

COACHES VS CANCER @ WOODLAN



The top fundraisers from Woodlan High School and Junior High School Basketball teams presenting the check to the ACS. Pictured left to right: Woodlan AD Todd Thieme, JH girls player Addie Bayman, Sr High girls player Rain Hinton, ACS rep Britny Berndt, HS boys player Andrew Krahn, JH boys player Gage Stieglitz.

On December 29, 2015, Woodlan Jr/Sr HS hosted the Wayne Trace Raiders in high school girls and boys basketball. As part of the evening, the Woodlan basketball programs and boosters teamed with the American Cancer Society to make the evening the "Coaches vs. Cancer"

event. The teams split the games with Wayne Trace winning the varsity girls game and the Woodlan winning the varsity boys game, but the most important winners were the individuals that will benefit from the \$2,508.40, that was raised to fight cancer.

2016 NEW HAVEN HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



Andrew Wagner - AD, Matt Bischoff - Class of 2006, Greg Mohler - Principal.

Matt Bischoff - Class of 2006

Although Matt Bischoff earned eight varsity in three sports, it was in baseball that Matt would make a permanent mark in New Haven athletic history. In four years as a letter winner in baseball, the Bulldogs would capture two sectional titles and three conference runner-ups. Individually, Matt would set season and career wins by a pitcher in WHIP, strike-

outs and wins while earning All-Conference, All-Area and All-State recognition in his sophomore, junior and senior seasons. Matt would continue his pitching the next four years with equal success at Purdue, first as the Big Ten Freshman of the year in 2007 and later setting the Purdue Boilermaker career record in strikeouts. Matt became the first Boilermaker to be named All-Big Ten in baseball each

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ELECTION BIO'S READY TO RUN?

Are you running for office? The best way to let people know how you will be able to serve the people in your area is to let them know who you are. Be sure to get your bio to the West Bend News or schedule a time for a quick interview. We would love to publish what you can do for the people.

If you need signs, banners or other election material such as notepads, be sure to call when you schedule for your article 419-258-2000!

FMR. GOVERNOR TED STRICKLAND STATEMENT ON MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

Former Governor Ted Strickland issued the following statement in commemoration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Sunday night, January 17, Strickland joined community members in Columbus at the Tridstone Baptist Church and January 18, he participated in the 31st Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Program at the MLK Public Library Branch in Cleveland.

"As we honor the life, works and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., we must also renew our commitment to the cause he fought for: true equality and freedom for every American. We've made great progress in our country, but the struggle to make this idea a reality is far from over. The true promise of America is that every individual — regardless of race, gender or sexual orientation — can pursue opportunity, find happiness and live life to their fullest potential. Ohioans say no to discrimination. We say no to intolerance. But we say yes to inclusion. And on this day, let us recommit ourselves to building a state and a country that truly reflects Dr. King's vision for a just, fair and inclusive America."

PAULDING-PUTNAM ELECTRIC EMPLOYEES MAKE PLANS TO SPONSOR AN ENTIRE HONOR FLIGHT



CEO George Carter, Max Robison and Ben Clay

As many may know, Paulding Putnam Electric is a non-profit entity and two of their core principles are volunteerism and concern for community. It is because of these principles and a desire to serve a greater purpose that the PPEC staff has decided to take on an ambitious project that impacts all the communities we serve.

Their next goal is to raise enough money to sponsor an entire Honor Flight for the men and women who fought so bravely for our great nation, but this will not be a small feat. If you're not familiar with Honor Flight, it is a nonprofit organization created solely to honor America's veterans for all their sacrific-

es by flying them to Washington, DC to reflect at their memorials. The cost to sponsor an entire flight averages anywhere from \$65,000 to \$70,000. Recently, PPEC discovered there is long waiting list for veterans in northwest Ohio and northeast Indiana.

One of the main reasons for the waiting list, is because Toledo's Honor Flight Organization is no long in operation. All northwest Ohio participants now have to go through the Northeast Indiana branch. This, obvi-

ously, creates more demand for the Northeast Indiana Honor Flight Chamber. This is why PPEC has decided to raise funds for an entire flight. The staff leading the charge in this ambitious endeavor are Steve Kahle, Tara Schlatter, Annette Schreiner and Erika Willitzer.

At the press conference on Friday, January 15th, Max Robison & Ben Clay from the Northeast Indiana chapter of Honor Flight were present to answer any questions about Honor Flight. The press conference also announced the major fundraising efforts for their Honor Flight sponsorship: a 2016 Chevy Silverado 4x4 truck sponsored by Bob Estle of Estle Cadillac Chevrolet in Defiance. Mr. Estle is also a PPEC member & his grandfather is a WWII veteran. The PPEC staff plan to make this event known to as many potential donors as possible by way of luncheons, meetings, etc.

CEO of Paulding-Putnam, George Carter emphasized at the press conference the

urgency of honoring the veterans in the area with this flight opportunity. He continued by stating that this may be the last venture for some of these veterans and PPEC wants to be a part of that.

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REWARD OFFERED

A \$1000 reward is being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the individuals responsible for the armed robbery at 127 MaraMart, 17746 US 127, Cecil, Ohio, on Friday December 11, 2015 at approximately 8:45 p.m. Please contact the Paulding County Sheriff's Office at 419 - 399 - 3791 or www.pauldingohsheriff.com with any information.

ANTWERP BALL ASSOCIATION REGISTRATION

Antwerp Ball Association has released the dates for 2016 registration.

The dates are Saturday, January 30 and Saturday, February 6 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at Antwerp High School.

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OBITUARIES

PAULDING, OH
Marguerite Mary Stoller, 82 of Paulding, passed away on January 14 at Van Wert Area Inpatient Hospice Center, after a period of declining health. She was born May 4, 1933 in Adams County, Indiana, to the late Fred and Katie (Kipfer) Gerber and married Delmar Stoller on November 5, 1950. They were happily married for 63 years before this death on December 21, 2013.

Marguerite answered the call of the Lord and was baptized at the age of 14 as a member of the Latty Apostolic Christian Church. She was a devoted mother who loved and appreciated her family. Marguerite enjoyed visiting with people, and with Delmar opened their home often to family and friends. They also enjoyed traveling and wintered in Sarasota, Florida for 24 years.

While her children were in high school, Marguerite attended college extension courses, graduating from Bowling Green University in 1973 with a degree in Elementary Education. She taught second grade at Grover Hill and Payne Elementary Schools for 12 years. Nothing gave her greater joy than the Word of God, and singing about the love of her Father in heaven and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Surviving are her four children: Ray (Carol) of Paulding, Rodney (LeAnn) of Van Wert, Mardel (Robert) Dotterer of Rittman, and Carol (William) Eisenmann of Woodburn, IN. Also surviving are three sisters: Luella Schladenhauffen, Shirley Feichter and Nancy Honegger and three brothers, Roger, Charles and Dale Gerber. Marguerite was blessed with 15 grandchildren and 50 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, and infant great-grandsons, Sage and Sawyer Pelfrey.

Funeral services were conducted 10:30 AM, Monday, January 18 at the Latty Apostolic Christian Church with visitation one hour prior to services. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Visitation was at the Latty Apostolic Christian Fellowship Hall on Sunday, January 17 from 3 - 7 PM.

Memorial donations may be designated for the Apostolic Christian Country Inn, Gideon's International, Van Wert Hospice Center or Gateway Woods.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

ANTWERP, OH
Mona Shelly Begley, 53, of Antwerp, passed away at home on Saturday, January 16, 2016.

Mona was born in Germany, on April 16, 1962, a daughter of the late Hannalore (Lang) and James Begley.

She worked at Parker Hannifin, New Haven. She was a kind soul who always brightened your day.

She will be sadly missed by her son, Jami. She was preceded in death by her sister, Felicia.

Memorial Service is at Riverside Christian Church, 15413 State Route 49, Antwerp on Saturday at 11 am.

Memorials to Dooley Funeral Home PO Box 452 Antwerp, OH 45813.

Condolences and fond mem-

ories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com.

PAYNE, OH
Marguerite Zartman, 90, of Payne, passed away Sunday, Jan. 17, 2016. Her family was assisted by Dooley Funeral Home 5761 SR 500, Payne.

HAVILAND, OH
Walter Justus Sinn, 78, of Haviland, passed away on January 16 at his residence after battling cancer. He was born April 17, 1937, in Haviland to the late George and Clara (Zeltwanger) Sinn and was married to Renee Neilhouser on July 29, 1962. To their union was born 3 sons: Todd (Janet), Robert, Timothy (Marlene) all of Haviland and 4 daughters: Cindy (Warren) Schlatter of Defiance, Kathy and Sandra (Neil) Stoller of Haviland, and Shelby (Samuel) Manz of Paulding. Also surviving are 42 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. He will also be missed by one brother, Ray (Ann) Sinn of Haviland, a sister, Minnie (Nelson) Beer of Milford, IN.

After answering the call to repentance and finding peace with God and man, Walter gave his testimony and was baptized June 29, 1958. He was a member of the Latty Apostolic Christian Church for 57 years, where he was a Sunday school teacher and song leader. He graduated from Blue Creek High School in 1955. He served nearly two years in the service of our country's Army in Fort Sam, Texas, and then returned to the family farm.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and a brother and sister-in-law, Carl and Bertha Sinn.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 AM Wednesday, January 20 in the Latty Apostolic Christian Church with visitation one hour prior to services. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Visitation will be at the Latty Apostolic Christian Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, January 19 from 2 - 8 PM.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be designated for the Apostolic Christian Counseling and Family Services of Morton, ILL, Scott EMS or Hospice of Paulding County.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, is handling arrangements.

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 1/20 - 1/26

1/20 - Bunco & Crafts, 12:30 p.m.; Birthday & Anniversary Celebration; Grocery shopping, 1:30 p.m.

1/21 - Blood Pressure & Toe Nail Clinic, 9:00 a.m.; Exercise, 10:00 a.m.; Turn Up, 12:15 p.m.; Evening Meal, 5:00 p.m.

1/22 - Red Hat Day; Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.; Craft store, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.; Bingo w/Vancrest, Noon

1/25 - Raffle Day; Exercise, 10:00 a.m.; Steering Committee, 12:00 p.m.

1/26 - Euchre 9:45 a.m., 12:15 p.m.; Trivia with Nicole, 12:00 p.m.

ED NAGLE JOINS CONGRESSMAN LATTA FOR THE STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS



Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) is joined by Ed Nagle of Wood County at the President's final State of the Union address. Mr. Nagle is the President and CEO of Nagle Trucking, a small family owned trucking business in Lake Township.

"I am very pleased to join Congressman Latta to hear the President's address. The Congressman has done a terrific job representing the people of the Ohio's Fifth Congressional District, and I have enjoyed this opportunity to discuss with him the issues that have had an impact on Ohio's businesses, including my own," said Mr. Nagle.

"As the President of a small family business, I have experienced firsthand the true costs that misguided Washington policies have had on hard working men and women across the state," Mr. Nagle continued. "Overreach by the federal government into our healthcare system has driven up the cost of insurance - something that is affecting businesses both large and small across the country. The rising costs of Obamacare have been increasingly burdensome on our employees, and I appreciate Congressman's Latta's continued efforts to keep Washington out of our healthcare choices. We need our government to pass laws that help our business communities and help our workforce - not hinder them."

Mr. Nagle is the President, Chief Executive Office of Nagle Companies, and was the first of four brothers "recruited" to work with Ed

and Joanne Nagle in June 1, 1984. Ed brings a great wealth of knowledge and experience and his approach to business.

Entering the trucking industry in 1978 at 15, he performed duties in facility maintenance at the "Toledo 5" truck stop, then pump boy, mechanic, and the last 2 years as a manager. Upon graduating from the University of Toledo, Ed was named V.P. of Operations, a role he held until he was named President/CEO when Ed and Joanne retired at the end of 1997.

Mr. Nagle is actively involved with Catholic Charities, Cloistered Order of the Sisters of the Visitation, Sisters of Notre Dame, Little Sisters of the Poor, Mercy St. Charles Hospital, Toledo Trucking Assoc, Ohio Trucking Assoc., American Trucking Assoc., TMACOG (Toledo Metropolitan Council of Governments), Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority, Intermodal Transportation Institute at the University of Toledo, and recent gubernatorial appointment as a Trustee for Owens Community College.

"I am honored to have Ed accompany me at this year's State of the Union address," said Rep. Latta. "Ed's leadership has made Nagle Companies a strong presence in our region, and his commitment to helping our community is nothing short of remarkable. The President needs to provide real solutions that help America's job creators, and I think it is important for Ed to be here to listen to what solutions the President is offering. I will continue to work in Congress to pass policies that help small business owners like Ed, and all of the hard-working men and women of Ohio's Fifth District."

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SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it."

—1 Corinthians 10:13

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PPEC marketing director, Erika Willitzer, commented on Mr. Carter's involvement in Honor Flight, "He really has been the guiding figure for this project as he is with everything as Paulding Putnam's CEO."

If you have any questions regarding this conference or Honor Flight, please contact Marketing Manager, Erika Willitzer at 419-399-1868 or email at ewillitzer@ppec.coop

About Honor Flight:

Honor Flight Network is a nonprofit organization created solely to honor America's veterans for all their sacrifices by flying them to Washington, DC to reflect at their memorials. Top priority is given to WWII survivors along with other veterans who are terminally ill. All flights are free of charge to the veterans being honored.

Honor Flight Northeast Indiana is a recognized independent hub of the Honor Flight network and was created to raise funds and provide volunteers to take WWII veterans directly from Fort Wayne to Washington DC, where motor coaches will be standing by to transport them to their WWII Memorial, as well as other memorial stops throughout the day, before flying them back home the same evening. All of these flights are 100% funded by individual and corporate contributions. They receive no funding from any level of the government - federal, state, or local. They are a recognized 501(c)(3) organization.

DEPARTMENT OF AGING, OAGE ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR PRACTITIONER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Annual award honors excellence in gerontology research and partnerships

For the 12th consecutive year, the Ohio Department of Aging has partnered with the Ohio Association of Gerontology and Education (OAGE) to present the OAGE Practitioner of the Year Award. The award recognizes individuals and organizations that either have improved services to older adults through research and evaluation or have developed noteworthy partnerships with institutions of higher learning (e.g., universities, community colleges, technical schools) for the betterment of Ohio's elders.

Examples of initiatives eligible for the Practitioner of the Year Award include student intern and mentorship programs; intergenerational programs that benefit students and older adults; use of performance measures to

improve services; partnerships with institutions of higher learning to improve or expand services; research that results in improved practices or new services; and partnerships aimed at expanding the health and long-term care labor force.

Nominations will be accepted via the OAGE website through February 26, 2016.

The winner will be announced at the OAGE annual spring conference April 15, 2016 at Youngstown State University.

The 2015 recipients of the OAGE Practitioner of the Year Award were Mount Carmel Health System's Falls and Balance Program and Joseph Rossi, Chief Executive Officer, Area Agency on Aging 11, Inc.

For more information about the Practitioner of the Year Award, contact Marc Molea at 614-752-9167 or mmolea@age.ohio.gov.

OHIO SECRETARY OF STATE JON HUSTED OUTLINES PRIORITIES DURING OHIO ASSOCIATION OF ELECTION OFFICIALS CONFERENCE

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted addressed election officials from across the state as the keynote speaker for the Ohio Association of Election Officials (OAE) Winter Conference in Columbus.

During his address, the state's Chief Elections Officer reminded the group of the important roll Ohio plays in national elections.

"As elections officials in the most hotly contested swing state in the nation, there can be no room for error - we must ensure our work is above reproach," Secretary Husted said. "The good news is that by working together we have already done a lot to position our state as a leader for elections administration in the nation."

During the speech, the Secretary announced a new, statewide effort to bolster poll worker recruitment. The program, "A Day for Democracy," will be a comprehensive effort to involve schools, businesses, non-profit organizations and churches in recruiting more than 40,000 people to manage polling places on Election Day.

Secretary Husted also renewed his support for important legislative action to allow for online voter registration in Ohio as well as the Safe at Home initiative to protect victims of domestic violence, human trafficking, stalking and other violent crimes by shielding their home address from public view.

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STATEMENT FROM AGRICULTURE SECRETARY TOM VILSACK ON ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION STUDY

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack released the following statement in response to a new study by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation regarding the effects of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act. The study found that after the new standards were implemented, the nutritional value of foods chosen by students increased by 29 percent. It also found that, despite claims to the contrary, participation in the program did not differ significantly after the new standards were implemented.

“This study is the latest in a long list of evidence which shows that stronger school meal standards are leading to healthier habits in schools. Children are eating more fruits and vegetables and consuming more nutrients, making them better prepared to learn and succeed in the classroom. After decades of a growing obesity epidemic that harmed the health and future of our children and cost our country billions, we are starting to see progress in preventing this disease. Now is not the time to take a step backwards in our efforts to do what is right for our children’s health. I urge Congress to reauthorize the child nutrition programs as soon as possible and to maintain the high standards set by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act.”

GOLDEN BUCKEYES: PLAN TODAY TO BE “WINTER READY | WINTER STEADY!”

Department of Aging, STEADY U initiative offers tips to thrive during another Ohio winter

As anyone who has lived here for a while can tell you, Ohio winters are unpredictable and can bring a variety of weather, including snow, ice, extreme cold, wind and more. These can create significant hazards for all Ohioans, but especially our elders. The Ohio Department of Aging and the STEADY U Ohio initiative encourage all Ohioans to have a plan and know how you will be “Winter READY | Winter STEADY!”

Winter READY | Winter STEADY”As we age, our bodies don’t react to extreme conditions the same way they did when we were younger. For a variety of reasons, older adults tend to be slower to adjust and are at increased risk for injury from slipping and falling,” said Bonnie K. Burman, Sc.D., director of the department. “Your plan for living ‘Well Beyond 60’ should include strategies to minimize your risk from hazards as we face another Ohio winter.”

Winter READY

A good winter preparedness plan should enable you to remain in place for three days if you become unable to leave your home due to weather conditions. The Ohio Department of Aging, a proud member of the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness (www.weathersafety.ohio.gov), offers these tips to be prepared.

- Have an emergency kit that contains, at a minimum, a battery operated radio, flashlight, extra batteries, a loud whistle or bell, food you can open and prepare easily, water (one gallon per person per day), extra blankets and a first aid kit.
- Keep a backup supply of the medications you take every day. Have an ice chest on hand and keep ice packs in the freezer for medications that need to be kept cool.
- Make sure your medical equipment and assistive devices (such as canes, walkers, wheelchairs, lifts, oxygen tanks, etc.) are easy to locate in an emergency. Have spare batteries and non-powered options for equipment that will not work without electricity.
- Designate a safe place to go if it becomes unsafe to stay in your home, such as a friend’s or neighbor’s house or shelter. Have a plan for getting there.
- Be prepared to quickly explain to rescue personnel in an emergency how to help you move safely and quickly (e.g., “take my oxygen tank,” “get my insulin from the refrigerator”).

Being Winter READY also includes knowing how to heat your home safely and effectively. Use only space heaters that have been tested and certified to the latest safety standards. Keep anything that can burn (papers, blankets, etc.) at least three feet away from any heat source. Test your smoke alarms monthly and replace any that are more than 10 years old. Have and practice a fire escape plan.

Winter STEADY

An older Ohioan falls every two minutes on average, resulting in an injury every five minutes, six emergency department visits and one hospitalization each hour, and three deaths each day. Wintry conditions increase the risk of taking a potentially life-changing spill. However, falls are not a normal part of aging, and most falls can be prevented. STEADY U Ohio, the state’s 360-degree falls prevention initiative offer these tips to stay on your feet this winter.

- Maintain regular physical activity to ensure you have the strength and balance you need to prevent falls. Ask your doctor or physical therapist about easy indoor exercises and seek opportunities to be active.
- Invest in extra lamps, nightlights and exterior lights so that you can always see where you are walking,

INDIANA PHYSICAL THERAPY PRESENTS CHECK TO HEATHER’S CLOSET



On Friday, January 8, 2016, Indiana Physical Therapy presented a check to Heather’s Closet at their Brooklyn Clinic location. This lump sum of \$1,600, was raised by both staff and patients over the course of only a few months through individual donations and an in-house fundraiser.

Heather’s Closet is a non-profit organization whose mission is to educate young people on teen dating violence prevention in addition to relationship awareness by using a customized curriculum and specialty programs. In order to fulfill their mission and provide these services, they rely on the generosity of individuals and

businesses for support. After seven years of operation, the organization strives to expand its programs and events.

IPT was first made aware of this amazing organization when dating violence claimed the life of one owner’s family member far too soon. During the fundraiser, IPT personnel were able to wear jeans on Fridays by donating a small amount. Even some patients were moved by the cause and donated in addition to the staff.

If you would like to donate or become involved in any way with this organization, you can contact Executive Director Joni Kuhn, at Heather’s Closet, (260) 615-4831.

especially around doorways and stairs. Use the highest-wattage bulbs recommended for your fixtures.

- Coats, gloves, hats and other winter clothing are designed to keep you warm, but items that are bulky, don’t fit well or can catch on nearby objects can increase your risk of falling.
- Wear boots and shoes that fit properly and have soles with good traction. Keep shoes and walking aids (canes, walkers) dry and free of snow, ice, dirt and mud.
- Keep sidewalks and stairs outside your home clean of ice and snow. Make sure steps leading into your home have sturdy handrails that can support you if you slip.
- Keep space heaters, cords and blankets out of walkways. If you must use throw rugs on cold floors, secure them to the floor with tape.
- Carry a cell phone and designate someone to call for help if you need it. Let loved ones know when you are leaving the house and when you expect to be back; call them after you return home.

Find a wealth of tips to help prevent falls at the STEADY U Ohio website, www.steadyu.ohio.gov. Take the online Falls Risk Self-Assessment and learn about A Matter of Balance, a free community program to help older adults learn to see falls as something they can control. Visit often or follow STEADYUOhio on Facebook and Twitter for daily falls prevention tips, and sign up to receive weekly emails with news and resources.

Check On Your Neighbors

If severe weather is forecasted or has just occurred, check on older friends and family members to ensure that they are okay and that they have the resources they need to stay safe and healthy. Do they need medical atten-

tion? Do they have safe food and water? Is the temperature in their home comfortable? Who will they call if they need help? If someone appears ill or is injured, call 9-1-1 immediately.

The Department of Aging works with the state’s 12 area agencies on aging to make sure that each community has a plan for assisting older adults during weather emergencies. Your area agency can also help you identify resources, such as energy assistance, chore service and minor home repairs that can help you stay warm and safe this winter. Call 1-866-243-5678 to be connected to the agency serving your community.

Follow the Ohio Department of Aging on Facebook and Twitter for more winter safety information and resources all winter long.

About ODA - The Ohio Department of Aging works to ensure that Ohio is on the leading edge of innovation in responding to the growing and changing aging population. We work with state agencies, area agencies on aging and other local partners to help integrate aging needs into local plans and ensure that aging Ohioans have access to a wide array of high-quality services and supports that are person-centered in policy and practice. Our programs include the PASSPORT Medicaid waiver, the long-term care ombudsman program, the Golden Buckeye Card and more. Visit www.aging.ohio.gov.

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SECRETARY HUSTED INSTRUCTS BOARDS OF ELECTIONS TO CONDUCT SECOND REVIEW OF DRUG PRICE RELIEF ACT PETITIONS

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted returned petitions submitted on behalf of the initiated statue known as “The Drug Price Relief Act” to county boards of elections for a second review.

A statewide review of the petitions found a majority of petitions included potentially improper redaction of voters’ signatures. State law only allows a voters’ signature on a petition to be removed only by the voter or the circulator of the part petition, but there exists strong suspicion that a large number of part petitions were later modified outside of those boundaries.

There also exists an alarming discrepancy in the number of actual signatures on petitions when compared to the number circulators of the petitions reported to have witnessed.

“The process of initiating legal and constitutional changes by petition is a fundamental right reserved for Ohioans,” Secretary Husted said. “As election officials, it is our responsibility to safeguard this process so the people can be confident it was conducted fairly and honestly.”

Secretary Husted directed the boards of elections to complete their second review no later than January 29, 2015.

“WHO’S A HOOSIER? WHO AND WHAT MAKES INDIANA GREAT!”

In celebration of the state’s bicentennial, The Genealogy Center invites Hoosiers to contribute images of “life lived in the small places” as that is what makes, and has made, Indiana great. We are interested in old and new images of daily life and the people of Indiana that showcase Hoosier life. These can include children at play, people at work, people hanging out, sporting events, homes and buildings, and so much more.

The Genealogy Center will collect “Who’s a Hoosier?” images through December 11, 2016 in honor of Indiana’s 200 years of statehood. Contribute often as you celebrate family, com-

munity, and special events throughout the year.

To show your Hoosier pride, please contribute pictures along with descriptions of the images, detailing who and what makes Indiana great!

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Instagram @GenealogyCenter

STATEMENT FROM AGRICULTURE SECRETARY TOM VILSACK PROCLAIMING BOB STALLMAN APPRECIATION DAY

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack released the following statement proclaiming January 6, 2016, Bob Stallman Appreciation Day. Stallman is retiring as President of the American Farm Bureau Federation after 16 years of service.

“Bob Stallman is well-deserving of recognition for his outstanding contributions to all corners of agriculture and his commitment to strengthen rural America for the hard-working families who call it home. For 16 years, Bob has led the American Farm Bureau Federation with a steady hand and champion’s heart. Under his leadership, the Farm Bureau’s advocacy efforts to connect the work being done in rural America to its impact on the lives of every American have evolved and grown. Stallman and the Farm Bureau have played an instrumental role in shaping, passing and implementing the 2014 Farm Bill, supported the producers in the wake of historic drought conditions and other natural disasters, and expanded new market opportunities for farmers and ranchers through their support of the Trans-Pacific Partnership and other trade agreements.

“Bob is the kind of leader who makes people in the business proud of what they do. He has inspired countless agricultural leaders, past and present, including myself. I am honored to call him a strong partner and a good friend.

“Bob leaves behind big shoes to fill, and USDA looks forward to working with the Farm Bureau as they select their next leader.”

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JOEL PENTON COMING TO PAYNE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

On Sunday, January 24, 2016, Joel Penton will be coming to the Payne Church of Nazarene to give his testimony and message. Joel is a former defensive lineman from the Ohio State Buckeyes, who graduated from Van Wert High School. He is now one of the nation's leading youth motivational speakers. During his message Joel focuses on POSITIVE results of good decisions instead of NEGATIVE consequences of poor choices. Although his message is geared toward teens, all are welcomed.

If you have any questions call the Payne Church of the Nazarene at (419) 263-2422.

BIBLE QUESTIONS

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

1. Luke 24:21; What day is it, since these things happened?
2. Luke 24:22; Who arrived at the tomb early?
3. Luke 24:22-23; How were these men astonished?
4. Luke 24:23; What did these angels tell these two men?
5. Luke 24:24; Who else went to the tomb and found it just as the woman said?
6. Luke 24:25; What did Jesus say to these two men?
7. Luke 24:26; What did Jesus continue telling these two men?
8. Luke 24:27; What did Jesus begin to tell these men?
9. Luke 24:28; What did Jesus indicate that He was going to do?
10. Luke 24:29; What did the two men do?

Comments or questions, just call James Potter at 419-393-4775 or e-mail at jsp1941@yahoo.com also there is Lonnie Lambert at 419-399-5022. Both of us are available to help or assist in study of the Bible, the New Testament which is the covenant we live under today. Jesus loves you and so does the church of Christ.

Answers to today's questions:

1. Third; 2. Certain women; 3. By telling them Jesus' body was gone and saw a vision; 4. That Jesus was alive; 5. Certain others with the two men; 6. Read the rest of verse 25; 7. Read verse twenty six; 8. Beginning at Moses and the Prophets, Jesus expounded or explained all the scriptures concerning Him; 9. That He would have gone farther; 10. Constraining Him.
- "O! Baldy" says bye for now, but continue your prayers and studies of the Bible. "Luv ya"

SOUP & SANDWICH AT ST. PAUL UMC IN PAYNE

St. Paul United Methodist Church, Payne, OH is planning a soup and sandwich supper on Wednesday, January 20, from 5:00 till 7:00 p.m. The menu will include ham and bean soup, potato soup and chili. There will be hot dogs, peanut butter and ham sandwiches, as well as a variety of desserts. Carry outs will be available. This dinner will be used for the new roof which is to be installed this spring. The church is located at 312 South Main Street.

St. Paul is the home of the local Food Pantry. The pantry is currently helping about 150 people in the Payne area per month. It is run by volunteers.

WOODBURN LUTHERAN SCHOOL TO HOST OPEN HOUSE

Lutheran schools across northeast Indiana, including Woodburn Lutheran School, will host open houses from noon until 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 24.

"During our annual open houses, families can see firsthand what an attractive opportunity our schools provide," said Mark Muehl, executive director of The Lutheran Schools Partnership.

"The Lutheran Schools are 18 distinctive and vibrant learning communities. While each campus is unique, they all share a common goal of providing children with a high-quality, Christ-centered education," Muehl says. "And our schools are close to just about everyone—in small communities, in the suburbs, and in urban areas."

Muehl notes that several Lutheran schools participate in Indiana's Choice Scholarship program. "With the growing popularity of Choice Scholarships, more low- and middle-income parents can now consider the option of enrolling their children in Lutheran schools," Muehl said.

Woodburn Lutheran School is an Indiana Choice School, and there are several other financial aid options available. Come see what WLS has to offer and find a family that you could fit right into.

Choosing your child's school is one of the most important decisions you'll make for them. The right education can open doors, but a well-rounded, Christian education can open their future. Outstanding academics and individual attention, along with a focus on Christ-centeredness is our goal at Woodburn Lutheran School. We want each child to become the unique person God designed – and desires – for them to be. Come see for yourself on January 24th!

DIVINE MERCY SPELLING BEE RESULTS



Divine Mercy Catholic School in Payne, recently held their annual spelling bee. Grady Vogel, 6th grader, (pictured on the left) emerged as the winner after correctly spelling the missed word "torrent" and then correctly spelling "bonkers" to win the contest. 6th grader, Ethan Noggle, was the runner-up. Grady will represent Divine Mercy Catholic School at the county spelling bee.

THERE WAS A CROOKED WOMAN

By: Rev. Gerry Weesner, Maples United Methodist Church

"One Sabbath as he was teaching in a synagogue, he saw a seriously handicapped woman who had been bent double for eighteen years and was unable to straighten herself. Calling her over to him Jesus said, 'Woman, you are healed of your sickness!' He touched her, and instantly she could stand straight. How she praised and thanked God!" Luke 13:10-13 (TLB).

There is a nursery rhyme that goes: "There was a crooked woman who lived in a crooked house. She had a crooked cat that chased a crooked mouse." But this story is not a nursery rhyme; there are people who are literally bent over, doubled over with scoliosis and arthritis.

Luke tells very little about this woman who was healed. He said she was a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and unable to stand up straight. For eighteen long years she came to the synagogue to pray for healing. She stayed the course. Her faith remained strong. Week after week, year after year after year, she worshiped God in the synagogue.

On this particular Sabbath, Jesus was teaching in the synagogue when he saw this woman bent over and unable to stand up tall. He called for her and said, 'Woman, you are healed of your sickness!' And when he laid his hands on her, she immediately stood up straight and began praising God. Most importantly, Jesus set her free. Free from pain. Free from hopelessness. Free from Satan's chains. Free from bondage. Free from whatever held her captive for 18 years. No wonder she immediately began praising God! What if she had decided not to bother with the worship anymore? What if she had decided she was just too tired and too hurting to make the effort to get to the synagogue that day? But she came in faith and left having been set free and made whole!

The good news is that Jesus still sets people free. Whatever it is that keeps a person bent over and far from living the full life God intended for them; physical and mental ailments, addictions, depression from life's problems these are the very things from which Jesus wants to free us.

MAKING PEACE WITH YOUR PAST DISCUSSED AT LIFETREE CAFE

A Vietnamese refugee who left Saigon hours before the capital fell will share the story of her escape and later return to Vietnam at Lifetree Café on Thursday, January 28 from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

The program, titled "Making Peace With Your Past: A Vietnamese Refugee's Journey," features a filmed interview with Binh Rybacki, the founder of Children of Peace International, a charity helping orphans in Vietnam.

During the film, Rybacki says she decided to start Children of Peace International after returning to Vietnam where she witnessed the overwhelming

needs of children there.

"Every one of us has an epiphany in our lives. Every one of us has an awakening," she says. "It's just that we don't know what to do with it. That was my epiphany."

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

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.

LATTA ON STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) issued the following statement regarding the President's final State of the Union address:

"For seven years, this President has let events shape him rather than act to define the events that are having an impact on American families across the country. This is not leadership – it is leading from behind at a time we are under great threat. Tonight, the President had an opportunity to assure Americans that the security of the nation is the top priority of the federal government. Unfortunately, what we heard from the President is more of the same hollow rhetoric we've heard throughout his tenure in the White House.

The state of our homeland is increasingly not secure. This past year we saw the deadly consequences of an unprecedented surge in Islamist terror with attacks in San Bernardino and Chattanooga. We now face the highest threat environment since 9/11 because the President has failed to grasp the nature of the threat to our nation and take the lead in confronting it.

More than ever, American families are concerned about our national security, and are looking to the President for leadership. While Congress has taken actions to ensure we are doing everything we can to keep our country safe, the President has failed to follow suit. We have yet to see from this Administration a solid strategy to defeat ISIS. We have not heard adequate response to the threats posed by a nuclear Iran, or a nuclear North Korea.

I, like many in this country, had hoped the President would show leadership in outlining a solid strategy to combat these threats; however, nothing we heard here tonight is indicative of meaningful actions to address these key national security concerns. There is no greater responsibility for the federal government than keeping Americans secure. The House will continue to pass legislation that will keep America safe. It is my hope that for the next 12 months the President will focus his efforts towards working with Congress to ensure the safety and prosperity of the American people in passing meaningful legislation that will strengthen both our security, and our weakened economy.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To Whom it may Concern,

Due to the recent events taking place in our county, I would like to share a few things with the residents. My letter concerns Dr. Gray.

My wife and I moved to Paulding in 1973, we have three children who were also residents of the village. When we arrived, we looked for a family physician and ended up with Dr. K.A. Pritchard.

We were so grateful for the services he provided for our family, especially for a near fatality we experienced. He will forever remain in our lives. He was struck by a semi and killed. We lost a doctor and a friend.

The next doctor that took us in was Dr. F. Hendrickson. He was also our physician and a friend. He suffered a severe stroke and though he recovered well, he could not continue to practice medicine. He also saw us through some very hard times.

Then one day we get a letter from Paulding County Hospital telling us (my wife and I), that we don't have a doctor. That was like someone stealing our car from our driveway. So here we are, 66 and 67 years old and we have to find another doctor. That's kind of a shock to one's system. Now, in respect for Dr. Gray, I didn't know about the reception in Antwerp nor the meeting in front of the hospital board. Had I known, I would have surely been there to support him. I don't know the circumstances for his dismissal. He was in the office 2 1/2 days a week and the physician taking his place, the same amount of time. I don't know if Dr. Gray stepped on someone's toes or if someone stepped on his, but, I myself, would surmise this: Politics and money. It usually comes down to the abuse of one or the other. I believe the

"dismissal" should be made known to the public. I believe we have a right to know.

I can very easily see the politics in this situation, it's kind of like Bill Clinton's "trickle down economics." Did not our beloved president tell us that if we liked OUR DOCTOR, we could keep our doctor? It seems to me that Washington's pervasive rules have trickled down all the way to Paulding.

Dr. Gray, take what the Apostle Paul has told us, "STAND, AND HAVING DONE ALL, TO STAND." We appreciate all the things you have done for our family.

—Kenny & Marsha Barnes, Paulding

ANOTHER LOOK AT BUILDING 7

By: Winslow Myers

The shock of President Kennedy's assassination back in 1963 on my impressionable 21-year-old mind led me to the usual articles, fictional films, and documentaries about who did it and why. Did Oswald act alone? Was there something on the grassy knoll? More than 50 years later, definitive answers are as elusive as ever. Then in 1968 we lost both Martin Luther King, Jr. and Bobby Kennedy. Again, conspiracy theories became legend, but nothing has ever been nailed down.

John Kennedy's mysterious death began decades of mistrust between citizens and government, intensified by evasions and outright lies on the part of many subsequent U.S. administrations—Johnson with the Gulf of Tonkin fabrication, Nixon with Watergate lies, the Pentagon Papers, the lies that led us to invade Iraq in 2003, to the realization that a gigantic secret bureaucracy is trawling who we email and telephone.

Our leaders often urge us to become civically engaged beyond mere voting, as Obama did in his latest State of the Union address. But there has been a divisive tension between a presumed need for secrecy and an informed citizenry—a tension that encourages conspiracy theory at its most paranoid.

A further grave wound to our civil cohesion came on September 11, 2001. The dust had barely settled before the conspiracy theorists were once again hard at work. Such theories, considered far-fetched by most Americans, gained some traction by way of the Bush administration's perverse response to 9/11. While 15 of the conspirators who brought down the twin towers were Saudi, George W. Bush and colleagues began to beat the drums for an invasion of—Iraq.

Like millions around the world, I could see no connection to 9/11 and no good reasons for war. Aluminum tubes? Uranium in Niger? Weapons of mass destruction? Saddam was bin Laden's buddy? The evidence seemed

flimsy. But the U.S. attacked anyway, cobbling together a "coalition of the willing" to employ "shock and awe." The result was the greatest foreign policy disaster in our country's history. The Iraqis didn't greet us as liberators. There were no weapons of mass destruction. Every rationale the cocksure Bush administration gave for the invasion has been proven bogus. And the blowback, all the way forward to the contemporary rise of ISIS, is still unfolding.

Though it was obvious that what Bush and Cheney told us about Iraq wasn't true, when the 9/11 Commission Report was published in 2004, I registered the gravitas of the Commission members and accepted their findings. However, at the urging of a friend in the construction business, I recently watched the 15 minute film narrated by Ed Asner, about one huge loose end in the events of 9/11: the collapse of World Trade Center Building No. 7.

Leaving conspiracy aside, the hard facts are very troubling. Everyone remembers the horror of the twin towers collapsing on the morning of 9/11 shortly after being struck by two hijacked planes. But a third skyscraper, Building 7, collapsed at 5:20 that afternoon. The impact of the two jet airplanes and the large quantities of burning fuel were given as the reason for the fall of the twin towers, but there was no airplane or jet fuel involved in Building 7's collapse. Strangely enough, the 9/11 Commission Report published in 2004 didn't even mention Building 7. A 47-story building collapsed straight down into its own footprint for no apparent reason, and there wasn't a word about it in the initial 9/11 official story.

Finally, after loud protests, the government produced a lengthy report in 2008 by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) that claimed office fires were responsible for the collapse of Building 7. The 2,000 architects and engineers of AE9/11Truth, however, don't buy the NIST explanation. In the Asner film, some of these experts in their respective fields present credible explanations in the areas of structural steel, demolition, fire fighting, fire protection, metallurgy and explosives. Their evidence is overwhelming that the building came down in a controlled demolition.

As someone who would prefer to avoid conspiracy theory, I find it congenial to stay with the established scientific facts. I'd like to see experts on opposing sides of the issue go toe-to-toe and argue openly about who is right. The issues are based in established principles of science and engineering. It shouldn't be that hard to determine the truth.

Pondering the implications of the collapse of Building 7 ought to remain a separate step altogether, avoiding the temptation to wonder about inside jobs, Al Qaeda, and all the other suspicions native to our experience of deception from whatever quarter. But if a further step leads downward into that darkness, it will be easier to face it armed with the truth about how the collapse actually occurred. Kudos to those persistent architects and engineers calling for a new independent investigation of what happened to World

Trade Center Building No. 7.

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

THE ONGOING TENSION BETWEEN POWER AND MORALITY

By: Robert J. Gould

American Exceptionalism is the belief that, even when the US is flawed in its policies, those politics are justifiable because there is something innately morally superior about being an American. This alleged moral high ground comes from our international commitment to promote and enforce democracy and free-market capitalism—even when it boils down to supporting dictatorships and economic exploitation.

This view has deep historical roots. We can go back 2400 years to Plato's dialogues to find the belief that it is better to act unjustly than to suffer unjustly. In the dialogue, Gorgias, Callicles challenges Socrates (Plato's stalking-horse) by asserting that there is no good in being a victim, so it is morally better to be the victimizer. In my memory, there was an interesting contemporary parallel to this view when I saw a female gang member being interviewed to explain how she was tired of being a victim, that it was time to be the victimizer.

Even though Socrates appears to defeat Callicles' argument, we find ourselves ensnared on Callicles' belief today. American Exceptionalism is the legacy of Callicles, where the victimizer can create and maintain power, security, and riches (aided by lawyers, accountants, and publicists, who are conveniently for sale).

Key to the success of the modern Callicles is the use of dishonesty to make the politics of ruthless power appear to be moral. One of the most crazy-making victimizations is the ability to lie with impunity. We were lied to about Saddam Hussein's weapons of mass destruction, about the alleged Vietnamese attack on the USS Maddox in the Gulf of Tonkin, about the RMS Lusitania off Britain, about

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the USS Maine in Cuba, and on and on, to make wars appear to be the moral mission of self-defense, when they have too often been instruments for the maintenance of world dominance, justified by American Exceptionalism.

The dilemma created by Callicles is brought into bold relief when we think about Socrates counterargument, that people should work together, honestly, with justice and moderation: honesty, not lies, nor corruption; justice, not oppression; moderation,

not inequality and exploitation. This dilemma finds its parallel today in the proclamations of Donald Trump, in the Callicles role, and Bernie Sanders, in the Socrates role. How the election turns out will speak volumes about how Plato's dilemma plays out in the drama of American Exceptionalism going forward.

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THE LOBO TANK BUSTERS

By: Stan Jordan

We took off this morning with a full load of everything, even extra fuel tanks. We went pretty much straight east into Germany into the state of Lichtenstein, to an area named Balzers. This is a mountain resort town, but I hear it has large railway yards and is busy all the time. It is in southern Germany close to Austria. We saw a double railroad tracks and figure it is leading us into Balzers, we dropped down to 250 mph and arm our weapons. My wing man and I were on the right side and we swung out a little to the right when we approached the rail yards. We had the element of surprise as the anti-aircraft didn't see us coming. There were cars and engines all over the rail yard.

I took the farthest rails on the right, it had an engine and about twenty cars loaded with trucks, tanks and field pieces. I fired a rocket right into the back of a King Tiger Tank. I fired a second rocket into a tanker truck, what an explosion! By now, I was up to the locomotive and one rocket took care of it. I was at the end of the grade and I had to pull up as a mountain came into view. I had to go up to about 400 feet to miss the mountain top.

We formed up and discussed speeding up to 350 mph as now the anti-aircraft guns would be looking for us, and they were for sure. I went right down the middle of the yard and that train had not been targeted. I fired a rocket into that engine and it just blew to pieces. I went right down the train with all of my 50 caliber guns, round after round into the trucks and starting fires. The air was full of their tracer bullets, but they were behind me.

At the end of the rail yard was a huge crane used to load and unload rail cars and to pick up rail cars after they had been damaged. Lt. Barnes fired off a rocket and put that rocket right in the housing of the crane and the parts just fell to the ground. Those four inch rockets do a good job.

By now I was out of the valley and the rail yard. Some how, I don't think I picked up any of the German bullets. I went up to about 6000 feet altitude and got straightened out on the course to take us back to the

air base. We discussed the days action and we figured we had done a good job. It was a good day. See Ya!



ANTWERP IN THE 1800'S

By: Stan Jordan

From what I can find out, the first settler in Carryall Twp. was David Applegate.

He settled on a farm on the north side of the Maumee at the very end of County Road 31, Mrs. Carl Heckleman lives there now. I think at that time you could ford the river and you came out to where Sharold Jailor lives now. That was in 1827, and the following year, 1828, there was about seven new families that arrived, and a couple more in 1830.

I know one was a Robert Murphy, and he had a rest home for the travelers on the River Road west of Bruce Putman's farm. It was rated the best place to stop along the Maumee.

Carryall Twp. was organized in 1829, it consisted of 36 sq. miles. The first township election was held in 1830. The next ten years, a few more families moved into the area, and there was talk of a canal to be dug from Ft. Wayne to Toledo called the Wabash and Erie Canal.

In the year 1840, Gen. Curtis heard there would be a canal being dug through here and he built another trading post at the southeast corner of Canal St. and Erie Ave. It was also one of the first post offices for Antwerp.

That same year Isaac Woodcox built and operated a tavern and hotel at the south end of Main St., where the Burt Major Jr. family lived.

The following year Horatio Curtis, Isaac Woodcox, Sam Rice and two surveyors made the survey and plotted the original plat of Antwerp. Each lot is one stone wide and two stones long, which is 66 feet wide and 132 feet in length.

That same year, 1841, three gentlemen were sitting on a log, where Dan Fowler lives now, and with the help of a postal guide, they settled on the name of Antwerp for this village. While the plotting was being done, a large force of men were digging the canal. It was complete two years later in 1843. It was in operation in 1844, but not much traffic in the canal yet. In that same year, a Dr. John Lincoln came to

Antwerp and built a log cabin in the middle of the first block on W. Canal St. west of Main St. He lived there, and that was his office. Their son Tom Lincoln was born there, the first child born in Antwerp.

At that time, what is now Canal St. was Main St. and what is now Main St. was Hick St.

More on this next week. See Ya!

CABIN 21 AT VALLEY FORGE

By: Stan Jordan

This is the first of February here at Valley Forge and we are getting along pretty good considering everything. Everyone has a job to do and they are doing it.

Gen. Washington and a couple of officers came on a sort of an inspection trip. He made some complimentary remarks on how the army had helped us get along here at Cabin 21. Sgt. Baker said, "General, sir, we done all of this work by ourselves. The army didn't help us at all. When we got here, we had the building and that's all. We had not cots, no mattresses, no blankets, no food, no lights, no heat. The boys, being good troopers, pitched in and we were getting along by ourselves. We borrowed some things from the neighbors, but we worked for them. The Woodruff's, the Mill, the Sawmill and we even volunteered for the fire department. Our standing in the community was top-shelf. Yes sir, General, we soldiers were proud of what we had done so far."

The three officers agreed that we had done a lot of work and they complimented Sgt. Baker on being in charge and doing everything in a military manner. Then Gen. Washington said, "I've got to tell you boys that Ben Franklin has gone to Paris to see if the United States can get a good size loan. If Ben is successful, we will be able to give you some new clothes and boots and the men and officers will be given three months pay. It will make alot of things possible. But that might be a few weeks yet."

The cooks made a pot of sassafras tea and Trooper #6 put a little hooker of corn squeezings into it. Then Sgt. Baker told the officers that #6 worked at the saw mill and the owner would take a little jug for some boards of lumber. Then the officers saluted all around and went on down to the next cabin.

Things are a lot better here at the camp now. We have learned to cope with everything now. You would be surprised at the things you can do without when you have to.

The days are a little longer now and we eat breakfast around 7 and go to work at 8, of course, there is the time for group exercise before breakfast. The big talk around the cabin now is the fact that maybe we will soon draw three months wages if Ben Franklin can get us a loan from the French people. How much will the pay be? What can I do when I do get it? Yes, having a little money will cause some problems. See Ya!

NEW STATE WILDLIFE OFFICER ASSIGNED TO WILLIAMS COUNTY

State Wildlife Officer Anthony Lemle has been assigned to Williams County beginning January 10, 2016, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR).

Anthony Lemle is a graduate of Bowling Green High School in Wood County. In 2013, he received an associate degree in forest management from Hocking College. A 2014 graduate of the Wildlife Academy, Officer Lemle has been serving with the ODNR Division of Wildlife as an At-Large officer in Northwest Ohio.

As the county wildlife officer, Officer Lemle will be responsible for enforcing wildlife laws on public lands as well as private property and providing assistance to other law enforcement agencies as needed. He will also contact Ohio sportsmen and women in the field, perform fish and wildlife surveys, advise on nuisance wildlife issues and give presentations on wildlife management, hunter education, fisheries management and trapper education.

Officer Lemle can be reached at 419-429-8396.

USDA 2016 AGRICULTURAL OUTLOOK FORUM PLENARY PANEL ANNOUNCED

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced the members of this year's Agricultural Outlook Forum Plenary Panel on "Providing Leadership for Present and Future Generations in the Transformation of Agriculture."

This year's panelists have backgrounds in academia, business, farming and media, bringing a range of expertise to this discussion on transforming the future of agriculture. The group includes Elizabeth Garrett, President of Cornell University; Ilene Gordon, CEO of Ingredion; Pamela Hess, Executive Director of the Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food and Agriculture; and Pam Johnson, an Iowa farmer and former president of National Corn Growers Association.

The Forum's plenary panelists have unique perspectives on the present and future of agriculture and rural America. Technology is opening doors to new applications for producers and throughout the marketing chain, while demographics are changing across the country's rural landscape and farm households. These trends coupled with new markets domestically and abroad, as well as new programs under the 2014 Farm Bill, form the basis for the 92nd Agricultural Outlook Forum.

The opening plenary will feature remarks from Secretary Vilsack and Deputy Secretary Krysta Harden and "The 2016 Economic Outlook for Agriculture" presented by USDA Chief Economist Robert Johansson. The Forum's keynote speaker is Howard Buffett, CEO of the Howard G. Buffett Foundation. Mitch E. Daniels, Jr., President of Purdue University and former Governor of Indiana will be the dinner speaker.

Thirty concurrent track sessions supporting this theme include the Agriculture Talent Pipeline, Bioproducts,

Commodities, Land & Tenure Transition, New Markets, Organics, Risk Management, Scientific Advancement, and Trade, to Urban Agriculture. Deputy Secretary Harden will also host a session on opportunities in agriculture for new and beginning farmers and host a Women's Agriculture Networking event.

USDA has hosted the Agricultural Outlook Forum since 1923. It's also USDA's largest annual meeting, attracting 1,600 attendees. It serves as a platform to facilitate conversation of key issues and topics within the agricultural community, including producers, processors, policy makers, government officials and NGOs, both foreign and domestic. The two-day meeting will be held at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel in Arlington, Virginia, Feb. 25-26, 2016.

To view Forum information and register go to www.usda.gov/oce/forum.

SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM INCLUDED IN STATE WORKFORCE PLAN

Be part of the process to shape Ohio's future workforce policy

As part of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), states are required to submit a combined workforce plan. Earlier this week, Ohio released its draft of the Combined State Plan for a 30-day public comment period. The plan aligns a number of the state's largest workforce programs behind one strategic vision to better connect businesses to qualified workers.

Among the programs included in the plan is the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP), a paid community service and work-based training program for income-eligible job seekers age 55 and older. The only U.S. Department of Labor funded program authorized by the Older Americans Act, SCSEP provides service-based training at local non-profit and public organizations. Each SCSEP participant provides an average of 20 community service hours per week to prepare for unsubsidized employment opportunities.

Together, we are making progress toward a better coordinated workforce system, and we hope you will share this plan with friends and colleagues. www.aging.ohio.gov

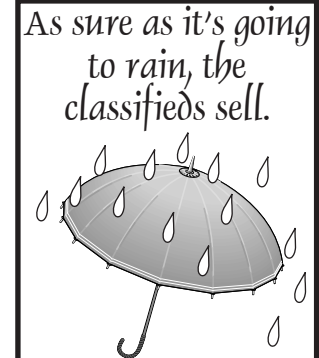
ROUGH ROAD TO SOFT SKIN

(NAPSI)—Some people, it seems, will go to the ends of the Earth to supply top-notch skin care.

For example, Chris Salgado, president of Kiehl's Since 1851, and TV host Grant Reynolds took a week-long motorcycle ride through Alaska and brought along an innovation in daily hydration, Ultra Facial Deep Moisture Balm, to try it out in extreme cold and rough weather. It features the extract of one of the most resilient flowers on the planet, the edelweiss. They found the face balm can provide ultimate hydration and gentle comfort, strengthen the skin's barriers, lock in vital hydration and leave skin feeling softer. The new formula and Alaska trip were depicted on the Kiehl's float "The Beauty of Adventure" in the 127th Tournament of Roses Parade on January 1 in Pasadena, Calif.

Dry skin affects both men and women. To help, Kiehl's chemists created the facial moisturizer for dry skin using edelweiss flower extract. It's rich in leontopodic acid, a "survivor molecule" that possesses strong anti-oxidative and plant DNA protective properties, which contribute to the flower's resiliency at high altitudes and in harmful environments. The formula also contains antarcticine, which stimulates collagen and elastin formation; glycerin for water distribution; and squalane, derived from olives, to lock in moisture. The unique balm-textured product is so successful at providing 24-hour daily face hydration that immediately after application, more than 96 percent of those who tried it said their skin no longer appeared dry and flaky and more than 94 percent said their skin felt protected.

Kiehl's Ultra Facial Deep Moisture Balm is available at www.kiehls.com/Ultra-Facial-Balm, www.Kiehls.com, by mail order at (800) KIEHLS-2 and at select specialty retailers.



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The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office

The Paulding County Veteran's Service Office is dedicated to aiding Paulding County veterans and their families in time of need.

There are two basic services the agency provides:

- 1 – Emergency Financial Assistance – Provide short term financial assistance to eligible veterans and their families who demonstrate a need. This includes, but is not limited to, food, gas, mortgage/rent and assistance with utility payments.
- 2 – Claims Assistance – Provide services for veterans and other claimants for help with VA claims for any federal, state, or local benefits.

We also provide reimbursement for the cost of transportation to VA medical facilities in our area, or in the case where the veteran cannot drive himself, we will provide a driver.

Our office hours are Tuesday thru Friday, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Arrangements can be made for after office hours appointments
Any questions, please call 419-399-8285

MIRROR MIRROR



The Nurturing Well by: Jill Starbuck

In one of my college courses, the professor asked the students to write down three things that they liked about themselves. The entire class wrote about nonphysical aspects. As such, characteristics of the students were caring, reliable, lovable, trustworthy, humble, hard-working, etc. You get the idea. None of us commented on physical aspects. For instance, nobody mentioned that they had beautiful eyes, luscious legs, flawless skin, washboard stomachs, or bountiful hair. Apparently, most of us do not like to talk about these things because we don't want to appear vain, but mainly because we are dissatisfied with our appearance and body image.

According to Dr. Carolyn Coker Ross, a physician and author of *The Joy of Eating Well*, 80% of women are dissatisfied with their appearance and more than 10 million suffer from an eating disorder. While women are notorious for worrying about their appearance, men do too. According to a survey conducted by TODAY and AOL, 56% of men regularly worry about their appearance and upwards of 1 million men suffer from an eating disorder. Depending on the source, these percentages may be higher or lower, but the overall problem is that a significant amount of people are unhappy with their appearance.

Based on the Today/AOL survey, a host of concerns torment men and women. For women, top concerns include stomach, skin, butt, cellulite, thighs, natural hair, and gray hair. For men, top concerns include stomach, skin, thinning hair, gray hair, and facial hair. As a nation, we spend tremendous amounts of time and money trying to fix our physical imperfections. And if we aren't trying to fix them, we are stressing over them. While it's natural to be concerned about your appearance, it becomes a problem when it becomes an obsession. Obsessing over our appearance leads to a host of ailments such as depression, eating disorders, anxiety, and others. Furthermore, it is just exhausting.

As you can see, the majority of us are in the same predicament. To put things

in perspective, we generally do not see the flaws in other people for which they spend considerable time obsessing over. Most of us don't really care about the physical imperfections another person frets over. We typically enjoy spending time with people because of their characteristics. Sure, many of us would love to look like fitness junkies or models, but sometimes those people pay a big price to obtain those appearances. If that is your goal, then it is likely doable with the right amount of dedication and sacrifice. However, in the meantime, practice self-acceptance. Focus on what your body can do, rather than what it looks like. Be kind to your body and work hard to keep it healthy.

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

WINDOW FILM—A POWERFUL DEFENSE FOR HOMEOWNERS

(NAPSI)—Many Americans think they need to worry about skin protection only when they are outside. However, according to the International Window Film Association (IWFA), the harmful UV rays that people are concerned about while outdoors can also penetrate into homes, with the possibility of causing damage.

Typical windows block as little as 25 percent of UV rays which, if left unchecked, can cause extensive damage to the skin, including premature aging, wrinkles and even skin cancer. Additionally, the UV rays may accelerate the fading of furniture, flooring and other décor.

Fortunately, professionally installed window film may act as a powerful defense against these problems, by blocking up to 99 percent of the UV rays.

Installing window film can also have a positive affect on energy costs, because it can help regulate room temperatures, thus lowering energy bills during warm and, in some cases, even cold weather.

"Thousands of highly-trained dealers and installers across the United States stand ready to help consumers achieve a safer, more comfortable and energy efficient home," said Darrell Smith, Executive Director of the IWFA. You can learn more at www.iwfa.com.

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(Continued from Page 1) of his four seasons at Purdue. Following graduation Matt would enjoy a five-year professional career that would reach Triple A in the Baltimore Orioles' organization. Today Matt works for All-Green as a Regional Marketing Director and serves as a consultant to the New Haven baseball program.



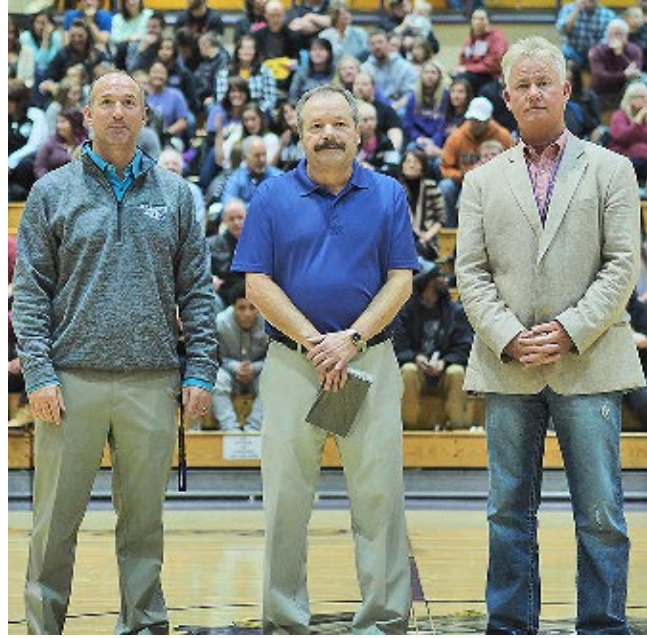
Andrew Wagner - AD, Andrea Baker-Bearman - Class of 1995, Greg Mohler - Principal.

Andrea Baker-Bearman - Class of 1995

The all-time leader in New Haven track history with 769.50 points and a career average of 192.38 points in a season, Andrea Baker was recognized eight times as a first-team All-NHC performer, three times as second team NHC and one honorable mention in four years of varsity track experience. Her time in both the 100M Hurdles and 300M Hurdles would set a New Haven record and also still stands as a conference record with the closing of the NHC this past spring. Andrea qualified for the Girls' State Track Meet a record four times in a total of

in basketball and baseball. Coach Screeton returned to New Haven as an assistant to Ron Huffer before becoming the head basketball coach in the fall of 1990. In his first season as the head coach, Screeton's squad would capture the Bulldogs' first ever basketball sectional title in 1991. Only a last second shot by state-bound Whitko in the regional

championship would prevent a Sweet Sixteen appearance to this impressive season. Coach Screeton's teams would win three additional sectional titles in 1992, 1995 and again in 1996, making it the most successful decade in New Haven basketball history. Coach Screeton would be named NHC Coach of the Year and News-Sentinel's Allen County Coach of the Year in 1991. Coach Screeton and would end his career in 2003 with the most wins ever by a New Haven High School Basketball coach. Coach Screeton still resides in New Haven and is currently teaching in EACS as a 5th grade teacher at New Haven Intermediate



Andrew Wagner - AD, Steve Screeton - Class of 1975, Greg Mohler - Principal.

seven events and was a runner up in the 100M Hurdles in both her junior and senior years. Andrea took her talents to Central Michigan where she was again a four-year letter winner, competing in both the 4 x 100M Relay Hurdles and the 100M Hurdles for the Chippewa. During the indoor season, Andrea ran the 55M, the 200M and the 60M Hurdles in which she set both a school record and MAC record that earned her All-MAC honors. Andrea is the Director of Special Services for Madison-Grant Schools and is currently on a family medical leave following the successful kidney transplant for son, Aiden in the summer of 2015, and the birth of son AJ this past November. Andrea is married to New Haven graduate Andrew Bearman.

Steve Screeton — Coach
A 1975 New Haven graduate where he participated

School. Coach Screeton is married to 1974 New Haven alum, Elaine and are the parents of three children, Eric, Katie and Kara, all New Haven graduates. Today he enjoys spending all his free time with his three grandchildren, Lucy, AJ & Lizzy.

The New Haven Hall of Fame is chosen each year from a list of nominees that have previously been submitted by former coaches, faculty, current Hall of Famers or fans in general. Documented evidence is important and criteria considered for Hall of Fame induction includes, but may not be limited to:

1. A graduate or employee of New Haven High School that included an outstanding career in a variety of sports that provided a memorable cumulative high school career.
2. An exceptional career in an individual sport that garnered conference, regional or

state-wide recognition.
3. A significant collegiate or professional career in a particular sport
4. A long-time association and/or contribution to athletics as a coach, athletic administrator or contributor to New Haven athletics.
5. A "pioneer" in a particular sport who helped shaped New Haven athletics.

2016-2017 SMALL GAME AND MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING SEASONS PROPOSED TO OHIO WILDLIFE COUNCIL

The 2016-2017 small game and migratory bird hunting seasons were proposed to the Ohio Wildlife Council on Wednesday, January 13, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR).

The hunting season date proposals prepared by the ODNR Division of Wildlife maintain many traditional opening dates. Proposals concerning Ohio's white-tailed deer hunting season will be presented at the next Ohio Wildlife Council meeting on Wednesday, February 10.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service oversees all migratory bird regulations, including Ohio's hunting seasons. A recent change in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife's process allows Ohio to now propose fall waterfowl regulations in January, more than six months earlier than in past years.

Notable changes among the proposals included adding a special northeast zone and dates to the 2017 spring turkey season, adding extra hunting days to the goose season and lowering the daily bag limit of canvasback to one.

Additional proposed rule changes include expanding the list of species permitted bait dealers may sell when acquired from aquaculture facilities, reducing the minimum carapace length of snapping and softshell turtles from 13 to 11 inches, prohibiting the taking of snapping

and softshell turtles with archery equipment, prohibiting the export of live snapping and softshell turtles taken from the wild, and prohibiting the taking or possession of snapping and softshell turtle eggs from the wild.

A complete list of proposed rules changes, including season dates and bag limits, can be found at wildohio.gov.

The Ohio Wildlife Council is an eight-member board that approves all of the ODNR Division of Wildlife proposed rules and regulations. The council will vote on the proposed rules and season dates after considering public input.

Open houses to receive public comments about hunting, trapping and fishing regulations and wildlife issues will be held on Saturday, March 5. Open houses will be held at the ODNR Division of Wildlife District One, District Two, District Three and District Four offices, as well as the Greene County Fish and Game Association clubhouse in Xenia.

Open houses give the public an opportunity to view and discuss proposed fishing, hunting and trapping regulations with the ODNR Division of Wildlife officials. For Ohioans who are unable to attend an open house, comments will be accepted online at wildohio.gov. The online form will be available until March. Directions to the open houses can be found at wildohio.gov or by calling 800-WILDLIFE (945-3543).

A statewide hearing on all of the proposed rules will be held at the ODNR Division of Wildlife's District One office on Thursday, March 17, at 9 a.m. The office is located at 1500 Dublin Road, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

Council meetings are open to the public. Individuals who want to provide comments on a topic that is currently being considered by council are asked to register at least two days before the meeting by calling 614-265-6304. All comments are required to be three minutes or less.

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LADY RAIDERS WIN IN LAST SECONDS



Courtney Mead has a great night along with this shot from the outside. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Lady Raiders are having one of the best seasons they have ever had and this last game just reiterated it once again. Lima Central Catholic is known for their rivalry and this game proved they are not easy to win against.

In the first quarter, the game started close with both teams only a couple of points different. By the end of the first quarter the score was 12-11 with the home team commanding the tiny lead.

Right out of the gate in less than a minute into the second period, the Thunderbirds took the lead and then held it for most of the game.

You don't see this that often, but the score never varied by more than six points the entire match. By the half, the game was 26-31. There is a reason why Erin Mohr is the top all-time scorer for the Raiders. Just watching her play you can see how talented she is.

In the third quarter we saw the Thunderbirds hold the lead pretty much the entire period. The score was 40-41 in LCC's favor by the end of the third.

In the fourth, LCC brought their lead back to five points again with only four minutes (46-51) left on the clock. With :29 left on the clock the Raiders had tied the game. Next, LCC made a free-throw getting a 1 point lead. Gracie Gudakunst ran down with the ball with only seconds left and shoots, making a two point basket from just inside the 3 point line to score, taking a one point lead. The Thunderbirds took the ball down and shot, with a chance to win, but missed and Erin Mohr grabbed the ball and held onto it for a couple of seconds running time off the clock, giving the Raiders their 12th victory of the season and

their closest game yet.

Score by the Quarter:
Wayne Trace - 12 14 14 17=57

LCC - 11 20 10 15=56
Scorers of the Game:
Wayne Trace - Mohr 18; Myers 10; E Sinn 8; Gudakunst 8; Mead 7; B Sinn 6

LCC - Stolly 30; Koenig 12; Snider 9; Donnelly 3; Dahill 2

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PAULDING GIRLS BASKETBALL POSTPONEMENT

The Paulding VS Van Wert girls basketball game scheduled for Tuesday, January 12, 2016 has been postponed to Monday, January 25, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW ATHLETIC RESULTS

The varsity boys basketball team lost a heartbreaker to Wayne Trace on Thursday, January 7, by a score of 57-61. Scoring was led by Matthew Kozumplik with 25 and Timmy Timbrook added 10. The team was led in rebounding by Timbrook with 7 and Kody King with 6. Luke Breining, Justin Smith, and Timbrook all had 3 assists. Luke Breining led the defensive efforts.

The team then bounced back to beat Paulding on Saturday, January 8, by a score of 64-58. Eight players scored in the win led by Matthew Kozumplik with 17, Timmy Timbrook with 13, and Luke Breining with 10. The entire team really passed the ball well having 17 assists led by Breining with 7. The team really played physical on the boards and out rebounded the Panthers 31 to 23 led by Justin Smith with 8 and

Timmy Timbrook with 6. Jarid Schweifert led the defense and battled one of the areas best players all night long.

The JV boys basketball team lost to Paulding Saturday night by the score of 37-17. The Apaches were led in scoring by Lucas Eisel with 7.

The 8th grade boys came from 17 down to pull with in 4 but fell to Ayersville 43-39.

Chayse Singer had 18 points.

Fairview 7th Grade picked up a win on Monday, January 11, by defeating Edgerton by the score of 23-6. All girls contributed and played good defense to pull out the victory. The team now is 13-0.

The Jr. High boys and girls basketball games scheduled for January 12 were canceled, and rescheduled for Thursday January 14th.

The Jr. High wrestling meet scheduled for January 12 was canceled.

ANTWERP WRESTLING SEND 2 TO STATE

The Antwerp Wrestling Club recently had 2 wrestlers compete in the Oregon Clay District Wrestling Tournament on January 17, 2016 at Oregon Clay High School. Both Archer wrestlers were able to place in the top 4 of their respective weight classes, thus qualifying them for the Grade School State Championships on March 19 & 20, 2016 at the Coveli Centre in Youngstown, OH. Placing 3rd on the day with 4 wins, 1 loss and 2 pins was Eli Reinhart. Also earning a 3rd place finish on the day was Kaden Phares. Both of these very young wrestlers are making their 2nd trip to the state tournament in consecutive years.

ANTWERP JH/HS WRESTLING @ AYERSVILLE & WOODLAN

Both the Antwerp Junior High and High School wrestling teams competed on Saturday, January 16, 2016 at separate tournaments. On the junior high side, 8th grader Randall Mills was sole wrestler in the Pilot Invitational at Ayersville. Mills posted a record of 3 wins, 1 loss with 3 pins to finish 3rd on the weekend.

Meanwhile, 40 miles to the west, the Archer high school wrestlers were competing in the Woodlan Invitational at Woodlan High School. Of the 7 wrestlers competing, 3 of them were able to place in the top 6 of their respective weight classes. Placing 4th in the 106 pound weight class was freshman Aidan McAlexander. McAlexander earned 1 win with 2 losses and 1 pin on the day. Finishing 3rd at 145 pounds was junior Logan Shaner. Shaner recorded 2 wins with only 1 loss and 1 pin at the tournament. The highest finisher for the Archers on the day was senior Justice Clark in the 170 pound weight class. Clark posted a record of 2 wins and only 1 loss to finish 2nd. Congratulations to all of the Antwerp wrestlers for their hard work over the weekend. The Antwerp wrestling community wishes you the best of luck as you prepare for the final month of your season.

PAULDING GIRLS CRUSHED BY BLUFFTON



Faith Vogel has a good night even with the tough competition from the Pirates, scoring this shot from under the rim. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Lady Panthers hosted the Bluffton girls basketball team on Thursday, January 14. The game was difficult for the home team, like waking up on the wrong side of the bed!

The first quarter gave them 9 points and they did the same in the second. While this was happening the Pirates was killing it! Pounding the court and stealing the ball, they performed nearly flawlessly and had 52 points due to a last second 3 point

basket for Bluffton.

The second half was pretty slow for the Lady Panthers when they just could not get the ball through the hoop. Scoring only 4 points, it was just a painful time for these young ladies. The top scorer here was Faith Vogel who did well under the basket. The Lady Pirates had another great quarter with 23 points and the points piled on by Parkins.

The fourth period the Lady Panthers finally out-

scored their opponents when the Bluffton team brought in the JV.

Coach Mark Rhodes stated, "Bluffton earned a well-deserved win tonight. They shot the ball extremely well, particularly from three point range and did a very nice job of attacking the rim, forcing a defensive rotation, and then finding the open player. Our girls played hard and did a nice job of showing improvement at the free throw line."

Score by the Quarter:
Paulding - 9 9 10=32
Bluffton - 26 26 23 4=79

Scorers of the Game:
Paulding: Vogel 11; Townley 7; Hale 4; Arend 3; Manz 2; Lucas 2

Bluffton: Parkins 21; An Schmutz 15; Monday 13; Rumor 13; Koenig 9; Prater 6; Coughlan 2

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NEW HAVEN BOYS BASKETBALL VS BISHOP DWENGER

New Haven High School boys varsity basketball beat Bishop Dwenger High School 56-42, improving season to 9-4.

Score by the Quarter:
NH - 14 14 9 19=56
Bishop Dwenger - 10 9 5 18=42

Scorers of the Game:
New Haven - Moore 2, Stevenson 8, Gardner 13, Upshaw 4, Towns 9, Rowan 11, Workman 5, Harris 4

Dwenger - Royal 13, Donovan 10, Martin 5, Petenburgh 2, Clark 3, Burns 4, McKenna 3, O'Daniel 2.

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RAIDERS TOPPLE TIGERS



Seth Saylor looks for the shot under the basket while being blocked by the Tigers. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Raiders took on the Holgate Tigers this past week at the home court. The game took place Thursday, January 14 at the Raider home court. The game began equally with both teams scoring little in the first period. It was the second where the game took off for Wayne Trace as Ethan Linder, Luke Miller and Alec Vest all were scoring for the team. The half finished at 28-18.

The second half the Raiders continued to outpace the Tigers by nine points and the game finished with Wayne Trace winning, 54-35.

Score by the Quarter:
Wayne Trace - 8 20 14 12=54

Holgate - 7 11 9 8=35

Scorers of the Game:
Wayne Trace - Linder 22; Miller 8; Vest 7; E Sinn 6; J Sinn 4; Speice 4; Stabler 3

Holgate - Clady 9; Grim 7; Gustwiller 6; Jones 5; Brown 4; Hohenberger 6

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WAYNE TRACE PLACES 3rd AT COLDWATER DUALS

On Saturday, January 16, the Wayne Trace Varsity Wrestling team placed third at the Coldwater Duals behind Coldwater and Jay County Indiana. In Wayne Traces Matches of the Day, The Raiders lost to Jay County, 52-25, and Coldwater 54-26. The Raiders defeated Delphos Jefferson 47-28, Van Wert 49-24, and Columbus Grove 52-16. Individually, the Raiders had four wrestlers go 5-0 for the day, 106, Tyler Bauer, 120 Ruger Goeltzenleuchter, 126, George Clemens, and 182 Brandon Laney. The team is doing really well. Even the matches we lost, we wrestled well.

January 9th, 2016 the Wayne Trace Raiders wrestled at the Antwerp Junior High Invitational. Raiders placed 7th overall out of 13 teams in competition. Kameron Bevis, wrestling 134lbs, placed 1st for the Raiders. Placing 2nd were Brendon Bidlack, Seth Meggison, and Gabe Sutton. The following weekend the Raiders competed at the Ayersville Invitational were they placed 4th overall out of 12 teams. The Raiders were able to capture three championships with Seth Meggison, Gabe Sutton, and Kameron Bevis. Brendon Bidlack placed 3rd.

WAYNE TRACE BOYS BASKETBALL VS LIMA SHAWNEE

Wayne Trace took a hit on their season record when they recently met up with Lima Shawnee losing by one point and dropping their record

9-5. Wayne Trace lost, 66-67.
Score by the Quarter:
Wayne Trace - 15 17 17 17=66
Lima Shawnee - 17 15 14 21=67
Scorers of the Game:
Wayne Trace - Miller 9, Eli Sinn 9, Jon Sinn 2, Saylor 2, Linder 31, Vest 6, Speice 7
Lima Shawnee - McDonald 2, Case 5, Wilkerson 9, Ukiwe 5, Manley 10, O,Neil 34, Hall 2

PAULDING BOYS BASKETBALL AT BLUFFTON

Paulding boys took home a win when they traveled to Bluffton bringing their season to 6-6. Paulding won with a score of 37-34.

Score by the Quarter:
Paulding - 7 10 6 14 = 37
Bluffton - 7 5 10 12 = 34

Scorers of the Game:
Paulding - Edwards 15, Gee 3, Miller 4, Brewer 3, Ingol 2, Arellano 10.

Bluffton - Holt 14, Siefker 8, Fliesen 5, Schriener 5, Benecker 2

PILOTS FLY HIGH OVER PANTHERS

The Pilots gave the Panthers a loss at their recent game taking the Panthers' season record to 6-7. Paulding lost the game to Ayersville, 38-52.

Score by the Quarter:
Paulding - 18 5 5 10=38
Ayersville - 12 12 14 14=52

Scorers of the Game:
Paulding - Edwards 14, Gee 2, Miller 3, Ingol 2, Arellano 11, Sittion 3, Harder 2, Jahanns 1

Ayersville - Miller 9, Cook 2, Schlachter 7, McGuire 20, Engel 5, Dales 9

NEW HAVEN SCRAMBLES THE LIONS; INDUCTEES HONORED AT BIG GAME



Senior Adam Westrick scores a 3 point basket and the tone of the game began to change for the Bulldogs. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The hot game of the season took place at New Haven this year on Friday, January 15 against the Leo Lions. The conference rivals were fighting in this game from the beginning.

Game play was even most of the first period after Leo took possession of the ball at the jump. One interesting happening was when New Haven's Marqis Stevenson

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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Habitat for Humanity of Paulding County is holding an open enrollment period for any county residents who are interested in applying for a Habitat built home. The enrollment period will be Open from January 2016 through March 14th, 2016.

Habitat plans on building two 2-3 bedroom single family ranch homes in Paulding County over the next two years. Our 2016 build will be in Oakwood and the 2017 build will be in Antwerp.

Habitat is not free housing. Habitat builds homes in partnership with families who are unable to secure a normal bank loan. Homeowners, along with other volunteers help build the home, keeping cost on the home low. When the home is completed, the partner family will have a zero interest mortgage loan they must repay to Habitat.

The monthly mortgage payments the homeowner makes goes into a fund to help other families build their home.

In addition to monthly payments, each homeowner must pay for their own utilities, home maintenance, taxes and insurance.

To see if you qualify and get an application, please:

- Call 419 - 769 - 2238
- Email us at: contact@habitatpaulingcounty.org
- Visit our website: habitatpaulingcounty.org

Please note: At this time we are not doing any rehab or repair programs.

FORT WAYNE COMMUNITY BAND PRESENTS CONCERT

Fort Wayne Area Community Band will present a concert Tuesday, March 1 at the John & Ruth Rhinehart Music Center on the IPFW Campus. Downbeat is 7:30 p.m. The 80- member concert band, under the direction of conductor Scott Humphries and assistant conductor David Blackwell, will perform a variety of music including Highlights from Camelot, Children's March, Canzone, At Morning's First Light, An Outdoor Overture, Appalachian Spring, The Flying Dutchman and more. Free parking is available in the parking garage across from the Music Center.

LADY RAIDERS DOMINATE TIGERS

Wayne Trace Lady Raiders took home another victory when they traveled to Holgate recently, ending the night with a score of 46-41.

Score by the Quarter:
Wayne Trace - 12 4 14 16=46

Holgate - 21 2 6 12=41

Scorers of the Game:
Wayne Trace - Mohr 19, Gudankunst 9, Mead 2, Myers 14, B. Sinn 1

Holgate - Hohenberger 9, Scarlett Niese 3, E Willett 7, Faber 3, Sarah Niese 10, G Willett 9

WAYNE TRACE WRESTLING CLUB RESULTS

The Wayne Trace Wrestling Club had 5 members travel to Oregon Clay High School to compete in the 2016 OAC Elementary State District wrestling tournament.

The game finished with the Bulldogs winning 68-56.

New Haven boys improve to 10-4 in this win vs Leo.

Score by the Quarter:
New Haven: 15 24 16 13=68

Leo: 13 15 11 17=56

Scorers of the Game:
New Haven: Stevenson 4, Westrick 8, Gardner 8, Upshaw 11, Towns 18, Rowan 4, Workman 11, Harris 4; FT were over 50%: 10/15.

Leo: Klopfenstein 6, Heron 6, Moreau 5, Barrow 13, Davison 12, Dove 14; F.T. 10/15.

The JV game had the bulldogs defeating Leo by more than double. The final score was New Haven 68, Leo 33.

Scorers of the Game:
Clark 18, Young 15, Mitchell 10

Freshman: New Haven 52, Leo 46

Scorers: Thomas 15, Jordan 18, Wolford 6

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Corbin Kimmel, Graiden Troth, Hunter Long, Jarrett Hornish, and Devin Huffine all competed to earn a trip to the state wrestling tournament. Kimmel ended his day with a record of 2-2, Troth ending his with a record of 1-2. Wrestling tough competition, both boys were unable to earn a spot on the podium. Hunter Long placed 2nd for the Raiders, starting his day off with a bye, followed up with two pins, a major decision 17-2, finally losing in the championship round 4-2. Jarrett Hornish earned his title as district champion winning his first match of the day with a pin and following up with three wins by decision. Devin Huffine, placing 3rd in his round robin bracket, ended his day with a record of 3-2 winning all of his matches with pins. Long, Hornish, and Huffine will travel to Youngstown in March to compete in the OAC Elementary State wrestling tournament.

Kamryn Sutton, Daniel Clark, Tyler Blankenship, Zavian LaFountain, Kaiden Suffer, and Grayson Sutton all competed at the Ayersville Bidy tournament. K Sutton wrestled two divisions placing 1st in both. Clark placed 2nd, both Blankenship and LaFountain placed 3rd. Suffer placed 4th, and G Sutton placed 5th.

ANTWERP GIRLS BASKETBALL VS TINORA

Antwerp Lady Archers took a loss against the Tinora Rams 33-42 on Saturday, January 16, 2016.

Score by the Quarter:
Antwerp - 15 4 5 9=33
Tinora - 6 5 19 12=42

Scorers of the Game:
Antwerp - Cline 1, Williamson 13, Braaten 3, Recker 7, Longardner 5, Johanns 1, H. Smith 3

Tinora - Schliesser 4, Harris 3, Zipfel 7, Helberg 5, Norden 7, Wagner 7, Wilkerson 9

PAULDING GIRLS BASKETBALL GETS FIRST WIN

Paulding captured its first triumph of the season with a 68-24 win over Lima Perry on Saturday in area girls basketball action.

Score by the Quarter:
Paulding - 17 18 20 13=68
Lima Perry - 7 9 17=24

Scorers of the Game:
Paulding - Vogel 19, Arend 4, Hale 2, Meggison 6, Manz 2, Arellano 4, McCullough 11, Townline 14, Rice 2, Etlzer 4.

Lima Perry - Johnson 4, Phillips 16, Healey 3, Denson 1.

LINCOLNVIEW TAKES DOWN ARCHERS

The Antwerp Archers basketball team took on Lincolnview on Saturday, January 16. The Lancers have been a tough team to beat this year and they have played quite well.

The Archers started the game with a real low first quarter while Lincolnview's offense scored one right after the other at 5-14.

In period two, Antwerp added 2 more points to their first quarter total for 7 points while the Lancers added another 14. By this time the score was now 12-28. Both Williamson and Matt Jones added points in the first and both added more in the second with Erik Buchan adding

a 2-point basket.

The third period was the first time where Antwerp topped their opponents and that by 2 with Jones having the best period at 6 points. This quarter, Josh Longardner also added 2. The period finished with a score of 23-37.

The fourth quarter was another good one for Antwerp, but it was also the Lancers' best period. The game was extended during this time because of all the foul shots on both sides. Sam Williamson added 5 points from the line alone while Josh Poulson posted his two points from the foul line. The final score was 39-56 with Lincolnview winning the game.

Score by the Quarter:
Antwerp - 5 7 11 16=39
Lincolnview - 14 14 9 19=56

SECRETARY HUSTED TRANSMITS "FRESH START ACT" PROPOSAL TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Pursuant to Article II, Section 1b of the Ohio Constitution, Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted transmitted the proposed statute, known as the "Fresh Start Act," to the leaders of the Ohio House of Representatives and Ohio Senate for their consideration.

On November 6, 2015, Secretary Husted certified that petitioners seeking to place this initiated statute before the General Assembly collected 117,418 valid signatures. In order to bring the issue before the General Assembly for consideration, petitioners needed 91,677 valid signatures, a number equal to three percent of the total vote cast for governor in the most recent gubernatorial election, 2014. They also needed to collect signatures equaling 1.5% of the total vote cast in the most recent gubernatorial election within at least 44 of Ohio's 88 counties.

The General Assembly has four months to act on the proposal. If lawmakers do not pass the law, pass it in an amended form or take no action after four months, petitioners may collect additional signatures in order to place the issue on the ballot.

WATCH FOR POTHOLES AS TEMPERATURES RISE IN DOT REPAVED AND SEALED 8,640 MILES IN 2015

After nearly a week of winter weather, Indiana got a short break from freezing temperatures with rain forecast for much of the state last Friday. Drivers should stay alert as these are prime conditions for potholes to form.

How a pothole forms
Cracks develop in pavement from aging, traffic wear and winter freeze-thaw cycles. Potholes begin when water seeps into these cracks and freezes, expanding the layers of pavement, stone and soil. As the ice melts and contracts, heavy highway traffic further loosens the pavement, forming potholes.

To learn more, view this video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UkGfAJCT3Fg>

Preventing potholes
When the Indiana Department of Transportation is not clearing snow, ice or storm debris, its crews are focused on maintaining and protecting the state's roads and bridges. Sealing and re-

TINORA RAMS THE ARCHERS



Quite a few points came from the free-throw line for Antwerp. Here Sam Williamson shoots for the Archers. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The game began at home with Antwerp competing against Tinora on Thursday, January 14. Between both teams over 40 points was scored in the first period: 20-23. Sam Williamson was the top scorer for that period with 10 points. Reid Andres with the Rams was tops with 7 — excellent on the 3 point baskets throughout the game.

The second period switched point leaders when Andres was in charge and the Rams tied the game for half time at 30-30 for this low scoring period.

It was the third period where Antwerp struggled on the court. The game couldn't get under control when Brevin Renollet was hitting basket after basket. Sam Williamson was also doing a fine job, but not enough to cover the Archer five point deficit. The Rams were now leading

44-38.

Tinora's job in the fourth quarter was just to keep Antwerp at bay with the small lead they had. Antwerp's Matt Jones, Brandon Pendergrast and Josh Poulson were all holding a tight defense whenever the Rams controlled the ball. The Archers outscored Tinora in this period, but not enough to close the gap lost in the third period. Tinora won this game 56-51.

Score by the Quarter:
Antwerp - 23 7 8 13=52
Tinora - 20 10 14 12=56

Scorers of the Game:
Antwerp - Williamson 23; Longardner 12; Skiver 5; Jones 5; Buchan 2; Pendergrast 2; Poulson 2

Tinora - Andres 17; Renollet 12; Morh 8; Bailey 8; Giesige 5; Drewes 4; Bumb 2.

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paving projects prevent water from seeping into the pavement and forming potholes.

During 2015, INDOT repaved 1,720 miles of state highways, chip-sealed 1,250 miles and crack sealed an additional 5,670 miles.

Governor Mike Pence's 21st Century Crossroads proposal will make \$1 billion in new road funding available over the next four years without raising taxes. This builds upon the \$3.2 billion INDOT already plans to invest over the next five years in improving pavement and bridge condition.

Pothole patches
With temperatures too low for paving, most of Indiana's hot-mix asphalt plants are now closed. During the winter INDOT uses cold mix, a mixture of small stone and liquid asphalt, as a temporary

patch.

Even after being filled with cold patch, the same pothole requires ongoing maintenance and can reopen several times throughout the winter. When the asphalt plants reopen in the spring, INDOT maintenance crews clean out and then repair potholes with hot mix, providing a smoother, more permanent fix.

INDOT urges motorists to slow down and stay alert when encountering pothole-patching crews.

To report a pothole on a numbered state route, interstate or U.S. highway, contact your regional INDOT district or follow the "Report a Concern" link at potholes.indot.in.gov. For potholes on city streets or county roads, please contact the proper city or county maintenance department.

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LUTHERAN CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL MAKES SWEET MUSIC WITH COMPLETION OF 167000-SQUARE-FOOT THIRD FLOOR RENOVATION

Lutheran Children's Hospital officials, physicians, staff and guests sliced a ceremonial ribbon Wednesday to celebrate the completion of a \$4 million renovation project covering nearly 161,000-square-feet on Lutheran Hospital's third floor. The eight-month project involved bringing all inpatient pediatric services together, including the move of the pediatric intensive care unit from the second floor.

The extensive work will yield multiple new benefits for patients and families including all private patient rooms; a daytime-miffed information desk; a secured, single entry point to the LCH inpatient floor; and dedicated family resource and conference spaces. Eight relocated ICU rooms now sit adjacent to 12 new and 16 existing inpatient rooms for a total of 36 pediatric beds between these two units. On the same floor, LGH also has The Birl:place and a neonatal intensive care unit.

"This project represents our commitment to the growth of Lutheran Children's Hospital," said Brian Bauer, CEO, Lutheran Hospital and Lutheran Health Network. "These colorful yet practical upgrades complement operational improvements that Mir positively influence the patient and family experience. Having all inpatient beds on the same floor for pediatrics is a huge benefit for us."

With more pediatric subspecialists than any hospital in the area, new space also allows LC H to expand its unique support services. One example that once relied solely on a volunteer arrangement with IPFW's music department has now blossomed into a music therapy program headed by a full-time, board-certified music therapist.

Design elements featured during the construction of Lutheran's pediatric emergency department in 201 are also prominent on the renovated inpatient floor. Each enhancement is expected to make the areas much more efficient for patients and families, as well as staff.

"The third floor renovation is much more than just a beautiful space - its the people within it who make the bigger impression here," said Krista Peak, executive director, Lutheran Children's Hospital. "We anticipate the amenities of a family resource center being well-receive based on parent input we sought in the planning process. But beyond the new space, we are also pleased to offer a new music therapy program providing more tools for staff to encourage healing and recovery."

AYCE PANCAKE BREAKFAST AT ST. LOUIS BESANCON CATHOLIC CHURCH

The St. Louis Besancon Catholic Church will host an All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, January 24, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Breakfast includes all you can eat pancakes and will also feature sausage, biscuits and gravy, and milk and coffee.

St. Louis Besancon Catholic Church is located at 15535 Lincoln Highway East, three miles east of US 30 and I 469 on old Hwy. 30.

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INTRODUCING USDA RESULTS: A YEAR-LONG STORYTELLING EFFORT OF THOSE LIVING, WORKING AND RAISING FAMILIES IN RURAL AMERICA

USDA is launching USDA Results, a progressive, year-long, multimedia storytelling effort showcasing the Administration's work on behalf of those living, working and raising families in rural America. Each month, USDA will release a new chapter of the story at medium.com/usda-results. We encourage you to check out January's chapter, Celebrating America's Farmers and Ranchers: Supporting the Producers Who Ensure a Safe, Affordable, Nutritious American Food Supply, and follow along throughout 2016.

When I began my service as Secretary of Agriculture in 2009, I took the U.S. Department of Agriculture's nickname of the 'People's Department'—first coined by President Abraham Lincoln—to heart.

President Lincoln knew the importance of agriculture to national prosperity—particularly at a time when about half of all Americans lived on the farm. He understood the critical responsibility of USDA and government to serve and support American agriculture and the rural communities who have, since the founding of our country, helped to drive innovation and economic growth on a national scale.

During the 19th Century, farmers and rural Americans helped lift up the country. During the 20th century, the hard work and success of farmers and rural Americans helped to bolster the economy and lay the foundation for the strongest nation on earth. And now again, at the beginning of the 21st Century, the unwavering productivity of farmers and rural Americans is ensuring that America continues for this century to be the freest, safest, greatest nation on earth.

Because of the strength of the agricultural sector, most Americans think that USDA's work focuses solely on agriculture; that our service to the American people begins and ends with the production of food. But

PAYNE ELEMENTARY FIRST GRADERS LEARN NUMBERS COMPREHENSION



First grade students in Ms. Miller's class at Payne Elementary are learning to understand that two digit numbers represent tens and ones. Students are using models to show numbers. Pretzel sticks represent tens and marshmallows represent ones.

WAYNE TRACE JR/SR HIGH 21ST CENTURY PROGRAM PARTICIPATE IN IRONWILL KIDS POWERUP PROGRAM



The students in the 21st Century Program at Wayne Trace Jr./Sr. High School are participating in the Ironwill Kids Powerup Program to learn about the importance of healthy nutritious meals. The Ironwill Kids PowerUp program is a fun, interactive nutrition experience designed to get kids excited about food and the role it plays in a healthy lifestyle. Pictured is Natalie Bostleman, Maria Stoller, and Mrs. Annette Sinn as they prepare their Purple Berry Blast Smoothie (with SPINACH).

those of us who call rural America home know that there's much more to USDA and rural America than just farms and ranches. From biobased products to rural manufacturing, the potential to grow and make innovative products in rural America is limitless.

That's why, over the course of the Obama Administration, USDA has made targeted investments to help rural businesses grow. Through projects in affordable housing, energy efficiency and availability, clean and reliable drinking water and wastewater systems, and internet access, coupled with loans and grants for rural businesses, we've helped to attract and retain a talented rural labor force, improve connectivity and access to information, move products to market, and make rural communities competitive—ultimately supporting strong local economies and expanded opportunity for rural Americans.

For more than 150 years, USDA employees have served the people and places of our country that are hard to reach, off the beaten track, or otherwise underserved. As agriculture has changed and evolved over the years, we have not lost sight of Lincoln's vision. While the number of Americans who are farmers today stands at less than one percent, USDA's values are still rooted in rural America and service to the American people.

Our legacy of strong ser-

vice and superior results continues as our work on food, agriculture, economic development, science, natural resource conservation and a host of other issues impacts millions of Americans and billions more people around the world, every day.

We have made investments to support rural places where people can start businesses, where families want to raise their children, where young people want to live. We've supported projects that bring needed infrastructure into rural communities and help them grow. We work with farmers and ranchers to provide nutritious, affordable food to every American family. We protect the safety of the American food supply. We battle wildfire, drought, extreme weather, and pest and disease outbreaks to ensure that our land and water resources are preserved for future generations. We work to feed our nation's youth and help struggling families to put food on the table. We conduct cutting edge research that drives agricultural innovation. We support the international feeding programs that encourage millions of children, particularly young girls, around the world to attend school and get the nutrition they need to grow up healthy and strong. We preserve America's forests, grasslands and open spaces for the enjoyment of American families.

To help capture the important, and oftentimes heart-

ening, impacts that these investments have brought about in rural communities, USDA is launching a year-long, progressive storytelling effort that focuses on capturing just that—how the U.S. Department of Agriculture under the Obama Administration has invested in and achieved results for farmers, ranchers, rural communities and every American.

Each month in 2016, USDA will release a new "chapter" of the story, focused on one aspect of our investment in Americans, rural and urban alike, over the past eight years.

January focuses on celebrating America's farmers and ranchers, who ensure a safe, affordable, nutritious American food supply. Thanks to those working in American agriculture, we pay less for our food as a percentage of our wages than any other nation in the world. That means we have more money to spend on other things, which is good for our families and the nation's economy. Thanks to the ingenuity, efficiency, and sweat of those working in American agriculture, we saw our agricultural economy remain strong and resilient, even during some tough times.

As a result of the hard work and sacrifice of farmers, ranchers and producers, Americans enjoy a rich diversity of safe and nutritious food - almost all of which comes from here in America. As a nation, we are fortunate to have the ability to grow and create virtually everything we need to survive. Our farmers, ranchers and foresters, and those in supporting industries, give us the freedom to pursue any path we choose most of us have delegated the responsibility of feeding our families to the American farmer. It's created this great freedom for us to choose and for that we owe our farmers a debt of gratitude.

I've had the privilege of serving as Secretary of Agriculture for nearly eight years—the longest-serving Cabinet Secretary in

the Obama Administration and one of the longest-serving Secretaries of Agriculture ever. Over the course of those nearly eight years, I've traveled to all 50 states and countries on nearly every continent. I've talked to farmers, ranchers and Americans far and wide, from all walks of life. I've heard from them firsthand the impact of USDA's staff, programs and services on their lives and their legacies.

And despite differences in production methods, geography, and demographics, they all agree on one thing: innovation and opportunity are at the heart of the American agriculture success story.

As a matter of course, farmers and ranchers must constantly prepare, invent and adapt so that they're able to meet whatever tomorrow brings head on. But the idea of rural innovation runs deeper than that. Rural America innovates and constantly strives for improvement, no matter the obstacle. It's ingrained in the very fiber of their being, just as service is ingrained in USDA's. Service is at the heart of what good government is and does, a motto that has guided our work over the course of the Obama Administration.

More than twenty years after I entered public service and after nearly eight years as Secretary of Agriculture, I still love my job each day. Whether improving domestic and international access to food, promoting nutrition and safety of our food supply, conserving our natural resources, advancing agricultural exports, or developing the rural economy, USDA helps Americans to lead better lives. I know that I'm not alone in the pride I take in rural America, American agriculture and what USDA employees do to make a difference in the lives of Americans every day. I'm pleased to share with you this year-long reflection on the results achieved over the course of this Administration, and I hope you enjoy it too.

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CORRECTION

Landon Lee was omitted for the 6th grade Honor roll 3.32 - 3.0 of Antwerp Middle School.

WAYNE TRACE JR/SR HIGH BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 1/20 - 1/26

Breakfast:
 1/20 - Mini pancakes, sausage, juice/fruit, milk
 1/21 - Cheese omelet, toast, juice/fruit, milk
 1/22 - Cinnamon roll, juice/fruit, milk
 1/25 - Sausage pizza, juice/fruit, milk
 1/26 - Egg/cheese muffin, juice/fruit, milk
Lunch:
 1/20 - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, iceberg lettuce salad w/dressing, green beans, breadstick, cheese stick, fruit, milk
 1/21 - French toast sticks, hash brown pattie, sausage links, orange juice, fruit, milk
 1/22 - Chicken quesadillas w/ salsa, romaine lettuce salad w/dressing, corn, fruit, milk
 1/25 - Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes w/gravy, corn, dinner roll w/butter, fruit, milk
 1/26 - Mini corn dogs, baked beans, cooked carrots, fruit, milk

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS 1/20 - 1/26

1/20 - Grilled chicken on bun, baked beans, mixed fruit, milk; PLUS: Salad bar
 1/21 - Sloppy joe on bun, sweet potato fries, pineapple, milk; PLUS: Salad bar
 1/22 - Pizza Rippers, tossed salad, applesauce, milk; PLUS: Salad bar
 1/25 - Hot dog on bun, cooked carrots, orange smiles, milk; PLUS: Salad bar
 1/26 - Chicken soft taco, tossed salad, apple crisp, milk; PLUS: Salad bar

PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 1/20 - 1/26

Jr/Sr High - Breakfast:
 1/20 - Ham & Cheese bread, juice/fruit, milk
 1/21 - Cinnamon rolls, juice/fruit, milk
 1/22 - Sausage gravy w/ biscuits, juice/fruit, milk
 1/25 - Breakfast pizza, sausage, bacon & eggs, juice/fruit, milk
 1/26 - Tator coins w/ cheese, sausage links, juice/fruit, milk
Jr/Sr High - Lunch:

1/20 - Cheeseburger or Breaded chicken, bun, oven potatoes, fruit, milk, Toppings: Onions, pickles, tomato slices, banana peppers & lettuce
 1/21 - Bar - b - que pork, bun, pickles, potato soup, juice box OR Personal pan pizza, lettuce salad, tomatoes, carrots, fruit, milk
 1/22 - Chili dog, bun, kettle beans OR Salad bar, garlic breadstick, fruit, milk
 1/25 - Cntryfried steak, whipped potatoes w/gravy, biscuit, carrots OR salad bar, garlic bread, fruit, milk
 1/26 - Grilled chicken tender salad, tomatoes, dressings, cheese breadstick OR Assorted entree items, pickle slices, oven fries, fruit, milk

Paulding Elementary - Breakfast:
 1/20 - Burrito, fruit/juice, milk
 1/21 - Muffin, cheese stick, fruit/juice, milk
 1/22 - Cereal or Cereal bar, grahams, juice/fruit, milk
 1/25 - Yogurt, goldfish, juice/fruit, milk
 1/26 - Pancakes, juice/fruit, milk
Lunch:
 1/20 - Pancake w/sausage, hash brown, tomato juice, fruit, milk
 1/21 - Cheesy bread w/ marinara, green beans, fr. vegetable, fruit, milk
 1/22 - Pizza, salad blend, broccoli, sherbert, fruit, milk
 1/25 - Br. chicken on wh. gr. bun, steamed carrots, celery, fruit, milk
 1/26 - Beef and cheese burrito, baked beans, carrots, fruit, milk

Oakwood Elementary - Breakfast:
 1/20 - Pancake on stick, juice or fruit, milk
 1/21 - Sausage/egg burrito, juice or fruit, milk
 1/22 - Assorted cereals, juice or fruit, milk
 1/25 - Yogurt, cinn. goldfish, juice or fruit, milk
 1/26 - Warm cinnamon roll, juice or fruit, milk
Lunch:
 1/20 - Pepperoni/cheese br. stick, marinara sauce,



Dear Miss C,
 So, I read your column almost every week, so I know you have talked about some of the things I struggle with. I kept not wanting to write in because I don't want to sound like a whiner, but then I thought hey no one knows who I am anyway. So here it is: I have a good job, I think most people like me, I have a strong support system, and I think I am a pretty good person. I go through every day moving through the motions, being the outwardly happy professional. I am surrounded by people most of the time and I love it, (but it can be so draining). But I do not feel I exactly fit. I can be outgoing (or that's what people say about me), but I just don't always want to be. I guess I am not entirely happy. Some of my previous friends no longer include me in their plans because I sometimes turn invitations down in order to just stay home and have quiet time. I think they take it personally? Some people say I would be happier if I were in a relationship and had my own family to look after, but I am not so sure about that...I just don't seem to have enough left when I get finished with the day to even think about

tending to relationships. So what is my deal?
 —LuisaB

Dear LuisaB,
 I am glad that you decided to write to me. While I do not know much about your life, I am going to share a few thoughts based on my personal and professional experience. Please accept it with a grain of salt, and feel free to send me another message if I am way off base, or not very helpful. But I do want to say, you are not alone in your feelings. There are many women who share your feelings, and most of those are introverts living an extroverted world. First of all, the first thing people think of when they think of an introvert is 'shy.' Introverts does not mean shy. As a matter of fact, I believe myself to be an introvert, I am happy to work with and help people; I am even a pretty good public speaker, but when I get close to my limit, I want to be home and curled up with my journals or a good book. Some of my friends never understood why sometimes I just wanted to stay home, I even felt guilty because of it. And of course the day following the big friend parties and outings, which is all they

talked about. I was obviously not a part of the sharing and stories from the outings. But it became hurtful when my choice to not participate in these outings led to exclusion from invites to everything (girls nights, kids birthday parties....etc.). It is not that introverts do not like socializing, it is more that we need to establish working balance to allow ourselves internal time. Extroverts do not understand introverts because they are energized by the interactions, and while introverts have pockets of socializing time, afterward we might just need to hole up for a bit.

Balance is our key. You are right, a relationship is not the answer to this particular concern. Relationships can be wonderful, but finding your own balance is your priority. It is a key in making you happy in your own skin. Oh I could go on and on! But I do not want to move away from your original question. So, feel free to write back if I did not address what is most important to you!

Blessings,
 —Miss C
 Email your questions to AskMeMissC@gmail.com or visit my Facebook page!

green beans, fruit, milk
 1/21 - Chicken fajita w/ wrap, romaine lett., corn, fruit, milk
 1/22 - Wg. cheese pizza, corn, bean salad, fruit, milk
 1/25 - Corn dog, corn, carrot stix, fruit, milk
 1/26 -Wg. br. mozz sticks, marinara, green beans, fruit, milk

HELPING OUR FIRST RESPONDERS CONTINUE THEIR LASTING IMPACT



Guest Column from State Representative Tony Burkley

Every day we are blessed to live in a free land where someone is always looking out for our safety. Peace and freedom is something we don't have to worry about because it has already been fought for, and earned by our armed forces at home and abroad. The men and women who work long hours in order to ensure our safety on a daily basis have earned the respect of a grateful nation.

To honor these men and women for their steadfast devotion, the Ohio House of Representatives passed recently House Bill 244 to declare November 10th "Armed Services, Peace Officer, First Responder, and Dual Service Recognition Day." For many of our military personnel, not

only do they make a selfless sacrifice to defend our country, but many of these individuals return home to serve as a police officer, firefighter or other first responder. These men and women put their lives on the line daily and continue to do so once they return from service, which is why I was a co-sponsor for this important legislation honoring them.

As these emergency personnel and first responders continue their tireless efforts to keep us safe, it is crucial that we maintain an up-to-date emergency network system. Recently, I was appointed to the Statewide Emergency Services Internet Protocol Network Steering Committee (ESINet) where we are updating the 9-1-1 infrastructure in Ohio. This committee focuses on the implementation, operation and maintenance of the emergency services network to support Next Generation 9-1-1 in Ohio. This nationwide initiative, Next Generation 9-1-1, or NG9-1-1, updates the infrastructure of the 9-1-1 system to accept texts, pictures, videos and other forms of communication made possible by recent technology advances.

Next Generation 9-1-1 is essential to ensure safety in this modern era of smartphone technology. In a day and age where calling is no longer the main use for a cellphone, our emergency response system must also be current with the technological times. There are countless benefits to 9-1-1 operators being able to receive texts, pictures and video, the most important of which is to provide victims with necessary safety measures. The need for this program is of the utmost importance for our community. I look forward to par-

ticipating on this committee to make Ohio safer, as well as help our first responders, who sacrifice so much, get the most helpful information possible.

Honoring those who have pledged their life in service by declaring "Armed Services, Peace Officer, First Responder, and Dual Service Recognition Day," and joining the ESINet Steering Committee have been two rewarding projects to work on as a legislator. I look forward to affect both will have and will continue to do my best serving Ohio and my constituents of the 82nd district.

ANTWERP WRESTLING CLUB WRESTLES AT AYERSVILLE

The Antwerp Wrestling Club recently competed at Ayersville on Sunday, January 17, 2016. Of the 8 Archer wrestlers competing, 4 of them were able to place in the top 4 of their respective weight classes. Placing 2nd on the day was Gage Clevinger with a record of 3 wins to only 1 loss and 2 pins. The Archers also crowned 3 champions at Ayersville. Zoen King-Bauer was 3-0 on the day with 2 pins to capture the first tournament championship of his very young career. Ayersville was also the first tournament that Zoen has ever wrestled in as well. Also placing 1st on the day was Dane Sholl. Dane amassed a 4-0 record with 1 pin to win his first tournament this year. Rounding out the trio of champions from Sunday was Ethan Karam. Ethan was also 4-0 on the day, pinning all 4 opponents he faced for his first tournament win this season. The Antwerp wrestling community is very proud of your efforts.



2016 WOODBURN YOUTH LEAGUE REGISTRATION

Feb. 3 ~ 6 - 8 p.m.
Feb. 6 ~ 9 a.m. - noon
 at Woodburn Lutheran School

Ages 4 - 15

Registration forms will be coming home from school and will be available at registration.

Concession stand buyout
 \$35 due at registration

Bring a Copy of Birth Certificate

** WYL Spring Training dates TBD

Forms will be at registration **

Bring your old gloves, cleats, pants to donate.
 We will have gently used gloves, cleats, pants available for purchase.

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

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FIRST FEDERAL BANK WELCOMES JACKIE TAYLOR AS PAULDING COMMUNITY BANKING CENTER MANAGER



First Federal Bank is pleased to announce the recent hiring of Jackie (Koenn) Taylor as Community Banking Center Manager at the Paulding branch.

Taylor comes to First Federal Bank with over seven years of experience in providing customers with specific solutions for their financial needs. As the Community Banking Center Manager, Taylor is responsible for overseeing branch operations and offering banking solutions to retail and business customers. "It is rewarding to offer solutions that fulfill our customers' needs," said Taylor. "I look forward to guiding customers along the path of achieving their financial goals."

Taylor actively gives back to her community as a member of the website administration team and parishioner of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish in Paulding, as a former team captain of Making Strides Against Breast Cancer of Northwest Ohio and former member of Relay for Life of Paulding County. She can be reached at her office at 905 N. Williams Street or by calling (419) 399-2354.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

Rose M. Jenkins aka Rose Marie Jenkins
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 Martha Jenkins, et. al.
 Defendants,

Case No. CI-16-002
 To: Martha Jenkins, Unknown heirs, assigns and executors of Martha Jenkins-LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: Unknown
 Please take notice that a Complaint has been filed in the above-captioned action against you seeking to quiet the title to the following described property:

Situated in the Village of Grover Hill, County of Paulding, and State of Ohio: Fifty (50) feet off of the South side of Lot Number Ninety-nine (99) running its full length and east and west, in said Village of Grover Hill, Paulding County, Ohio, in the Original Plat of Grover Hill, subject to all easements and restrictions of record.

You are required to answer the Complaint within 28 days after the publication of this Notice, which will be published once a week for six (6) successive weeks, the date of the last publication will be on **Feb. 17, 2016**, and the 28 days for answer will commence on that date.

ANN E. PEASE, CLERK
 COMMON PLEAS COURT OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

Ann E. Pease
 JOSEPH R. BURKARD, ESQ
 (#0059106)
 112 N. WATER STREET
 PAULDING, OH 45879
 (419) 399-2181
 ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF

12/16/16

Tonia L. Antoine, Paulding, OH; Marked lanes; Dismiss; Ct C dismissed at the states requested

Tonia L. Antoine, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; pled guilty, found guilty; Shall pay \$100 per mo commencing 1/29/16; Has a POC date of 12/16/16

Charles S. Seyler, Edgerton, OH; Display plates; pled guilty, found guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Joseph G. Palermo, Fort Wayne, IN; No O.L.; pled guilty, found guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 1/8/16 or will be sent to collections. Proof of financial responsibility provided

Michael F. Bryan, Paulding, OH; Disorderly cond; Dismiss; Defendant is found to be not competent as a criminal defendant to stand trial; Case dismissed; Costs waived

James A. Glass, Payne, OH; Seat belt/drive; Pled guilty, found guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Anthony Andrew Harrison, Dearborn, MI; Following close; Pled guilty, found guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Tyler C. Enmark, Van Wert, OH; Dom violence; Dismiss; Counts A & C dismissed

Tyler C. Enmark, Van Wert, OH; Dom violence; Pled guilty, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Placed on standard probation; 3 days jail, 3 days credit; 40 hrs community serv; Shall have no contact with victims or residences; Secure a valid O.L.; Complete hands down book; Evaluation Westwood

Tyler C. Enmark, Van Wert, OH; Assault; Dismiss; Counts A & C dismissed

Tyler C. Enmark, Van Wert, OH; DUS; Pled guilty, found guilty; Proof of financial responsibility not provided, clerk to notify BMV; Pay all fines and costs by 12/16/16 or will be sent to collections; Shall pay \$25.00 per mo commencing 2/26/16

Tyler C. Enmark, Van Wert, OH; Fictitious reg; Dismiss; CT B dismissed at the

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

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 Four 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

18308 US 127, Cecil, Ohio 45821
 Parcel Number: 16-06S-014-00

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 Four Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-seven and 35/100 (\$4,327.35) 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 10:15 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.

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Sheriff Jason K. Landers
 Paulding County, Ohio

waived by defendant

Tonia L. Antoine, Paulding, OH; O.V.I/under inf; Pled guilty, found guilty; May attend the DIP Program in lieu of jail, ALS vacated; Has a POC date of 12/16/16; Shall pay \$100 per mo commencing 1/29/16; Community control two; Secure a valid driver's license; Third millennium alcohol course; 87 jail days reserved

Tonia L. Antoine, Paulding, OH; F.R.A. susp; pled guilty, found guilty; Shall pay \$100 per mo commencing 1/29/16; Has a POC date of

PAULDING COUNTY COURT REPORTS

Criminal Dispositions

Jacob Douglas Blair, Oakwood, OH; Underage consum; pled guilty, found guilty; Defendant may complete community service in lieu of fines; Placed on standard probation; Shall complete 30 hrs of community service concurrent with 15 - TRC - 3780; Shall secure a valid O.L. by end of probation

Zachari W. Hall, Antwerp, OH; Fail control; pled guilty, found guilty; case was

PAULDING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNOUNCES LUNCH & LEARN PROGRAMS

The Paulding Chamber of Commerce will be holding their monthly Lunch and Learn programs on the last Tuesday of the month from noon until 1:00 p.m. The programs are held in the Community Room at the Paulding Carnegie Library at 205 S Main Street.

"Each month, representatives from business and services in our area give you a great opportunity to learn on a wide variety of topics," said Peggy Emerson, Chamber Director. "This month, the Chamber will present 'Perfecting Your Elevator Speech.' This is a great presentation for those who

want to polish up their sales skills and for those who are looking for a job. During the workshop participants will craft a short speech based on four critical questions and have a chance to observe and practice."

There is no cost for this program and anyone may attend. Participants are encouraged to bring a brown paper bag lunch for themselves.

Upcoming topics for 2016 Lunch and Learns include Internet Security by MetaLink, Lifelong Learning by Vantage Career Center, Identity Fraud by the Ohio Attorney General's Office, and Marketing by Natural Design and Graphics.

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

Real Estate Taxes Are Due

Wednesday, February 3, 2016

Failure To Receive A Tax Bill Will Not Avoid Penalty or Interest Charges.

Please bring your tax bill with you when coming into the office to make a payment.

If you cannot make it into the office, please use the addressed envelope enclosed with your tax bill and mail it to the office.

For more information, visit our website at pauldingcountytreasurer.com

Trailer Taxes Are Due Tuesday, March 1, 2016

Paulding County Treasurer Lou Ann Wannemacher

Phone: 419-399-8280

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8:00 A.M. until 4:30 P.M.

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A FLURRY OF EVENTS AT THE NISWONGER

A flurry of can't-miss entertainment awaits as the Niswonger releases tickets for the remaining star powered 2015-16 events. This April, a crop of performances are sure to amaze and will even bring spring flowers, literally!

Vancrest Health Care Centers is proud to present the final two acts of the incredibly successful Community Concert Series. Round up the family and circle the wagons to the Niswonger Friday April 15, for some Grand Ole Opry style musical comedy from Riders In The Sky in a Salute To Roy Rogers. You may remember the "Woody's Roundup" tunes in Pixar's Toy Story 2 that reintroduced Riders In The Sky to a new generation of fans. This revered event is followed by a triumphant finale with the Texas Tenors Sunday April 17. The popular Texas Tenors have been sold out for some time due to the growing interest of the Niswonger Community Concert Series. Supporting Sponsors for the Community Concert Series includes Taylor Auto Sales of Van Wert, Tisha Fast - State Farm Agent, Van Wert County Hospital, Slusher's Jewelry, and Central Insurance Companies.

Calling all green thumbs! Join Celebrity Garden Designer, P. Allen Smith and five gardening industry experts for a full day of gardening and horticulture at the Niswonger on Saturday, April 16 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Garden enthusiasts and friends from the surrounding states will be gathering at the Niswonger for a full day of informative speakers, Q&A's and book signings. Smith will be the featured speaker of the conference. In his presentation, Smith will share stories and scenes gathered from his wide-ranging travels to world-class gardens while taping programs for his nationally syndicated television shows. Along with P. Allen Smith are noted industry experts who will also share the stage and be available for inquisitive minds. Master Gardeners can earn six CEU's from attending.

Finally, wrapping up a star-studded, fun-filled 2015-16 is a Jazz legend who is no stranger to the Niswonger stage. Back by very popular demand, Brian Culbertson will bring his artistic versatility and jazz magic to a what's sure to be a dynamic season finale, presented by Chuck & Karen Koch and Jim & Theresa Robideau. Culbertson began his musical journey at the age of eight on piano, adding drums at nine, trombone at ten, then bass at twelve. At age twenty, Culbertson self-pro-

duced his debut album: Long Night Out. Since then, he has released fifteen more albums, toured around the world, billed around the top of Billboard and radio charts, worked and performed with industry all-starts like Maurice White of Earth, Wind & Fire, Larry Graham, Michael McDonald, Chris Botti, Musiq Soulchild, Ledisi, Barry Manilow, Herb Alpert, Natalie Cole, Chuck Brown, and Bootsy Collins just to name a few. This jazzy season finale is on Saturday April 30 at 7:30 p.m.

For more information visit NPACVW.ORG. The Niswonger Performing Arts Center is located at 10700 SR 118 S, Van Wert, OH.

MVNU CELEBRATES THE LIFE OF NOVICE MORRIS

Former secretary, executive secretary, and administrative assistant Novice Marvene Hinton Morris, 86, passed away on Thursday, January 14, 2016, in Mount Vernon, Ohio. Novice served as assistant to the president to five Mount Vernon Nazarene University presidents from 1972-1991.

Novice was born on Sunday, July 28, 1929, in Nashville, Tenn., to Ellis C. Hinton and Erlean (Colley) Hinton. She attended Warner Elementary School, East Junior High School, and East Senior High School in Nashville.

During her 44-year work career she served at radio station WSM and WSM-TV. She was secretary to a lawyer; at an appliance repair shop; typed at home for the R.L. Polk Company while her children were small; started the bookstore at Trevecca Nazarene College, and served three pastors at Grace Church of the Nazarene in Nashville, Tenn., (including Dr. John A. Knight).

In 1972, Dr. Knight was elected as the second president of Mount Vernon Nazarene College and in 1973 Cecil, Novice and their daughter, Kristi, moved to Mount Vernon, Ohio.

Novice was instrumental in starting the MVNU Women's Auxiliary with Evelyn Prince in the early 1980s. Novice received Honorary Alumnae status at MVNU in 1981, retired in 1991, and was awarded the Honorary Doctorate of Letters from MVNU in 1996.

Besides her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, Cecil.

Novice is survived by her daughters, Vicki Lynn Lupo, Cathy Cay (Bruce) Stewart and Kristi Lou (Bobby) Small; eight grandchildren and their spouses: Greg Kidd, Brian Kidd, Jennifer Kidd, Daniel and Carrie (Higgs) Peeples, Clint Harstine, Cay-

la Harstine, Rob and Andi (Phillips) Small, and Matt and Jami (Small) Pope. She is also survived by 12 great-grandchildren, Dylan Kidd Cooper; Brady, Jacob and Lucas Kidd; Tanner and Tate Peeples; Will and Brianna Small; and Bayli, Rhyli, Presli and Grady Pope.

Calling hours were Saturday, January 16, 2016, from 1:00-6:00 p.m., at Mount Vernon First Church of the Nazarene, 807 Coshocton Ave., Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050, where a funeral service was held on Sunday, January 17, 2016, at 3:00 p.m., with Rev. Russ Gumm officiating. Friends may call one hour prior to the funeral.

Friends were also able to call on Monday, January 18, 2016, from 5:00-9:00 p.m., and Tuesday, January 19, 2016, from 1:00-2:00 p.m., at the Wilkinson-Wiseman Funeral Home in Portland, TN. A graveside service with Pastor Andy Mathias was held at 2:00 p.m. in Maple Hill Cemetery.

Memorial contributions in Novice's name may be made to the MVNU Women's Auxiliary Endowment Fund, 800 Martinsburg Road, Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050.

MVNU President Dr. Henry Spaulding said, "Novice was an enduring part of the history of Mount Vernon Nazarene University. Her fingerprints are literally evident in the history of the University. We will miss her plain spoken demeanor and fearless faith in this place."

Mount Vernon Nazarene University is a private, four-year, intentionally Christian teaching university for traditional age students, graduate students, and working adults. With a 327-acre main campus in Mount Vernon, Ohio, and several convenient Graduate and Professional Studies locations throughout the state, MVNU emphasizes academic excellence, spiritual growth, and service to community and church. MVNU offers an affordable education to more than 2,100 students from 28 states and 16 countries/U.S. territories.

EACS REFERENDUM POSTPONED TO THE FALL

By: **Jamie Duffy, The Journal Gazette**

The East Allen County Schools board will postpone a public hearing on its \$87.5 million building referendum, thereby taking it off the May 3 ballot.

The referendum will likely be on the November 8 ballot, said Chris Baker, EACS board president.

The board meets Tuesday and was expected to conduct a state-required public hearing on the referendum. The referendum was one of three scheduled in Allen County for May 3.

Fort Wayne Community Schools has already had a public hearing on its proposed \$130 million building referendum as has Southwest Allen County Schools on a \$3.5 million staffing referendum.

Baker said the EACS board's referendum consultant, Steve Klink, advised the board that November would be a better political climate for approval because of the "national arena."

"We would not be getting the right voters out," Baker said. The May 3 ballot is also

the primary ballot for the 2016 primary presidential elections and all state and local offices.

Terri Jo Lightfoot, one of four EACS board members up for re-election in November, said the primary presidential elections are a distraction.

"When they're hearing all this stuff on the presidential election, there's so many people running, it's like how can you go above all that noise?" she said. "Because there's so much going on in this election, then, we just want to have everybody know what we're doing."

The three other EACS incumbents who could run for re-election are Baker, board Vice President Robert Nelson and Arden Hoffman.

The EACS referendum, which focuses on construction and renovations in the New Haven attendance area but includes improvements in all five school attendance areas, will most likely appear on the November ballot, Baker said.

District officials also believe it would be advantageous to have time to promote the referendum in the 9,000-student, geographically-sprawling district, Baker said.

"We really want to be out there," Lightfoot said. "We know when we talk to people, some of the things we need in our district, everybody is fine, everybody is really supportive. We have not been able to get out to everybody."

East Allen County Schools issued a formal statement Wednesday, citing a need for more time.

"Moving forward, the delay will give more opportunities for greater understanding of the project and insure that all interested district voters will participate. The East Allen County School District will continue to work diligently to improve the school facilities available for area," the release stated.

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www.newhavenbulletin.com

VANTAGE JANUARY BOARD MEETING HELD 1/14/16

The Vantage Board of Education held the January Tax Budget Hearing, Organizational meeting and regular Board meeting on Thursday, January 14, 2016 in the District Conference room. The minutes from the December 3, 2015 regular board meeting were approved along with financial statements for the month of November, 2015.

Superintendent Staci Kaufman recognized the service of the Board and thanked them for their time and leadership. January is School Board Member Recognition month. She updated the Board on the last reading of NEOLA policies, keeping the district up to date and compliant with mandates. Superintendent Kaufman also noted that the five-year strategic plan has been updated, and she reviewed its three domains and the decision framework utilized. The plan encompasses instructional development, facility development, and accountability. The decision framework, or "filter" includes ethics, affordability, and impact on student achievement and stakeholder/customer satisfaction.

Director Ben Winans updated the Board on the Toss A Toy Program, held in November and December, 2015. Students were able to raise close to \$3,000, which was used to purchase toys for those who are less fortunate. Director Winans also updated the Board

PAULDING ELEMENTARY DECEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Front row (l to r): Parker Egnor, Molly Hull, Natalie Tressler, Faith Jacobs, Serenity Helms, Valerie Adkins. **Middle row (l to r):** Mallory Fisher, Estie Pease, Darcy Taylor, Zander Sutton, Peyton Manz, Thor Etter, Kamryn Sutton, Omar Jaugregui, Kayde Kuckuck. **Back row (l to r):** Kaitlyn Goings, Eli Jones, Dillon Shough, Peyton Adams, Brayden McNeely, Ashton Manz, Lathan Schneider, Ava Foltz

on the upcoming Annual Open House, Sophomore Visit and 40th Anniversary Celebration taking place on Monday, February 22, from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. Sophomores, Sophomore parents, alumni, local businesses and the general public are invited to sample delicious treats from local vendors, tour the building, enter drawings for prizes, speak with instructors and gain valuable information about Vantage programs. Adult Education Director, Pete Prichard, updated the Board that enrollment services currently are reaching out to high school students regarding continuing career training options and college pathways available at Vantage Career Center. Director Prichard also updated the Board on Northwest State Community College's proposal to share Vantage's Trade and Industry instructor pool. Attracting and retaining quality trade and industry instructors, in addition to the skilled labor shortage, is also a national issue that hopefully can be assisted by Vantage locally.

In new business, the Board:

- Employed the following list, as needed as scheduled: Tara Miller, Parttime Cook and Rhonda Davis, Preschool Head Teacher;

- Employed the following list, as Adult Education Instructors, as needed, as scheduled: Michael Eversole and Lonnie Schlosser; also Adult Education Instructors Aide Jerry Ruwoldt;

- Accepted the resignation of Donna Myers, Preschool Head Teacher, effective, January 4, 2016

- Appointed Staci Kaufman as Vantage Career Center's representative on the Putnam County Tax Incentive Review

Council;

- Accepted a bequest payment of \$47,985.00 from the Van Wert County Foundation to be used to purchase electronic items. (RothackerLampe Bequest);

- Resolution to take funds to purchase the Weeke Vantech 480 CNC from the rotary carpentry house fund;

- Approved the 5year Strategic Plan

- Approved of NEOLA new & revised policies:

- 1130 Administration Conflict of Interest

- 1630.01 Administration FMLA Leave

- 2461 Program Recording of Meetings

- 3113 Professional Staff Conflict of Interest

- 3430.01 Professional Staff FMLA Leave

- 4113 Classified Staff Conflict of Interest

- 4430.01 Classified Staff FMLA Leave

- 7510 Property Use of District

- 8420 Operations Emergency Situations at School

- 8452 Operations Automatic External Defibrillators (AED)

- 8500 Operations Food Services

Outside of Consent Items

- Accepted the Paulding Board of Education representative, Clint Vance, to serve on the Vantage Board Education, effective January 12, 2016.

The next regular Board meeting will be held on Thursday, February 4, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the District Conference Room.

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PC TIGERS PICK UP WIN



The PC Tigers Basketball Team travelled to Antwerp, Ohio on January 8 to meet with the faculty of Antwerp Schools for their annual game of fun filled action. The Tigers came out victorious with a score of 78-76. Lead scorers for the Tigers were Matt Wayne with 36 and Alex Speiser with 10. Coach Short commented that the game was an 'offensive juggernaut'

and came down to the last basket. He was happy to note that all players on the roster were able to score points and had time on the floor. The Tigers, PC Workshop, and Parc Lane appreciate the Antwerp Administration, teaching staff, student body, and pep band for their warm welcome and continued support that they so joyously give for Special Olympics.

STATE OF THE UNION: CABINET IN YOUR COMMUNITY U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

In the days immediately following the State of the Union, Cabinet officials are embarking on the "State of the Union: Cabinet In Your

Community" road tour to engage Americans in small towns, big cities and Indian country about the advancements the Administration has made on the most important issues facing the American people, as well as the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead. The President will make clear in his State of the Union address that the true test is not the challenges we face, but how we approach those challenges. That's why he and his Cabinet will keep their feet on the gas in this final stretch to continue driving toward solutions that will move this country forward for generations to come, while highlighting the progress that has been made over the past seven years.

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economy led by makers, creators and innovators. Under the leadership of President Obama and Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, USDA has made investments that are transforming the lives of Americans living, working and raising families in small towns and communities across the country. Today, those investments are blossoming across the United States in the burgeoning bio-economy, an exploding local and regional food system, unparalleled advancements in renewable energy, improved nutrition for young people and low-income individuals, historic partnerships in conservation and greenhouse gas reduction, major investments in rural infrastructure, and laying the foundation for a new era for civil rights that will help ensure all Americans are treated with dignity and respect.

Growing the economy by investing in rural communities and increasing opportunities for families is key to our Nation's future. That is why in 2010, Secretary Vilsack established the U.S. Department of Agriculture's StrikeForce Initiative for Rural Growth and Opportunity, to address the specific challenges associated with rural poverty and lack of opportunity. Secretary Vilsack an-

nounced USDA is expanding StrikeForce to four new states: Ohio, Florida, Missouri and Montana. The Secretary will make the announcement at a Rural Opportunity Town Hall at The Ohio State University. Eleven counties in Ohio will be designated as StrikeForce counties. During the course of the Obama Administration, USDA has invested more than \$36.8 billion in Ohio to help to bring transformative change to millions of rural businesses, communities and families across the state.

StrikeForce efforts have helped direct over \$23.5 billion in investments to create jobs, build homes, feed children, assist farmers, and conserve natural resources in the country's most economically challenged areas. In 2015, StrikeForce expanded to include Oklahoma and Puerto Rico. Now, USDA StrikeForce teams operate in 970 counties in 25 states and Puerto Rico. Each StrikeForce project is a commitment to America's economic future.

Since the beginning of the Administration, USDA has made the following significant investments in rural opportunity:

- Invested more than \$800 million in more than 29,100 local and regional food businesses and infra-

structure projects, helping local food sales top \$11.7 billion.

- Helped more than 16,000 underserved, young and beginning farmers obtain credit through the microloan program, which provides low-interest loans up to \$50,000.
- Helped 102,882 rural businesses grow through grant and loan support, creating or saving 449,302 jobs.
- Helped more than 1.1 million rural families buy—many for the first time—repair or refinance a home. Provided funding for 3,450 multifamily housing developments.
- Invested in more than 7,540 critical community facilities projects, including 137 public schools, 406 libraries, 928 health care facilities, and 3,198 public safety facilities.
- Investments made by USDA through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will provide approximately 250,000 rural households, 17,500 businesses, and 1,800 schools, libraries and health care facilities with new or improved high-speed internet. Investments funded through ARRA build on USDA's ongoing financing of rural broadband service throughout rural America, expanding access to state-of-the-art health care, educational and cultural resources, and gives rural businesses the connectivity

they need to compete in the global economy.

- Providing improved water and wastewater services to nearly 18 million rural residents by investing \$12.3 billion in 5,174 projects.
- Improved and modernized rural electric infrastructure that serves over 8.6 million rural residents and businesses, including smart grid and air quality improvement technologies.
- Invested more than \$435 million in rural and Tribal Promise Zones.
- Launched Rural IMPACT, a new effort of the White House Rural Council that brings together federal agencies along with public and private resources to use a multi-generational approach to breaking the cycle of poverty in rural communities.
- Enrolled record acres in USDA conservation programs through a voluntary, partnership-based, working lands approach, which helps to generate billions in economic return for rural communities through tourism and recreational opportunities.

For more information on the State of the Union, visit whitehouse.gov/sotu.

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Sudoku solution from page 13

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8	1	6	3	7	4	2	9	5	5
3	2	4	5	9	6	8	1	7	7
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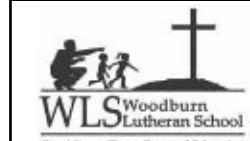
Middle School Teacher - Maternity Leave Vacancy

Woodburn Lutheran School is seeking a middle school teacher to fill a temporary vacancy. The candidate will begin in early March and will teach for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year. This position requires a professionally trained educator legally qualified and certified to teach in the State of Indiana. This temporary appointment is for middle school teacher, teaching 5th-8th grade science, 6th grade math, and 5th grade religion. If interested, please send a resume and references to David Van Spankeren at David.VanSpankeren@wlsedu.org or by mail to the school office.

- Job Functions:**
- Instruct Students. Provide a high achieving educational environment where students are challenged to think critically and apply themselves.
 - Assess the learning level of each student and monitor student progress.
 - Differentiate instruction to meet the individual needs of each student
 - Creating a working relationship with parents to discuss progress and express concerns.
 - Develop lesson plans.
 - Prepare the classroom for daily activities.
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- Indiana certified teacher
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Crosswalk Director

Woodburn Lutheran School is seeking a Director for its Crosswalk Extended Care Program. The director would oversee all aspects of the before and after school program at Woodburn Lutheran School. If interested, please send a resume and references to David Van Spankeren at David.VanSpankeren@wlsedu.org or by mail to the school office.

- Job Functions:**
- Manage staffing and staff schedules.
 - Monitor supplies and manage ordering.
 - Manage Crosswalk accounting.
 - Potentially fill gaps in staff scheduling.

- Job Qualifications:**
- Excellent interpersonal skills.
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Student Recruitment Coordinator

Woodburn Lutheran School is seeking a Student Recruitment Coordinator to fill an immediate vacancy. This is a part time position working an average of 20 hours per week. If interested, please send a resume and references to David Van Spankeren at David.VanSpankeren@wlsedu.org or by mail to the school office.

- Job Functions:**
- Actively recruit prospective students and families to Woodburn Lutheran School.
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 - Write news articles promoting Woodburn Lutheran School and reporting on school events.
 - Participate in planning and managing school promotional and fundraising events.
 - Manage Woodburn Lutheran School alumni database and alumni communications.
 - Work with current WLS families, prospective WLS families, and the IDOE to process and submit applications for Indiana Choice Scholarships and SGO awards.

- Job Qualifications:**
- Excellent interpersonal skills.
 - Excellent oral and written communication skills.
 - Computer skills related to word processing, spreadsheets, and databases.
 - Independent and adaptable.
 - Supportive of the mission and values of Woodburn Lutheran School.

PAULDING COUNTY AREA FOUNDATION AWARDS GRANT TO UNITED WAY OF PAULDING COUNTY



United Way of Paulding County was awarded \$2,200.00 to implement Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. The program is intended to improve childhood literacy by providing monthly books to children ages birth up to 5 years old in Paulding County. Pictured are Megan Meeks with her daughter, Rachael Matthews who are signing up for the program. Chris Hoeffel, Executive Director of United Way of Paulding County and Lisa McClure, Executive Director of Paulding County Area Foundation are observing the process.

DEFIANCE COUNTY SENIOR CENTER, HICKSVILLE UPCOMING EVENTS

"Laughter is the best medicine" is not just an old saying, it's a reality. Come in and see what you have been missing at the Hicksville Senior Center! Activity both mental and physical is great to keep your mind OFF those aches and pains and is just one of the secrets to living a long, happy life.

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Why cook or eat alone? Lunch is served Monday through Friday at 12:00 noon at the Hicksville center. A balanced meal and options available for no concentrated sweets and low sodium diets are a part of the selection DCSS can offer. Your choice of beverage is included with this great, "home cooked" meal. Meals are prepared fresh daily at our Defiance kitchen and are dietician approved.

"Lunch and Learn", with various speakers from the area, is held the first Thursday of the month at 11:00 a.m. Upcoming speakers include: Keith Countryman, Superintendent Hicksville

Schools; Debbie Radcliff, Chief Dietitian, Promedica Regional Hospital, Defiance; Virginia Zuniga, NOCAC's summer cooling program, and Donia Anderson, RN of Hickory Creek presenting information on the importance of hydration year around.

Music and dancing is an everyday activity but on Fridays we devote the morning to this important social outlet. On the second Friday of each month, live entertainment is scheduled at 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Everything from line dancing to just tapping your foot are encouraged. The "second Friday" entertainer for 2016 is "The Music Man" - Hicksville's own Alan Seibert.

Euchre is on the schedule Monday through Friday at 12:30 p.m. Play with our great competitors or just for the fun of it! If Euchre isn't your game, let us know what you would like to see on the schedule. Rummy is played every morning at 10:00 a.m. but with interested players, we'll add to the schedule.

Bingo, chair exercises, and Bible Study are also a part of our regular calendar of events. Card clubs are welcome to bring their games to the center as well. Just call us with your schedule and we'll set up and clean up for your group.

Trips, evenings out, shopping, and other fun events are all a part of our schedule. Transportation is available to all events including daily activities and lunch at the center.

Upcoming special events include our annual Valentine's Day party on Friday, February 12th; "Leap Day Fun" Monday, February 29th; St. Patrick's Day party Friday, March 11th; Easter Hat Parade Friday, March 25th; and senior's month in May featuring our annual health fair in Defiance and the Senior Prom.

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DARE GRADUATION



The Paulding Elementary fifth grade students completed their DARE program with Deputy Mendez from the Paulding Sheriff's Department and held a graduation ceremony on Monday, January 11th. Three students were recognized for the essays they wrote re-

garding the DARE program and what they learned. The three students are Ashton Manz, Carter Manz, and Cayden Breier. Behind the students are Deputy Nick Mendez, Sheriff Jason Landers, and Deputy Brandon Manz.

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