

MEYER-SITCLER



Dennis and Lisa Meyer of Antwerp are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Kristen Marie Meyer, to Michael Ryan Sitcler, son of Roy and Patricia

Sitcler, Harlan, IN.

Kristen is a 2008 graduate of Antwerp High School and a 2012 graduate of University of St. Francis. She is currently employed at Lincoln Finan-

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WILLIAMSON SCORES 1000th POINT @ ANTWERP WIN



Sam Williamson is added to the 1000 career point record.

Montpelier travelled to the Archer home court on January 30 for the game that would put Sam Williamson in the record books once again. The game started off as a close match between both teams when the competition heated up. Sam, in this period, was on fire—he was fantastic! He

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FEBRUARY 16th IS VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR THE MARCH 15th PRIMARY ELECTION

Anyone that is not registered to vote and wishes to vote in the upcoming Presidential Primary Election on Tuesday, March 15th, must register by Tuesday, February 16th, at the Board of Elections; (or, you may register to vote at an office of any Deputy Registrar of the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles; public libraries; public high schools or vocational schools; County Treasurer's Office; Office of Secretary of State or any of the 88 county Boards of Elections).

Regular office hours for the Paulding County Board of Elections office are Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The office will be CLOSED on Monday, February 15 in observance of President's Day. Office hours on Tuesday, February 16 will be 8:00 a.m. to until 9:00 p.m., voter registration deadline day.

Have you moved or changed your name since the last time you voted? If so, you should notify the Board of Elections by Tuesday, February 16th. Persons not certain of their registration validity may contact the Board of Elections office at 419-399-8230, or write, email, or stop in the office at 105 East Perry Street in Paulding. You may review your voter information and ballot on our website at <http://electionsonthe.net/OH/Paulding> or by searching "Paulding County Ohio Board of Elections." You may change your name or address

VANBROCKLIN SIGNS LETTER OF INTENT WITH MARIAN UNIVERSITY



On Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 11:30 a.m., Woodlan High School Senior Mitchell VanBrocklin will sign a letter of intent to continue his football career at Marian University, located in Indianapolis, Indiana. During his four-year career at Woodlan, Mitchell was instrumental in the resurgence of the Woodlan football program. This past season, he led the Warriors to a 13-1 record, winning the ACAC regular season conference championship, and making the school's first semi-state appearance since 1981. A four year letter winner, Mitchell moved from tight-end to run-

ning back after his sophomore season, and set the career rushing and touchdown records at Woodlan with 3,728 yards rushing, and scoring 48 touchdowns. Mitchell also led the defense playing various positions, linebacker, defensive end, and defensive tackle throughout the course of his career. A consummate team player, Mitchell also excels in the classroom, as he is ranked #1 in the Senior Class.

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2/11 - Exercise at 10:00 a.m.; Bingo w/PCH at 10:00 a.m.; Turn up at 12:15 p.m.

2/12 - Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.; Valentine's party & luncheon; Craft store, 11:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m.

2/15 - Closed in observation of Presidents' Day

2/16 - Euchre at 9:45 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.

TIRE SAFETY - KNOW YOUR CAR

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Tire Tread

Take a penny or a quarter and place it head-down into a tire groove. If you can see the top of Lincoln's head, your tire has less than 2/32" of tread left and needs to be replaced immediately. If you can see the top of Washington's head, but not Lincoln's, the tire is ok but close to wearing out.

Air Pressure - Pounds per square inch (PSI) is the measurement of the amount of air in a tire. Each brand or size of tire has a unique PSI, so it is important to find out what each brand of tire holds. This vital information is in the owner's manual. Check PSI often and, if it is low, add air until it reaches the correct PSI. Under-inflation compromises cornering, braking and stability, and it can also affect fuel economy and tire life. Further worse, improper tire pressure can lead to tire failure or a serious accident.

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING A PRIORITY FOR OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery in which criminals profit from the control and exploitation of others. The same Ohio roads that are used legitimately are also used by human traffickers and smugglers to transport their victims and further their operations. The Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) is committed to combating human trafficking in Ohio and took new steps this year to rescue potential victims.

Human trafficking takes two primary forms - labor trafficking, which involves compelling people to provide labor or services, and sex trafficking, which involves forcing individuals to perform commercial sex acts. Both use force, fear and coercion to keep victims working against their will. Both types occur in Ohio.

Just in 2015, law enforcement agencies across Ohio reported 102 human trafficking investigations. This led to 104 arrests, 33 successful prosecutions, and the identification of 203 potential victims.

Below is a list of OSHP's efforts to stop criminals from exploiting trafficking victims in Ohio:

- As truck stops are one of the leading areas where sex trafficking occurs, OSHP partnered with Truckers Against Trafficking (TAT) to ensure that trucking schools in Ohio will be required to provide one hour of human trafficking awareness training for students obtaining a CDL for the first time. Truckers will be taught in the class to recognize the signs of human trafficking at truck stops.

- The Ohio State Highway Patrol has trained troopers to identify signs of human trafficking during traffic stops. In addition, state employees have been trained to identify, confront and prevent human trafficking, which was an objective of the Governor's Human Trafficking Task Force.

- Ohio Investigative Unit agents have been trained to identify signs of human trafficking while they conduct routine operations in liquor establishments.

To report a trafficking tip, call the National Human Trafficking Hotline Resource Center at 888-373-7888 or text BeFree to 233733. The toll free number is available anywhere in the US, 24/7. The hotline received calls from Ohio regarding 303 potential human trafficking cases from 2013-2014, making Ohio the sixth highest total for potential cases reported among the states.

As always, the Patrol asks drivers to call #677 to report impaired drivers or criminal activity.

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT 1 WINTER OPERATIONS UPDATE

The following is an update regarding snow and ice operations on state highways within the Ohio Department of Transportation District 1 which includes the counties of Allen, Defiance, Hancock, Hardin, Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert and Wyandot. This report is issued periodically during the winter months and as necessary following snow and ice events.

This report represents a period beginning October 1 to the present:

Snow and Ice Operations Totals - Winter Season (to date):

County/Total Lane Miles Maintained/Salt Used (tons)/Deicing Liquids Used(gallons)/Miles Driven for Snow and Ice/Total Cost (labor, equipment, material)

Allen: 474, 1,325, 17,230, 19,797, \$47,911; **Defiance:** 311, 983, 42,787, 19,427, \$27,609; **Hancock:** 581, 1,729, 7,502, 29,519, \$66,967; **Hardin:** 323, 591, 7,206, 21,902, \$30,312; **Paulding:** 393, 1,183, 5,724, 22,272, \$17,862; **Putnam:** 422, 1,204, 9,418, 26,195, \$39,779; **Van Wert:** 375, 1,254, 23,270, 19,887, \$46,530; **Wyandot:** 475, 898, 16,778, 21,347, \$20,275; **Total** 3,356

District 1 totals year to date: 9,170, 129,915, 180,346, \$297,246

District 1 totals at this same point last winter: 16,568, 188,292, 378,112, \$536,729

Additional facts:

- In a typical winter, ODOT District 1 will incur \$4.1 million in costs for snow and ice operations.

- The "Deicing Liquids Used" column reflects the current usage to date of several types of liquid deicers. This category includes salt brine as well as the following. These products are more effective at controlling icy conditions versus just straight salt or salt brine and can be more cost effective:

- Beet Heet, a sugar beet, molasses-based product that increases rock salt's ice melting capacity below its 15-degree limit;

- Aqua Salina, a natural saltwater with a lower freeze point than regular brine;

- and Boost, an organic substance that when added to calcium chloride reduces the corrosiveness of calcium chloride and improves its anti-icing and deicing capability.

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous." —Matthew 5:43-45

WT GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY ANNOUNCES JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



These are the January Students of the Month selected by WT Grover Hill Elementary staff. Pictured here are (front, l-r) Morgan Elliott, Amber Stoller, Tori Young, Ashlyn Manz, Avery Noffsinger, Parker Jenkins, Laura Garberston, Caden Sinn (back, l-r) Graiden Troth, Tyler Sinn, Kierstynn Baker, Ezra Sinn, Logan Miller, Elise Miller, Derrek Dangler, and Kaiden Tucker; Absent Konner Clemens

PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCES JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Paulding High School recently announced the Students of the Month for January. Pictured here are (l-r) Freshman Heather Manz, Sophomore Jocelyn Camposano, Junior Christine Clapsaddle, and Senior Taylor Schooley.

WT PAYNE ELEM. STUDENTS COMPLETE D.A.R.E.



Students at Wayne Trace Payne Elementary recently completed the D.A.R.E. program presented by Officer Mendez of the Paulding County Sheriff's Department. At the end of the program, students were asked to write an essay about what they had learned through the program and how they would use what they had learned in the future. The winners of the essay contest were Isaac Munger (3rd place), Lillian Anderson (2nd place), and Martin Alejo (1st place).

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You are qualified to vote if:

- You are a citizen of the United States.
- You will be at least 18 years old on or before November 4th.
- You will be a resident of Ohio for at least 30 days immediately before the election in which you want to vote.
- You are not incarcerated (in prison) for a felony conviction under the laws of this state, another state or the United States.
- You have not been declared incompetent for voting purposes by a probate court.

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- You have not been permanently disfranchised for violations of the election laws.

- You are eligible to vote in elections conducted in your voting precinct more than 30 consecutive days after you are properly registered to vote in Ohio.

If you have any questions, please call the Board of Elections at 419-399-8230 or you may email us at pauldning@ohiosecretaryofstate.gov. Our website is <http://electionsonthe.net/OH/Paulding/>

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GIRLS ON THE RUN



As one of more than 200 councils of Girls on the Run (GOTR) International, GOTR of Allen County is a 501(c)3 nonprofit serving 8- to 11-year-old girls in Northeast Indiana. Our mission is to inspire girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum that creatively integrates running. GOTR of Northeast Indiana hosts twice-weekly team meetings in 10 regional locations. At the end of each 10-week session, each girl is paired with an adult "running buddy." Together, the girls and buddies participate in a celebratory 5k to culminate the season - giving each girl a tangible sense of achievement and a belief that she CAN.

About Girls on the Run and our 5K:

The Girls on the Run of Northeast Indiana 5K is not just a 5K run/walk, but a

HUGE CELEBRATION of what we can achieve when we decide on a goal and put in the work required to achieve it. This event honors the 3rd through 5th grade spring 2016 Girls on the Run participants, who have trained for 10 weeks to complete their first 5K. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE-You don't need to be a Girls on the Run participant to run! We'll have a "happy hair" station, a D.J., music, a "Mascot Dash," a poster-making station, and some surprises to help you keep your eye on the prize! Tutus are welcome! Guys are, too! 100% of this race benefits Girls on the Run of Northeast Indiana. This year and last year GOTR were able to give FREE running shoes because some of the girls were running in flats that they wore to school.

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ANTWERP ROTARY OFFERS FREE CPR CLASSES

Antwerp Rotary Club is partnering with Antwerp EMS and Lutheran Thrivent group to offer CPR classes to the community free of charge!

Rotarians became interested in offering these classes after Alex Nehls, a former Antwerp resident, and son of Cheryl Stromski, suffered cardiac arrest while jogging in Fort Wayne.

Alex's remarkable story spurred the Antwerp Rotary Club into action. After several fund raising events

and coordinating with the Lutheran Thrivent group and Antwerp EMS, we are pleased to offer a series of adult CPR classes free of charge to the Antwerp community beginning Saturday, February 20 from 9:00 a.m. - Noon.

Participants will learn how to recognize signals of a cardiac emergency, perform CPR and demonstrate the ability to use an AED (Automated External Defibrillator).

The classes will be taught by Antwerp Advanced EMT Mike Knapp, at the EMS building located next to the Antwerp fire station. Class size is limited to 12 participants on a first come, first serve basis. There is no need to bring anything as all supplies will be provided. Comfortable clothing is recommended as students will be on the floor to learn skills.

To register for this FREE class or for additional information, please email name, address, and working phone number to: antwerprotary@gmail.com. More CPR classes will be announced in the near future.

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cial Group, Fort Wayne. Michael is a 2006 graduate of Woodlan High School and a 2013 graduate of Indiana University. He is currently employed at Meijer, Fort Wayne.

The couple will exchange vows February 20, 2016 in Las Vegas, NV and a reception will be held on February 27, 2016 in Fort Wayne. The couple currently reside in Fort Wayne, IN.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Jacob and Bailey McLaughlin are the new proud parents of a baby boy. Liam Paul McLaughlin was born February 2, weighing 7 lbs 11 oz. and 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Kim and Kevin Folk, Pioneer, OH; Elmer Graber, Hicksville, OH; Shane and Amy Fluhe, Hicksville, OH; Leslie Dunlap, Spencerville, OH. Great-grandparents are Joel and Nancy Graber, Hickville, OH; Linda Knupp, Floral City, FL; David and Kathleen Folk, Defiance, OH.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

On February 2, 2016 Jeremy Landwehr and Ashley Rooks of Payne, OH welcomed baby girl Paisleigh Kay Landwehr into the world. Paisleigh was born at 8:08 p.m., weighed 8lbs. 8.4 oz. and was 20.3 inches long.

Grandparents are Melissa Rooks of Payne, OH and Richard Landwehr of Grover Hill, OH. Great-grandparents are Sue and Joseph Rooks of Antwerp, OH.

REP. TONY BURKLEY ANNOUNCES CAMPAIGN LEADERSHIP TEAM

State Representative Tony Burkley (R-Paulding) has announced the formation of his campaign leadership team that will assist in reaching voters in all parts of the 82nd House District. State Senator Cliff Hite, State Representative Jim Buchy, Defiance County Commissioner Ryan Mack, and former State Senator Lynn Wachtmann will headline Burkley's re-election campaign team.

"Working alongside Tony in the legislature has been a great joy and if we are going to continue to bring Ohio back from the recession, we need a leader like him at the Statehouse," said Senator Hite. "Balancing budgets, cutting red tape, and addressing the drug epidemic are top priorities for the both of us, and in order for these to happen, voters need a conservative like Tony Burkley as their state representative."

"I think it's quite clear that voters everywhere are looking for both consistency and results from their elected officials and Tony Burkley has delivered both to the 82nd District," said Mack. "With a combination of business experience, time in local government, and the passion to serve, I am proud to give him my support for re-election."

The 82nd House District consists of Defiance, Paulding and Van Wert counties, as well as parts of Auglaize County. A former county commissioner, Tony Burkley is running for re-election to his third term as state representative. During his time in office, Burkley has supported over \$4 billion in tax cuts to families and small businesses and enacted policies that have led to the creation of over 230,000 new jobs across the state.

"As a lifelong resident of the district who knows the conservative values we hold so very dear, Tony Burkley has worked to fight for those as state representative," Wachtmann said. "I've been through multiple state budgets during my time in office and Tony knows what it takes to maintain limited govern-

ment and be a budget hawk when bureaucracy threatens to raise our taxes, and therefore I believe he deserves another term in the Ohio House."

Burkley currently sits on the Finance and Ways & Means committees, and was asked by Speaker Cliff Rosenberger to serve as Vice-Chairman of the Agriculture and Rural Development Committee. There is no Democrat running for the 82nd House seat in November, meaning the winner of the upcoming March 15th primary will become the elected state representative.

"Representative Burkley is a needed voice in Columbus because he adds thoughtful insights to the discussions that are most important to us in western Ohio," said Representative Jim Buchy. "He is a constant defender of our values, freedom and most importantly a champion for sound agronomic policies."

"These guys know me and my vision for the future of the 82nd District and I am honored to receive their support for my re-election, in addition to the constant support from the communities that allow me to represent them in Columbus," Burkley said. "I am proud of the record I've been able to achieve and look forward to continuing my efforts to reduce taxes and help create an environment in Ohio where everyone has a chance to achieve their dreams."

LATTA VOTES TO DISAPPROVE WOTUS RULE

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) voted in support of S.J.Res.22,

CLASSES COMBINE TO HELP FLINT AT NEW HAVEN HS



Two classes at NHHS are spearheading a school wide philanthropic effort to help send fresh water to Flint, MI. Mr. Grubaugh's Debate Class and Ms. Hayes African American History class have banded together for a great cause. Students are working very hard to collect both cash

donations as well as cases of bottled water. Students receive a Mr. Winston water drop to sign and place on the goal board displayed in the main hallway. Teachers and community are encouraged to contribute as well. Way to be a bulldog#crownjewel www.newhavenbulletin.com

providing for congressional disapproval of the "waters of the United States" (WOTUS) rule submitted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The WOTUS rule, which was finalized in June 2015, significantly expands the scope of federal jurisdiction under the Clean Water Act over virtually all waters and wet areas in the country.

"The Waters of the United States rule is another glaring example of this administration's alarming regulatory overreach. This rule greatly expands the scope of the Agencies, and greatly infringes on the rights of property owners, particularly in agricultural communities like the Fifth District," said Rep. Latta. "Americans have made it clear that they want to maintain their right

to control their fields, farms, and ranches without interference from Washington. I have worked with my colleagues, on several efforts to halt this detrimental rule, since it was finalized last summer and I am pleased that today's resolution will now go to the President's desk. I voted to disapprove the WOTUS rule in order to protect American property owners, and especially Ohio's farming community."

S.J. Res 22 was approved by the Senate on November 4, 2015. Introduced under the Congressional Review Act, the resolution dictates that the Army Corps and EPA may not issue the same or a substantially similar rule unless authorized by subsequent legislation. Rep. Latta was a cosponsor of the House companion resolution, H.J.Res.59.

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LOOKING UP IN FAITH TO THE LIGHT

By: Pastor Gerry Weesner, Maples United Methodist Church

“Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, as the Son of man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. ...Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son. This is the verdict: light has come into the world, but man loved darkness instead of light because their deeds are evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God.” John 3: 14, 17-21 (NIV)

Faith is more than intellectual assent, it also involves the heart. Nicodemus is trying to understand Jesus’ teachings through his intellectual understanding and Jesus takes him back to the bronze serpent that Moses made at God’s command. That people can be cured of snake bite just by looking at the bronze serpent is beyond human understanding, none the less those who did so in faith and belief were cured.

Jesus is also going to be lifted on a cross when he is crucified. It is through Jesus’ death and resurrection that mankind is given the gift of salvation. By the salvation God offered through Christ people can receive eternal life; it is not an exercise of intelligence but of the heart, of faith.

Who, except through faith, can understand eternal life, a life of joy, peace, health, and love that is not bound by temporal time. John Newton in “Amazing Grace” says that when we have been there 10,000

years we have no less days than when we first started. Try this: when we have been there a million years, a billion years, a trillion years, a billion trillion years we still have no less days for eternity is forever.

Look up in faith to the light and go to the light that is Christ Jesus.

WICCA, PAGANISM, AND WITCHCRAFT EXPLORED AT LIFETREE CAFÉ

The beliefs and practices of Wiccans and pagans will be examined at Lifetree Café on Thursday, February 11 from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

The program – titled “The Witch Next Door: What’s the Appeal of Wicca and Paganism?” – features filmed interviews with self-identified pagans and a Wiccan who says she began exploring the religion as a teenager and still practices it today.

“I think what initially attracted me to Wicca was that it wasn’t the traditional patriarchal, standard American religion,” the woman says. “It was stepping outside of the box. There weren’t rules, and there wasn’t a man at the top.”

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

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

Topic for February 18 is “Conquering Conflict, healthy ways to tackle disagreements.”

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

RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS WEEK



Did you know February 14-20th is considered Random Act of Kindness week? Students at Paulding and Oakwood Elementary have been challenged to perform Random Acts of Kindness. One of the acts of kindness performed by the students has been to make blankets for the Paulding Sheriff’s Department. A total of 24 blankets was made and delivered. Shown delivering the blankets to Sheriff Landers and Chief Deputy Dyson are Mason Schlatter from Oakwood Elementary and Carter Manz from Paulding Elementary.

ANTWERP ELEM. STUDENTS CELEBRATE 100th DAY OF SCHOOL



In honor of the 100th day of school on Friday, January 29, Antwerp Elementary kindergarten students collected canned goods for their local food pantry. The goal was 100 cans, but the three kindergarten classes collected 192 cans! Pictured in their 100-year-old outfits boxing the canned goods are Kinzey Parrish, Wyatt Cline, Bryceton Barker, Clara Rohrs, and Aaden Friend.

AFTERNOON OF FREE BOWLING OFFERED

Paulding United Methodist Church in cooperation with Alley Cat Lanes is offering an afternoon of free bowling at Alley Cat Lanes, 120 W. Jackson St., on Sunday, February 21. The lanes will be open from Noon to 3:00 p.m. to anyone in the community who would like to bowl at no cost. The church and Alley Cat Lanes offers this free gift to the people of Paulding. This is a great opportunity for a time of family, fun, and friendship with people from the community.

For more information contact Paulding UMC at 419-399-3591 or Alley Cat Lanes at 419-399-4022.

BENEFITS OF FIGHTING FAIR ADDRESSED AT LIFETREE CAFÉ

How fighting fair can make marriages and other relationships better will be explored at Lifetree Café on Thursday, February 18 from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

The program, titled “Conquering Conflict: Healthy Ways to Tackle Disagree-

ments,” features a filmed interview with Drs. Les and Leslie Parrott, whose relationship-building work has been featured on CNN, Good Morning America, Oprah, and the New York Times bestseller list.

“The average married couple argues about small, nagging things as much as 312 times per year,” said Les Parrott. “What matters is how we fight, not whether we fight.”

He also said fighting fair helps all relationships, but marriages suffer most when couples employ dirty tactics. “Ninety-three percent of couples who fight dirty will be divorced within 10 years.”

Participants in the Lifetree program will gain practical insights and skills for fighting fair, according to Lifetree representative Craig Cable.

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

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

BIBLE QUESTIONS

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

1. Luke 24:36; Who stood in the midst of them and said Peace to you?
2. Luke 24:37; But they were _____ and _____ and supposed they had seen a _____?
3. Luke 24:38; What two questions did Jesus ask?
4. Luke 24:39; Said behold what?
5. Luke 24:39; Does a spirit have flesh and bones?
6. Luke 24:40; What did Jesus show the people?
7. Luke 24:41; What did Jesus ask the people?
8. Luke 24:42; What did they give Jesus for food?
9. Luke 24:43; What did Jesus do in this verse?
10. Luke 24:44; What must be fulfilled?

Questions, comments or just need some help or assistance in your Bible study? Just let us know, for we are available. Call James Potter 419-393-4775 or e-mail me at jsp1941@yahoo.com there is also Lonnie Lambert at 419-399-5022. Jesus loves you and so does the church of Christ.

Answers to today’s questions:

1. Jesus; 2. Terrified, frightened, and thought they had seen a spirit; 3. Read verse 38; 4. My hands and my feet; 5. No; 6. Hands and His feet; 7. Have you any food here; 8. They gave Him some broiled fish and some honey comb; 9. Jesus ate the food; 10. What was writing in the Law of Moses, the prophets, and the Psalms concerning Jesus?

“O! Baldy” says bye for now and hopefully we can get together for Bible study again. “Luv Ya!”

7th ANNUAL LIMA “HONORING OUR NATIVE HERITAGE” POWWOW

The 7th annual Lima “Honoring Our Native Heritage” Powwow, will be held February 20-21, 2016 at the United Auto Workers Hall, 1440 Bellefontaine Ave, Lima, OH. The doors open at 10:00 a.m. both Saturday and Sunday. Grand entry will be at 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Saturday and at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday.

The UAW Hall is off OH 309, at the 309, 117, and Kibby Street Intersection. Bellefontaine Ave. ends at the UAW Hall. Coming off I-75 it is exit 125 from the South and 125 B from the North. The UAW Hall number is 419-224-6791.

Co-host Drums for the powwow are Sky Hawk and Southern Singers. Other invited drum, Chaske Ho’tain; Head dancers are Justin Kwascigroh and Shawnee Waters. George Reiter is the announcer, Shawn Reilly, the Head Veteran, and the Arena Director is Aaron Stevens.

There will be vendors from several states in the United States, Canada, and South America with their offerings of many varieties of hand made Native American merchandise. They will have everything from beads and craft supplies, fur and leather clothing to tomahawks, knives, and bow and arrows, turquoise jewelry, t-shirts, and art work.

Of course, there will be the Indian frybread and Indian tacos, Buffalo burgers, Shawnee dogs, corn soup, nachos/cheese, fried dill pickles and more to warm you and satisfy those hunger pangs.

A powwow is spiritual, exciting, entertaining, beautiful and educational, all in one, under one roof. A moving experience you won’t want to miss! Come feel the heartbeat of the drum and learn more about the Native ways. The public will be invited to participate in many of the dances, and don’t miss the candy dance for the youngsters!

Host motel for the powwow is The Howard Johnson Hotel, 419-222-0004.

For information, call or e-mail Phyllis Davis-Kill 419-203-0377, killphyllis@yahoo.com or John Thompson, 419-587-3474. Vendor information call or e-mail Terri Brewster 419-648-9230, or dancing_fawn@watchtv.net

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TERRORISM, AMERICAN STYLE

By: Mel Gurtov

As the popularity of Donald Trump, Ted Cruz, and other race-baiting antidemocratic politicians at-test, a significant portion of the American public is hostile to Washington, whether with respect to expansion of civil liberties and human rights, taxation, immigration policy, or diplomacy. This part of the public wants a strong, no-nonsense leader who will take them out of the cultural and political wilderness, and restore to them (mainly meaning to white male America) the respect and power it once supposedly had (and supposedly deserves). A subset of this public consists of gun lovers (again, all white males) who live by conspiracy theories, a distorted notion of the Constitution and the Bible, and a craving for violent action against authority. They are our terrorists.

We in America thus must deal with the unfortunate fact that domestic terrorism is becoming a serious national security threat, greatly helped by the provocative rhetoric of the leading Republican presidential candidates. Since 9/11, "non-Islamic extremists" actually account for more lives lost than "Islamic extremists," by 48 to 45. Yet, this predominantly white, male, Christian terrorism invariably escapes being labeled as such. Instead, the mass media uses more polite language, such as "militia men" and "armed activists"—words that probably would not be applied if the terrorists were American Indians, African Americans, Jews, or of course Muslims. As Janell Ross writes in the Washington Post, "The descriptions of events in Oregon appear to reflect the usual shape of our collective assumptions about the relationship between race and guilt—or religion and violent extremism—in the United States."

Which brings me to the current situation in rural Oregon's Malheur National Forest Refuge. A small group of self-styled "militia" seems to think that an armed occupation is the only alternative when

complaints against government are not satisfactorily addressed. But that is nonsense: peaceful protest, passive resistance, elections, petitions, and recalls are all available. Four years ago, when the Occupy movement was in thrall, peaceful sit-ins were the norm, not armed invasion, seizure of buildings, and declarations of self-rule. The current Oregon situation in fact was preceded by a peaceful protest against federal regulation of ranch land, only to have the "militia" preempt it to serve its own needs. Its leaders never bothered to ask the Hammond family, on whose behalf the extremists says they are acting, if it wanted their support. The extremists' action is reminiscent of various US interventions abroad that have occurred without a request for it by local authorities or indigenous groups claiming oppression.

The so-called militia in Oregon is armed and dangerous. These people have been spoiling for a fight and, while preaching peaceful intentions, seem to welcome doing battle with government officials. Its leaders speak the language of millenarian groups: referring to loyalty to a higher power, professing to act on behalf of "the people," vowing violence only if provoked. This is the familiar language of terror groups which, while to some degree reflecting a larger public anger, exploit it to further its own ambitions. The Oregon group would like nothing better than to be joined by more far-right antigovernment outfits as a means of self-justification. It's a microcosm of the ISIS end-of-days perspective.

Local and federal law enforcement will need to confront these people at some point, hopefully with Waco and Ruby Ridge in mind and therefore without violence. There are plenty of options, including cutting off the group's water, power, and telephone to isolate it. A negotiated solution also seems possible, one that trades the group's willingness to end its occupation in return for no prosecution. The federal authorities also might consider reducing the sentences of the two Hammond family members who have been returned to jail. Their five-year sentences do seem excessive, for range-fire arsonists. A sentence reduction would calm public resentment in that county and take the ground out from under the terrorists.

Mel Gurtov, syndicated by PeaceVoice, is Professor Emeritus of Political Science at Portland State University and blogs at In the Human Interest.

SECRETARY HUSTED APPOINTS CHARLES GRAY TO THE DEFIANCE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Secretary of State Jon Husted has appointed Charles R. Gray as a member of the Defiance County Board of Elections. Mr. Gray will fill the unexpired term of Johanna Diehl.

State law requires bipartisan representation on each of Ohio's 88 county boards of elections. Each board is made up of two Republican members and two Demo-

cratic members, all of whom must be qualified electors in the counties for which they serve. The Secretary of State makes appointments to boards of elections based on the recommendations of the executive committees of the respective county political parties.

Charles Gray was recommended by the Defiance County Democratic Executive Committee.

PAULDING PUTNAM ELECTRIC CO-OP MEMBERS DONATE OVER \$12,000

For those not familiar with Operation Round Up, the idea is to give members the option of having their bills rounded up to the nearest dollar every month, with those extra few cents going to benefit people in need within the co-op's service territory. Paulding Putnam began doing Operation Round Up in July 2010. Currently, over 8700 of the co-op's 12,900 members participate. The Operation Round Trust gave out just over \$12,000 this quarter. Thanks to PPEC members for rounding your bills up to the nearest dollar to make these donations possible.

Here are the organizations granted funds this round: Friends of the Paulding County Dog Kennel, Putnam County Historical Museum, Van Wert Boy Choir, Antwerp Local School, St. John Emmanuel Lutheran School, House of Love Ministry, Van Wert Middle School, Paulding Middle School, Paulding National Honor Society, Divine Mercy Catholic School, and Hoagland Area Advancement.

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REP. BURKLEY ANNOUNCES START OF APPLICATION PROCESS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT SAFETY CAPITAL GRANTS

Grants will be awarded to public safety projects in local communities

State Representative Tony Burkley (R-Payne) announced information regarding the application process for the Local Government Safety Capital Grant. Initiated by the Ohio House of Representatives and included in the state operating budget for fiscal years 2016 and 2017, these grants can help to fund public safety projects in local communities throughout Ohio, including those in the 82nd House District.

Funding for eligible projects must be used for purchasing vehicles, equipment, facilities and/or systems utilized by police, fire, and/or EMS providers to enhance public safety. The total request amount for projects is \$100,000 per individual political subdivision.

"Having come from local

government, I know these types of grants will benefit our communities greatly and I encourage them to take a look to decide what would best fit their needs." said Burkley

Applications must be submitted online and will be accepted February 16, 2016 through March 21, 2016. The Local Government Innovation Council is administering the program.

More information on the application process can be found here: www.development.ohio.gov/bs/bs_lscgph.htm.

SECRETARY HUSTED TRANSMITS DRUG PRICE RELIEF ACT INITIATED STATUTE TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted transmitted the initiated statute known as the "Drug Price Relief Act" to the leaders of the Ohio General Assembly.

In order to bring the issue before the General Assembly for consideration, petitioners needed 91,677 valid signatures, a number equal to three percent of the total vote cast for governor in the most recent gubernatorial election, 2014. They also needed to collect signatures equaling 1.5% of the total vote cast in the most recent gubernatorial election within at least 44 of Ohio's 88 counties.

After receiving a report that a large number of part petitions contained potentially illegal redaction of voters' signatures, Secretary Husted ordered the county boards of elections to conduct a second review. State law allows a voters' signature on a petition to be removed only by the voter or the circulator of the part petition.

Several boards of elections across Ohio conducted hearings and received testimony to decipher the validity of the petition. Boards who conducted investigations found many petitions that were handled in a manner contrary to Ohio election law. Some of this evidence is presented in the letter to the General Assembly's leadership, which is available below.

"I received a complaint that this petition drive was

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READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

- OHIO LOCATIONS**
- Antwerp:** Country Time Market, Antwerp Branch Library, Antwerp Pharmacy, H20, 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 Restaurant, True Value, Maramart, Dollar General, Dairy Queen, Holly Wood and Vine, Paulding County Senior Center, Rite Aid, Ace Hardware, Gorrell Bros., Albert Automotive, Paulding Courthouse, Paulding Co. Bookmobile, Susie's Bakery, Paulding VFW Post 587, Paulding Co. OSU Extension Office, Paulding County Historical Society, Paulding Co. Sheriff's Office
 - Payne:** Lichty's Barber Shop, Payne Super Valu, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Maramart, Payne Branch Library, Puckerbrush Pizza
 - Scott:** Scott Variety Store
 - Sherwood:** Sherwood Post Office, Village Food Emporium, Sherwood Bank,
 - Van Wert:** Pak-A-Sak, Family Video, Orchard Tree, Lee's Ace Hardware, Main Street Market, Walmart
- INDIANA LOCATIONS**
- Fort Wayne:** Walmart (Maysville Rd.)
 - Grabill:** Save-A-Lot, Grabill Hardware, Grabill Country Sales
 - Harlan:** Marathon, Harlan Donuts, Harlan Cafe, iAB Bank
 - Hoagland:** Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub
 - Monroeville:** Mel's Deli, The Village of Heritage, Phillips 66 Gas Station, Dollar General
 - New Haven:** Curves, Milan Center, New Haven Branch Library, Ken's Meat Market, New Haven Bakery, Paterson Hardware, Richard's Restaurant, New Haven Chamber, Crumback Chevrolet
 - Woodburn:** Clip -N- Tan, Jim's negie Library, Chief, Corner Pizza, Woodburn Hardware, Bob's Restaurant, Woodburn Xpress, True Value, Maramart, Dollar Country Oasis, Woodburn Branch General, Dairy Queen, Holly Library, Financial Partners, Love's Travel Center, Feders

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not conducted in accordance with Ohio law, I returned them to the boards of elections for further investigation and boards that investigated properly found evidence that Ohio laws were indeed violated," Secretary Husted said. "While this evidence leads me to believe there may have been greater issues, I must make a decision based on the facts before me now."

Secretary Husted, in accordance with testimony offered before the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections, ordered 35,753 signatures from that county to be invalidated due to the legal flaws in the petition gathering. This results in a remaining 96,936 signatures statewide.

Pursuant to Article II, Section 1b of the Ohio Constitution, the Secretary transmitted the proposed statute to the leaders of the Ohio House of Representatives and Ohio Senate for their consideration.

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THE LOBO TANK BUSTERS

By: Stan Jordan

This is December 26, 1944. The fog was gone now and our Air Force was doing a great job helping the foot soldiers with the Battle of the Bulge. There was about ten days when we couldn't fly and the German Armed Division was running all over the Allies in Belgium, but we had slowed up the German advance and would soon have the upper hand.

This morning our P51-D Mustangs were loaded and we took off as early as possible to go to the Houffalize area. There was less than a company of the 29th Division holding the main highway against the German advance. Those boys only had one 57mm anti-tank gun and ground launchers. They blew the track off of a Tiger Tank and he was blocking the highway for the minute, but he was holding up a huge column of German tanks.

We swung to the east and got a little altitude and swung around and came at the tanks from the rear. I put a rocket into the rear of that number two tank and blew the turret off and by then I was past and went up to a higher altitude for a minute. I swung around to the east in a big circle and come back at that number one tank that was firing his 88mm gun, even though his tracks were blown off, he was dead in the middle of the highway. I put a rocket right into his engine area and he started to burn and I was by him again and I went up to about 1,000 feet so I could look the area over.

The first five tanks in that column were either demolished or burning, the following tanks could not maneuver, as they would have gotten stuck in the mud if they had tried to go around the disabled leader tanks.

We had them suckered, just like they had us a few days ago. We all made another big circle and came in on those tanks from the rear—

they were sitting ducks. Every tank in that line, for a quarter of a mile, were out of action.

We turned around in the air and we spotted some Royal Air Force Spitfire. They were armed with the same type jumbo rockets that we had. I had heard that the R.A.F. would be getting some rockets and use them, and we were glad to see that.

We pulled up and got out of the area a little ways and watched those English boys go to work. They would approach from the rear, just like we did, eventually they had used the rockets.

We wiggled our wings in recognition of the Spitfire's pilots in and we went back to our air base for a little lunch and loaded up and went back to Belgium again to see what we could blow up. That jumbo rocket was an awesome weapon.

See ya!

CABIN 21 AT VALLEY FORGE

By: Stan Jordan

This is March 10, 1778 at Valley Forge Army Base. The boys finally got their new uniforms and three months of their back pay. The weather has gotten a little better and the boys did a lot of drilling by day. The camp is more like an army base now and morale is great.

This last Saturday, things got very exciting in just a little bit. The soldier boys sure raised their standing in the community in just a little bit.

Along about three o'clock, Betsy Willingham had decided to walk across the frozen pond at the feed mill. She got about sixty feet from the shore and the ice gave way and she fell in and was going down. Her friend, Lizzie, managed to get back to shore and she ran to the feed mill as fast as she could.

It so happened it was Saturday and Trooper #7 was working at the mill. Of course, Lizzie was all excited and found Trooper #7 just inside the door. She told him about the accident and how it happened and that Betsy was in the water, alive yet, but the ice had broken and would probably break again.

No. 7 shut off the main lever and the mill went silent. He pulled up the ladder leaning up against the wall and they both ran out to the pond.

He could see that Betsy

was alive yet and still hanging on to the rim of the ice with both hands—scared to death, wet and cold, but alive.

No. 7 put the ladder down on the ice and he laid down on the ladder about in the middle from top to bottom. He pulled out his skinning knife and jabbed the point in the ice and he pulled the ladder along the ice headed toward Betsy. He repeated the act of jabbing the knife into the ice and sliding the ladder and himself toward Betsy, a few feet at a time. He worked as fast as he could and he kept telling Betsy that he would soon be there. "Just hang on and don't move or let go!"

It seemed like it took ages, but soon he was along side of the hole that Betsy was in. It was a very hard job to pull Betsy out of the water, her clothes were wet and very heavy. No. 7 had to keep laying on the ladder or the ice could break. He finally got her out of the hole and, laying on his back, he moved the ladder toward to the bank.

To be continued...

See ya!



By: Stan Jordan

There was a local pig farmer who was going to retire, so he called a trucker who had a big 18-wheeler livestock trailer, big enough to take all his pigs in one load.

Well, they got them all on except one, and the driver refused to put another pig on the truck. He argued that would make him overloaded and if he got stopped by the highway patrol they would fine him and he wouldn't make a dime on the trip. He was very adamant about it and he wouldn't budge—that pig had to stay on the farm. He wasn't going to take the chance by being overweight.

The farmer begged him, "I don't want to raise yet another pig. I want to retire." After an hour or so, the farmer agreed and let the driver go, but he left that one pig for the farmer to raise.

Well over the year, the pig got bigger and bigger. He was sort of a pet and all he did was eat and get bigger. He grew and grew and got to be huge and lots of people came to the farm to see the monster pig.

When people came to see the pig, they had to drive by the house and out to the barn. All this traffic was hard on the farmer's wife, as she was sick and bedridden. The farmer was forced to put a sign out in the yard: "While my wife is down sick, I wish you wouldn't come and see the big hog!"

GROCERY STORES IN ANTWERP IN THE 1930'S

By: Stan Jordan

My memory is pretty good from 1930 on for a number of years, and the disastrous fire of Doug Bragg's River Street Market

brings back memories of grocery stores in downtown Antwerp when I was growing up.

Starting from the south and going north on the northeast corner of Main and Daggett Street was Joe Carr's store. After WWII it was sold to Kammeyer. That was Fred's first IGA store.

About midway, on north on the west side of the street where the Keystone building is, was a Kroger store. About 1935 it was moved north to what is now the Antwerp Hardware.

That three floor building on the southwest corner of West River Street and North Main was the Doering and Long Department Store sold out to Doug and Taylor Long in 1928. Taylor Long married Lucille Doering.

After WWII, Jim Panico married Taylor Long's daughter, Joan, and he bought out Doering and Long when Taylor retired. In the 1950's, Jim built the store on East River Street that became Kammeyer's and then the River Street Market.

In the 1930's on the west side of the first block north of the center red light was Harry Ely's store.

Then on north where the Bee-Argus is now was the Frank Reeb grocery. It had been under other names at one time.

I remember in the early 1930's at the east side of what is now the VFW building, there was a Meat Market operated by an old German fellow called George Redderson.

Over the years there have been many grocery stores in the area and a lot of them changed hands many times. See ya!

IN-PERSON & EARLY ABSENTEE VOTING FOR MARCH 15 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION BEGINS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17th

There are no levies/issues on the ballot for this upcoming election. There are Democratic, Republican and Green party ballots. You will need to declare the party ballot that you wish to vote. Our office website has candidates that will be on these party ballots. Office website is www.electionsonthe.net/Oh/Paulding.

Office hours are for in-person absentee voting for the election set out by the Ohio Secretary of State office are as follows:

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Wednesday – Friday, February 17 – February 19

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday, February 22 – February 26

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday, February 29 – March 4

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Saturday, March 5

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday, March 7 – March 11

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Saturday, March 12

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Sunday, March 13

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Monday, March 14

Any qualified Ohio voter may request an absent voter's ballot without stating a reason. The ballot must be applied for in writing or in person for each election that you wish to cast an Absent

STREAM TESTING PRESENTATION AT ANTWERP ROTARY CLUB



Recently, the Antwerp Rotary Club hosted OSU Extension educators and Waterville Rotary member for its meeting presentation. Pictures here are Tony Campbell, nutrient management plan writer, OSU Extension; Sarah Noggle, County Director and Natural Resources Educator, OSU Extension, Paulding County; Jim Page from the Waterville Rotary Club, who presented his program on the stream testing done by volunteers in the Waterville to Maumee area. Don Oberlin, Rotary chairman.

Voter's Ballot in the year the election is held. You may, but are not required to, use the application form prescribed by the Ohio Secretary of State (form 11-A).

Your request must contain ALL of the following information:

- Your name
- Your signature
- The address at which you are registered to vote
- Your date of birth
- ONE of the following:

(a) Your Ohio driver's license or state ID number; or (b) The last four digits of your Social Security number; or (c) A copy of your current and valid photo ID, military ID, current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows your name and current address. (Note: You cannot use as proof of identification a notice that the board of elections mailed to you.)

- A statement identifying the election for which you are requesting an absentee voter's ballot

- A statement that you are a qualified elector

- If you want the ballot mailed to you, you will need to include the address to which you want it mailed.

An application for an absent voter's ballot by mail must be received by the Board of Elections office by 12:00 non on Saturday, March 12th. You must vote in the precinct where you reside on Election Day. Applications for persons who are hospitalized by a medical emergency will be accepted until 3:00 p.m. on Election Day.

If you requested an absent voter's ballot and change your mind about voting absentee and decide to vote at your precinct voting location on Election Day, you will be required to vote a provisional ballot. You may not return your absent voter's ballot to your voting location. You or a near relative may deliver your absent voter's ballot to the Board of Elections office until the

close of the polls on Election Day (7:30 p.m.) or you may return your absent voter's ballot by mail. If you return your ballot by mail, it must be postmarked no later than the day before Election Day (March 14) and received by the office not later than 10 days after Election Day in order to be counted. Please affix sufficient postage for the prompt delivery of your ballot.

If you would like more information or have questions concerning absentee voting, contact the Board of Elections at 105 East Perry Street, Paulding or call 419-399-8230. The office email address is paulding@ohiosecretaryofstate.gov. The office website may be found at www.electionsonthe.net/Oh/Paulding.

LEND A HAND AT WOODBURN SUMMERFEST

Woodburn SummerFest activities have grown over the past several years, but the number of volunteers has remained constant. The Woodburn Community Association Board is looking for volunteers who are willing to donate some time to the organizing of the annual Summer Fest activities. SummerFest is always the second weekend in June (June 10-11, 2016).

We aren't asking for years of commitment, just what each individual can give. Many hands make light work.

The Woodburn Community Association meets at 6:00 p.m. at Woodburn City Hall on the 4th Tuesday of every month. The next meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 23rd. Won't you join us for a little planning & a lot of fun? We are always open to suggestions on ways to improve and enhance festival activities as well as the addition of new events.

For more details, please call Jan at 260-632-5318.

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MAC GYM WINTER LEAGUE BASKETBALL SEASON COMPLETES

The 66 team winter league basketball season completed at the MAC Gym this week. Individual awards were provided to both league champions and runners up in seven different divisions this year. Summaries of each league tournament are as follows:

WOODLAN WINS 3rd GRADE BOYS TITLE - Seven teams started the season in this division. Woodlan knocked out Eastside and upset #2 seed Tinora to make it to the finals. Antwerp waited on the winner of Hicksville and Van Wert and held up their #1 seed taking an undefeated record into the finals. Woodlan got down early but came back to upend the Archers 17-14 to take the title.

CRESTVIEW FENDS OFF FIESTY FAIRVIEW IN 4th GRADE GIRLS - This 10 team division saw some great games in early play. Fairview worked on improving all year and carried that momentum into the tournament. Fairview played into the bracket beating Woodlan Kim, then upending #1 seed Ayersville. Fairview then faced a good Tinora team that beat Wauseon to make it to the finals. Crestview waited on the winner of Hicksville and Woodlan Kyle. Crestview won easily over Hicksville and also over Paulding who defeated Tinora Green. Crestview pulled ahead and let Fairview catch up a couple times before pulling away at the end 36-25.

BLUE CREEK WINS FIRST CHAMPIONSHIP IN YEARS - This twelve team division was the largest division this year. Blue Creek played through a four game bracket to win out. Their journey began by beating Monroeville St. Rose to play #1 seed Bryan. Blue Creek came out on top. Hamilton, IN beat Hicksville but couldn't muster enough to stop the Blue Creek momentum.

Ayersville rolled over Eastside, IN but struggled with Van Wert. Ayersville lead the entire game until the final buzzer. Van Wert took a shot with just a second left that laid on the rim and after the final buzzer fell in the basket to send the game to overtime. Ayersville went on to win the game. Fairview upended Payne Divine Mercy but couldn't handle Antwerp. Antwerp was no match for Ayersville. Blue

Creek came out with a shooting frenzy and Ayersville had no answer. Blue Creek coasted to the championship.

FAIRVIEW TAKES 5TH GRADE GIRLS DIVISION - This ten team division was played at the Antwerp Local School. Fairview defeated Defiance in their first game and then played Crestview who defeated Tinora1. Woodlan beat Antwerp but fell to Tinora2. Hicksville beat Paulding but couldn't handle Tinora2. Fairview win in the finals 25-16.

ANTWERP SQUEAKS THROUGH 5th GRADE BOYS DIVISION - The Antwerp 5th grade boys beat Fairview while Paulding defeated Eastside. Antwerp upended a strong Paulding squad to move to the finals. Delphos Jefferson came out strong against Wayne Trace while Hicksville took out Woodlan. Jefferson beat Hicksville in a closely contested game before facing Antwerp in the finals.

PAULDING 6th GRADE GIRLS COMPLETE UNDEFEATED SEASON - The Paulding girls went through the eleven team regular season undefeated and carried the momentum right through the tournament. Paulding waited on Antwerp to defeat Fairview before taking the Archers out of the tournament. Defiance beat Ayersville but Defiance was not strong enough to take out the Lady Panthers. Hicksville beat Crestview in the lower bracket but Tinora beat up on the Lady Aces. Fairview2 upset Van Wert before bowing out at the hands of Tinora. The Tinora - Paulding game was an epic finish but the Lady Panthers won out in the end.

ANTWERP 6th GRADE BOYS COMPLETE SEASON SWEEP - The Antwerp 6th grade boys team also completed a season sweep by taking their last elementary title at the MAC Gym in the eight team division. Antwerp made it to the championship game by routing Edgerton first. Hicksville beat Delphos Jefferson but couldn't handle the Archers. Fairview beat Paulding and Wayne Trace knocked off Woodlan. It took overtime for the Raiders to beat Fairview but the Archers overpowered Wayne Trace in the finals 42-22.

Tournament season now begins with tournaments at the Antwerp School, February 13 and 20 and at the MAC Gym February 13, 27, and March 12.

All schedules can be

found on the MAC Gym website www.macgymohio.com.

PC TIGERS WIN TWO

The PC Tigers basketball team picked up two wins to finish out the month of January. The Tigers defeated Williams County 43-36 with lead scorers being Matt Wayne with 25 points and Steffon Saco with 6. Another 64-50 win was captured over Fulton County with lead scorers being Matt Wayne with 34 and Bobby Scott assisting with 10. Coach Short reported that with the Williams County game he was impressed with his team's comeback from a 3 point deficit at half time. In the Fulton County round, Coach stated, "Our home court was packed. There was a huge following for Fulton County who also brought along 6 cheerleaders. It was great to see the bleachers full in support of both teams." All players on the roster were able to have playing time in both of these games.

WAYNE TRACE HS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT SENIOR RECOGNITION

The Athletic Department at Wayne Trace Jr/Sr High School recently honored the senior members of the 2015-16 basketball team and cheerleaders along with their parents. This is the last year these students will be playing basketball and cheering at Wayne Trace. They were recognized for their dedication and perseverance. Participating in a sport involves a commitment to make it work with hours of practice, being part of a team and working together, being teachable and willing to learn from coaches, lots of bumps and bruises, and still keeping up with their academics. These young people have displayed leadership both in sports and in other areas of their lives. The support that their family and friends have given them has also been much appreciated. The late meals, extra laundry, and transportation to and from practices are just a few of the things their parents do.

CHEERLEADING:

Jessica Offerle - Jessica is the daughter of Chrissy Landrum and Steve Offerle. She has participated in cheerleading for basketball and football for the past 4 years and has been a part of the competition squad. After graduation, Jessica plans to attend the University of Toledo to obtain her doctorate in pharmacy and where she hopes to cheer for the Rockets.

BASKETBALL:

Luke Miller - Luke's parents are Craig and Kayla Miller. Luke has played three years of golf, four years of basketball, and played football his senior year. His future plan is to attend Rhodes State and become a Physical Therapy Assistant.

Cole Shepherd - Cole is the son of Dan and Heather Shepherd. His high school career includes 4 year of football, 4 years of basketball, and this spring will be his 4th year of track. Cole plans to attend college but is undecided as to where he will attend and what he will

major in.

Justin Speice - Kenny and Angie Speice are Justin's parents. Justin has been a member of both the football and the basketball team for the last 4 years. He is undecided at this time as to plans after high school.

Alec Vest - Alec is the son of Brian and Kristy Vest. Alec played Football for one year and was on the golf team for 3 years. He was also a member of the track team for one year. This is his fourth year of high school basketball. After graduation, Alec plans to attend OSU-Lima for one year and then continue his education in Columbus. At this time his major is undecided.

2016 OHSAA SOFTBALL UMPIRE TRAINING CLASS

An OHSAA approved softball umpiring course to become an OHSAA certified softball umpire is being offered by the Fifth District Umpires Ass'n starting 2/21/16.

Complete class schedule details and instructions for registering can be found in the "Baseball-Softball" section on the website: www.5thdistrictofficials.com

Anyone interested in taking this class to become an OHSAA registered softball umpire, needs more information or help in registering should contact: Ned Ewers *e-mail: ewersn@defnet.com; Phone: 419-439-6047*

PGA JUNIOR LEAGUE GOLF AT WHISPERING CREEK GC

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The deadline for registration is March 31, 2016. The regular season will run in June and July.

August will be the post-season qualifiers and section championships, followed by the regional championship in September. October will end the season with the PGA JLG National Championship.

For more information about this program or to register, please contact Tony Loudon at Whispering Creek Golf Club, 260-749-5025 or email tony.louden@whisperingcreekgc.com



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only needed five points to hit his 1000th career point, and with ease, he did this on his third field goal. The first period ended 12-13 with the Locomotives in the lead.

In the second period, the Archers posted the top points scored and was able to overtake Montpelier at the half, 27-22. One three pointer by Cole Seslar and two by Sam and two field goals by Josh Longardner was able make this possible.

The third period recorded low scores on both sides—15 total combined points. In the fourth, the game had both teams fighting very aggres-

sive for the title. Uribes, on the Loco's team, was hitting the basket quite well, making 80% of his free-throws. On the Archer side of the board, they were on the the line often with all the times they were fouled. Out of the 20 free shots, 13 were scored. The final score of the game was 54-51 with the Archers taking the game.

Score by the Quarter:

Antwerp - 12 15 7 20 = 54

Montpelier - 13 9 8 21 = 51

Scorers of the Game:

Antwerp - Williamson 22,

Jones 13, Longardner 9, Seslar

5, Poulson 3, Mills 2

Montpelier - Uribes 25,

Schuman 14, Blake 6, Rockey

2, Luke 2, Surbey 2

ANTWERP ARCHERS TRIUMPH OVER FAIRVIEW APACHES

The Lady Archers handed the Lady Apaches a loss on their home court when they met up February 4th. The Archers took down the Apaches 41 - 31.

In the first quarter, the Apaches scored well with 11 points while the Archers only scored 6, but that was the only quarter the Apaches outscoored the Archers.

Antwerp scored 10 points in the second quarter, and Fairview added another 5. Going into half time the game was tied at 16.

The Archers managed to take their score to 27 in the third and leave the Apaches a little behind, and it continued into the fourth quarter with Apaches scoring an additional 9 and Antwerp continuing their lead and adding another 14 allowing them to take the game.

Score by the Quarter:

Antwerp - 6 10 11 14 = 41

Fairview - 11 5 6 9 = 31

Game scores:

Antwerp - Cline 1, Williamson 18, Bratten 3, Recker 9, Longardner 1, Short 6, Smith 2

LADY WILDCATS TAKE DOWN THE LADY PANTHERS

In a recent match up, Delphos Jefferson Wildcats took down the Paulding Panthers 63 - 36

Score by the Quaters:

Paulding - 2 10 19 5 = 36

Delphos Jefferson - 15 18

12 18The = 63

Game scorers:

Paulding - Vogel 3, Arend 7, Hale 2, Meggison 10, Manz 2, McCullough 2, Townley 8, Moble 2

Delphos Jefferson - Stroh 1, Wallace 19, Carder 6, Miller 10, Black 10, Pimpas 6, Gorman 3, Bennet 8

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WAYNE TRACE GMC RUNNER UP/ CLEMENS EARNS FOURTH TITLE



Wayne Trace's Brandon Laney pins his Hicksville opponent at the GMC Conference meet on Saturday, February 6. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Wayne Trace placed second behind Green Meadows Conference champion Tinora on Saturday, February 6.

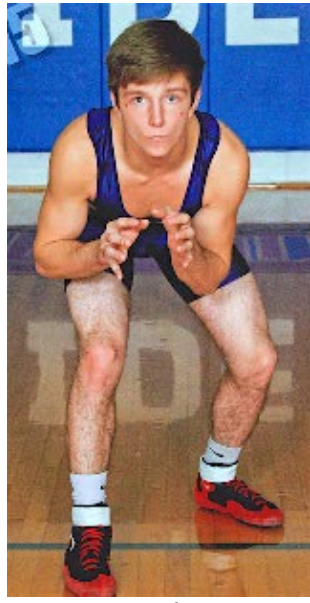
The Raiders crowned three champions, Ruger Goeltzenleuchter wrestling at 126 earned his Second conference title, pinning Hunter Retcher of Tinora 1:18 in the finals.

George Clemens, wrestling 138, became part of conference history earning his fourth title, becoming one of 12 wrestlers to ever do so.

The 138 pound weight class contained three returning champions including Clemens from 2015, Riley Heater of Fairview, and also Bailey Slattman of Tinora. Clemens defeated Slattman in the finals 14-8. With that match, Clemens concluded his career in the conference staying unbeaten by any conference wrestler from the 7th grade on. Clemens also was voted as the tournament's most outstanding wrestler. Chace Marroquin wrestling 145, also was crowned champion defeating Stefan Bowers of Tinora, 11-6.

Also placing for the Raiders was 106 Tyler Bauer 2nd, 113 Austin Smith 3rd, 152 Hunter Showalter 4th, 160 Caleb Schultz 3rd, 182 Brandon Laney 4th, 220 Braxton Asher 3rd.

Coach Clemens said, "We



George Clemens really wrestled well today, I'm proud of the job we did. To place as runner up, not having a full line up is a great accomplishment. I'm also proud of my son George. He could have chose to take the easier path, but chose one of the toughest weight classes in the tournament, and then to become the first wrestler at Wayne Trace to become a four time conference champion, and remain unbeaten in the league is plain awesome."

Team Points: Tinora 202, Wayne Trace 136, Ayersville 134, Fairview 122.5, Edgerton 104, Hicksville 40, Antwerp 35.



The Battle of the Hunters. Raider Hunter Showalter and Hunter Strickland of Antwerp compete at the GMC tournament at Fairview. Photo by Jarrison Steiner. More pictures at westbendnews.net

DELPHOS JEFFERSON WINS NWC TITLE

Defending champion, Delphos Jefferson, scored a total of 271 points to take the 2016 Northwest Conference Wrestling Championship held at Paulding High School. Bluffton finished second in the tournament with 243 points while Allen East took third at 222 points. Jefferson's title was their third overall NWC wrestling championship having previously won the league title in 2012 and 2015.

Allen East senior, Brandon Soules (152), was named Wrestler of The Year in the NWC in a vote by the coaches. Mike Wilson, of Jefferson was voted by his peers as NWC Coach of The Year.

Repeat winners from last year included Brandon Soules(AE, 152), Chase Sumner (Ada, 132) and Luke Brown (AE, 145). Bluffton led the way with 4 individual champions while Jefferson and Allen East each had 3 individual champions in the



Paulding wrestler Ben Estle pins his opponent at the NWC match on Saturday. Photo by Jarrison Steiner. More pictures at westbendnews.net

OHSAA'S COMPETITIVE BALANCE PLAN TO COMMENCE WITH NEW ENROLLMENT CYCLE IN 2017-18

Roster data in affected sports to be collected during 2016-17 school year to apply to following season

The Ohio High School Athletic Association's Competitive Balance Plan, which member schools passed through referendum vote in May 2014, will begin during the 2017-18 school year, OHSAA Commissioner Dr. Dan Ross has announced. Activating the plan in the fall of 2017 will coincide with the start of the OHSAA's next two-year enrollment cycle, and will also allow for additional time to test the roster data collection software.

Roster data in the OHSAA's six multiple-division team sports (soccer, volleyball, football, basketball, baseball and softball) will be entered into the system by schools during the 2016-17 school year and will be used when schools are placed into divisions for the 2017-18 school year using enrollment data from the Ohio Department of Education.

Initially, the OHSAA planned to collect roster data during the current 2015-16 school year and begin the plan during the 2016-17 school year.

"Waiting to implement competitive balance with the next two-year cycle makes sense and will give us more time to test the software and train our schools," Ross said.

tournament.

Individual high school champions are listed below:

106 - Ryan Woodring 10 PL; 113 - Andrew Foust 11 DJ; 120 - Lucas Freeman 10 AE; 126 - James Badial-Luna 10 BL; 132 - Chase Sumner 10 ADA; 138 - Daniel Lehmkuhle 11 DJ; 145 - Luke Brown 10 AE; 152 - Brandon Soules 12 AE; 160 - Cole Wilson 11 BL; 170 - Hunter Brinkley 11 DJ; 182 - Andrew Nichols 12 CG; 195 - Deandre Nasser 9 BL; 220 - Noah Mattson 9 ADA; 285 - Blake Sampson 12 BL

Team Standings:

VARSITY

1. Delphos Jefferson 271; 2. Bluffton 243; 3. Allen East 222; 4. Paulding 168; 5. Columbus Grove 146; 6. Ada 136; 7. Spencerville 65 8. Lincolnview 61

JUNIOR HIGH

1. Allen East 292; 2. Spencerville 214; 3. Ada 186; 4. Bluffton 146; 5. Delphos Jefferson 122; 6. Columbus Grove 116; 7. Paulding 59; Lincolnview 14

Complete results can be found at www.baumspage.com under the Northwest Conference tournament tab.

ANTWERP WRESTLING COMPETES @ GMC



Antwerp's Owen Miller attempts to subdue his Hicksville competition. Photo by Jarrison Steiner. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Antwerp High School wrestling team recently competed in GMC Championships at Fairview High School on February 6, 2016. 3 of the 7 Archer wrestlers were able to place in the top 4 of their respective weight classes. Placing 4th at 145 pounds was junior Logan Shaner. Finishing 3rd on the day with a 1-1 record was freshman Aidan McAlexander at 106 pounds.

Placing 1st and capturing his first GMC title was senior Justice Clark in the 170 pound weight class. Clark was able to close the deal after finishing runner up at the GMC tournament the last 2 years. Clark also becomes only the 2nd Antwerp wrestler to ever capture a GMC Tournament title. The sectional tournament is in Archbold on February 19 - 20.

2 NH WRESTLERS MOVE ONTO SEMI STATE



Nick Potter and Owen Doster move on from the Carroll Regional. Photo by Melissa Amstutz

The IHSAA regional wrestling tournament recently took place at Carroll High School. New Haven wrestlers participated in this event. New Haven succeeded in

sending two wrestlers on to semi state competition after this day's regional competition.

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Historically, the size of a school's enrollment was the only factor in determining its tournament divisional assignment. The Competitive Balance Plan, which will affect all schools (public and non-public) in those selected sports, will add additional modifying factors to enrollment counts based on each sport-specific roster and is dependent upon where the student's parents reside for public school students and/or the educational system history for non-public school students.

The OHSAA's Competitive Balance Committee was formed in 2010 in response to a growing number of public

schools that believed many non-public schools had an unfair advantage in post-season tournaments due to the larger geographic area from which non-public schools draw and the concern that the number of state championships won by non-public schools is much higher than the percentage of non-public schools within the OHSAA membership. The OHSAA believes that public and non-public schools should participate in tournaments together and that non-public schools should not be placed into separate divisions or tournaments. That position was affirmed by the majority of member school principals in the 2014 referendum vote.

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WOODLAN OVERTAKES TO TAKE WIN



Woodlan Junior Austin Fancher had a great night at this game, adding three points to his total. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Woodlan hosted the South Adams Starfires on Wednesday, February 4. The game was good for the Woodlan boys. The game was tagged early with a 1st quarter lead by the Starfires. The first period ended with Woodlan in chasing the leader 21-16. The second period wasn't any better when the Warriors finished it down by 2 points and the half ended 36-29. The second half of the game was very interesting. Three out of four quarters South Adams lead the game. The third period was no different. By the time West Bend News arrived for pictures the game began to change course. They turned the game around to the point where the Starfires weren't shining anymore. With only four points being

scored in the last period, the game fell apart and the home team took advantage. Coach David Randall was directing the team to make a difference. The Starfires only added 4 points in the last period, while the Warriors posted 21. It was enough for the home team to change the course and they took the win, 61-66. Score by the Quarter: South Adams - 21 15 19 4 = 61 Woodlan - 16 13 16 21 = 66 Scorers of the Game: South Adams - Clouser 4, Teeter 12, Myers 22, Nussbaum 2, Fike 2, Grabeau 19 Woodlan - Biggs 4, Fancher 16, Schwartz 8, Weiss 7, Krahn 9, Hahn 14, Gerig 4, Williams 2 More Pictures at westbendnews.net

PANTHERS TAKE DOWN ACES IN CLOSE MATCH



Paulding's Senior Jarrett Sitton fouls Hicksville's Mason Hostetler as they both attempt the rebound. More pictures at westbendnews.net



Paulding's Lucas Hanenkratt scores three points against the Aces. More pictures at westbendnews.net

This year the Hicksville boys' team traveled to Paulding for the annual matchup. With Hicksville's injured players, could they possibly win against Paulding's team? The stadium was packed with fans from both sides at this event. The contest ended up being very close throughout most of the game. Paulding led most, if not all, of the second half, but there were times Hicksville had the game within their grasp. The first period Paulding's Corbin Edwards easily made six points with 3 field goals. It's to be noticed there were quite a few fouls by the Aces sending Marcus Miller, Ethan Rhonhouse, Preston Ingolf and Alex Arellano all to the line. On the Hicksville side, only Jake Greer went to the foul line. Travis Lysaght nailed two baskets along with Jake Greer - both topped the points in the first period, ending 16-12 with Paulding in the lead. In the second quarter, Hicksville turned their short difference, outscoring the Panthers on 14-19. Three point baskets pulled the time period with Logan Thiel scoring two of those, Harvey and Teal each adding another. One the home side of the court, Preston Johanns nailed his second three point basket. The game was getting very exciting at this point. Paulding kept the lead until the clock was nearly out when Hicksville was able to drain several from the cheap seats and the game had a one point difference with the Aces stealing the lead from the Panthers 30-31. The second half of the game gave Paulding the momentum it needed to finish the game, making fans happy. Third period the Panthers spread their points across eight players with Jarrett Sitton topping the list after two buckets and a foul shot. This was also the first points added to the stat sheet by Nathan Gee and Lucas Hanenkratt. Payton Tunis topped the third for the Aces. Jake Greer nailed his first three point-

er for the game. This period finished with Paulding in the lead by 9 points 54-45. You might think the game was about done at this point with Paulding having all the energy in the third. Not the case! Hicksville turned the game around and even tied it all up. The Aces scored an incredible 23 points to Paulding's 17, but it wasn't enough to win. The game finished very close with Paulding in the lead, 71-68. Score by the Quarter:

Paulding: 16 14 24 17 = 71
Hicksville: 12 19 14 23 = 68
Scorers of the Game: Paulding - Edwards 16, Arellano 16, Sitton 9, Ingolf 6, Rhonhouse 6, Johanns 6, Hanenkratt 3, Miller 3, Gee 2, Brewer 2, Harder 2
Hicksville - Thiel 20, Tunis 17, Greer 13, Harvey 7, Lysaght 4, Tear 3, Hostetler 2, Thiel 2
More pictures at westbendnews.net

LADY RAIDERS DEFEAT RAMS



Sophomore Gracie Gudakunst sinks a 3 point basket early in the game, assisting in a fantastic personal game score. More pictures at westbendnews.net

From the beginning, the Palace match involving the Lady Raiders and the Lady Rams saw the home team taking the lead. With three pointers by Gracie Gudakunst and field goals by the Mohr and Mead, the Raider stole an early lead. In the second period, the points reversed themselves and the Tinora girls were eager to take the lead. Gina Norden could not be stopped and the half ended at 24-25 and the Rams took the lead by one point. The second half was super exciting for the Raider crew when they scored an amazing 31 points. This was the highest score I've seen from the home team in one period. Courtney Mead was on fire and so was Danae Myers from under

the basket—the team had 31 points to Tinora's 13. This was the period that sealed the deal for this home game. The fourth period continued to be good for the Lady Raiders. They finished 68-48, the Raiders winning the match. Score by the Quarter: Wayne Trace - 14 10 31 13 = 68 Tinora - 10 15 13 8 = 46 Scorers of the Game: Wayne Trace - Mead 18, Gudakunst 16, Myers 16, Mohr 10, S Sinn 6, Wannemacher 2 Tinora - Norden 17, Zipfel 9, Wilkerson 8, Helberg 3, Harris 6, Wagner 2, Schliesser 1. More pictures at westbendnews.net

RAIDERS HUNT DOWN THE RAMS

The Raiders Ball team travelled to the Tinora Court for a match on Friday, February 5. The Rams (11-7) are known for having a powerful sports program and could have given the Raiders (11-8) a run for their money. The Raiders took an early and strong lead. This carried through the first period, ending 23-14. The second period was just as good, or bad, depending on the side of the gym you were on! For the Raiders, Luke Miller and Ethan Linder each hit 3- 3 point baskets in this game.

The half ended 43-27 with Wayne Trace cleaning up. The third period was the best for Tinora with 20 points, but still not where the Raiders were. Brady Stabler, in this game scored 5, and Alec Vest hit 6 field goals. Finally, the Rams were put out of their misery by the Raiders when the game ended, 85-56. Score by the Quarter: WT - 23 20 22 20 = 85 Tinora - 14 13 20 9 = 56 Scorers of the Game: WT - Linder 34, Miller 15, Stabler 13, Vest 12, E Sinn 5, Shepherd 4, Kuhn 2 Tinora - Renollet 17, Bailey 16, Anders 11, Drewes 4, Bumb 4, Grube 4

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LOW SCORING GAMES GOES TO FAIRVIEW



Fairview's Luke Breininger scores a basket from the free-throw line with only seconds left on the clock.

The Antwerp Archers hosted the Fairview Apaches on Friday, February 5 in boys basketball. The game was low scoring throughout. The first period was 9-3 with Josh Longardner the only scorer for Antwerp; in this same time Matthew Kozumplick was the top for Fairview with 2- 3-point baskets. The second period was better for Antwerp when they scored 12 points with Sam Williamson getting into his groove. Matt Jones also scored a 3 point basket at this time along with Josh Pouslon hitting 2 points. On the Apache side, Kozumplick was still hitting 3 point baskets. I'm not sure what would happen to the Sherwood team if Matthew wasn't there. The half ended 17-15 with Fairview having the small lead. This second half began with Antwerp only scoring 4 points. Two points by Trey Mills and 2 by Longardner. This was one of Josh's best games. Fairview didn't do much better since all

the points were by Justin Smith - five to be exact. The fourth period was a great time for the Apaches. They scored 13. Though Antwerp did well when they were within two points of taking the lead. Due to Antwerp's fouls, Fairview was able to add more points to their game. The game ended 35 to 28 by the time running out. Fairview took the conference win. Score by the Quarter: Antwerp: 3 12 4 9 = 28 Fairview: 9 8 5 13 = 35 Scorers of the Game: Antwerp - Longardner 10, Williamson 8, Jones 6, Mills 2, Poulson 2 Fairview - Kozumplick 18, Smith 10, Schiefert 3, Breninger 2; Eisel 2 The Archers now stand at 9-10 (1-5 in the conference). The Apaches closed the game at 8-11 (4-2 in the conference) More pictures at westbendnews.net

DOUBLE OVERTIME ENDS WITH CRESTVIEW VICTORY

Following the Raiders pounding of Tinora they travelled to Convoy against another very tough team. This game was fought hard on both sides of the court and high scores to prove it. The first period each team scored 18 points. The Raiders went into the game knowing the Knights had a good record (13-5). Ethan Linder was off to a good start with help

from Luke Miller, Cole Shepherd, and Eli Sinn. The second quarter the Raiders outscored the home team by two and finished the half—still close—at 29-27. Now, the third period set the Wayne Trace boys up pretty well. The boys offense looked good and the defense held the Knights away from the basket. The third period finished, 50-41. The fourth period wasn't pretty. This is where momentum left Wayne Trace and made its home in Convoy. The Knights added 28 points on the board, outscoring the Raiders by 9, to tie the game up at 69. The first overtime also tied the game at 76. The second overtime, Crestview took the win with Wayne Trace only adding 1. The game finished, 77-82. Score by the Quarter: Wayne Trace - 18 11 21 19 71=77 Crestview - 18 9 14 28 76=82 Scorers of the Game: Wayne Trace - Stabler 3, Miller 13, E Sinn 13, Shepherd 10, Linder 28, Vest 6, Speice 4 Crestview - Lautzenheiser 35, Etzler 16, Mefferd 21, Rosten 2, Sheets 6, Richardson 2

ANOTHER CLOSE GAME FOR PANTHERS

The Panthers hit the road on Saturday, February 8 heading to Liberty Center. The boys entered the basketball game with a 9-9 record. The non-conference game began with Liberty Center taking the lead with Zach Carpenter hitting 5 field goals right from the start. On the Panther side of the court Alex Arellano scored 8 with two of them being foul shots. The first period ended 12-16 with the Tigers owning the board. The second period is probably when the Tigers to the game, scoring 14 to Paulding's 8. At this time only four field goals were scored. The half time score was 20-30. The second half of the game was much brighter for Paulding when in the third period they held Liberty Center at bay and scored 17 points while the Tigers only added 11. Corbin Edwards earned five of the points while Nathan Gee added his first points to the board along with Lucas Hanenkratt nailing a three point basket. The fourth period was very close—to the point Paulding almost took the game. They out-scored Liberty 8-7 but they needed three more to tie. The game finished 45-48. Scores by Quarter: Paulding: 12 8 17 8 = 45 Liberty Center: 16 14 11 7 = 48 Scorers of the Game: Paulding - Edwards 7, Gee 4, Hanenkratt 3, Rhonehouse 2, Arellano 22, Sitton 7 Liberty Center - Studer 4, Sancholtz 8, Chambus 2, Graber 11, Carpenter 21, Smith 2

PANTHERS FALL IN CLOSE GAME TO DJ

The Paulding boys basketball team took on another hot competitor in the NWC on Friday, February 5. This time it was the Wildcats from Delphos. Both teams were hot on their feet. The first period ended 18-19. Alex Arellano was the top score this period followed by Marcus Miller with two field goals. The second period was just as close with Alex continuing

to top the Paulding personal scores. Jarrett Sitton entered the score for the first time in this period too. The second half was just as close, this time though in the fourth period Paulding was tops. They scored 12 to the Wildcats 9. The game was close but Delphos won 58-56. Score by the Quarter: Paulding - 18 15 11 12 = 56 Delphos Jefferson - 19 17 13 9 = 58 Scorers of the Game: Paulding - Arellano 17, Sitton 12, Gee 10, Edwards 8, Miller 5, Rhonehouse 5 Delphos Jefferson - Hicks 15, Stockwell 13, Temen 11, Smith 8, Reiss 5, Aver 4, Wallace 2

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VAN WERT GIRLS BASKETBALL TAKE ON CELINA

The Lady Cougars were taken down on their home court by the Lady Bulldogs Thursday, February 4th. Celina Bulldogs took down Van Wert Cougars 43 - 31. Score by the Quarter: Van Wert - 6 8 5 12 = 31 Celina - 14 12 10 7 = 43 Game Scorers: Van Wert - Meyers 3, Ally Jackson 4, Nicolai 3, Abby Jackson 4, Shaffer 2, Magowan 4, Priest 7 Celina - Mooramn 2, Heiby 3, Berry 12, Dennis 8, McGillvary 3, Stahl 15

LADY RAIDERS TAKE DOWN THE LADY RAMS

When the Lady Raiders took on the Lady Rams recently, the game started out close with the score being 24 - 25 in favor of the Rams. The second quarter was another story with the Raiders scoring 31 points in the third quarter alone. Once the Raiders took the lead, the Rams just couldn't seem to catch up, allowing the Raiders to take the game 68 - 46. Taking their season record to 17 - 3 and 5 - 1 in the GMC while Tinora dropped their season record to 7 - 12 and 3 - in the GMC. Score by the Quarter: Wayne Trace - 14 10 31 13 = 68 Tinora - 10 15 13 8 = 46 Game scorers: Wayne Trace - Wannemacher 2, Mohr 10, Sinn 6, Gudakunst 16, Mead 18, Myers 16 Tinora - Schliesser 1, Harris 6, Zipfel 9, Norden 17, Wagner 2, Wilkerson 8, Helberg 3

LADY RAIDERS TRAMPLE OVER CONTINENTAL

High School girls basketball saw Wayne Trace at Continental on Tuesday, February 2nd. Wayne Trace began the game slow giving Continental the upper hand in the first half. The second half was all Lady Raiders giving them enough to close a victory on the visitors' court: 66-32

SITTON SIGNS LETTER OF INTENT FOR FINDLAY



In the picture: Head Coach Tyler Arend, parents Kelly and Martin Evans. Signing is Jarrett Sitton

Score by the Quarter: Wayne Trace - 2 5 10 18 13=66 Continental - 8 6 10 8=32 JV Scores - Wayne Trace 35, Continental 24 Scorers of the Game: Wayne Trace - Mohr 25, S Sinn 8, Gudakunst 7, Myers 5, B Sinn 8, Torman 3, E Sinn 6, Shepherd 2, Stoller 2 Continental - Lawhorn 11, Homier 3, Army 4, Teegenkamp 4, Logan 8, Sharp 2 Records - Wayne Trace 16-3, Continental 1-17

NHEG WELCOMES RADIO HOST PRISCILENA SHEARON

The New Heights Educational Group (NHEG) welcomes Priscilena Shearon from Clarksville, Tennessee, who will host her first recorded Internet show at the end of March. Ms. Shearon's show will air live weekly on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. CST/2:00 p.m. EST; NHEG's other broadcasts as part of "The New Heights Show on Education" are mostly live. Ms. Shearon's show will delve further into Common Core myths and realities. Ms. Shearon is new to radio, but she isn't new to volunteering; she has been volunteering with NHEG since October of 2015. This is the eighth show started by NHEG in three years. The shows have had over 1,800 listeners per year. Kathy Woodring hosts a history-related show that

airs the first Sunday of each month from 11:00 to 11:30 p.m.; Briana Dincher hosts a multi-topic show that airs every Friday from 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.; and Shannon Williamson hosts a pre-recorded show in which she shares a story with her audience once a week. NHEG looks forward to expanding its listening audience and welcoming a new host. For more information, email NewHeightsEducation@yahoo.com, call 419-786-0247 or <http://www.NewHeightsEducation.org/new-heights-radio.html>.

OSHA 10-HOUR COURSE GENERAL INDUSTRY

Van Wert Chamber of Commerce will host a 10 hour course given by BWC Safety Consultants on General Industry. The class will be held February 23 & 24, 2016, from 7:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. • Must attend complete class to receive the OSHA card • Refreshment will be provided • Upon completion, attendees will receive an OSHA 10-hour card from the BWC Classes will be held at Vantage Career Center, 818 N. Franklin Street, Van Wert, Ohio, in the Community Room. For more information contact Grace Gonzales 419 - 227 - 4006.

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Ann's Bright Beginnings recently studied the letter "F"! We made flowers, French fries and we also finger painted! We also made a Feet and Finger Friend Flower! What Fantastic Fun!

JEHANE HOAGLAND NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST AT MVNU

Jehane Hoagland has been named to the dean's list for the 2015 fall semester at Mount Vernon Nazarene University. The dean's list includes all students who carried a minimum of 12 credit hours and have maintained a grade point average of 3.5 or above for the semester.

Hoagland is a freshman and is a 2015 graduate of Wayne Trace High School, and the daughter of Rev. Jonathan & Dorothy Hoagland.

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WAYNE TRACE JR/SR HIGH BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 2/10 - 2/16

Breakfast:
 2/10 - Mini pancakes, sausage, juice/fruit, milk
 2/11 - Cheese omelet, toast, juice/fruit, milk
 2/12 - Cinnamon roll, juice/fruit, milk
 2/15 - No school, Presidents' Day
 2/16 - Egg/cheese muffin, juice/fruit, milk
Lunch:
 2/10 - Macaroni & cheese, peanut butter & jelly sandwich, broccoli & cheese, California blend, assorted canned & fresh fruit,

milk; PLUS: Chef salad, Pizza sub OR Pretzel w/cheese & salad bar

2/11 - Chicken alfredo, green beans, cooked carrots, dinner roll w/margarine, cheese stick, assorted juices, assorted canned & fresh fruit, milk; PLUS: Chef salad, Pizza sub OR Breaded chicken sandwich & salad bar

2/12 - Cheese bosco sticks, romaine lettuce salad w/dressing, green beans, assorted canned & fresh fruit, milk; PLUS: Chef salad, Pizza sub OR Cheeseburger sandwich & salad bar

2/15 - No school, Presidents' Day

2/16 - Hot dog sandwich, baked beans, baked chips, corn, assorted juices, assorted canned & fresh fruit, milk; PLUS: Chef salad, Pizza sub OR Breaded chicken sandwich & salad bar

WT PAYNE, GH & DIVINE MERCY SCHOOLS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 2/10 - 2/16

Breakfast:
 2/10 - Mini pancakes, sausage, juice/fruit, milk
 2/11 - Cheese omelet, toast, juice/fruit, milk
 2/12 - Mini cinnamon/apple bosco stick, juice/fruit, milk
 2/15 - No school, Presidents' Day
 2/16 - Egg & cheese muffin, juice/fruit, milk
Lunch:
 2/10 - Macaroni & cheese, peanut butter & jelly sandwich, broccoli & cheese, carrot sticks, fruit, milk
 2/11 - Chicken alfredo, green beans, corn, dinner roll w/margarine, fruit, milk
 2/12 - Cheese bosco sticks, romaine lettuce salad w/dressing, cooked carrots, fruit, milk

2/15 - No school, Presidents' Day

2/16 - Hot dog sandwich, baked beans, baked chips, corn, fruit, milk

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS 2/10 - 2/16

2/10 - Cheeseburger on bun, sweet potato fries, orange smiles, milk; PLUS: Salad bar

2/11 - Mini corn dogs, green beans, pears, milk; PLUS: Salad bar

2/2 - Pepperoni pizza, carrots w/dip, applesauce, milk; PLUS: Salad bar

2/15 - No school, Presidents' Day

2/16 - Chicken nuggets, baked fries, peaches, milk; PLUS: Salad bar

PEVS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 2/10 - 2/16

Jr/Sr High - Breakfast:
 2/10 - Ham & cheese bread, juice/fruit, milk

2/11 - Cinnamon rolls, juice/fruit, milk

2/12 - No school, conferences

2/15 - No school, Presidents' Day

2/16 - Pancake sausage wrap, juice/fruit, milk

Jr/Sr High - Lunch:
 2/10 - Cheeseburger OR Breaded chicken w/bun, oven potatoes; Toppings: onions, pickles, tomato slices & banana peppers, fruit, milk

2/11 - Cheese lasagna w/sauce, lettuce salad w/dressing, garlic toast OR Big daddy pizza slice, seasoned corn, fruit, milk

2/12 - No school, conferences

2/15 - No school, Presidents' Day

2/16 - Buffalo or reg. popcorn chicken salad, tomatoes, dressing, cheese bread OR Assorted entree items, pickle slices, oven fries, fruit, milk

Paulding Elementary - Breakfast:
 2/10 - Burrito, fruit/ juice, milk

2/11 - Muffin, cheese stick, fruit/juice, milk

2/12 - No school, conferences

2/15 - No school, Presidents' Day

2/16 - Pancakes, juice/ fruit, milk

Paulding Elementary - Lunch:
 2/10 - Pancakes w/sausage, hash brown, tomato juice, fruit, milk

2/11 - Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes w/gravy, bread, fresh veggies, fruit, milk

2/12 - No School, conferences

2/15 - No school, Presidents' Day

2/16 - Corn dog, baked beans, fresh veggies, fruit snacks, fruit, milk

Oakwood Elementary - Breakfast:
 2/10 - Breakfast pizza, juice or fruit, milk

2/11 - Breakfast burrito, juice or fruit, milk

2/12 - No school, conferences

2/15 - No school, Presidents' Day

2/16 - Powdered donuts, juice or fruit, milk

Oakwood Elementary - Lunch:
 2/10 - WG cheese bread stick w/marinara, green beans, fruit, milk

2/11 - Sloppy joe w/WG bun, California blend, celery stix, fruit, milk

2/12 - No school, conferences

2/15 - No school, Presidents' Day

2/16 - Mini WG pancakes, sausage patty, celery stix, carrot stix, fruit, milk

USDA SEEKS PROPOSALS FOR MARKET-BASED WETLAND PROTECTION SYSTEMS

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced the establishment of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Wetland Mitigation Banking Program, made possible by the 2014 Farm Bill. Through the program, NRCS will provide \$9 million to help states, local governments or other qualified partners develop wetland mitigation banks that restore, create, or enhance wetland ecosystems, broadening the conservation options available to farmers and ranchers so they can maintain eligibility for other USDA programs.

"Over the past seven years, USDA has worked with private landowners to enroll a record number of acres in conservation practices, and we are seeing significant reductions in nutrient runoff and greenhouse gas emissions. Wetland Mitigation Banks will give farmers and ranchers more conservation options so they can find the best solution for their land and circumstances, and produce even more results," Vilsack said.

Wetland mitigation banking is a market-based approach that involves restoring, creating, or enhancing wetlands in one place to compensate for unavoidable impacts to wetlands at another location. Wetland mitigation banking is commonly used to compensate for wetland impacts from development, but can also be used to offset impacts from agriculture. A small number of banks have been developed in the U.S. specifically to assist agriculture, and the mitigation banks established under this program will be used to help agricultural producers who need to mitigate wetland losses to maintain eligibility for USDA programs.

NRCS is seeking applications from eligible third-parties to develop wetland mitigation banks, or modify existing banks to better serve agricultural producers. These third-parties include federally recognized Indian tribes; state and local units of government; for-profit entities; and nongovernmental organizations.

The maximum award provided through this announcement is up to \$1 million. This funding may be used to cover the administrative and technical costs associated with the development of a wetland mitigation bank or banking program. Funding may not be used to purchase an easement or any other interest in land.

Partners will develop, operate, and manage the wetlands mitigation banks with technical oversight from NRCS, and will market mitigation credits to farmers and ranchers. Credits must be made available to producers within two years after the agreement is signed.

NRCS is prioritizing funding to locations that have a significant known wetland compliance workload. These

PAULDING ELEMENTARY LEARN ABOUT MOTION



The fifth grade students at Paulding Elementary have been learning about motion. They created marble roller coasters that would bring the marble down with the slowest amount of time. Many factors like gravity, force, and friction had to be considered in building their "slow" coaster. Shown with their coaster are fifth graders Alejandro Hernandez and Zane Gribble.

SCIENCE CENTRAL OF FORT WAYNE VISITS OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY



The third grade students at Oakwood Elementary School recently were visited by Science Central of Fort Wayne. They watched and participated in demonstrations and experiments on the three states of matter. Here Emma Elkins is experimenting with gases to inflate a balloon.

GROVER HILL FIRST GRADERS WORK ON SENSES



Mrs. Tammy Nouza's first graders at Grover Hill Elementary completed a mini-unit on senses. They participated in a popcorn sensory observation as the final part of this unit. Students used their senses to describe what popcorn sounds like, smells like, looks like, feels like, and tastes like. Each child recorded what they observed and then enjoyed some popcorn to snack on!

locations include the Prairie Pothole Region, California Vernal Pool Region, Nebraska Rainwater Basin Region, and other areas that have significant numbers of wetlands compliance requests. Priority will also be given to applications based on the speed with which mitigation credits can be made available to agricul-

ture producers. USDA is now accepting project proposals for this program. Proposals are due to NRCS before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on March 28, 2016. The announcement and associated forms for this funding opportunity can be found at www.grants.gov.

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PAULDING 21ST CENTURY AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM LEARNS ABOUT THE WATER CYCLE



Pictured here left to right is Jordan and Jalen Manz participating in the incredible journey through the water cycle.

Submitted by: Staci Miller, Education Specialist, Paulding SWCD

Recently, Paulding Elementary 21st century afterschool program had the opportunity to learn about the water cycle. Staci Miller, Education Specialist with Paulding Soil and Water Conservation was the speaker for this program. The presentation began with an open discussion and review of how the water cycle works. The students identified the different forms of precipitation. Then, they discussed the amount of fresh water we have on the Earth and how we can conserve water at our homes and at school. Students talked about the different bodies of water, such as oceans that cover 71% of the earth, as well as lakes and rivers. The students then watched a short video about the water cycle and how it works. After the video, the students were transformed into water droplets. It was time for them to go on an incredible journey through the water cycle by visiting different stations. The incredible journey is a hands-on learning experience for students. Prior to the activity, the students were given a water cycle sheet for them to document their travel to and from the nine different

stations. They were also given a pipe cleaner that would be used as a bracelet at the end of the activity. The students would collect different colored beads as they move throughout the different stations of the water cycle. The students had 20 minutes to visit up to nine different stations. These stations included: groundwater, ocean, lake, river, animal, plant, cloud, soil and glacier. The students were divided into groups and each group started at a different station. The students grabbed a colored bead to start their bracelet then they rolled the cube and followed the directions to either move to another station or stay there for another roll. The students recorded their journey as they moved from different bodies of water and clouds. The students had to use critical thinking to understand how they traveled through the water cycle. At the end of the exercise, the students worked together to understand how they moved from clouds to the ocean, for example. Each student went home with their very own bracelet. The students were then given a water cycle word search to complete. It was a very fun experience for the kids to actually travel through the water cycle like a water droplet.

PAYNE KINDERGARTEN LEARN ABOUT PLANTS



Students in Miss Hughes' KB Kindergarten class at Payne Elementary have been learning about plants' needs and how they grow. In this picture students are standing by their class partner for a flower research project that they worked on together. They wrote about facts that they had learned throughout the week about their flower and also ways that their flower looked and the things that flowers need to grow.

MVNU & NTS COLLABORATE ON REFORMATION 500th ANNIVERSARY TRIP

Mount Vernon Nazarene University and Nazarene Theological Seminary will co-host a trip to the main Protestant Reformation sites in Germany and Switzerland in 2017. The trip, which takes place May 8-17, 2017, coincides with the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation which swept through Europe in the 16th century.

Sites and cities to be visited include Berlin; Wittenberg, where Luther famously nailed the 95 Theses to the All Saints Castle Church door; Johann Sebastian Bach's birthplace in Eisenach; the Gutenberg Museum in Mainz; Geneva and Zurich in Switzerland where Calvin and Zwingli, among others, ministered and many more.

Dr. Jeanne Orjala Serrão, Dean of MVNU's School of Theology and Philosophy, commented, "We are so excited to be able to offer this trip on the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation, an extremely significant event that changed European religious and cultural history forever! This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to visit Germany and Switzerland as we learn more about this period of time and its effect on modern religion and culture."

Although this is an academic trip led by MVNU and NTS faculty with undergraduate and graduate classes available for credit and audit, it is open to alumni, pastors, and friends of both institutions.

Dr. Carla Sunberg, NTS President, added "NTS is pleased to join with MVNU on this historic trip. For years students and friends of NTS have combined their passion for travel and study as we explore the ways in which our faith has been shaped throughout history."

Details, registration form, and a full itinerary can be found online at www.mvnu.edu/reformation.

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DONNELLY'S "CHASING FAROE" OPENS AT SCHNORMEIER GALLERY

Mount Vernon Nazarene University art professor, John Donnelly, recently completed over 1,000 works of art as part of the "Chasing Faroe Series" exhibit which is currently on display at Schnormeier Gallery, 221 S. Main St. in Mount Vernon, and runs through March 16.

"Chasing Faroe: An Expedition in Painting" is a series of "oil painted works on paper, wood and wool, which speak to the pursuit of the transient nature of a place or an event in life." According to Donnelly's artist statement, his works, "document



Dear Miss C,

Right now I am with my first girlfriend, but I think I want to break up with her. I like her and everything because she is really special, but it's just not working. I think we are better friends. What should I do?

—Super Brad

Dear Super Brad,

Breaking up is hard to do, trust me... they even made a song about it. But seriously, it's even harder when it is someone that you like and it is the first time you have had such a close relationship. Before I say anything else, know—it will hurt but you will meet other people and fall in love again. You should expect to feel sad, so:

Step 1) Prepare yourself. Think it through, because you need to prepare yourself to permanently end a relationship. Never break up with someone unless you are okay with the chance that you may never get back together...even if you change your mind, it could be too late. You also need to

prepare yourself for the possibility that she might be too hurt to stay friends (at least for a while).

Step 2) It's time to break the news. There will never be a perfect time to break up with a person that you love but you should not have this conversation over text, email, or phone. If you have real feelings for this person, you owe it to her to discuss this face to face. Do not break up in the middle of a fight because you may end up saying things you will come to regret. Don't surprise her by just blurting out your desire to break up. Take her aside and tell her, "I want to talk about something..." During the conversation, use a lot of "I" statements. These type of statements allow communication of your feelings with out blame or judgement. "I want to take some time apart" not "You want to spend too much time together." Or "I need to think about the future" not "We are not going anywhere." But honesty is key.

Everyone deserves to be told the truth, but make sure you choose your words carefully. Once you put a word out there, there is no taking it back. If there is something really wrong with your relationship, for example having different values and interests, share this! Reinforce the positive, tell her that you care about her. I know it is a cliché, but suggest staying friends. Again, she may not be ready for that right away, but expressing your hope is still important in both of your healing processes. But don't call, text and email on a regular basis once the break up is over, it really just sends mixed messages (which makes moving on very difficult).

And finally, I would call it step 3, but it is really an ongoing process... take time to heal and grow. Spend time with friends and family. Learn from your relationship!

With Many Blessings,
—Miss C

PAULDING ELEMENTARY 21ST CENTURY AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM TAKE FIELD TRIP TO MARCO'S PIZZA



Paulding Elementary's 21st Century after school program recently enjoyed a career exploration field trip to Marco's Pizza. Mr. Derek Cheek gave the students a tour of the facility, explained his job responsibilities and how they relate to math and technology. Our program thanks the staff at Marco's for their hospitality and generosity! The 21st Century program is in its first year at Paulding Elementary and currently has 41 students attending for homework help, tutoring, and mentoring.

the memory of travel, or the imagining of a new destination on the line that divides the heavens and earth seemingly within our grasp yet unreachable."

Funding was made possible through grants from the MVNU sabbatical grant, The Clipperton Project, and The Vermont Studio Center.

An artist lecture on "Sea Stacks, Sheep, Whales and God" will be held on Thursday, February 11, at 7:00 p.m., at Schnormeier Gallery. The gallery is open to the public Monday through Friday, noon to 4:30 p.m., and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

For more information visit <http://www.mvnu.edu/art>.

LATTA SUPPORTS BANKING LEGISLATION TO PREVENT EXECUTIVE ACTIONS LIKE OPERATION CHOKE POINT

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) voted in support of H.R. 766, the Financial Institution Customer Protection Act of 2016.

"For too long, the Obama Administration has abused

its executive power by going around Congress to advance its own political agenda. One glaring example of this is Operation Choke Point, an Administration effort to prohibit entire industries from having access to financial services and depository institutions," said Latta. "However, many legitimate businesses, including local gun and ammunition stores, have been shut out of the banking industry as a result of this unconstitutional executive overreach. H.R. 766, of which I am a cosponsor, represents a bipartisan effort to address these concerns and protect small businesses by preventing federal banking agencies from abusing executive power."

H.R. 766 was passed by the House of Representatives by a vote of 250-169. This legislation would prohibit a federal banking agency from suggesting, requesting, or ordering a depository institution to terminate a specific customer account or a group of customer accounts unless the agency has a material reason to do so and the reason is not based solely on reputation risk. It would require the federal banking agency to provide a depository institution with written justification for terminating or restricting a customer account, unless it was based upon a belief that those customers pose a threat to national security.

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DAVE HEINE ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE



Life long East Allen County resident, Dave Heine, declared his candidacy to run for election in the May primary for State Representative.

With the support of family, friends, citizens and area business leaders, Heine formally filed his paperwork at the Secretary of State's office in Indianapolis.

"I am excited to have officially filed my declaration to be a candidate for House District 85 today. I have been humbled and overwhelmed by the support and encouragement that has been shown so far prior to officially filing. I am a farmer, businessman and family man, not a career politician. I want to serve the people, businesses and farming community by listening to, representing, and voting based on our values in District 85," Heine said.

During his career, Heine has demonstrated upstanding work ethic, leadership and responsibility.

He has been a strong advocate for limited and efficient government, economic development, and upholding conservative values. His experiences can relate with the people of District 85.

"I will work hard to provide the citizens and businesses of the district high levels of service they deserve, and to create an environment that encourages business growth and retaining jobs," Heine said.

Heine is also committed to promoting quality education, safety of citizens, protecting 2nd amendment rights and the right to life.

"The future of our children and grandchildren depend on electing a leader that will fight for the citizens and businesses of District 85 using a common sense conservative approach."

Dave Heine, currently owns and operates a family farm in New Haven as well working in the building materials industry. During his 28-year career with Do It Best Corp., Dave served as Vice President and

Corporate Officer Dave has served the community in numerous roles including; Board and Vice Chairman of the Lutheran Foundation, Board of Big Brothers Big Sisters of

Northeast Indiana, School Board and Chairman of Central Lutheran School, Church Council and Chairman various Boards over 35 years at Emanuel Lutheran Church, Precinct Committeeman, Chairman New Haven Republican Committee, multiple youth sport coaching roles and more. Dave has been married to his wife, Tammy, for 35 years. They have three children and two grandchildren. Dave and Tammy are lifelong members of Emanuel Lutheran Church in New Haven. For more information about Dave's campaign, please visit www.daveforstaterep.com and follow him on Twitter: @daveforstaterep and on Facebook: www.facebook.com/daveforstaterep

NINTH ANNUAL OHIO HAS TALENT! RETURNS TO NISWONGER PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

The ninth annual Ohio Has Talent! competition returns to the Niswonger Performing Arts Center in Van Wert on Saturday, March 5, at 7 p.m.

The show helps the Community Health Professionals Hospice patient care. This year's show features 18 local and regional performers competing to get the most audience votes.

Ohio Has Talent! 2016 contestants:

Awakened Commotion - is a pop a cappella singing group from Hardin Northern High School in Dola, Ohio. Last year, they placed third at Ohio Has Talent! and first at the Ohio FFA Convention Talent Show. The group was chosen to compete in the talent competition at the National FFA Convention in Louisville, KY this year.

Gabe Bailey - an eighth grade student from Berne, Ind., plays drums, piano, and guitar and performs in coffee shops, summer festivals and other venues.

Courtney Bettinger and **Bobby Klosterman** - duet singers from Coldwater High School. Bettinger is part of the soccer and swim teams. Klosterman is active in National Honor Society, drama, band, show choir, symphonic choir, cross country, and track.

Morgan Bland - a junior at Hicksville High School. She has played violin for nearly 10 years and is first violinist in the Fort Wayne Philharmonic Youth Symphony. She has participated in the Northwest Regional Orchestra and performed with The Piano Guys.

Bella Chorvas - singer from Ohio City and student at Crestview High School.

May and Yan Coppler - a mother/daughter opera duet from Fostoria. May began singing at church and charity events at age seven and has won several talent titles. Yan Coppler sings regularly at her church and at community events.

Claudia Cromly - singer from Swanton, freshman at Evergreen High School. Her dream is to be a professional singer, either on Broadway or with a recording deal. She has been in 15 musical shows and sings at local festivals, talent shows, games and events.

Jeff Davis - singer from Lima has been singing since childhood, beginning in church and school and continuing at area events today. He has performed with Tommy Vale of Bill Haley's Comets, Rose Angelica, and has opened shows locally for Elvis Presley, Jr.

Drawing Blanks - a band consisting of Hannah Sunderman and Alex Sunderman of Johnstown and Evan Reed of Pataskala. The band performs covers and original songs and recently started working with a producer on a record deal.

Lauren Dunlap - singer from Lima began taking voice lessons at age 12 and has been in several recitals and placed second in a local talent show. She sings at children's hospitals and parties and at local events.

Emily Jackson - student at Celina High School; enjoys singing, everything from country to Christmas carols.

Julia Lyall - from Powell, is a senior at Olentangy Liberty High School. She has been dancing competitively for six years and plans to be a universal dance major in college.

Mallet Ensemble - nine-member percussion group from Delphos St. Johns High School consists of Ethan Benavidez, Hannah Benavidez, Ally Gerberick, Kristina Koester, Anna Mueller, Adam Schner, Aaron Schnipke, Cassandra Schnipke, and Makenzie Stose.

Kasey Middaugh - a sophomore at Bellefontaine High School where he plays soccer and participates in show choir and musicals. He enjoys singing and plans to study music in college.

Craig and Michelle Muhlenkamp - swing dance duo from Russia, OH. Craig has performed and placed at past Ohio Has Talent! shows with his juggling act.

Autumn Pelok - sixth-grader at Wauseon Middle School. She has participated in musicals through the Archbold Community Theatre, is a member of the Junior Choral Society and sings in her church choir.

The Quintramatics - a barbershop quintet comprised of five boys from Versailles High School - Quincy Baltes, Isaac Buschur, Brody Hyre, Mitchell Rawlins, and Kyle Wuebker

Sarah Vanbrocklin - eighth grader from Botkins has been participating in musicals since first grade and has been in 12 productions, with the lead in two of them.

Contestant photos and bios are posted at Facebook.com/ComHealthPro on the Ohio Has Talent! event page.

For more information contact (419) 238-9223 or 419-238-6722 and online at www.npacvw.org.

USDA FINALIZES NEW FOOD SAFETY MEASURES TO REDUCE SALMONELLA AND CAMPYLOBACTER IN POULTRY

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced the

finalization of new federal standards to reduce Salmonella and Campylobacter in ground chicken and turkey products, as well as in raw chicken breasts, legs, and wings. Based on scientific risk assessments, FSIS estimates that implementation of these standards will lead to an average of 50,000 preventable illnesses annually.

As part of this move to make chicken and turkey items that Americans frequently purchase safer to eat, FSIS has also updated its microbial testing schedule at poultry facilities and will soon begin posting more information online about individual companies' food safety performance.

"Over the past seven years, USDA has put in place tighter and more strategic food safety measures than ever before for meat and poultry products. We have made strides in modernizing every aspect of food safety inspection, from company record keeping, to labeling requirements, to the way we perform testing in our labs," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "These new standards, in combination with greater transparency about poultry companies' food safety performance and better testing procedures, will help prevent tens of thousands of foodborne illnesses every year, reaching our Healthy People 2020 goals."

FSIS uses pathogen reduction performance standards to assess the food safety performance of establishments that prepare meat and poultry products. By making the standards for ground poultry tougher to meet, ground poultry products nationwide will have less contamination and therefore result in fewer foodborne illnesses. FSIS implemented performance standards for whole chickens in 1996 but has since learned that Salmonella levels increase as chicken is further processed into parts. Poultry parts like breasts, wings and others represent 80 percent of the chicken available for Americans to purchase. By creating a standard for chicken parts, and by performing regulatory testing at a point closer to the final product, FSIS can greatly reduce consumer exposure to Salmonella and Campylobacter.

"This approach to poultry inspection is based on science, supported by strong data, and will truly improve public health," said USDA Deputy Under Secretary for Food Safety Al Almanza. "The new performance standards will complement the many other proactive, prevention-based food policies that we've put in place in recent years to make America's supply of meat and poultry safer to eat."

For chicken parts, ground chicken, and ground turkey, FSIS is finalizing a pathogen reduction performance standard designed to achieve at least a 30 percent reduction in illnesses from Salmonella. For chicken parts and ground chicken, FSIS is finalizing a pathogen reduction performance standard designed to achieve at least a 32 percent reduction in illnesses from Campylobacter. Because FSIS has found the prevalence for Campylobacter in ground turkey to be already low, the reduction for this product is estimated to be 19 percent.

After these standards were

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proposed in early 2015, FSIS began to use routine sampling throughout the year rather than infrequent sampling on consecutive days to assess whether establishments' processes are effectively addressing Salmonella and Campylobacter. Once establishments have completed a full set of testing under the new standards, the agency will also begin posting online which facilities pass, meet or fail the new standards.

An estimated 1.2 million foodborne illnesses are thought to be caused every year by Salmonella, with approximately one-third or 360,000 of those illnesses attributed to FSIS-regulated products. In 2013, the agency released a Salmonella Action Plan, which created a blueprint for the agency to address this pathogen of significant public health concern. Today's announcement fulfills the major steps that FSIS had outlined in its plan.

Over the past six years, USDA has collaborated extensively with other federal partners to safeguard America's food supply, prevent foodborne illnesses and improve consumers' knowledge about the food they eat. USDA's FSIS is working to strengthen federal food safety efforts and develop strategies that emphasize a three-dimensional approach to preventing foodborne illness: prioritizing prevention and enforcement; strengthening surveillance and enforcement; and improving response and recovery.

Some of the other steps taken to improve the safety of meat and poultry include adopting a zero-tolerance policy for raw beef products containing six additional strains of shiga-toxin producing E. coli; ensuring that beef products that have been mechanically tenderized are labeled as such and include validated cooking instructions; implementing a new "test and hold" policy in 2012, which significantly reduces consumer exposure to unsafe meat products; and working closely with FDA and CDC to collectively form the Interagency Food Safety Analytics Collaboration (IFSAC), which focuses on projects related to foodborne illness source attribution and will try to improve the classification of foods implicated in foodborne disease outbreaks.

Consumers with food safety questions can "Ask Karen," the FSIS virtual representative available 24 hours a day at AskKaren.gov or via smartphone at m.askkaren.gov. The toll-free USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854) is available in English and Spanish and can be reached from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Eastern Time) Monday through Friday. Recorded food safety messages are available 24 hours a day. The online Electronic Consumer Complaint Monitoring System can also be accessed 24 hours a day at: www.fsis.usda.gov/reportproblem.

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Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that \$150 million in funding is available for agricultural producers through the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), USDA's largest conservation program, by acres impacted, that helps producers voluntarily improve the health and productivity of private and Tribal working lands. USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) plans to add an estimated 10 million acres to the rolls of CSP during fiscal 2016.

"The Conservation Stewardship Program is one of our most popular programs with producers because it results in real change on the ground by boosting soil and air quality, conserving clean water and enhancing wildlife habitat," Vilsack said. "With this investment, we'll be able to build on the already record number of acres enrolled in USDA's conservation programs, enabling producers to achieve higher levels of conservation and adopt new and emerging conservation technologies on farms, ranches and forests."

NRCS accepts applications for CSP throughout the year, but producers should submit applications by March 31 to a USDA service centers to ensure they are considered for enrollment in 2016.

Participants with existing CSP contracts that will expire on December 31, 2016 have the option to renew their contracts for an additional five years if they agree to adopt additional activities to achieve higher levels of conservation on their lands. Applications to renew are also due by March 31.

NRCS also makes CSP available to producers as an additional opportunity to participate in regional landscape-level conservation efforts including the Sage Grouse Initiative, Lesser Prairie-Chicken Initiative, Longleaf Pine Initiative and Ogallala Aquifer Initiative. Funding is available for more than 100 kinds of enhancements nationwide to help participants:

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A CSP self-screening checklist is available to help producers determine if the program is compatible with their operation. As part of the application process, applicants will work with NRCS field personnel to complete a resource inventory of their land to determine the conservation performance for existing and new conservation activities. The applicant's conservation performance will be used to determine eligibility, ranking and payments.

Through CSP, USDA has provided more than \$4 billion since 2009 in assistance to farmers, ranchers and forest managers to enhance conservation on more than 70 million acres. For more on technical and financial assistance available through conservation programs, visit www.nrcs.usda.gov/GetStarted.

Since 2009, USDA has invested more than \$29 billion to help producers make conservation improvements, working with as many as 500,000 farmers, ranchers and landowners to protect over 400 million acres nationwide, boosting soil and air quality, cleaning and conserving water and enhancing wildlife habitat. For an interactive look at USDA's work in conservation and forestry over the course of this Administration, visit <http://medium.com/usda-results>.

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The Mount Vernon Grand Hotel, 12 Public Square, Mount Vernon, is now open for online booking at www.mountvernon-grand.com. Owned and operated by Mount Vernon Nazarene University, The Grand is a Victorian-style boutique hotel in historic downtown Mount Vernon and is four stories tall, houses seven suites, and 39 rooms.

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OFF STAGE PRODUCTIONS TO HOLD AUDITIONS FOR "BUYING THE MOOSE"

Off Stage Productions, a community theatre company providing quality and affordable dinner theatre, proudly announces open auditions for its Spring production "Buying the Moose", written by Michael G. Wilmot. This comedy will be Co-Directed by Matt MtCastle and Dustin Manson.

OPEN AUDITIONS are set for Sunday, February 14th and Tuesday, February 16th at 7:00 p.m. at the Van Wert Senior Center located at 220 Fox Road, Van Wert. We will be looking to cast 4 adults (2 male, 2 female). No prior acting experience necessary to audition. Scripts are available for review before auditions at Premier Financial, 211 S. Walnut Street, Van Wert. Call 419-605-6708 for more information. Performance dates will be April 23, 24, 29, 30 and May 1 & 6.

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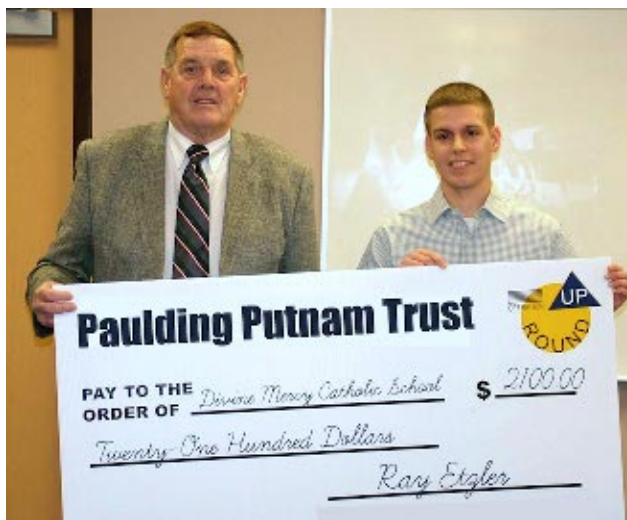
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man. He is pushing the agenda of the Washington beltway establishment that he has always been a part of, and the wealthy special interests he serves at the expense of working families. On behalf of the 48,000 active and retired members of the Tri County Regional Labor Council, representing Medina, Summit and Portage counties, we are proud to endorse and stand with Ted Strickland, and we look forward to doing all we can to support his campaign. We will return him to Washington in January of 2017."

DIVINE MERCY RECEIVES CHECK FROM PAULDING-PUTNAM ELECTRIC CO-OP



Divine Mercy Catholic School is happy and thankful to accept a check from Paulding-Putnam Electric Co-op. All funding will be used to teach students about topics in earth science, space science, physical science, and mathematics. The main lesson, which requires most of the funding, will be to send a GoPro camera nearly 100,000 feet into the stratosphere to capture high resolution footage of the earth. Other funding will go towards 4H programs related to weather, motion, and force. Pictured is Paulding Putnam representative, Ray Etzler presenting the check to Divine Mercy's 5th and 6th grade teacher, Joe Linder.

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The Ted Strickland for Senate campaign announced that the Tri County Regional Labor Council unanimously endorsed former Governor Ted Strickland at their delegate meeting to be the next U.S. Senator from Ohio.

The Tri County Regional Labor Council represents Medina, Summit and Portage counties and includes 48,000 active and retired members.

"Former Governor Strickland has and always will be a champion for Ohioans who work for a living. We need him in the U.S. Senate fighting for us," said David E. Prentice, Executive Secretary Treasurer of the Tri County Regional Labor Council. "Ted gets it: he understands the struggles facing working families because that's where he comes from and those are the people he cares about. That's a big difference with the present Senator Rob Port-

"I'm honored to receive the endorsement of the Tri County Labor Council and to have earned the support of working people across Northern Ohio," said former Governor Ted Strickland. "Whether the issue is better wages, opposing bad trade deals that send our jobs to places like China, protecting retirement security for seniors or making college more affordable for students, I will never stop fighting for the interests of our working families — that's where I'm from and those are the people I will stand up for in the U.S. Senate."

Strickland has earned endorsements from: President Bill Clinton; U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown; Ohio U.S. Representatives Joyce Beatty, Tim Ryan and Marcia Fudge; The United Auto Workers; The AFL-CIO; The Ohio State Council of Machinists; The Ohio College Democrats; The Ohio Education Association; District 6 Painters and Allied Trades; the Communications Workers of America District 4; UFCW Local 75; Move-On.org; Senator Elizabeth Warren; The Franklin County Democratic Party; 29 NE

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WHERE: Grant's Reception Hall - 503 East Canal Street • Time: 4pm-8pm
Cost: \$11.00 Adults • \$6.00 3-12 • Under 3 are Free!

**MENU: Smoked Brisket - Barbecue Ribs - Barbecue Chicken - Barbecue Wings - Barbecue Pork - Smoked Pork Chops
Baby Bakers - Scalloped Potatoes - Loaded Baked Beans - Green Beans w/ Bacon - Corn - & Dessert!!**

**SALAD BAR: Homemade Coleslaw - Homemade Potato Salad
Broccoli/Strawberry Salad**

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