

ANTWERP LANDMARK GONE, BUT LASTING MEMORIES REMAIN



Photo by Chad Molitor

The Nurturing Well
By: Jill Starbuck

Nearly three years ago I wrote a tribute to Kammeyer's IGA, lamenting the closing of a beloved business. It was a tough time for the owners, long-time employees, former employees, and town residents. Fortunately, the store reopened shortly after under

a new name and new ownership. So for a short while, Antwerp continued to enjoy a dying market—the hometown grocery store.

However, on January 26, 2016, a 60+ year town landmark burned a ferocious death. While the idea of walking away from an empty building that resembled so much to many people seemed unbearable, the violent ending on this day was perhaps far more brutal. Walking away quietly would hurt, but physically seeing a building full of memories deteriorate right before our eyes was just

heartbreaking.

Long known as Kammeyer's IGA and most recently as River Street Market, Antwerp's grocery store was a close-knit community of its own. It can never compare to the superstores that have now become the staple for grocery shopping. Those stores do not have the heart, the history, the personal touch, or the comfort that a small hometown store can offer.

For many Antwerp residents, the grocery store represented more than just a building. It was one of the most

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BILL FRITCHA MEMORIAL AWARD

New Haven has a long and proud tradition of volunteer service. Now more than ever, volunteers are renewing their commitment to help others and make new connections that bring us closer together as families, neighbors and communities. Recognizing and honoring volunteers sets a standard of service, encourages a sustained commitment to civic participation, and inspires others to make service a part of their lives. The Bill Fritch Memorial Award recognizes individuals who have achieved a certain standard, measured by the number of hours of service over a 12 month period, or cumulative hours based over the course of a lifetime.

The Bill Fritch Memorial Award was established in

2016 JOURNAL GAZETTE PAULDING COUNTY SPELLING BEE

Sandra Freeman, Coordinator for Gifted Services, Western Buckeye ESC, cordially invites the public to attend the 2016 Journal Gazette Paulding County Spelling Bee. The County Bee is scheduled for Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Wayne Trace-Payne Elementary School Auditorium.

Ten school champions, in grades four through eight, will compete for the honor of representing Paulding County at the Journal Gazette Area Spelling Bee in Fort Wayne, Indiana on March 5, 2016.

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NEW BUSINESS OPENS IN PCED SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION CENTER IN PAULDING



Presenting the keys to Darrel Nichols, Operation Manager for America's Tax Office is Jerry L Zielke, Paulding County Economic Development Director.

America's Tax Office in Paulding held their grand opening on January 18, 2016. They are located at 103 E. Perry St., Paulding inside the New Small Business Innovation Center. Darrell Nichols is the operating manager at the Paulding location and brings over 25 years of accounting experience to the office. His new office phone number is 419-796-8999.

Nichols is offering several grand opening specials: a free Kindle Fire to anyone who has their taxes prepared with America's Tax Office in Paulding through February 14, 2016, a free hotel vouch-

er to the first 100 customers and he's giving \$25 referral cash once the person who was referred completes their tax preparation with America's Tax Office in Paulding. Nichols is encouraging everyone to stop in early, even if they don't have the W-2 yet. He says they'll do an estimate and file the return once the W-2 is turned in, this way you won't miss the

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OBITUARIES

PAULDING, OH:
Linda J. Buchman, age 64 died Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at Parkview Regional Medical Center, Ft. Wayne, IN after a brief illness.

She was born June 4, 1951 in Knox, IN the daughter of the late Willard and Faye (Berry) Holt. In 1977 she married Norman Johnson who preceded her in death October 25, 1991. On April 23, 1993 she married Raymond Buchman who survives.

She is also survived by her stepchildren: Shelly Kent; Julie (Bob) Baldwin, and Dan (Rita) Buchman, all of Defiance; step grandchildren: Matthew Kent, Emily Kent, Kristina (Lynn) Carpenter, all of Defiance, and Tiffany (Del) Betz of Mark Center; a sister, Paula Evans; a brother, Marshall (Evelyn) Clifton, both of Vincennes, IN; and six step great grandchildren.

Funeral services was conducted 11 AM Monday, February 1, 2016 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Burial will follow in St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding.

Visitation was 2 - 4 PM and 6 - 8 PM Sunday, January 31 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. There was also visitation on Monday from 10 AM until time of services.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations made to The Gardens of Paulding.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

HAVILAND, OH
Ray Albert Sinn 83 passed away on January 29, 2016 at the Van Wert Inpatient Hospice Center.

He was born on October 19 1932 to the late George and Clara (Zeltwanger) Sinn. On October 18 1959 he was joined in marriage to Ann Haab in Milford, IN who survives. Born to this union were 3 daughters and 6 sons. Suzanne (Earl) Beery, Gary (Paulette), Phil, Jane (Jim) Linder, Mark (Diane), Steven (Joy), Duane (Carrie), Karen and Kurt (Lisa). Also surviving are 36 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, a sister Minnie (Nelson) Beer, and sister-in-law, Renee Sinn.

He was preceded in death by his parents, 2 brothers Carl and Walter, and sister-in-law, Bertha Sinn.

He graduated from Haviland-Scott High School in 1950. He served in the US Army and then returned home and started a life long career in agriculture. On January 31st 1954 he was baptized and became a member of the Latty Apostolic Christian Church. He served his church in the capacity of a minister and elder until his retirement in 2003. Ray had a great love for The Lord, family, church, country and farming. He will be sadly missed by his family.

Visitation was Sunday, January 31, 2016 from 12 Noon until 8 PM at the Latty Apostolic Christian Church Fellowship Hall, Paulding County. There was also visitation at the church from 1:30 until service time on Monday.

The Funeral was 2:30 PM Monday, February 1 at Latty Apostolic Christian Church with burial in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family request donations to the Harvest Call-World Relief or Van Wert

Inpatient Hospice.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com
 Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, is handling arrangements.

SOCIAL SECURITY WORKSHOP AVAILABLE AT THE PURDUE EXTENSION

When it comes to navigating Social Security retirement benefits, the choices can be overwhelming. How many ways can you file for Social Security? What you don't know could cost you. Join Jennifer L. Hicks, Financial Associate with Thrivent Financial at the Allen County Extension Office, 4001 Crescent Avenue, Fort Wayne on February 17 at 7:00 p.m. for a workshop covering topics such as, When You should Apply, How Much You Will Be Taxed and Why You Need to Think About Social Security Now.

This is a complimentary presentation to learn how to sort through the options to help ensure the choices you make are right for you. Please RSVP your spot by contacting Jennifer L. Hicks at 517-262-8597 or by email jennif.hicks@thrivent.com

VALENTINE DINNER AT FIRST FRIENDS CHURCH

First Friends Church in Van Wert is offering an evening of fun and fellowship on February 13.

The Valentine's Dinner at First Friends includes an option of tender chicken breast or savory Swiss steak with choice of vegetable, rolls and dessert. You will have choice of early dinner from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. or later 6:30 or 7:30 p.m. Also for those who cannot attend, but desire a dinner at home, carry-outs are available.

This will be an evening of fine dining, door prizes, and a chance for one married couple to win a Romantic Getaway at Don Hall's Guest House, Hotel and Convention Center in Fort Wayne.

The Romantic Getaway includes a fine dining dinner for 2, a luxury king size room and breakfast. A number of local merchant gift cards will be given away as door prizes.

As part of First Friends Church's mission of "Caring for our Communities", anyone can enjoy this fun filled evening, even if finances are tight, you are welcome to come enjoy an awesome evening. Also you might be the lucky couple to win the Romantic Getaway or one of the many door prizes. The proceeds from the dinner will assist in funding our assistance to needy families in our area. Limited seating, so

please pre-register by February 10th by calling Kathy at 419-203-9516 or Pastor Paul at 419-771-9378.

FEBRUARY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING CANCELED

The February 16th meeting of the Paulding County Carnegie Library Board of Trustees meeting has been canceled. The Board will next meet in regular session on March 15th at 6:00 p.m. at the main library in Paulding. All meetings are open to the public. For more information call 419 - 399 - 2032.

CURE FOR THE WINTER BLAHS-ANNUAL CHOCOLATE EXTRAVAGANZA

It's that time again! Chocolate lovers, mark your calendars! The Event Planners in Oakwood have chosen "Let's Make a Deal" as the theme for the 11th annual Chocolate Extravaganza. They are busy accumulating the most unique and delicious chocolate recipes and the best games and prizes that promise a sure cure for the winter blahs. There may not be any trips or cars given away, but there will be prizes...and lots of fun...and lots of chocolate. In fact, there will be a minimum of 30 varieties of chocolates served. Throughout the years guests have added to fun of this event by wearing something that depicted the theme. This year they might want to take notes from the popular game show where contestants are called to play the game when their costume catches the eye of the emcee. Of course this isn't mandatory, or a guarantee of being a contestant. Another hint to winning a prize might also be to pack some unusual things in your purse or pocket!

Proceeds from the event help maintain the Cooper Community Library, a branch of the Paulding Carnegie Library. The Event Planners are an arm of the local library board, and received the Friends of the Library Award for 2015. This award is given to one friend's group in the entire state each year by the Ohio Library Council. The Chocolate Extravaganza is just one of many annual events sponsored by this group, but it is one of the most popular. So popular in fact that it has to be held two nights. This year the dates are Tuesday, March 8 and Thursday, March 10. Tickets can be purchased by calling the branch at 419-594-3337. There are 11 tables that seat 8 and many groups have made this an annual event with their friends and families, so it is encouraged that you call

soon to reserve your seat or entire table

PINKALICIOUS AND WII AT THE LIBRARY

The Paulding County Carnegie Library Children's Department will be sponsoring exciting and interactive programs in February. During the entire month, youth of all ages can come and test their Wii skills. The highest scores at the end of the month will win a prize. On Thursday, February 11th, a Pinkalicious Party will be held for children ages preschool through first grade. This fun event will be held at 6:00 p.m. and will include games, activities and refreshments. All attendees are encouraged to wear pink. Call 419-399-2032 to register for this event. The Children's Room also has available board games for young patrons to play. Come in and challenge your friends to old-fashioned fun after school or on Saturday morning. Established in 1916, the Paulding County Carnegie Library is celebrating 100 Years of service to patrons of all ages. For more information about library services to youth in Paulding County, call 419-399-2032 or visit any library location.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Kimber Jo Weible was welcomed into the world by her parents Chelsea Grimes and Luke Weible on January 26th. She weighed 8 lbs. 2 oz. and was 19 inches long.

Kimber's grandparents are: Tracy and Jason Pratt, Paulding, OH; Jeff and Kori Grimes, Defiance, OH; Kelly Weible, Oakwood, OH. Great-grandparents are: Robert and Sue Weible, Oakwood, OH; Gordy and Barb Smith, Hicksville, OH; Thelma Pratt, Sherwood, OH.

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 2/3 - 2/9

2/3 - PERI meeting at 10:00 a.m.; Bunco at 12:30 p.m.; Crafts at 12:30 p.m.; Bingo w/WS at 12:00 p.m.; Grocery shopping at 1:30 p.m.

2/4 - Blood pressure and toe nail clinic at 9:00 a.m.; Exercise at 10:00 a.m.; Turn - up at 12:15 p.m.

2/5 - Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.; Craft store open at 11:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m.

2/8 - Raffle day; Shedding pounds at 9:30 a.m.; Exercise at 10:00 a.m.; Site council at 10:30 a.m.

2/9 - "Fat Tuesday"; Euchre at 9:45; Euchre at 12:15

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2011 to recognize the valuable contributions volunteers are making in our communities and encourage more people to serve. Mayor Terry McDonald created the Bill Fritch Memorial Award as a way to thank and honor individuals by their demonstrated commitment and example; and to inspire others to engage in volunteer service.

Criteria: There are three basic considerations:

1. Civic engagement
2. Service to the community with humility
3. Acts of kindness unknown to most

Selection Committee

1. The Selection Committee shall review all nominations received and will review

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might."

—Deuteronomy 6:4-5

NEW BUSINESS IN NEW HAVEN



Premier Cheer and Tumbling is a local business offering tumbling and cheerleading instruction for ages 3-18, and offer classes that teach cartwheels, roundoffs, forward rolls, stradel rolls, and handstands for beginners. For intermediate the class teaches front limbers/walkovers, back walkovers and backhandsprings, along with all the stuff from the beginner classes. The advanced classes are for those who have a standing backhandspring. They move to running tumbling (roundoff backhandspring, backtucks). Enrollment has just started for classes for workouts. There will be a womens' self defense class and a hip hop aerobics class.

It is located at 124 Lincoln Hwy West, New Haven IN 46774. Hours are M: 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. T: 4:45 - 7:00 p.m. R: 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. SAT: 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Molly said, "The business originated from my mother. After having sold her business from 13 years in running, I missed it and wanted to open my own. I specialize in teaching and coaching cheer. I also mentor and grow relationships with the girls. The classes are small and so is the studio. Cheerleading and Tumbling played a huge part in my life and I want it to be a big part in other girls' lives, too."

For more information contact Molly Seftick 260 - 431 - 4279

levels of civic engagement, service to the community with humility; and acts of kindness unknown to most. Is there anything outstanding or unique about the nominee and his or her character?

2. The Selection Committee will review the impact on the community. Public service is about serving people and communities. Has the nominee addressed important issues facing New Haven? Has the nominee made a measurable impact?

Nomination Process

This award is made through nominations. The nomination process shall consist of a letter of endorsement for the nominee. The letter will need to include:

1. Relationship to the nominee;
2. Civic engagement - list examples of service to the New Haven community with humility; and
3. What impact have their

volunteer efforts made in New Haven (list specific examples)4. Examples of acts of kindness that are unknown to most (be specific)

Deadline for Submissions

All letters of endorsement for nominee submissions must be received by 12:00 noon on February 28th of each year for consideration.

Contact Information For questions, please contact the Mayor's Office at (260) 748-7072.

Nomination Form

1. Request a Nomination Form by contacting the Mayor's Office at 748-7070.

2. Forward an email requesting a form to Deb Anne Smith in the Mayor's Office at dsmith@newhavenin.org

3. Visit City Hall and pick up an Application in the Mayor's Office (2nd floor).

4. Download the Nomination Form by visiting our website at www.newhavenin.org

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ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL TO HOLD KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Antwerp Elementary is now scheduling appointments for its Kindergarten Registration and Screening which will be held on March 30 and 31. Antwerp offers all-day, every-day kindergarten. If your child will be 5 years old before August 1, 2016, please call the elementary office at 419-258-5421, ext. 2200, between 7:15 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. to schedule your appointment. According to state law, all children must

complete kindergarten before entering first grade. Please call today to schedule your appointment.

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grand opening specials. America's Tax Office is headquartered out of Indianapolis, Indiana and has over 300 affiliate locations and a team of tax experts ready to solve any issues that arise in real time. Each location offers peace of mind by double checking all returns and guaranteeing their services.

UNIVERSITY OF SAINT FRANCIS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER HOST CHARLOTTE'S WEB



The University of Saint Francis Performing Arts Center recently hosted Theatreworks' Charlotte's Web. Divine Mercy students watched the miraculous Charlotte and the lovable Wilbur star in E.B. White's ever popular tale of bravery, selfless love, and the true meaning of friendship. Pictured above are fifth and sixth graders.

PAULDING ELEMENTARY 21ST CENTURY

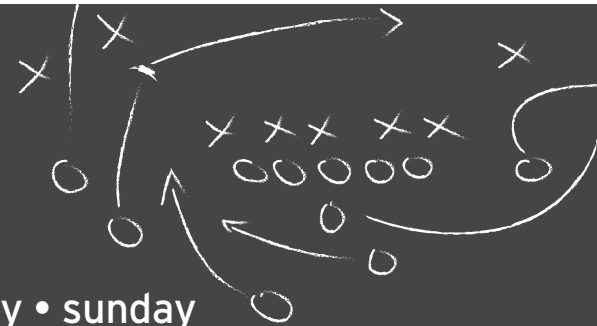


Paulding Elementary's 21st Century after school program recently partnered with the Paulding Soil and Water Conservation to learn about the water cycle. The students watched a video and then went on an Incredible Journey through the water cycle as a water droplet. They even made bracelets to track their journey.



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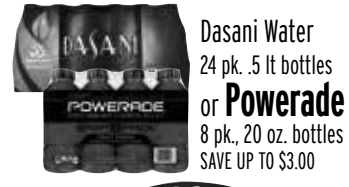
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CENTRAL LUTHERAN KICKS OFF CAPITAL CAMPAIGN WITH NEARLY \$4.5 MILLION. EXTRAORDINARY PROJECT



Central Lutheran School in New Haven, Indiana kicked off its "Thankful for Our Heritage - Committed to Our Future" capital campaign in record style. As of January 9th, just over 100 families had already committed over \$4.42 million dollars. That total not only represents the best kickoff ever in Central's history, it also represents about \$2 million more than the previous best campaign!

Growing enrollment in the day school, a relatively new but successful preschool, as well as some needs that have been put on the 'back burner' for over twenty years all combined to motivate Central Lutheran to take on one of the biggest projects since the school was built in 1952. The new master plan includes a much larger gymnasium, additional classrooms, a renovated and more secure entry and administrative space, as well as an early childhood center that will feature kindergarten and first grades as well as room for the rapidly expanding preschool. If finances permit, a new fine arts wing would also be added to accommodate Central's award winning music program.

Altogether, the master plan would require over \$10 million in funding. In the fall of 2014 leadership at Central presented a more modest plan that would have only been about half this size, but the overwhelming opinion then was that they weren't thinking "big enough." So the building committee and architects went back to the drawing board and returned with a greatly expanded project that would address almost all the needs for this rapidly growing school for the next 30 or 40 years. Feedback from Central's supporters was enthusiastic when it was presented during a 6 week Readiness Assessment conducted in August and September of 2015 by Klote & Associates, the capital stewardship firm partnering with Central for

this project.

Jon and Carolyn Meyer serve as co-chairs of the campaign and were happy to report to the crowd of over 250 at the kickoff that Central Lutheran had already achieved a level of financial success that has never been seen before in the history of the school. "Extraordinary accomplishments cannot be achieved with ordinary commitments. What we've seen so far has been inspirational and we pray that will continue in the coming months," said Jon Meyer.

Central Lutheran had good intentions in the past, particularly about building a new gymnasium. But each time, not enough dollars were committed in order to make the project a reality. "Part of the reason Carolyn and I agreed to lead this campaign," said Jon Meyer, "is because we want to change that recent history. We see this as an opportunity to turn a new page."

During the kickoff program Meyer outlined the next steps which include an every family visitation to go over the plans, receive feedback and to ask for financial support. "If only a little over 100 families could get us this far, think what all of our families and alumni could do," said Meyer. Personal visits will continue through the winter and spring as well as opportunities for alumni to participate from anywhere in the country.

Afterwards, the association will meet to evaluate the results of the campaign and determine what, exactly, will be built with the dollars raised. "Hopefully," said Principal Kevin Creutz, "we'll raise the \$10 million and we can include everything in the plan." Jon Meyer did tell the crowd at the kickoff that at this point, "there is no appetite for the school board, the association, or the leadership to take on any long term debt in order to finance the project." "The money is here," said Meyer, "if we all participate sacrificially and if our alumni from around the country will help us, we can get the job done."

For additional information about the project and to see some video clips from the kickoff please visit the Central Lutheran website at www.cluth.org and click on the "About the School" Tab and then select "Capital Campaign."

ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENTEN MEDIATIONS AT FIRST UM IN VAN WERT

The congregation of First United Methodist Church located at the corner of W. Central Avenue and South Jefferson Street in Van Wert, Ohio invites you to attend the Ash Wednesday service on February 10th @ 6:30 pm in the Krout Memorial in the church. Bob Gamble will give his Christian testimony. A service of Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion will follow.

Lenten Mediations will be held on Wednesdays during Lent, February 17 - March 23, at 12 noon. Join us in Krout Memorial Chapel for meditation, singing and Holy Communion from 12:00 - 12:20. A lite lunch will be served each week at 12:20 p.m. Bring a friend & prepare your heart to experience the holy!

Further information concerning First UMC can be found on the website vanwertfirst.net or by phone at 419-238-0631.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CHOIR HOST VALENTINE DINNER

The Senior Choir of First United Methodist Church will hold a Valentine Dinner on February 14 in the church dining room. Guests will have the options of a 5:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. seating. Your ticket will indicate which seating. Please enter through Jefferson Street Doors

The menu includes: Chicken Elegante, Holiday Mashed Potatoes, Caesar Green Beans, Crudites, Homemade French Bread, Chocolate Cheesecake with Cherry Glaze, Punch & Coffee. Chicken nuggets will be available for the children. This event will help the choir perform at the 2016 General Conference of the United Methodist Church in Portland, Oregon. First Church is located at the Corner of Central Avenue and South Jefferson Street, Van Wert, Ohio.

I LOVE THE LORD

By Pastor Gerry Weesner, Maples United Methodist Church

"I love the Lord because he hears my prayers and answers them. Because he bends down and listens, I will pray as long as I breathe!...How kind he is! How good he is! So merciful, this God of ours! The Lord protects the simple and the child like; I was facing death and he saved me. Now I can relax. For the Lord has done this wonderful miracle for me. He has saved one from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling. I shall live! Yes, in His presence - here on earth! Psalms 116: 1-2, 5-9 (TLB)

I will love God because He first loved me is the message of 1 John 4:19. But here the psalmist says that he loves God because God had made His love evident through hearing and answering personal prayers. Then the psalmist goes on to proclaim that for as long as he lives he will pray to God.

The psalmist then breaks into praise of God. He proclaims the kindness, goodness, and mercy of God. God did a miracle by saving the psalmist from death. Because of God's protection he can relax and not be afraid. What can the psalmist

do show his appreciation to God? He has announced that he will pray and worship God for as long as he lives. He also says that he will bring an offering of wine, the cup of salvation that is drunk at the Passover, and will publicly bring sacrifice to God. He finishes the psalm by making a promise to serve God forever.

What God did for the psalmist, he will do for all of His people.

God will hear and answer our prayers. He will give us His love, mercy, and protection. He will save us when we cry out to Him. Like the psalmist our proclamation should ever be, "I love the Lord!"

DINNER AND A MOVIE RETURNS TO WOODBURN UMC

After a brief hiatus for the holidays, Dinner and a Movie Night at Woodburn United Methodist Church returns for February. We will be showing Finding Normal. This family film has Dr. Lisa Leland (Candice Cameron Bure) on the way to the wedding of her dreams in the Hampton's. But it is a 2600-mile drive from Los Angeles to Long Island and a run in with the law in the small country town of Normal, North Carolina leaves Dr. Leland with a choice-jail or community service.

Sentenced to serve three days as the town's doctor, Lisa has her world turned upside down and she finds that there's a lot more to Normal than she could have ever imagined.

The date for the movie has changed. It will be February 3rd for this month only. Dinner starts at 6:00 p.m. with the movie to follow at 7:00 p.m.

Hope to see you on the 3rd at 4300 Becker Road, Woodburn!

BIBLE QUESTIONS

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

1. Luke 24:29; Why did the two men ask Jesus to abide with them?
2. Luke 24:30; What did Jesus do while He sat at the table with them?
3. Luke 24:31; After Jesus had blessed the bread what happened to the two men?
4. Luke 24:31; What did Jesus do in this verse?
5. Luke 24:32; What did those two men say to one another?
6. Luke 24:33; What did those two men do that very hour?
7. Luke 24:33; Who did the two men find when they returned to Jerusalem?
8. Luke 24:34; What did they say in this verse?
9. Luke 24:35; What did the two men talk about?
10. Luke 24:35; How was Jesus known to the two men?

Questions, comments, need someone to help you in your studies, we have Bibles and we can travel certain distances and would love to help. Just call James Potter 419-393-4775 or e-mail me at jsp1941@yahoo.com also there Lonnie Lambert 419-399-5022. Jesus loves you and so does the Church of Christ.

Answers to today's questions:

1. The day is far spent;
2. Took bread, blessed and broke it;
3. Then their eyes were opened and they knew

ANTWERP MT. CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH DISTRIBUTES MISSION MONEY



Antwerp Mt. Calvary Lutheran Pastor Derek Evans presenting a \$1000 check to Reverend Mark DeLassus, Interim VP for Advancement at Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne. The donation was made in remembrance of former Mt. Calvary Pastor, the late Dale Young.



Antwerp Mt. Calvary Lutheran Pastor Derek Evans presenting a \$1000 check to Becky Zartman of the Antwerp Food Pantry.

Every December the Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church (LCMS) designates its remaining mission fund budget money to local, regional, or international recipients as needed. 2015 was another banner financial year for the church and provided the opportunity for Mt. Calvary to exceed the mission goal. This year the largest recipients of the mission funds were both local and regional.

Locally, Mt. Calvary donated \$1000 to the Antwerp Food Pantry. The money is donated to assist families with needs that may arise, or for any unfortunate circumstances. Additionally,

\$1262.50 was designated for interested students in the Mt. Calvary Youth Group to attend the 2016 youth gathering in New Orleans, LA.

Regionally, Mt. Calvary donated \$1000 to the Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne. The Fort Wayne Seminary is one of two nationwide (St. Louis) where training of Lutheran pastors takes place for Missouri Synod churches. The pastors are then placed in vacant positions around the country and abroad. The \$1000 was donated in the name of former Antwerp Mt. Calvary Pastor Dale Young who passed away in 2015.

Him; 4. Vanished from their sight; 5. Read the rest of verse; 6. They returned to Jerusalem; 7. They found the eleven and those with them; 8. Read verse 34; 9. The things that had happened on the road to Emmaus; 10. By breaking bread.

"Ol' Baldy" says bye for now but continue to pray read and study the Bible. Luv ya!

SHROVE TUESDAY
Pancake & Sausage Supper
St. Paul Lutheran Church
Feb. 9th 5:00 to 7:00 PM

Fryday, February 5
Fish Fry 4:30-7:00
Saint Michael's Catholic Church
100 Antwerp Drive, Hicksville
Good food @ family-friendly prices
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

It's Gone but not Forgotten, Never Forgotten

"Podunk, Hooterville, and you know, 'if you don't know what you're doing, someone else does.'" These, plus many more are the things said about small towns. I can't even comprehend the things 'older' people have seen in our small town. This is just one more piece of history people will talk about for years to come. "Yeah, you remember, a grocery store used to be there, Kammeyers for 50+ years, then River Street Market until the building was destroyed by a fire."

I was driving around the block and saw that they've already started to tear it down. It brought about a cascade of memories. I used to work there, twice as a matter of fact. I will never forget the encouragement I received from Bob and Patti Kammeyer, I thank you. I remember when my son was

visiting, I had at least 3 of their kids with me. We went to Kammeyers and as soon as we hit the door we heard, "Hi, Grandma". The kids wondered how the staff knew my name. When we checked out the kids couldn't believe they didn't have to help take the bags out, the 'carry out boy' did that. That's gone, but not forgotten. When I was in high school we lived by Woodburn my mom would shop at Kammeyers IGA because they sold laundry soap that carried an ingredient that she couldn't get in Indiana. That was before any remodeling was done. It was always there, didn't matter if you just ran in for a loaf of bread or your weekly groceries, it was there. You could always count on Connie or Wendy, 'the old timers', to be there to help you with any needs or just to talk or say hi. You would see Bob unpacking groceries and putting them on the shelf. Then when Doug and Lisa Bragg took over, as with any 'new' business, changes were made. Doug and Lisa were also all about customer wants and needs. Memories, gone but not forgotten.

Although it is so sad to see an era end, and we will have our memories, it is assured that our small town will persevere. The residents will rally around and be ready to start a 'new era'. So lets do what we can to end this 'era' with all the grace and encouragement we can muster. We don't know what the future holds, but I know, Lord willing, I will be here to see it happen.

To the owners and staff at Riverside Market and to the Kammeyer family, I thank you for being here for Antwerp. I thank you for everything you have done for Antwerp, and for all the causes you have sponsored, always available to listen and go the extra mile for our small town.

Gone but not Forgotten, Never Forgotten.

-Sue Knapp Antwerp

4-H CLUB MEETING REPORT

Submitted by: Jalynn Parrett

The Brown Bettys and Buster Brown 4-H Club held a meeting January 25 at the Cooper Community Library. As the members arrived, they were divided into 4 groups according to projects. With an adult leader, each group talked about related project topics and upcoming events. The meeting was called to order by President Aaron Horstman. The pledges were led by Madison Parrett, Emma Horstman, Kyler Foor and Trenton Bail. The roll call was answered by favorite animal. The treasurer's report was given by Madison Parrett. Emma Horstman read the minutes. Project books were passed out. The 2016 Paulding County Fair is June 13-18. Demonstrations were given by Jocelynn Parrett, Ben Weible and Jowaine Grimes. Refreshments were served by Kobe and Kennedy Foor. The next meeting will be February 22.

SPORTS CARD SHOW

Saturday February the 13th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m, at the Hotel Fort Wayne (formally the Marriott) located at 305 E Washington Center rd (exit 312a off of I-69) in Fort Wayne, Indiana there will be a sports card and collectibles show. Dealers from the tri-state region will be in attendance buying, selling and trading both sport and non-sport cards and collectibles.

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Individual school champions are Grace Tuttle, Antwerp Middle School; Cohen Hitzeman, Antwerp Elementary; Darci Hopkins, Christian Home Educators of Paulding County; Grady Vogel, Divine Mercy Catholic School; Vanessa Krueger, Oakwood Elementary; Haley Manz, Paulding Elementary; Katie Strayer, Paulding Middle School; Faith Meraz, Wayne Trace-Grover Hill Elementary; Kate Laukhuf, Wayne Trace-Payne Elementary and Gage Tinlin, Wayne Trace Jr. High.

Mr. Doug Grooms, of Van Wert, is the Pronouncer for the Spelling Bee. Judges for the contest are: Jennifer Manz, Principal, Oakwood Elementary School, Tim Manz, Principal, Antwerp Elementary School and Phil Nofziger, Principal, Wayne Trace High School.

Mr. Steve Arnold, Superintendent, Wayne Trace Local Schools, will preside as Master of Ceremonies.

The Antwerp Exchange Bank and the Antwerp VFW Post #5087 sponsors the awards for the County Spelling Bee, which include cash awards, gift cards and trophies for first and second place finishers, as well as medals and certificates for all of the school champions. Mrs. Sandra Freeman, Western Buckeye ESC, is the awards liaison.

Contestants are reminded to report to the Payne Elementary School at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 4, 2016.

For addition information, please contact: Sandra Freeman, Western Buckeye Educational Service Center, 419-399-4711, ext. 33, sfreeman@wb.noacsc.org

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

RED CROSS & PAYNE FIRE DEPARTMENTS TO INSTALL SMOKE ALARMS, TEACH PEOPLE FIRE SAFETY

The American Red Cross along with the Payne Fire Department will be going door-to-door as part of its Home Fire Preparedness Campaign to teach people how to be prepared for home fires and install smoke alarms where needed.

Seven times a day someone in this country dies in a home fire. Countless others suffer injuries. To combat these tragic statistics, the Red Cross has launched a nationwide campaign to reduce the number of deaths and injuries due to home fires by 25 percent over the next five years.

The Home Fire Preparedness Campaign is happening all over the country and involves Red Cross workers joining with local fire departments and community groups to visit neighborhoods at high risk for fires. Those visits include educating people about fire safety through door-to-door visits and installation of smoke alarms in some of these neighborhoods.

"Installing smoke alarms cuts the risk of someone dying from a home fire in half, so we're joining with groups from across our community to install smoke alarms," said Derek Stemen, Executive Director of the West Central Ohio Chapter. "We also will be teaching people how to be safe from home fire."

The Payne Fire Department will be joining the Red Cross on Saturday, April 2nd to install smoke alarms in homes that need them and teach people about what to do in case a fire breaks out in their home. The event will kick-off at 9:00 a.m. from the fire stations. The plan is to visit approximate-

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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

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ly 100-200 homes. "A working smoke detector is the best way to combat a fire next to having a sprinkler system," said Payne Fire Chief Jamie Mansfield. "We're hoping that in a five-year period with initiatives like the Home Fire Campaign and our NO CHILD SLEEPS UNPROTECTED campaign to reduce fire deaths by 25 percent." Simple Steps to Save Lives The Red Cross also is asking every household in America to take the two simple steps that can save lives: checking their existing smoke alarms and practicing fire drills at home. Call 1-844-207-4509 to request a free home safety visit and smoke alarm installation from the Red Cross.

For more information on how to prepare for emergencies, people can visit red-cross.org/OhioBuckeye.

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THE LOBO TANK BUSTERS

By: Stan Jordan

Then entire continent of Europe is socked in with a dense fog.

It didn't lift, it just stayed all day. The weather man for England said that fog might last a couple of days. Col. Bainbridge came over and he said that the ordinance mechanics was coming over for a couple of days to work on our airplanes.

They received some more new parts for the Merlin Engines, and some other supplies that were flown in by a C47 cargo plane from England. The Mustang P51D is an American plane, but it is equipped with the England Merlin Engine that performs better at all altitudes. This combination makes it the best propeller plane in Europe.

The mechanic said they received a new type of hotter spark plug from Novi, MI that works well with racing engines, and they want us to try them out with the Merlin Engine.

Well, they done their work and installed the new plugs and tried out each plane for top speed. No rockets, no extra fuel tanks, just the rocket holders and full load of ammo and gas on the P51.

Two of the planes top speed were 428 mph but the other top speeds were right at 400 mph, but that is an increase all around.

That heavy fog was still hanging around Northern Europe. It was December 18, 1944 and we just got word that the Germans have made a big push with over ten armored divisions out of the Natural Forest called, The Snee Eiffel.

They caught the allies at a

bad time and they have a big push over sixty miles wide and it is headed for our gasoline dumps and on to the port Antwerp, Belgium.

The weather is cold and snowing and some of the American boys were called out and never got back to get their overcoats and galoshes. This break out had been dubbed the Battle of the Bulge.

The fog had covered all of Belgium and the Germans could not have picked a better time to make a big push. Our airplanes and bombers are grounded and can't see to fly any missions. We were tearing our hair out because our Mustangs, armed with four inch rockets, are just what we needed. Oh, how I wished the fog would lift. I just can't stand doing nothing, our planes were loaded with everything and ready to go.

See ya!

CABIN 21 AT VALLEY FORGE

By: Stan Jordan

Well, we got the bear clean and the hide taken care of. It was quite a job and we gave some of the bear meat to our civilian neighbors. We have been here a couple of months now and we're getting along pretty good. We have a lot of wood cut for the fireplace, and we have plenty of meat from the woods. The post bakery does a fine job baking our bread. Our neighbor ladies give us a dish of dessert pretty regularly.

#7 Trooper had been working at the mill ever since our first day here. They had a lot of action there the other day and it was good thing that Trooper #7 was there.

He told me about it that evening in the cabin. I guess it was about noon that day and trooper #7 and the mill man, Mr. Billingham, generally called Bill for short, was busy as usual. A man came running in and shouted, "There is smoke coming out of that window upstairs!"

Mr Billingham ran outside and looked up to see where the smoke was coming from,

he said it came out of the east window and he promptly fell down and didn't move. He must have fainted, suffered a small stroke or a heart attack, Trooper #7 tried to revive him, but he figured his job was to get the fire out. The neighbor man was there with Mr Billingham, anyhow. Trooper #7 went back inside, taking the ladder up to the 2nd floor to the loft to the east side. There was a lot of smoke, no flames, but a lot of smoke. Trooper #7 knew enough that when he came in from the outside he turned off all the belts and machinery off. The main wooden lever is at the bottom of the stairs and that will shut off everything.

#7 looked to the east, but didn't see any flames, but had an idea that the old wooden pulley would be the problem. "But, how do I get there?" he asked himself. #7 was a tall skinny kid and had to push and pull himself around, down, and under the big beams that held the building together and the roof rafters, also. He pulled and pulled, and grunted and groaned a little, but finally got to where the main pulley was. He saw a few small flames, but a lot of smoke. He wondered how long it had been since Bill has greased and cleaned the pulley. He took off his coat and wrapped it around the pulley and cut off the oxygen to the fire, so the fire went out.

#7 went down to the outside and Bill was sitting on the ground and talking to the people who had gathered around, but he didn't know what happened. He said, "Everything went black and I woke up and I was on the ground."

#7 went back upstairs with some tools, rags and a bucket of grease. He had to take the pulley apart and put a lot of grease on the axle rod. Enough to last for a long time.

Bill was very appreciative, and said so. Then Bill went on home and #7 started up the mill and finished up the man's load of grinding.

See ya!



ANTWERP IN THE 1800

By: Stan Jordan

In 1845 Parker and Hinkle had a grocery store at the south end of Main Street. Gen. Curtis had a store at the same time, also. I imagine all their products came in by canal boat. They were the first grocery stores in town.

There was a story in an area paper a few weeks ago about the house on the corner of East River Street and Oswalt Street known as the Dr. Bazali's house. It said that house was moved in there in 1841. I have never found any information for that to be true or not to be true, but I don't see how that could have been done. In 1842, this whole area was big timbers, and swamp. There were no roads, maybe some narrow lanes and some inner city streets, maybe, but no road was wide enough to move this house. In 1841, those three deep ravines would make moving a house

about impossible. There was a bridge across Main Street, where the pharmacy and hardware store are now.

I can remember when US 24 east of the UM Church was a good 10 to 15 feet lower than it is now and it would have been impossible to move that house in from the east. Oswalt Street was just as low and that ravine north of Town Hall hadn't filled in yet, making moving that house from the north impossible.

The Saylor Hoop Mill operated from the early 80's until 1891 when it was moved to Michigan.

Gays Bucket Factory, started operation in 1882, about where Pudge Kennedy's house is now. It operated until 1887, they turned out hundreds of buckets.

Munson's Hoop Factory was across the canal in the west part of town in the 1880's. There was the Oar Factory that operated in the late 1880's and early 1890's. The Hub and Spoke Factory was started on E. Canal Street on the north side of the road a little past the Cinder Road. It operated from 1873 until 1895. There was a Hand Shave Hoops Factory that operated mostly in the winter until 1910, when it was destroyed by fire.

The Antwerp Furnace operated from 1864, it used the local timber for making coal used for smelting iron. It used both, the railroad and the canal. It ceased operation in 1880 when all the timbers were gone.

The Grist Mill was started in 1872 here in Antwerp on Erie Street. It changed hands a number of times and later the Carr brothers owned it and they were noted for making good flour called Snow-drift flour. The building burnt down in 1928.

See ya!

A BOAT RAMP ON THE MAUMEE?

By: Stan Jordan

As I understand there is talk of getting a ramp on the Maumee River here locally. I am glad to hear that and I hope it can be done. It has been discussed before but not much was ever done of it.

We have all this water in this area, but no good place to put in a boat or raft or kayak.

The lane to the river at the east end of the park is not a good place to launch a boat for a number of reasons. An ideal marina or boat ramp should have an easy access with plenty of parking for cars, trucks and boat trailers. Now that is easier said than done. I grew up on the Maumee river and there is no ideal place for a boat ramp. With the rise and fall of the level of the water it makes it darn near prohibited of a good site. I cannot think of a good place in this area for a launch site, can you?

See ya!

MORE ON THE EAGLES AND SNOWY OWLS

By: Stan Jordan

I have heard of a number of eagle sighting lately. I saw one myself, right here above E. River Street a few days ago.

Jack DeLong called and said that if you cross over the Cecil bridge and turn right there is an eagle's nest that you can see now that the leaves are gone. He said that pair is pretty active and have

three young ones with them that still have the black head.

I have a report of eagle sightings by the stone quarry north of Oakwood along the Auglaize River. That area would be an ideal place for a pair of eagles to raise their young.

I also have a report of adult eagles eating road kill on CR 220.

I have heard of some people seeing a Snowy Owl over by Haviland some time ago, but my local bird watchers have not seen any around Antwerp.

Carl and Linda Baumert tell me the owls probably stayed in northern Michigan since the weather has not been so bad this year.

Please keep me posted. See ya!

LENTEN LUNCHES RETURN

The Paulding Ministerial Association invites the community to the 2016 Lenten Lunch series. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 10th, and continuing each Wednesday through Wednesday, March 16th, lunch and a brief time of worship will be held at First Presbyterian Church. The gathering begins promptly at noon and ends before 1:00 pm, so that participants can easily attend during a lunch hour break.

The nine churches of the Paulding Ministerial Association (St. Paul Lutheran/St. John Lutheran, Paulding United Methodist, Paulding Church of the Nazarene, Paulding First Christian, House of Love, First Presbyterian, Family Worship Center, Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, and Branch Christian Fellowship) rotate providing the meal and the Lenten meditation. All weeks' meals are held in the Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church, at the corner of Caroline and Cherry Streets, Paulding.

The Ministerial Association will also be collecting non-perishable food items, cleaning products, and personal hygiene items each week to benefit the Caring and Sharing Food Pantry, Paulding, if attendees are able to contribute.

For more information, please contact the church office of First Presbyterian Church, 419-399-2438, or any of the Ministerial Association churches.



PAULDING SWCD TO FEATURE A NATURE ENTHUSIAST WALKING GROUP

By: Staci Miller, Education Specialist; Paulding SWCD

The Paulding Soil and Water Conservation District is starting a nature enthusiast walking group this spring. It is a wonderful opportunity to go out and explore the many different nature areas around the county. This group is open to the public and it's a great way to explore the beautiful natural area around Paulding County and meet other people who enjoy nature. The group will be able to share stories and take pictures of the many different areas they will visit. The nature walks will take place the second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. beginning on April 9th and going through August. The group will meet on April 9th at the Black Swamp Nature Center building, where they will tour through the trails and enjoy the beautiful sights and sounds of nature center park. The walkers are encouraged to bring binoculars, a camera, a bottle of water and even a walking stick, if needed. Please remember to dress for the weather, especially in the springtime. If you are interested in joining this nature enthusiast walking group, please contact Staci Miller at the Paulding SWCD at 419-399-4771 or email staci.miller@pauldingswcd.org. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit with others and get out and explore the wonders of nature.

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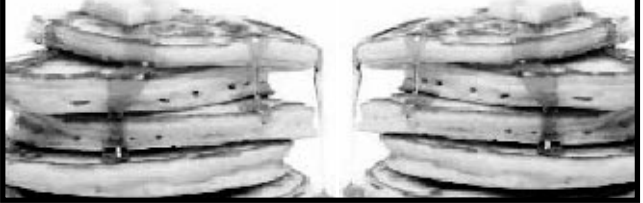
Paulding County Democratic Central Committee will meet at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at the Paulding Eagles Hall. Please try to attend.

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thriving and dominating Antwerp businesses at one time. It was often the first job listed on resumes for many high school students. It was a revolving door of familiar faces. It was a goldmine of memories.

trusted me with tremendous responsibility and believed in my potential. This is where I bonded with my mother during her work breaks. It was where my grandparents ventured on a weekend just to see their oldest granddaughter. But most importantly, this is where I gained a second family and friends that remain very dear to me decades after I left my employment there.

can ever take away. Antwerp may feel a little emptier now, but many of us will be forever grateful for the opportunities, special moments, and friends made there.

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While the building may be gone, the memories will last a lifetime. The grocery store touched so many lives, which is something no fire

MVNU THEATRE PRESENTS ANTIGONE

Mount Vernon Nazarene University's theatre program, MVNU Theatre, presents the Greek tragedy Antigone, written by Jean Anouilh and adapted by Lewis Galantieri. Originally created for a WWII-occupied Paris and adapted for Broadway in 1946, this version of a classic Greek legend presents an eclectic mash-up of modern and classical, with contemporary parallels that are both striking and provocative.

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.

OPEN DATA FROM USDA, MICROSOFT CLOUD TECHNOLOGY BECOME TOOLS TO STRENGTHEN FOOD SUPPLY THROUGH "INNOVATION CHALLENGE" WINNERS

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack and Microsoft officials announced the winners of the USDA-Microsoft Innovation Challenge, in which contestants used USDA agriculture production open data to develop online tools that can help make the American food supply more resilient in the face of climate change.

innovative tools to help food producers and our communities prepare for the impacts of climate change and ensure our nation's ability to provide plentiful, affordable food," said Agriculture Secretary Vilsack. "For more than 100 years, USDA has compiled data on the farm economy, production, and the health of crops around the country, and it is exciting to see such modern, useful tools spring from these information sources."

The Challenge was created in support of the President's Climate Data Initiative, which aims to harness climate data in ways that will increase the resilience of America's food system. USDA provided contestants with more than 100 years of crop and climate data through Microsoft Azure, Microsoft's cloud computing platform.

"Combining the advantages of cloud computing resources with the government's desire to provide open access to public data is likely to transform scientific research and business innovation," said Dr. Daron G. Green, the Deputy Managing Director of Microsoft Research. "Microsoft's partnership with the USDA evidences how public-private partnership can stimulate new applications, explore novel scenarios and, in this case, work towards a more resilient and sustainable food production."

A total of \$63,000 in cash and prizes were awarded, with winners selected from more than 346 registrants and 33 submissions from around the world.

The award recipients announced today, and their projects, are:

- Grand Prize, Open Source Application Award, and Best Visualization in Time or Space Award recipient: Farm Plenty, submitted by George Lee of San Francisco, Calif. This application allows farmers to analyze USDA data about crops grown within five kilometers of their farms to make informed decisions about their own crop choices.
- Second Prize and Open Source Application Award recipient: Green Pastures,

submitted by Khyati Majumdar of Mumbai, India. This comprehensive dashboard interface allows a farmer to visualize production, economic, livestock, and commodity data from NASS, ERS, ARMS, and other sources at scales from national to local, including information on farmers' markets.

• Third Prize recipient: What's Local, submitted by Benjamin Wellington of Landscape Metrics LLC in Brooklyn, N.Y. This tool analyzes the resources that are required to produce agricultural outputs by using data from the Census of Agriculture in a way that allows urban population centers to connect with farmers in their area.

• Honorable Mention: Open Source Application Award, and Best Student-Made Award recipient: Farm Profit Calculator, submitted by Fernando Napier and Matt Pedersen of Lincoln, Neb. Farmers can use this mobile phone application to compare their input costs (fertilizer, seed, fuel, etc.) to regional averages, and find financial efficiencies where their costs are above the norm.

• Honorable Mention recipient: Croptrends, submitted by Chaiyawut Lertvichaiworavit and Ta Chiraphadhanakul of Thousand Eyes in San Francisco. This useful tool can be used for viewing spatial and temporal trends in crop production and yield by county for the entire United States by using NASS data.

• Popular Choice Award recipient: VAIS, submitted by Ken Moini of Thallo Tech in Nashville, Tenn. This tool uses NASS data for the entire United States to provide a unique approach to visualizing crowd-sourced pricing data.

• Large Organization Recognition Award recipient: Farmed, submitted by Bryan Tower of Applied Technical Systems in Silverdale, Wash. This tool allows farmers to view crop conditions in their area by using VegScape data from NASS combined with local weather data.

USDA is an active founding member of the Global Data Partnership through the memberships of both the U.S. Government Open Data and the Global Open Data for Agriculture and Nutrition (GODAN) initiatives. USDA is helping pave the way for coordinating global efforts to make agriculture and nutrition data open. USDA's Open Data Catalog is the authoritative source of publicly available USDA data.

Since 2009, USDA has invested in and advanced innovative and transformative initiatives to solve societal challenges and ensure the long-term viability of agriculture. USDA's integrated research, education, and extension programs, supporting the best and brightest scientists and extension personnel, have resulted user-inspired, groundbreaking discoveries that are combating childhood obesity, improving and sustaining rural economic growth, addressing water availability issues, increasing food production, finding new sources of energy, mitigating climate variability, and ensuring food safety. To learn more about USDA's impact on agricultural science, visit www.usda.gov/results. XMISC. X31.2

ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS LEARN ABOUT PENGUINS



Ann's Bright Beginnings preschoolers recently did a unit on penguins! We learned that the Emperor penguin is the largest of all the penguins. Shown standing next to a life size picture of an Emperor penguin, we were able to measure and see if we were taller or shorter. Shown here with their very own penguin craft are some of the children from the class of three and young four year olds: Braydon Rice, Carlie Lero, and Preslee Cline.

MEETING MINUTES FOR WOODBURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON 12/21/15

Meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Hoepfner, Clerk-Treasurer Sarrazine, Superintendent Walls, Chief Duhamell as well as Councilman Rice, Renner, Gerig, and Voirl were in attendance.

Chief Duhamell: The Chief gave an account of service from the police department so far for the month of December. Santa patrol toys will be handed out during the week of Christmas. The Woodburn Food Bank received donations of hams and other food to be handed out as well.

Audience: Several citizens thanked the Mayor, the Clerk-Treasurer and the council for their service.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor shared words of wisdom with the group and thanked the council for their service.

Treasurer's Report: Councilman Voirl moved to approve the minutes from 12-07-15 as corrected, second by Councilman Gerig, all approved. Councilman Rice moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Councilman Renner, all approved. Two additional invoices were presented: first for \$5,000 for the CIB money for the industrial park, the second for \$847.87 from Line Design for the parking lot. Councilman Gerig moved to pay the striping expense to Line Design, second by Councilman Voirl, all in favor. Councilman Renner moved to pay Midwest \$5,000 for their study, second by Councilman Gerig, all in favor. Councilman Renner moved to ratify Ordinance G-15-1331, second by Councilman Voirl, all in favor. Councilman Renner moved to read Resolution 15-207, second by Gerig, all in favor. Councilman Voirl moved to ratify Resolution 15-207, second by Renner, all in favor. Councilman Voirl moved

to read Ordinance 15-1333, second by Councilman Gerig, all in favor. Councilman Renner moved to ratify Ordinance 15-1333, second by Councilman Voirl, all in favor. A resident asked for a sewer discount from a leak just past his meter. Councilman Rice moved to approve the sewer discount, second by Gerig, all in favor.

Superintendent: At the end of Roemer Drive, there is damage to the berm. Superintendent Walls brought this to the council prior to addressing this with North American Cold Storage. The snow-flakes on Main Street look nice. A resident lent the city a truck for two hours to place the decorations. He requested a donation receipt for \$50 an hour. Superintendent Walls thanked Holly and Dick for their service.

Councilman: The Councilman individually thanked the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer for their service and on making the City of Woodburn a better place to live. On behalf of the Board of Works and the council, Chief Duhamell presented a plaque to the Mayor for service. Mayor ended with some personal words of reflection. Councilman Renner moved to adjourn at 7:31, second by Councilman Rice, all in favor.

Prepared by Timothy Cummins; Attested by Clerk-Treasurer Sarrazine

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WAYNE TRACE 8TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL ENDS STRONG SEASON



The Wayne Trace eighth grade girls basketball team wrapped up its season on January 23 by finishing second in the Green Meadows Conference tournament. The Raiders came up just short in the championship game to Tinora as the Rams posted 37-33 victory. Members of the runner-up Lady Raiders are (front, l-r) Morghan Butler, Kaitlin Vest, Miriam Sinn, Addie Etzler. In the middle row (l-

r) are Madison Elston, Mad-dy Laukhuf, Libby Wenzlick, Zoey Wright while the back row (l-r) consists of Taylor Long, Coach Kara Kelly and Claire Sinn. "I am very proud of my team and the way they played on Saturday," commented coach Kelly. "They left everything on the court and as a coach, that is all you can ask for." Wayne Trace finished the season with an overall record of 9-7.

FAIRVIEW ATHLETIC RESULTS AND EVENTS

The boys varsity basketball team defeated both Hicksville and Stryker this last weekend to improve their record to 6 - 10 on the season and 2 - 2 in GMC. On Friday, January 22, the team beat Hicksville by a score of 55 - 52. Justin Smith, Timmy Timbrook, and Lucas Eisel led the team in scoring with 17, 14, and 12 points respectively. Smith and Jarid Schweifert led the team with 9 and 5 rebounds respectively. Luke Brieninger and Eisel led them team with 6 and 5 assists respectively. On Saturday, January 23, the team defeated Stryker by a score of 64 - 45. Matthew

Kozumplik led the team with 19 points including 5 three pointers in the first quarter. Justin Smith added 17 points. Kody King led the team in rebounding with 8 and Smith added 7. King and Kobe Baker led the team with 4 assists each. On Friday, January 22, the JV boys basketball team was victorious over the Hicksville Aces by a score of 39-35. The Apaches were led in scoring by Lucas Eisel with 16, Shamar Midgett also added 10 points in the victory. On Saturday, January 23, the JV boys basketball team defeated Stryker by the score of 36-29. The Apaches used a balance scoring attack with Shamar Midgett leading

the way with 13 including 4 straight free throws to ice the game.

Athletic Booster Reverse Raffle tickets are available. For mor information contact Paul Yunker at 419 - 658 - 8961 ext. 4230

LADY COUGARS TAKE ON LADY PANTHERS

Despite losing Kaylen Hale to ankle injury early in the game the Lady Panthers ground out a gritty win over Van Wert by a final score of 55 to 50. They did a terrific job from the foul line going 18 of 25 and really got their transition offense flowing in this game. Faith Vogel played an outstanding game with 26 points, 10 rebounds and 7 blocked shots. The Lady Panthers saved their best for last playing a terrific fourth quarter to come from behind for the win.

Score by the Quarter:

Paulding - 17 1 25 18 = 55
Van Wert - 11 5 22 13 = 50

Game scorers:

Paulding - Vogel 26, Ar-
end 9, Hale 4, Meggison 1,
Manz 5, Townley 10
Van Wert - Meyers 21,
Ally Jackson 16, Butler 3,
Abby Jackson 5, Shaffer 1,
Magowan 4

WAYNE TRACE BOYS BASEBALL TEAM WILL PLAY AT FIFTH FIELD

The Wayne Trace boys varsity baseball team will get a special opportunity. The Raiders will be playing at Fifth Third Field in Toledo, home of the AAA Toledo Mud Hens.

The Raiders will take on Ottoville at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, April 16th.

Members of the baseball team as well as coaches have vouchers good for any home Mud Hens game to help with this event. These vouchers are good for any home game in Toledo except Opening Day.

For more information, please contact any player on the baseball team or head coach Ryne Jerome at (419) 789-2880.

ANTWERP GIRLS BASKETBALL TAKE ON CRESTVIEW

The game was close for the first half with the score being 9 - 10 in favor of Crestview. In the 3rd quarter Crestview scored twice as many points as Antwerp adding 28 points to their score and Antwerp adding 14. Crestview didn't stop there. They went on to score another 19 points in the

ANTWERP 7TH GRADE BOYS WIN CHAMPIONSHIP



High School boys basketball players, 8th grade boys players, cheerleaders, coaches and 7th grade boys Champs.

Antwerp 7th grade boys kicked off their 7th grade tournament January 9, at Wayne Trace. Antwerp played against the Raiders and won with a final score of 45-30.

Leading scorers for the Archers were Austin Lichty with 23, Jordan Buerkle and Owen Sheedy both with 6.

The Archers went on to play in the championship game the following Saturday where they took on the Hicksville Aces at Wayne Trace.

The Archers brought home the Championship trophy with a victory and a score of 37-35.

Leading scorers for the Archers were Austin Lichty with 29, Eric Thornell with 3, Dylan Hines and Jordan Buerkle with 2 each.

To support the 7th grade Archers', the Boys High School Varsity and JV teams made a surprise appearance to cheer them to victory along with the 8th grade boys team. Having the majority of



7th grade boys being mobbed by high school and 8th grade players.

players of the high school boys basketball program in attendance made this experience even better for these boys. The high school team stayed to get a team picture with the players

and watched them cut down the nets.

Archer fans have much to be proud of to be a part of the camaraderie in our sports programs!! GO ARCHERS!

fourth quarter and Antwerp added 7, allowing Crestview to win the game 40- 28.

Score by the Quarter:

Antwerp - 6 3 14 7 = 28
Crestview - 9 1 28 19 = 40

Game scorers:

Antwerp - Williamson 15,
Recker 7, Longarner 6
Crestview - Zaleski 2,
McCoy 2, Baur 16, Motycka
11, Guest 9
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WT VARSITY WRESTLING TEAM PLACES 6TH AT LCC 41 TEAM INVITE

Ruger Goeltzenleuchter earns 100th career victory

The Wayne Trace Varsity Wrestling team competed

in the 41 team Lima Central Catholic Tournament this past weekend. The Raiders [placed Sixth with 116 points. Mechanicsburg won the event with 276.5 followed by Miami East 153.5, Covington 151.5. Coldwater 148.5 and Archbold 130.

At the end of a grueling Two Day tournament, four Wayne Trace wrestlers found their way to the podium. Tyler Bauer wrestling at 106 placed 3rd, falling to the eventual champion Trevor Schaller of Swanton in the Semi finals. In the 3rd place match Bauer pinned J.C. Fox of Dixie. 120 pound Ruger Goeltzenleuchter was the runner up, falling to Projected State Champion

Hunter Lucas of Lima Central Catholic 8 -4 in the Finals. In the First Round of Action on Friday night Goeltzenleuchter earned what few wrestlers ever do, and that was his 100th career victory. George Clemens wrestling at 126, was the lone champion for the raiders. in the finals, he defeated returning State Placer Alex Isbrandt 6-0. Chase Marroquin wrestling at 138 placed 5th defeating Dustin Waller of Van Buren 13-4. The team really wrestled well this weekend. This tournament is a great to see what level your wrestlers are at. Typically the ones that place high here are the same ones you see wrestling at the State Tournament.

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RAIDERS SHUTDOWN WILDCATS



Senior Luke Miller was burning up the net with 3 point baskets against Kalida! More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Kalida Wildcats travelled to the Palace on Saturday, January 30 to take on the Raiders boys basketball team. The JV game was the one to watch. It went into a double overtime before the Wildcats took the 59-56 win.

Following the JV game was the seniors basketball players and cheerleader who have represented the school quite well over the past four years.

The boys game began with the Raiders winning the tip and taking a strong early lead. The first four baskets for the home team were three point shots by Luke Miller, Brady Stabler and Ethan Linder.

Before the end of the of that stretch, the Wildcats got back on their feet to finish the period 23-17.

The second time period wasn't quite as intensive in offense because the defense picked up on both sides. The half finished at 35-25 in the home team's favor.

The second half was all Raiders. Period three finished with the Raiders in the lead by 4 points and 7 points in the fourth. Luck Miller, Alec Vest and Ethan Linder were all on fire. Brady Stabler had racked up quite a set too.

The game finished with Wayne Trace winning by 21 points 64-43.

Wayne Trace now has a record of 11-6. Looking at the records, it's interesting to see that the Raiders have only lost the one home game. Five of the six losses has been on the other teams' courts.

Points by Period:
Wayne Trace 23 12 13 16 = 64
Kalida: 17 8 9 9 = 43
Points by Player:

Wayne Trace: Ethan Linder 20; Luke Miller 17; Alec Vest 15; Brady Stabler 8; Eli Sinn 4

Kalida: Brandon Verhoff 8; Trent Gerding 8; Collin Nartker 7; Noah Lambert 6; Trent Siebeneck 6; Trevor Maag 3; Grant Unverferth 3; Drew Hovest 2.

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Wayne Trace Boys Basketball and Cheerleader seniors: Justin Speice, Alec Vest, Jessica Offerle, Cole Shepherd, Luke Miller.

KNIGHTS IMPALE PANTHERS

On Friday, January 29 The Paulding boys basketball team made their way to Convoy to take on the Knights following the girls loss the night before. There is no doubt, Crestview High School has great basketball teams.

The game took an early turn to the Knights when Connor Lautzenheiser easily pushed 3-3 point baskets through and Javin Etzler followed right behind in his footsteps. Paulding was lead by sophomore Marcus Miller, one to watch in the coming years, and Alex Arellano. The first period ended with Crestview in the lead 20-11.

The second quarter was more inline for both teams when the Panthers scored another 11 with Arellano adding 6 more points. Crestview added 12, most by Lautzenheiser once again. The half finished 32-22 in the Knights favor.

The third and fourth periods were dominated by the home team with both quarters earning 15 points. Paulding 3rd and fourth periods

were 9 and 5 respectively. The game finished with Crestview winning 62-36.

Points by Period:
Paulding: 11 11 9 5 = 36
Crestview: 20 12 15 15 = 62
Points by Player:
Paulding: Alex Arellano 15; Marcus Miller 10; Corbin Edwards 7; Jarrett Sitton 3; Ethan Rhonehouse 1;
Crestview: Lautzenheiser 22; Etzler 16; Richardson 7; Kline 5; Rollten 3; Stout 3; Sheets 3; Miller 2; VanCleave 1.

WAYNE TRACE WRESTLING CLUB

Sunday, January 24th, the WTWC had 24 wrestlers compete at the Annual Archbold Open Tournament. **Placing 1st:** Colton Kimmel, Daniel Clark, Corbin Kimmel, and Kamryn Sutton. **Placing 2nd:** Logan Gambler, Kaiden Suffel, Landon Blankenship, Kamryn Sutton, Kamren Johnson, Asa Ames, Mason Moore, and Ty Tinlin. **Placing 3rd:** O'Koner Feeney, Koden Martz, Blake Dunn, Conner Blankenship, and Kaiden Feeney. **Placing 4th:** Karson Moore and Eli Ames.

Sunday, January 31st, WTWC had 16 wrestlers compete at the Tomahawk Open in Wauseon. **Placing 1st:** Colton Kimmel, O'Koner Feeney, Kamryn Sutton, Kaiden Feeney, Hunter Long, Ty Tinlin, and Derrek Dangler. **Placing 2nd:** Corbin Kimmel, Asa Ames, and Jarrett Hornish. **Placing 3rd:** Grayson Sutton. **Placing 4th:** Kaiden Suffel

LAKEWOOD PARK DEFEATS WARRIORS



Woodlan Junior Deontae Biggs attempts a 3 point basket in the fourth quarter. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Lakewood Park Christian boys basketball team took on Woodlan at the Strautman Stadium. The JV team won against Lakewood Park Christian. The varsity home team performed well, but not enough to defeat the Auburn team.

Cole Weiss and Andrew Hahn both were going after the score big time.

The first period had Lakewood Park Panthers all over the home team, but it was a complete reversal in the second period. Woodlan doubled the score in the second and the half finished at 38-34 with the Warriors in the lead.

The second half was closer and the Panthers narrowed

the Woodlan lead within one point by the beginning of the fourth period.

It was the fourth quarter where Lakewood nearly doubled the Woodlan points, winning the game 57-67.

Score by Quarter:
Woodlan: 16 22 7 12 = 57
Lakewood: 23 11 10 23 = 67

Points by Player:
Woodlan: Aaron Hahn 20; Cole Weiss 20; Andrew Krahn 12; Ben Schwartz 3; Deontae Biggs 2

Lakewood: Fetters 21; Gerke 14; Hoover 13; Gonzalez 11; Day 5; Stuary 2; Farnsworth 1.

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WAYNE TRACE TEARS UP THE ACES

On January 29, the Hicksville Aces traveled to the Raiders home court in Haviland. The started very close.

The first period both teams were neck and neck with the Wayne Trace boys, only one point in the lead.

It was the second period that won the game for the home team. The Raiders dashed far ahead in this stretch when they outscored by 15 points. The half finished 37-21. Luke Miller hit 5 three-point baskets in this game.

The third and fourth peri-

od where much closer. In fact, for the half both teams scored 35 points.

The game finished with the Raiders winning 72-56.

Points by Period:
Wayne Trace: 13 24 19 16 = 72

Hicksville: 12 9 17 18 = 56

Points by Player:
Wayne Trace: Ethan Linder 22; Luke Miller 19; Alec Vest 12; Brady Stabler 6; Eli Sinn 4; Cole Shepherd 4; Jake Kuhn 3; Jon Sinn 2

Hicksville: Dakota Harvey 21; Logan Thiel 12; Parker Thiel 7; Travis Lysaght 5; Jake Greer 6; Payton Tunis 3; Bailey Tear 2.



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ANTWERP SACRIFICE LEADS TO EDGERTON VICTORY IN CLOSE GAME



Hope Smith scores her first free-throw after being fouled on the shot. Photo by Jarrison Steiner. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The parents came out in droves in the conference match taking place at Antwerp vs the Edgerton Bulldogs. Neither team has an exceptional record, both just under 50%.

This game was intense from the beginning to the end. Rachel Williamson scored a 3 point basket in the first. Kiana Recker scored two points and gets a foul shot and Hope Smith topped the period with four points for the home team. The first period ended with both teams tied at 11.

The second was another mirror match. Both teams only posted five points to the score board, and all of those for the Archer by Audrie Longardner. The half ended at 16 each for both ladies' teams.

The low scoring match didn't stop with the first half - it was even lower for the second. Antwerp ended up scoring 15 points total between the 2,3, and 4th periods. It was all 5 points each. Williamson

added another three point basket in the third. Avery Braaten missed two points from free-throw shots when she was fouled. Kiana Recker stayed a lot under the basket and she was fouled twice in the fourth. She scored 2 out of the four she was allowed. Peyton Short also added two points in this period and a three pointer in the fourth quarter.

The final score was 26-28 and Edgerton won because of the points by Autumn Grover and Cloy Flegal in the third and fourth periods.

Score by quarter:
Antwerp: 11 5 5 5 = 26
Edgerton: 11 5 6 6 = 28
Points by Player:

Antwerp: Rachel Williamson 6; Kana Recker 5; Audrie Longardner 5; Peyton Short 5; Hope Smith 5.

Edgerton: Autumn Grover 9; Cloy Whitman 7; Claire Flegal 6; Natalee Landel 4; Bree Hug 1; Sarah Roth 1

LADY PANTHERS CRASH & BURN TO KNIGHTS



The team honors Samantha Meggison at this game against Crestview

The Lady Panthers hosted the Lady Knights on Thursday, January 28. JV had an excellent match. The game, after going back and forth was won by the Lady Panthers 31-29.

Immediately following the JV game, Samantha Meggison, Paulding's only senior, was honored for her service to the Panther's team by her teammates and coaches.

The varsity game was painful to watch. The girls struggled from the beginning when the Lady Panthers only posted 3 to the score board while Crestview added 14.

"We just ran into a miserable performance shooting the ball, probably our worst shooting night since the season opener at Edgerton," stated Coach Mark Rhodes.

"Their just wasn't a shot we could make. Crestview is a very good team and played well tonight."

He wasn't just a kidding. The Lady Knights scored more points in the first period than Paulding the entire game.

Crestview took home the win 60-15.

Score by Quarter:
Paulding: 3 1 2 9 = 15
Crestview: 19 14 14 13 = 60
Points by Player:

Paulding: Bri Townley 5; Audrey Manz 3; Faith Vogel 2; Allison Arend 2; Kaylen Hale 2; Libby Mobley 1.

Crestview: Motyoka 20; Bauer 15; McCoy 12; Skelton 6; Guest 4; Black 3.

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ANTWERP WRESTLING TRAVELS TO WAPAKONETA

The Antwerp High School wrestling team recently competed in the Wapakoneta Invitational on January 30, 2016. Of the 5 Archer wrestlers competing, 3 were able to place in the top 6 of their respective weight classes. Placing 6th and recording 1 pin on the day was senior Austin VanAtta in the 220 pound weight class. Finishing 2nd at 145 pounds was junior Logan Shaner. Shaner amassed a 4-1 record with all 4 wins coming by pin at the tournament. Also placing 2nd was senior Justice Clark in the 170 pound weight class. Clark also finished the day with a 4-1 record and 2 wins coming by pin.

LADY PANTHERS PULL TOGETHER FOR WIN

Following a tough loss on Thursday, the Paulding Lady Panthers took on Continental at the Pirates court on Saturday, January 30.

The Paulding girls survived some serious foul trouble and hung on to defeat Continental 63-61. The first period began with the Pirates taking a strong early lead. The period finished 14-8. Faith Vogel and Audrey Manz both had a great game here.

The second quarter was the first period where Paulding really shined with 21 points. I'm not sure what made the change, but the Lady Panthers need to keep that in mind for the next match. Skyler McCullough hit 3 - 3 point shots in this game. The half ended 29-28 with Paulding finally taking the lead.

The second half started and Paulding was back on fire! Bri Townley scored 12 points with 8 of those being field goals. The third period finished with the Lady Panthers increasing their lead by 8 with a score of 52-44.

Fourth period became and did not bode well for Paulding. The harbinger was noticed when the girls got into serious foul trouble. Even though they

were still scoring, the Lady Pirates pulled the top score from this time, but not enough for Paulding to fall by the wayside. The Lady Panthers won 63-61 in this incredible game.

Coach Mark Rhodes stated, "I was very proud of how our girls hung together after a rough first quarter and played well in the second and third periods. We played smart down the stretch by milking the clock and hitting just enough free throws to secure the win. It was a really nice comeback win for a tired group of young ladies after being forced to play 4 games in 6 days. It's encouraging that we had so many girls step up and make contributions in this victory, a true team effort. Learning how to win close games is a process and the girls made great strides with that today!"

Score by Quarter:
Paulding: 8 21 23 11 = 63
Continental: 14 14 16 17 = 61

Points by Player:
Paulding: Faith Vogel 13; Bri Townley 12; Audrey Manz 10; Skyler McCullough 9; Samantha Meggison 7; Kaylen Hale 6; Allison Arend 6.

Continental: Logan 15; Lawhorn 13; Tegenkamp 10; Homier 9; Mansfield 8; Armeiy 3; Sharp 3.

PAULDING COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION WILL HOST COFFEE

The Paulding County Retired Teachers Association will host a coffee from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. on Monday, February 8, at the Black Swamp Nature Center on Fairground Drive in Paulding. Reservations are not needed, and there will be no business meeting. Members may bring donations for local food pantries and for the scholarship fund for students entering the field of education. All retired teachers from Antwerp, Wayne Trace, and Paulding Schools are invited to attend. All other retired school employees from these schools are also invited to join the group for coffee and conversation.

LADY RAIDERS POST THIRD LOSS



Danae Myers does not always get the recognition she deserves, but she is a top notch rebounder and shooter under the basket (stock picture against LCC.) In this game, she scored 14 points against the Wildcats.

Wayne Trace travelled to Miller City on Saturday, January 30 for a mid-afternoon game that begins with Miller City taking the top spot on the first period by 3 points, finishing 15-12. The second period is where the Lady Raiders lost the match. They were outscored by 10 points by 18-8 and the half finished by 20-33. Erin Mohr carried the team by a lot, but not enough to take the win. She scored 23 points overall for the top spot of all the players in the game.

The Lady Raiders got back in their groove in the third period, taking it by one point 16-17. By the fourth, they really had something going when they outscored the St. Nicholas team by 6 points. Even with the gain, they could not

get the 7 points needed from the second period deficit.

Points by Period:
Miller City: 12 8 17 20 = 63
Wayne Trace: 15 18 16 14 = 57

Points by Player:
Miller City: Cassie Niese 20; Tiffany Welty 11; Elizabeth Klear 11; Jenelle Kuhlman 8; Christina Berger 8; Jenelle Kuhlman 8; Amanda Simon 3; Megan Warnimont 2.

Wayne Trace: Erin Mohr 23; Danae Myers 14; Brooke Sinn 8; Estie Sinn 6; Gracie Gudakunst 4; Sadie Sinn 2.

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Wayne Trace's Ruger Goeltzenleugter takes control over his opponent from Edgerton.



Wayne Trace's Tyler Bauer wears out his opponent, Hunter Ward - Edgerton, as they contend the full 6 minutes with Bauer winning by decision 7-0.

**Match 1
Montpelier 31 - Ottawa-Glandorf 33**

106 Brandon Eitnrear 10 (Montpelier) Forfeit; 113 Evan Ellerbrock 9 (Ottawa-Glandorf) pin Bronson Sines 9 (Montpelier) 1:13; 120 Le'on Palomo 11 (Ottawa-Glandorf) pin Ashton Varney 9 (Montpelier) 5:21; 126 T.J. Nelson 11 (Ottawa-Glandorf) dec. Logan Hutchinson 12 (Montpelier) 13-9sv; 132 Dallas Royer 12 (Montpelier) dec. Brent Siefker 10 (Ottawa-Glandorf) 10-8; 138 Keaton Byers 12 (Montpelier) maj. dec. Branten Lowe 10 (Ottawa-Glandorf) 17-4; 145 Logan Balbaugh 11 (Ottawa-Glandorf) maj. dec. Thom-

as Wolfenbarger 11 (Montpelier) 11-1; 152 Grant Goecke 10 (Ottawa-Glandorf) maj. dec. Mason Gauden 12 (Montpelier) 14-4; 160 Danny Rosales 9 (Ottawa-Glandorf) maj. dec. Austin Grubb 10 (Montpelier) 14-2; 170 Jordan Bird-sall 12 (Montpelier) dec. Tyler Ebbeskotte 11 (Ottawa-Glandorf) 5-1; 182 Daniel Beemer 10 (Ottawa-Glandorf) pin C.J. Roth 11 (Montpelier) 4:28; 195 Austin Cook 12 (Montpelier) pin Andrew Schroeder 12 (Ottawa-Glandorf) 1:57; 220 Zech Thompson 12 (Montpelier) dec. Lane Brooks 10 (Ottawa-Glandorf) 9-4; 285 Noah Conklin 10

(Montpelier) Forfeit
**Match 2
Edgerton 42 - Wayne Trace 30**

106 Danial Ruiz 9 (Wayne Trace) Forfeit; 113 Tyler Bauer 9 (Wayne Trace) dec. Hunter Ward 10 (Edgerton) 7-0; 120 Ruger Goeltzenleuchter 11 (Wayne Trace) pin Devin Thiel 9 (Edgerton) 3:08; 126 Double Forfeit; 132 George Clemens 12 (Wayne Trace) pin Brody Degryse 9 (Edgerton) 3:31; 138 Chase Marroquin 12 (Wayne Trace) dec. Isaac Hamblin 10 (Edgerton) 6-2; 145 Blake Hohler 10 (Edgerton) pin Hunter Showalter 10 (Wayne Trace) 3:03; 152 Cameron Jordan 10 (Edgerton) pin Caleb Schultz 11 (Wayne Trace) 1:54; 160 Jonah Brown 11 (Edgerton) pin Dylan Jackson 10 (Wayne Trace) 0:26; 170 Micah Ritter 9 (Edgerton) Forfeit; 182 Eathon Miller 11 (Edgerton) Forfeit; 195 Brandon Laney 11 (Wayne Trace) pin Blake Risner 9 (Edgerton) 1:08; 220 Logan Stein 11 (Edgerton) Forfeit; 285 Ethan Brown 9 (Edgerton) pin Braxton Asher 10 (Wayne Trace) 1:41

**Match 3
Ottawa-Glandorf 37 - Edgerton 24**

106 Double Forfeit; 113 Hunter Ward 10 (Edgerton) dec. Evan Ellerbrock 9 (Ottawa-Glandorf) 8-7; 120 Le'on Palomo 11 (Ottawa-Glandorf) pin Devin Thiel 9 (Edgerton) 3:39; 126 T.J. Nelson 11 (Ottawa-Glandorf) Forfeit; 132 Brody Degryse 9 (Edgerton) dec. Brent Siefker 10 (Ottawa-Glandorf) 14-8; 138 Isaac Hamblin 10 (Edgerton) dec. Branten Lowe 10 (Ottawa-Glandorf) 6-3; 145 Logan Balbaugh 11 (Ottawa-Glandorf) maj. dec. Blake Hohler 10 (Edgerton) 15-2; 152 Cameron Jordan 10 (Edgerton) dec. Grant Goecke 10 (Ottawa-Glandorf) 14-9; 160 Danny Rosales 9 (Ottawa-Glandorf) dec. Jonah Brown 11 (Edgerton) 10-6; 170 Tyler Ebbeskotte 11 (Ottawa-Glandorf) pin Micah Ritter 9 (Edgerton) 0:48; 182 Daniel Beemer 10 (Ottawa-Glandorf) pin Eathon Miller 11 (Edgerton) 0:47; 195 Andrew Schroeder 12 (Ottawa-Glandorf) pin Blake Risner 9 (Edgerton) 0:23; 220 Logan Stein 11 (Edgerton) pin Lane Brooks 10 (Ottawa-Glandorf) 3:15; 285 Ethan Brown 9 (Edgerton) Forfeit;

Smith (Heritage) 25-17, Fr. over Brendan Forish (F.w. Snider) 9-25, Sr. (Dec 9-4); **Cons. Champ Match:** This match has not been wrestled yet.

120 Results
1st Place: Jaydon Nance of F.w. Snider; **2nd Place:** Blaiigh Rushing of Homestead; **3rd Place:** Sam Richard of Leo; **4th Place:** Jacob Hall of Huntington North; **5th Place:** Gage Malott of F.w. Bishop Luers; **6th Place:** Jamarri Price of F.w. South Side; **1st Place Match:** Jaydon Nance (F.w. Snider) 23-6, Sr. over Blaiigh Rushing (Homestead) 30-10, Jr. (SV-1 7-2); **3rd Place Match:** Sam Richard (Leo) 27-8, So. over Jacob Hall (Huntington North) 25-12, So. (Dec 5-2); **5th Place Match:** Gage Malott (F.w. Bishop Luers) 24-17, Jr. over Jamarri Price (F.w. South Side) 18-12, So. (Dec 6-4); **Cons. Champ Match:** This match has not been wrestled yet.

126 Results
1st Place: Jack Franklin of Homestead; **2nd Place:** Kyle Davis of Leo; **3rd Place:** Austin Roemer of Woodlan; **4th Place:** Ricky Haught of Huntington North; **5th Place:** Zeran Courter of F.w. Snider; **6th Place:** Philip 'Lane' Sample of F.w. Wayne; **1st Place Match:** Jack Franklin (Homestead) 30-3, Sr. over Kyle Davis (Leo) 28-7, Jr. (Fall 4:40); **3rd Place Match:** Austin Roemer (Woodlan) 31-9, Jr. over Ricky Haught (Huntington North) 24-12, Fr. (MD 22-9); **5th Place Match:** Zeran Courter (F.w. Snider) 25-10, Jr. over Philip 'Lane' Sample (F.w. Wayne) 13-14, Jr. (Fall 2:18); **Cons. Champ Match:** This match has not been wrestled yet.

132 Results
1st Place: Owen Doster of New Haven; **2nd Place:** Drake Rhodes of Homestead; **3rd Place:** Chase Hissong of Leo; **4th Place:** Jordan Pace of F.w. Snider; **5th Place:** Shawn Roemer of Woodlan; **6th Place:** Gavin Rosen of Huntington North; **1st Place Match:** Owen Doster (New Haven) 36-3, Sr. over Drake Rhodes (Homestead) 36-1, Sr. (Fall 3:28); **3rd Place Match:** Chase Hissong (Leo) 30-8, Jr. over Jordan Pace (F.w. Snider) 12-17, Sr. (Fall 2:38); **5th Place Match:** Shawn Roemer (Woodlan) 31-9, Jr. over Gavin Rosen (Huntington North) 21-9, So. (Inj. 0:00); **Cons. Champ Match:** This match has not been wrestled yet.

138 Results
1st Place: Chandler Woenker of F.w. Bishop Luers; **2nd Place:** Mason Kern of Leo; **3rd Place:** Casey Parisot of Woodlan; **4th Place:** Ben Macias of F.w. South Side; **5th Place:** Adrian George of Huntington North; **6th Place:** Grant Atkinson of New Haven; **1st Place Match:** Chandler Woenker (F.w. Bishop Luers) 31-4, So. over Mason Kern (Leo) 23-6, Sr. (Dec 4-2); **3rd Place Match:** Casey Parisot (Woodlan) 28-9, Sr. over Ben Macias (F.w. South Side) 18-5, So. (Dec 6-4); **5th Place Match:** Adrian George (Huntington North) 18-18, Fr. over Grant Atkinson (New Haven) 10-27, So. (Dec 12-9); **Cons. Champ Match:** This match has not been wrestled yet.

145 Results
1st Place: Isaac Eicher of Leo; **2nd Place:** Zack Zink of Woodlan; **3rd Place:** Konner Bender of New Haven; **4th Place:** Alberto Solis of F.w. Wayne; **5th Place:** Grant Webb of Homestead; **6th Place:** Robert Anderson of Heritage; **1st Place Match:** Isaac Eicher (Leo) 33-0, Sr. over Zack Zink (Woodlan) 21-5, Jr. (Fall 4:12); **3rd Place Match:** Konner Bender (New Haven) 19-21, So. over Alberto Solis (F.w. Wayne) 18-14, Jr. (Fall 2:30); **5th Place Match:** Grant Webb (Home-

WRESTLING SECTIONAL RESULTS AT NEW HAVEN



Woodlan's Collin Jones wins by decision at the sectionals at New Haven on Saturday morning. More pictures at westbendnews.net

stead) 4-18, So. over Robert Anderson (Heritage) 10-26, Sr. (Dec 8-4); **Cons. Champ Match:** This match has not been wrestled yet.

152 Results
1st Place: Nick Miller of F.w. Snider; **2nd Place:** Cody Van Ooyen of Leo; **3rd Place:** Javier Johnson of F.w. Wayne; **4th Place:** Jake Davis of Homestead; **5th Place:** Jakob Kitzmiller of Heritage; **6th Place:** Colin Jones of Woodlan; **1st Place Match:** Nick Miller (F.w. Snider) 34-4, Sr. over Cody Van Ooyen (Leo) 22-7, Sr. (Fall 5:14); **3rd Place Match:** Javier Johnson (F.w. Wayne) 22-5, Jr. over Jake Davis (Homestead) 21-18, Jr. (Dec 8-5); **5th Place Match:** Jakob Kitzmiller (Heritage) 16-16, Jr. over Colin Jones (Woodlan) 16-20, Jr. (Dec 5-3); **Cons. Champ Match:** This match has not been wrestled yet.

160 Results
1st Place: Nick Potter of New Haven; **2nd Place:** Scott Lentz of Homestead; **3rd Place:** Bryson Mckee of F.w. Wayne; **4th Place:** Luke Fisher of F.w. Bishop Luers; **5th Place:** Blake Dager of Leo; **6th Place:** Tucker Wallace of Woodlan; **1st Place Match:** Nick Potter (New Haven) 33-6, Jr. over Scott Lentz (Homestead) 22-20, Jr. (Dec 9-2); **3rd Place Match:** Bryson Mckee (F.w. Wayne) 25-8, Sr. over Luke Fisher (F.w. Bishop Luers) 23-11, Jr. (Fall 2:27); **5th Place Match:** Blake Dager (Leo) 27-11, Sr. over Tucker Wallace (Woodlan) 23-16, Jr. (Dec 9-4); **Cons. Champ Match:** This match has not been wrestled yet.

170 Results
1st Place: Taylor Garton of Leo; **2nd Place:** Jonyvan Johnson of New Haven; **3rd Place:** Brandon Kocks of F.w. Snider; **4th Place:** Braxton Brooks of Heritage; **5th Place:** Eli Parrett of Huntington North; **6th Place:** Justin McDonald of F.w. Wayne; **1st Place Match:** Taylor Garton (Leo) 20-15, Sr. over Jonyvan Johnson (New Haven) 27-15, So. (Dec 4-3); **3rd Place Match:** Brandon Kocks (F.w. Snider) 18-9, So. over Braxton Brooks (Heritage) 23-13, Sr. (Fall 2:01); **5th Place Match:** Eli Parrett (Huntington North) 26-12, Jr. over Justin McDonald (F.w. Wayne) 7-15, Fr. (Fall 3:40); **Cons. Champ Match:** This match has not been wrestled yet.

182 Results
1st Place: Wyatt Clem of Homestead; **2nd Place:** Chandler Updike of Huntington North; **3rd Place:** Kameron Armour of F.w. Wayne; **4th Place:** Mitch Gigli of F.w. Bishop Luers; **5th Place:** John 'Vince' Campbell of F.w. Snider; **6th Place:** Jaxson Savieo of New Haven; **1st Place Match:** Wyatt Clem (Homestead) 32-6, Sr.

over Chandler Updike (Huntington North) 26-9, Sr. (SV-1 9-7); **3rd Place Match:** Kameron Armour (F.w. Wayne) 20-5, Sr. over Mitch Gigli (F.w. Bishop Luers) 20-19, . (Fall 2:42); **5th Place Match:** John 'Vince' Campbell (F.w. Snider) 6-17, Jr. over Jaxson Savieo (New Haven) 15-22, So. (Fall 2:59); **Cons. Champ Match:** This match has not been wrestled yet.

195 Results
1st Place: Rylee Schindler of Woodlan; **2nd Place:** Dalyn Hart of F.w. Wayne; **3rd Place:** Devonte Brown of New Haven; **4th Place:** Jaelon Rakestraw of F.w. South Side; **5th Place:** Ethan Storms of Leo; **6th Place:** Aaron Leszczynski of Homestead; **1st Place Match:** Rylee Schindler (Woodlan) 28-10, Jr. over Dalyn Hart (F.w. Wayne) 18-14, So. (Fall 1:03); **3rd Place Match:** Devonte Brown (New Haven) 30-14, Jr. over Jaelon Rakestraw (F.w. South Side) 17-10, Sr. (MD 10-0); **5th Place Match:** Ethan Storms (Leo) 25-13, Sr. over Aaron Leszczynski (Homestead) 13-20, Sr. (Fall 3:52); **Cons. Champ Match:** This match has not been wrestled yet.

220 Results
1st Place: John Isaacson of Leo; **2nd Place:** Dominic Snyder of F.w. Wayne; **3rd Place:** Austin Amstutz of New Haven; **4th Place:** Trevor Thomas of F.w. Snider; **5th Place:** Logan McQuinn of Huntington North; **6th Place:** Jared Brinkman of Heritage; **1st Place Match:** John Isaacson (Leo) 32-2, Sr. over Dominic Snyder (F.w. Wayne) 17-12, Sr. (Fall 2:52); **3rd Place Match:** Austin Amstutz (New Haven) 27-18, Jr. over Trevor Thomas (F.w. Snider) 18-10, Sr. (Dec 4-1); **5th Place Match:** Logan McQuinn (Huntington North) 13-13, Sr. over Jared Brinkman (Heritage) 25-13, Jr. (Fall 2:32); **Cons. Champ Match:** This match has not been wrestled yet.

285 Results
1st Place: Jerry Gardner of Huntington North; **2nd Place:** James Morua of Heritage; **3rd Place:** Lawrence Johnson of F.w. Snider; **4th Place:** Jacob Newton of F.w. Wayne; **5th Place:** Luke Watson of New Haven; **6th Place -** Gilberto Garza of F.w. South Side; **1st Place Match:** Jerry Gardner (Huntington North) 31-5, Sr. over James Morua (Heritage) 28-6, Sr. (Fall 3:20); **3rd Place Match:** Lawrence Johnson (F.w. Snider) 12-9, So. over Jacob Newton (F.w. Wayne) 21-17, Sr. (Fall 1:48); **5th Place Match:** Luke Watson (New Haven) 11-21, So. over Gilberto Garza (F.w. South Side) 16-14, Sr. (Fall 0:54); **Cons. Champ Match:** This match has not been wrestled yet.

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Tournament Results
106 Results
1st Place: Chris Schuller of Woodlan; **2nd Place:** Zack Cawood of Homestead; **3rd Place:** Ben Frecker of F.w. Bishop Luers; **4th Place:** Jett Rondot of New Haven; **5th Place:** Domonik Pierce of F.w. Snider; **1st Place Match:** Chris Schuller (Woodlan) 27-10, Fr. over Zack Cawood (Homestead) 13-25, Fr. (Fall 2:59); **3rd Place Match:** Ben Frecker (F.w. Bishop Luers) 27-15, Fr. over Jett Rondot (New Haven) 21-22, Fr. (Fall 4:56); **5th Place Match:** Domonik Pierce (F.w. Snider) 13-25, So. over (), . (Bye); **Cons. Champ Match:** This match has not been wrestled yet.

113 Results
1st Place: Geoffrey Davis of F.w. Wayne; **2nd Place:** Zack Johnson of Huntington North; **3rd Place:** Jake Jenkins of Homestead; **4th Place:** Keshawn Ward of Woodlan; **5th Place:** Mason Smith of Heritage; **6th Place:** Brendan Forish of F.w. Snider; **1st Place Match:** Geoffrey Davis (F.w. Wayne) 26-2, Sr. over Zack Johnson (Huntington North) 35-3, Jr. (MD 10-2); **3rd Place Match:** Jake Jenkins (Homestead) 19-17, So. over Keshawn Ward (Woodlan) 14-16, Fr. (MD 16-2); **5th Place Match:** Mason

OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY SPELLING BEE



Oakwood Elementary held their Spelling Bee on January 8th. Vanessa Krueger, a sixth grader, was the champ. Runner up was Hayden Mullen, a fifth grader. Vanessa will represent Oakwood Elementary at the County Bee held in February.

OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY HELD DARE GRADUATION



The Oakwood Elementary fifth graders held a graduation ceremony on January 5th with DARE officer Deputy Mendez. Mason Schlatter and Clinton VanScoder were the essay winners, writing about the lessons they learned from the DARE program. Deputy Mendez is shown with Mason on the left and Clinton on the right.

WINTER VOLLEYBALL BEGINS AT MAC GYM

Volleyball tryouts and club team positions have been filled for the winter. As the dust settles, there remains a class of volleyball player that still want to keep their hands on a volleyball, but their schedule doesn't allow it. The reasons are endless why they don't travel or participate on club teams, but the MAC Gym offers opportunities for these girls to work through those schedule conflicts and still play off-season volleyball. There will again be junior high and high school divisions, but the biggest draw continues to be the sixth grade and under division. This year the sixth grade and under division will be slightly less than last year's twelve teams. This year nine teams will compete for the two ti-

ties.

Woodlan will lead the pack with four teams. They will be joined by Antwerp, Defiance, and Fairview. Woodburn Lutheran School and another Antwerp team will represent the fourth grade and under division but will play league games with the older teams. Teams play two games weekly and will end the season with a single elimination tournament March 6.

All schedules can be found on the MAC Gym website www.macgymohio.com

JPHS WINE AND CHEESE TASTING

The John Paulding Historical Society will be hosting our annual Wine and Cheese Tasting fundraising event on Saturday, February 13 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the museum located across the

street from the fairgrounds in Paulding, Ohio. For more information contact: Rose Munger 419-399-3473; Sue Beck 419-399-3806; Louella Thomas 419-399-3547; Kausser Trucking 419-399-4856 or stop by the museum on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Please help support the John Paulding Historical Society in their mission of Preserving the Past for Future Generations.

WOODLAN ATHLETICS

By: Jeff Abbott

Heritage ran away from Woodlan in the second half, outscoring the home team 37-1, to beat the Warriors 61-38 in ACAC boys' basketball. Woodlan trailed by just 1 point at 17-16 after the first quarter and were tied with Heritage 24-24 at the half. The wheels fell off the Warriors offense in the second half. Woodlan had a brief lead early in the third quarter before back-to-back three-pointers by the Patriots had the visitors in the lead for good. An old-fashioned three-point play of a field goal and a free throw by the Patriots helped push Heritage to a 20-9 third period advantage and to an insurmountable lead. Billy Lomow led the Patriots with 22 points including 4 three-pointers. Andrew Krahn had 14 points for the Warriors. Woodlan won the reserve game 44-36 with Tre'von McCarter getting 9 points

Score by the Quarter:

Heritage - 17 7 20 17 = 61

Woodlan - 16 8 9 5 = 38

Game scorers:

Heritage - Lomow 22, Jacquay 15, Schame 10, Beard 7, Renninger 5, Knapke 2

Woodlan - Krahn 14, Schwartz 7, Williams 6, Fancher 5, Biggs 2, Hahn 2, Gerig 2

IHSAA Girls Basketball Sectional - 2A at South Adams

Tuesday, February 2, 7:00 p.m. Bluffton vs Adams Central

Wednesday, February 3, 6:00 p.m. Eastside vs Churubusco; 7:30 p.m. Woodlan vs South Adams

Friday, February 5 - Semi-Finals

6:00 p.m. Blackford vs Bluffton/Adams Central winner



Dear Miss C,

I am having a hard time finding balance in my life. My grandmother's health is not good. I spend most of my time either taking care of her, or worrying about taking care of her. She lives with her son (my Dad) but he does not do a good job. Mostly they just end up butting heads. Now, I want to be there for my Grammy, but it's taking a lot out of me (and away from my family and work). And I am starting to fight more and more with my dad and most of the fights are about my Grammy. I want to be helpful but also have balance. What do you think?

-Struggling in Nearby Town

Dear Struggling in a Nearby Town,

You are not alone. In fact, I have received three emails recently from others with similar concerns. Each struggling to find balance while caring for elderly or sick family members. I expect it is an issue because people are living longer than they used to, and often they are living longer with poorer health. Of course there are elder community members who defy the stereotype, are active, and much healthier than some half of their age. But many of our elder community are suffering from heart conditions, cancers, dementia, and the list goes on and on. Even 10 years ago, many of these conditions would have already caused death, but with new medicines and treatments, lives are saved! But more assistance is needed. Enter family members. Like you, many people WANT to be there for their aging and sick family, they WANT to

play an integral part of ongoing care. They (like you) come in to do whatever needs to be done despite the cost; the intention is good, but the cost more than intended.

I am not speaking of financial costs, though those are also significant. I am speaking of physical and emotional costs to caregivers. Those costs can be high. The stress is high. Ironically, when you step into help when others do not, there can be conflict with those same loved ones. Conflict because they also do not have balance. Does that mean you should step aside and not be helpful? Absolutely not! But that word you used...balance, well, that is your key.

At some point, caregivers have to stand up and ask for help. There are medical, social, and spiritual resources in your community to contact for resources. Your Grammy deserves the best care possible. Yes, you can give amazing care, but I suspect you could be even better if you had others helping. Perhaps that is a nurse who visits homes, support groups (for her, and for you), or something else. Your Grammy would not want you giving up everything in your life, for hers...but she needs your love and support. You will need to set some boundaries. Create a plan for what you will do, what your dad will do, and other outside resources professionals will do. Creating boundaries and this care plan will give you and your loved ones the balance needed to love and care for your Grammy, while not sacrificing your own life.

With Many Blessings,

-Miss C

7:30 p.m. Eastside/Churubusco winner vs Woodlan/South Adams winner

Saturday, February 6, 7:30 p.m. Championship Game

South Adams outscored Woodlan 21-6 in the first quarter and the Starfires went

on to beat the Warriors 54-34 in ACAC girls' basketball. The Starfires led 38-15 at the half and cruised in the second half to the win. Rain Hinton had 20 points for the Warriors offense

Score by the Quarter:

Woodlan - 6 9 11 9 = 34

South Adams - 21 17 1 15 = 54

Game scorers:

Woodlan - Hinton 20, Houser 6, Salzbrenner 5, Kayser 3

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GRANT'S FRIDAY NIGHT BARBECUE SMOKEHOUSE BUFFETS

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General Code, Section 11681 Revised Code, Section 2329.26

THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY:

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY IXIS REAL ESTATE CAPITAL TRUST 2006-1, MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-1, Plaintiff, vs. JAMES ALLEN SPEARS aka JAMES A. SPEARS aka JAMES SPEARS, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. CI 15 112. Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above entitled action, I will offer for sale at public auction, at the East door of the Courthouse in the Village of Paulding, in the above named County, on Thursday, the 25th day of February, 2016 at 10:20 o'clock A.M., the real estate located at:

308 Harmon Street, Oakwood, Ohio 45873 Parcel Number: 10-22S-019-00 and 10-22S-020-00

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

Said premises appraised at Forty-eight Thousand and No/100 (\$48,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount.

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

Purchasers are advised they have no legal right to access this property until the Sheriff's Deed has been filed with the Paulding County Recorder's Office.

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

The successful bidder will have 30 days from the sale date to obtain an examination of title at their expense, if so desired.

Should such examination disclose the title to be unmarketable by any defect in the court proceedings or the existence of any outstanding interest rendering the title unmarketable, the successful bidder has 30 days to file a written motion requesting the sale shall be set aside.

If the court finds the title unmarketable, the court will refuse to confirm the sale or fix a reasonable time, not to exceed 90 days, within which the defect of title may be corrected.

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

Sheriff Jason K. Landers Paulding County, Ohio www.pauldingohsheriff.com Carson A. Rothfuss, Attorney for Plaintiff

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South Adams - Dellinger 17, Int'Groen 17, Zuber 8, Pence 6, Wurster 2, Morgan 2, Lehman 2

After trailing in the first quarter, Woodlan came back to head into halftime with a 38-34 advantage over Lakewood Park, but the Panthers regained the lead in the second half and down the Warriors 67-57 in boys basketball.

The home team outscored the Warriors 33-19 to get the win. Cole Weiss led the Woodlan offense with 22 points and Aaron Hahn added 18 points

Score by the Quarter: Woodlan - 16 22 7 12 = 57 Lakewood Park - 23 11 10 23 = 67

Game scorers:

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals will be received by Antwerp Local School District in the Board Conference Room, 303 S Harrman Road, Antwerp, Ohio 45813 until 2:00 pm February 23, 2016 at which time and place proposals will be opened publicly and read aloud.

Antwerp Local School District Relighting 303 South Harrman Road Antwerp, Ohio, 45813

All in accordance with the Contract Documents prepared by Garmann/Miller & Associates, Inc., 38 S. Lincoln Drive, P.O. Box 71, Minster, Ohio 45865.

A Lump Sum bid for the project will be received. A prebid meeting will be held at 9:00am on February 12, 2016 at Board Conference Room.

The pre-bid meeting is not mandatory but bidders are strongly encouraged to attend. The facility will be open for inspection at this time.

A Bid Security in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, irrevocable letter of credit, or surety company bond pursuant to Chapter 1305 of the Ohio Revised Code in the amount of 10% of the total bid shall accompany each bid; or a bid guaranty bond in accordance with Chapter 153.571 of the Ohio Revised Code in the amount of 100% of the total bid shall accompany each bid.

If a bid security in the amount of 10% of the full bid amount is submitted with this bid, each successful bidder is required to furnish a Performance Bond and Labor and Material Bond from

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

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THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY:

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff, vs. COTY FRANKLIN, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. CI 14 159. Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above entitled action, I will offer for sale at public auction, at the East door of the Courthouse in the Village of Paulding, in the above named County, on Thursday, the 25th day of February, 2016 at 10:05 o'clock A.M., the real estate located at:

518 West Merrin Street, Payne, Ohio 45880 Parcel Number: 19-11S-011-00

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

Said premises appraised at Forty-eight Thousand and No/100 (\$48,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount.

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Sheriff Jason K. Landers Paulding County, Ohio www.pauldingohsheriff.com Ellen L. Fornash, Attorney for Plaintiff

Woodlan - Weiss 22, Hahn 18, Krahn 12, Schwartz 3, Biggs 2

Lakewood Park - Farnsworth 1, Hoover 13, Gerke 14, Day 5, Fetters 21, Gonzalez 11, Steury 2

HUSTED DIRECTS COUNTIES TO TAKE ACTION TO INCREASE NUMBER OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS ACCEPTED

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted issued Directive 2016-03, instructing election officials in Ohio to implement new procedures in order to improve Ohio's system of absentee voting.

"When a ballot is cast by an eligible voter who followed all of the rules, their vote should count," Secretary Husted said.

Ohio law allows a vot-

er to accept a surety in the amount of 100% of the full contract amount in accordance with Section 153.571 of the Ohio Revised Code.

If a bid guaranty bond in the amount of 100% of the total bid is submitted with the bid, no additional Performance and Labor and Material Bond is required to be furnished by the successful Bidder.

The Contract Documents, including Drawings and Specifications, are on file for public inspection at the office of the Architect: Garmann/Miller & Associates Inc., 38 South Lincoln Drive, Minster, Ohio 45865, Phone 419-628-4240; the District Office of Antwerp Local School District.; Construction News Corporation, Middleburg Heights, Ohio; the McGraw Hill - Dodge Plan Room in Columbus, Ohio; the Builders Exchange in Dayton, Ohio and Toledo Ohio and iSqFT Cincinnati, Ohio

Contract Documents and a file on CD may be purchased from the printer for \$75.00: DC Reprographics, 1254 Courtland Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43201; www.DCplanroom.com; Phone 614-297-1200; Fax 614-297-1300. Each Bidder is responsible for shipping cost or providing a shipping number for billing to the bidders account.

Each bid must be submitted in duplicate on a blank form furnished by the Architect, in a sealed envelope. Mark plainly on the outside of the envelope, the branch of work bid upon. No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of sixty (60) days after the bid opening

The owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities, irregularities and/or errors in the bids to the extent permitted by law. This includes the right to extend the date and time for receipt of bids.

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THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY:

DITECH FINANCIAL LLC fka GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC, Plaintiff, vs. JEFFEREY KRILL, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. CI 15 149. Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above entitled action, I will offer for sale at public auction, at the East door of the Courthouse in the Village of Paulding, in the above named County, on Thursday, the 25th day of February, 2016 at 10:10 o'clock A.M., the real estate located at:

11037 County Road 71, Paulding, Ohio 45879 Parcel Number: 27-07A-008-00

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

Said premises appraised at Twenty-one Thousand and No/100 (\$21,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount.

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Sheriff Jason K. Landers Paulding County, Ohio www.pauldingohsheriff.com Dean K. Hegyes, Attorney for Plaintiff

ed absentee ballot to arrive via U.S. mail after the polls have closed, so long as it is postmarked to indicate it was cast and mailed before Election Day. Ohio is one of only 12 states with a system for counting late-arriving ballots, further solidifying the Buckeye State's position as a leader in absentee voting and ballot access.

For nearly a decade, this system has been carried out in Ohio with few issues. However, during the 2015 General Election, there was a noteworthy rise in the number of absentee ballots received by the boards of elections after Election Day that did not contain a postmark. Those ballots were thus unable to be counted per Ohio law.

"Election officials in Ohio are faced with the responsibility of fixing a problem they don't control, but that can't be an excuse for inaction," added Secretary Husted. "Since the 2015 General Election, my office has aggressively pursued answers from the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) to improve the system. As a result our policies and their practices will be better than they've been in the past."

Secretary Husted instructed the boards of elections to follow USPS recommendations including working with local post office officials in order to redesign their courtesy reply envelopes to contain both the official USPS Election Mail logo and the unique Intelligent Mail barcode (IMb) in order to increase the electronic visibility of the absentee ballot in the mail stream.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

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

Case No. CI-16-002 To: Martha Jenkins, Unknown heirs, assigns and executors of Martha Jenkins-LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: Unknown

Please take notice that a Complaint has been filed in the above-captioned action against you seeking to quiet the title to the following described property:

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

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

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

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

The Secretary of State's Office has developed a mail insert that will be included with every absentee ballot during the 2016 elections.

This insert will give specific instructions so voters can take steps to ensure their ballot is either received by the board of elections prior to Election Day or is at least given a legally-acceptable postmark to ensure the ballot can be counted.

On the advice of the USPS, Secretary Husted has also recommended boards of elections resize their absentee ballots in order to fit into a letter-size envelope (up to 6 1/8 inches in height by 11 1/2 inches wide and 1/4 inch thick), which will increase the likelihood of postmarking in most cases.

"As election officials, we are doing all we can do to make sure it is easy to vote and hard to cheat," Secretary Husted said. "But we need the voters' help. Please do not procrastinate in requesting and casting your absentee ballot and utilize the resources that we have available to you online to make your voting experience hassle-free."

The USPS commonly affixes a fluorescent barcode to envelopes as they are processed. Secretary Husted has instructed boards of elections to use this identification tag as an alternate way of determining a ballot's eligibility in the absence of a traditional postmark. The Secretary of State's Office will make additional barcode readers available to boards who are unable to purchase their own equipment. This should lead to more legally cast ballots being counted.

"This policy is consistent with the spirit of the law and common sense dictates that we should use technology to count every ballot we can," concluded Secretary Husted.

Absentee voting by mail for the March Presidential Primary Election begins for all Ohio voters on February 17, 2016. The Secretary of State's website contains a

THE WEST BEND NEWS Answers on Page 15 Sudoku Puzzle

9x9 Sudoku puzzle grid with numbers 2, 3, 9, 1, 4, 8, 3, 8, 2, 9, 7, 1, 9, 3, 8, 4, 5, 8, 1, 5, 6, 7

number of resources to help with casting your ballot including finding your polling location, viewing your sample ballot, requesting an absentee ballot by mail and tracking your ballot once you've returned it to the board of elections. Visit MyOhioVote.com/Voter-Toolkit for more information.

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 2/3 - 2/9

2/3 - Beef stroganoff, egg noodles, Key West vegetables, applesauce, coleslaw, dinner roll, milk

2/4 - BBQ pork sandwich, broccoli, warm spiced peach-

es, carrot salad, goldfish crackers, milk 2/5 - Mushroom steak, mashed potatoes, succotash, tropical fruit, sherbet, dinner roll, milk 2/8 - Cabbage roll casserole over white rice, pineapple tidbits, dinner roll, fruit crisp, milk 2/9 - Chicken noodles, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, blushing pears, dinner roll, milk

Have Something to sell? Classified ads are \$8.50 for 20 words or less and only \$.15 for each additional word.

PUBLIC NOTICE The 2015 Annual Financial Report for the Village of Cecil are complete and available for review by scheduling an appointment with Clerk, Carlene Turner by calling 419-399-0520. Village of Cecil, Clerk-Treasurer

PUBLIC NOTICE The Village of Antwerp 2015 Financial Report is complete and available for public review. The report is available at 118 N. Main Street, Antwerp Ohio at Town Hall. Village of Antwerp

VILLAGE OF ANTWERP PUBLIC NOTICES The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed ORDINANCE NO. 2016-01 on January 14, 2016, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE FISCAL OFFICER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CARRYALL TOWNSHIP FOR PROVIDING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE IN CALENDAR YEARS 2016, 2017, AND 2018, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance authorizes the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to execute the proposed contract to provide emergency medical service in the area defined in the contract with Carryall Township for calendar years 2016, 2017, and 2018.

PAULDING COUNTY AREA FOUNDATION AWARDS FRIENDS OF PAULDING COUNTY DOG KENNEL, INC



Friends of Paulding County Dog Kennel, Inc. was awarded \$1,000.00 to purchase kennel security cameras that will tie into the sheriff's department. The cameras will allow viewing of activity at the kennel. Pictured are Del Schwab, Vice President; Lisa McClure, Executive Director of Paulding County Area Foundation; and Jim Henriott, Secretary-Treasurer of Friends of Paulding County Dog Kennel, Inc.

BURKLEY TESTIFIES ON LEGISLATION HONORING FALLEN HERO



State Representative Tony Burkley (R-Payne) yesterday provided sponsor testimony on legislation that would designate a portion of highway in Paulding County after a local military hero who was killed during a shootout in Chattanooga, Tennessee in 2015.

House Bill 406 would name the portion of US Route 127

stretching from the northern edge of Paulding to the intersection of US Route 127 and State Route 111 in Paulding County as the "U.S. Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Randall Smith Memorial Highway."

Born in Paulding in 1989 and a graduate of Paulding High School, Smith was shot while protecting his fellow servicemen on July 18th during an ambush at a recruiting center in Chattanooga. He died two days later.

"It is my hope that once enacted, this highway designation will serve as a reminder to those passing by how precious life is and to appreciate the heroes we have," said Rep. Burkley.

After serving for three years as an active duty logistics specialist with the US Navy, Smith re-enlisted and was stationed at the Naval Operations Support Center in Chattanooga. There, he was responsible for training and transporting active duty naval personnel.

The Transportation and Infrastructure Committee must vote House Bill 406 out of committee before it can be heard on the House floor.

PAYNE ELEMENTARY STUDENTS ENJOY THEIR LUNCH



Fourth grade students at Payne Elementary enjoy their lunch each day. Students not only enjoy their food, but the time that they have to socialize with their friends!

EMA AWARDS A PRE-DISASTER MITIGATION GRANT TO PAULDING COUNTY

By: Edward Bohn

Paulding County Emergency Management Agency has been awarded \$17,648.25 to update and revise the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan for Paulding County. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) awarded the funds to the six counties in the state of Ohio this month. The grant money will be used to put together and write a new comprehensive plan, to deal with the mitigation of various natural disasters that would face Paulding County at any given time. The plan once updated, revised and written, would allow for the county's EMA, to prepare for weather related disaster events, such as Flooding, Tornadoes, Serve Winds, Blizzards, etc. The significates of this Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant, once approved by the state of Ohio EMA and FEMA, would provide additional grant dollars to become available to Paulding County. The Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan is implemented through projects and planning efforts to reduce the cost of damage caused by disasters and minimize the impact on citizens, businesses, and properties. Mitigation planning is the process state and local governments use to identify risks and vulnerabilities associated with natural hazards and to develop long-term strategies for protecting people and property from the effects of future hazard events. The mitigation planning process involves identifying and profiling natural hazards that will most likely occur, as well as assessing the vulnerability of people, critical facilities and structures. The plan identifies Paulding County's mitigation strategy, which helps guide local mitigation planning and project efforts. Please contact the Paulding County EMA office at 419-399-3500, for any follow-up questions or concerns.

NASA AWARDS HARRIS CORPORATION SUBSIDIARY \$316 MILLION JOINT POLAR SATELLITE SYSTEM WEATHER PAYLOADS CONTRACT

Harris Corporation (NYSE:HRS) has received a \$316 million cost-plus-award-fee contract modification to build two payloads for the fourth and fifth weather satellites in the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Joint Polar Satellite System (JPSS) program. Known as the Polar Follow-On extension JPSS-3 and JPSS-4 missions, the contract was awarded to Exelis Space Systems, a wholly owned subsidiary of Harris, by the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md., on behalf of NOAA.

The Cross-track Infrared Sounder (CrIS) instrument produces high-resolution, three-dimensional temperature, pressure and moisture profiles used to enhance weather forecasting models. The first CrIS instrument is currently operational on the joint NOAA/NASA Suomi National Polar-orbiting Partnership satellite launched in 2011. The second CrIS instru-

ment is scheduled for launch in early 2017 on board the JPSS-1 spacecraft. The third CrIS instrument is in development for the JPSS-2 spacecraft, scheduled for launch in 2021.

"CrIS provides vital data for numerical prediction models key to both short- and long-term weather forecasting," said Eric Webster, Harris Environmental Solutions vice president and general manager.

JPSS is a collaborative effort between NOAA and NASA that ensures continuity of observational data at the quality levels needed to sustain current weather forecasts beyond 2017. NOAA is responsible for managing and operating the JPSS satellites, while NASA is responsible for developing and building the JPSS instruments, spacecraft and major components of the ground segment, as well as launching the satellite. Work on the payloads is performed in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

About Harris Corporation

Harris Corporation is a leading technology innovator, solving our customers' toughest mission-critical challenges by providing solutions that connect, inform and protect. Harris supports customers in more than 125 countries, has approximately \$8 billion in annual revenue and 22,000 employees worldwide. The company is organized into four business segments: Communication Systems, Space and Intelligence Systems, Electronic Systems, and Critical Networks. Learn more at harris.com.

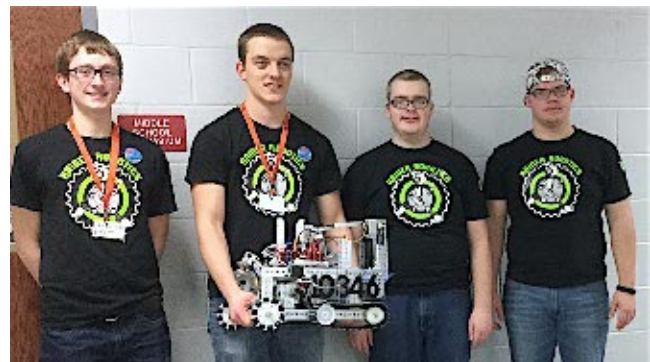
LEAGUE TOURNAMENTS IN FULL SWING AT MAC GYM

The MAC Gym winter league tournaments are in full swing now. Sixty-six teams took the court each week for five weeks in Antwerp to get the honor of playing in this year-end league tournament. The brackets are completing for some divisions and just beginning for others.

In the exciting 3rd grade boys division, Van Wert knocked off a super hero Hicksville team that included Parker Bassett, before Van Wert then bowed out against an undefeated Antwerp Archer team. In the other bracket Tinora knocked off a feisty Butler Eastside team before falling to the Woodlan Warriors. Woodlan and Antwerp will meet each other to decide the tournament championship.

The fourth grade boys division is the biggest bracket this season. 12 teams have combined from two six-team leagues to set up this massive bracket. Round one will have some exciting games as Monroeville St. Rose will play Blue Creek. Their winner will play Bryan. Hamilton will come off the lake and play Hicksville. Their winner will play Woodlan. The winner of those six teams will compete in the finals. In the opposite bracket, Fairview will square up against Payne Divine Mercy. That game winner will face Antwerp. Ayersville starts off against Butler Eastside. That game winner will play Van Wert. The winner of those six teams will play in the cham-

RAIDER ROBOTICS



Raider Robotics is the very first FTC Robotics Team to represent Paulding County Ohio. Raider Robotics consists of 4 Wayne Trace High School seniors who have a love for science and engineering technology. The team is sponsored by Cooper Farms, R & B Fabrications, Alliance Automation, Iigus, and Solidworks. Their team is part of a non-profit worldwide organization called FIRIST(For Inspiration and Recognition of Science & Technology). The mission of First is to inspire young people to be science and technology leaders. The founder of First believes that one day some of these very young people will find cures to cancer, Alzheimer's, and design devices to help move science, engineering, and technology forward for the world.

Each season opens in September, where the rules for this year's competition are released. At the release, approximately 44,000 teams from all over the world learn the rules for what the robot that they will build must be able to do, and what materials can be

used to build it. Many teams meet many hours to begin designing their robot. They will enter robot competitions in winter and spring that could qualify them to participate in semi-regionals and the ultimate goal is to qualify to participate in the world championships.

The Raider Robotics team met a major hurdle when their team captain, Trent Church was diagnosed this past fall with an inoperable brain tumor. He was transferred to Houston, Texas for several months for treatment. Despite these obstacles, this pioneer team for Paulding County has designed and built a very competitive robot. They were chosen to receive the "Judges" award at this past Saturday's competition in Van Wert, Ohio. They are looking forward to their next competition. The team consists of Arlyn Cooper, Scott Wenninger, Trent Church, and Nick Durre. Suzanne Cooper is the team coach.

caption: Team Memebers (L to R) Arlyn Cooper, Scott Wenninger, Trent Church and Nick Durre

championship game on February 6.

Ten fourth grade girls teams will kick off the day as Woodlan Kim plays Fairview. Their winner plays Ayersville. Tinora White will play Wauseon. The winner of those five teams will play in the championship game. In the lower bracket Woodlan Kyle will play Hicksville. The winner will then take on Crestview. Tinora Green will play Paulding. The winner of those five teams will also play in the championship game.

A 5th grade girls division is well under way at the Antwerp Local School. The teams that make up the final four are Tinora2 against Hicksville and Crestview against Fairview. Winners play each other in the championship.

The 5th grade boys divi-

sion will see eight teams line up for a chance at the title. A strong Paulding team will play Eastside while Antwerp takes on Fairview. The two winners will compete for a spot in the finals. Hiocsville will face Woodlan while Delphos Jefferson travels in to play Wayne Trace. Those winners will face off to play in the championship game.

Sixth grade girls brought ten teams to the gym. Their tournament will begin with Antwerp playing Fairview. That winner will play undefeated Paulding. Ayersville will play Defiance. The five team winner in this bracket will play in the championship game. In the lower bracket Hicksville will play Crestview. The winner will face Tinora. Van Wert will then play Fairview2. The winner of that five team bracket will also play in the finals.

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Paul E. Adams, Antwerp, OH; Impr backing, Pled guilty, found guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Tamkeen Rasool, Indianapolis, IN; Viol being pass; Pled guilty, found guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Gary Lee Keller, Oakwood, OH; Fail control; Pled guilty, found guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Madison M. Meyer, Napoleon, OH; No brake lights; Pled guilty, found guilty; Case was waived by defendant

James Craig Bowser, East China, MI; Marked lanes; Pled guilty, found guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Zachery E. Ramsey, Paulding, OH; Theft; Dismiss; Case dismissed per state; With prejudice; costs waived

Joshua J. Brown, Defiance, OH; Poss of drugs; Dismiss; Case was dismissed per state; without prejudice, costs waived

Joshua J. Brown, Defiance, OH; Drug abuse inst., Dismiss; Case dismissed; without prejudice, costs waived

Joshua J. Brown, Defiance, OH; O.V.I./under inf., Dismiss; Upon motion of the state case dismissed without prejudice; Costs waived

Jalen L. Lewis, Fishers, IN; Poss marijuana; Pled guilty, found guilty; Defendant to pay all costs; Operator's license shall be suspended for 6 months commencing 11/26/15; Shall run concurrent with suspension on count A of case #15-TRC-3790

Jalen L. Lewis, Fishers, IN; O.V.I./under inf; Pled guilty, found guilty; May atned the DIP program in lieu of jail; Proof of financial responsibility provided; ALS vacated; Compliance date for DIP and POC is 5/27/16; Shall pay \$200.00 pr mo commencing 2/26/16; 87 jail days reserved

Jalen L. Lewis, Fishers, IN; 81/65 speed; Dismiss; CT B dismissed at the state's request

Mario Morales Hernandez, Napoleon, OH; O.V.I./under inf; Merged; CT A merged with CT B

Mario Morales Hernandez, Napoleon, OH; O.V.I./breath(low); Pled no cont., found guilty; ALS vacated; Pay all fines and costs by 9/30/16 or will be sent to collections; Shall pay \$50.00 per mo commencing 2/26/16; Submit to an evaluation at Recovery Services; 170 jail days reserved

Mario Morales Hernandez, Napoleon, OH; 81/65 speed; Dismiss; CT C dismissed at state's request

Sabrina A. Kline, Haviland, OH; Confine of dog; Pled guilty, found guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Monico D. Moreno III, Oakwood, OH; A.C.D.; Pled guilty, found guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 3/18/16 or will be sent to collections

Monico D. Moreno III, Oakwood, OH; Child restraint; Pled guilty, found guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 3/18/16 or will be sent to collections

Mary J. Miller, Continental, OH; Fail control; Pled guilty, found guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Kenneth R. Boyd, Oakwood, OH; Display plates; Pled guilty, found guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Tanya Collins, Oakwood, OH; Fail control; Pled guilty, found guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Owen T. Zachrich, Van Wert, OH; Reckless oper.; Pled no cont., found guilty; May attend the DIP program in lieu of jail; Proof of financial respon-

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Owen T. Zachrich, Van Wert, OH; Stop sign; Pled no cont.; found guilty; Has a POC date of 4/29/16; Shall pay \$100.00 per mo commencing 2/26/16

Venkata Naga S. Valdi, Farmington, MI; Marked lanes; Pled guilty, found guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Dawn Renee Grant, Defiance, OH; Fail control; Pled guilty, found guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Charles L. Shaw Jr., Toledo, OH; Fail to reinsta; Pled no cont., found guilty; Fines and costs to be taken from the bond

Charles L. Shaw Jr., Toledo, OH; 77/65 speed; Pled no cont., found guilty; Fines and costs to be taken from the bond

VAN WERT GIRLS TAKE ON LIMA BATH IN BASKETBALL

Lima Bath girls took the game against Van Wert girls, winning 53 - 32 and taking Van Wert's season record to 0 - 18.

Score by the Quarter:
Van Wert - 10 4 11 7 = 32
Bath - 16 18 13 6 = 53

Game scores:
Van Wert - Meyers 4, Ally Jackson 8, Moonshower 9, Abby Jackson 1, Shaffer 2, Magowan 5, Priest 3

Bath - Eagan 4, Hale 5, Sunghaus 10, Craddock 15, Ulmer 7, Odome 2, Andrews 8, Garland 2

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Answers to Sudoku Puzzle from Page 13

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

LADY RAIDERS STOP AGES AT HICKSVILLE

The Lady Raiders brought in another victory when they played against the the Hicksville Aces. Wayne Trace won the game 57 - 51 bringing their season record to 15 - 2 and 4 - 1 in the GMC while Hicksville has a 10 - 6 season record with a 3 - 2 for thr GMC.

Score by the Quarter:
Wayne Trace - 14 12 10 21 = 57
Hicksville - 15 3 20 13 = 51

Game scorers:
Wayne Trace - Mohr 16, S. Sinn 4, Gudakunst 6, Mead 4, Myers 11, B. Sinn 4, E. Sinn, Torman 2

Hicksville - Briskey 10, Berenyi 2, Taylor 21, Schroeder 8, Demland 2, Peter 7, Siebenaler 1.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREES INC MEETING

Public Employee Retirees, Inc. Paulding County Chapter 10 will hold their meeting at the Paulding Senior Citizens building, February 3rd at 10:00 a.m. A representative from Paulding Putnum Electric will speak about the Honor Flight.

2016 OHSAA REGIONAL DUAL TEAM TOURNAMENT: DIVISION III - REGION 17-A QUARTERFINALS

Match 1
Montpelier 31 - Ottawa-Glandorf 33

106 Brandon Eitnietar 10 (Montpelier) Forfeit; 113 Evan Ellerbrock 9 (Ottawa-Glandorf) pin Bronson Sines 9 (Montpelier) 1:13; 120 Le'on Palomo 11 (Ottawa-Glandorf) pin Ashton Varney 9 (Montpelier) 5:21; 126 T.J. Nelson 11 (Ottawa-Glandorf) dec. Logan Hutchinson 12 (Montpelier) 13-9sv; 132 Dallas Royer 12 (Montpelier) dec. Brent Siefker 10 (Ottawa-Glandorf) 10-8; 138 Keaton Byers 12 (Montpelier) maj. dec. Branten Lowe 10 (Ottawa-Glandorf) 17-4; 145 Logan Balbaugh 11 (Ottawa-Glandorf) maj. dec. Thomas Wolfenbarger 11 (Montpelier) 11-1; 152 Grant Goecke 10 (Ottawa-Glandorf) maj. dec. Mason Gauden 12 (Montpelier) 14-4; 160 Danny Rosales 9 (Ottawa-Glandorf) maj. dec. Austin Grubb 10 (Montpelier) 14-2; 170 Jordan Birdsall 12 (Montpelier) dec. Tyler Ebbeskotte 11 (Ottawa-Glandorf) 5-1; 182 Daniel Beemer 10 (Ottawa-Glandorf) pin C.J. Roth 11 (Montpelier) 4:28; 195 Austin Cook 12 (Montpelier) pin Andrew Schroeder 12 (Ottawa-Glandorf) 1:57; 220 Zech Thompson 12 (Montpelier) dec. Lane Brooks 10 (Ottawa-Glandorf) 9-4; 285 Noah Conklin 10 (Montpelier) Forfeit

Match 2
Edgerton 42 - Wayne Trace 30

106 Danial Ruiz 9 (Wayne Trace) Forfeit; 113 Tyler Bauer 9 (Wayne Trace) dec. Hunter Ward 10 (Edgerton) 7-0; 120 Ruger Goeltzenleuchter 11 (Wayne Trace) pin Devin Thiel 9 (Edgerton) 3:08; 126 Double Forfeit; 132 George Clemens 12 (Wayne Trace) pin Brody Degryse 9 (Edgerton) 3:31; 138 Chase Marroquin 12 (Wayne Trace) dec. Isaac Hamblin 10 (Edgerton) 6-2; 145 Blake Hohler 10 (Edgerton) pin Hunter Showalter 10 (Wayne Trace)

3:03; 152 Cameron Jordan 10 (Edgerton) pin Caleb Schultz 11 (Wayne Trace) 1:54; 160 Jonah Brown 11 (Edgerton) pin Dylan Jackson 10 (Wayne Trace) 0:26; 170 Micah Ritter 9 (Edgerton) Forfeit; 182 Eathon Miller 11 (Edgerton) Forfeit; 195 Brandon Laney 11 (Wayne Trace) pin Blake Risner 9 (Edgerton) 1:08; 220 Logan Stein 11 (Edgerton) Forfeit; 285 Ethan Brown 9 (Edgerton) pin Braxton Asher 10 (Wayne Trace) 1:41

Match 3
Ottawa-Glandorf 37 - Edgerton 24

106 Double Forfeit; 113 Hunter Ward 10 (Edgerton) dec. Evan Ellerbrock 9 (Ottawa-Glandorf) 8-7; 120 Le'on Palomo 11 (Ottawa-Glandorf) pin Devin Thiel 9 (Edgerton) 3:39; 126 T.J. Nelson 11 (Ottawa-Glandorf) Forfeit; 132 Brody Degryse 9 (Edgerton) dec. Brent Siefker 10 (Ottawa-Glandorf) 14-8; 138 Isaac Hamblin 10 (Edgerton) dec. Branten Lowe 10 (Ottawa-Glandorf) 6-3; 145 Logan Balbaugh 11 (Ottawa-Glandorf) maj. dec. Blake Hohler 10 (Edgerton) 15-2; 152 Cameron Jordan 10 (Edgerton) dec. Grant Goecke 10 (Ottawa-Glandorf) 14-9; 160 Danny Rosales 9 (Ottawa-Glandorf) dec. Jonah Brown 11 (Edgerton) 10-6; 170 Tyler Ebbeskotte 11 (Ottawa-Glandorf) pin Micah Ritter 9 (Edgerton) 0:48; 182 Daniel Beemer 10 (Ottawa-Glandorf) pin Eathon Miller 11 (Edgerton) 0:47; 195 Andrew Schroeder 12 (Ottawa-Glandorf) pin Blake Risner 9 (Edgerton) 0:23; 220 Logan Stein 11 (Edgerton) pin Lane Brooks 10 (Ottawa-Glandorf) 3:15; 285 Ethan Brown 9 (Edgerton) Forfeit;

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ANTWERP LANDMARK BURNS TO THE GROUND



Estimated Around 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 26 at the corner of Main Street and River Street in Antwerp, the River Street Market (previously known as Kammeyer's) began to have smoke smolder out of what appeared to be the bakery. After a little bit of time and lots of sirens, the epic fire spread to the entire building. Smoke engulfed the central part of town with a slight breeze putting heavy, strong smoke around

the United Methodist Church. Around 9:10 or so, the older section in the back burst into flames. There were no injuries reported. Fire units from Antwerp, Hicksville, Payne, Cecil, Woodburn, Paulding and others were on hand to help try to put out the fire. The tanker trucks were dumping water into the pool to pump to the trucks, but it wasn't enough to stop the fire.

Many people gathered around the block watching a community landmark go up in flames.

It's great to have so many volunteer firefighters. They work hard to keep our area safe.

The press release from the Paulding County EMA: "From the fire in Antwerp, Ohio... The Antwerp Fire Department received the call at 8:19 p.m., Tuesday night, of a fire at the River St. Market in Antwerp, Ohio. Upon arrival, smoke and flames were showing from the rear of the structure. Mutual Aid from 8 surrounding fire departments were called for man power and tankers. Paulding FD was called to the scene with their Aerial Ladder Truck when it was determined to go to a defensive attack.

Water supply was a concern as the Antwerp Water treatment Plant was operating at full capacity. Two separate fill sites were set up to supplement the water supply with a tanker shuttle at the fire scene. Fire departments from Paulding, Payne, Cecil, Hicksville, Woodburn, In., Sherwood

and Delaware Twp. provided mutual aid. Antwerp and Hicksville EMS were on scene for rehab. The Antwerp Police Dept., Paulding County Sheriff's Office and the Paulding Co. EMA provided assistance at the scene. The Van Wert Red Cross was on scene with their canteen vehicle and served coffee, water and food to the firefighters during the fire. No one was injured battling the blaze and no residence or businesses were evacuated. The out-pouring of pizzas, burgers & fries, along with coffee and water from the local restaurants was greatly appreciated."

As the fire continued to blaze past 11:00 pm., the temperature dropped and the water from the spray began to turn to ice on the parking lots and sidewalks making it dangerous for the emergency crews.

Around 2:00 a.m., fire crews started to leave as the blaze was under control. One truck and crew were kept on hand the next day, on January 27, to keep the fire from starting back up again.

The building was entirely destroyed with the exception of the front facade.

WOODBURN MEETING MINUTES FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON 1/4/16

Meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Kelsey, Clerk-Treasurer Cummins, Superintendent Walls, Chief Duhamell as well as Councilman Voiron, Watts, Gerig, Renner, and Martin were in attendance.

Chief Duhamell: Woodburn Police Reserves logged 289 hours in December, just over 1300 for 2015. The new police truck still has no delivery date as of yet. The Blazer is currently out of commission and the police department is determining what can be done with it. The department has need for a larger copier based on current demand.

Audience: A couple from Platter Park Group requested that we do not sell our utilities. In 2028 the City of Woodburn would be able to bring them on as customers as part of a buy out option. They are currently governed by the Allen County Sewer District. The couple suggested that the City possibly receive State Revolving Funds in order to purchase out the remainder of the contract. If the trend continues, the couple believes that the houses in that area may not be marketable. They also mentioned that they are extremely satisfied with Earth First's services, which is now Advanced Disposal.

Mayor's Report: On Monday the 28th of December, a resident came into City Hall to report a sagging phone line on the corner of Main Street and Elm Street. Frontier was notified about the pole being dangerously situated, and they replaced the pole a few days later. The website has not been updated yet, but will be shortly and will be maintained regularly.

Treasurer's Report: Warrants were presented to the Council. Councilman Watts moved to pay warrants as presented, second by Councilman Gerig, all approved. Councilman Gerig moved to accept the meeting minutes from December 21st, 2015 as presented, second by Councilman Voiron, all approved.

Superintendent's Report: The well-head protection plan has been mailed in to IDEM. Building maintenance has been occurring at the shop.

Councilman Report: Councilman

Renner mentioned that Reichart's Addition/Westwood Estates needs the street to be repaired shortly. Additional truck traffic down Hetrick road has been sighted again, and he requested that citizens respect the wishes of the City. Councilman Watts mentioned that with the snow coming he would like to see the temporary speed bumps removed from Homestead Place. Councilman Voiron brought about discussion for hiring a resident hourly for cleaning the sidewalks of snow this winter. No definitive conclusion was determined but the resident stated that he will drive his own machine down Main Street to help as he can.

Old Business: The mayor spoke with Ben Adams from Commonwealth and he should be out in 2 weeks to begin pricing out different options for our necessary lagoon modifications. The City has until June 15th to submit our plan to IDEM. The damage to the berm from North American Cold Storage will be followed up tomorrow by Superintendent Walls. Councilman Martin asked as to whether or not we had come to a decision regarding Beverly's Nursery maintaining flowers on Main Street. At this time no decision has been made.

New Business: Councilman Renner moved to have the first reading of Ordinance G-16-1334, second by Councilman Watts, all in favor. Councilman Watts moved to accept the first reading of Ordinance G-16-1334, second by Councilman Renner, all in favor. Councilman Voiron moved to have the final reading of Ordinance G-16-1334 by title only, second by Councilman Renner, all in favor. Councilman Voiron moved to ratify Ordinance G-16-1334, second by Councilman Renner, all in favor. The shop buildings and City Hall will be re-keyed on Wednesday morning. Regarding our health care fringe benefits for employees, discussion occurred about a possible increase in that allotment. No conclusion was made and we will make changes, if any, at a later date. The mayor read the agenda from the Henneys regarding the plot on the cor-

ner of Main Street and Bull Rapids Road. Floyd Henneys had asked the mayor prior to the meeting that if this project is to be completed, that the City commit to maintaining the property. The Mayor wanted to commend the quick instincts of Chief Duhamell and another gentleman who assisted a non-responsive man outside of Federer's market on January 2nd. There was discussion about a possible CPR class being offered to area residents. No definitive specifics were established as of yet. Councilman Renner asked if there is any more information being provided on this plaza idea. The Mayor plans on attending subsequent meetings and will bring back pertinent information.

Councilman Watts moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilman Voiron, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

THANK YOU

RIVER STREET MARKET FIRE

The Antwerp Fire Dept. would like to thank all of the responding agencies for their assistance in the fire that we had on Tuesday. The cooperation that we received was essential in that no damage was done to any other structures and that everyone went home safe. We would also like to thank all of the businesses and individuals that gave support, food and drinks through the whole incident, again your help was very appreciated and aided in the comfort for those who were fighting the fire. The support and help that we received just proves the care that we have for each other in our rural communities. We thank all of you for everything that you did.

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