

TEA PARTY AT THE AGORA



Devin Linder, daughter of Lisa and Drew Linder, was able to celebrate her 5th birthday with family and friends at Agora. This was a very special tea party because the Agora was the home of her great-great grandparents, Edna and Waldo Witt. Her "Nana", Ann Feasby, planned this special day for her. Devin, her little sister Nora and freinds Ava

and Kinzie, were served with great-great grandma Edna's china. It was a very special day and special acknowledgement goes out to the Agora for the special treatment and hospitality. A wonderful memory was made for all.

Pictured from left to right, Devin Linder, Ava Linder, Kinzie, and Nora Linder.

CITY OF NEW HAVEN TO HOLD 2016 STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

The New Haven Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the City of New Haven will be holding the 2016 State of the City Address on Monday, March 14, 2016. Mayor

Terry McDonald will share with the audience a recap of the past year, as well as the upcoming celebrations of New Havens 150th Anniversary and what is in store for New Haven in the upcoming year. Also, a dinner will be served for all to enjoy, supplied by The Orchid Reception Hall where the event will

take place beginning at 5:30 p.m. For information on how you can reserve your spot at this dinner, call the Chamber office at 749-4484 or email info@newhavenindiana.org.

SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2016 BILL FRITCHA MEMORIAL AWARD

New Haven has a long and proud tradition of volunteer service. Now more than ever, volunteers are renewing their commitment to help others and make new connections that bring us closer together as families, neighbors and communities. Recognizing and honoring volunteers sets a standard of service, encourages a sustained commitment to civic participation, and inspires others to make service a part of their lives.

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

There are three basic considerations: civic engagement,

service to the community with humility, and acts of kindness unknown to most. This award is made through nominations.

The nomination process shall consist of a letter of endorsement for the nominee. The letter will need to include the relationship to the nominee; examples of service to the New Haven community with humility; what impact has their volunteer efforts made in New Haven; and examples of acts of kindness that are unknown to most.

A Selection Committee will review all nominations received. Is there anything outstanding or unique about the nominee and his or her character? Has the nominee addressed important issues facing New Haven? Has the nominee made a measurable impact? All letters of endorsement for nominee submissions must be received no later than February 28th at 12:00 noon of each year for consideration.

1. Request a Nomination Form by contacting the Mayor's Office at 260-748-7070.

2. To request a form, email Deb-Anne Smith in the Mayor's Office at dsmith@newhavenin.org

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

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

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

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24-HOUR WINDSTORM TAKES LAND FROM THE COUNTY



The difference a few plants can make to erosion of all kinds, including wind.

This past Friday and Saturday there was a large windstorm passing through the region with high wind gusts. This happens quite frequently in the winter with snow and will even fill in the ditches with the pretty white stuff. This time it happened when the temperatures were hitting 50+ degrees, where the

ground was bare and it was damaged quite heavily. If the land didn't have a cover crop or wheat planted, much of the top soil was blown off and put elsewhere. Those who lived in the area stated it was so dense one couldn't see very well at all.

Wind erosion can happen (Continued to Page 3)

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PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 2/24 - 3/1

2/24 - Pork roast, mashed potatoes, Normandy blend, chunky applesauce, w.w.bread, goldfish crackers, milk
 2/25 - Baked ham, baked potato, beets, apple juice, sherbet, dinner roll, milk
 2/26 - Baked fish, loaded potatoes, green beans, peaches, w.w. bread, cake, milk
 2/29 - BBQ riblet sandwich, hashbrown O'Brien, spinach, citrus fruit, raisins, milk
 3/1 - Beef stew, tossed salad, grape juice, biscuit, fruit cobbler, milk

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 2/24 - 3/1

2/24 - Trip to Advantage Salon, leave at 8:00 a.m.; Crafts at 12:30 p.m.; Grocery shopping at 1:30 p.m.; Buckeye Hearing Bingo at 12:00 p.m.
 2/25 - Euchre at 9:45 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.; Bingo w/Gardens of Paulding at 10:00 a.m.
 2/26 - Red Hat Day; Bible study at 10:00 a.m.; Craft store open 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.; Bingo w/Vancrest at 12:00 p.m.
 2/29 - Raffle day; Exercise at 10:00 a.m.
 3/1 - Euchre at 9:45 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.

WOODBURN COMMUNITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

Woodburn Community Historical Society will meet February 25th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Woodburn library on the east side of Woodburn, IN. Bring a show and tell of the history of area. A few vintage items that have been collected will be available to look at.

AGRICULTURE SECRETARY VILSACK ANNOUNCES EXPANSION OF USDA'S STRIKEFORCE INITIATIVE IN OHIO

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced the expansion of USDA's StrikeForce for Rural Growth and Opportunity Initiative to 11 counties in Ohio. Strike-

Force is a collaborative effort to bring targeted assistance to areas experiencing chronic poverty. Secretary Vilsack made the announcement at a Rural Opportunity Town Hall at the Ohio State University.

Currently, 85 percent of our country's persistent poverty counties are in rural America. More than one-third of rural Americans and one-in-four rural children live in poverty. Research has shown that even kids growing up in families earning as much as twice the poverty threshold are still nearly three times as likely as all other children to have poor health, are more likely to finish two fewer years of school, and are more likely to learn earn half as much money in their adult life.

"Growing the economy by investing in rural communities, farmers, makers and innovators, and increasing opportunities for families are keys to our Nation's future," said Vilsack. "StrikeForce has proven to be an effective, collaborative process that builds partnerships and enables USDA to bring economic opportunity directly to rural Americans where they live and helps rural communities leverage their assets."

USDA launched StrikeForce in 2010 and has since invested \$23.5 billion in high-poverty areas to increase opportunity for rural Americans. The initiative has helped deliver promising, sustainable results through partnerships with more than 1,500 community organizations, businesses, foundations, universities, faith-based and other community groups nationwide; and provided enhanced technical assistance to assist disadvantaged communities build a future based on local assets and regional strengths. As part of the Obama Administration's commitment to address persistent poverty across America, StrikeForce has sustained nationwide partnerships supporting nearly 190,000 projects to date.

Since 2009, USDA has invested over \$36.8 billion in Ohio, bringing transformative change to millions of rural businesses, communities and families across the state. To date, USDA's investments in Ohio have helped develop strong local and regional food systems so farmers and ranchers can bring fresh food to local tables or export abroad; helped thousands of Ohioans become homeowners with low-interest loans; ensured millions of children and families have access to nutritious foods in school and at home; supported conservation practices on millions of acres of private lands and protecting watersheds and natural resources with long-lasting partnerships; managed thousands of acres of national forests and grasslands for recreation and cleaner water and air; and created new jobs by investing in the growth

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Valentine King and Queen, Dick Hurni and Cara Lou Handy

of Ohio's new bio-economy and much-needed improvements to state infrastructure, including electricity, broadband, water and community facilities.

In addition to expanding StrikeForce to include counties in Ohio, USDA has made the following investments in Ohio since 2009:

Farming and ranching: More than \$5 billion to help ensure access to credit, support a strong farm safety net, and promote new markets for farm and ranch products

Conservation: \$828 million in efforts to conserve and protect Ohio's land, water and air resources

Infrastructure: \$952 million to build and update the state's electricity, broadband and telecommunications, water and wastewater, and construct community facilities like fire stations and libraries

Nutrition: Over 1 million children provided with healthy, nutritious meals in Ohio schools through the National School Lunch Program each year

Research: More than \$275.5 million to support research in Ohio to adapt to the effects of climate change,

ensure food security and improve our food, agricultural and natural resources systems

President Obama's plan for rural America has brought about historic investment and resulted in stronger rural communities. Under the President's leadership, these investments in housing, community facilities, businesses and infrastructure have empowered rural America to continue leading the way - strengthening America's economy, small towns and rural communities.

Altogether, 970 counties, parishes, boroughs, and census areas in Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia and West Virginia are now eligible for "intensive care" through StrikeForce.

StrikeForce counties in Ohio include: Adams County, Athens County, Fayette County, Guernsey County, Jackson County, Lucas County, Meigs County, Morgan

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love."
 —I John 4:18

County, Pike County, Scioto County and Vinton County. To learn more about USDA's StrikeForce for Rural Growth and Opportunity Initiative, visit www.usda.gov/StrikeForce.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 2/1/16

This 1st day of February, 2016, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Tony Zartman, Mark Holtsberry, and Nola Ginter, Clerk; Absent: Roy Klopfenstein

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS

Warrants documented as 222241 through 222312 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

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

The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claim on February 1, 2016, Warrants numbered 222276 through 222308 in the amount of \$7,375.50; and it is certified that both at the time that the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time that the County Auditor is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance; and pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code §5705.41(D)(1), these purchases must be approved by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners. Now, therefore the Paulding County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Purchase Orders as submitted by the Auditor; and it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners, County of Paulding, State of Ohio concerning the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE PAULDING COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF PAULDING COUNTY FOR THE REPAIR AND/OR REPLACEMENT OF HOME SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEMS

The County of Paulding seeks to repair and/or replace existing home sewage treatment systems; and the Paulding County Health Department intends to apply for assistance from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 through the Wa-

ter Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) for the repair and/or replacement of home sewage treatment systems; and the Ohio Water Pollution Control Loan Fund requires the government authority to pass legislation for application of a loan and the execution of an agreement. Now therefore, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Paulding, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the Paulding County Health Department be and is hereby authorized to apply for a WPCLF loan, sign all documents for and enter into a Water Pollution Control Loan Fund with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Water Development Authority for the repair and/or replacement of home sewage treatment systems on behalf of the County of Paulding, Ohio.

SECTION 2. That this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

WT PAYNE, GH & DIVINE MERCY SCHOOLS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 2/24 - 3/1

Breakfast:
 2/24 - Mini pancakes / sausage, fruit, milk
 2/2 - Cheese omelet/toast, fruit, milk
 2/26 - Mini cinnamon/apple bosco stick, fruit, milk
 2/29 - Ham/cheese ripers, fruit, milk
 3/1 - Egg/cheese muffin, fruit, milk
Lunch:
 2/24 - Shredded chicken, green beans, cooked carrots, fruit, milk
 2/25 - Soft taco w/meat, cheese, and iceberg lettuce, corn, refried beans, fruit, milk
 2/26 - Chicken quesadillas, romaine lettuce salad w/dressing, green beans, fruit, ilk
 2/29 - Grilled chicken sandwich, cooked peas, cooked carrots, fruit, milk
 3/1 - nacho chips w/meat & cheese, corn, black beans w/salsa, fruit, milk

IN REMEMBRANCE OF JOHN K. LONGARDNER OCT. 4, 1936 - FEB. 20, 1996



Dear John,
 The Angel is still on the Mantle,
 Tecumseh's Picture still hangs over the couch.
 The Grandchildren are growing up.
 The New Grandpa is doing a good job.
 When I do the Family Genealogy,
 I am really aware that Two Decades have passed.
 It goes without Saying,
 The Kids & I have all missed you.
 You were brave; you never complained.
 God works in Mysterious ways.
 You and your Siblings left this earth too early.
 You never had a chance to grow old with your Families.
 The Holy Bible says there is a perfect place to see our Loved ones again.
 "Save us a Seat"
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anywhere and any time the wind is blowing. Wind erosion can occur in any area where the soil or sand is not compacted or is of a finely granulated nature.

Not only does wind erosion damage the land by drying out the soil and reducing the nutrients of the land, it can also cause air pollution. It can envelope crops, covering highways; and invading homes, the sand, dust, and dirt created from wind erosion can impact plant and human life in numerous ways.

Several ways to control erosion from wind include:

- * Increasing the coherence of the soil: using organic matter sprayed on top of the soil or increasing irrigation, especially when the soil is very dry, can help retain moisture in the soil, holding it together.

- * Increasing the roughness: By creating ridges of appropriate size wind erosion can be reduced.

- * Increasing vegetation: by planting on the land, the ability of the wind to remove soil is greatly reduced. If the land is used for farming, planting a cover-crop in the off-season can substantially aid the top soil.

- * Creating wind-breaks: by arranging the planting of trees around an area, wind erosion can be reduced in three ways. First, trees can reduce the amount of wind able to reach the soil. Second, shade reduces evapotranspiration, meaning the soil can retain moisture. Third, it just simply slows strong winds down around the area: think of towns with buildings and trees vs flat, open country.

Wind erosion doesn't just happen to farms. All property owners need to be proactive in keeping their land in good condition because it effects more than just that particular year and more than than the current owner.

USDA PROPOSES POLICIES TO IMPROVE FOOD ACCESS, HEALTHY CHOICES FOR LOW-INCOME AMERICANS

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services Kevin Concannon announced a proposed rule designed to provide Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) participants increased access to healthy foods by requiring stores that accept SNAP to stock a wider array of food choices.

"USDA is committed to expanding access for SNAP participants to the types of foods that are important to a healthy diet," Concannon said. "This proposed rule ensures that retailers who accept SNAP benefits offer a variety of products to support healthy choices for those participating in the program."

The 2014 Farm Bill re-

quired USDA to develop regulations to ensure that stores that accept SNAP offer a broader variety of healthy food choices. The stocking provisions in the proposed rule would require SNAP-authorized retail establishments to offer a larger inventory and variety of healthy food options so that recipients have access to more healthy food choices. SNAP retailers would be required to offer seven varieties of qualifying foods in four staple food groups for sale on a continuous basis, along with perishable foods in at least three of the four staple food groups. The staple food groups are dairy products; breads and cereals; meats, poultry and fish; and fruits and vegetables. In addition, the proposal calls for retailers to stock at least six units within each variety, leading to a total of at least 168 required food items per store.

This proposed rule is one of many ways USDA is working to expand access to healthy foods for SNAP recipients. USDA has piloted the use of incentives to purchase healthy foods at point of sale in various venues, including farmers markets and small groceries where the incentive provided for additional purchase of local produce. The 2014 farm bill provided \$100 million for Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentive (FINI) grants to expand this effort, which USDA awarded to grantees in the spring and fall of 2015. USDA has also worked to increase SNAP participants' access to farmers markets and direct marketing farmers, resulting in over 6,000 authorized locations - an eight-fold increase since the beginning of this administration.

USDA is working to ensure that access to food retailers is not hindered for SNAP participants as a result of this rule. Comments and suggestions on the proposed rule are encouraged to help USDA determine when, where, and if any flexibility should be provided to prevent reductions in SNAP client food access.

The proposed rule also underscores USDA's authority under the Food and Nutrition Act to publicly disclose information about SNAP retailers disqualified or sanctioned for program violations. Information to be disclosed under provisions of the proposed rule would be limited to the name and address of the store, the owners' and officers' names, and the nature of the violation for which the retailer was sanctioned.

"SNAP violations are a serious matter," Concannon said. "Public disclosure of this information is intended to serve as a deterrent against retailer fraud. The information would provide the public with insight into the integrity of these businesses and individuals."

As the nation's first line of defense against hunger, SNAP helps put food on the table for millions of low income families and individuals every month and is critical in the fight against hunger. SNAP is a vital supplement to the monthly food budgets of about 45 million low-income individuals. Nearly half of SNAP participants are children, 10 percent are elderly and more than 40 percent of recipients live in households with earnings.

SNAP plays an important role in reducing both poverty and food insecurity in the United States—especially among children. SNAP is an effective and efficient health intervention for low-income families with a positive impact on children beginning before birth and lasting beyond childhood years, improving health, education, and economic outcomes. Over 260,000 retailers nationwide are currently authorized to redeem SNAP benefits.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Clint and Malerie Reinhart welcomed Trent Gregory Reinhart into the world Friday, February 19, 2016. Trent was born at 9:21 a.m. weighing 10 lbs. 6.8 oz. and was 21.3 inches long.

Grandparents are Greg and Ann Reinhart, Paulding, OH.; Tom and Lisa Klingler, Oakwood, OH. Great-grandparents are The late Tom Reinhart, Linda Reinhart, Paulding, OH.; Pete and Joyce Woods, Oakwood, OH.; The late Duane Klingler, Lu LuBelle Klingler, Paulding, OH.

OHIO EPA HOLDS PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED HAB REPORTING RULES FOR PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS AND LABORATORIES

Record rainfall and excessive runoff across the state contributed to HABs growing in Ohio's lakes, reservoirs and rivers during the summer of 2015. Current reporting programs are voluntary, and therefore the full scale of HABs across Ohio remains unknown. If adopted, these new administrative rules would assist Ohio EPA in better understanding the extent to which HABs are growing across the state, and ensure greater protection for customers of all public water systems that use surface water as their source. The issues addressed in the proposed rules include:

- establishing microcystins action levels in drinking water based on U.S. EPA's health advisory levels;
- setting HAB screening, microcystins monitoring and reporting requirements for public water systems that use surface water as their source;
- requiring increased monitoring based on detections of microcystins above 5 ppb in the raw water or exceedances of action levels in drinking water;
- requiring public notification in cases of monitoring violations and exceedances of action levels in drinking water, as well as consumer confidence reports;
- establishing requirements for laboratory certification, analytical techniques and reporting deadlines; and
- requiring public water

systems to submit written HAB treatment optimization protocols if microcystins are detected in raw or finished drinking water. Additionally, public water systems may be required to submit a HAB general plan with one or a combination of source water protection activities, reservoir management and in-plant treatment technologies; for security, specific details of treatment protocols will be considered protected material and not public records.

In 2015, the Agency provided educational webinars and received comments from public drinking water systems and other interested parties on a draft version of the proposed rules. Based on that feedback, Ohio EPA modified the draft rules while maintaining the requirement of ongoing HAB testing data from public water systems that use surface water as a source.

The proposed rules may be viewed online at: <http://epa.ohio.gov/ddagw/rules.aspx>.

Paper copies of the proposed rules may be requested (and comments submitted) to: Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Division of Drinking and Ground Waters, P.O. Box 1049, Lazarus Government Center, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049, Attn: Susan Kramer or by email: ddagw_rulecomments@epa.ohio.gov.

AGRICULTURE SECRETARY VILSACK ANNOUNCES THE SELECTION OF WARREN PRESTON AS USDA DEPUTY CHIEF ECONOMIST

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced the selection of Dr. Warren Preston as U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Deputy Chief Economist. He has served as senior economist for agricultural policy in the Office of the Chief Economist (OCE) since August 2015, after serving as USDA's acting Deputy Chief Economist beginning in February 2015. He joined USDA in 1992.

"I am pleased that Dr. Preston's experience in program and policy analysis will continue to support informed decision making at USDA to the benefit of American agriculture," said Vilsack. "Dr. Preston is extremely well prepared for the demands of this position through years of experience in applying economic analysis to agricultural policy issues in USDA and in academia."

In his role as Deputy Chief Economist for Policy Analysis, Dr. Preston advises the Chief Economist, the Secretary, and top policy officials regarding the economic implications of programs, regulations, and legislative proposals affecting the U.S. food and fiber system and rural areas. He supports USDA policy decision making by evaluating policy options on complex domestic and global agricultural issues and serves as the backup to the Chief Economist.

Prior to joining OCE, Dr. Preston served as an economist and associate deputy administrator analyzing and overseeing programs and policies across the full spectrum of marketing activities administered in the Livestock, Poultry, and Seed Pro-

LOCAL PRESCHOOL AWARDED STATE HEALTHY PROGRAM DESIGNATION



From left: Angela Hanenkraft, Ann Miller (owner), Abbey Edwards, Cheri Collins and Amanda Burtch

Ann's Bright Beginnings proudly announces their recent award as an Ohio Healthy Program! Ohio Healthy Programs is an OCCRRRA (Ohio Child Care Resource and Referral Association) program funded by the Ohio Department of Health. This designation is a state earned honor.

Ohio Healthy Programs was created in response to the growing concern surrounding childhood obesity, as well as general unhealthy practices that have resulted in health professionals acknowledging that children may now have a shorter life expectancy than their parents. The program recognizes the vital role early educators can play in helping children develop healthy habits, especially in the areas of nutrition and physical activity that can last a lifetime.

As part of earning this designation, the staff at Ann's Bright Beginnings took numerous hours of training and worked one on one with a Health Promotion Consultant to enhance the health of their preschool setting. They developed new and valuable healthy policies in the areas of snacks, packed lunches and drinks, with the ultimate goal being to make healthy eating and physical activity fun and enjoyable.

"It's not about punishing kids by taking their sugary foods away or forcing them to eat vegetables - it's about providing healthy foods in a fun

way and talking about them in a way that kids WANT to try them and grow to like them in a natural way," says Ann Miller, owner and director of Ann's Bright Beginnings, "One of the additions we are most proud of is Try Me Wednesday, where we bring in foods like asparagus, starfruit, kiwi, spinach and whole grain crackers. The children all get to try them - we talk about colors, shapes, textures, flavors, likes and dislikes. The kids love it. There's both learning going on plus exposure to all this great food!"

Ohio Healthy Programs also identifies parents and families as the first line caregivers of the children so creating a family interaction activity is an important requirement of becoming an Ohio Healthy Program. "We couldn't do it without our families, continues Miller. We no longer have sugar drinks on our menu and our preschool parents are packing great, healthy choices for their children! They do a fantastic job! It is very gratifying to see the children getting excited about eating healthier, which in turn of course, makes their young bodies stronger!"

Ann's Bright Beginnings earned their Ohio Healthy Programs designation for one year. At the end of this time, they will develop additional healthy policies and continue their work with families to renew their award.

gram of USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service. From 1992 to 2001, he worked as an economist and branch chief in the Packers and Stockyards Programs of USDA's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, playing a key role in integrating economic analysis into investigative procedures and processes. From 1986 to 1992, he held a research and teaching position as an

assistant professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Virginia Tech, focusing on agricultural marketing and the interface between public policies and food system performance.

Dr. Preston earned master's and doctoral degrees in agricultural economics from Purdue University and a bachelor's degree in dairy science from The Ohio State University.

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VALENTINES AT DIVINE MERCY



Kindergarteners at Divine Mercy School are showing off their valentines boxes. Back row- Jaxon Cook, Calleigh Young, Taryn Wolford -- front row- Anabelle Saylor, Peyton Sennebogen and Kori Carlisle

MERCY DEFIANCE ADMINISTRATOR EARNS TOP HEALTHCARE CREDENTIAL



Sonya S. Selhorst, FACHE, administrator of Mercy Defiance Hospital and Mercy Pre-hospital Transport Services, recently became a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE), the nation's leading professional society for healthcare leaders.

Sonya has more than 23 years of healthcare experience and has served as administrator for Mercy Defiance Hospital since 2012. She has been with Mercy and Mercy Health for most of her career having served at St. Rita's in Lima for 21 years before coming to Defiance. While at St. Rita's, Sonya served as the director of the urgent care service line. Sonya also worked as a transport nurse for the Life Flight base in Bluffton for nearly 11 years. Sonya is a registered nurse and has a bachelor's degree in healthcare administration as well as a master's degree in business administration.

Sonya will be awarded the distinction at a convocation ceremony in Chicago on March 13.

"I am personally committed to lifelong learning and professional development. Achieving the highly regarded credential of FACHE is a testament to the competence, commitment and personal values of a focused and disciplined leader," Sonya said.

Fellow status represents achievement of the highest standard of professional development. In fact, only 9,200 healthcare executives hold this distinction. To obtain Fellow status, candidates must fulfill multiple requirements, including passing a comprehensive examination, meeting academic and experimental criteria, earning continuing education credits and demonstrating professional/community involvement. Fellows are also committed to ongoing professional development and undergo recertification every three years. "The healthcare manage-

ment field plays a vital role in providing high-quality care to the people in our communities, which makes having a standard of excellence promoted by a professional organization critically important," said Deborah J. Bowen, FACHE, CAE, president and CEO of ACHE. "By becoming an ACHE Fellow and earning the distinction of board certification from ACHE, healthcare leaders demonstrate a commitment to excellence in serving their patients and the community."

Feel free to contact Sarah Bednarski with Mercy with questions or for more information. She can be reached at 419.360.0723. Thank you for your time and consideration.

ST. ROSE DE LIMA TO HOST MISSION

Fr. Lourdino Fernandes has announced St. Rose de Lima will host a parish mission March 13-16, to coincide with this being the "Year of Mercy." Each session begins at 7:00 p.m. at the St. Rose School Chapel, 401 Monroe Street. It will be a special time for prayer and reflection, an opportunity to strengthen and renew our Catholic faith.

Fr. Derrick Sneyd will present "God, Rich in Mercy," on Sunday, March 13; Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will give the mission talk on Monday, March 14, "People Rich in Mercy." On Tuesday, March 15, Fr. Ben Muhlenkamp will speak on "God's Gift of Mercy and Forgiveness." Visiting priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Mission speaker Msgr. Robert Schulte, will present the talk for the final evening, "Go Forth and Proclaim God's Mercy," on Wednesday evening. This evening will also include a Eucharistic Celebration.

Childcare for children up to age 2, will be available each evening. Special children's program for ages 3 to 5 and kindergarten to grade 3 has been organized. Contact Natalie Foster at 260-341-4240 to make arrangements. Carol Kohnen has volunteered to set up transportation to and from the chapel for those needing the service. Contact Carol at 260-348-8095 for those arrangements.

For those unable to attend evening sessions, they will have the opportunity to participate in morning meetings Monday through Wednesday, following the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Coffee and doughnuts will be served while Father Dino leads discussion of the previous evening's topic. All are welcome to attend any or all sessions.

FIRST UM PRESCHOOL HOST SPRING OPEN HOUSE

First United Methodist Preschool will be hosting a Spring Open House Wednesday, March 9th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Plan on attending to meet the teachers, tour the classrooms, learn about our curriculum and register for the 2016-2017 school year. Please contact our administrator April Ellerbrock at 418-9-238-0631 ext. 308 for more information.

BIBLE QUESTIONS: THE LORD'S CHURCH

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

Matthew 16:18 and I also say to you that you are Peter and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. "NKJV."

1. Who is speaking in this verse?
2. Who is Jesus talking to in this verse?
3. What did Jesus tell Peter?
4. What is the rock in this verse?
5. How many churches did Christ say He would build?
6. What does the word prevail mean?
7. What shall not prevail against the Lord's church?
8. When the Lord's church came into existence, was it to be spiritual or physical? (Reference 1 Peter 2:5; 1 Cor. 3:16-17)
9. Can anyone else start or build a spiritual church?

COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

call James Potter at 419-393-4775 or e-mail at jsp1941@yahoo.com also you can reach the editor/proofreader at 419-399-5022. Jesus loves you and so does the church of Christ. Answers to today's questions:

1. Jesus; 2. Peter; 3. On this rock I will build my church; 4. Peter's confession Matthew 16:16; Christ being that Rock; 5. One; the word church comes from the Greek word ekklesia and means the called out (people). The word church is not a building, but people who have obeyed the Gospel message as Jesus has instructed; To get the mastery over; 7. Hades or death, notice Christ rose from the dead, Matthew 28:6; by Christ rising from the dead, He has conquered death; 8. Spiritual; 1st Peter 2:4-5 v 4 coming to Him (Jesus) as to a living stone, rejected by men, but chosen by God and precious, v 5 you also, as living stones are being built up a spiritual house (church) a holy priesthood, (this is the called out, the church); 9. No; Jesus built one (I will build my church) and it belongs to Him and it must be built according to His instructions and do the things that He authorizes through the New Testament teachings. That's what the apostles did in every case. Those who obeyed the Gospel of Christ were added to the church by the Lord "such as should be saved"! (Reference Acts 2:47) "OI" Baldy says bye for now, but continue to pray, read, and study the New Testament. "Luv Ya!" there will be future studies on the church because there is a lot to say about the church.

DON'T FAKE YOUR FAITH

By: Rev. Gerry Weesner, Maples United Methodist Church

"Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. 'By what authority are you doing these things?' they asked. 'And who gave you this authority?' 'What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work today in the vineyard.' 'I will not,' he answered, but later he changed his mind and went. 'Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, 'I will, sir,' but he did not go. 'Which of the two did what his father wanted?' 'The first,' they answered. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you the truth, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.'" Matthew 21:23, 28-32 (NIV).

own authority. Are they doing what God has called them to do, or are they just faking their faith? Being a Christian is not just about what one says. Jesus' point with the temple leaders that day was not to urge them to abandon their religious practices. Rather, he was reminding them, and us, that outward religion is meaningless and incomplete. Many people have joined the church and are religious and think they are Christians, but they are not. They can perform their church rituals and give mental assent to the doctrines, but they are not genuine believers unless there has been a transformation in their lives.

Jesus is calling us, you and me; to go out into the world to do the work our Father has asked us to do and to have genuine heart faith.

RESEARCH SHOWING SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN EFFICIENCY OF ETHANOL PRODUCTION AND OTHER TRENDS

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack released a statement on two recent research reports supported by USDA focused on ethanol and other renewable fuels, one published by USDA's Office of the Chief Economist and another published by the University of Missouri:

"These research reports demonstrate, once again, that America's renewable energy industry has quickly expanded and evolved since President Obama's administration embraced an 'all-of-the-above' energy strategy beginning in 2009. Since then, we have more than doubled

renewable energy production, and today we import less than half our oil. Improved and expanded ethanol and biodiesel production have saved Americans money at the pump. Our national security has been bolstered because we are more energy secure and also because our nation's military is a major commercial customer for U.S. biofuels. And, as today's reports demonstrate, U.S. farmers continue to improve their efficiency in the production of corn for ethanol while the impact of ethanol production on corn production has become marginal. Between 1991 and 2010, direct energy use in corn production has dropped by 46 percent per bushel of corn produced and total energy use per bushel of corn by 35 percent. Moreover, between 2005 and 2010, direct energy use fell by 25 percent and the total energy use by 8.2 percent per bushel—meaning that between 2005 and 2010, the energy required per bushel of corn produced dropped by about 5 percent. The bottom line is, today, more energy is being produced from ethanol than is used to produce it, by factors of 2 to 1 nationally and by factors of 4 to 1 in the Midwest. There are many reasons to be optimistic about the future of the bio-economy and the role biofuels and advanced biofuels will play in that future, and I am confident this administration has acted aggressively to expand the groundwork to support that brighter future."

To learn more about the reports referenced by Secretary Vilsack, please visit: <http://www.usda.gov/oc/e/reports/energy/2015EnergyBalanceCornEthanol.pdf>

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

5 Minutes for Life is a new educational campaign to reduce, and ultimately eliminate, the demand for illegal drug use among high school students and other young adults. The campaign, which began in the Fall 2013, is a partnership including the Ohio State Highway Patrol, Ohio High School Athletic Association, Ohio National Guard and Ohio Department of Public Safety. The program centers on Ohio State Troopers, Ohio National Guard members and Local Law Enforcement talking for five minutes with student-athletes from high school sports teams before or after a practice about responsible decision making, leadership and encouraging those in their peer group to live a drug-free lifestyle.

These presentations may also include testimonials from those directly impacted by drug addiction. Following the before or after high school practice presentations by troopers, guard members, and local law enforcement role model athletes are encouraged to spread the message within their school creatively using the 5 Minutes for Life key points. High school students will be encouraged to use social media to promote these key concepts and post/send related video messages to campaign Facebook and Twitter sites operated by the Ohio State Highway Patrol. 5 Minutes for Life represents a tangible way in which Ohio high school students and athletes can contribute to a safer Ohio. It's only five minutes for the rest of their life.

The statewide partnership involves all 55 Patrol Posts, National Guard units, and local law enforcement located throughout Ohio, and more than 800 OHSAA-member high schools. Whether it's golf, tennis, cross country, field hockey, soccer, volleyball, or football, 5 Minutes for Life is intended to remind and encourage student-athletes, cheerleaders, band members, and students to lead by example and encourage peers to live a responsible, drug-free lifestyle. Across Ohio, student-athletes, coaches, cheerleaders, band members, and other people who realize their example can make a

difference are pledging their support of 5 Minutes for Life. Additional information on the 5 Minutes for Life can be found at www.facebook.com/fiveminutesforlife or www.twitter.com/5minutesforlife.

Regards,
—Lt. Timothy Grigsby, Commander Ohio State Highway Patrol Van Wert Post
—Sergeant Orta, Ohio National Guard, Toledo, Ohio
—Daniel B. Ross, Ph.D., Commissioner, Ohio High School Athletic Association

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In response to Professor Mel Gurtov's article in this conservative, responsible newspaper, I wonder if that "legal" smoke is blowing south from Washington state to the state of Oregon. The misguidedness of this "PeaceVoice" gentleman has not deterred the mid-western populus of this country with his peacenik rhetoric.

I can imagine this man sitting in his musty, overcrowded office, with his headband around his head, strings of beads around his neck and a forty year old tie-dyed shirt on his back, spewing to the rest of the world how things should be in his view.

I would like to rebut just a few things he has espoused and to alert him to the truth.

Number one, He asserts that Donald Trump and Ted Cruz are "race-baiters." Has anyone advised you that Ted Cruz is Hispanic? You are probably referring to their hesitancy of allowing Syrian refugees to enter the country and the closing of the southern border? Well, why don't we allow a couple of hundred thousand of these refugees in and place them in your fine city of Portland, Oregon? Sound good?

You espouse "White Privilege" and state that white males have all the power and we are "Gun Lovers" that we whites have a "Distorted notion of the Constitution and of the Bible" (your words) and that we are THE TERRORISTS. You sound like our president and that we "CLING TO OUR GOD AND OUR GUNS." Well sir, let me let you in on a little secret, "WE DO" in that order.

You pull out the race card as all left-wing people do stating that white, male, Christians are somehow pampered, while American Indians, African Americans, Jews and Muslims are held to a higher scrutiny. May I say with all due respect, You're Nuts. You say all these things to bring it to the attention of the Americans, not only your politics, but your ignorance.

Lastly, you bring these things up to prove that a "Self-Styled" MILITIA had an occupation of the Malheur National Forest Refuge. A militia or not, may I remind you that if it weren't for Militias, you would be speaking the Kings English and having your afternoon tea every day. The Revolutionary War would not have been won had it not been for farmers, shop-keepers, blacksmiths and the like who formed our MILITIAS and fought to expiate the colonies, thus providing you the right to sit on your perch and proclaim all of these injustices you espouse.

You stated, "Local and federal law enforcement need-

ed to confront these people without violence (keeping Waco and Ruby Ridge in mind) therefore excluding violence." May I remind you at Ruby Ridge, that the owner of that property was a man named Randy Weaver. He was shot in the back by a sniper. His 14 year old son was shot in the back by an F.B.I. sniper named Lon Horiguchi. Who was to be arraigned on manslaughter charges in Idaho, yet the feds took over and delivered a reprimand. The Weavers' dog was also shot and killed. Randy Weavers wife was outside holding their 10 month old baby when the same sniper shot her face off, dropping her baby to the ground. In Waco, 76 people were KILLED by our government with 70 law enforcement people did all kind of harassing things to the Branch Dividians for 51 days. The government claimed the Dividians started the fire that killed them. If you were going to commit mass suicide, wouldn't you choose shooting, hanging, or poison (as in Jonestown) the last way, I think, anyone who was contemplating suicide, would do it by fire. That would be the worse way to die. ON BOTH OF THESE OCCASIONS, ILLEGAL GUNS WERE ONLY SUSPECTED! Examine your history, don't just put your toe in the water, jump in.

—Kenny Barnes, Paulding, OH

CITY OF WOODBURN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 1/18/16

Meeting began at 7:00 with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Kelsey, Clerk-Treasurer Cummins, Superintendent Walls, Chief Duhamell as well as Councilman Voirol, Watts, Gerig, and Renner were in attendance. Councilman Martin was not present.

Chief Duhamell:
The new police vehicle has been produced and will be ready for pickup shortly. There are two new individuals that have been added to the reserves. The total number of allocated reserves is now 12. The blazer is now for sale and the bidding process has begun.

Mayor's Report:
The Mayor and the Superintendent are going to meet with Ben Adams from Commonwealth on the 29th to discuss options regarding our sewer system. Discussion occurred about the feasibility of a mechanical plant instead of our current lagoon system. Councilman Watts suggested that a possible partnership with private industry be established in order to share cost for a mechanical plant. Mayor Kelsey is going to speak with a representative from Goodrich this week and will explore any potential interest. Regarding the potential plaza at Main and Bull Rapids Roads, the Henney's had previously asked the Mayor that the City create an ordinance that would allow for annual maintenance of the property.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report:
Clerk-Treasurer Cummins presented minutes to council. Councilman Voirol moved to accept minutes as corrected, second by Councilman Gerig, all in favor. Warrants were presented to council. Councilman Watts moved to pay warrants as presented, second by Councilman Voirol, all in favor.
Superintendent's Report:

The city was given a violation letter from IDEM during an annual inspection. The majority of the violations are tied to when we receive heavy rains over a short period of time. Superintendent Walls prepared a letter showing how the city has begun to fix these problems. North American Cold Storage will take care of the burm damage at the end of Roemer drive. Superintendent Walls asked if the council would approve the purchase of additional lights that are LED to replace the older lights. Councilman Voirol moved to buy new LED lights for the shop, second by Councilman Gerig, all in favor.

Councilman's Report:
Councilman Watts thanked the Superintendent for promptly removing the speed bumps from Homestead Place.

Old Business:
The contract for \$4,500 that was presented by Beverly's Nursery to maintain the flower boxes for Main Street was discussed. Mayor Kelsey stated that we would determine who would water the plants later as that is not part of the contract with Beverly's. Councilman Voirol asked if it would be difficult to add on the plaza in the future if that project becomes a reality and Mayor Kelsey stated that he already had discussed this possibility with Beverly's and it would not be an issue. Councilman Voirol moved to accept the contract submitted from Beverly's Nursery, second by Councilman Renner, all in favor.

New Business:
Discussion took place about whether or not to move a portion of monies from PNC to any another financial institutions for investment sake as well as implementing a new card reader system and online payment portal for accepting utility payments. Councilman Watts moved to table any further discussion until the next meeting, second by Councilman Voirol, all in favor.

Clerk-Treasurer Cummins asked for a motion by the council to allow for an update to the current network structure within City Hall and clarified that we do have enough in the budget to pay for this. Councilman Voirol moved to have Strategic Business Technologies set up our network, second by Councilman Renner, all in favor.

The West Bend News READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

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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 Pizza, Woodburn Hardware, Bob's Market, Integrity Ford, Napa Restaurant, Woodburn Xpress, True Value, Maramart, Dollar Country Oasis, Woodburn Branch 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 Market, Integrity Ford, Napa Restaurant, Woodburn Xpress, True Value, Maramart, Dollar Country Oasis, Woodburn Branch General, Dairy Queen, Holly Wood and Vine, Paulding County Travel Center, Feders

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Mayor Kelsey is investigating into a company that would be able to design the City's website to look more professional. This company has designed websites for other cities such as Berne and Roanoke. We do not have a price estimate at the current time.
Audience:
A resident asked about possibly adding additional sewer customers on 101 towards Love's gas station. He wanted to know if we were pursuing additional customers at this time. Superintendent

Walls stated that if the City decided that the potential customers wanted to be apart of the City's sewer, then the City would put down the line for them to be able to hook up. The Mayor shared a quote with the group in honor of Martin Luther King. "The time is always right to do what is right!" -Martin Luther King
Councilman Renner moved to adjourn, second by Councilman Watts, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:25.

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THE LOBO TANK BUSTERS

By: Stan Jordan

While the crew was refueling our plane, we jumped in our Jeep and went down to the mess hall. We had Spam sandwiches and soup - a good meal. We blew the carbon out on the way back to Belgium. We went back to the same area around Echnernach, actually that is in Luxembourg. Again today, we saw some spit-fires that were carrying some rockets and doing a good job. We were a few miles south of where we were this morning, but it is probably some more of that same German division. It has the same older-type tanks and we caught them in an old pasture field or a meadow.

I took the one on the right side and a put a 4" jumbo rocket into his right side. It blew him over on the side and his turret came off and I spent too much time watching him. I had to make another big left turn and come back from the other side. I was down to about landing speed, and I took good aim at this tank and squeezed off a rocket. It hit him in the left front and it blew him over on the side and his left track just kept turning and piling out in front in a big pile. The left front of that old tank was gone. I made a circle and came back at the next tank head-on and my rocket hit the tank just were the turret sets down on the frame.

That turret came out and I could see under it and it split and fell to the ground. That older tank is no match for these new-type rockets. I used up my last rocket on another old tank and I caught a German supply truck in my sights, and I poured round after round of .50 cal into him and he started to burn. We formed up at about 1,000 feet altitude and we could see the flight of R.A.F. Spitfires that were armed with jumbo rockets were coming in and we started back to our airbase. I hope that they have as good as luck as we did.

We spent extra time at the mess hall discussing how good of a job we did on the old tanks. A Major came to the table and said he was from S-3, that is intelligence. He said he was examining a captured German tank driver who was willing to talk, as he had enough of the war. He told us all we wanted to know about the big King Tiger Tank. He said the front of that tank has 8" of steel armor plate and the Amer-

ican's shells would bounce off like rain. He said on one day's tank battle, he counted 22 hits by an American 75mm shells on the front end and didn't do any damage. He said the only part of that tank is vulnerable is the engine area. You have to come down from above and hit him in the engine. They have no fear of the American German Tank.

See Ya!

CABIN 21 AT VALLY FORGE

By: Stan Jordan

This is the middle of March in 1780. We have had a hard winter, but not all that much snow. Sgt. Baker told the Woodcutters that they should get in all the firewood they can while the ground is still frozen. After the spring rains come, it will be a lot harder to get in firewood.

The hunter went along with the boys, but he went in on further in the forest. He didn't go very far until he came to a clearing of some natural reason. There was a big oak facing the south in the sunshine, so Hunter #5 sat down and rested to let the forest be quiet again. He laid his musket across his legs so it wouldn't fall in the snow.

It wasn't too long before #5 went to sleep. He had plenty of warm clothes on and the warm sunshine helped him drift off into a little nap. He didn't know how long he slept, but the sun must have gone behind a big limb, and when he lost that warm sunshine, he woke up. He laid still and opened his eyes slowly into a pack of trouble. Just a few yards away was a pack of wolves. They had advanced on him and was looking him over without making any noise.

He slowly moved his rifle around towards the front towards the wolves and that set them to snarling and growling. There must be 6 of them and he with a 1-shot rifle. He knew he had to kill one with that first shot. It takes about 16 seconds to reload his musket and he knew he wouldn't have time for that. There was one who seemed to be the leader of the pack, as he came the closest to the hunter. He got closer and started to snarl and the hunter fired. The forest rang out with the echo and the wolf howled and fell over dead.

This quieted the other wolves down a little bit, but not for long. The other wolves advanced now and the hunter had to watch in all directions. But, he was guarded by the big oak to protect his rear. He was grateful. This lasted a few minutes, but it seemed like ages. He figured out that when he would point his guns at the wolves, they would back up a little. They seemed to know that the gun was dangerous. But, he couldn't reload his rifle now because he had to keep it pointed at the wolves.

Back at the woodcutters, they heard the shot a while

ago and started to become worried because the hunter didn't come out and ask for help to drag his dead game out. Two boys picked up their muskets and hurried down off on the trail to look for the hunter. They soon could hear the snarling and growling of the wolves. They advanced to the north slowly, as they knew it wasn't good for the hunter where the trouble was.

They came up behind the big tree that protected the hunter from the rear. It didn't seem to bother the other wolves and one of the boys said, "We will fire our guns and we will get you out of this!" Each boy killed a wolf and Hunter loaded his musket and killed another one. One of the wolves gave out a "YIPE!" and he ran off, followed by the other wolves. Hunter seemed unhurt, so after a fashion, they rested up by the bon fire.

See Ya!

LEGISLATION HONORING FALLEN MILITARY HERO PASSES HOUSE COMMITTEE

State Representative Tony Burkley (R-Payne) announced that House Bill 406 to designate a portion of highway in Paulding County after a local military hero who was killed during a shootout in Chattanooga, Tennessee, has passed out of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee by a vote of 11-0.

House Bill 406 would name the portion of US Route 127 stretching from the northern edge of Paulding to the intersection of US Route 127 and State Route 111 in Paulding County as the "U.S. Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Randall Smith Memorial Highway."

Born in Paulding in 1989 and a graduate of Paulding High School, PO2 Smith was shot while protecting his fellow servicemen on July 18th during an ambush at a recruiting center in Chattanooga. He died two days later.

"I am thrilled and appreciate the committee taking swift action on this legislation that honors this hero," said Burkley.

House Bill 406 will now await a vote of the full House, before moving onto the Senate for further consideration.

JAMES B. HILL

By: Michael Z. Korzen

In Maple Grove Cemetery in Findlay, Ohio, is the grave of James B. Hill. His headstone is maintained in perpetuity by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and honors the man who beat the Great Black Swamp.

The history of man in the northwest quadrant of what is now Ohio, what was before that part of the Old Northwest territory, and before that the land of many tribes, is the history of both co-existence with, and bloody conflict with a relic of the ice age. A relic of a lake that left prehistoric sandy beaches that became to be called the Great Black Swamp. Native Americans avoided it, choosing to live on the edges rather than enter a forest with trees so tall they blocked the sun, and trunks so wide that

men could live inside them. Settlers cursed and vowed holy war against it. Imagine a howling black wilderness at night, as terrifying as anyone's fantasy of the screams from a Hollywood "B" jungle movie. Prowled by packs of wolves, cougars and bears, a land too tough for hardened native Americans, and a nightmare for industrious yet naive farmers who flocked to the area after the war of 1812.

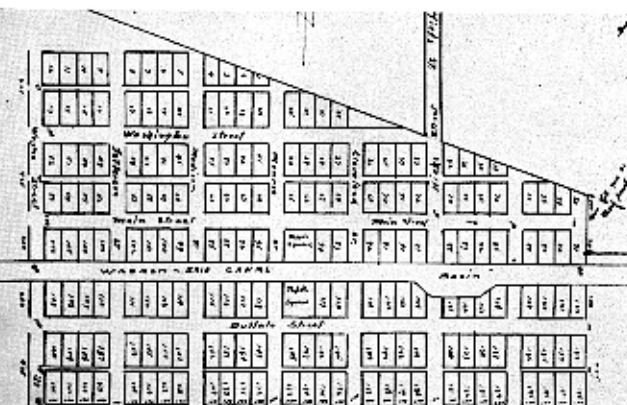
They were overwhelmed by malaria, carried by mosquitoes that could darken the sky when swarming, and drive farm animals mad with their bites. The brackish water that carried cholera, and the legendary horseflies as big as bumble bees that made a farmers' precarious lot more trying than most men would dare attempt in a constant secondary battle with nature. Horses had to be covered, smudge pots were constantly lit and carried into the barn to milk the cows and then placed under the table to be able to eat, and then smudge pots were kept next to the bed to be able to sleep, all in cabins that for many years had no doors. Mud so thick that the main road through the swamp originally funded by Congress had one overnight inn per mile over its 30 mile length because traveling was that slow and exhausting.

Through all this living hell there was no giving up, people stayed and fought for the land because land was more important than any one person's life. Year after year new schemes for draining the swamp were tried, and so were new methods of building roads attempted. The swamp stood in the way of trade across the new State of Ohio to the new state of Michigan. Log roads and plank roads and canals that eroded were dug. Railroads were built that went bankrupt, continuing a legacy of an impassable and uninhabitable Great Black Swamp.

There was a prize to be had. Farmers sweated and struggled to cut down trees that were too big to cut, because rich farmland, richer than any seen by most anywhere else, was the prize that lay under the mud and muck. Into this battle was born, in 1856, near Bowling Green, James B. Hill, who was to live almost a century and created a machine that within a few years, had accomplished the draining of the swamp that men had been attempting to do for decades.

According to the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Hill worked without drawings and designed what became known as the Buckeye Steam Ditcher that could create drainage ditches at the rate of 1800 feet a working day, up to a depth of 12 feet, in swampland or hard dirt. A Buckeye Steam Ditcher can be seen at the Hancock Historical Museum in Findlay, Ohio. James B. Hill went on to improve his Buckeye ditcher with what we now know as the tank tread. James B. Hill died in 1945 in Florida after spending his later years developing seed corn, known as White Cob, and Yellow Dent, which was sold in the United States and Latin America - after all, he was raised on a farm in Ohio.

ORIGINAL PLAT OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP Paulding County, Ohio



By: Stan Jordan

The town of Antwerp became incorporated in 1864. It had been deemed a Village in 1841 and celebrated 100 years in 1941. This is the original plat of Antwerp, surveyed by Horatio Curtis, Samuel Rice, William Riley and James Rilely sometime in 1841.

Look at it closely and it made room for a public square. You can plainly see why SR 49 makes that big "S" type curve down by the southern end of Canal St. This plat is the one used when Antwerp incorporated in 1864. See Ya!

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS 2/24 - 3/1

- 2/24 - Salisbury steak on bun, tossed salad, apple slices, milk; PLUS: Salad bar
- 2/25 - Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, pineapple, milk; PLUS: Salad bar
- 2/26 - Pizza ripper, celery & carrots, applesauce, milk; PLUS: Salad bar
- 2/29 - No Classes - In service Day
- 3/1 -

PEVS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 2/24 - 3/1

- Jr/Sr High - Breakfast:*
- 2/24 - Ham & cheese bread, juice/fruit, milk
- 2/25 - Cinnamon rolls, juice/fruit, milk
- 2/26 - Sausage gravy w/ biscuits, juice/fruit, milk
- 2/29 - Breakfast pizza, sausage, bacon & eggs, fruit/ juice, milk
- 3/1 -
- Jr/Sr High - Lunch:*
- 2/24 - Cheeseburger (or) breaded chicken, bun, oven potatoes, fruit, milk; Toppings: Onions, pickles, tomato slices & banana peppers
- 2/25 - Bar - B - Que pork, bun, potato soup, juice box OR Chicken drumstick w/dipping sauces, layered salad fruit, milk
- 2/26 - Chili dog, bun, kettle beans, oven potatoes OR Salad bar, garlic bread, fruit, milk
- 2/29 - Popcorn chicken bowl w/corn, potatoes, gravy & cheese, dinner roll OR Salad bar, garlic bread, fruit, milk
- 3/1 -
- Paulding Elementary - Breakfast:*
- 2/24 - Burrito, fruit/ juice, milk
- 2/25 - Muffin, cheese stick, fruit/juice, milk
- 2/26 - Cereal or cereal bar, goldfish gr., fruit/juice, milk
- 2/29 - Yogurt, goldfish gr., fruit/juice, milk
- 3/1 -

Paulding Elementary - Lunch:

- 2/24 - Vegetable beef soup w/crackers, bread w/ margarine or peanut butter, fr. vegetables, fruit, milk
- 2/25 - Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes/gravy, bread, fr. veg., fruit, milk
- 2/26 - Fish sticks, bread, salad, fruit, milk
- 2/29 - Bread chicken on wh. gr. bun, steamed carrots, fr. vegetables, fruit, milk
- 3/1 -

Oakwood Elementary - Breakfast:

- 2/24 - Breakfast pizza, juice or fruit, milk
- 2/25 - Breakfast burrito, juice or fruit, milk
- 2/26 - Ass't cereal juice or fruit, milk
- 2/29 - Mini pancakes, juice or fruit, milk
- 3/1 - Powdered donuts, juice or fruit, milk

Oakwood Elementary - Lunch:

- 2/24 - WG. br. chic. strips, whipped potatoes, bread, romaine lett. salad, fruit, milk
- 2/25 - hot dog, wg bun, mixed veg., raw vegetable bag, fruit, milk
- 2/26 - WG cheese pizza, corn, carrot stix, fruit, milk
- 2/29 - WG chicken fajita, romaine lett., corn, fruit, milk
- 3/1 -

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GROVER HILL KINDERGARTEN ENJOY RED WIGGLER WORMS



Pictured here are Grover Hill Kindergarten students left to right Isabella Baker, Ashlyn Manz and Karsyn Troth each holding a live red worm.

By: Staci Miller, Education Specialist, Paulding SWCD

Last week, Grover Hill kindergarten got to learn about the wonderful things worms can do. Staci Miller with Paulding SWCD went in to visit the classrooms with her very own worm farm. The students learned about vermicomposting which is the process of using worms ("vermin" is Latin for worm") to process organic food waste into nutrient-rich soil. The youth learned how to construct a worm bin by using storage totes. They also learned about what worms like to eat and how they are able to eat the rotting food and reuse it as a natural fertilizer for plants. Worm poop or castings are the best compost. It is full of benefi-

cial nutrients that is a great plant fertilizer. After learning about their habitat, they got the chance to hold a live red wiggler worm. Then to finish off the presentation, youth participated in a worm relay game. They were transformed into birds and had to pick up worms (pipe cleaners) with their beak (clothespin) just like birds and deliver them to their birdhouse (container). The students really enjoyed playing this relay game and getting to hold a live red worm. If you are interested in this or other educational programs, please contact Staci Miller, Education Specialist for a full listing of programs available for your classroom or organizational group at 419-399-4771.

WAYNE TRACE PAYNE ELEMENTARY FEBRUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Front Row: Nyle Stoller, Ana Adkins, Johnalynn Shellenbarger, Skyler Zuber, Ryan Parker, Destiny Endicott, Isabella Knowles, Nadia Franklin; Back Row: Jacob Banks, Brookelynn Lee, Adrian Laukhuf, Dyson Scott, Kevin Bauer, Bailey Hildebrand; Not pictured: Kyrah Cook

WHEN DID FOOD CANNING START?

By: Caroline Zimmerman

Are you aware that the preserving of foods by home canning in glass jars was actually started because of a contest given by the French Government in 1795? Actually, Napoleon had a great deal to do with the idea because people had been trying for thousands of years to find better ways to preserve food and he was desperate for something to help this effort for his armies during their campaigns.

The French soldiers and sailors were on such a limited diet of smoked fish, hardtack and salted meats & they were begging for something else. In 1795, the French government offered a prize of 12,000

francs for the most practical method of giving French armies and navies fresh and wholesome food. It was not until 1810, that the prize was awarded to Nicholas Appert, a chef and confectioner who lived near Paris.

He had perfected a system whereby he packed the food into wide-mouthed glass bottles which he sealed with cork and wire and then put each into a boiler filled with hot water. When the lid was put on, the bottles would heat in their boiling water bath.

Appert's method is as effective today for some foods as it was then, although the theory upon which he worked was not correct. He thought it was only necessary to keep out air to preserve cooked food. Later it was learned that preserving canned food de-

pends on the absence of invisible bacteria, also.

"Tinning" was first patented by Peter Durand in 1810 for the "Tin Canner" in England. In America we call this industry "Canning", while it is still known as "Tinning" in England.

Eventually the "Canning" industry came to America. The first tin cannery in the US was for fish in New York City in 1819 by Ezra Dagget. In 1820m canneries were started in Boston for preserving fruit preserves and tomatoes in glass.

It was soon found that to can a food with success, it must be clean and heated enough to kill the growing organisms (like bacteria, mold, and yeast) that may cause fresh food to spoil; the tin can or glass jar must be free from germs, and it must be sealed air-tight.

Obviously, the tin cans (or metal cans) will not hold a lengthy seal and the rubber seal ring will also age. Tomatoes and acidic foods may loosen lids. Regardless, before the invention of the "Food Freezer", the preservation of food by "Canning" saved a lot of food for hungry people for a century.

For the younger generation "Canning" sounds easy, but it is hard work. I challenge some of these young people to pick, clean and can several quarts of tomatoes (or more) a day (or peaches) when they are ripe and due to be canned. My mother had two 8-quart canners going at a time (one on the stove and preparing jars for the other one) during those times. She made juice, canned tomatoes, sauce, canned cherries, meat, all kinds of soups and vegetables, and fruits, etc. My folks had fruit trees and planted a large garden. They will always be remembered for that.

Note: About 40 years ago I offered to "help her out" while they were on a short vacation one time and ended up canning 268 quarts of tomatoes in a week's time. (They had 50 tomato plants). My Dad laughed when they got home. He said, "You can have them, we just didn't want them to go to waste!" (I could tell that Dad didn't think I really could/would do it!). I haven't canned tomatoes since.

ANTWERP SCHEDULES LED LIGHT INSTALLATION

On February 18 the Antwerp school board met for the second general meeting of the year. Bob Herber reported the liaison report on the religious expression act that was just introduced in the state legislature. Dennis Recker said Vantage is having an open house from 5:00-7:30 p.m. and this is the 40th year for the vocational school. People will be able to visit different sections including the culinary arts and other sections.

Kristine Stuart gave the January Financial statement. The income was: \$1,309,110.75; expenses: \$749,668.27; interest: \$1437.60. She said taxes came in from all different areas including casino revenue, property taxes, etc. The five year forecast was presented that was approved last October and so far the expenses are very similar to the forecast expectations. These new reports will be released monthly now to the board members. The audit report came back

with a positive response, and Kristine was very happy and thanked the administration and people who helped to make it all work together.

Principal Mike Bute mentioned they have reported bullying and have 0 incidents in the first semester. He also said he has gone over requirements for graduation with the students. March 11 is the end of the third grading period. Ohio State Testing will begin on April 11. Bute and Principal Tim Manz will start working on it right away. The test sessions will be broken up over two days so they are not so long for the kids.

Tim Manz said they received their ELA results for third graders and 67% of the students were proficient at the end of the year levels long before the end of the year. Grace Tuttle was the runner-up at the Paulding County Spelling Bee and will be the alternate when regionals take place at IPFW. Kindergarten registration starts on March 30 and 31st. The elementary also had no reported cases of bullying. The Columbus Children's Theater is coming to Antwerp to present Rumpelstiltskin on March 2.

Superintendent Marty Miller said the Senior Class Trip is planning to go to St. Louis, Missouri from April 14-16. A security guard will be hired to make sure the students are safe and cooperating with the rules. There will also be two chaperones. The technology conference was a good experience and is trying to see how to integrate coding in the school at Antwerp. The final waiver day is on February 29 and is part of blended learning, pushing forward as a group. The lights should be installed as soon as the weather turns warmer for track and field along with football next fall.

IT leader Harold Gottke is looking into integrating the school board with technology instead of paper for the meetings. They have purchased Microsoft Surface Pro tablets to experiment with. About 6 vendors came into look at bidding for the LED lighting for both gyms and Auditoria. HVAC has several bidders for that new project. The HVAC bids are due March 8 and LED bids are due on February 23. There may be a special board meeting announced.

March 28 is the scheduled date of the beginning of LED lighting installation. The copier RFP should replace current machines with 12 new machines that will reduce the current number of printers and give more privacy and saving paper by only printing when the person arrives at the machine and enters their code. Several Chromebooks have been implemented into the elementary class rooms. More and more Chromebooks are being implemented and they are working well at a third of the price.

A special March 10 at 6:00 p.m. meeting has been scheduled for approval of the LED lighting bids. The regularly scheduled meeting on March 17 will still take place.

March 11-13th is the date for the high school musical "The Little Mermaid".

Travis Hammer, Jason Hale, Boston Hormann, Shelly Billman, Josh Hoepfner, and Zach Lee for coaching, and Harold Gottke were all approved for the contracts. Dennis Recker thanked the school for all of the sup-

port they have given him and his children over the past month. He asked for continued prayer for his family.

The meeting then adjourned.

NEW HAVEN'S SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION: DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY!

New Haven will be celebrating its 150th birthday in 2016. Our sesquicentennial celebration will be a yearlong series of events happening during NH Festival Days, the July 4th holiday weekend, NHHS Homecoming and wrapping up in the end of the year. As you look forward to this year we are asking that you please consider putting the sesquicentennial celebration in your 2016 budget. There will be plenty of ways for you and your company to help support this community wide celebration. We are in the planning stages of several exciting events, including:

- A commemorative coin similar to the 1966 centennial coin.
- A historical church "walk"
- Downtown historical tours
- A memory "alley" featuring old photos from local families
- An Olympic style parade at Homecoming
- Planting of tulip trees (IN state tree)

All these ideas along with a grand ball, a NH special brewed craft beer and a time capsule are all being discussed. We'd love to have your business help us with any of the above ideas or let us know what other ideas you might have and how you'd like to be involved. For more information email Sue Platt at ssnplatt@yahoo.com

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USDA & THE U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOUNDATION JOIN FORCES TO PROMOTE AGRICULTURE JOBS, FARMING & RANCHING TO MILITARY VETERANS

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced a joint agreement with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation to increase employment opportunities in the agricultural sector for military veterans and their spouses.

USDA Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services Deputy Under Secretary Lanon Baccam signed the agreement along with Eric Eversole, vice president at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Eversole, a Commander in the Navy Reserve, also serves as the foundation's President of Hiring Our Heroes. Baccam, a U.S. Army and Iowa National Guard veteran who served in Afghanistan, is USDA's Military Veterans Liaison.

"This agreement opens the door for thousands of service

members who participate in Hiring Our Heroes events around the world to benefit from USDA's vast array of tools and resources," said Baccam. "This new partnership strengthens USDA's ongoing efforts to help veterans pursue rewarding careers in farming, ranching, or in the fast-growing agriculture and food sectors."

The agreement establishes a new partnership between USDA and Hiring Our Heroes, a program that helps military veterans, transitioning active duty personnel, and their spouses and partners with training and opportunities to find meaningful employment when entering the civilian workforce.

Since 2009, USDA has provided \$466.8 million in farm loans to help more than 6,868 veterans purchase farmland, buy equipment and make repairs and upgrades. Our microloans, which offer smaller amounts of support to meet the needs of small- or niche-type farm operations, have also grown in popularity among veterans. Since it was launched in January 2013, USDA's microloan program has provided more than \$25.8 million in support to help veterans grow their farming businesses.

Recently, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) also expanded its collaboration with the Department of Defense to better reach the nearly 200,000 service members transitioning from military service to civilian life each year. Through a career training and counseling program, called the Transition Assistance Program, or TAP, USDA provides information on a wide variety of loans, grants, training and technical assistance available for veterans who are passionate about a career in agriculture.

For more information on how USDA can help military veterans transition into agriculture as a career, visit www.usda.gov/veterans.

This joint agreement between USDA and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation was authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill, which builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past seven years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for taxpayers. Since enactment, USDA has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing, and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit www.usda.gov/farmbill.

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SHANER ADVANCES TO DISTRICTS

The Antwerp High School wrestling team recently competed in the sectional tournament on February 19-20, 2016 at Archbold High School. The Archbold sectional has long been known to be the toughest Division 3 wrestling sectional in the state and this year was no different. With returning team state champion Delta (ranked #1 in Division 3) along with Archbold who is also a top 10 team themselves, the sectional this year was exceptionally tough. However, the Archers did manage to have 1 wrestler

place in the top 4 along with 2 others who will be alternates at next week's District Tournament. Placing 5th was Freshman Aidan McAlexander at 106 pounds. McAlexander recorded 2 very hard fought wins and 2 losses with 1 major decision on the weekend. Also placing 5th was Senior Justice Clark at 170 pounds. Clark finished the tournament with 3 wins and 2 losses with all 3 wins coming by pin. By placing 5th, both Clark and McAlexander earned alternate spots in next week's District Tournament.

The Archers managed to have 1 wrestler place in the top 4 and thus earn himself an automatic qualification at

the District tournament. Junior Logan Shaner placed 4th at 145 pounds. Shaner was 2-2 on the weekend with both of his wins coming by pin. Shaner was also able to avenge a loss from earlier in the season to earn his District qualification. This is the 2nd consecutive year Shaner has qualified for the District tournament. Congratulations to all of the Antwerp wrestlers for their hard work not only over the weekend but throughout this whole season. We wish all of them the best of luck as they prepare for the District tournament at Toledo Waite High School on February 26-27, 2016.

WARRIORS MAKE SECOND HALF COME-BACK!



This team came back from behind and won the game by 15 points and an incredible recovery. Shown here is Ben Schwartz scoring. Ben was very instrumental in making this comeback possible. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Blazers travelled to the Woodlan court on Tuesday, February 16. The Strautman Field House had a quite a few fans in the seats from both areas.

The game began with both teams off to finding their way in this battle. Eastside boys basketball has been a good team in recent years. Competing against Woodlan was

very good in football and the competition continued this evening. The first period Eastside and Woodlan both were feeling the other team out for competition. Austin Fancher was already metaphorically stepping up to the plate. He was doing quite well by the end of the period. The first period ended 10-13 with the Warriors having a slight lead.

The second period Eastside made a comeback and more than doubled their first period score. The half finished 32-30, taking the lead back from the home team.

Wake me up Woodlan! The second half of the game was a completely different team on the court. I don't know what happened but the defense was forcing the Blazers to turn the ball over time after time to the Warriors. These boys were on fire! The third period ended 40-49.

Would Fancher, Ben Schwartz and Andrew Krahn be able to keep up the offense in the fourth? It didn't take long to realize that would be true. The game was an incredible win for these boys. The final score was 49-64 after Woodlan added another 15 points to the score card while the Butler team added only 9, giving the Warriors the victory.

Score by the Quarter:

Eastside: 10 22 8 9 = 49

Woodlan: 13 17 19 15 = 64

Scorers of the Game:

Eastside: Ballentine 8;

Dean 5; Rieke 4; Baker 5; Wil-

lard 8; Brow 11; Thompson 6

Woodlan: Biggs 2; Fancher 20;

Schwartz 10; Krahn 12;

Rhoades 5; Hahn 11; Gerig 2;

Williams 2

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LADY RAIDERS END GREAT SEASON



Wayne Trace Junior Danae Myers has one of her best games with 27 points in this tournament matchup (file photo). More pictures at westbendnews.net

The sectional game for the Wayne Trace Lady Raiders took place on Saturday evening at Findlay High School. Between Leipsic and the Raid-

Vikings by 6 points. Second period was closer with Leipsic gaining on the Raiders, but Wayne Trace still held on to the lead at half with a score of 28-26.

Wayne Trace, the better rank against Leipsic, was not enough to be certain of the win. The last few games had really been a struggle for these girls—only winning 2 of the last 5, nothing like the earlier part of the season where these ladies were unstoppable.

The third and fourth periods were both close for the teams. Wayne Trace lost their lead by the end of the third. Courtney Mead ended up making 2- 3 point baskets. They ended up gaining the momentum back in the fourth and the game finished the fourth period tied at 56, sending the game into overtime.

The overtime was a big setback for the Lady Raiders. The Vikings were hitting all the baskets and Wayne Trace struggled just to add points to the board. The game finished with Leipsic moving on in the tournament 70-62. Wayne Trace finished a great season with a 17-6 record!

Score by the Quarter:
Wayne Trace: 16 12 14 14 = 62
Leipsic: 10 16 20 10 14 = 70
Scorers of the Game:
Wayne Trace: Myers 27; Mohr 16; Gudakunst 8; Mead 6; B Sinn 3; E Sinn 2
Leipsic: Lammers 24; Gerdeman 21; Meyer 20; Heitmeyer 4; Niese 1

HILLTOP UPSET WITH ANTWERP WIN



Cole Seslar scores 2 points from under the basket. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Antwerp boys basketball took on Hilltop at the Archer court on Saturday, February 13. I don't want to say this was an easy game for the home team because they worked hard for it, certainly they made it look easy. The Archers nailed 22 points in the first period with Matt Jones burning the court with 9 points in the first. Longardner had 7 points and Cole Seslar shot a 3 pointer. The first period ended with Antwerp in the lead, 22-14.

The second period was almost as nice for Antwerp with 19 on the board and most of those were by Sam Williamson with 11. Trey Mills was added to the score board in this period with a two point and 3 point field goals. The half finished, 41-29.

The third period, the Cadets bounced back from total annihilation, picking up the pace against the Archers. Antwerp was able to add 16 points with many of those by Jones and Longardner. At the

same time Riley, Smith and Brooker from the West Unity School put together 19. This was the best period for Hilltop.

The last of the game ,Hilltop didn't make double digits. They made nine to Antwerp 14 and the game finished 71-54 in game that is winding down the basketball season for the Archers. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Score by the Quarter:
Antwerp: 22 19 16 14 = 71
Hilltop: 14 15 19 9 = 57
Scorers of the Game:
Antwerp: Jones 24; Williamson 21; Longardner 12; Mills 5; Seslar 5; Poulson 3
Hilltop: Riley 9; Suboski 3; Smith 20; Brooker 10; Grapengeter 2; Manual 11; Shilling 2

More pictures at westbendnews.net

ANTWERP WRESTLERS GO TO NAPOLEON

The Antwerp Wrestling Club recently competed at the Napoleon tournament on February 21, 2016. Of the 8 wrestlers competing, 6 of them were able to place in the top 4 of their respective weight classes. Placing 4th on the day and earning the first win and pin of his young wrestling career was Zaybriel King-Bauer. Finishing in 3rd place with 2 wins and 2 losses were Skyler Octaviano and Eli Reinhart. Placing 2nd was AJ Eaton. The Archers also crowned 2 champions on Sunday, both with unblemished records for the day. Going 4-0 on the day with 1 pin was Michael Rohrs and finishing the day with a 3-0 record and 3 pins was Ethan Karam.

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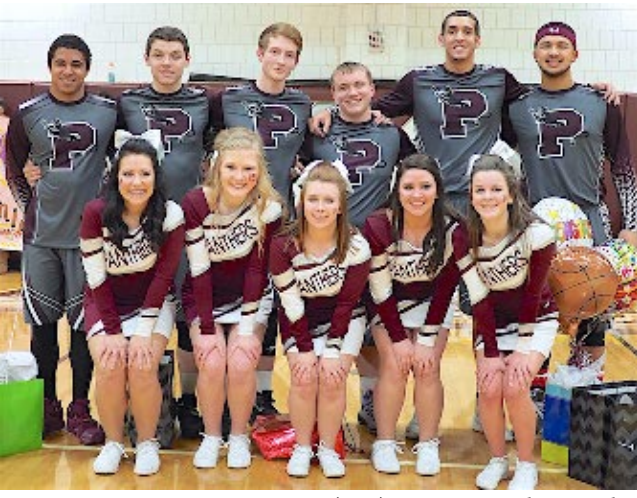
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Bottom Photo: PHS Band Seniors Front Row (L-R): Angel Escalera, Megan Reineck, Tori Bradford, Victoria Meadows. Back Row (L-R): Matthew Martinez and Cullen Wenzlick

On Friday, February 19 the Lincolnview Lancers travelled to the Paulding court to take on the Paulding boys basketball team. The varsity game took place after announcing the seniors of band, boys basketball, and cheerleaders. Paulding started off very well against this state ranked team. The Lancers had lost only one game so far this season and I really think Paulding had their grasp on the game. It began with Alex Arellano and Corbin Edwards both able to hit the shots needed to outpace Lincolnview, 13-11. The next period, Paulding scored another 13 points by Edwards and Arellano again leading and Ethan Rhonehouse and Preston Ingol both posting to the scoreboard. The Lancers added one more point than the previous period but Paulding kept the lead by one point, 26-25.

The second half of the game, Paulding fell flat. It was painful for the Panthers when they scored less in the whole half than they did in either of the first 2 periods. You could tell they just shut down; Paulding's top scorers and when they did this they picked up the pace themselves.

The game finished with Lincolnview taking the lead, 50-38.

Score by the Quarter:
Paulding: 13 13 7 5 = 38
Lincolnview: 11 14 10 15 = 50

Scorers of the Game:
Paulding: Arellano 13; Edwards 12; Sitton 5; Ingol 2; Good 2; Rhonehouse 2; Gee 2

Lincolnview: Youtsey 14; Adams 12; Leichte 11; Ludwig 9; Hale 3; Leeth 1.

Paulding finished their regular season 10-12. They will go on to play Tinora at Defiance High School on February 26 at 8:00 p.m.

PAULDING GIRLS FALL TO DELPHOS JEFFERSON, ENDING SEASON



Bri Townley scores 11 points in this last game (file photo). More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Lady Panthers travelled to Bluffton University on Tuesday, February 16 to take on #7 seed Delphos Jefferson Lady Wildcats. The girls basketball game started with the Wildcats coming out strong scoring 17 points. While Paulding wasn't bad it only earned 12 with top points coming from Allison Arend and Bri Townley from field goals.

The second period was the one that gave Jefferson the strong lead it needed. Their defense cut into the points that the Panthers could have earned. Four points were earned and all of these by Audrey Manz. The half ended at 16-33. The second half was a dif-

ferent match when Paulding came on strong, outscoring Delphos in the fourth and tying in the third. The points score wasn't enough for the Panthers to claw their way back up though and the game ended 39-53. If the girls could have played as well in the second period as they did the other three, they would have moved on to the sectional championship game.

Score by the Quarter:
Paulding: 12 4 12 11 = 39
Delphos Jefferson: 17 16 12 8 = 53

Scorers of the Game:
Paulding - Townley 11; Arend 8; Manz 6; Meggison 4; Hale 3; McCullough 3; Rice 2; Vogel 2

WAYNE TRACE VS OTTOVILLE BOYS BASKETBALL

Ottoville was no match for Wayne Trace during a recent game. Wayne Trace walk away with the win 79 - 38 taking their season record to 15 - 7.

Score by the Quarter:
Wayne Trace - 19 23 17 20 = 79

Ottoville - 9 9 9 11 = 38

Game scorers:
Wayne Trace - Stabler 7, Miller 7, Eli Sinn 7, Jon Sinn 3, Shepherd 6, Saylor 5, Linder 11, Vest 20, Kuhn 6, Speice 7
Ottoville - Wenzlick 2, Schimmoeller 7, Sossan 2, Moorman 7, Martin 5, Trenkamp 15

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WTWC COMPETE IN THE JUNIOR HIGH DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunday, February 21st, six members of the WTWC competed in the Junior High District Championships at Oregon Clay High School. The top six placers in every weight class earn their spot to wrestle at the OAC State wrestling tournament in March. Wrestling for WT

Sunday were Hunter Long, Jarrett Hornish, Seth Meggison, Gabe Sutton, Kameron Bevis, and Ty Tinlin.

Long placed 3rd with an ending record of 3-1. Hornish and Bevis both ended their day with a record of 3-2. These three boys earned themselves a chance to stand on the state podium in March at the Covelli Center in Youngstown, Ohio March 14th. While not securing a spot in the top six, Meggison and Sutton both went 2-2 for the day, Tinlin's record was 1-2.

PC TIGERS CAPTURE WIN OVER WT FACULTY

Friday, February 12 proved to be a multitude of fun for the PC Tigers and Wayne Trace Jr. /Sr. High School. The Tigers traveled to The Palace for a friendly game of basketball with the faculty in the afternoon. The action was back and forth non-stop but the Tigers came out on top 76-58. Lead scorers for the Tigers were Matt Wayne with 30 points and Bobby Scott with 10. Coach Short noted that every player on the 14 member roster was able to score and he was proud of every single one. The Team, Coach Short, Parents, and PCBDD/PCW Staff want to recognize Jim Linder, Wayne Trace Administration, Teaching

Staff, Student Body, and Pep Band for the super warm welcome and cheerful support of Paulding County Special Olympics. The gym was full of friendship and if you were there that day, you could certainly feel it. We so greatly appreciate all your hard work to make the game happen; you made our players feel so loved.

NFL YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL

New Haven Parks and Recreation and the official NFL youth flag football organization have partnered to offer boys and girls 4-14 years of age a local opportunity to play flag football. This program provides young players a fun and exciting opportunity to engage in non-contact, continuous action while learning lessons in teamwork. All players will receive an NFL jersey & Flag belt to keep. Teams are formed by school and by grade. Practices are an hour before the game and coaches are screened and trained with certified officials. Games and practices are held at JURY Park. The deadline for sign up in our area is March 19th.

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PILOTS SHUTDOWN THE ARCHERS IN SECTIONAL FINAL



Rachel Williamson drives in after picking up a turnover to score for the Archers. More pictures at westbendnews.net

At Defiance High School on Saturday, February 20, the Antwerp Lady Archers competed against Ayersville in the sectional final game. Ayersville is the top seeded team with a bye in the bracket while Antwerp had just come off a win against Fairview. In the first period, the Lady Archers struggled and it wasn't until the second quarter, just before the half, that they rallied with points by Peyton Short, Hope Smith, Rachel Williamson, and others, coming close to the rival's score. The second half was not

pretty for the Archers as they struggled and hit with turnovers. The Ayersville 5'11" senior Molly Hammersmith stopped many shots under the basket, holding back Kiana Recker from her normal scoring. Many fouls, blocks and jump balls is what kept the Pilots on top.

The game ended 45-28 with Ayersville moving on to Districts.

Antwerp finished their season with an 11-13 record.

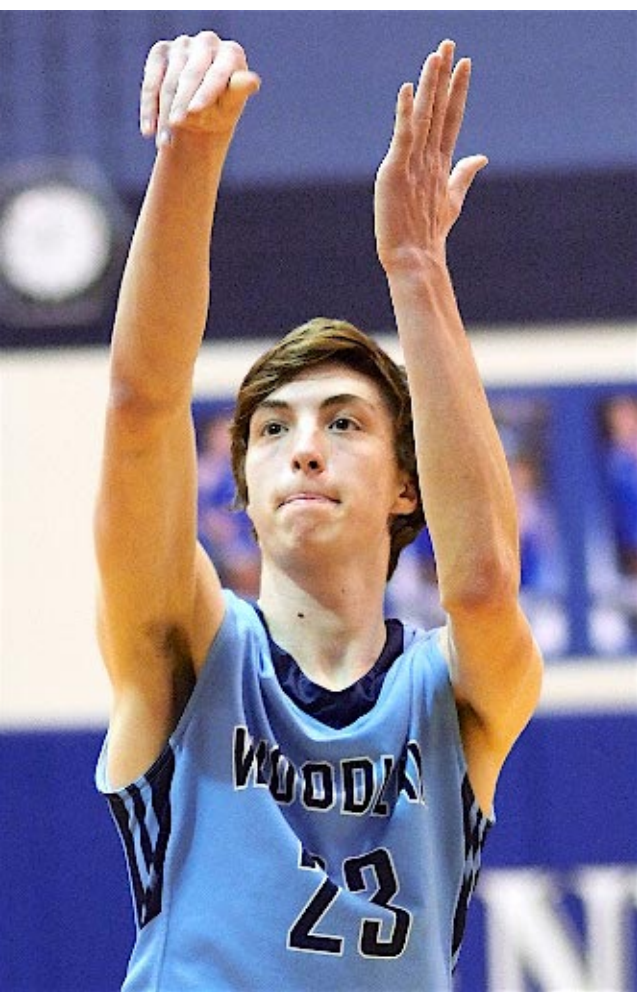
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WARRIORS ROCK THE ARCHERS



Cole Weiss helps out the Woodlan score with this free throw shot. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Woodlan started the game at the Antwerp Court on Friday, February 19 in a frenzy of three point baskets. At one point, the score was 20-1 and Antwerp was wondering what in the world they were running into?! The Warriors do not have a spectacular record—very similar to Antwerp's this season as a matter of fact, but the Warriors were running away with score. Austin Fancher had one of his best quarters ever with 12 points. Aaron Hahn also had an incredible time with

9 points from three points in the first period. Ben Schwartz also scored 2 3-point baskets in that time. Points-wise, Antwerp wasn't poor, but in comparison, it wasn't even close. Josh Poulson did quite well under pressure. He had a pretty good game. When he was fouled, he scored all of the baskets he was allowed. Sam Williamson scored a 3 point basket and he did fine on the free throws as he neared the record for most points in a season. The first period ended 12-29 with Woodlan pulling

way ahead early.

The second period was a great one for Antwerp—and Woodlan. Williamson was fouled numerous times and didn't miss any of the free throws in this period—scoring six. Cole Seslar posted his first points on the board when he scored 3 of 4 points from the foul line, and Matt Jones added his first points with a 2 and 3 point field goals. The Warriors were still on fire with Blake Williams kicking in his first points with 5 free throws and 2 field goals. Deontae Biggs also added points and so did Andrew Krahn. The half ended with Woodlan still ascending with a score of 55-31. This halftime score for the guest team was higher than many of their total game scores. Coach David Randall wasn't sure what was going on with his team and he wasn't disappointed.

The second half was much calmer for Woodlan and in this time Antwerp outscored the Warriors, but they couldn't even come close to making up the deficit from the first two periods. Here, Matthew Dooley and Keaton

Altimus both hit three point baskets. Josh Poulson was back in adding points and so was Sam Williamson. Biggs was the top scorer for Woodlan in the last half along with Cole Weiss. The game ended with Woodlan on top, 75-52.

Antwerp's Sam Williamson is very close to breaking the school record for total points. Chad Hormann in 1985 has held the record for the last 30 years. Sam is now at 1138 career points and within 11 points of creating a new record! We are watching closely as the tournaments begin.

Score by the Quarter:

Antwerp: 12 19 10 11 = 52

Woodlan: 29 26 12 8 = 75

Scorers of the Game:

Antwerp: Williamson 21; Jones 9; Poulson 7; Seslar 3; Dooley 3; Altimus 3; Mills 2; Rebber 2; Longardner 2

Woodlan: Fancher 16; Biggs 14; Williams 11; Hahn 9; Schwartz 8; Weiss 8; Krahn 5; Howard 2; Durkes 2

Antwerp will go on to play Columbus Grove at Ottawa-Glandorf on February 24 at 8:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW KNOCKED OUT BY LADY ARCHERS



Antwerp Sophomore Hope Smith slides in to to the basket to score another two points. Photo by Jarrison Steiner. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Less than a couple weeks ago the Lady Archers took on Fairview at the Apaches' court. The game was great for the home team on February 4th.

It just so happened the draw for the sectionals had both of these teams competing once again, this time at the Defiance High School court for the first game of sectionals. Rachael Williamson was fantastic getting this game on the roll. Kiana Recker was again great from the free throw line from the beginning. This happened to be one of the highest first quarter scores for the Lady Archers. On the other side of the court, the Lady Apaches were doing well too. Not quite to the extent of Antwerp, but well enough. Mercedes Wagner posted 6 points in the first and Carly Wending nailed a 3 point basket. The first period ended 19-11 with Antwerp in the lead.

The second quarter was a tie. Both competitors on the court posted 9. Recker added 4 points and Audrie Longardner earned her first points.

Fairview's Katie Crites was the top in this period with 5 points. The half finished 28-10—Lady Archers still in the lead.

The third period and fourth periods for the Apaches added 22 points with 11 for each period. For Antwerp both periods added 23 points with 8 in the third and 15 in the fourth when Antwerp had another great quarter. Peyton Short was on the foul line four times and she hit every one! Avery Braaten also added four points with two of those being foul shots. Antwerp won the game that mattered the most with a 51-42 score.

Score by the Quarter:

Antwerp: 19 9 8 15 = 51

Fairview: 11 9 11 11 = 42

Scorers of the Game:

Antwerp: Smith 11; Williamson 11; Short 10; Recker 9; Braaten 4; Longardner 4; Cline 1; Johanns 1

Fairview: Crites 9; Schroeder 8; Wagner 8; Wending 7; Phillips 6; Vetter 4

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Tyler Bauer takes the top spot at 106 weight class.



Ruger Goeltzenleuchter takes top spot at 120 weight class.

FAIRVIEW ATHLETIC RESULTS

The boys basketball team split a pair of games this last weekend losing to Edgerton on Friday, February 12, by a score of 45 - 54, but then bouncing back on Saturday, February 13, to beat Edon by a score of 54 - 38.

On Friday, February 12, Matthew Kozumplik and Justin Smith led the scoring with 17 and 10 points respectively. Smith also led the team in rebounding with 12 boards. Kody King and Jarid Schweifert led the defensive effort.

On Saturday, February 13, Kozumplik and Lucas Eisel

led the team in scoring with 14 and 10 points respectively. Eisel and Kody King led the team in rebounding with 8 and 6 boards respectively. Luke Breininger and Jarid Schweifert led the floor game with 6 and 3 assists respectively. Justin Smith and Timmy Timbrook led the defensive efforts.

The 8th grade boys defeated Ayersville to win the GMC Championship 36-31. Chayse Singer led the way with 14 points.

Northwest Sectional swimming championships

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AHS PRESENTS LITTLE MERMAID - VISITS ROTARY



Antwerp High School will be presenting the musical "The Little Mermaid" on March 11, 12 & 13th. Pictured is part of the cast who performed for the Antwerp Rotary Club. Confirmed by "Flounder" (Annie Miesle), Ariel's sisters now understand why she is behaving strangely. The song "She's In

Love" contains comical lyrics and is brilliantly performed by cast members from left to right: Kortney Smith, Blaire Rebber, Megaen Price, Annie Meisle, Marissa Elkins, Alex Hindenlang, and Brooke Hatlevig. The musical is directed by Mrs. Mary Smith (center). Matt Hormann was program chair.

PAULDING ELEMENTARY PRESCHOOLERS LEARN TO BOWL



The Paulding Elementary Preschoolers had a great time learning to bowl at Alley Cat Lanes during Family Fun Day. It was a great way for them to practice counting their numbers.

WAYNE TRACE ART CLASSES TAKE FIELD TRIP TO ART MUSEUM



On Wednesday, February 10, 2016, Wayne Trace High School's Art II, III and IV classes spent the day at the Toledo Museum of Art. Thirty students participated in a 90 minute tour which included a variety of interactive discussions that focused on developing the students' visual literacy skills. In today's image-rich world, it is crucial for young people to be able to understand how to take in and process what they see--from pictures on their screens to signs along the road. The activities in which these students participated helped them to better describe what they saw in various works of art while developing skills to help them better communicate their ideas and express their own personal interpretation of each work. Following the tour and activities, students had lunch in the Museum

Cafe and then had some time to explore the rest of the museum or visit their favorite galleries before returning to school.

We had about five minutes in school when we returned, so I just asked the kids to respond to two quick questions about our trip: What did you like? What did you learn? Here are their responses...

What it is like to witness Van Gogh and Monet's work in the flesh vs. in a book or other media; We learned about all different styles of art from different cultures; I enjoyed learning about the different art pieces and the history behind them; The sneaker gallery made the museum modern; It was a great time; Everything; Shoes; Food; Japanese art; Cloister; Exhibits; Renaissance pictures; Majority of pictures; Shoe collection;

Good use of variety in art.; Different uses of mediums; Different time periods; To use elements of art to describe pieces; Liked the size of the museum because it wasn't too big; I like the pieces the museum displayed; I liked the different galleries; I learned that art can be made out of anything; The guards were friendly; I liked the wide variety of Egyptian artwork; I liked the shoe exhibit; I liked the paintings; I learned that shoes varied over many years; I liked the statues; I liked basically everything; I liked the gold processional cross; I learned that art can be furniture; I liked the classical art; I liked the cloister; How shoes were first made; Exploring all of the art; I learned that there was jewelry in the museum and that they have good cheesecake; We liked the European paintings and the Egyptian artifacts; My favorite was the room with the tall pillars and how they use dim lighting to create a unique environment.

MEET & GREET WITH LITTLE MERMAID CHARACTERS @ WT

Join us for a "Meet & Greet" of the characters from the Wayne Trace Jr/Sr High School musical of The Little Mermaid on Saturday, March 5th from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the Payne Elementary Gym.

Adult must accompany child. Come and get your picture taken with your favorite show character, play games, color pictures, enjoy refreshments and have a great time.

MAUMEE GO GETTERS OPEN HOUSE

The Maumee Go Getters will be having an Open House on Tuesday, March 8th from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Woodburn Library. Everyone is encouraged to come and find out what 4-H is about.

MVNU STUDENT ART EXHIBITION TO OPEN MARCH 21

Mount Vernon Nazarene University will be holding its annual student art exhibit Monday, March 21, to Wednesday, March 30. The exhibit will be on display at Schnormeier Gallery, 221 S. Main St., and will be open to the public.

The exhibit will display works completed by both studio and graphic design students in the last two semesters. Each student has the opportunity to submit up to two pieces of their choosing. The pieces exhibited will come from various classes, including: drawing/printing, printmaking, graphic communications, and digital photography.

There will also be a reception for the exhibit held on Wednesday, March 30, at 6 p.m. This reception will provide students with the opportunity to discuss their pieces with peers and viewers.

For more details about the art program at MVNU or the student art exhibition visit <http://www.mvnu.edu/art-design>.



Dear Miss C,

I go to junior high and don't like how it makes me feel. I am not a bad kid, but my teachers make me feel like I am and it makes me nervous and upset because I don't want people to think I am a bad kid. Sometimes my teachers make me think I am dumb because I forget things and then they sign my card and I can get detention and then people think I am trouble maker but that's not what I want to be. My mom talks to the school and stuff but it hasn't really helped anything.

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Dear Readers,

I have received three letters similar to this in the past few months and so I am going to address all of you together. I welcome you to write me back or send new questions inspired by this, or any issue in which you feel led.

I admit, letters like these break my heart a little. I neither know the writers nor the schools they attend, but there is evidence of a communication breakdown. And this breakdown negatively affects everyone involved. But this column response is directed toward the students who have taken the time to write to me.

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Dear Struggling Junior High

Readers,

You have inner strength and potential to grow into amazing adults. I want you to take a moment to think about someone you admire. Now describe that person to yourself and think about what characteristics make that person admirable? Those are often characteristics you wish you had more of for yourself. Now, who do you want to be and what do you want to do when you graduate? Picture yourself in that successful light! Because you know what is going to get you there? YOU! And you can't let anyone stand in your way. It is going to be a lot of work, and every bit of it will be worth it, because YOU are worth it!

When I was your age, I thought I was going to be a Broadway star or a famous journalist. I had a guidance counselor who said I didn't have what it would take to make it through college. And I had a teacher or two who were very hard on me and made me not feel very good about myself. Sometimes I got picked on by other and older kids. Some of my school years were not so easy.

But here is the thing, you cannot let experiences define you or how you feel about yourself! You think

a teacher is always on your case? Think back to that successful person you admire and remember, they probably struggled too. The difference though...instead of letting someone else define your potential, you define it yourself!

Teachers are in a unique position, I guarantee they want to see every student succeed (even if it doesn't feel like it to you). But every student is different, so they might need a little help figure out what most inspires and motivates you. So, no matter how much you may not want to, reach out to your teachers. Tell them how you feel. If you just can't talk to them in person (which I think is the best way to build good relationship), send your teacher an email. Every good communication builds your success path. If you happen to falter and miss a paper, then get into trouble....accept it, learn from it, and work to do better the next time. Your success and potential will be defined by you! Do not let your struggles and battles keep you back. Your teachers want you to own your success...and you can do it! Let NO ONE EVER tell you differently.

Blessings,

—Miss C

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HIGH 5 VBC WINS CUPID TOURNAMENT



The High 5 Volleyball Club wins The Cupid Tournament in Indy February 7th. The club is an 18's team of ladies from area high schools: Antwerp, Heritage, New Haven, Wayne Trace, and Woodlan. Pictured from left to right top row: Coach Mike Kammeyer, Andrea Jordan, Kacey Reinhart, Sydney Sheedy, Cortlyn Sowers, and Taylor Jacquay. Front row: Anika Hoffer, Ashley Luginbill, Cassidy Wiedenhoef, and Peyton Short.

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F. Peter Costello, Attorney for Plaintiff

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681
Revised Code, Section 2329.26

THE STATE OF OHIO,
PAULDING COUNTY:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
(USDA), Plaintiff,
vs.
PENNY L. SCHAFFER, ET AL.,
Defendants,

Case No. CI 15 129.
Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above entitled action, I will offer for sale at public auction, at the East door of the Courthouse in the Village of Paulding, in the above named County, on Thursday, the 10th day of March, 2016 at 10:00 o'clock A.M., the real estate located at:

102 Flat Rock Drive,
Payne, Ohio 45880
Parcel Number: 19-18S-024-00

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

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Stephen D. Miles, Attorney for Plaintiff

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681
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THE STATE OF OHIO,
PAULDING COUNTY:

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE
ASSOCIATION
("FANNIE MAE"),
A CORPORATION ORGANIZED
AND EXISTING UNDER
THE LAWS OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Plaintiff,
vs.
ALAN R. CLAYBAUGH, ET AL.,
Defendants,

Case No. CI 15 090.

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624 West Townline Street,
Payne, Ohio 45880
Parcel Number: 19-11S-039-01

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Jacqueline M. Wirtz,
Attorney for Plaintiff

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

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

Please take notice that a Complaint has been filed in the above-captioned action against you seeking to quiet the title to the following described property:
Situated in the Village of Grover Hill, County of Paulding, and State of Ohio: Fifty (50) feet off of the South side of Lot Number Ninety-nine (99) running its full length and east and west, in said Village of Grover Hill, Paulding County, Ohio, in the Original Plat of Grover Hill, subject to all easements and restrictions of record.

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

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

Ann E. Pease

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

THE WEST BEND NEWS Answers on Page 15 Sudoku Puzzle

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STATE REP. TONY BURKLEY VISITS FOURTH GRADE STUDENTS



State Representative Tony Burkley (R-Payne) visited fourth grade students at Payne Elementary School which is part of the Wayne Trace School District. Rep. Burkley represents Paulding, Defiance, Van Wert County and portions of Auglaize County.

The school visit was organized with the help of Rebecca Uphaus, one of the elementary school's fourth grade teachers. While there, Representative Burkley explained his role as a state representative to the students, tying in aspects covered in their social studies curriculum.

In his discussion, Representative Burkley in par-

ticular focused on civic participation, effective communication and analysis skills, and personal responsibility. He stressed the importance of being involved in your community and how to apply these skills as part of being a contributing citizen in a democracy.

"I truly enjoyed visiting with the students of Payne Elementary School today while in the district, said Rep. Burkley. "It is crucially important to teach children at this age the value of public service and giving back to your community so they will carry these qualities throughout their lives."

PAULDING COUNTY COURT REPORTS

- Criminal Dispositions**
Joshua L. Highsmith, Van Wert, OH; Seat belt/pass; Guilty; Case was waived by the defendant
Teresa L. Halliwill, Paulding, OH; Poss marijuana; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Defendant's operator's license is suspended for 6 months commencing 2/10/16; All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency
Teresa L. Halliwill, Paulding, OH; O.V.I./under inf; Dismiss; CT A dismissed
Terisa L. Halliwill, Paulding, OH; Hit skip; Dismiss; CT B dismissed
Teresa L. Halliwill, Paulding, OH; Fail control; Guilty; Shall pay \$50.00 per mo commencing 2/26/16; Has a POC date of 8/26/16
Teresa L. Halliwill, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Dismiss; CT D dismissed
Christopher M. Alaniz, McAllen, TX; Following close; Guilty; Case was waived by the defendant
Caroline A. Dangler, Cecil, OH; Cross div hwy; Guilty; Case was waived by the defendant
Michaela L. Burns, Antwerp, OH; Reckless oper; Guilty; Case was waived by the defendant
Ryan J. Fereza, Toledo, OH; Following close; Guilty; Case was waived by the defendant
Spenser J. Reed, Montpelier, OH; Left of center; Guilty; Case was waived by the defendant
Isaac Highwarden, Paulding, OH; Off inv underag; Dismiss; Case was dismissed per state; Defendant has submitted costs, as required by the terms of the Division Program
Jordan Leiter, Cecil, OH; Theft; Dismiss; Case dismissed per state; without prejudice; Defendant has submitted costs, as required by the terms of the Division Program
Donald A. Dougal, Defiance, OH; DUS; Guilty; May all fines and costs by 5/27/16 or will be set to collections
Michael A. Smith, Melrose, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Amber Smith, Melrose, OH; Seat belt/pass; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Benjamin J. Gilmore, Versailles, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by the defendant
Clinton J. Schroeder, Leipsic, OH; Set belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by the defendant
Samandeep K. Gill, Brampton, ON; Viol being pass; Guilty; Case was waived by the defendant
Gary B. English, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by the defendant
Ralph W. Taube, Hicksville, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by the defendant
John H. Bihn, Ft. Recovery, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by the defendant
Real Estate Transfers:
Latty Village:
 2/18/16; Lillian Schlatter, life estate; Sec. 36 outlots; 3.1 acres; To: Nanette Marie Horney, et al
Oakwood Village:
 2/18/16; Derrick L. Seibert; Lot 112; 0.1 acres; Lot 113; 0.1 acres; To: Rick G. Shisler
Paulding Village:
 2/16/16; Candace J. Stoffel, et al; Lot 22; 0.2258 acres; Lot 23; 0.065 acres; To: Ronnie Scozzari & Margaret A. Scozzari
 2/16/16; Bonnie L. Griffiths; Lot 38; 0.2583 acres; To: Scott L. Dickinson & Karina M. Dickinson
Scott Village:
 2/17/16; Kenneth L. & Janet D. Speelman; Lot 43; 0.1 acres; 0 acres; Lot 44; 0.1 acres; 0.05 acres; To: Kenneth L. Speelman
Blue Creek Twp.:
 2/18/16; Secretary of Housing & Urban Development; Sec. 10; 1.708 acres; To: Karl W. & Angie K. Klopfenstein
Brown Twp.:
 2/18/16; Nolan G. Shisler & LaDonna K. Shisler; Sec. 17; 0.432 acres; To: Rick G. Shisler
 2/19/16; Terrance G. Terhark, trustee; Sec. 8; 1.001 acres; To: Roger C. Eckart & Patricia L. Eckart
Carryall Twp.:
 2/18/16; Michael R. Seslar; Sec. 21; Lot 17; 0.475 acres; Sec. 21; 0.25 acres; To: Michael R. Seslar, Jr
Jackson Twp.:
 2/17/16; Tod Lewis Weaver, Sr., et al; Sec. 22; 2.698 acres; To: Doris J. Smith, et al
Latty Twp.:
 2/19/16; Lillian Schlatter, Lif Est@ (6); Sec. 1; 160 acres; Sec. 8; 80 acres; To: Nanette Marie Horney, et al

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681
Revised Code, Section 2329.26

THE STATE OF OHIO,
PAULDING COUNTY:

U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A.,
AS TRUSTEE FOR
LSF8 MASTER PARTICIPATION
TRUST, Plaintiff,
vs.
CHADD C. RATLIFF, ET AL.,
Defendants,

Case No. CI 15 164.

Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above entitled action, I will offer for sale at public auction, at the East door of the Courthouse in the Village of Paulding, in the above named County, on Thursday, the 31st day of March, 2016 at 10:10 o'clock A.M., the real estate located at:

16233 Road 83, Cecil, Ohio 45821
Parcel Number: 14-17S-011-00

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Carrie L. Davis, Attorney for Plaintiff

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681
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THE STATE OF OHIO,
PAULDING COUNTY:

QUICKEN LOANS, INC.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
BRADLEY P. SMITH, ET AL.,
Defendants,

Case No. CI 15 186.

Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above entitled action, I will offer for sale at public auction, at the East door of the Courthouse in the Village of Paulding, in the above named County, on Thursday, the 31st day of March, 2016 at 10:25 o'clock A.M., the real estate located at:

15104 Road 23,
Antwerp, Ohio 45813
Parcel Number: 11-21B-001-00
and 11-21S-009-00

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Charles V. Gasior, Attorney for Plaintiff

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681
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THE STATE OF OHIO,
PAULDING COUNTY:

FIFTH THIRD MORTGAGE COMPANY,
Plaintiff,
vs.
JOSEPH M. GARMYN, ET AL.,
Defendants,

Case No. CI 15 181.

Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above entitled action, I will offer for sale at public auction, at the East door of the Courthouse in the Village of Paulding, in the above named County, on Thursday, the 31st day of March, 2016 at 10:20 o'clock A.M., the real estate located at:

4735 Flatrock Trail,
Payne, Ohio 45880
Parcel Number: 03-03A-014-00

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James L. Sassano, Attorney for Plaintiff

TRAINING GIVES UNDERSTANDING TO THE IMPORTANCE OF CPR



How much time do you have if you see someone collapse from a heart attack? Can you wait until someone else steps into the scene and try to save the life? What if you are the only one around? You can call 911, which is good, but it was taught that with every minute of time where the body does not have blood circulating, the chance of survival drops by 10%.

The community was blessed with the Rotary Club of Antwerp sponsoring a CPR course. Mike Knapp presented the information from the American Red Cross and taught all 10 people who were at the class that took place on Saturday, February 21st. Knapp, who is a trained

EMT since 2007, is on the Antwerp volunteer squad that serves the area so well.

Twila Demongeot and Sonya Herber, Antwerp Rotary, realized the importance of this after a healthy young man in town had a sudden cardiac arrest and if it wasn't for someone knowing CPR he would have died.

Every day people die because there aren't friends or family who can perform this necessary life-saving treatment, and instead, waiting for the EMS to arrive. Now might be the time to save someone you love.

With the good turnout, the next class is tentatively set for April 2 for participants to receive their certification.

CLEMENT VOTED "POY" IN NWC GIRLS HOOPS

Columbus Grove junior guard Jade Clement was selected as the 2015-16 NWC Player of the Year in voting by Northwest Conference girls basketball coaches. In an extremely close vote Clement received 117 of a possible 120 first place points to earn POY honors over Crestview junior, Emily Bauer (116 points).

Clement averaged 17 points and 4 steals per game in leading the Bulldogs to an 8-0 conference record and first place in the NWC. Clement shot 56% from 2-point range and 36% from 3-point land for an overall total 49%.

Joining Clement and Bauer on the NWC First Team were senior Rachel Wildman (Ada), sophomore Paige Bellman (CG), freshman Alivia Koenig (BL) and junior Abbie Parkins (BL). Clement and Bauer were repeat first team selections from last year.

Brian Schroeder, who led Columbus Grove (8-0) to the school's second NWC girls basketball title was selected as the NWC Coach of the Year.

The team breakdowns are as follows:

FIRST TEAM
Jade Clement (CG) 11; Emily Bauer (CV) 12; Rachel Wildman (ADA) 12; Paige Bellman (CG) 10; Alivia Koenig (BL) 9; Abbie Parkins (BL) 11

SECOND TEAM
Kylie Wyss (AE) 12; Paige Motyka (CV) 10; Jacey Grigsby (SV) 12; Faith Vogel (PL) 11; Sarah Miller (DJ) 10

HON. MENTION
Lynea Diller (CG) 12; Brady Guest (CV) 12; Andie Schmutz (BL) 11; Katlyn Wendel (LV) 11; Haley Wyss (ADA) 11; Claire Zaleski (CV) 12; Kyrah Yinger (CG) 12; Macy Wallace (DJ) 10; Sidney Faine (ADA) 12; Brooke Hoffman (CG) 12

FINAL LEAGUE STANDINGS

Columbus Grove 8-0; Crestview 7-1; Bluffton 6-2; Ada 5-3; Delphos Jefferson 4-4; Spencerville 3-5; Allen East 2-6; Lincolnview 1-7; Paulding 0-8

VAN WERT GUITAR STUDENTS HIT THE STAGE WITH INTERNATIONAL ACT

Vancrest Health Care Centers present The Wellington International Ukulele Orchestra at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center Thursday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m. This outgoing group of talented ukulele players from New Zealand is bringing their unique charm to the Niswonger stage, as well as a unique experience for some Van Wert 6th graders.

Mrs. Tina Decker and her 6th grade guitar students are in the process of preparing for a night they'll never forget. Each of her students is training to transfer their knowledge and skill of their favorite six-stringed instrument to a similar, albeit smaller instrument: the ukulele. These students will be joining The Wellington International Ukulele Orchestra onstage to collaborate on some of America's biggest pop hits. The process is long, but the kids sure are having fun and are plenty excited to perform for their friends and family.

This student performance is in collaboration with the group's community outreach program and each student

gets to take home their Ukulele after the concert. The participating 6th grade guitar students include Christian Adams, Aubree Baer, Natalie Benner, KeAndre Blythe, Trinity Goins, Joshua Haines, Nathan Jackson, Trey Laudick, Emma McGuire, Sam Moonshower, Corbin Pfau, Jaryn Pierce, Deledia Quiroz, and Jacob Sealscott.

VAN WERT BOYS BASKETBALL

Van Wert Boys Basketball took chalked up another win with the match up against Ottoville, February 15. Van Wert won the game 53 - 37, taking their season record to 6 - 15.

Score by the Quarter:
Van Wert - 11 15 12 15 = 53

Ottoville - 4 11 14 8 = 37

Game scorers:
Van Wert - Kelly 8, Smith 22, Braun 9, McCracken 14
Ottoville - Wenzlick 3, Schinnoeller 3, Boecker 2, Von Sossan 3, Moorman 16, Martin 3, Trenkamp 7

NEW HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

New Haven High School boys basketball beat Canterbury School 70 - 64, improving their season record to 15 - 7.

Score by the Quarter:
New Haven - 12 19 23 16 = 70
Canterbury - 17 12 13 22 = 64

Game scores:
New Haven - Moore 2, Stevenson 3, Westrick 5, Gardner 17, Upshaw 5, Towns 22, Rowan 14, Perkins 2
Canterbury - Boice 10, Paul 15, Kreiger 2, White 10, Kline 4, Wojewuczki 12, Shantz 3, Camp 8

WAYNE TRACE JR/SR HIGH BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 2/24 - 3/1

Breakfast:
2/24 - Mini pancakes, sausage, juice/fruit, milk
2/25 - Cheese omelet, toast, juice/fruit, milk
2/26 - Cinnamon roll, juice/fruit, milk
2/29 - Sausage pizza, juice/fruit, milk
3/1 - Egg/cheese muffin, juice/fruit, milk

Lunch:
2/24 - Shredded chicken sandwich, green beans, cooked carrots, assorted canned & fresh fruit, milk; PLUS: Chef salad, Pizza sub OR Pretzel w/cheese & salad bar

2/25 - Soft tacos w/meat, cheese & iceberg lettuce, refried beans, corn, assorted juices, assorted canned & fresh fruit, milk; PLUS: Chef salad, Pizza sub OR Breaded chicken sandwich & salad bar

2/26 - Cheese quesadillas w/salsa, romaine lettuce salad w/dressing, corn, assorted canned & fresh fruit, milk; PLUS: Chef salad, Pizza sub OR Cheeseburger sandwich & salad bar

2/29 - Grilled chicken sandwich, cooked peas, cooked carrots, assorted canned & fresh fruit, milk; PLUS: Chef salad, Pizza sub or Grilled chicken sandwich w/salad bar

3/1 - Sloppy Joe sandwich, french fries, carrot & celery sticks w/dip, assorted juices, assorted canned and fresh fruit, milk; PLUS: Chef salad, Pizza sub or Breaded chicken sandwich w/ salad bar



PROTECTING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS

Guest Column from State Representative Tony Burkley

One of the biggest responsibilities in my role as state representative is being a voice for Ohioans and working to pass legislation that serves to benefit our community. Recently, I was proud to be a co-sponsor of legislation that does exactly that by extending protection rights to domestic violence, menacing by stalking and other sexual violence victims throughout Ohio.

For victims of domestic violence who have courageously escaped their abuser, they live in constant fear of being found in their new home, which leads to more physical and emotional damage. For this reason, many victims who have escaped their horrifying situation often refrain from basic activities such as registering a car or registering to vote because their address can become part of the public record. These individuals, who have already endured so much chaos in their life, should not have to struggle with, or refrain from, participating in everyday activities that many of us take for granted.

House Bill 359, which was unanimously passed by the Ohio House just last month, allows domestic violence victims to register to vote while keeping their home address private so their abusers are not able to use public records to track them down. Similar address confidentiality programs exist in many other states throughout the country, and it became clear that Ohio needed to join the effort to ensure these victims can keep their whereabouts confidential while still being able to participate in their basic civil rights.

This legislation, once passed by the Ohio Senate, will allow these sexual violence victims enroll in the Address Confidentiality Program through the Ohio Secretary of State's office. The individual will be assigned a PO Box which they can use for all government registration such as enrolling in college courses or registering their vehicle. The Secretary of State's office will be responsible for forwarding all mail from the PO Box to the individual while removing any record of the individual's private address from public record.

During the committee hearings for HB 359, a Canton woman, Marcia Eakin, bravely told her story about how her ex-husband was able to use the voter registration record to locate her and her kids. While she was absent at the time of the attack, her two kids and mother were the victims of a senseless murder. Even with her ex-husband behind bars, Ms. Eakin testified that she still does not feel completely safe and believes that the legislation can help give victims like her added protection.

Domestic violence victims deserve to live a life free from fear of being found, and I am confident that HB 359 is a positive step toward achieving that goal for Ohioans. Protecting these victims' home address is a crucial step in ensuring their safety, which is why I was proud to stand strong for these individuals by voting in favor of this valuable piece of legislation.

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PCAF AWARDS GRANT TO GROVER HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT



Seen here are members of the Grover Hill Fire Department with Paulding County Area Foundation Executive Director Lisa McClure (and Campbell Volk inside a Grain Rescue Tube). Left to right: Grover Hill Fire Chief, David Volk; Firefighter, Brad Volk; Firefighter Mike Schnipke; Paulding County Area Foundation Executive Director Lisa McClure; Campbell Volk; Firefighter, Charlie Howe; Firefighter, Keith Klopfenstein; Firefighter Trainee, Chris Howe.

The Paulding County Area Foundation recently made grant awards for grain rescue equipment to all Paulding county fire departments. The Grover Hill Fire Department received \$5,856.00 from the foundation to purchase a grain rescue tube, grain auger & drill, a K-12 rescue saw as well as rescue harnesses. In

the event of a grain entrapment, the rescue tube would be used to go around the victim while the auger is used to remove grain that is surrounding the entrapped person. Funding for the Grain Rescue Equipment was provided through a grant from the Paulding County Area Foundation.

PAULDING BOYS BASKETBALL UPSET BY EDGERTON

Paulding boys traveled to Edgerton Thursday, February 18th for some varsity basketball action, and came home with another loss.

Edgerton scored pretty consistently in all four quarters while Paulding really took a hit in the 3rd quarter by only scoring 2

points, which gave Edgerton the edge they needed to take the game, 37-34.

Score by the Quarters:
Paulding - 11 7 2 14 = 34
Edgerton - 10 9 10 8 = 37
Scorers of the Game:
Paulding - Edwards 6, Gee 3, Ingol 4, Arellano 17, Sitton 4

Edgerton - Siebenaler 2, Cerrone 8, Brady 2, Miller 4, Thiel 1, Michael 20

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OHIOANS HELP SUPPORT WILDLIFE & NATURE PRESERVES THROUGH TAX DONATIONS

As Ohioans begin to sort through their receipts and deductions in anticipation of the April 15 tax filing deadline, they have the opportunity to donate a portion or all of their state income tax refund to support Ohio's wildlife and Ohio State Nature Preserves.

"It would be impossible for us to achieve our conservation goals without the support we receive from Ohio's taxpayers," said Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Director James Zehringer. "These tax donations support programs that restore our endangered and threatened wildlife and help protect the beautiful natural areas at our Ohio State Nature Preserves."

The ODNR Division of Wildlife was created during a time when wildlife populations were vanishing at an alarming rate. The mission then, and still is, to manage, protect and restore wildlife populations to improve Ohioans' quality of life. The ODNR Division of Wildlife does not receive taxpayer dollars. Nearly all wildlife conservation in Ohio is funded by people who hunt, fish and trap. The tax donation program is an important way all wildlife enthusiasts can help restore and manage endangered and threatened wildlife and other species of special interest.

Donations made to the "Wildlife Diversity Fund" help support critical ecological management activities

in Ohio, including: monitoring sandhill cranes, black bears and trumpeter swans; restoring native butterflies, freshwater mussels and hell-benders; creating monarch butterfly habitat and other conservation efforts benefiting pollinators; and wildlife education efforts through the production and distribution of field guides and posters.

The ODNR Division of Natural Areas and Preserves oversees the state's 136 nature preserves across Ohio. These beautiful natural areas are open year-round and available to all Ohioans. The tax refund donation program directly supports facility improvements, invasive species management, land purchases, educational opportunities and scientific research. Ohio State Nature Preserves provide habitat for endangered species and promote a good quality of life within Ohio's communities.

Donations to the "State Nature Preserves" fund help protect Ohio's prairies, old growth forests, wetlands and rare geologic formations. Hiking, birdwatching and wildlife photography are but a few of the activities that can be enjoyed at Ohio State Nature Preserves.

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

Let West Bend News announce your engagement, wedding or anniversary. It's only \$6 per column for the photo and the announcement is community news.

CLASSIFIED ADS Sell it in the Classifieds!

Classified ads are \$8.50 for 20 words or less and \$.15 for each additional word. **Bold is \$1.00 additional.**
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 Deadline for classified ads is Mondays at 12 Noon.
Classifieds MUST be paid up front!!

PAULDING SWCD is currently hiring for a Western Lake Erie Basin (WLEB) Nutrient Management Specialist. The position will be multi-county coverage of Paulding, Defiance and Williams County. This position is a grant funded position that is full time with benefits that include health insurance, Medicare, OPERS, vacation and sick leave. Required: Valid Driver's License; Basic computer skills including Word, Excel and Internet; Experience with basic surveying and instruments; Excellent oral and written communication skills; Organized and detail oriented; Be able to read and understand a plat book. Preferred: Associate Degree or Equivalent experience in engineering, natural resources or agriculture related field; Technician Development Programs (TDP) Certified/Completed; Experience with conservation practices in the agricultural are; Experience with Auto CAD or similar programs; Knowledge of Paulding County area and as it relates to a plat book. Starting salary will be based on experience and qualifications with a range of \$28,000 - \$32,000. All programs, services and activities of the Paulding SWCD and the ODA Division of Soil and Water Conservation are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, sex, age, marital status or handicap. Applicants should submit a cover letter, resume and three (non-family) references to Paulding SWCD office located at 503 Fairground Drive, Paulding, Ohio 45879. Application Deadline has been extended to: February 26, 2016 at 4 pm.

RENT TO OWN POSSIBLE: 621 Harrison, Paulding. 3 bedroom, 2 car garage. Updated kitchen and bath. \$525 chbsinc.com for pics, video tour and details or 419-586-8220.

FOR RENT: Two bedroom Apartment by Antwerp School. \$400/month + deposit. No pets. 419-770-2267. tf

RENT TO OWN POSSIBLE: 7827 rd 1031, Antwerp - 3 bedroom, 2 bath, ranch. Remodeled and move in ready. \$675 chbsinc.com for pics, video tour and details or 419-586-8220.

RAIN TECH Seamless Gutters, 419-258-1818. 6-8

LPN'S NEEDED: Vancrest of Antwerp (formerly Manor House) and Vancrest of Payne Assisted Livings currently have openings for Full and Part time LPNs on first and second shifts. We are also seeking LPNs to help with medpass 2 hours in the morning and in the evening at the Antwerp Facility. Applications available at either facility or send resume to ishipman@vancrest.com tf

HAIR STYLIST & NAIL TECH WANTED: Lindsey & Co. in Paulding, OH. Call 419-506-1060 6-9p

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Public Auction: EVERY SATURDAY AT 6PM. LARGE VARIETY OF MERCHANDISE ~ EVERYONE WELCOME ~ PORTER AUCTION. 19326 Co. Rd. 60 Grover Hill, OH. For Info Call: 419-587-3770

USDA EXPANDS MICRO-LOANS TO HELP FARMERS PURCHASE FARMLAND & IMPROVE PROPERTY

Agriculture Deputy Secretary Krysta Harden announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will begin offering farm ownership microloans, creating a new financing avenue for farmers to buy and improve property. These microloans will be especially helpful to beginning or underserved farmers, U.S. veterans looking for a career in farming, and those who have small and mid-sized farming operations.

"Many producers, especially new and underserved farmers, tell us that access to land is one of the biggest challenges they face in establishing and growing their own farming operation," said Harden. "USDA is making it easier for new farmers to hit the ground running and get access to the land that they need to establish their farms or improve their property."

The microloan program has been hugely successful, providing more than 16,800 low-interest loans, totaling over \$373 million to producers across the country. Mi-

croloans have helped farmers and ranchers with operating costs, such as feed, fertilizer, tools, fencing, equipment, and living expenses since 2013. Seventy percent of loans have gone to new farmers.

Now, microloans will be available to also help with farm land and building purchases, and soil and water conservation improvements. FSA designed the expanded program to simplify the application process, expand eligibility requirements and expedite smaller real estate loans to help farmers strengthen their operations. Microloans provide up to \$50,000 to qualified producers, and can be issued to the applicant directly from the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA).

This microloan announcement is another USDA resource for America's farmers and ranchers to utilize, especially as new and beginning farmers and ranchers look for the assistance they need to get started. To learn more about the FSA microloan program visit www.fsa.usda.gov/microloans, or contact your local FSA office. To find your nearest office location, please visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

FREE GRANT MONEY!

The Free Grant Money to Buy a Home is Coming Very Soon!

This is not a Joke! The Government is giving out FREE MONEY again this year to help people buy homes.
 In years past the grant amount was up to \$5,000 that could be used as down payment assistance or for other closing costs.
 The new program is coming out March 1, so our lenders are telling us to start finding people NOW who want the FREE MONEY and get them looking for their home.

If you've been waiting to buy a home then NOW IS THE TIME! Don't wait any longer! There is a Limited amount of money!

FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED! Once it's gone, it's gone!
 BONUS: The grant can be used with the ZERO MONEY DOWN LOAN! That means you can buy a home with no down payment AND still get the grant to help reduce your payment!

DON'T WAIT. Contact Realty Five Now To Get All The Information. 888.766.8627 www.realtyfive.com



Answers to Sudoku Puzzle from Page 13

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

The Village of Paulding, Ohio, is accepting applications for LIFEGUARDS & POOL CONCESSION WORKERS

for the 2016 season. Applications are available for pickup in the Village Utilities Office, by emailing a request to pldgvil@paulding-net.com, or on the website at villageofpaulding.com. Applications will be taken until Friday, March 11th, or until the position is filled. The Village of Paulding is an Equal Opportunity Employer. To apply, please submit application and resume to: 116 S. Main St.; Paulding, Ohio 45879, or by email to the above mentioned address.

Annette D. Hasch, Finance Director

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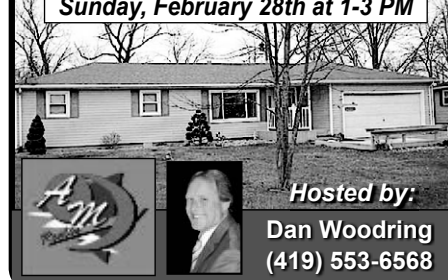
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HELP WANTED

Vulcraft-IN is seeking applicants for the position of **TRUCK SHOP MECHANIC.**

The basic functions of the mechanic position, includes routine and non-routine maintenance on company owned trucks, trailers, material handling equipment, and auxiliary yard equipment. This is a swing shift position which requires some on-call hours, with field repairs to equipment during all hours and weather conditions, as needed. Candidate must possess a Class A CDL, or have the ability and willingness to obtain one within a specified timeframe.

- Minimum requirements:**
- Experience with diagnosis and repair of gasoline and diesel engines.
 - Experience with hydraulic, electrical, and A/C diagnosis repair.
 - Experience with all aspects of maintenance requirements of commercial vehicles and a familiarity with federal and state regulations governing them.
 - Must have comprehensive set of mechanics tools.
 - Must be able to perform job with minimal supervision
 - Must be able to pass a DOT physical
 - Good communication skills

Preferences for this position will include previous experience in forklift repair, certified in R134A mobile air conditioning systems, ability to weld, including aluminum welding, diesel mechanic certification, previous trucking experience.

Qualified candidates should apply at <http://www.jobs.net/j/18uhCBu3> by uploading their resume no later than Monday, March 7, 2016. Vulcraft-IN does not accept unsolicited resumes.

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HELP NEEDED

The Village of Paulding, Ohio, is accepting applications for a PARK MANAGER

for the 2016 season. Applications are available for pickup in the Village Utilities Office, by emailing a request to pldgvil@paulding-net.com, or on the website at villageofpaulding.com. Applications will be taken until Friday, March 11 or until the position is filled. The Village of Paulding is an Equal Opportunity Employer. To apply, please submit application and resume to: 116 S. Main St.; Paulding, Ohio 45879, or by email to the above mentioned address.

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HELP NEEDED

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for the 2016 season. Applications are available for pickup in the Village Utilities Office, by emailing a request to pldgvil@paulding-net.com, or on the website at villageofpaulding.com. Applications will be taken until Friday, March 11th, or until the position is filled. The Village of Paulding is an Equal Opportunity Employer. To apply, please submit application and resume to: 116 S. Main St.; Paulding, Ohio 45879, or by email to the above mentioned address.

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THE WALLS CAME TUMBLING DOWN



The fire that destroyed River Street Market and Antwerp Tuesday, January 26 finished its job the week of February 22 when Kauser's of Paulding completed the demolition and cleanup of the former local grocery store.

NORTHEAST INDIANA BURN COUNCIL ANNOUNCES WOWO/PENNY PITCH RESULTS

As one of the 2015 charities to benefit from the annual WOWO/Penny Pitch efforts, the Burn Council of Northern Indiana announces today that it has received over \$71,000 as its share of the total funds raised.

"This gift will be transformational," explains Vince Green, Treasurer of the Board of the Burn Council. "This gift will all us to expand our services to Burn Survivors and their families in Northern Indiana, Southeast Michigan, and Northwest Ohio." In honor of this support, the organization will create the "WOWO/Penny Pitch Burn Survivor Fund" to help purchase gas cards, garments,

and supplies for Burn Survivors and their families that are un- or under-insured. The Burn Council also plans to initiate new efforts for the mental health and school/Job re-entry for child and adult Burn Survivors.

"Being a part of WOWO/Penny Pitch has also helped 'put us on the map'," adds Green. "Unless you have been burned, you probably have never heard of us or the life-saving efforts of the staff at the Regional Burn Center at St. Joseph Hospital. We thank WOWO staff, the board of Penny Pitch, Inc., and Bruce Dye at Brigadoon Fitness for their matching support of Penny Pitch."

About the Burn Council of Northern Indiana:

The Burn Council of Northern Indiana is a 501(c)3 non-profit dedicated to "Helping Burn Survivors get their Lives back to Normal" in Northern Indi-

ana. No one ever plans to be burned, and we help families with the healing during and after the hospital, providing financial, supplies, and other assistance to Burn Survivors and their families. As the only burn-related non-profit in our area, donations help fund our

1. Burn Family Suites: a "hotel" devoted to families of patients being cared for at the St. Joseph Regional Burn Center with a place to sleep, eat, shower, and wash clothes; and

2. Burn Survivor Assistance: for families with limited financial means, we provide the custom garments, bandages, dressings, and other items for healing at home that insurance may not cover.

About WOWO/Penny Pitch:

The Penny Pitch, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to raising funds for community service organizations every year serving Fort Wayne, Allen County and Northeast Indiana. In the spirit of the original Penny Pitch drive in 1948, Penny Pitch, Inc. provides grants to qualified not-for-profit organizations that serve disadvantaged people in the Fort Wayne, Allen County and Northeast Indiana region.

THREE STATES REPRESENTED IN PAULDING COUNTIES OLDEST BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The Antwerp Local School hosted their 17th annual youth boys basketball tournament. The tournament is the only tournament in the county this year and is now the longest consecutive running tournament. This year's tournament brings a new record twenty teams.

In the 5th grade division, eight school teams represented six area counties: Kalida, Lincolnview, Edon, Hicksville and Eastside from Butler, IN joined the three Paulding County schools: Antwerp, Paulding and Wayne Trace.

In the 6th grade division, the format changed this year from a standard eight teams to a twelve team division. The four team expansion made enough room to host teams from three different states. Bedford in Michigan and Eastside from Butler, Indiana, joined ten Ohio teams from six different counties. Ohio teams included: Crestview, Paulding, Napoleon, Hopewell Loudon, Wayne Trace Edon, New Washington Buckeye Central, Bryan, Lincolnview and host Antwerp. Teams were divided into four pools of three. The winner of pool A played the pool B winner. The winner of pool C played the winner of pool D. Those winners then played each other to determine the overall champion.

Look in the West Bend News next week for the results of this big event!

NH PARKS & REC HOST COMMUNITY PHOTO SHOW

The New Haven-Adams Township Parks & Recreation Department will host a Community Photo Show with an opening reception on March 11, 2016 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Photos will be on display March 14 through March 24, 2016. Everyone is invited to view the beautiful photography of these artists during the normal park office hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There is no charge to visit and view the artwork.

If you are interested in displaying your photos, please download a registration form and return it to the parks office. <http://newhavenpark-sandrec.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/photography-form-2016.pdf>

www.newhavenbulletin.com

ST. HENRY REPEATS "LOVE THE GAME" TOURNAMENT SUCCESS

The MAC Gym hosted their second annual "Love the Game" Valentine's weekend tournament. Fourteen teams participated in two divisions. The 3rd grade boys division included teams from Hamilton, Ohio, Wauseon, Van

Wert, Tinora, Coldwater and Defiance. The 4th grade division included Tinora, Patrick Henry, Bryan, St. Henry, Liberty Center, Lima Central Catholic, Crestview and Antwerp.

In the 3rd grade boys side, Coldwater made quick work defeating Tinora and Hamilton to play in the championship game. Defiance took down Van Wert and Wauseon to meet Coldwater. Coldwater was just too much as they defeated Defiance 28-15 in the final. In other division games Hamilton defeated Tinora and Van Wert; Van Wert and Wauseon both beat Tinora.

In the 4th grade division, Antwerp battled to beat Crestview, Liberty Center and Lima Central Catholic to make it into the finals. St. Henry took down Bryan, Patrick Henry and Tinora to play in the finals against the Archers. St. Henry proved to have too much firepower and defended last year's 3rd grade tournament championship winning in a classic fourth grade battle 32-29.

Next tournament up at the MAC Gym will be the St. Patrick's Travel Team Tournament March 12. All schedules can be found on the MAC Gym website www.macgymohio.com.

PAULDING COUNTY SPELLING BEE CHAMPION



This year's Paulding County Spelling Bee Champion is Faith Meraz, a sixth grader at Grover Hill Elementary. Faith won by correctly spelling "iguana." The spelldown took a total of 14 rounds. Ten school champions, in grades 4-8, competed for the county title. Faith will represent the county at the regional Spelling Bee on March 5 in Fort Wayne.

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