

47 YEAR RECORD BROKEN BY SAM WILLIAMSON



Sam Williamson flies into the record book with all the points he earned on Saturday against North Central. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The West Bend News was at the game where Antwerp took on North Central when shot upon shot was made and records were broken and memories were built. The Ea-

gles travelled to the Archer Court on Saturday, January 23. The game started with Antwerp taking possession of the ball at the tipoff by Josh

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ZARTMAN SEEKS RE-ELECTION



****The West Bend News has been working with people who will be running for office in the primaries. In your area you may be running, please send in your information and we can get it printed in the newspaper that thousands upon thousands are read every week.****

This week we talked with Tony Zartman who has been (Continued to Page 5)

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WEHRKAMP ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR PROBATE/JUVENILE JUDGE



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Michael Wehrkamp of Paulding has announced his 2016 candidacy for judge of the Paulding County Court of Common Pleas, Probate and Juvenile Division.

Wehrkamp, a native of Paulding County, is a judicial attorney at the Third District Court of Appeals, which serves as the Paulding County Court of Appeals, as well as the court of appeals for sixteen other Northwest Ohio counties. In this position, he makes recommendations to the judges of the court and drafts judicial opinions for juvenile, probate and other appealed cases. Prior to his service at the Court of Appeals, Wehrkamp gained courtroom experience as a

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AYERSVILLE WINS; ERIN MOHR BREAKS COUNTY RECORD



Erin Mohr scores 12 points in this game to break the girls basketball county record.

Wayne Trace took an early lead in the game Thursday, January 21 against Ayersville. Both teams are tops this year, but the Raiders were in a better standing at 14-1 while the Pilots came in at 11-4. Conference standings were tied between both squads at 3-0. Starting the second quar-

ter with a 1 point lead, the Raiders soon lost it and gave the Lady Pilots the top spot. With a minute and a half left before halftime, Ayersville nearly doubled the lady Raiders score. It was a real struggle for the home team on this evening; much differ-

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OBITUARIES

PAYNE, OH
Bethel Marie Hicks, 73 of Payne died Jan 21, 2016. Her family was assisted by Dooley Funeral Home, 5761 SR 500, Payne.

FORT WAYNE, IN
James O. Bovine, 84 of Fort Wayne, passed away Thursday, January 22, 2016 at Parkview Regional Medical Center. His family was assisted by Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp.

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 1/27 - 2/2

1/27 - Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, brussel sprouts, banana, oatmeal raisin bar, dinner roll, milk

1/28 - Pork chop, hashbrown bake, beets, mixed fruit, cookie, w.w. bread, milk

1/29 - Salmon patty, scalloped potatoes, candied carrots, pears, fruit snacks, w.w. bread, milk

2/1 - Oven fried chicken, red potatoes, Scandinavian vegetables, grape juice, cookie, biscuit, milk

2/2 - Sausage, egg & cheese sandwich on English muffin, hashbrown potatoes, stewed tomatoes, fruit salad, orange juice, milk

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 1/27 - 2/2

1/27 - Bunco at 12:30 p.m.; Crafts at 12:30 p.m.; Grocery shopping at 1:30 p.m.; Buckeye hearing Bingo 12:00 p.m.

1/28 - Euchre at 9:45 a.m.; Bingo w/ Gardens of Paulding at 10:00 a.m.; Euchre at 12:15 p.m.

1/29 - Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.; Craft store open at 11:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m.

2/1 - Free tax clinic at 9:00 - 9:30; Raffle day; Shedding pounds at 9:30; Exercise at 10:00; Fingernail clinic at 10:00 - noon; Bingo w/Country Inn at noon

2/2 - Euchre at 9:45; Euchre at 12:15

FMR. GOVERNOR STRICKLAND PLEDGES TO PROTECT AFFORDABLE, ACCESSIBLE WOMEN'S HEALTHCARE SERVICES

On the 43rd anniversary of the Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision, former Governor Ted Strickland joined Columbus-area women and local leaders to speak about his strong support for women's healthcare and his commitment to fighting for Ohio's families in the U.S. Senate.

At the roundtable discussion, Strickland highlighted the connection between affordable women's healthcare services and economic opportunity for Ohio's working families, his commitment to keeping healthcare decisions between a woman and her doctor, and his support for accessible preventive care, birth control and screenings.

In contrast, Senator Portman has repeatedly prioritized his own Washington politics at the expense of Ohio's women: supporting the controversial Blunt Amendment and Hobby Lobby Supreme Court decision which would jeopardize women's access to care and allow a woman's boss to decide whether or not to cover birth control, costing an individual hundreds of dollars more per year.

Strickland was joined at the event by Columbus City Councilwoman Elizabeth Brown and incoming State Representative Kristin Boggs.

"In the U.S. Senate I will be proud to stand with the women of Ohio to protect and expand the affordable and quality healthcare services they deserve," said former Governor Ted Strickland. "There is a clear connection between the accessibility of women's healthcare services and more economic opportunity for working families. And while our country has made great progress on this issue, there are new challenges to confront. I believe birth control is a decision between a woman and her doctor, not between a woman and her boss. But Senator Portman disagrees — a position that is not only out of step with our values but would force women to pay hundreds of dollars more every year for basic services and medicine. It's another powerful example proving why Ohio's working women and families cannot afford for Senator Portman to continue prioritizing these kinds of dysfunctional, Washington politics at our expense."

Senator Portman Co-Sponsored Controversial Blunt Amendment Jeopardizing Access to Birth Control And Preventive care. Portman co-sponsored the Blunt Amendment, which would allow employers to block access to women's contraception or important preventive care like mammograms that they objected to. [S. 1467, Cosponsored 10/31/11; Columbus Dispatch, 3/4/12; Washington Post, 3/1/12; New York Times, 3/2/12]

Senator Portman Supported Infamous Hobby Lobby Supreme Court Decision, Co-Sponsored "Hobby Lobby On Steroids" Bill. Senator Portman supports the Supreme Court Hobby Lobby decision that allows some employers to deny women contraception coverage. He also co-sponsored a "Hobby Lobby On Steroids" bill which would allow employers or insurance companies to refuse to cover any preventive services or essential health benefits in the ACA. [Senator Rob Portman, Press Release, 6/30/14; S. 2578, Vote 228, 7/16/14; S. 1919, Co-sponsored 8/4/15, Introduced 8/4/15; Salon, 6/16/15]

Senator Portman Supports Repeal Of The Af-

fordable Care Act: Making Women Pay More For Birth control And Preventive Care; Allowing Insurance Companies To Discriminate Against Women, and Causing More Than One Million Women In Ohio To Lose Healthcare Access. [Rob Portman, Press Release, 3/20/15; U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 3/23/15; Washington Post, Wonkblog, 7/8/15]

OHIO HUNTERS HARVEST MORE THAN 12,500 DEER DURING OHIO'S MUZZLE-LOADER SEASON

Hunters checked 12,505 white-tailed deer during Ohio's muzzleloader season, Jan. 9-12, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). During last year's muzzleloader season 13,724 white-tailed deer were checked.

Hunters still have opportunities to pursue deer this winter, as archery season remains open through Sunday, Feb. 7, 2016.

Deer Management Goals

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

Until recently, deer populations in nearly all of Ohio's counties were well above goal. In the last few years, through increased antlerless harvests, most counties are now at or near goal. Therefore, to help stabilize deer populations, bag limits were reduced, and antlerless permit use has been eliminated in most counties for the 2015-2016 season.

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

Hunting Popularity

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

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

wildohio.gov/deerharvest.

List of all white-tailed deer checked by hunters using muzzleloaders during the four-day deer-muzzleloader season. The first number following the county's name shows the harvest numbers for this year's season, and last year's numbers are in parentheses.

Adams: 274 (277); Allen: 45 (57); Ashland: 224 (253); Ashtabula: 270 (323); Athens: 357 (335); Auglaize: 49 (38); Belmont: 283 (393); Brown: 221 (245); Butler: 72 (85); Carroll: 277 (341); Champaign: 72 (83); Clark: 41 (33); Clermont: 173 (168); Clinton: 64 (64); Columbiana: 222 (206); Coshocton: 425 (553); Crawford: 50 (59); Cuyahoga: 3 (3); Darke: 34 (28); Defiance: 92 (97); Delaware: 81 (53); Erie: 18 (37); Fairfield: 111 (141); Fayette: 11 (20); Franklin: 23 (29); Fulton: 21 (23); Gallia: 204 (281); Geauga: 83 (94); Greene: 49 (48); Guernsey: 343 (395); Hamilton: 42 (40); Hancock: 49 (63); Hardin: 87 (99); Harrison: 293 (321); Henry: 19 (32); Highland: 214 (243); Hocking: 319 (284); Holmes: 259 (264); Huron: 127 (147); Jackson: 274 (249); Jefferson: 211 (266); Knox: 309 (311); Lake: 28 (30); Lawrence: 129 (173); Licking: 322 (390); Logan: 144 (128); Lorain: 104 (126); Lucas: 24 (23); Madison: 27 (31); Mahoning: 109 (141); Marion: 54 (45); Medina: 107 (114); Meigs: 355 (404); Mercer: 17 (29); Miami: 29 (37); Monroe: 256 (244); Montgomery: 29 (33); Morgan: 273 (316); Morrow: 88 (88); Muskingum: 384 (445); Noble: 270 (272); Ottawa: 28 (24); Paulding: 47 (62); Perry: 201 (229); Pickaway: 44 (77); Pike: 174 (180); Portage: 94 (81); Preble: 62 (55); Putnam:

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." —*Philippians 4:8*

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ent than we've seen the rest of the season. A ray of sunshine changed the outlook of the Raiders in the last minute with Gracie Gudakunst making 6 points on 2-3point baskets to get the team back in the game. The half finished at 18-23 - Ayersville's lead.

The second half was better but still couldn't compete with the Pilots, who by the way had quite lead after they scored 25 points in the third period, more than the home team the whole second half. It wasn't all rain showers though. Erin Mohr, who was the top scorer for Wayne Trace, has now broken the Paulding County Girls Basketball Scorer record previously held by Antwerp's Tammy Rasey (1986) who had 1318 points. At this game against Ayersville, Erin scored 12 points and finished the game with a current career total of 1330.

The final score was 42-63 with Ayersville taking home the win and possibly the conference title.

Score by the Quarter:
 Wayne Trace - 8 10 10 14=42

Ayersville - 7 16 25 15=63

Scorer of the Game:

17 (26); Richland: 204 (241); Ross: 284 (301); Sandusky: 56 (51); Scioto: 196 (199); Seneca: 77 (122); Shelby: 63 (60); Stark: 174 (167); Summit: 28 (30); Trumbull: 147 (234); Tuscarawas: 410 (363);



Natalie Torman shoots from under the basket. She is fouled and goes on to score two points in this matchup. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Wayne Trace - Mohr 12; Myers 10; Mead 8; Gudakunst 6; Torman 2; E Sinn 2; S Sinn 2

Ayersville - K Tressler 19; Waldron 12; Hammersmith 12; Addington 9; Kortni Martin 4; Korbyn Martin 3; A Tressler 2; Johnston 2

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Union: 43 (41); Van Wert: 20 (22); Vinton: 268 (243); Warren: 74 (65); Washington: 290 (340); Wayne: 119 (137); Williams: 95 (86); Wood: 31 (47); Wyandot: 115 (91). Total: 12,505 (13,724).

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OHIO ADULTS REPORT ON BARRIERS TO FINDING A TRUSTED HEALTH CARE PROVIDER: ONE IN 10 ADULTS REPORT LACK OF OR TYPE OF INSURANCE AS A BARRIER

One way to support good health is to have regular visits with a physician or other health care provider. Trust is an important component in the patient-provider relationship. "A patient who trusts his or her health care provider is more likely to seek necessary care, to follow the health care provider's advice, to take medications as prescribed and to return for follow-up visits," explains Greer Glazer, Ph.D., FAAN. Dr. Glazer is Associate Vice President for Health Affairs, Dean of the University of Cincinnati College of Nursing, and also Co-Principal Investigator at Urban Universities for HEALTH (UU HEALTH) at University of Cincinnati. Interact for Health worked with UU HEALTH to create questions about lack and type of insurance and race and ethnicity as barriers to finding a trusted health care provider.

Finding a trusted health care provider can sometimes be challenging. The 2015 Ohio Health Issues Poll (OHIP), funded by Interact for Health, asked Ohio adults about possible barriers they might have experienced when seeking a health care provider they could trust: lack of health insurance, type of health insurance, and race or ethnicity.

One in 10 Ohio adults report lack, type of health insurance as a barrier

OHIP asked insured adults if either a lack of health insurance or type of health insurance had been a barrier to finding a trusted health care provider. Responses to these two questions were similar. In both cases, about 1 out of 10 people overall in Ohio said that lack of (12 percent) or type of (13 percent) health insurance had prevented them from finding a trusted provider.

These health insurance barriers were reported more frequently among certain groups in Ohio. "African-American adults reported these barriers twice as frequently as White adults," says Jennifer Chubinski, Ph.D., Vice President, Innovation and Learning, Interact for Health.

This barrier was also more commonly reported as income decreased: nearly 3 in 10 adults earning less than 138% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) reported these barriers, compared with fewer than 2 in 10 adults earning between 138%-200% FPL, and fewer than 1 in 10 adults earning more than 200% FPL.

Fewer than 1 in 10 Ohio adults report race/ethnicity as a barrier; more common among individuals with lower income

Another possible barrier to trust in a patient-provider relationship is race or ethnicity. The 2015 OHIP asked "Has your race or ethnicity been a barrier for you or your family in finding a health care provider that you trust when you are sick or need advice about your health?"

Among all surveyed Ohio adults, fewer than 1 in 20 (4 percent) felt that their race or ethnicity had been a barrier to finding a trusted provider. There was no significant difference between the "yes" responses from African-American (5 percent) and White (3 percent) respondents. However, 7 percent of African-American adults replied "Don't Know" to this question, compared with zero White respondents. "To us, this may indicate a need for more health care providers from diverse racial and ethnic groups that reflect the population of patients we serve, as well as a need for current providers to learn to be more aware of their patients' cultural backgrounds," says Barbara Tobias, M.D., Medical Director of the Health Collaborative, a board member of Interact for Health, and Co-Principal Investigator at UU HEALTH. She is also a professor at the UC College of Medicine.

There were also differences in this response by income level. "Ten percent of adults earning less than 138% FPL reported that race or ethnicity had been a barrier to finding a trusted provider, much higher than among adults earning between 138%-200% FPL (2 percent) or above 200% FPL (1 percent)," says Chubinski.

More information about insurance, race and ethnicity as barriers to finding a trusted provider, and other topics, is available online at www.interactforhealth.org/ohio-health-issues-poll.

About the Ohio Health Issues Poll

The 2015 Ohio Health Issues Poll (OHIP) is funded by Interact for Health. OHIP was conducted July 15-28, 2015, by the Institute for Policy Research at the University of Cincinnati. A random sample of 811 adults from throughout Ohio was interviewed by telephone. This included 448 landline telephone and 363 cell phone interviews. In 95 of 100 cases, the statewide estimates will be accurate to ±3.4%. There are other sources of variation inherent in public opinion studies, such as non-response, question wording or context effects that can introduce error or bias. For more information about the Ohio Health Issues Poll, please visit www.interactforhealth.org/ohio-health-issues-poll.

About Interact for Health

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About Urban Universities for Health (UU HEALTH)

In 2012, University of Cincinnati was selected to be one of five universities to participate in the Urban Universities for Health learning collaborative, formulating a partnership between higher education institutions that serve as a workforce to research, develop and define best practices in producing a culturally competent and diverse health care workforce to reduce health disparities. Other learning collaborative sites are Cleveland State University/ Northeast Ohio Medical University, SUNY Downstate, University of Missouri - Kansas City, and University of New Mexico

PATH EXISTS TO END HIV/AIDS EPIDEMIC IN OHIO

The Center for Community Solutions (CCS) released a paper calling attention to several developments that create a path towards ending the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Ohio. John R. Corlett, author of the paper and CCS president and executive director, says, "2016 marks the 35th anniversary of the official beginning of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the United States, and it should signal the beginning of a renewed effort by the Ohio Department of Health and others to take the necessary steps to end the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Ohio."

Corlett said, "Despite the fact that we have the tools we need to nearly eliminate the transmission of the virus that causes HIV/AIDS, over a thousand Ohioans are likely to be infected with HIV this year, and a significant percentage of these individuals will not be tested early, will not receive medical care, and will not have access to the most effective medications."

This paper reviews recent recommendations from Ohio's Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee, a 2014 report by Mathematica Policy Research for the Ohio Department of Health, and recommendations from the Ohio AIDS Coalition. It finds that with the advent of the Affordable Care Act, Medicaid expansion in Ohio, the advances in highly active anti-retroviral therapy (HAART) for people living with HIV, expansion of the use of Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP), and Ohio's liberalization of needle exchange laws, there is a clear path that the state should follow to end the HIV epidemic in Ohio.

According to Corlett, "The tragedy is that so many of the newly infected are young people, and they and their communities will face a lifetime of social and financial costs as a result. We

know how to prevent these tragedies from occurring; we just need leadership to make it happen."

A nonpartisan, non-partisan think tank, The Center for Community Solutions focuses on solutions to health, social and economic issues. Community Solutions identifies community issues, analyzes and explains them, and proposes nonpartisan recommendations to improve health, social, and economic conditions. Established in 1913, it is a United Way agency. For more information: www.CommunitySolutions.com.

STATEMENT FROM SECRETARY TOM VILSACK ON SENATE PROGRESS TO REAUTHORIZE CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS

In anticipation of legislation this week from the Senate to reauthorize child nutrition programs, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack provides the following statement:

We are pleased the Senate is making bipartisan progress to reauthorize critical child nutrition programs. The Senate's bill is a win for children, parents, schools and for our country's future. It maintains our commitment to science-based nutrition standards for school meals and protects the advancements we have made in children's health since the passage of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act. Rather than diminish the progress made since the changes were implemented in 2012, the Senate's bill ensures progress will continue improving our children's diets, and it promises to end partisan battles about the future of our kids.

The bill is consistent with the approach taken at USDA all along, which is to provide reasonable flexibility for schools as they continue transitioning to the updated standards -- an approach that is working. A 2014 Harvard study shows that in some schools, under the updated standards, kids are now eating 16 percent more vegetables and 23 percent more fruit at lunch. A 2015 study by the University of Connecticut's Rudd Center for Food Policy and Obesity found that kids ate nearly 20 percent more of their vegetables in the schools they examined after the standards were updated. And a study of schools in Washington State just published in the Journal of the American Medical Association Pediatrics found that the nutritional quality of meals chosen by students has improved since HFFKA was implemented, while program participation did not change. Multiple surveys have documented how the majority of parents and students like the new meals, and—most important—new evidence suggests 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. The bill sustains and supports this progress.

We applaud the Senate's bipartisan progress and urge Congress to reauthorize these programs for our young people without delay.



Josh Longardner scores a layup even though he is grabbed from the back side. More pictures at westbendnews.net

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Longardner and within five seconds the first basket was scored by Sam Williamson. It didn't take long for the Eagles to fly one through the hoop on their next possession, but that was the last one for a while. Soon it was 15-2 and still 3.5 minutes left in the period. The Eagles began to fly late in the first when Brady Wolfram and Kaleb Gieser each scored a 3 point basket, finishing the quarter at 18-8.

The second period started and Sam was moving in and out of the key so quickly he was confusing his opponents. He continued to keep scoring and earned more points than the first quarter. By the half, he had 27 points to his name, more than most, if not all, of his games scores. By then the West Bend News was wondering if the record had been broken for the best half ever for Antwerp, but that was not part of the archives. The half finished with Cole Seslar, Matt Jones, Brandon Pendergrast and Josh Longardner also scoring. With another 25 points adding to Antwerp's 18, it made the halftime score now 43-22.

Third quarter was Antwerp's lowest scoring period, but not too shabby when it matched North Central's highest scoring period. Sam hit 3 free-throws and 2 points. Longardner hit a three point basket, and Pendergrast put up four points from underneath.

Sam's best quarter was the fourth period. He was tied with Steve Peters' nearly 50 year record with 47 points set on December 12, 1969. With being far ahead of the Eagles he was on the bench. Coach TJ Hammer says, "Get back out there Sam. You only need one more." Going back out he was fouled and put on the line. He scored another basket, but it was called invalid because someone stepped over the line. He shot the second basket to take the school record for his own, scoring 48 points in one game. He put in 6 two point baskets and was fouled quite a few times. He was able to put four from the line in.

"Sam is an athlete that has put in the time and effort to deserve these type of records." Coach Hammer continued, "His success shows what hard work and dedication does."

The game finished with Antwerp doubling the score of the Eagles 79-38.

Score by the Quarter:
Antwerp - 18 25 14 22=79
North Central: 8 14 5 11=38

Scorers of the Game:
Antwerp - Williamson 48; Jones 8; Pendergrast 7; Longardner 7; Mills 3; Seslar 2; Altimus 2; Poulson 1; Skiver 1
North Central - Tomblin 6; Wolfram 6; Bailey 6; Henry 5; Gieser 5; Roessner 3; Douglass 3; Williams 2; Rhinard 2

After this game, Antwerp now has a record of 7-8.
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TEACHER INSPIRES STUDENTS AT WOODBURN LUTHERAN SCHOOL



Kindergarten teacher fosters love for learning.

Sarah Fleek, a teacher at Woodburn Lutheran School, used to say she'd never teach kindergarten. But once she tried it, she fell in love with the younger students.

That's why Mrs. Fleek, who has been the kindergarten teacher for five years at Woodburn, works toward creating an atmosphere of curiosity and hands-on exploration.

"My goal is to create an environment that fosters a love for learning," she explains. "Everyday something great happens and the kids say, 'This is the best day ever!'"

Mrs. Fleek is no stranger to Woodburn Lutheran School. Part of a second generation Woodburn Lutheran family, she is also the third alumni who returned to work at the school.

"I always knew I wanted to be a teacher and didn't intend to come back here, but I've never regretted it. The small setting is like a family," she says.

Mrs. Fleek's enthusiasm extends into her classroom, where she creates kinesthetic experiences that teach the foundational skills students need for first grade.

Students participate in an alphabet fashion show, where each child wears clothing beginning with a letter. Alphabet cooking lessons allow children to explore recipes and numbers as students make food in the classroom.

In Mrs. Fleek's class, learning is active and fun—a place where students are encouraged to be curious and explore thematic ideas. During a pumpkin-themed day in the fall, students cook with pumpkins, explore

whether pumpkins float in science, and do math with pumpkins. Her kinesthetic approach means the kids are rarely sitting still.

"I like to spark an idea and let the kids explore things," she says. "Anything I can do to make the lessons stick."

With a class full of varying skill levels, Mrs. Fleek finds ways to reach the kids who need extra help. Her small class of eleven students means she is able to devote extra time to their needs, giving them more one-on-one attention.

"One of the neatest things to see is a struggling student who comes to me at the end of the year and can read a book," she says, noting the focus is on individual improvement.

"I want them to leave knowing they've done their best and I want them to enjoy school," she adds. "I want them to be proud to say they go to Woodburn Lutheran School."

This approach is not only evident in Mrs. Fleek's class, but in other grades as well.

"With the smaller class size, you know who's struggling and those who can go above and beyond," she explains. "Because we are a small school, teachers can devote extra time to the kids that need it. We have a staff of teachers who will go the extra mile for our students."

It's this personal approach that allows students to flourish at Woodburn Lutheran School and be prepared for the future.

"We've had multiple people tell us that we're a hidden gem here," she adds. "There are some great things happening at Woodburn Lutheran School."

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH TO HOST MOVIE NIGHT

Christ Lutheran Church in Woodburn, IN. will be hosting a free movie night on February 7th. They will be showing Woodlawn at the corner of St. Rt. 101 & Park St. Snacks will be at 4:00 p.m. with the movie starting at 5:00 p.m.

FREE COMMUNITY MEAL @ PAULDING UMC

Don't like eating alone? Would rather visit while you eat?

If your answer to either of these questions is yes, then you will like coming to the Free Community Meals sponsored by the Paulding United Methodist Church. This is a new outreach project of the church beginning this January 2016.

On Thursday, January 28 the friendly folks at Paulding UMC will be serving a hot and nutritious meal beginning at 5:30 in the evening. They are inviting the community to come to the church, two blocks north of the courthouse on North Williams Street. The meal will be served in the lower level in Fellowship Hall, which may be accessed by using the elevator if needed. Diners should enter the building at the southeast entrance off the parking lot.

The church congregation plans to serve other free meals on February 25 and again on March 31 and each month thereafter on the last Thursday. There will be notices and updates in this newspaper.

CHRIST THE KING

By: Rev. Gerry Weesner, Maples United Methodist Church

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ... I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.' Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels ... whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.' Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life." Matthew 25:31-34a, 40-41, 45-46 (NIV).

This parable triggers some uncomfortable feelings. We often are a mixture of sheep and goat. Many of us do not really understand what crime, hunger, thirst, nakedness, and prison are all about. For most of us, this is not part of our daily lives. We often have problems seeing Jesus in others, because we are so judgmental. We refuse to even think that Christ is with those who are downtrodden. This parable is the action part of "Love your neighbor as yourself!" Christ taught us

to love our neighbors, not just the rich and affluent ones, but also the downtrodden and the impoverished.

John Wesley in a sermon stated that "one great reason why the rich and well-to-do in general have so little sympathy for the poor is because they so seldom visit them. Therefore it is that, according to the common observation, one part of the world does not know what the other suffers." And now history and our own salvation hang in the balance. So the big question as you stand before the judge is: On what are you going to be judged? How we will be judged? What are the criteria?

Jesus is pretty clear how we will be judged. Love is action. When God in Leviticus demands that we love our neighbor and the foreigner in our midst, as ourselves, it refers to how we treat such a person, not how we feel about him or her. James wrote, "Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world."

UNHEALTHY SELF-PERCEPTIONS EXAMINED AT LIFETREE CAFÉ

People's tendency toward judging themselves harshly will be explored at Lifetree Café on Thursday, February 4 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

The program, titled "Why Are You So Hard on Yourself?", features a short film in which an FBI sketch artist draws how people describe themselves and then how those same people are described by others. Differences in the descriptions are startling.

"Often, people's views of themselves are unfairly full of criticism, faults, and imperfections," said Lifetree Café national director, Craig Cable. "This Lifetree episode examines why this happens and offers practical tips for developing a more positive self-image."

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

Lifetree Café is a place where people gather for conversation about life and faith in a casual, comfortable setting. Questions about Lifetree may be directed to First UM

Church at 419-238-0631 or firstchurch@wcoil.com.

Topic for February 11is "The Witch Next Door." What's the appeal of Wicca and paganism?

HAPPY BEAN MOVES TO HUNTER HALL

Mount Vernon Nazarene University and Happy Bean LLC announced that Happy Bean will be moving their operations to Mount Vernon Nazarene University's Hunter Hall, 221 S. Main St., in downtown Mount Vernon. Happy Bean coffee shop is a limited liability company that was formed in August 2015 by co-owners Nate ('14) and Cassie (Porter '14) Johnson, and Eric and Tisha Van Houten. They were previously located on Coshocton Road, near Apple Valley.

Steve Jenkins, Director of Business Services, said that MVNU had been seeking a new coffee shop to move into the building after Baker Bros. closed in the spring of 2015.

"Our first priority is service to our students. In their proposal to us, Happy Bean emphasized connecting our students to the community and events downtown. Together, we want to work toward getting our students downtown not just for class, but at other times as well. Happy Bean also expressed interest in introducing our students to ministry opportunities in the downtown area," Jenkins said.

Cassie Johnson said that Happy Bean Coffee's tagline is "Brew Hope" and that she plans to employ MVNU students. The Johnsons said they hope to seek more potential partnerships with MVNU and current students in the future.

Happy Bean plans to open for business within a few weeks. For more information about Happy Bean visit Facebook.com/HappyBeanCoffeeShop.

Mount Vernon Nazarene University is a private, four-year, intentionally Christian teaching university for tra-

ditional 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.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Monday, January 18, 2016 baby boy Landon Robert Guelde was born weighing 7 lbs 14 oz and was 20.7 inches. Proud parents are Nicholas Guelde and Andrea Smalley.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

On Tuesday, January 19, 2016, Brant and Allison Zuber welcomed baby boy, Barrett Alexander. He weighed 7 lbs 5.3 oz and was 19.8 inches. Barrett has four siblings, Kayal, Braden, Skylar and Gavin. Grandparents are Bill and Patty Vance of Paulding, OH; Larry Zuber of Antwerp, OH and Wendy Zuber of Payne, OH.

CRAIG WAYNE BOYD POSTPONED UNTIL APRIL 29 DUE TO SEVERE WEATHER IN THE SOUTH

Due to the Severe Winter Storm which is crippling the South and Eastern US, Craig Wayne Boyd was unable to make it out of Nashville, TN for our concert Saturday night, January 23 at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center in Van Wert, OH. Nashville received 8" of snow on top of ice and Interstate 75 was closed through Kentucky. We and Craig Wayne Boyd apologize for the inconvenience. The concert is rescheduled for Friday, April 29 at 7:30 p.m. Current tickets will be honored at that show. No new tickets will be issued for current ticket holders.

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Tony Zartman
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a Paulding County Commissioner for eight years now. He was elected in 2008 and has held the position ever since. Throughout his time in office he has seen many changes including economic development, wind farms, education, government consolidation, and the Sheriff's office.

Tony and his wife, Angie, live in the Payne, Ohio. He's been there his whole life and understands the issues that Paulding County has faced. Raising their four children, they understand what it's like for kids to leave, seeking jobs and education outside the county.

In his time serving as commissioner, Tony and the other commissioners helped bring about beneficial changes. "We are a team of dedicated county employees and elected officials," stated Zartman. The departments have all been improved with some being consolidated for efficiency and cost effectiveness. Since he had been in office the county government has solidified itself as a team entity working together with transparency.

The wind farm project is something Mr. Zartman is particularly proud of. It was challenging because Ohio had nothing in place as far as legislation for how to handle these utilities. Because of their work, Senate Bill 232 came about and within 5 days of its signing, Paulding County had become an Alternative Energy Zone. The first two farms in are predominantly in the Wayne Trace School District. Because of SB232, the communities will benefit from the new income. Before SB232, the state would have cut back financially on its allocations based upon the revenue brought in from the wind farms, but this is now not the case due to the hard

work of Zartman and the other commissioners.

What's happening in Paulding County? A new wind farm is in the works between Antwerp and Payne called the Amazon Wind Farm. It will be breaking ground in the spring of 2016. Forward looking is vitally important to both small and large business.

Knowing that Paulding County is a bedroom community and how to take advantage this situation is critical to economic development and marketing current business inside and outside the county. The Commissioners have developed a strong relationship with Paulding County Economic Development (PCED). They have been working with Jerry Zielke to help in whatever way possible for job growth and expansion for this county.

"If we are not willing to invest in ourselves, no one else will." said Zartman. As a result of working with PCED there will be a major announcement coming soon. Since Tony has been in office things have really started to turn around. The county went from having high unemployment to now struggling to fill job vacancies. The workforce is continually expanding and he is quite delighted to be a part of these new projects. Tony said, "Small and large businesses are both vitally important to the economy here."

Tony explained how God's values are what he seeks when working for the county. He believes it's important for making good decisions that effect everyone with wisdom and guidance.

Tony appreciates your support at the primaries this March.

Michael Wehrkamp
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litigation attorney in private practice at the law firm of Porter Wright Morris & Arthur in Columbus.

Retired Paulding County Common Pleas Judge J. David Webb encouraged Wehrkamp to run for judge.

"I have known Michael for many years and I can say with complete confidence that he has what it takes to effectively run the probate and juvenile court," said Webb. "Michael will serve the citizens of Paulding County with hard work, accessibility and the best interests of the community in mind. He understands the challenges faced by youth today and will make a very strong judge."

Implementing improvements to the juvenile court will be a cornerstone of Wehrkamp's campaign message.

"I will take a firm but fair approach that will balance our absolute first priority - safety - with the rehabilitation of young offenders so they have the opportunity to grow into productive members of our community rather than becoming adult offenders later in life," Wehrkamp

said.

As judge, Wehrkamp would apply for grant funding and establish juvenile probation programs to provide avenues for non-violent juvenile offenders to be rehabilitated through community service, programming and education. He would also work closely with Paulding County school districts to maintain a regular, visible presence in the schools.

"If you can proactively identify and serve young students who are facing academic, family and social obstacles, you can keep them out of the court system down the road," said Wehrkamp.

Tam Stoller of Paulding serves as treasurer of Wehrkamp's campaign committee. Jeff Mumma of Payne serves as deputy treasurer.

Wehrkamp is an active member of Divine Mercy Catholic Church of Paulding County, where he serves on committees and leads congregational singing. He is also a member of the Knights of Columbus St. Joseph Council. He currently serves as vice president of the Paulding County Bar Association and is a member of the Continuing Legal Education Committee of the Allen County, Ohio Bar Association. He speaks regularly to students of Paulding County about the role of the judicial branch of government.

Wehrkamp, a Paulding High School graduate, earned his bachelor's degree, summa cum laude, from The Ohio State University. He went on to earn his Juris Doctorate from the University of Toledo College of Law, where he also graduated with highest honors. Wehrkamp resides in Paulding with his wife, Laura (Arend) Wehrkamp, and their son, Andrew.

To learn more about Wehrkamp and his vision for the Paulding County Probate/Juvenile Court, visit www.WehrkampForJudge.com or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/WehrkampForJudge.

IT'S NOT A BACKLOG, IT'S A LACK OF CONCERN FOR RAPE VICTIMS

By: Laura Finley

According to the Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network (RAINN), an American is sexually assaulted every 107 seconds. "Rape kit" is the term used to describe the physical evidence obtained from a victim who reports being sexually assaulted. Victims' bodies are, in essence, the crime scene. They endure what some might describe as a second sexual violation, being scraped, poked and prodded, only out of hope that their perpetrator can eventually be held accountable. And perhaps not rape again, as so many do.

In January 2015, Florida officials announced that some 13,435 rape kits remain in police storage facilities around the state. The largest number of non-processed rape kits, more than 3,700, were in Miami-Dade County. Of course this is an underestimate, since some 11 percent of police agencies in the state would not respond to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's inquiry about the issue.

Florida is not alone. The Joyful Heart Foundation, founded by actor Marit-

za Hargitay, estimates that there are more than 400,000 untested rape kits around the country. Many have referred to it as a "rape kit backlog." While surely there are some issues with funding and staffing to analyze this type of criminal evidence, when officials admit, like they have pretty much done everywhere, that they don't test all the kits, it is clear that they care little about rape cases.

Indeed, officials in many precincts have said that if it's not a stranger-rape case or if it's a case in which the victim doesn't want to participate they won't exert any effort to analyze the rape kits. Those arguments are garbage. Even in acquaintance cases, the evidence can be important, as it might show a pattern of behavior that can help convict an offender, and, in particular, in cases of younger victims who are raped by family or friends, it is crucial evidence that a jury often wants in order to convict.

Maybe a victim doesn't want to endure a trial. She should never be forced to do so. But what if knowing that evidence existed would convince her to do so? Or, what if the prosecution had that strong physical evidence and thus didn't even need her to participate in the trial?

The reality is that police want to close cases and prosecutors want to win them. What that means for rape victims is clear: If your case isn't perceived as "winnable," sorry about your luck. Few other crimes warrant such neglect.

Testing these older rape kits has proven to be a useful expenditure of time and resources. In 2003, New York City analyzed 17,000 rape kits, resulting in dramatic increase in its arrest rate for rape, from 40 percent to 70 percent. In 2009, Detroit police found 11,000 untested rape kits in storage. After analysis of just 1,600 of them, 100 serial rapists were identified and 10 were convicted. The city also found 487 serial rapists who committed crimes in 39 states. Other cities have found similar results.

If we truly care about crime victims, we absolute-

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OHIO LOCATIONS

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

Bryan: Chief, Town & Country, McDonald's, Bryan Senior Center, Walmart

Cecil: Maramart, Vagabond

Charloe: Charloe Store

Continental: Okuley's Pharmacy, Dollar General, ACE Hardware

Defiance: Newman's Carry Out, Butt Hutt, Chief, Senior Center, Walmart, Big Lots, Cabin Fever Coffee, Cabbage Patch Convenience Store

Edgerton: Marathon, Valero, Kaiser Supermarket, Utilities Office, Napa

Grover Hill: Ross' Gas Station, N&N Quick Stop

Grabill: Do-It Best Hardware, Save-A-Lot, Grabill Country Sales

Hicksville: Cline's Market, Hickory Hills Golf Course, Sailors, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, McDonald's, H20, Senior Center

Latty: Kohart's Surplus & Salvage, Country Inn Living Center

Melrose: Uncle Fudd's Diner, Morning Star Convenience Store

Oakwood: Rhees' Market, The Landing Strip, The Oakleaf, Cooper Community Branch Library, TrueValue Hardware

Paulding: Paulding Co. Carnegie Library, Chief, Corner Market, Integrity Ford, Napa True Value, Maramart, Dollar General, Dairy Queen, Holly Wood and

Vine, Paulding County Senior Center, Rite Aid, Ace Hardware, Gorrell Bros., Albert Automotive, Paulding Courthouse, Paulding Co. Bookmobile, Susie's Bakery, Paulding VFW Post 587, Paulding Co. OSU Extension Office, Paulding County Historical Society, Paulding Co. Sheriff's Office

Payne: Lichty's Barber Shop, Payne Super Valu, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Maramart, Payne Branch Library, Puckerbrush Pizza

Scott: Scott Variety Store

Sherwood: Sherwood Post Office, Village Food Emporium, Sherwood Bank,

Van Wert: Pak-A-Sak, Family Video, Orchard Tree, Lee's Ace Hardware, Main Street Market, Walmart

INDIANA LOCATIONS

Fort Wayne: Walmart (Maysville Rd.)

Grabill: Save-A-Lot, Grabill Hardware, Grabill Country Sales

Harlan: Marathon, Harlan Donuts, Harlan Cafe, iAB Bank

Hoagland: Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub

Monroeville: Mel's Deli, The Village of Heritage, Phillips 66 Gas Station, Dollar General

New Haven: Curves, Milan Center, New Haven Branch Library, Ken's Meat Market, New Haven Bakery, Paterson Hardware, Richard's Restaurant, New Haven Chamber, Crumback Chevrolet

Woodburn: Clip -N- Tan, Jim's Pizza, Woodburn Hardware, Bob's Restaurant, Woodburn Xpress, True Country Oasis, Woodburn Branch Library, Financial Partners, Love's Travel Center, Feders

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ly must devote whatever resources are needed to collect and analyze the physical evidence that will not only hold accountable but may also deter offenders. Otherwise, we are merely paying lip-service to accountability while declaring our lack of concern for stopping rape.

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THE LOBO TANK BUSTERS

By: Stan Jordan
The area was socked in with fog this morning so we didn't take off until almost noon. We had on extra fuel tanks because we were going to a town named Berneck over east of the Autobahn. Col. Bainbridge was here last night and said that valley was well protected for some reason. Like always, the colonel gave us the directions and coordinates to show us how to get there.

We flew at about 9000 feet and 300 mph to get the most out of our fuel. We could look down and see the German Autobahn and then turned north. It is a little north of Northeau, which is considered the music city of Germany.

We dropped down to just enough altitude to miss the mountain peaks and follow the Auto-Bahn and to be under the German radars. We armed the rockets and test fired our guns and looked down that narrow valley and nearly missed them, and out of sight was the town of Berneck.

The valley was so narrow at the one spot, we had to fly single file. I went in first and did not really know what I was looking for. And then to be in a confined area, a strange place and at 350 mph! Then I spotted what was probably our target. It was an old air field where they started to train new pilots. There was a number of old type planes sitting on the tarmac. Some Junker Dive Bombers, some old ME4's, some old Hinckle and Dornier Bombers.

I was lined up with two Stuka Bombers, the Stuka is an old but good dive bomber. It also has a siren on it, and when it made a dive, the siren was enough to drive a person crazy. They must have been loaded with fuel because they both exploded and burned.

I went on down the valley and then made a big circle and then went up a ways to let the other pilots make their runs. I came down low and lined up again with some

old Hinckle Bombers and put a rocket into each one. There was burning planes all over, as the other boys were also having a good day. I could hear the anti air crafts bullets hitting my plane, so I made a quick dip to the left to get out of the line of tracers. There was no way we could make another run, so we climbed up to a few thousand feet and discussed what to do.

We agreed to go back home to our air base, as all of us had some damage from some small arms anti-aircraft fire.
See Ya!

CABIN 21 AT VALLEY FORGE

By: Stan Jordan
It was about eleven o'clock in the morning and the wood cutters were taking a break and #3 trooper, the hunter, was resting around a bonfire they had started in the woods.

The mule and wagon was right there in the area also. The mule started to act a little odd and someone said, "There comes a bear!" Well, things got exciting in just a little bit.

The bear was coming up the path, a lane the hunter used to go to the thick part of the woods. The bear was not running, but it was getting closer. Now, he got up on his hind legs and was heading straight for the group resting around the fire.

The #3 trooper, the hunter, dropped down to his knee and rested his muzzle loader on a stump and got a bead on the bear. The bear was getting close to the boys and was still moving in and in an up right position. The hunter aimed at the bears left side of his chest, where his heart is, and as the bear came forward, the hunter slowly pulled the trigger.

The gun made a loud report and the hunter knew he hit the bear in the heart as he could see the chest and dirt fly from the bear's chest. Now, the rifle was about a 50 caliber and was plenty big enough to kill the bear. The bear came on a few steps after he was hit then crumpled to the ground.

Hunter told the boys, "Stay away from him till I'm sure he's dead." Then he said, "Boys, we got a lot of work to do." The hunter was in charge now, he said, "Take that load of wood to the cabin and then return with the mule and wagon and bring all the boys who have boots. Bring a number of knives and a couple of big containers for some meat, and have the water boys to get

a number of buckets of water and to make as much hot water as they can to clean up later."

The bear was a big one, but he just came out of hibernation so he wasn't too heavy now. They boys threw a rope up over a limb and then lifted and pulled on the rope till they had him hanging free.

Hunter had killed and cleaned a bear before, so he knew just what and how to do it.
See Ya!



ANTWERP, THE CANAL AND THE RAILROAD

By: Stan Jordan

The Wabash and Erie Canal was finished in 1843; Indiana share of the canal had already been finished. The canal traffic was slow to start with but then flourished in a few years. In the 60's and 70's of the 1800's, the canal boats carried in supplies and carried out the finished product - buckets, barrels, staves, and ship timbers. It brought in logs to make charcoals for the Smelters furnace. Everything was going well. There were factories all up and down the canal and they done well until the timber was gone. In 1870 Indiana abolished their part of the Wabash-Erie Canal, but the part of 18 miles was open from Antwerp to Junction. This gradually petered out and the canal and reservoir laid idle for years.

The blowing of the canal, locks and reservoir was in 1888 and has been published a number of times. It was abandoned by law in 1888. The Toledo-Wabash and Western Railroad was built through Antwerp. In 1855 the name was changed to just Wabash.

In the 1860's and 70's, the town was slowly moving north to be closer to the railroad, but it wasn't easy or quick. In the metropolitan area of Antwerp there were three huge ravines that

had to be filled in. Where now stands the pharmacy and hardware, those building were on legs or stilts, because the ravine ran under them and down under, what is now, the Marathon drive through and then on north between the River Street Market and Clip-N-Curl beauty shop. That ravine dumped the service water into the deep ravine that runs from west to east, past the school and a little north of where the Town Hall is. Madison, Monroe, and Cleveland Streets had to be built up and for a while there was a bridge on Main Street over the ravine by Town Hall.

That ravine goes east under Oswald Street and dumps into the big ravine east of the United Methodist Church. That big ravine starts out south out by Dr. Gray's office and runs under the corner of East Canal and Erie Street and under the railroad and the old US 24. All of these streets had to be built in to make them as they are now, and that was not easy.

There is a smaller ravine, called the Lindemuth Ravine, that starts about where Rollie Clem lives and goes east and then dumps into the big ravine by Dr. Bricker's house. It was not a small job, making those street as level as they are.
A little more next week.
See Ya!

ACDC TO HOST A WINE & CHEESE TASTING

Antwerp Community Development Committee will be hosting a Wine and Cheese Tasting on Saturday, March 5th at 7:30 p.m. at Grant's Reception Hall, 503 East Canal, Antwerp. You are invited to raise your glasses and indulge in light hors d'oeuvres with family and friends in support of the Antwerp Community Development Committee (ACDC). ACDC events are invested in community projects such as holiday decorations, floral planters, town signage, etc. This will be a fun social evening, enjoying a great selection of wine and cheese as well as a chocolate fountain with a dessert bar. To make your reservation, please contact Lisa Bragg at 260-705-1895 or email at lbragg@ver-abradley.com.

BAND STAND IN THE VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK



By: Stan Jordan

The above picture of the old band stand in the park was loaned to us by Alyn Bichard. He found it in an old trunk that belonged to his grandma.

We are standing on the north side looking east. This picture was an old post card posted marked 1915. The cement steps going down to the river are right in front of the building, but they were not

built until 1936 by the PWA.

I remember that building well, as it stood until after WWII. It fell into bad repair and it was demolished in the 1950's or 60's.

The picture was probably taken on a Sunday afternoon, as there seems to be a picnic under that big oak. That big oak and the other one on the right are still there after easily one hundred years.
See Ya!

ANNUAL PAULDING SWCD FISH EVENT



Pictured here is Deb Hubbard, picking up her fish during last year's fish event.

Now is the time to start thinking about restocking your pond(s) with fish for springtime. Stocking your pond properly is essential if you wish to produce a sustainable population of fish for years to come. Stocking rates will vary based on several factors including management strategies, pond size, location, water chemistry, time of year, and your management goals. The Paulding Soil and Water Conservation District is holding their annual Fish

Event to assist you with stocking your pond(s). The Paulding SWCD is offering nine different species of fish this year. The species of fish include the Bluegill, Hybrid Bluegill, Redear Sunfish, Black Crappie, Channel Catfish, Jumbo Yellow Perch, Large Mouth Bass, White Amur and Fathead Minnows. The Paulding SWCD can help assist you in determining the right species of fish to fit your pond based on the size of your pond. If you would like more information about the different species of fish being offered, please contact the Paulding SWCD and we can send you our fish guide book. The deadline to order is April 29th and fish will arrive on May 12th. The fish are boxed and bagged with oxygen for your convenience. Please feel free to contact the Paulding SWCD at 419-399-4771 or visit our website at www.paulding-swcd.org, if you would like an order form or more information about stocking your pond(s).

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LIVING THE MOMENT

The Nurturing Well by: Jill Starbuck

While on vacation, a friend of mine captured a picture of a woman enjoying the sights. What was so unusual about this particular woman is that she was walking around with a jar of peanut butter and dipping her finger in it. The picture is a truly beautiful and inspiring one. It captures a woman who is lost in the moment. She doesn't care whether it would appear odd to other people that she was dipping her finger in a jar of peanut butter. The look on her face was serene and content, as if she were doing nothing but contemplating her surroundings at that very moment. How many of us would actually walk around with a jar of peanut butter and only our fingers as a utensil?

The woman enjoying the sights reminded me of a singer in a jazz band a friend and I recently went to see. While the band was playing, the singer began dancing to the music. I commented to my friend that I wish that I could do something like that. I meant that I wish I could dance without worrying whether I looked like an idiot doing it. While I watched the singer dance to the music, I was mesmerized by her ability to really feel the music and respond to it.

These two examples just remind me that my life could be more satisfying if I would enjoy moments more than I do. Rather than worrying about what people think, I should learn to just be. I should stop worrying about all of the things that I have to get done and take a moment to really relish my surroundings. Time escapes us, and at a much faster pace than many of us would like to admit. I'm guessing that many of you are in the same boat that I am in. Many of us simply do not know how to relax. Therefore, I challenge you to escape in at least one moment every day.

If you do not know how to do this, check out the following tips to get you started:

1. **Learn to say "no."** Many of us take on too many tasks. Therefore, we end up frazzled and in a constant state of motion. It makes it harder to stop and enjoy any moment.

2. **Focus on now.** We often worry about the future instead of enjoying today. We can't control the future or the unknown, so we are just wasting time.

3. **Think small.** Many of the small things in our daily lives can make us really happy, if we let them. It could be as simple as listening to music, eating our favorite dessert, or taking a long, hot shower.

4. **Expect nothing.** Do things without expecting anything in return. Random acts of kindness are a win-win for both the giver and the receiver.

5. **Stay positive.** It's virtually impossible to ever enjoy the moment if you look at it negatively.

For many of us, living the moment may take considerable practice, especially since studies show that nearly half of us think about something other than what we are doing at the moment. However, research indicates that it can help reduce stress, boost our immune systems, and improve concentration. Life goes by way too fast. It's time to embrace it right now.

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.

MONROEVILLE BRANCH OF ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY FEBRUARY EVENTS

Smart Start Storytime
Mondays, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 3:30 p.m. Enjoy the latest books, some old favorites and an awesome craft each week.

LEGO Mania
Monday, February 1, 6:30 p.m. Bring your own LEGOS or use ours. Make friends and have a treat.

Budget Scrapbooking
Thursday, February 18, 4:00 p.m. We will have a different layout page each month and provide supplies. You bring your adhesive & scissors

sors and have fun whether you are a new or an experienced scrapbooker.

Heartland Writers' Forum

Wednesday, February 17, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. All aspiring and published writers welcome to hone writing skills. Formed by writing and editing professionals Bobbi Madry and Jill Starbuck, the forum offers many opportunities to discover different genres of writing, as well as valuable writing tips.

Pieceful Quilters
Wednesday, February 24, 6:00 p.m. An opportunity for quilters to gather and share techniques and tips at the library. All and welcome no matter their skill level or style.

NEW HAVEN BRANCH OF ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY FEBRUARY EVENTS

Family Storytime
Tuesdays, February 2, 9, 16, 23, and Wednesdays, February 3, 10, 17, 24, 10:30 a.m.

February 2 & 3 Groundhog's Day, February 9 & 10 Valentine's Day, February 16 & 17 Counting, February 23 & 24 Frogs

Spanish Storytime: Animals

Saturday, February 13, 2:00 p.m. Learn the names of your family members. Enjoy a Spanish storytime along with parents and caregivers.

Those Witty Brits
Wednesday, February 17, 7:00 p.m. A book club devoted to British humor. Come and laugh with us.

Teen Thursdays
Thursdays, February 4, 11, 25, 3:30 p.m., February 4 Foil Art, February 11 Ductgami, February 25 Catapults

Get Your LEGO on!
Monday, February 15, 2:00 p.m. What can YOU build with a pile of LEGOs? We'll have LEGOs for every member of the family so even the littlest ones can play.

WOODBURN BRANCH OF ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY FEBRUARY EVENTS

STORYTIME:
Fridays, February 5, 12, 19, 26, 10:30 a.m. This Storytime features finger plays, songs, stories of various lengths and crafts.

Yarn Lover's Gathering
Thursdays, February 4, 11, 18, 25 7:00 p.m. If you already know how to knit or crochet or if you want to learn how to knit or crochet join us at Woodburn. We have people that can help you get started or teach you new techniques. Join us for a creative evening.

Woodburn Lego Club
Monday, February 8, 4:00 p.m. Grades 3 and up can create with Legos. There will also be Legos at the library for you to use. And, of course, snacks.

Woodburn Kids Club
Wednesday, January 13, 4:00 p.m. A special club for children ages 6 -11. Each meeting will include a game, a readers' theater, a craft and a snack as well as book sharing. You will receive a button each time you attend. This month Build It is our theme.

The Mix
Wednesday, February 10 4:00 p.m. Young Adults... drop into the library for a different activity each month. Music or crafts or games or whatever is in the mix. This month Chat and Chew.

GRABILL BRANCH OF ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY FEBRUARY EVENTS

Monday Night Book Discussion Group

Monday, February 1, 7:00 p.m. Each month we discuss a different book. This month we will read *O Pioneers!* By Willa Cather

Born to Read
Tuesdays, February 2, 9, 16, 23, 10:30 a.m. You're never too young to enjoy the library. For babies and their caregivers.

Smart Start Storytime
Wednesdays, February 3, 10, 17, 24, 10:30 a.m. Preschoolers and their grownups are invited to attend a storytime designed to help them as they begin to read.

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

Homeschool Craft Challenge
Monday, February 8, 10:30 a.m. Come on over for creative (sometimes messy) fun. We supply all the materials so bring your friends and family. In February we will try Printmaking.

Homeschool History Challenge
Monday, February 15, 10:30 a.m. Homeschool History Challenge meetings will focus on an

Historical time period with iPad quizzes, discussion and activities.

Homeschool Science Challenge
Monday, February 22 10:30 a.m. Challenge your mind learning new science concepts, while having a blast with your friends. In February we will discuss Rube Goldberg Machines

Minecraft Masters
Wednesday, February 17, 3:30 p.m. Minecraft masters: test your skill and play with your friends each month.

JANUARY AT THE OLD FORT

Nouvelle Annee, French Garrison of Fort Wayne in 1756, Saturday, January 30, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Experience a winter with the French of Fort Miamis. Re-enactors will spend the weekend living in the Fort,

OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY STUDENTS ENJOY THE SNOW



Oakwood elementary students enjoyed the few inches of snow we received on Monday and Tuesday, January 11th and 12th. Several students spent their recess one day building a snowman.

WT PAYNE ELEM. ANNOUNCES JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Congratulations to the following Payne Elementary Students of the Month for January. Front Row: McKenzie Johnson, Madeine Coressel, Keagan Sharp, Mya Endicott, Stella Laukhuf, Careen Winans, Brooklyn MillerBack Row: Dyson Scott, Luke Stouffer, Breven Anderson, Colin Beebe, Laura Stoller, Cameron Stoller; Absent: Race Price

which will be open for visitors on Saturday. Their goal is to recreate actual events which occurred in and around what is now Fort Wayne in the year 1756. They do so by examining letters written by the French commanders of what was then known as Fort Miamis and then attempt to recreate those events.

Re-enactors from "Les Habitants et Marines du Post de Miamis" will portray soldiers, citizens, and Native Americans, and will represent what the typical population would have been

doing at the time of the second French post here in Fort Wayne. Mail call, military drills, scouting, cooking, and sewing will be some of the events taking place during the event. A full schedule of the day's activities will be available on the Fort Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/HistoricFortWayne/>).

For more information call (260) 437-2836. The Old Fort is located at 1201 Spy Run Ave Fort Wayne, IN 46805. Parking is available at Headquarters and Lawton Parks.

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45TH ACAC WOODLAN WRESTLING WON BY ADAMS CENTRAL



In the 285 weight class, Warrior Malik Murray pins his opponent in the first round at the ACAC Wrestling Tournament hosted by Woodlan.

Weight: 106 1st: Logan Mosser, Adams Central 9 30- 7 2nd: Wyatt Miller, South Adams 10 24- 3 3rd: Chris Schuller, Woodlan 9 24- 10 4th: Ian Liette, Jay County 16- 18 5th: Dalton Armstrong, Southern Wells 10 16- 7 6th: FF, Bluffton 0- 0

Weight: 113 1st: Nick Litter, Adams Central 10 28- 9 2nd: Davis Anderson, Jay County 14- 8 3rd: Noah Goodrich, Southern Wells 10 16- 16 4th: Keshawn Ward, Woodlan 9 11- 14 5th: Mason Smith, Heritage 9 23- 15 6th: Ethan Bloomeke, South Adams 0- 12

Weight: 120 1st: Anthony Mosser, Adams Central 11 30- 7 2nd: Kaimen Sanders, Jay County 13- 7 3rd: Brandon Wynn, South Adams 16- 10 4th: Alyssa Schuller, Woodlan 11 7- 7 5th: Forfeit, 11 7- 7 6th: Forfeit, 11 7- 7

Weight: 126 1st: Austin Roemer, Woodlan 11 28- 8 2nd: Briar Goodwin, South Adams 14- 8 3rd: Gabe Schwailer, Adams Central 10 11- 14 4th: Tristan Atkins, Jay County 16- 14 5th: Patrick Fugate, Bluffton 12 17- 18 6th: Forfeit, 12 17- 18

Weight: 132 1st: Logan Macklin, Adams Central 9 25- 10 2nd: Dallas Dudleston, Jay County 26- 10 3rd: Shawn Roemer, Woodlan 11 29- 7 4th: Dylan Zuercher, South Adams 12- 14 5th: Coleman Beeks, Southern Wells 9 20- 18 6th: Corbyn Fry, Bluffton 9 11- 18

Weight: 138 1st: Casey Parisot, Woodlan 12 25- 8 2nd: Colton Compton, Jay County 19- 13 3rd: Heath Selking, Heritage 12 20- 15 4th: Trevor Free, Adams Central 11 5- 17 5th: Mason Stevens, Southern Wells 10

16- 14 6th: Drake Dietsch, South Adams 5- 14

Weight: 145 1st: Zack Zink, Woodlan 11 18- 4 2nd: Briar Beeks, Southern Wells 11 30- 7 3rd: Brant Thieme, Adams Central 10 17- 20 4th: Zach Mounsey, Bluffton 10 21- 8 5th: Thomas Hemmelgarn, Jay County 15- 9 6th: Robert Anderson, Heritage 12 9- 23

Weight: 152 1st: Hunter Bates, Adams Central 12 33- 4 2nd: Tyler Leonhard, Jay County 30- 6 3rd: Sam Smith, Southern Wells 9 27- 11 4th: Collin Jones, Woodlan 11 15- 18 5th: Jakob Kitzmiller, Heritage 11 14- 14 6th: Forfeit, South Adams 0- 0

Weight: 160 1st: T.C. Perry, Southern Wells 12 32- 4 2nd: Ivan Hemmelgarn, Jay County 29- 9 3rd: Tucker Wallace, Woodlan 11 22- 13

4th: Nick King, Bluffton 11 20- 17 5th: Brad Fuhrmann, Heritage 9 2- 23 6th: Forfeit, Adams Central 0- 0

Weight: 170 1st: Levi Hummel, Jay County 29- 8 2nd: Ryan Ashley, Adams Central 12 27- 9 3rd: Braxton Brooks, Heritage 12 20- 11 4th: Corrie Lewis, Bluffton 10 15- 12 5th: Brennen Rheinhart, Southern Wells 11 15- 18 6th: Forfeit, 11 15- 18

Weight: 182 1st: Logan Hicks, South Adams 17- 8 2nd: Daniel Ostrowski, Jay County 8- 3 3rd: John McNeal, Heritage 11 10- 14 4th: Skylar Douglas, Adams Central 11 13- 19 5th: Forfeit, 11 13- 19 6th: Forfeit, 11 13- 19

Weight: 195 1st: Andy Kohler, Jay County 36- 0 2nd: Isaiah Baumgartner, South Adams 23- 2 3rd: Chandler Schumm, Adams Central 10 26- 11 4th: Rylee Schindler, Woodlan 11 25- 10 5th: Nik Roberts, Southern Wells 12 22- 6 6th: Conner Ray, Heritage 9 9- 16

Weight: 220 1st: Gaven Hare, Jay County 22- 7 2nd: Jeremiah Cassell, Woodlan 12 26- 12 3rd: Nash Brunner, Adams Central 11 17- 5 4th: Jarred Brinkman, Heritage 11 24- 10 5th: Andre Hughes, Bluffton 9 20- 18 6th: Alex Roberts, Southern Wells 9 6- 27

Weight: 285 1st: Dylan Schumm, Adams Central 11 28- 4 2nd: Ryan Homer, Bluffton 10 11- 14 3rd: James Morua, Heritage 26- 5 4th: Jacob Ferguson, Jay County 17- 17 5th: Malik Murray, Woodlan 11 14- 16 6th: Tayler Cueller, South Adams 15- 12

WOODLAN VS FREMONT GIRLS BB



Woodlan Junior Ellie Kayser scores under the basket for two points. She goes on to be the top scorer of the game. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Lady Warriors hosted Fremont on Wednesday, January 20 in what proved to be another good win for Woodlan.

The first period was a boon for Woodlan when Ellie Kayser kept scoring including her last second shot from the three point line that boosted the team's morale as they more than doubled Fremont's points. The next quarter was close when Woodlan only had two more than the opposition giving a halftime score of 18-29. It was the first half that saved the Warriors.

Woodlan kept close in the second half with points by Kenzie Salzbrenner, Rain

Hinton and both Samantha Voors and Samantha Houser. Keeping close behind the Fremont team, they didn't let their lead gained in the first slide too far.

Kenzie was also honored at this game; this was her last home game for Woodlan as she graduates this spring.

Score by the Quarter:

Woodlan - 16 13 8 14=51

Fremont - 7 11 10 17=45

Scorer of the Game:

Woodlan - Kayser 16;

Hinton 15; Houser 8; Voors 8;

Salzbrenner 4.

Fremont - Rhonehouse 30;

Beer 8; Lyon 4; Fitzpatrick 3

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PAULDING DEFEATS THE BIG GREEN



Paulding sophomore Ethan Rhonehouse scores one of his field goals in this picture. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Panthers have good nights and they have a few bad nights throughout the season. Against their latest match-up, they came out on top. The game against Ottoville was a close match in the first period with only one point difference between the Big Green and the Paulding boys basketball team. Corbin Edwards scored a three point basket along one field goal to be the top shooter of the first period. The score was 18-17 and Paulding had the lead.

Alex Arellano shined in the second chapter of the game when he knocked down 2-3 point baskets and 3-2 pointers, not to mention the foul shots he earned. Alex had one of his best nights ever in this game. While Paulding was looking good here they held the Big Green to only 7 points and the half time score ended up at 37-24.

After the half, Ottoville came back to outscore Paulding by two points when they earned 11.

The Panthers went into the fourth holding the lead, but would they be able to keep it? Both teams were heavily engaged now and the battle was on for the top spot. Paulding let the defense slip a little in the first few minutes, but as they came down to the last two minutes, Alex was back on scoring 8 points. The last period finished with both scoring 16 and the game finished with Paulding still in the lead 62-51.

Score by the Quarter:
 Ottoville - 17 7 11 16=51
 Paulding - 18 19 9 16=62
 Scorers of the Game:
 Arellano 30; Edwards 10;
 Rhonehouse 8; Hanenkratt 7;
 Gee 4; Johanns 3.

After this game, Paulding's record is 8-7.

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PAULDING PANTHERS GIRLS BASKETBALL GET HANDED ANOTHER LOSS

Lady Panthers lost to the Lady Rams 37 - 49. The game was much closer than final score indicates as Paulding was only down 3 with 2:00 to play. They played well, particularly with the defense, rebounding, and transition offense, as well as playing very unselfishly. But Tinora did a nice job of taking care of the ball and hitting free throws down the stretch.

Score by the Quarter:

Paulding - 14 9 10 4 = 37
 Tinora - 14 7 14 14 = 49

Game Scorers:

Paulding - Vogel 16, Arend 5, Meggison 8, Townley 8
 Tinora - Schliesser 11, Harris 7, Zipfel 13, Helberg 4, Norden 5, Wagner 2, Olashuk 3, Wilkerson 4

WOODLAN SHOW CHOIR TO HOST FISH FRY

The Woodlan Warrior Ambition is hosting its annual Fish & Chicken Tender Fry on Friday February 5th from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the Woodlan Auditoria Door 16. Dan's Fish Fry out of Huntington is preparing the Fish and Chicken this year. The meal will include sides, dessert and a drink.

The Show Choir will be performing various pieces from their "GET UP GET MOVIN'" competition show every 20 minutes.

This fundraiser will benefit the Warrior Ambition Show Choir in helping them reach their goal of raising funds for the 2016 Competition Season. Warrior Ambition will compete in several competitions across Allen, Noble and Huntington Counties with over 30 dedicated performers.

For more information call Woodlan High School at (260) 446- 0290 extension 7444.

PC TIGERS FALL TO DEFIANCE COUNTY

The PC Tigers Basketball Team travelled to Defiance, Ohio on January 21 for another round of winter basketball action. The Tigers recorded a loss with the final score being 64-49. Lead scorers for the night were Matt Wayne with 24 points and Rochelle Clark

SECOND HALF KILLS WARRIORS



Woodlan's Aaron Hahn jumps up and grabs the rebound from Billy Lomow. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Local rivals Heritage competed at the Strautman gymnasium at Woodlan on Friday evening, January 22. The game was fierce competition after Heritage took the ball on the jump. The Patriots ended up missing the basket and Woodlan took possession, went to their side and Andrew Krahn took the first shot for two points. The Warriors scored the next two points too before the Patriots posted any points. Jacques Jacquay did well for the opponents and by the end of the first quarter both teams were only one point different with Heritage taking the lead at 17.

The second period was not quite as bountiful for either team, and this time with Josh Gerig and Austin Fancher the home team ended up with a one point more for the period and both teams were tied at

24 for the half. It was a close game.

After half time everything changed. The Heritage coach lit a fire under the players and they were burning up the court. Shot after shot, Billy Lomow had no problem putting the ball through the hoop. The third quarter alone for the Patriots' score more than Woodlan the entire second half. Mentioning the fourth period, the opponents did the same. The game ended with Heritage winning 61-38.

Heritage - 17 7 20 17=61
 Woodlan - 16 8 9 5=38
 Scorers of the Game:
 Heritage - Jacquay 15; Knapke 2; Lomow 25; Beard 7; Schane 7; Rennenger 5
 Woodlan - Biggs 2; Fancher 5; Schwartz 7; Andrew Krahn 14; Aaron Hahn 2; Gerig 2; Williams 6

with 10 points. It was a hard fought "David & Goliath" game, as Defiance was the Division III State Champions in 2014. Coach Short commended the opposing team's athletic stature and ability. He was also sure to note, "My team doesn't know the meaning of

quitting, and they never have the attitude to give up even when facing a more seasoned opponent." All players on the Tiger's roster had time on the floor. The next game is scheduled for January 28 at home against Fulton County.



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1/29 - Cinnamon roll, juice/fruit, milk

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2/2 - Egg/cheese muffin, juice/fruit, milk

Lunch:

1/27 - Chicken & noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, dinner roll w/butter, cheese stick, assorted canned & fresh fruit, milk; PLUS: Chef salad, Pizza sub OR Pretzel w/cheese & salad bar

1/28 - Nacho chips w/meat & cheese, corn, cucumber slices, assorted juices, assorted canned & fresh fruit, milk; PLUS: Chef salad, Pizza sub OR Breaded chicken sandwich & salad bar

1/29 - Pepperoni pizza, romaine lettuce salad w/dressing, California blend, assorted canned & fresh fruit, milk; PLUS: Chef salad, Pizza sub OR Cheeseburger sandwich & salad bar

2/1 - Chicken nuggets, french fries, California blend, dinner roll w/butter, assorted canned and fresh fruit, milk;

PLUS: Chef salad, pizza sub or grilled chicken sandwich w/salad bar

2/2 - Walking taco w/meat, cheese and iceberg lettuce, corn, refried beans, assorted canned & fresh fruit, milk; PLUS: Chef salad, Pizza sub OR Breaded chicken sandwich & salad bar

**ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL
LUNCH MENUS 1/27 - 2/2**

1/27 - Mini corndogs, broccoli & cauliflower w/dip, pears, milk; PLUS: Salad bar

1/28 - Tex mex chili, baked fries, pineapple, milk; PLUS: Salad bar

1/29 - Pepperoni pizza, coleslaw, applesauce, milk; PLUS: Salad bar

2/1 - Fish on bun, baked beans, mixed fruit, milk; PLUS: Salad bar

2/2 - Taco, green beans, pineapple, milk; PLUS: Salad bar

**PAULDING EXEMPTED
VILLAGE SCHOOLS BREAK-
FAST & LUNCH MENUS
1/27 - 2/2**

Jr/Sr High - Breakfast:

1/27 - Ham & Cheese croissant, juice/fruit, milk

1/28 - Coffee cake, juice/fruit, milk

1/29 - Sausage gravy w/ biscuits, juice/fruit, milk

2/1 - Breakfast pizza, sausage, bacon & egg, juice/fruit, milk

2/2 - Sausage, egg & cheese burrito, salsa, juice/fruit, milk

Jr/Sr High - Lunch:

1/27 - Beef or chicken burrito (or) beef fiestada pizza, refried beans, spanish rice, fruit, milk, Toppings: Salsa, lettuce, corn & black beans & banana peppers

1/28 - Turkey & bacon or Philly beef sub, broccoli w/cheese, wg chip OR Big daddy pizza slice, seasoned corn, fruit, milk

1/29 - Spicy or regular breaded chicken, bun, oven potatoes OR Salad bar, garlic breadstick, fruit, milk

2/1 - Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes w/gravy, roll, celery sticks, dip OR salad bar, garlic bread, fruit, milk

2/2 - Oriental chicken salad, eggroll, tomatoes, dressing, cocoa bar OR Assorted entree items, pickle slices, oven fries, fruit, milk

Paulding Elementary - Breakfast:

1/27 - Burrito, fruit/juice, milk

1/28 - Muffin, cheese stick, fruit/juice, milk

1/29 - Cereal or Cereal bar, grahams, juice/fruit, milk

2/1 - Yogurt, goldfish, juice/fruit, milk

2/2 - Pancakes, juice/fruit, milk

Paulding Elementary - Lunch:

1/27 - Mozzarella cheese sticks w/pizza sauce, celery/carrots/broccoli, fruit, milk

1/28 - Pizzaburger on wh. gr. bun, oven potatoes, fr. vegetables, fruit, milk

1/29 - Fish sticks, bread, mixed vegetables, fr. vegetables, fruit, milk

2/1 - Grilled chicken on wh. gr. bun, steamed carrots, fr. vegetable, fruit, milk

2/2 - Hot dog, baked beans, fr. vegetables, fruit snacks, fruit, milk

Oakwood Elementary - Breakfast:

1/27 - Pancake on stick, juice or fruit, milk

1/28 - Sausage/egg burri-

to, juice or fruit, milk

1/29 - Assorted cereals, juice or fruit, milk

2/1 - Yogurt, cinn. goldfish, juice or fruit, milk

2/2 - Warm cinnamon roll, juice or fruit, milk

Oakwood Elementary - Lunch:

1/27 - Wg chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, romaine let. salad, bread, fruit, milk

1/28 - Toasted cheese, tomato soup, crackers, celery, fruit, milk

1/29 - Soft taco, romaine let., refried beans, fruit, milk

2/1 - Hot dog, wg. bun, corn, celery stix, fruit, milk

2/2 - Wg. br. chicken/bun, peas, carrot stix, fruit, milk

**THE MOUNT VERNON
GRAND HOTEL RECEIVES
THE HEART AWARD**

The Mount Vernon Grand Hotel, owned and operated by Mount Vernon Nazarene University, was presented with the Heart Award at the 2015 Knox County Chamber of Commerce Meeting on January 8, 2016. The Heart Award, sponsored by Critchfield, Critchfield, & Johnston, is given for achievement in building and maintaining architectural design that complements the Knox County community.

Tina Cockrell, the Program Coordinator for The Knox County Chamber of Commerce, praised The Mount Vernon Grand Hotel for its replication of the original structure. Cockrell said the hotel, "keeps the Victorian feel that the Curtis Inn hosted in Mount Vernon for many years prior."

Construction of The

**PAULDING COUNTY AREA FOUNDATION AWARDS
GRANT TO WAYNE TRACE ART CLUB**



Wayne Trace Art Club was awarded \$1,000.00 for materials to paint an exterior wall mural; which will be located on the wall along West Merrin Street of the Payne Branch Library. Once completed, the mural will be seventy five by ten foot high. The art club estimates 300 hours of manpower with the project to begin in late spring and a completion date to coincide with

the summer 2016 reading program. Pictured are Phil Nofziger, Principal, Wayne Trace High Junior/Senior High School ; Lisa McClure, Executive Director, Paulding County Area Foundation; Tyce Homier, Wayne Trace Junior/Senior High School Art Student and Art Club Member and Angie Stokes, Art Teacher at Wayne Trace Junior/Senior High School.

Mount Vernon Grand Hotel began in November of 2014 after demolition of the Curtis Inn, and was completed in August of 2015. The five-story, Victorian hotel includes 46 rooms, a parlor, and a winding staircase.

Cockrell explained the process of distributing the Heart Award began in September of 2015. She said, "Ambassadors and the Board of Trustees reviewed all nominations" and announced the recipient at the Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony.

The management and staff of The Mount Vernon Grand Hotel, CUSA LLC, and MVNU expressed their gratitude for the award.

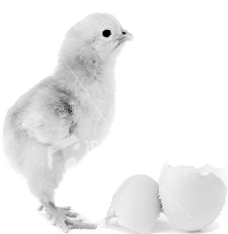
"We are beyond grateful

to the Knox County community for awarding us with this year's Heart Award."

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.

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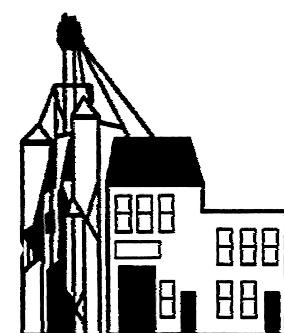


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JANUARY IS A BUSY TIME FOR THE WAYNE TRACE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Wayne Trace is starting music for Large Group Adjudicated Events and preparing for Solo and Ensemble. Several students are also participating in Honors Groups.



Joe Schmidt, Jayson Nowak and Ethan Dunham from Wayne Trace were selected after auditioning to be in the District 3 Ohio Music Education Assoc. Honors Choir. They performed with other students in 8 surrounding counties on January 17th at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center in Van Wert.



Jadyn Flint, Scott Wenninger, Arlyn Cooper and Joel Johnson are WT Band students with a busy music schedule! Jadyn was selected to play in BGSU's Honor Band, Scott at OSU's Honor Band and Arlyn and Joel for the District 3 OMEA Honors Band all the weekend of January 16-17. Scott and Arlyn will be participating in Kent State's All Star Band on January 23rd and Scott will be playing in the All State Honors Band at the OMEA Convention in Cincinnati on January 29th.

ANTWERP JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL 2ND NINE WEEKS 2015/16

**Denotes 4.0*
EIGHTH GRADE

4.0-3.67 (with no grade less than a B-)

- *Madison Boesch, Aleyah Cline, Alyvia DeVore, *Allyssa Fuller, Carlie Hanes, *Adison Hindenlang, Sydney Miller, Ashton Minck, Alex Phillips, Holly Sanders, *Chloe Saul, Jacob Savina, *Blake Schuette, *Julia Steiner, *Elyse Steury, Timothy Taylor, Mackenzie Timbrook, *Melanie Wann, Emily Wentland

3.669-3.33 (with no grade less than a C+)

- Sayge Bonifas, Jacob Eaken, Izik Garrett, Tiera Gomez, Jayvin Landers, Garrett Laney, Kendall Miller,

Heather Oberlin, Kaitlyn Titus, Elisabeth Wolf

3.32-3.0 (with no grade less than a C)

- Dustin Craig, Boston Dunderman, Chase Friend, Destiney Gerken, Tabitha Jones, Mallory Mansfield, Nicholas McCreery, Cameron Starr

SEVENTH GRADE

4.0-3.67 (with no grade less than a B-)

- Madyson Bauer, Morgan Boesch, Rylan Brooks, Heaven Bruce, Johnathon Buehrer, Lydia Butzin, Maycee Contreras, Carmen Cruz, Haile Davis, Kadi Donat, Mallory Ehrhart, Dylan Hines, Austin Lichty, Logan McKeever, *Laura Miller, Eli Molitor, *Kathryn Oberlin, Siera Octaviano, Molly Reinhart, *Madison Ruen, Emily Sanders, *Eric Thornell, Joshua Timbrook

3.669-3.33 (with no grade less than a C+)

- Jordan Buerkle, Jason Geyer, Hunter Grant, Ryllyn Lengacher, Caleb Miller, Olivia Miller, Gage Partin, Landyn Reyes, Autumn Smith, Grace Tuttle

3.32.3.0 (with no grade less than a C)

- Makenna Jones, Peyton Lang, Alicia Maag, Gannon Peffley, Owen Sheedy

SIXTH GRADE

4.0-3.67 (with no grade less than a B-)

- *Mia Altimus, Olivia Campbell, *Nathan Dunstan, *Kate Farr, Summer Franklin, Breanna Fulk, Jaidis Getrost, Brady Hatlevig, *Luke Krouse, Alexandra Lehman, Jagger Landers, *Emerson Litzenberg, Zachary Lockhart, Cade Latham, Luke McDorman, *Gaige McMichael, *Faith Nestleroad, Megan O'Donnell, *Kaden Recker, *Kennadi Recker, *Allison Reinhart, *Kiera Reyes, Grace Schuette, Emma Shuherk, Noah Smith, *Kennedy Trabel, Hayden Wagner, Trinity Wieland, *Ilse Zijlstra

3.669-3.33 (with no grade less than a C+)

- Alexandria Ade, Reece Buerkle, Astianna Coppes, Grace Jones, Nicholas Jones, Mark Jordan, Morgan Kniceley, Shaelin McCrea, Kaden Phares, Jared Phillips, Samantha Rigsby, Lauren Schuller, Caleb Wilson, Naomi Yanez

3.32-3.0 (with no grade less than a C)

- Hailey Grant, Triton Housh, Landon Lee, Skylar McCabe, Jonathan Meyer, Hunter Sproles, Mason Steel, Taylor Tuto, Austin Wade

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS TO ASSIST UNEMPLOYED

The Ohio Technical Center at Vantage (formerly Vantage Adult Education) is currently offering training opportunities to assist workers facing long-term unemployment, underemployment or those with veteran status. Through a partnership with WSOS Community Action and the "Ready to Work" program, free or low-cost job training may be available to qualified applicants. In addition to a chance to start a new career,

ASK ME Miss C!

Dear Miss C,

I have a simple question, because I am just looking for tips. I have been out of work for a few years, and have an interview next week! I am very nervous because I have not been in an interview in at least 10 years. Heck, in my last job I pretty much just filled out the application and they called me to offer the job! Can you give me some tips on how to interview well for a secretary type job? Thanks!

—Sarah

Dear Sarah,

There are so many great resources out there to help with your job search, resumes, and interviews. Most job search engines (like career builder) and your local job centers offer great training programs to help you get that dream job! But I will offer some tips as well. I would love after your interview you take a moment to email me and let me know how it went!

Preparing for your Big Interview:

- 1. Research—It's important to know all about the job you want to have and the company you want to work

for! Most companies are a google search away!

- 2. Review common interview questions and write out some responses. There are a number of common questions you might expect. (Why do you want to work for X company? Why should we hire you? Tell me about yourself. What have you been doing while unemployed). If you know these questions are likely to be asked, spend some time creating responses. And then...
- 3. Practice—choose a trusted friend and practice answering your questions. Your practice partner can help you assess how your responses measure up.
- 4. What to wear—Dress for success! Plan your outfit based on the company and its culture and choose a look that looks professional. Its usually better to over dress than underdress, but keep accessories and jewelry to a minimum. If you smoke, try not to do so before your interview (the scent carries). If you eat, try to brush your teeth and use mouthwash.
- 5. Be on time—there is just no good reason (other

than natural disaster) for being late. You should plan to arrive 15 minutes early in order to complete any paperwork.

- 6. First impressions count. Be polite and warm to EVERYONE you meet whether it is the door person or secretary. Managers often ask everyone to share their impressions. Have a positive attitude, managers often make critical decisions about applicants in the first 15 minutes of the interview
- 7. Be Honest, Genuine & Concise
- 8. Body language—make good eye contact, smile, do not chew gum, sit up tall, be conscientious of fidgets
- 9. Ask questions—employers judge an applicant's interest in the job based on the questions asked during the interview
- 10. Be thankful—Thank your interviewer for their time. Send a follow up note, and/or email! It is the perfect way to show gratitude and continuing interest in the position.

Good Luck!

Blessings,

—Miss C

"Ready to Work" provides assessment, career coaching, support services and job placement assistance. The program is open to residents of JobsOhio Region 2, which locally includes Van Wert, Paulding and Putnam Counties. Upcoming training options at Vantage include Industrial Automation Maintenance (June 2016) and Basic Welding (March 2016). For more information about the "Ready to Work" job training requirements or enrolling in any adult education program at Vantage, please contact Dee Dee Dirksen at 419-238-5411 or 1-800-686-3944 ext. 2121.

IRS TAX FORM DISTRIBUTION @ THE LIBRARY

For many years, the Paulding County Carnegie Library has participated in the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Tax Forms Outlet Program (TFOP). The IRS has substantially limited the number of print forms available and is making all forms available online. For the 2015 tax year, Paulding County library locations should be receiving the following print forms in very limited quantities:

- Form 1040, U.S. Individual Income Tax Return
- Form 1040 A, U.S. Individual Income Tax Return
- Form 1040 EZ, Income Tax Return for Single and Joint Filers with No Dependents
- Instruction for Form 1040
- Instruction for Form 1040 A
- Instruction for Form 1040 EZ
- Publication 17, Your Federal Income Tax For Individuals (one reference copy per branch)
- Publication 1132, Reproducible Copies of Federal Tax Forms and Instruction

"This could be the last year

the library participates in the paper tax-form outlet program," states Susan Pieper, Library Director. "Public Libraries throughout America have been providing access to the forms for decades, but with a high percentage of citizens filing online there is a dramatic decrease in requests, so libraries are discontinuing this service."

All Paulding County library locations will still provide free online access to tax forms and patrons may print out two forms at no charge. The website to print out forms is: <https://www.irs.gov/Filing/>. For more information about tax forms for year 2015, visit your local public library. The staff will be happy to help you find the form you need, but cannot give any tax advice.

2016 WOODLAN GIRLS BASKETBALL SENIOR RECOGNITION

By: Jeff Abbott

Kenzie Salzbrenner

Kenzi is a daughter of Chad & Stacie Salzbrenner. Kenzie played 4 seasons of basketball, volleyball, and softball for the Warriros. She is president of the National Honor Society, Student Council, and the Senior Class. She participates in the Women's Ensemble Choir, Campus Life, and interns for the high School Special Needs classroom. Kenzie is active in the St. Paul Lutheran Youth Group. She was a 2015 Academic All-State, honorable mention in volleyball and 2015 second-team All -Conference selection in basketball. She is currently ranked 2nd in the senior class and plans to attend the University of Indianapolis to study psychology and pre-occupational therapy



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TOASTMASTERS DUAL IN DEFIANCE



Pictured (l to r) Lisa McMichael, Shelly Shafer and Robert Boyd

The January 14, meeting of Defiance Simply Speaking Toastmasters, featured two dueling speakers who challenged each other by assigning a speech topic to the other on a subject neither knew little about. Shelly Shafer's, topic, changing car oil, involved her actually going to her car mechanic at Tireman, and observing the oil being changed. She delivered a humorous and enlightening speech detailing an oil change.

Robert Boyd, challenged with a speech on baking, described making a special cake with "man tools" which included an egg beater on the end of a power drill, and a dry wall knife for tooling the frosting. He presented

Shelly with an incredible, detailed cake, which resembled a giant hamburger dubbed the "Shelly Burger". Lisa McMichael presented a speech on "Stress busters" which demonstrated stress busting techniques and led the group through an exercise for reducing stress.

The Simply Speaking club provides a fun, encouraging, supportive, positive atmosphere in which to develop communication and leadership skills. Toastmasters meet twice a month on the second and fourth Thursdays at 6:30-8 p.m.

For more information, contact Jane Hibbard at 419-445-9475 or Lisa McMichael at 419-393-2325.

COLD WEATHER WIN FOR WARRIORS

By: Jeff Abbott

Fremont was as cold as the weather and Woodlan took advantage to pull away early and then hang on for a 51-45 win in girls' basketball to wrap up the home portion of the regular season. The Warriors finish the season with a pair of road games. After a couple of ties and lead changes early in the first period, Woodlan built up their advantage to 16-7 at the end of the quarter with Ellie Kayser leading the Warriors offense. Woodlan held their advantage going into halftime at 29-18. Woodlan leading scorer Rain Hinton picked up here fourth foul in the third period, but the Warriors Samantha Voors and Samantha Houser provided the offense for Woodlan to have a 37-28 lead after three quarters. Hinton returned to the Warriors lineup midway through the fourth stanza with the home team up by 7 points and made a pair of free throws to go up 9. Hinton fouled out less than a minute later and Fremont came back to close to within 3 points late before free throws from Kayser and Houser in the final minute sealed the game for the Warriors. Ellie Kayser had 16 points for Woodlan and Rain Hinton had 15 points. Shae Rhonehouse had 30 points in the game for Fremont. The Eagles won the reserve game 38-24. Jai'Shawn Winborn had 9 points for Woodlan.

Score by the Quarter:
Fremont - 7 11 10 17=45
Woodlan - 16 13 7 13=51

Scorers of the Game:
Fremont - Rhonehouse 30, Beer 8, Lyon 4, Fitzpatrick 3
Woodlan - Kayser 16, Hinton 15, Houser 8, Voors 8, Salzbrenner 4

advantage, leading 17-14 after the first period and 31-23 at the half. Woodlan came back in the second half, cutting the lead 40-37 at the end of the third quarter and then outscoring the home team 19-14 in the fourth period to force the extra four minute period. Woodlan doubled up on the Eagles for the road win. Austin Fancher and Cole Weiss each had 16 points for the Woodlan offense.

Score by the Quarter:
Woodlan - 14 9 14 19 8=64
Chuubusco - 17 14 11 14 4=60

Scorers of the Game:
Woodlan - Fancher 16, Weiss 16, Krahn 10, Hahn 9, Gerig 6, Biggs 3, McCarter 2, Williams 2
Churubusco - Barkley 20, Simmons 17, Buffenbarger 16, Duff 5, Bowyer 2

LADY WARRIORS CRUISE THRU TO ACAC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan built up their advantage throughout the first three quarter and the Warriors cruised the ACAC girls basketball tournament championship game with a 50-34 win over Southern Wells. The Warriors led 11-5 after the first period, 24-13 at the half, and 36-21 at the end of the third. Rain Hinton had 19 points in the win for Woodlan.

Score by the Quarter:
Southern Wells - 5 8 8 13=34
Woodlan - 11 13 12 14=50

Scorers of the Game:
Southern Wells - Noble 9, Johnson 9, Yencer 8, Jones 5, Collins 3
Woodlan - Hinton 19, Voors 8, Houser 8, Kayser 6, Reidenbach 4, Salzbrenner 2, Moore 2, Bowers 1

ANTWERP ELEMENTARY TEACHER IMPLEMENT SCHOLASTIC GUIDED READING PROGRAM



This school year, teachers at Antwerp Elementary School have been implementing the Scholastic Guided Reading program. Guided Reading uses a small-group instructional approach that involves the teacher working with small groups of students who show similar reading behaviors and read at similar levels. The small group model of Guided Reading allows teachers to focus on students' specific needs and differentiate their teaching so students can learn better, especially since the program uses high-interest books that students want to read. Here, second grade teacher Renee Staas works with one Guided Reading group in her classroom.

ACAC BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT AT A GLANCE

By: Jeff Abbott

Girls - Opening Round:
Jay County 46, South Adams 16
Southern Wells 38, Adams Central 26
Woodlan 29, Heritage 25
Girls - Semi-Finals:
Jay County 58, Bluffton 17
Woodlan 50, Southern Wells 34
42nd Girls Tournament Championship Game:
Jay County 53, Woodlan 28

Boys - Opening Round:
Jay County 75, South Adams 41
Adams Central 51, Southern Wells 44
Heritage 52, Woodlan 47
Boys - Semi-Finals:
Jay County 57, Bluffton 30
Adams Central 39, Heritage 37
93rd Boys Tournament Championship Game:
Jay County 47, Adams Central 41 (overtime)

WARRIORS WIN IN OVERTIME

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan and Churubusco battled back and forth with the Warriors getting the final word for a 64-60 overtime win over the Eagles in boys basketball. Churubusco had the early

and I appreciate Speaker Rosenberger's faith in me to help with this effort," Rep. Burkley said.

"Representative Burkley's 16 years of county government experience will assist us greatly with the Transportation Improvement District," said Defiance County Commissioner Ryan Mack. "As we work to boost economic development and improve the quality of life in Defiance County, we need effective leadership and I welcome Representative Burkley's appointment."

Rep. Burkley is serving his second term in the Ohio House. He represents the 82nd District, which includes Defiance, Paulding and Van Wert counties, as well as part of Auglaize County.

GEORGETOWN BRANCH OF ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY FEBRUARY EVENTS

BORN TO READ - BABIES AND BOOKS STORYTIME:
Mondays, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 10:15 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Babies and their caregivers are expected at a storytime designed to develop early literacy skills. We will have books, stories, puppets, tickles and singing during this 20-25 minute program.

BABY STEPS: TODDLER TIME STORYTIME
Tuesdays, February 2, 9, 16, 23, 10:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. A program especially designed for 2 & 3 year olds and their caregivers. Toddlers on the go will enjoy stories, songs, puppets, games and other fun ac-

tivities that emphasize vocabulary and letters of the alphabet.

FAMILY STORYTIME
Thursdays, February 4, 11, 18, 25, 10:15 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Join us for preschool storytime enhanced by the latest research in emergent literacy. Each session includes books, fingerplays and maybe even a craft!

FAMILY FUN NIGHT
Mondays, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 7:00 p.m.
February 1, Feed the Birds; February 8, Mardi Gras; February 15, Life in the 1860s; February 22, Open Art; February 29, Stuffed Animal Sleepover

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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

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

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

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

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

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 18 day of Jan. 2016.

Gene Sheets, Mayor
Attest: Carlene Turner
First Reading 11/16/15, Second Reading 12/21/15, Third Reading 1/18/16

PUBLIC NOTICE

VILLAGE OF CECIL • ORDINANCE NO. : 2016-2
AN ORDINANCE, RELATING TO PAYMENT OF SEWER UTILITY BILLS BY PROPERTY OWNERS AND/OR TENANTS IN THE VILLAGE.

WHEREAS, the Village provides a sewer utility system to residents of the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council has deemed it necessary to have a policy as to how residents of the Village shall be billed for said sewer services

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Cecil, Paulding County, Ohio, two-thirds or more of the members elected thereto concurring, that:

A. All owners of property shall be responsible for sewer services provided to their premises and for all charges incurred for service at said premise. However, payments will be accepted from tenants.

B. The Village shall endeavor to give proper notice of sewer assessments. Owners buying and selling properties are required to notify the Village in writing of transfer of ownership and that all charges are paid to date of transfer of title. Owners of properties with tenants who desire to have courtesy copies sent to tenants must authorize this service in writing; supply the Village with proper names and addresses of tenants; and acknowledge responsibility for all services provided and delinquent charges by executing an agreement with the Village for said water service.

C. Each sewer charge is made a lien upon the corresponding lot, parcel of land, building or premises served by a connection to the sewer system of the Village and, if the same is not paid within sixty days after it shall become due and payable, it may be certified to the Auditor of Paulding County, at which time the lien shall vest, and the Auditor shall place the same on the tax duplication of the County with the interest and penalties allowed by law and be collected as other taxes.

D. Tenants of the owners of real estate premises serviced with sewer may contract with the Village for such sewer service but such contract shall be in no way construed as to relieve the owner of the real estate premises of liability for said sewer service charges.

E. The owner of real estate premises by installing or maintaining sewer service from the Village is deemed to assent to all rights and regulations of the Village and ordinances of the Village pertaining to sewer service and distribution.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 18th day of January, 2016.

Roll being called upon adoption of this Resolution, the vote resulted as follows:
Julie McCloud, yes; Rolando Ceballos, yes; Molly Meade, yes; Maxine Keegan, yes
Julie McCloud, President of Council

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TRACT 1: 68.5± Acres tillable land with frontage along Lortie Rd. It has nearly 1500 ft. of road frontage along Lortie Road. The soils are a combination of Nappanee silt loam and Hoytville silty clay loam.

TRACT 2: 100± Acres tillable land with approx. 1600 ft. of road frontage along Monroeville Rd. and 2500 ft. of road frontage along Lortie Rd. The soils are predominantly Hoytville silty clay loam with pockets of Nappanee silt loam.

TRACT 3: 60± Acres tillable land with approx. 450 ft. of road frontage along Monroeville Rd. This tract has predominantly Hoytville silty clay soils.

TRACT 4: 37± Acres tillable land with nearly 900 ft. of road frontage along Monroeville Rd. and nearly 1300 ft. of road frontage along Lortie Road. The soils are a mix of Nappanee silty clay loams with some Whitaker loams to the north.

TRACT 5: 11± Acres land with approx. 4.7 acres of woods and the balance in tillable land. There is nearly 350 ft. of road frontage along Lortie Rd. This tract offers an excellent potential building site or combine with Tract 4 for a nearly 50 acre parcel.

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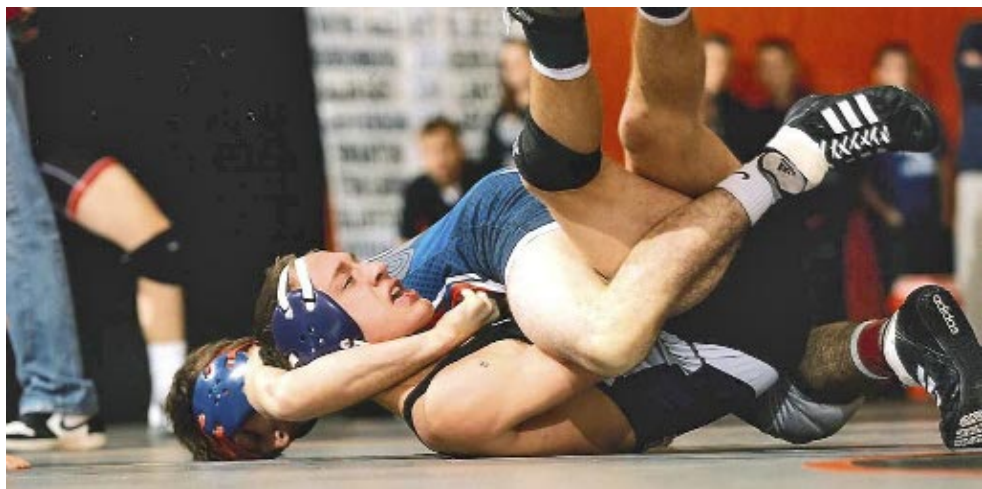
The Archers were not able to have a homecoming during the football season this year, so they moved it to the basketball season. It was a good night after having a solid victory over the Eagles and Sam Williamson breaking the all time scoring record for the school previously held by Steve Peters.

Homecoming Court 2015-2016:

- Attendants: Princess Kora Zuber and Prince Caleb Reutter
- Freshmen: Alayna Ryan and Nathan Lee
- Sophomores: Riley McAlexander and Dylan Peters
- Juniors: Klayre Manella and Andrew Bender
- Seniors: Mikayla Boesch and Erik Buchan, Brittany Smith and Austin Wendt
- Queen: Kiana Recker
- King: Jacob Sukup

See more pictures at the westbendnews.net website of the fun time the kids had at the dance along with more of the homecoming court.

WAYNE TRACE COMPETES AT 38TH VAN BUREN WRESTLING INVITATIONAL



Coach Clemens took his young Wayne Trace wrestling team to the 38th Van Buren Wrestling Invitational this last weekend. The weekend would provide thrills, upsets, dominance, and wrestling artistry culminating in an historical accomplishment and an overall 3rd place finish for this very young team.

Austin Smith (113), Wyatt Stabler (132), Chase Marroquin (138), and Brandon Laney (182) all picked up wins for the red, white, and blue and provided valuable team points in the team race. Although finishing out of the top six placers, and with three weight classes empty on the roster, all points were valuable. No one had predicted this team to place this high, but they leaned on their experienced wrestlers, a freshman, and an unpredictable performances.

Braxton Asher, 220, was the first to outperform in his bracket. He picked up wins over Hoiles from Otsego, Showhan of Delphos St. Johns, Eli Wiswasser from Columbus Grove, Noah Mattson of Ada, and Spencer Wannemacher of Delphos Jefferson. This placed him in the match wrestling for 3rd. Asher fell slightly short in this tilt and finished the day in fourth place.

The second and most unlikely performance in the tournament was given by Hunter Showalter at 145 pounds. Unseeded, Showalter pinned Featherstone of Eastwood. He then faced the #4 seed and major Emerine of Van Buren 18-4. Not to be outdone, and continuing where he left off from on

Friday night, Showalter then knocked off the number 2 seed to find himself in an unlikely position, wrestling for top place honors. Showalter did not have enough in the finals and fell to senior Smith of Fostoria, finishing the day as the runner up his sophomore year.

Freshman Tyler Bauer also wrestled well in this large field of 29 teams. He picked up wins over Parker Grine of Hopewell Loudon and then Cameron Pollard from Otsego all coming by way of pin. He squared off against Trevor Schaller of Swanton in the finals. Tyler was able to lead most of the match, but without being able to generate much offense, he gave up a takedown to Schaller in the waning seconds of the third period. Bauer placed as runner up at 106 pounds by a score of 4-3.

At 120 pounds, Ruger Goelzenleuchter was dominated in a very tough weight. He tech fell Freeman of Allen East, then pinned Palomo of Ottawa Glandorf placing him in the finals against Dylan Cook of Swanton. Cook wrestled smart and avoided tying up with Ruger in an effort to avoid his dumps and ducks, but eventually Ruger pushed the action and began to take over the match. He found his takedowns and eventually put Cook on his back twice with his turk gaining much needed back points. He was crowned Van Buren champion with a major decision of 12-1 in a dominant effort.

History then found its way to the Raider team via George Clemens IV in the very next finals match. Clemens made quick work of the 126 pound field, with wins over Nelson from Ottawa Glandorf and Badial-Luna of Bluffton, with first period pins. He fol-

lowed that up with a tech fall of Patterson in the quarters setting up a finals match with JD Reisinger of Swanton. Clemens currently ranked 4th in the state and Reisinger ranked 7th was a much anticipated match. Clemens wrestled his typical up tempo style and showed artistry on the mat in this match. Reisinger never really had a chance, as George pushed the pace and pinned Reisinger in the first period at the 1:53 mark.

As Clemens' hand was raised this time, not only was he this year's VBI champion at 126, but he became only the 6th wrestler in the 38 year tournament to become a four time champion. He then garnered outstanding wrestler of the tournament honors to finish off his day.

"I am so very proud of this entire team. They just keep improving and working hard. No one thought we would be in the mix for the team race, but as we gain experience and confidence, this team just gets better. To finish third here is awesome," commented Clemens. "Asher had a good tournament and was able to string together some wins. Showalter wrestled as well as I have ever seen him, and he is really beginning to find himself. Bauer has come in this year and really wrestled solid for us.

"Then there is Ruger. This kid is a workhorse and has put in so much time in the off season. He is really looking good at 120. I believe he will finally get to see the Schott this year wrestling on the floor. George took care of business and really dominated in that finals match against a very good wrestler. All in all, this effort from this team was outstanding," finished Coach Clemens.

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