance is free and the public is invited to attend. Please feel free to bring your items in for appraisal. For more information please contact Brian Mayne at 260-824-4867 or mescardscomics@adamswells.com or on facebook at FORT WAYNE BASEBALL CARD SHOW.

TIME CHANGE FOR WAYNE TRACE JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL GAME

The boys game between Kalida and Wayne Trace at Wayne Trace on Saturday, January 30, will now feature a 6:00 p.m. junior varsity start time instead of 6:30 p.m. as originally scheduled.

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