

LIBRARY PLANS CENTENNIAL RECEPTION



On March 3rd, the Paulding County Carnegie Library will celebrate the 100th anniversary of Opening Day. The library was funded in 1912, built in 1915 and opened on March 3, 1916. The library is the first library in the United States funded by Andrew Carnegie to serve an entire library.

The reception honoring this special day will begin at 12:30 and run until 7:30. A special ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at 1:30 ushering in the next century of library service.

Library tours will be held

all day. Special refreshments will be served. The library will have on display, scrapbooks from throughout the decades and some original books that were in the 1916 opening day collection.

The Bookmobile will also be open for tours from 12:30 until 5:00. The library has provided bookmobile service off and on since the 1960s.

There will also be a special commemorative item given to the first 100 visitors.

For more information contact the library at 419-399-2032.

FEDER'S TO HELP CORNERSTONE WORKSHOP RAISE FUNDS

On Saturday, March 5th Cornerstone Workshop will be present at Feder's Country Meats & Produce in Woodburn all day long to make their organization known to the community of its needs. Feder's will be donating a percentage of their sales that day to Cornerstone.

Cornerstone Workshop is a non-profit organization specializing in helping the special needs of the Amish community children. Cornerstone is in its 3rd year of operation with 16 clients, five instructors and several volunteers. They make homemade noodles, angel food cakes, homemade cookies, plus much more. Cornerstone is Board of Health certified as well. They also do packaging and work for Homeguard Grabill, Farm Building Supply, Grabill Country Sales, Paintball Plex and many others. They are always looking for new activities in which to involve their participants. Currently, Cornerstone's office are open on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday hours.

For more information, please call 260-489-9211.

ADDITIONS TO GENEALOGY CENTER

Thursday, March 3, two new additions funded by the Allen County Public Library Foundation will be opened to the public.

The Discovery Center, has a wide variety of uses including monthly Genealogy programs, technology sessions,

and impromptu learning or discussion sessions that will help our customers in their search for family history knowledge. The room is equipped with an excellent sound system, two ceiling mounted computers, and a technology set-up that allows for use of laptops, netbooks, iPads, DVDs, Blu-ray, and document camera in a wide variety of configurations. The room can hold 240 theater style, about 100 classroom style.

Life Stories Center Your Story. Our History. Told By You. Everyone has a story, and we'd like to hear yours! With this new Life Stories Center, the library and its Genealogy Center will be engaging in a program of recording, preserving, and presenting this community's oral history. The room located directly behind the Genealogy Center information desk currently has three recording units, which after a brief training session, can be used either at the library or after being checked out can be taken outside the library to record interviews. The library intends to archive and then share them.

TRAFFIC ADVISORY IN DEFIANCE COUNTY

U.S. 24 westbound work at Baltimore Road, Defiance, will begin March 7 through March 9. The lane restriction will be in place during daytime hours only between 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day. Work is being performed by the Ohio Department of Transportation Office of Geotechnical Engineering, Columbus.

UPDATE ON HONOR FLIGHT FUNDRAISER



PPEC was honored to have World War II Veteran Bob Johnson of Antwerp go on Mix 98.1 and talk about his experience with Honor Flight. While on air, Bob presented a check from Antwerp VFW for \$500.00 towards the cause. Pictured (L to R) Dave Hire with Mix 98.1 and World War II Veteran Bob Johnson with the Antwerp, Ohio VFW.

Paulding Putnam Electric Employees, along with the help of our members, local businesses, and community leaders have raised close to \$30,000 so far to go toward the Honor Flight organization. The goal is to raise \$70,000 to sponsor an entire Honor Flight out of the Northeast Indiana Chapter, which serves Northwest Ohio and Northeast Indiana.

If you are not familiar with Honor Flight, it is a non-profit organization created solely to honor America's veterans for all their sacrifices by flying them to Washington, DC to reflect at their memorials. The cost to sponsor an entire flight averages anywhere from \$65,000 to \$70,000.

Paulding Putnam Electric Co-op's (PPEC) other goal is locate the remaining World War II Veterans in this region, so they can go on this amazing experience. "While there is a long waiting list currently, World War II Veterans and those terminally ill are bumped up on the first flights," says Erika Willitzer, Marketing & Economic Development Manager at PPEC. "We want to make sure these brave men and women get

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PAULDING, OHIO:
Marshall "Marty" R. Jones
age 59 died February 26, 2016.

He was born January 16, 1957 in Paulding the son of the late Clifford and Myrtle (Worline) Jones Sr. On August 25, 2001 he married Jane E. Snodgrass, who survives. He was a member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding. He was formerly maintenance supervisor for Jackson Township.

He is also survived by a brother, Paul (Carolyn) Jones, Latty, stepmother, Ethel Keck Jones, Paulding, and many nieces and nephews.

He is also preceded in death by a brother Clifford M. Jones Sr.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted 10 AM Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at Divine Mercy Parish, Paulding with Rev. Joseph Poggemeyer officiating. Burial will follow in Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Paulding County.

Visitation will be 2-8 PM Tuesday, March 1 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding with a wake service at 7:30 PM.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations made to Paulding County Dog Shelter.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com



VAN WERT, OH
Robert Gene Hartsock, 68,
of Van Wert, died Friday morning at the I.U. Medical Center in Indianapolis.

He was born on May 18, 1947, in Big Stone Gap, Virginia, the son of the late Donald and Ruth (Fields) Hartsock. On March 2, 2013, he married the former Paula Reynolds who survives.

Other family members include four children, Robin (Tom) McCord of Ft. Wayne, Aaron (Kelli) Hartsock of Ft. Wayne, Deann (Jeff) Daulton of Brownsburg, Indiana, and Kristin (Mike) Blochowski of Maumee, Ohio; two step-sons, Jeff (Adriene) Sterrett of Van Wert, and Justin (Kelly) Sterrett of London, Ohio; fourteen grandchildren, Logan, Cassy, Carly, Seth, Casey, Luke, Austin, Chelsea, Madison, Josh, Carter, Corbin, Connor and Callie; 7 great grandchildren; 5 step-grandchildren; 1 step-great

grandchild; two brothers, William (Chris) Hartsock of Van Wert and David Hartsock of Cleveland; and one sister, Linda (Mike) Kemper of Delphos.

Bob graduated of Delphos Jefferson High School and after a brief stint in the Air Force, he worked and retired from B.F. Goodrich in Woodburn, Indiana. He was a member of the Payne Church of the Nazarene, American Legion Post and V.F.W. Post of Van Wert.

Services will be held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, March 1, 2016, at the Payne Church of the Nazarene with Pastor Mike Harper officiating. Interment will follow at Walnut Grove Cemetery near Delphos where military rites will be conducted by the combined honor guard of the V.F.W. and American Legion Posts of Van Wert. Calling hours are Monday 2-4 and 6-8 p.m., at Cowan & Son Funeral Home, Van Wert and one hour prior to services Tuesday at the Church.

Preferred memorials are to the Wounded Warriors organization.

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 3/2 - 3/8

3/2 - Meatloaf, hash-brown bake, creamed peas, mixed fruit, dinner roll, apple cinnamon bar, milk

3/3 - Liver & onions, mashed potatoes, broccoli, oranges & pineapple, w.w. bread/graham crackers, Liver alt: Swiss steak, milk

3/4 - Baked fish, mixed vegetables, macaroni & cheese, mixed fruit, tomato juice, dinner roll, milk

3/7 - Pork cutlet, rice pilaf, scalloped corn, fruit compote, grape juice, w.w. bread, milk

3/8 - Chili w/crackers, tossed salad, tropical fruit, gingerbread, apple juice, w.w. bread, milk

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 3/2 - 3/8

3/2 - Bunco at 12:30 p.m.; Crafts at 12:30 p.m.; Grocery shopping 1:30 p.m.

3/3 - Blood pressure & toe nail clinic at 9:00 a.m.; Exercise at 10:00 a.m.; Turn up at 12:15 p.m.

3/4 - Bible study at 10:00 a.m.; Craft store open 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

3/7 - Free Tax Clinic 9:00 - 3:30 a.m.; Raffle day; Shedding pounds at 9:30 a.m.; Exercise at 10:00 a.m.; Bingo w/ Country Inn at noon

3/8 - Euchre at 9:45 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.

ANTWERP BRANCH LIBRARY MARCH ACTIVITIES

Every **Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.** we have pre-school story time. **March 14th** is our Adult Book Club at 6:30 p.m. Cookbook club is on **March 21st** at 6:30 p.m. and we also have an Adult coloring class

on **March 8th** at 6:30 p.m. You won't want to miss our Teen night - Minute to Win it! on **March 15th** at 6:30 p.m.

We have two Saturday movies scheduled. **March 5th** is Goosebumps and **March 19th** is Hotel Transylvania 2. Movies start at 10:00 a.m. Children may come in and join our Lego program on Saturday, March 12th at 11:00 a.m. For more info call us at 419-258-2855.

REP. BURKLEY APPLAUDS RELEASE OF STRAIGHT A FUNDING TO LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS

State Representative Tony Burkley (R-Payne) announced that the State Controlling Board approved the release of \$999,785 in Straight A funding for several local schools. Crestview Local and Lincolnview Local in Van Wert County are among the consortium school districts benefiting from the award, which will be managed by Delphos City Schools as the lead applicant for the grant.

According to documents from the Office of Budget and Management, the funding will be used to implement a career student center in partnership with Ohio Means Jobs to promote greater student achievement and focus on career awareness and pathways.

"The application process for Straight A funding sets high standards for the schools that apply," said Rep. Burkley. "I am proud of the local schools that received funding, as the award demonstrates the efforts towards student achievement and economic efficiency that the school leaders have exhibited."

The Straight A grants strive to fund various school projects that use innovative ideas to improve student achievement in Ohio schools. The fund was created in 2013 and last year's state operating budget continued funding for the grants with a \$30 million appropriation. Twenty grants, representing 86 schools, were chosen this year and finalized after the Ohio Controlling Board's approval today.

VAN WERT POST PLANS SPRING ENFORCEMENT INITIATIVE

The Van Wert Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol is planning an enforcement initiative that targets distracted driving beginning in March.

From March 1st through April 30th, Troopers will be working alongside local law enforcement in Van Wert and Paulding Counties to combat the ever increasing problem of distracted driving. Violations such as driving outside of marked lanes, following

too closely, texting and driving, and failing to yield will be targeted for enforcement.

"Driving needs to be treated as a primary activity, not a secondary activity," reports Lt. Tim Grigsby, commander of the Van Wert Post. He further emphasized the dangers of using electronic hand held devices while operating a motor vehicle. "Taking your eyes off of the road for two to three seconds can dramatically change the entire roadway landscape. In that amount of time, driving 55 mph, your vehicle will have traveled the length of a football field."

This enforcement initiative works in conjunction with a roadway engineering change made by the Ohio Department of Transportation. Last fall, centerline rumble stripes were installed on US 127, starting at the Mercer County line and ending south of the Village of Paulding. "Rumble stripes affect driver behavior in a way that few highway engineering elements can. They provide immediate feedback to the motorist of their unsafe decision," said Kirk Slusher, Ohio Department of Transportation District 1 Deputy Director.

The two agencies began collaborating in 2015 to find a solution to the increasing amount of injury and fatal crashes being handled on US 127, a major US route that runs north and south through Van Wert and Paulding Counties. From 2013 to 2015, six fatalities related to lanes violations were reported on US 127 in the two counties. "Each time someone gets behind the wheel and drives recklessly and inattentively, we are going to be there to take enforcement action," said Lt. Grigsby. Deputy Director Slusher adds, "We support the Patrol in their efforts and will continue our partnership with them to improve other areas of highway safety in the future."

NEW HAVEN MAYOR TERRY MCDONALD TO PRESENT ANNUAL STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

The New Haven Chamber of Commerce will host Mayor Terry E. McDonald for the Mayor's Annual State of the City Address on Monday, March 14th at The Orchid Reception Hall, 11508 Lincoln Highway East New Haven, Indiana.

Registration and cocktails are from 5:30-6:00 p.m. Dinner starts at 6:00 p.m. and the Mayor's address at 7:00 p.m.

The State of the City Address is open to the public. For dinner reservations, contact the Chamber of Commerce at 260-749-4484.

For those individuals who wish to attend the Mayor's speech only should plan to arrive by 6:45 p.m.

For further information, please contact Deb-Anne Smith at the Mayor's Office at 260-748-7072.

CATCHABLE TROUT RELEASES SCHEDULED TO BEGIN MARCH 11

Just over 100,000 rainbow trout are expected to be released this spring in 64 Ohio public lakes and ponds, creating excellent fishing opportunities for anglers all across Ohio, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). The first rainbow trout release is

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."
—1 John 4:18



First Federal Bank recently donated \$1,000 to the Paulding Putnam Electric Trust/Honor Flight Fund. Pictured (L to R) Jackie (Koenn) Taylor and Caitlin Blair from First Federal Bank.

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this opportunity, before it's too late."

In order, to accomplish our goal of sponsoring an entire flight, PPEC is accepting corporate & individual donations. We're also holding a Truck Raffle, where you have the opportunity to win a brand new Chevy Silverado Truck. Donations and tickets can be purchased online at our website www.PPEC.coop. You can also speak with any PPEC employee, to purchase a raffle ticket or to make a donation.

When the weather gets warmer, Paulding Putnam

Electric employees also plan to hold several community luncheons to bring awareness to the cause. These luncheons will be held throughout our service territory, which is made up of Paulding, Putnam, Defiance, Van Wert and Allen counties in Ohio, and Adams and Allen counties in Indiana. Details on the times and dates of the community luncheons will be announced at a later time.

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

scheduled for Friday, March 11, at Adams Lake in Adams County.

Rainbow trout releases will take place across Ohio from March 11 - May 7 as long as areas are ice-free and accessible to anglers. Information about the trout releases, including updates to the schedule due to weather and stocking locations, is available at wildohio.gov or by calling 1-800-WILDLIFE (945-3543).

Stocking these areas across the state are expected to create opportunities for anglers of all ages to get out and enjoy quality spring trout fishing in a family friendly environment. Many stocked locations will feature special angler events, including youth-only fishing on the day of the trout release.

Rainbow trout are raised at state fish hatcheries and measure 10-13 inches before they are released by the ODNR Division of Wildlife. The daily catch limit for inland lakes is five trout.

Anglers age 16 and older must have an Ohio fishing license to fish in state public waters. The 2016-2017 fishing license is now available, and is valid through February 28, 2017. An annual resident fishing license costs \$19. A one-day fishing license costs \$11 for residents and nonresidents. The one-day license may also be redeemed for credit toward the purchase of an annual fishing license.

Licenses and permits can

be purchased online at wildohio.gov and at participating agents throughout the state. A complete list of participating license sales agents can be found at wildohio.gov.

Sales of fishing licenses along with the Federal Sport Fish Restoration (SFR) program continue to fund the operation of the ODNR Division of Wildlife's fish hatcheries. No state tax dollars are used for this activity. This is strictly a user-pay, user-benefit program.

The SFR program is a partnership between federal and state government, industry, anglers and boaters. When anglers purchase rods, reels, fishing tackle, fish finders and motor boat fuel, they pay an excise tax. The federal government collects these taxes, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service administers and disburses these funds to state fish and wildlife agencies. These funds are used to acquire habitat, produce and stock fish, conduct research and surveys, provide aquatic education to youth and secure and develop boat accesses.

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.

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NEW BREAST CANCER TREATMENT OPTION AT LUTHERAN CUTS WEEKS OF RADIATION THERAPY DOWN TO ONE DOSE

Physicians at Lutheran Hospital have embarked on a new treatment course for certain early-stage breast cancer patients that could reduce their number of treatments to one, a first for northern Indiana. The approach, intraoperative radiation therapy, combines a standard lumpectomy, or removal of a tumor, with the delivery of concentrated radiation to the cancerous area directly after surgery but before the site is closed.

The first three patients in northern Indiana to receive IORT had their procedures done February 25th, 2016, at Lutheran Hospital yesterday.

"We anticipate intraoperative radiation therapy will be a game changer in how we treat breast cancer," said Rachel Hayes, MD, breast oncology surgeon, Lutheran Medical Group. "This treatment is great because a woman can come in with cancer and leave with the vast majority of her treatment complete."

With IORT, a single dose of radiation therapy is allocated to the targeted area, thus avoiding subsequent radiation treatments. This method ends the course of what has historically required three to six weeks of daily radiation treatment.

The physicians work in tandem; first Hayes performs the lumpectomy, then a radiation oncologist from Radiation Oncology Associates administers the IORT. A balloon is placed in the area where the tumor was just removed and radiation is given for an average of 10 minutes. Using a miniature X-ray source that can deliver localized and targeted radiation, exposure to the surrounding healthy tissue including the lungs and the heart is minimized to almost none.

"Our practice is pleased to collaborate with Dr. Hayes to bring intraoperative radiotherapy in the treatment of certain early stage breast cancer patients at Lutheran Hospital," said R.V. Prasad Mantravadi, MD, Radiation Oncology Associates. "Intraoperative radiotherapy is delivering a single fraction of radiation dose to the breast tissue surrounding the lumpectomy cavity at the time of surgery."

Lutheran Hospital joins the ranks of 14 major academic centers in the U.S. already utilizing IORT including University of California in San Francisco, Lee Moffitt Cancer Center in Florida, Northwestern University Medical Center in Chicago, LA Center for Women's Health in California, and others.

"The reason it works so well is because we know recurring cancer typically develops within a centimeter of the original location, and

the targeted and concentrated dose can hone in on that area," said Mantravadi.

As with many treatments, IORT will be available to women who fit initial screening criteria and who are approved by the medical team. Initially, most IORT candidates at Lutheran will be at least 55 years old and have nonaggressive cancers that have not spread to the lymph nodes.

"IORT is a significant advancement in oncology treatment and Lutheran Hospital is proud to provide this level of cancer care to our patients," said Scott Weiskittel, COO, Lutheran Hospital. "Our goal is helping patients return home as soon and safely as possible. Intraoperative radiation therapy has the ability to help us do that."

IORT was first used on July 2, 1998, at Middlesex Hospital, London. Since then, 33 centers in 11 European countries collaborated in a research study. Findings that were published in Lancet in 2013 comprised of data from 1720 patients and confirmed the value of IORT in selected early-stage breast cancer patients.

More than 400 cases of breast cancer were diagnosed last year in northeastern Indiana, per SEER, the Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results Program of the National Cancer Institute.

According to Xoft, the makers of the IORT technology used a Lutheran, a hospital in Chicago and a hospital in Indianapolis are the closest locations to Fort Wayne that have performed IORT.

Lutheran Hospital will soon be enrolling candidates in a new research study for IORT that could increase its availability to a broader spectrum of patients. Learn more about IORT by calling the Lutheran Cancer Resource Center at (260) 435-7959. Additional details about the study and all enrolling trials may also be found at ClinicalTrials.gov.

Patients involved in the research study will be asked to return for follow-up appointments at one month, six months, one year, and then annually for five years.

Information regarding the specific equipment used in IORT at Lutheran can be found by visiting xoftinc.com. For more information about the Lutheran Cancer Center, visit LutheranHospital.com or call the Cancer Resource Center and ask to speak to a cancer navigator.

FREE GUY PENROD CONCERT AT THE NISWONGER

Stephen Coyle and his National Stroke Association - My "STROKE of Luck" are proud to present a free concert and crusade at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center featuring Grammy and multiple GMA Dove Award-winning recording artist, Guy Penrod on April 24 at 3:00 p.m.

Guy Penrod is a member

NEW HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS & STAFF SUPPORT FAMILIES IN FLINT



"Initially, collecting \$1,000 for Flint seemed like it would be impossible, but guess what, we topped our \$1,000 mark", said Christina Hayes, New Haven High teacher. To date, New Haven High School students and staff have sent well over 10,000 bottles of water to Flint, Michigan in an effort to help with their water crisis! Students were bringing

in loose change, dollar bills, staff and administrators also pitched in. Students found ways to partner with other businesses and churches to deliver the water to Flint families on their behalf. The class project was entitled "Water for Flint".

AWESOME JOB BULLDOGS!

of the Gospel Music Hall of Fame from his days as the lead singer of the Gaither Vocal Band from 1994 to 2008. His unmistakable, raspy-tinged vocals led him to the top of the Gospel charts in his solo career. His most recently acclaimed sophomore release, Hymns, Debuted at #1 on the Nielsen SoundScan Southern Gospel retail chart as well as the top-selling southern gospel album of 2012.

Penrod released an all-new collection of some of today's most popular songs of worship on his 2014 album, Worship. He used his unique talents to bring to life new renditions of both classic and contemporary songs like "Shout to the Lord," "Revelation Song," "Victory in Jesus," "You Never Let Go," "10,000 Reasons" and more. Penrod also hosts the weekly show, Gospel Music Showcase, on Daystar Television.

Along with Guy Penrod's musical stylings, there will be a viewing of the short film "Heaven" produced by the Billy Graham Evangelist Association.

Stephen Coyle will also share his testimony and story behind what he calls "My 'STROKE' of Luck," as he recalls how Jesus made his life complete after suffering a stroke.

The Niswonger Performing Arts Center is located at 10700 SR 118 S., Van Wert, OH.

OHIO HAS TALENT! RETURNS TO NPAC ON MARCH 5

The ninth annual Ohio Has Talent! competition returns to the Niswonger Performing Arts Center in Van Wert on Saturday, March 5, at 7:00 p.m.

Ohio Has Talent! 2016 contestants:

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

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

Courtney Bettinger and

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

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

Bella Chorvas - a 2015 graduate of Crestview High School from Ohio City. She was a four-year member of the concert band, marching band and show choir. She was the 2015 grand champion soloist at the Southern Wells show choir invitational.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Julia Lyall - from Powell, is a senior at Olentangy Liber-

ty High School. She has been dancing competitively for six years and plans to be a universal dance major in college.

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

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

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

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

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

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

2015 Ohio Has Talent! winner Sam Duquette of Van Wert will perform while audience votes are counted.

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

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

SECRETARY HUSTED ANNOUNCES EARLY VOTING NUMBERS

Over 150,000 absentee ballots requested for Presidential Primary, more than 10,000 votes already cast.

Three weeks from Election Day, Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted announced that 151,697 absentee ballots were requested by-mail and in-person for the March 15th Presidential Primary Election by the close of business Friday. 10,104 Ohio voters have already cast their ballots.

Based on an informal

survey of Ohio's 88 county boards of elections, as of Friday, February 19, 2016:

- 151,697 absentee ballot applications received statewide
- 10,104 absentee ballots have been cast
- 1,621 absentee ballots cast by mail.
- 8,483 absentee ballots cast in-person.
- 141,593 absentee ballots outstanding

In total, 335,542 voters cast absentee ballots during the 2012 Presidential Primary Election. During the 2008 Presidential Primary Election, 557,686 voters cast absentee ballots.

In addition to the Presidential Primary, Ohioans will nominate candidates for the United States Senate, the Ohio Supreme Court, Congress, the state legislature and many local races. 465 local issues in 82 counties will also be decided.

Ohio voters have the option to vote by mail from home 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 211 hours to vote early in-person over a four week absentee voting period, which began on February 17th.

The online Voter Toolkit is a one-stop location for all necessary voting information. Ohio voters can visit MyOhioVote.com/VoterToolkit to check their voter registration status, find their polling location, view their sample ballot and track their absentee ballot.

In the first five years of Secretary Husted's administration, 98.95 of absentee ballots were accepted, an improvement of 1.22% over the 4 years of the previous administration.

LUTHERAN OFFERS FREE VALET PARKING AT THE SOUTH CIRCLE ENTRANCE

To further its ongoing commitment to enhance the total experience for patients and guests on campus, Lutheran Hospital is adding third location for free valet parking. Beginning Monday, February 29, those visiting the Lutheran Cancer Center will have the option of using this popular service on weekdays at the south circle drive.

The valet parking is available Monday - Friday from 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Other valet locations on campus include the front circle drive at Lutheran Hospital's main entrance and at the Lutheran Heart Pavilion entrance on the I-69 side of the campus.

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RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS



Pictured are Jack and his brother Sam

Students at Paulding and Oakwood Elementary were challenged to perform Random Acts of Kindness for the past two months. Each student was encouraged to write an essay about the acts performed and how it made them feel. Some amazing essays were turned in.

Sam - 6th grader at Oakwood Elementary

My random act of kindness was helping a friend and classmate who lost his dad right before Christmas. He and his dad were close and would cut wood together to heat their home. After he lost his dad, I suggested that my brother, my dad, and I cut a load of wood and take it to them. He and his mom were very appreciative for this wonderful gift of warmth. As we were unloading the wood I realized there are a lot of kind people in this world. Another man had brought the family several loads of wood already. My friend told me that the amount of wood delivered to them would last for 6 - 7 months. The next time you see a person who needs help, go help them.

Braxton - 5th grader at Paulding Elementary



Pictured are Drake and Emma - 4th Graders at Paulding Elementary

My mom's job puts her in contact with a lot of different people. Sometimes I have to go to her work and I meet these people and we become friends. We talk about our day. We make each other laugh. There are times I want them to know they are extra special so I give them cards, candy and hugs. Other ways I show them I care about them is by visiting them, playing with their kids, calling them on the phone, and babysitting their pets. It makes me happy to be able to make them happy.

Caydence - 5th grader at Oakwood Elementary

I had to spend a weekend

at my sister's house due to a family emergency. My sister is a mom of two young children, one being a newborn. I know my sister gets tired of doing all the housework and taking care of her children. While I stayed with her, I helped her straighten up her house. I took care of the one year old and the newborn baby at night when they woke up. I fed the baby and changed both of their diapers. My sister was very grateful as it gave her some time to get the rest she needed. An act of kindness does not always have to be buying or paying for something. I love my sister and was blessed to give her more rest time.

Emma and Drake - 4th graders at Paulding Elementary

We did our act of kindness by buying supplies to send to a town called Pisoli. It is located in Ecuador, South America. The area where this town is has lots of children who are abandoned. We are going to send the supplies with a lady named Tina who goes there on mission trips. She goes there to teach the children about the Bible, play games, do crafts and give gifts and

lots of love. Tina will take the gifts with her when she goes to Ecuador in March. We are glad we are able to help these children. We hope they enjoy their gifts. Some of the items purchased for the children at Ecuador are puzzles, bouncy balls, coloring books, word search books, reading books, jump ropes, combs, toothpaste, matchbox cars, hair ties and various other items.

Brandon, Isaac, Luke - grade 3 - Paulding Elementary students

Easton - grade 2

Raymond - grade 1

We made "Go Panther" posters to sell at a home junior high basketball game

for our act of kindness. We raised \$25.00. The money will be donated to Paulding Putnam for their Honor Flight project.

Gracy - 3rd grader at Paulding Elementary

For my act of kindness I went around the neighborhood and collected money for my neighbor who just had a trachea put in because he can't breathe on his own. He has a long road ahead and his medical expenses are through the roof.

Elli - 4th grader at Oakwood Elementary

PAULDING UMC HOSTS FAMILY EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA

The Paulding United Methodist Church, 321 North Williams St., will be holding a family Easter "Egg-stravaganza" on Sunday, March 13. This free event will begin at 3:00 p.m. and go until 5:00 p.m. We'll begin with a few songs and then have a time of crafts and a story. Afterward we will hunt for Easter eggs and then come together for a simple meal.

This "Egg-stravaganza" is intended for families of all types, so children must be accompanied by adults. We remind everyone that this event is free. Everyone is invited to join in this time of fun and fellowship as we prepare for Easter.

For more information please contact the church at 419-399-3591 or e-mail pastor@pauldingumc.org.

COLLECTIONS SHOWN AT LIFETREE CAFÉ

A look inside the desire to collect, as well as an opportunity to see unusual collections, will be featured at Lifetree Café on Thursday, March 3rd from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

The program, titled "The Things We Love... and Why We Collect Them," features filmed interviews with several avid collectors. From board games to ties to road kill, the collectors will show their collections and explain their fascination with them.

Lifetree participants are encouraged to bring samples from their own collections. There will be time to show those samples to other participants.

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

Lifetree Café is a place where people gather for conversation about life and faith in a casual, comfortable setting. Questions about Lifetree may be directed to First United Methodist Church at 419-2138-0631 or firstchurch@wcoil.com.

BIBLE QUESTIONS: ON THE LORD'S CHURCH

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

In our last lesson we studied about singing and today we are going to look at Prayer. This is our second item of worship where we gather to worship God in spirit and truth. 1st Timothy 2:1, "therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks

Spreading kindness makes our world a better place and can begin with me. I made 16 valentines for each person in my great grandmother's unit in her nursing home. Along with the valentines, I handed out Hershey kisses and my mom helped me make cupcakes to take to the people in great grandma's unit also. After doing these things, I want to encourage people everywhere to be kind because you could brighten up someone's life. It also gives you a proud feeling and brightens up your life.

be made for all men. Verse 2 for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence."

Loved ones, prayers offered to God are to be a part of our public worship as well as our private daily devotions, as we look at Jesus and the apostle Paul, prayer was a major part of their life. If you have a Bible dictionary or Strong's concordance look up prayer and see what is said about prayer. In our prayers to God we give thanks and praise in His name. In our prayers we can pray for our needs and for the needs of others. Therefore, our prayers must be addressed to God in the name of Jesus, for He is our mediator and high priest. John 16:23 and in that day you will ask me nothing. "Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in my name He will give you.

Prayer is very important in our worship services as well as the others.

The next item in our worship services is the Lord's Supper. 1st Corinthians 10:16-17, "the cup of blessing which we bless is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? Verse 17 for we being many, are one bread and one body, for we all partake of that one bread."

In these two scripture verses, Paul is telling us in verse 17 that we are many, but still one bread, One Loaf. There being one loaf implies that we Christians, though many, are all one body and joint participators of the one body of Christ. Paul had no conception of a divided church. The Lord's Supper consists of three things:

1. Unleavened bread (means without yeast)
2. The fruit of the vine (means grape juice)
3. Converted people who desire to remember Jesus

The purpose of the Lord's Supper is to bring to our remembrance the sacrifice of the body and blood of Jesus on the cross for our sins (Matthew 26:26-29).

We must be very careful when we partake of the communion that we discern the body and blood of Jesus so that we partake in a worthy manner: (1st Corinthians 11:23-30). Christians are to eat the Lord's Supper every first day of the week: (Acts 20:7) "now on the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, (this is the Lord's Supper), Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them and continued his message until midnight."

Jesus loves you and so does the Church of Christ. Loved ones I am available for comments, questions and to offer help in your Bible study. Call

James Potter at 419-393-4775 or e-mail jsp1941@yahoo.com also there is the editor and proofreader who can be reached at 419-399-5022.

"Ol Baldy" says bye for now, but continue to pray, read, and study the New Testament. "Luv Ya" Our next study will be on giving.

LENTEN MEDITATION & LUNCH @ FIRST UMC

First United Methodist Church located at the corner of South Jefferson Street and Central Avenue, in Van Wert, Ohio, is offering Lenten meditations, singing and Holy Communion on Wednesdays through March 23rd from 12:00 - 12:20 p.m. in the Krout Memorial Chapel. A lite lunch will be served each week at 12:20 p.m.

Bring a friend & prepare your heart to experience the Holy!

PAY-TO-PLAY HINDERS PROGRESS IN SCHOOLS

By: Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted

To be successful in life, there are certain attributes a person must possess — a strong work ethic, courage, good character, perseverance, and knowledge of how to work with others. These are success skills.

These skills must be learned at an early age.

One of the best ways for kids to develop them is by participating in extracurricular activities while in school.

Research shows that involvement in extracurricular activities often has a more significant impact in determining a young person's future success than grades in the classroom. We wouldn't think of charging for math classes or other courses that contribute to academic development. We shouldn't charge for expenses like band, chorus, or basketball that contribute to character development.

There is growing evidence that these "pay-to-participate" fees serve as a financial barrier for extracurricular participation among poor and middle-class children. We need to knock down this barrier so more children will have access to the character-building experiences these activities provide.

In 2012, a pair of researchers (Lumpkin & Favor) released a study of 140,000 Kansas high school students that found, across the board, those involved in extracur-

ricular activities had better GPAs and higher graduation rates.

But extracurricular activities like band and football aren't the only places where a young person can learn good life skills. An after-school job and a strong family unit also play a significant role in developing these traits and preparing students for the future.

Unfortunately, too many children are becoming adults without ever learning these essential life principles.

A 2015 study by the Pew Research Center shows fewer teens are working part-time jobs after school and during the summer. In 1978, 58 percent of young people between 16 and 19 years old had a summer job, but in 2010, that number had plummeted to just 29.6 percent and has barely budged since.

Add this to the fact that the family unit in America is as broken as it has ever been and children are the ones who are paying the price. More than 940,000 Ohio children live in a single parent household and a startling 75 percent of children in Cleveland live with only one of their parents. In addition to being a part of crumbling family units, we know these kids are also being born into poverty with Ohio's Medicaid program having paid for more than 52 percent of births in 2013.

Children need structure. They need discipline. And they need opportunities to develop good life skills. Extracurricular activities give children the opportunities they need, but when pay-to-participate fees are imposed, we put these opportunities out of reach for many families.

Having these qualities in your life is what makes you a good student, a good employee, a good spouse, a good parent, and a better person.

If we believe that character development is just as important as academic development, then we should stop charging fees that serve as a barrier to success.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Conservatives must get out and vote

This letter is written to introduce voters in our District to Cheryl Blakely, who is running for our area's State Central Committee woman. This position is one that is often underestimated in its importance to our state's political process; and oftentimes people simply vote for the candidate the party usually puts forth with little examination into what that individual actually represents. The State Central Committee has immense influence of the policies and candidates actually put forth in the course of general elections.

Cheryl Blakely, who resides in Findlay, is exactly the kind of true Conservative we all would want to represent our interests in Columbus. In fact, we need more such principled individuals at that office. I have known Cheryl for about five or six years and have worked with her on numerous conservative projects that have amply illustrated her devotion to serving those interests in our state. Her work as Northwest Regional Coordinator of the Health Care Freedom Amendment was instrumental in collecting the thousands of signatures necessary in our area which finally lead to getting that amendment on the ballot. It was easily passed by a two thirds majority in 2011.

—William Dowler, Convoy, OH

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

This letter is being written to voice my support for Staci Kaufman who is a candidate for Van Wert County Commissioner and to urge support for her from your readers.

With her business background and her position as Superintendent of Vantage Vocational School, she is in the unique position of having her finger on the pulse of Van Wert County and is aware of the challenges and successes of this county.

She is committed to producing a workforce capable of filling the jobs provided by the industry infrastructure of our county and is committed

She has served her community in diverse other capacities over the years in leadership positions. She is a college graduate in graphic design with additional education in mechanical engineering. She is truly a qualified, and capable leader.

In two to three weeks, we go to the polls in Ohio. I strongly urge you, consider voting for Cheryl for our area's Central Committeewoman. She is challenging the incumbent member and she faces a rather difficult battle. But America has always been a nation for the under-dogs... especially the credible and worthy ones. Please do not forget the name, Cheryl Blakely on March 15th.

—Robert Cooper, Payne, OH

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Fiscal Responsibility is Not a Physics Exercise

I recently attended the Meet the Candidate night sponsored by the Van Wert County Republican Women. When Commissioner Wolfrum spoke, he told us his impressive resume of accomplishments. He specifically mentioned a cost savings of over \$300,000 on insurance because of his expert law experience. That is great.

He failed to mention the fact that the Blue Creek Wind Farms Pilot Program gives over \$300,000 to the commissioners every year. And, by the way, that was brought about by none of the currently serving commissioners.

Staci Kaufman has showed fiscal responsibility and great leadership at Vantage. Over 200 employees and a \$7,500,000 budget is no dog and pony show. She transformed Vantage from an OK vocational school with a well used building to a State of the Art facility with an excellent curriculum for both students and adults. Her ability to work with 11 member schools makes her a champion in communicative, transparency and fair play.

Let's give Staci a chance to make Van Wert County a leader in jobs, community involvement and family well being.

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to growing that industry base to provide jobs for the emerging and established workforce.

She is connected to a wide spectrum of county groups ranging from the arts to service clubs to educational institutions.

I know Staci as a compassionate, genuine, and goal-oriented person who is a natural leader. Her strengths include accountability measures, budgeting, and strategic planning as shown by the passage of a bond levy in 2009 which provided for a complete renovation and expansion of Vantage Vocational School, and the development of a one MW solar array which saves the Vantage school district an average of \$50,000 per year in utility electric costs.

Staci is energetic and enthusiastic and approaches each problem, project, and/or task as a new challenge to be looked at, worked on, and, finally, successfully overcome or completed.

My support in the Van Wert County Commissioner election March 15 is for Staci Kaufman.

—Elgarda McGee, Venedocia, OH

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am writing this to disagree with that article a few weeks ago that said cleaning flat rock creek wouldn't help with flooding. True, you can never prevent some flooding when the water from heavy rain or snow melt exceeds the capably of the stream to remove it. But getting it to flow more freely will lesson the flooding effects. Has the person who wrote the article even walked along our creek lately? I'll bet not. I have and more people need to take a walk to see how bad it really is. I know in the Payne area it's bad, but here between the dam and the railroad bridge it's almost impassable by many logjams where big cottonwood trees have fallen across and nothing gets past, there are islands in the middle with actual trees growing on them blocking even more of it. Then past the railroad bridge it gets even worse with logjams, islands etc. Then around a half mile past the bridge is a jam that's been there for at least 12 or more years completely blocking the creek probably 10 feet high. The creek is actually cutting new streams around either ends of this and as it undercuts the trees they fall across to block it more. This creek DOES need cleaned out just to let it flow. We used to fish this creek from the dam to uptown, but I don't see how any fish can even get anywhere now unless when it's full. And in the summer it almost dries up and the pools of water become cesspools of stagnant water.

Years ago I paid money to join a group that was going to clean below the dam, but never heard anything of it, yet they were glad to take my money. Typical Paulding politics. These so-called water experts who know it all from sitting behind a desk in some office need to actually get outside, walk this creek and realize it needs cleaned, but I suppose there's no money for it like everything else in this town! Just keep ignoring it until the EPA or some government agency says it has to be done then gouge us for

more money we don't have. This was a nice creek when I was growing up, sure a few jams, but at least it could flow. Now it's an insult to waterways because of ignorance thinking it'll fix itself. Not this time, it needs human help, but I doubt if our local politicians even care where our drinking water is coming from or why there is so much unnecessary flooding around here. There is always going to be flooding, but it could be reduced by cleaning this creek. Not holding my breath for it to happen like everything else that needs done in this town.

—Gregg Gorman

PUBLIC INVITED TO COMMENT ON OHIO'S 2016-2017 HUNTING SEASON PROPOSALS

Ohioans are invited to offer public comment regarding the proposed and future hunting, trapping and fishing regulations at open houses scheduled across the state. The open houses will be held on Saturday, March 5, between noon and 3:00 p.m., and online comments will be accepted through Sunday, March 6.

Open houses provide opportunities for anyone interested in sharing input and participating in Ohio's professional fish and wildlife management process. ODNR Division of Wildlife biologists and law enforcement officers will be available to answer questions and receive comments. Those unable to attend an open house can provide comments online at wildohio.gov. All interested Ohioans are encouraged to participate.

Open house location information for March 5:

- Central Ohio: Wildlife District One office, 1500 Dublin Road, Columbus 43215; 614-644-3925;
- Northwest Ohio: Wildlife District Two office, 952 Lima Avenue, Findlay 45840; 419-424-5000;
- Northeast Ohio: Wildlife District Three office, 912 Portage Lakes Drive, Akron 44319; 330-644-2293;
- Southeast Ohio: Wildlife District Four office, 360 E. State Street, Athens 45701; 740-589-9930;
- Southwest Ohio: Greene County Fish and Game, 1538 Union Road, Xenia 45385; 937-372-9261.

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- Latty:** Kohart's Surplus & Salvage, Country Inn Living Center
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- 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
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Directions to open houses can be found at wildohio.gov or by calling 800-WILD-LIFE (945-3543). Public input gathered at these open houses and online is critical and will be considered during the formation of future hunting and fishing regulations.

A statewide hearing on all of the proposed rules will be held at the ODNR Division of Wildlife's District One office on Thursday, March 17, at 9:00 a.m.

The Ohio Wildlife Council is an eight-member board that approves all of the

ODNR Division of Wildlife proposed rules and regulations. The council will vote on the proposed rules and season dates during its meeting on Wednesday, April 13, after considering public input.

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

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THE LOBO TANK BUSTERS

By: Stan Jordan

Our P-51's will do about 400 m.p.h. with a full load of everything and it didn't take us very long to get into the little country of Luxembourg. This is a good size city, called Echternach, that is a hub for a couple of major highways that lead over into Belgium.

I figured we would run into some of the S.S. Panzure best division, and we weren't disappointed.

There was dozens of Tiger Tanks all headed west into the city because there was a bridge over the river that hadn't been destroyed yet. The Americans would wait till the last minute to get all of our troops over the bridge into a little safer country.

Those big Tiger Tanks weigh about 60 tons and they must stay on the road or they will get stuck in the mud and snow. There was a trailer space so far apart that had a number of anti-aircraft guns, along with the fact that each tank carried a machine gun that could be fired at us. But that long line of tanks was a good target.

We swung around to the east and came at that line from the rear. I took the closest tank to the center of the city. I barreled down on him from above and got a good aim at his engine area. I could hear anti-aircraft shells hitting my fuselage.

I fired a rocket and then made a quick bank to the left to get out of there and make room for our next plane. I didn't see my rocket hit because I was too busy getting out of there, but I looked down and could see the first tank was burning, so I must have hit his engine.

When I made a big circle and came in on their rear, I could see the first four tanks were burning and blocking the highway.

We done a good job on the second pass, I picked out one of their trailers with the multiple guns on it and put a rocket dead center on it. There were pieces of trailer and gun barrels flying in all directions. That Jumbo Rocket really does the job and I was out of the area again.

I started at the back of the line this time and I put two rockets on a tank and it stopped in the center of the road and burst into flames. That road was blocked on each end now.

I counted eleven tanks

burning and it had given the infantry time to blow the bridge and it slowed down the German advance. See ya!

CABIN 21 AT VALLEY FORGE

By: Stan Jordan

This is the last part of March 1781 here at Cabin 21. Things will soon be getting busy. The boys have all gotten three months of back pay. The government just decided that they are paid up until the first of May. In other words all the men and officers lost two months wages because the government just doesn't have the funds. The troops have received new uniforms and boots.

The boys from Cabin 21 will be marching away on April 1st. All the boys, including Sgt. Baker, are being sent to Yorktown, VA and assigned to a construction outfit, but they will still be considered as an infantry group also.

This is over 280 miles, but they have a lot of time to hike it. Maybe they can catch some rides with some horse drawn outfit like the artillery. If they average 15 miles per day at five days a week they should arrive about the first of May.

What they are supposed to do is build and dig some para pits called Yorktown. This is sort of a peninsula between the James and York River.

As soon as the ladies of the village heard that the boys of Cabin 21 would be leaving they planned a going away dinner for them. Over the few months that the boys lived in Cabin 21, they grew to be like sons of the towns' people. It showed that they were good for each other.

When the boys arrived months ago, the towns; people gave them clothing, boots and food supplies. The soldiers repaid them by working and helping the old folks and by helping out in a couple of emergencies.

The dinner was in the local non-denominational church. They had pork, deer, bear, chicken, turkey, coon and wood chuck if you wanted some. They had mashed potatoes, gravy, noodles, stuffing, vegetables, and they had deviled eggs as a treat. They had desserts and pies and cakes.

The boys had a big dinner and the food was left on the table for supper.

Each of the boys talked a little bit and told about where he came from and his family and what he wanted to do after the war was over.

Needless to say, there were some tears when the party broke up.

See Ya!

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MORE ON OUR WILDLIFE



By: Stan Jordan

The above picture of the Snowy Owl was given to us by Jarred Miller, an Ohio State Highway Trooper. This picture was taken on CR 87 and 144.

I had an occasion to see Dr. Sam the other day at the P.C.H. and he was telling me he had seen a Snowy Owl a little south of Van Wert. He was still amazed as to how large they are.

I got a call this morning from Debbie Hayden and she said she has seen the Snowy Owl twice this winter over on Gar Creek Road and the State Line Road.

I am certainly grateful to these people for keeping me apprised of our wildlife. It gives me a great feeling to know that all my readers are wildlife conscious and are interested in conservation and even talking about them. After all, the wildlife was here before the white man came.

I have number of friends who are bow hunters, muzzle loaders, shot guns and rifles. They all stick to the rules and regulations because that is the correct thing to do. I have a couple of friends who are avid coon hunters, now that takes a lot of wanting to.

On our eagle's nest here in Antwerp, the eagles have been here for over nine years. Since eagles mate when they are about four years old, I figure our pair of bald eagles are at least 14 years old. An average age for an eagle to live is in the 25 year average. There are not many predators for eagles in this area, just automobiles if the eagle don't fly away quick enough.

See Ya!

ERIC GERMANN EARNS OSBA AWARD

Eric Gremann, a member of the Lincolnview Local Schools and Vantage Career Center school boards, will be presented with the Ohio School Boards Association's Award of Achievement at one of the association's regional spring conferences.

The conference will be held in Bowling Green State University on Thursday, March 10. The Award of Achievement is given to school board members in recognition of their commitment to training and leadership activities on their boards of education region, as well as statewide OSBA activities.

For more information, contact OSBA or your local school board members.

In its 61st year, OSBA leads the way to educational excellence by serving Ohio's public school board member and the diverse districts they represent through superior service, unwavering advocacy and creative solutions.

OVERDUE FINES DROPPED TO 1950 LEVELS!

Happy Birthday to the Library! And, you get the gift. In celebration of the 100th birthday of the library, all fines during the month of March will be reduced to .02 per item. All materials (all formats) will be charged only .02 per day for overdue. This is a great time to return all your long-overdue materials. Your fine balance will be cut drastically. So, gather your overdue items and your pennies and visit any of the Paulding County Carnegie Library locations in March. Fees and costs for lost or damaged items will not be reduced - this special rate is for overdue items only.

EXPLORING THE CHALLENGES OHIO'S WILDLIFE FACE IN THE WORLD TODAY

As more and more encounters occur between humans and wildlife in Ohio, it is crucial that Ohioans know how to keep these challenges as positive as possible moving forward. Looking at the challenges aerial wildlife must overcome is the theme of the 32nd annual Ohio Wildlife Diversity Conference hosted by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) on Tuesday, April 12, at the Ohio Union on The Ohio State University's campus in Columbus.

This year's keynote speaker is Dr. Chip Taylor, founder of Monarch Watch, an outreach program focused on education, research and conservation relative to monarch butterflies. Since 1992, Monarch Watch has enlisted the help of volunteers to tag monarchs during the fall migration. This program has produced many new insights into the dynamics of the monarch migration. In 2005, Monarch Watch created the Monarch Waystation program, in recognition that habitats for monarchs are declining at a rate of 6,000 acres a day in the United States.

Doors open for registration at 8:00 a.m., and the conference, titled "Top Guns in Flight: Wildlife in the Danger Zone," will run from 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. The Ohio Union is located at 1739 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43210 (Ohio State's campus). The conference is sponsored by the ODNR Division of Wildlife and is open to the public. Conference attendees should park in the attached Ohio Union South parking garage.

Register now at wildohio.gov or call 800-WILDLIFE (945-3543).

Details about the Ohio Wildlife Legacy Stamp are available at wildohio.gov. Proceeds will be used to support endangered and threatened native species, habitat restoration, land purchases, conservation easements as well as educational products for students and wildlife enthusiasts.

The first Ohio Wildlife Diversity Conference was held at The Ohio State University in 1985 with 40 people in attendance. The conference continues to grow, with approximately 955 people at last year's day long event. Representatives from a wide range of conservation and natural resource organizations will offer displays and be available

to answer questions. ODNR staff will also be on hand to answer questions from those in attendance.

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.

VILLAGE OF ANTWERP COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 2/22/16

The regular meeting of the Village of Antwerp Council was called to order at 5:27 p.m. by Mayor Ray DeLong. Council persons present: Keith West, Rudie Reeb, Ken Reinhart, Steve Derck and Council President Jan Reeb.

Also in attendance: Solicitor Melanie Farr, Administrator Sara Keeran, Fiscal Officer Aimee Lichty, Police Chief George Clemens, EMS Billing Clerk Ashley McDougal and EMS Coordinator Randy Shaffer.

Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by Derck, to excuse Larry Ryan from the February council meeting. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Minutes from the regular council meeting held January 14, 2016, were reviewed.

Motion made by Jan Reeb, seconded by Reinhart, to accept the minutes from the January 14, 2016, council meeting. 5 years, 0 nays. motion carried and approved.

The January disbursements were reviewed. Discussion on expenses.

Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by Derck, to approve the January reconciliation report. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Visitors:

Antwerp High School student attended for government class.

Police report:

Chief Clemens reported 94 calls for service and 39 citations for the month of January.

EMS report:

EMS Billing Clerk McDougal provided a written report showing 24 EMS runs for January. Collections year-to-date of \$5,217.57.

EMS Coordinator Randy Shaffer reported 43 EMS runs to date in 2016. Cots are installed in both squad vehicles and all EMS personnel have been trained. Randy is researching a potential grant to purchase a cardiac thumper.

Fiscal Officer's report:

Emergency reading of ordinance no. 2016-09: an ordinance authorizing the mayor and the fiscal officer to enter into a contract with Harrison Township for providing fire protection services for the years 2016, 2017, and 2018, and declaring the same an emergency.

Motion made by Jan Reeb, seconded by Derck, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2016-09. 5 years, 0 nays. Mo-

tion carried and approved.

Motion made by Derck, seconded by West, to accept ordinance no. 2016-09. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Emergency reading of ordinance no. 2016-10: an ordinance authorizing the village fiscal officer to transfer \$12,000.00 from the general fund to the street fund, and declaring the same to be an emergency.

Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by Jan Reeb, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2016-10. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by West, seconded by Reinhart, to accept ordinance no. 2016-10. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Emergency reading of ordinance no. 2016-11: an ordinance authorizing the mayor of the Village of Antwerp to enter into an agreement with Poggemeyer Design Group for professional services on the pump station and waste water treatment plant improvements; and declaring the same an emergency.

Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by Jan Reeb, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2016-11. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Rudie Reeb, seconded by West, to accept ordinance no. 2016-11. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Administrator's report:

Administrator Keeran would like to apply for grant to put sidewalks in from Waterplant Drive to Dollar General, as well as a new roof for fire department building. Keeran has requested quotes on these projects and, if funded, projects would be in 2017.

Keeran stated that the Chamber of Commerce is in need of volunteers.

Committee reports:

Committee reports provided during administrator's report.

Mayor's report:

Mayor's court report was not available for meeting.

Mayor DeLong wanted to remind everyone that the Chamber does a lot for our community from the Day in the Park to Halloween costume judging, Christmas lighting contest, city-wide garage sale, Small Business Saturday and more. If you are available to give them some of your time and volunteer to help, they would greatly appreciate it. Membership for the Chamber is open to individuals, businesses, churches and organization.

Old business:

No old business.

New business:

No new business.

Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by West, to adjourn the meeting. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

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RUMOR HAS IT...

The Nurturing Well by: Jill Starbuck

Rumors have been around for as long as humans have existed. If we aren't talking about ourselves, we are often talking about other people. It's what we do. For the most part, this is just human nature. However, it can get out of hand when too much speculation takes place rather than properly researching for the correct information. When this happens, damage to relationships and hurt feelings occur. Many times rumors are harmless, but sometimes people start them to be malicious, which can damage a person's reputation.

Rumors entail information about a person that has not been verified. There may be some truth to them or they may be completely false, based purely on speculation. The problem with rumors is that they spread like diseases and can become overwhelmingly inaccurate to the point that they seem ludicrous. Yet, there will still be people who want to believe even the most ridiculous story.

Most often, rumors involve personal or intimate details about people that are not generally discussed in public. This is why rumors get out of hand. People are too afraid to ask the victim of the rumor whether a personal issue is in fact true or not. Therefore, the person spreading the rumor speculates based on something that may not even have to do

with the issue. After all, how many times has the rumor spread that Jennifer Aniston is pregnant, based on how her wardrobe fits her body on a particular day? If those rumors had ever been true, she'd probably have a dozen kids by now.

Naturally, we are a curious race. Therefore, we want to know more information. According to researchers from the Rochester Institute of Technology, people often use rumors as a vehicle to get to the truth. Therefore, the juicier the details, the faster the news spreads—just like negative news in the media.

While rumors may become a way for people to get to the truth, victims of those rumors find themselves in awkward positions. They feel that they must defend themselves, fearing that people will believe the rumors. Rumors cause victims needless humiliation, shame, embarrassment, or worse. In some cases, rumors ruin reputations and relationships. Furthermore, they can cause a host of negative physical effects on the victims, such as depression, suicidal thoughts, eating disorders, and anxiety, to name a few. As a result, most victims would rather someone ask personal questions than for someone to spread untruths, half-truths, or embarrassing information in an effort to fulfill curiosity.

Although our curiosity as humans will never wane, it's always better to go straight to the source than to guess the answers to our questions. The worse that can happen is that a person refuses to answer.

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

WAYNE TRACE NHS TO HOST GLOW IN THE DARK 5K

The Wayne Trace National Honor Society is holding its annual Glow-in-the-Dark 5K on Saturday, April 9, 2016, at the Payne ball park across from the Payne Elementary School. Any money raised this year will go towards Tim West's family.

Tim West is a 2013 graduate of Wayne Trace and unexpectedly passed away this past February. He leaves behind a wife and young son. As a Wayne Trace student, Tim was involved with the football and wrestling programs. He is remembered by his teachers as a friendly, upbeat, and outgoing student.

Registration forms are available at the Wayne Trace Jr./Sr. High School building, on the Wayne Trace website, or on Facebook. The registration forms are due back to the Wayne Trace High School by March 16 if you want to be guaranteed a t-shirt. Local businesses who have not already been contacted can also sponsor the event by calling the Wayne Trace High School at extension 229.

If you have any questions about the 5K, please email klopfensteinj@wt.k12.oh.us or call Joni Klopfenstein or Heather Hatcher at the Wayne Trace Jr./Sr. High School.

LATTA INVITES HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO U.S. MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMY EVENT

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) invites all interested high school students and their parents to attend an informational meeting in McQuade Theater at St. John's Jesuit High School and Academy in Toledo, OH on Monday, March 7 at 7:00 p.m., to learn about the United States Military Service Academy nomination and appointment process for the 2017 academic year.

At the meeting, potential candidates will be advised of the congressional nomination process and have the opportunity to meet with representatives from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colorado, and the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York. Potential candidates may also obtain an application for a military service academy nomination at the meeting. Completed applications are due September 30, 2016.

Contact Erin Partee at 202-225-6405 for more information or to RSVP.

OPEN DATA POWERS NEW CONSERVATION MAPPING TOOL FOR USDA, PARTNERS

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), the University of Montana and other partners have used Google Earth Engine to build a new interactive online map tool that, for the first time, combines layers of data to better target invasive species that are damaging habitat and rangeland. The tool was built as part of USDA's ongoing Sage Grouse Initiative (SGI) and presents geospatial data covering a

100 million acre landscape in eight western States.

"Bringing this data together in an easy-to-use online resource helps federal, state and private partners better target our work to restore and protect this vast landscape - supporting wildlife, rural economies, and the Western way of life," said NRCS Chief Jason Weller. "This is another great example of how using scientific data and technology makes partnerships like the Sage Grouse Initiative more effective."

Terrell Erickson, director of NRCS' Ecological Sciences Division, unveiled the new mapping tool today at the Sagebrush Conference in Salt Lake City. Now available at map.sagegrouseinitiative.com, this first version of the tool currently allows farmers, ranchers, conservationists and other partners to analyze data on the encroachment of conifers and cheatgrass on key rangeland.

"This is just the first step," said Erickson. "SGI partners are in the process of adding more data layers of value to the application based on input from our partners."

Brady Allred, a rangeland specialist with University of Montana, developed the tool for SGI using Google Earth Engine, a platform for scientific analysis and visualization of geospatial datasets, both for public benefit and for business and government users. SGI will continue to build on the tool over time. The eight states with territory covered by the first two data sets include California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Washington.

Public and private land managers can now use the free SGI map tool in planning where and how best to target available resources to achieve the biggest gains in the battle against invasive species. "By focusing on such a large area we are able to provide the big picture - a better view of what's occurring across boundaries, so each effort supports the greater goal and helps reduce future threats," Allred said.

The Tree Canopy Cover layer, developed by professor Michael Falkowski of Colorado State University, shows where conifers are degrading critical sagebrush - steppe across the range. NRCS and partners use this data to target the removal of invading conifers when the trees are young and more easily eradicated. Another map layer provides an index of ecosystem resilience and resistance to cheatgrass based on underlying soil temperature and moisture.

Each data layer creates a visual representation of available research covering one of the threats targeted by Sage Grouse Initiative 2.0 investment strategy, a four-year \$211 million effort to help restore and protect sagebrush habitats in 11 western states. The strategy guides conservation efforts through 2018.

Since 2010, NRCS has partnered with ranchers to restore and protect more than five million acres of sage grouse habitat through SGI. This work was part of a large landscape-level effort that led the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to conclude last year that the sage grouse did not warrant protection under the Endangered Species Act. Learn more about NRCS'

FULTON COUNTY DAIRY ASSOCIATION & WILLIAMS COUNTY PORK PRODUCERS DONATE TO 4-H CAMP PALMER'S POOL



Bill Goodson, 4-H Camp Palmer Executive Director receives donation check from Neree Emmons, President of Fulton County Dairy Association

The Camp Palmer staff and board are appreciative for a \$5,000 donation from Williams County Pork Producers and a \$5000 donation from Fulton County Dairy Association to our pool fund! The new pool opened on May 31, 2015. Currently due to these donations, sale of memorial bricks and timber sale the pool loan has been reduced to \$98,000. 4-H Camp Palmer, Inc. serves youth from eleven counties in northwest Ohio and many groups from across the state, Michigan and Indiana. More information can be seen on our newly updated website-www.camppalmer.org

Thousands of area youth are enjoying this new pool

facility, which replaced the original camp pool built in 1957. The grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony took place on Sunday, May 31, 2015.

Two other pool fund raising events are planned at 4-H Camp Palmer: a Maple Syrup Brunch for Sunday, March 20 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. & 5K Walk/Run for Saturday, May 21 at 9:00 a.m.

If your group or family would like to donate, please call 419-237-2247 or email 4hcampalmer@gmail.com. 4-H Camp Palmer is a non-profit 501c3 organization. Bricks ordered by March 20, 2016 will be installed by June 1, 2016.



conservation efforts for sage grouse habitat. For more on technical and financial assistance available through conservation programs, visit www.nrcs.usda.gov/GetStarted.

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RAIDERS TAKE SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



Alec Vest here drives forward under the basket to add two points to the score at Saturday's game. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Following the win over Allen East, the Raiders went on to compete against Delphos Jefferson on Saturday afternoon at the Van Wert complex.

The Wayne Trace Raiders have had a good year this season. Before this game they

were 16-7. Their opponents - Delphos Jefferson have also had a great year with a record of 15-7.

This game started closely for both teams and continued this way until the second period when Ethan Linder, Alec Vest and Luke Miller kept hit-

ting the basket and added up the Raider side of the board. The half finished 29-17 when Wayne Trace kept DJ to score only 4 points in the second period.

The next half was much better for Jefferson, but it was too late. They outscored Wayne Trace in the third quarter. The Raiders came back and tied the last half to take the win 67-58. This game could have gone either way, it was a good thing for Wayne Trace they scored early and often in the beginning.

Score by the Quarter:
Wayne Trace: 17 12 16 22 = 67

Delphos Jefferson: 13 4 19 22 = 58

Scorers of the Game:
Wayne Trace - Linder 24; Vest 14; Luke Miller 12; Brady Stabler 8; Justin Speice 8; Cole Shepherd 1.

Delphos Jefferson - Stockwell 23; Smith 12; Reiss 6; Teman 6; Hicks 6; Neubert 3; Wallace 2.

NEW HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL

New Haven High School Boys Varsity Basketball falls to Bishop Luers High School 47-52, taking their season record to 15 - 8.

Score by the Quarter:
New Haven - 12 13 13 9 = 47

Bishop Luers - 9 16 13 14 = 52

Scorers of the Game:
New Haven - Stevenson 4, Westrick 6, Gardner 4, Upshaw 4, Towns 13, Rowan 8, Clark 6, Harris 2

Bishop Luers - Davis 8, Curry 12, Walker 16, Foster 3, Cook, 3, Banks 10

AYERSVILLE DEFEATS PAULDING IN LAST MINUTE AT SECTIONALS



Alex Arellano had a great game. 16 total for him in Friday night's game. More pictures at westbendnews.net

What would you expect from the tournament game? Well, nothing but the best from these boys. They played the entire game at full power. Paulding went into the game trailing the pilots, just by a small amount, but by the second quarter, trends had reversed and Paulding was leading by three. They kept on top until the middle of the third period. Even then the difference was negligible and

could have gone either way. Alex Arellano looked tight this game and newcomer Jarret Miller made an impressive 9 points—all from three point baskets.

When it came down to it, the game ran out of time with the Pilots in the lead.

Score by the Quarter:
Paulding - 10 13 11 12=46

Tinora -14 6 16 11=47

Scorers of the Game:
Paulding - Arrellano 16; J Miller 9; M Miller 6; Ingol 5; Edwards 4; Sitton 4; Gee 2
Tinora - Renolett 15; Bailey 13; Anders 9; Mohr 6; Grube 4

IHSAA BOYS BASKETBALL SECTIONAL 2A AT BLUFFTON

Tuesday, March 1:
6:00 p.m. Churubusco vs Eastside

Wednesday, March 2:
6:00 p.m. South Adams vs Adams Central; 7:30 p.m. Woodlan vs Bluffton

Friday, March 4:
6:00 p.m. Canterbury vs Churubusco/Eastside winner; 7:30 p.m. South Adams/Adams Central winner vs Woodlan/Bluffton winner

Saturday, March 5:
7:00 p.m. Championship Game

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NEW HAVEN DOMINATES OVER BLUFFTON



Adam Westrick shoots for two points, adding the night's second highest score for the home team. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Tuesday, February 23 was a big night for the boys at New Haven. Before the basketball game, the seniors were honored from basketball, cheerleading and choir. Bluffton picked up the tip off at the beginning of the game. It wasn't long before the Bulldogs took control of the half in the second period and then the game. Both teams scored the same amount in the second half 26. More pictures at

westbendnews.net
 Score by the Quarter:
 New Haven — 10 22 12 14=58
 Bluffton — 8 10 15 11=44
 Scorers of the Game:
 New Haven — Stevenson 7, Westrick 8, Gardner 4, Upshaw 3, Towns 18, Starks 2, Rowan 5, Perkins 4, Clark 5, Harris 2
 Bluffton — Prible 17, Kuhlbeck 7, Sturgeon 8, Pearson 5, Barker 1, Cole 6

LAUTZENHEISER VOTED NWC PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Crestview senior Connor Lautzenheiser was chosen as the 2015-16 NWC Player of the Year by Northwest Conference boys' basketball coaches at the annual selection meeting in Delphos. Lautzenheiser received 118 total points to finish ahead of Chandler Adams (LV) and Trey Smith (DJ) in the coaches' voting.

Lautzenheiser averaged 21.6 points per game along with 6.5 rebounds and 3.1 assists per game for the Knights, while shooting 43 percent from the field and 74 percent from the foul line.

Lautzenheiser, Adams and Smith were joined on the NWC first team by Paulding's Alex Arellano, and Spencerville's Dakota Prichard and Mason Nourse. Lautzenheiser, Adams, Smith, Arellano and Nourse are seniors while Prichard is the lone junior on the first team.

The voting procedure called for each coach to vote for the top 15 players on a 15-14-13, etc. point descending scale. No coach could vote for his own players.

Coach of the Year honors in the NWC go to Brett Hammons of Lincolnview. He led the Lancers to an 8-0 conference mark and a regular season record of 21-1.

The team breakdowns are as follows:

FIRST TEAM: Connor Lautzenheiser (CV) 12; Chandler Adams (LV) 12; Trey Smith (DJ) 12; Alex Arellano (PL) 12; Dakota Prichard (SV) 11; Mason Nourse (SV) 12

SECOND TEAM: Brayden Sautter (ADA) 12; Jace Stockwell (DJ) 11; Gabe Stechschulte (CG) 12; Hayden Ludwig (LV) 12; Spencer Miller (AE) 11; Trevor Neate (LV) 12

HONORABLE MENTION: Mitchell Ault (BL) 12; Cody Mefferd (CV) 12; Nick Friesen (BL) 12; Blake Willeke (ADA) 12; Zach Goecke (SV) 12; Javin Etzler (CV) 9; Derek Youtsey (LV) 12; Joel Siefker (BL) 12; Joe Schriener (BL) 12; Bret Rumer (BL) 12; Logan Diller (CG) 12

FINAL STANDINGS: Lincolnview 8-0, 21-1; Spencerville 6-2, 16-4; Crest-

view 6-2, 17-5; Delphos Jefferson 5-3, 15-7; Bluffton 3-5, 13-8; Paulding 3-5, 10-12; Ada 2-6, 12-10; Columbus Grove 2-6, 10-11; Allen East 1-7, 11-11

2016 WOODLAN BASKETBALL SENIOR RECOGNITION

By: Jeff Abbott

Andrew Krahn (#24), Son of Mike & Amy Krahn. Andrew played basketball for 4 seasons and 3 years of golf at Woodlan. He plans to attend IPFW and is undecided on a major

Ben Schwartz (#22), son of Jonathon & Bendi Schwartz. Ben played 4 seasons of basketball and 4 season of baseball for the Warriors. He plans to study Business Management at IPFW

Cole Weiss (#23), son of Adam & Angie Weiss. Cole played 1 season of basketball at Woodlan and is undecided on his future plans.

Blake Williams (#44), son of Bernard & Janet Williams. Blake played 3 seasons of basketball for the Warriors, was in the Spirit of Woodlan Marching Band for 6 years and in the Pep Band for 3 years. He plans to study Music Production at either Ball State or IPFW

Bree Bestul (cheerleader), daughter of Bruce & Tracy Bestul. Bree played softball for Woodlan, is part of the National Honor Society at Woodlan, and was a Warriors' cheerleader. She plans to attend Purdue to major in Elementary Education and also get a Masters degree in Education Administration

Thet Naing (cheerleader), son of Thin & Zaw Naing. Thet was a Woodlan cheerleader for 3 years and a part of the Woodlan band for 2 years. He plans to attend IPFW to become a teacher and be a cheerleader for the Mastodons

Kira Tucker (cheerleader), daughter of Jeff & Kate Kever. Kira was involved in track and the Woodlan band as well as being a Warriors' cheerleader. She plans to study Radiology after graduation.

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WOODLAN MOJO BACK IN SENIOR NIGHT GAME



Ben Schwartz attempts the dunk towards the end of the game against Hamilton. More pictures at westbendnews.net

By: Jeff Abbott

On Senior Night, it was senior Ben Schwartz scoring the first 8 points of the game and Woodlan ran away with a 67-40 thumping of Hamilton in boys' basketball. The Warrior senior had 20 points in the first half and finished with 26 points in the game as the Woodlan closed out their home schedule. Woodlan led 24-8 after the first period and 38-13 at the half. Woodlan downed Belmont 59-50 in

the reserve game with Micah Robbins getting 21 points for the Warriors.

Score by the Quarter:
 Hamilton - 8 5 16 11=40
 Woodlan - 24 14 19 10=67

Scorers of the Game:
 Hamilton - Hill 12, Brown 8, Fifer 6, Johnson 5, Harden 4, Steffen 3, Kohli 2
 Woodlan - Schwartz 26, Fancher 9, Williams 9, Krahn 7, Hahn 6, Howard 5, Gerig 4, Weiss 1

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WT RAIDERS MOVE FORWARD IN TOURNAMENT PLAY



Luke Miller had an incredible night and helped the rest of the team get back in the game. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Division III of the OHSAA boys basketball converged on February 24th at Van Wert High School against the Allen East Mustangs.

This was a tight game from quarter to quarter with both teams staying neck and neck. The half ended with a Raider lead, 31-27. By the end of the third quarter, Allen East narrowed the margin to only one point. The Raiders got their second wind for the final quarter of the game blowing the Mustangs out of the water

by 10 points. The Final score advanced Wayne Trace to the next round of high school Sectional play, 64-53.

Score by the Quarter:
Wayne Trace — 22 9 12 21=64

Allen East — 21 6 15 11=53

Scorers of the Game:
Wayne Trace — Stabler 3, Miller 20, E Sinn 5, Shepherd 7, Linder 24, Vest 1, Speice 4

Allen East — Smelcer 10, Foster 7, Miller 20, Guthrie 2, Perkins 4, Gipson 5, Brinkmann 5

Each of the 15 inductees is being honored for outstanding officiating careers and significant contributions to interscholastic officiating in Ohio. More information on the OHSAA Officials Hall of Fame is posted at: <http://www.ohsaa.org/officials/HallofFame.htm>

"It is an honor to have an Officials Hall of Fame where the best in Ohio are recognized for their outstanding careers and their dedication to officiating," said Beau Rugg, OHSAA Assistant Commissioner and a previous Hall of Fame inductee. "Officiating is a service and it is a joy to recognize these highly respected individuals with induction into the Hall of Fame. We thank all officials for their service to student-athletes, coaches, schools and other officials."

While the OHSAA's Circle of Champions recognizes individuals from various areas who had outstanding careers in high school athletics and have further contributed to interscholastic sports, the Officials Hall of Fame is the only Hall of Fame sponsored by the OHSAA.

2016 OHSAA Officials Hall of Fame Induction Class: Raymond Anthony Sr., Columbia Station (WR, FB), Larry Clemmons, Springboro (FB, WR), Paul "Doug" Davis, Beaver (BK, SB, VB), Thomas Gardner, Port Washington (BB, SB), Rick Haddix, Fostoria (TF, SB, BK, FB), Kim Lance, Delaware (WR, BB), Frederick Mamarella, Dover (FB), Lovell McKee, Logan (VB, BK), Thomas McNerlin, Jackson (FB, BB, SB, VB), Ronald Oaklief, Medina (BB), Louis Peake, Huntington, WV (BK), Terry Roy, Fayetteville (BB, BK, FB, VB, SB), Bobby Sagers Jr., Cincinnati (BK, FB), Michael Stockner, Toledo (BK), Richard Termeer, Dublin (Administrator)

dropped a match to state ranked Tanner Smith of Mechanicsburg. He was then victorious in back to back matches against Mount Gilead's Brandon Strickland and Coldwater's Cody Tebbe.

Marroquin found himself in the "go to match" but fell short to Tanner Bey of Versailles 12-9. Marroquin finished 6th on the day. "Chase hadn't wrestled for two years due to some shoulder issues. To come into this district, and wrestle the way he did, and get to that 'go to match,' well that's pretty impressive," stated Coach Clemens.

Ruger Goeltzenleuchter, 120 pounder, finally got over the hump and became a state qualifier his junior year. Ruger could have avoided this nasty weight altogether, and opted to wrestle in a weaker 132# class, but he didn't. Four of the top eight ranked wrestlers in the state were at this one district, and he chose to compete in this class.

Ruger opened up the day with a pin in 1:33 against Nate Weaver of Mount Gilead. He then faced off against 5th ranked Michael Sergent of Troy Christian. Ruger dropped this hard fought match 4-2 and found himself in the consi's wrestling back for a chance at the Schott.

Ruger then dominated the consi's winning via tech fall 18-3 over Nick Miller of North Union and followed that up with a major decision 19-7 over Jesse Potts of Deer Park setting up an all too familiar scenario for Ruger. For two years, Ruger found himself in the golden ticket match, the "go to match" at districts. Quite simply, win and you're guaranteed to wrestle on the floor of the Schott, lose, and you are not. Ruger has had heartbreaking defeats for two years in this match.

However, this year, the tears that flowed from all were tears of joy as Ruger defeated Preston Plattfoot of Versailles by a major decision 10-2.

"No one has worked harder in the off season than Ruger. He wrestles much of the year in addition to doing weight training workouts with a trainer. He has focused on perfecting his style and has wrestled all over the nation in the off season. This all culminated in that match when he was able to put all that work, disappointment, heart break, and dedication to the test and came out a state qualifier," commented Coach Clemens.

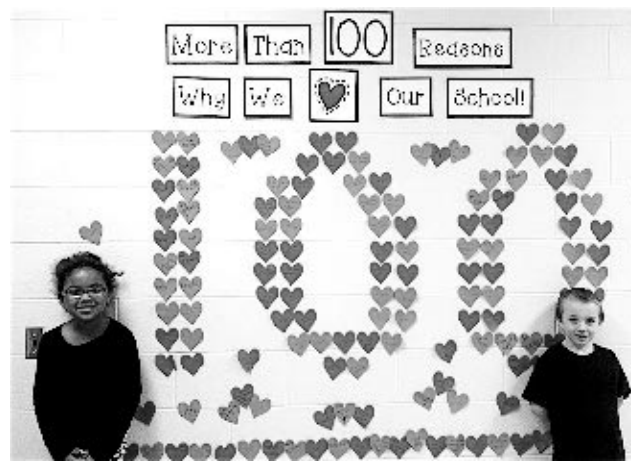
Ruger then defaulted his finals match and finished on the podium in fourth place and found himself in the position he has worked so hard for: a state qualifier.

"I am so happy and excited for Ruger and his entire family. If anyone thinks this is easy, they should come watch what it takes to get to the Schott. There is no wrestler more deserving of fulfilling his dream than Ruger," stated Coach Clemens.

George Clemens IV, 126 pound senior, took his perfect record and dominating season into Troy with his eyes set on different goals and he was not to be denied. George started in a flurry defeating Steven Mangen of Versailles with a tech fall 18-3. He then garnered a win over Blanchester's Clayton Schirmer in 40 seconds.

His next match solidified him of wrestling for a district championship and he only went out and won by major

OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY CELEBRATE 100 DAYS



Oakwood Elementary recently celebrated 100 days of fun, learning and growing. Students in preschool through second grade compiled lots of great reasons they love our school. Pictured here are Kindergarten students from Mrs. Miller's Super Kids class; Olivia Miles and AJ Vargo.

decision over Alex Isbrandt of Miami East by score of 8-0. This placed George in unfamiliar territory, wrestling for a district championship.

George squared off against Richie Stalnak of Newark Catholic and left no doubt by dominating his championship match and winning by another major decision 11-1. George became Wayne Trace's first ever district wrestling champion. He also became not only the school's, but also Paulding County's first and only four time state qualifier.

"George put together his best performance ever here. He is really peaking and has the experience to be more successful than he was last year when he placed 6th at the state tournament. We are definitely looking at finishing his senior season higher on the podium this year."

The brackets for the state tournament have been drawn and the prognosticators have already made their picks. Both of the two more respected wrestling sites have both Clemens and Goeltzenleuchter in the top 8 at the Schott this weekend, but that is just paper.

"Anything can happen down there on the floor of the Schott. You have the very best of the best wrestling and it usually isn't which wrestler does something right, but more often, which wrestler doesn't make a mistake. With this type of talent, one little mistake, and they will make you pay for it. I like our draws and chances with both George and Ruger, but we still have to wrestle," commented Coach Clemens.

WINTER JAM TITLES DECIDED AT MAC GYM

The MAC Gym hosted the Winter Jam tournament for the final girls tournament event of the 2015-16 school year. Four teams competed in both the fourth and fifth grade divisions while eight teams competed in the sixth grade division. Delphos Jefferson 6th, Glandorf 5th and Crestview 4th all claimed titles.

In the 6th grade division, Delphos Jefferson started the day with a narrow 14-13 win over Kalida before a 30-27

setback in overtime against Tinora. The next Delphos win over Archbold 28-10, put the Lady Wildcats in the finals. In the other bracket Bryan had their way with Fairview 31-6 before getting a scare from Napoleon 19-17. Bryan then beat Ayersville 30-2 to move into the finals. The finals provided a great game with Jefferson prevailing 21-15.

The 5th grade division was round robin play. Glandorf took down Ayersville 18-11, Hicksville 22-13 and Bryan to take the title. Hicksville was runner up by beating both Bryan and Ayersville.

The 4th grade division was also round robin play. When the dust cleared the two teams vying for the title were the same two teams that were in the winter league finals. Convoy Crestview started their day beating Hicksville 47-8 then Bowling Green 23-0. Fairview beat Bowling Green 29-17 and Hicksville 25-4. The finals were competitive but the final was the same as the league outcome with Crestview prevailing 26-20.

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

MAC GYM WINTER VOLLEYBALL BRACKET RELEASED

The MAC Gym winter league 6th grade and under volleyball tournament will be held on Sunday March 6 beginning at 1:30 p.m. The seeded tournament bracket has been released.

In the upper bracket Woodlan 3 took the overall #1 seed and received the only bye in the bracket. They will await the winner of Antwerp Pink and Woodlan 1. In the lower bracket Woodlan 4 took the #2 seed and will play Defiance in the first round. Fairview will play Woodlan 2. The winner of those four teams will play the winner of the upper bracket.

In the fourth grade and under bracket Woodburn Lutheran School will play Antwerp Blue in the finals. The brackets can be found on the MAC Gym website www.macgymohio.com

SPORTS CARD SHOW IN FORT WAYNE

Saturday March 12th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Hotel Fort Wayne (formerly the Marriott) located at 305 E Washington Center Rd (exit 312a off of I-69) in Fort Wayne, Indiana there will be a sports card and collectibles show. Dealers from the tri-state region will be in attendance buying, selling and trading both sport and non-sport cards and collectibles. Featured will be vintage and new singles, hobby boxes and supplies... attendance is free and the public is invited to attend. Please feel free to bring your items in for appraisal.

For more information please contact Brian Mayne at 260-824-4867 or mccardscomics@adamswells.com or on facebook at FORT WAYNE BASEBALL CARD SHOW.

FIFTEEN INDIVIDUALS SET TO ENTER OHSAA OFFICIALS HALL OF FAME

Fifteen individuals have been selected for induction into the Ohio High School Athletic Association Officials Hall of Fame, the OHSAA Officials Hall of Fame Committee has announced. The OHSAA Officials Hall of Fame induction banquet is scheduled for June 11 in Columbus.

WAYNE TRACE WRESTLING SENDS TANDEM TO SCHOTT

Raider Wrestling will be sending a tandem of wrestlers to the Schottenstein Center on Thursday, March 3rd to compete in the OHSAA division III state wrestling tournament. It will be the fifth consecutive year that Wayne Trace was able to get multiple wrestlers qualified out of the tough Troy district.

The red, white, and blue sent 5 wrestlers to Troy to compete against wrestlers from 63 other schools. The team finished 10th at the district and placed 3 wrestlers in the top 6 spots. George Clemens IV became the first Raider and the first wrestler from Paulding County to become a state qualifier all four years of his high school career. Ruger Goeltzenleuchter qualified for his first ever state tournament.

Noah Reel, freshman and HWY, made his first trip to Troy, but was unable to garner a win. He lost matches to Ben Ferguson, Miami East, and then Liam Kirkpatrick of Newark Catholic. Sophomore and 220#, Braxton Asher also made his inaugural trip, but dropped a match to Elijah Price of Purcell Marian and became injured in the process. Asher then medically defaulted his next match.

Chase Marroquin, 138# senior, won his first match against North College Hill's Mekhi Jones, but then

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TANYA CREVIER VISITS PAULDING ELEMENTARY



Tanya is shown with Chloe Cicero, a second grader at Paulding Elementary.

Paulding Elementary School had a special guest on Wednesday, February 24th. Tanya Crevier, a former professional basketball player, put on an outstanding program for our students. Tanya has amazing skills at handling a basketball. She is not only an awesome player, but she can also handle up to ten spinning basketballs at

once. Tanya shared a bit about her life growing up in a large family and being a short person. She learned very quickly that it took lots of dedication and hard work to be able to achieve her goal of being a professional basketball player. Tanya travels the world entertaining and sharing words of encouragement to schools, sports teams, etc.

PAULDING SOCCER CLUB RECEIVES GRANT FROM PCAF



Paulding County Area Foundation recently made a grant award of \$2,000.00 to Paulding County Soccer Club for the purpose of replacing soccer goals, providing team balls and proper goal keeping equipment. Pictured are Lisa McClure, Executive Director Paulding County Area Foundation; Sal Sajuan, Jr., field coordinator and board member; Traci Koenig, player coordinator and board member and her son Jeremiah Koenig.

2016 GMC WINTER SCHOLAR ATHLETES

The Green Meadows Conference is proud to announce their "All Conference Scholar Athletes" for the winter of 2016!

To be eligible for this honor, the athlete must be a senior, participate and letter in a recognized sport or cheerleading and have a 3.5 GPA or better after 7 semesters.

ANTWERP:
Audrie Longardner, Kiana Recker, Josh Longardner, Mi-

kayla Boesch, Sam Williamson, Jeff Coleman

AYERSVILLE:
Eric Engel, Kyra Waldron, Isela Brown, Kylee Tressler, Nate Fry, Molly Hammer-smith, Caleb Cook, Brittany Addington

EDGERTON:
Landon Thiel, Mitchell Cercone, Natalee Landel, Shayla Slesman, Danielle Schooley

FAIRVIEW:
Chase Carpenter, Cory Sidle, Kody King, Emily Culler, Matthew Kozumplik, Burton Bassett

HICKSVILLE:

Travis Lysaght, Avery Demland, Carli Ayers, Brandon Green

HOLGATE:

Sarah Niese, Madalyn Nolle Miller

TINORA:

Stephanie Lambert, Kristen Olashuk, Taylor Harris, Emma Schafer, Alison Zipfel, Cassie Siler, Logan Bailey, Reid Anders, Nathan Drewes, Brevin Renollet, Clayton Stemen

WAYNE TRACE:

Erin Mohr, Estie Sinn, Shayna Temple, Hollie Wannemacher, Cole Shepherd

ANTWERP TEAMS SWEEP SCHOOL TOURNAMENT

The Antwerp Local School hosted their 17th annual youth boys basketball tournament February 20. The Antwerp school teams fared well winning both the 5th and 6th grade divisions. It marked the first time in the history of the tournament that the same school won both divisions in the same year.

The 5th grade Archers beat Wayne Trace, Kalida and Lincolnview on their side of the bracket. Butler, Indiana Eastside beat Paulding, Hicksville, and Edon to win their side of the bracket. In the finals Antwerp was able to hold off a solid Eastside Blazers team for the championship victory.

With the new format in the 6th grade division there were four pools of three teams each. The pool A winner was Antwerp after beating NWC foes Crestview and Paulding. The pool B winner was Butler, Indiana Eastside who knocked off both Napoleon and Bascom Hopewell Loudon. Pool C winner was Wayne Trace who defeated both Buckeye Central and Edon and pool D winner was Bedford, MI who outlasted Bryan and an Antwerp B team.

In the four team semi-finals Antwerp topped Eastside while Wayne Trace took down the Bedford Mules. Antwerp then made it a clean sweep for the day taking down Wayne Trace in the all Paulding County final.

iAB FINANCIAL BANK DONATES OVER \$7,200 TO HONOR FLIGHT NORTHEAST INDIANA

iAB Financial Bank recently presented Honor Flight Northeast Indiana with a donation in the amount of \$7,210. Annually, iAB's Fun Committee determines a non-profit agency to support through employee fund-raisers held throughout the year. Choosing Honor Flight as their 2015 charitable partner, monthly "Jeans Days" were held in order to raise dollars for this donation. On these special days, iAB employees were able to wear jeans to work with a minimum contribution of \$3. With the proceeds collected from iAB employees, 21 veterans will be able to make the journey to Washington D.C. to view memorials erected to commemorate their sacrifices.

Donations like these to Honor Flight Northeast Indiana are just another way that iAB Financial Bank is committed to partnering with communities in order to make a difference. "I'm always so proud to be a part of an organization that lives its

commitment to giving back," stated Michael Marhenke, iAB President and CEO. "Our nation's veterans are ones to whom we owe a debt of gratitude. We are humbled to be able to help them experience this as a small way to express our appreciation for all they've done for our nation."

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WAYNE TRACE JR/SR HIGH BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 3/2 - 3/8

- Breakfast:**
3/2 - Mini pancakes, sausage, juice/fruit, milk
3/3 - Cheese omelet, toast, juice/fruit, milk
3/4 - Cinnamon roll, juice/fruit, milk
3/7 - Sausage pizza, juice/fruit, milk
3/8 - Egg/cheese muffin, juice/fruit, milk
- Lunch:**
3/2 - Chicken fajitas w/cheese, iceberg lettuce and salsa, corn, refried beans, assorted canned & fresh fruit, milk; PLUS: Chef salad, Pizza sub OR Pretzel w/cheese w/salad bar
3/3 - French toast sticks w/syrup, hash brown pattie, sausage links, orange juice, assorted juices, assorted canned & fresh fruit, milk; PLUS: Chef salad, Pizza sub OR Breaded chicken sandwich & salad bar
3/4 - Cheese pizza, romaine lettuce salad w/dressing, green beans, assorted

- canned & fresh fruit, milk; PLUS: Chef salad, Pizza sub OR Cheeseburger sandwich & salad bar
3/7 - Macaroni & cheese, peanut butter & jelly sandwich, broccoli w/cheese, green beans, assorted canned & fresh fruit, milk; PLUS: Chef salad, Pizza sub or Grilled chicken sandwich w/salad bar
3/8 - Chicken nuggets, tator tots, cooked peas, dinner roll w/butter, assorted juices, assorted canned and fresh fruit, milk; PLUS: Chef salad, Pizza sub or Breaded chicken sandwich w/ salad bar

WT PAYNE, GH & DIVINE MERCY SCHOOLS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 3/2 - 3/8

- Breakfast:**
3/2 - Mini pancakes /sausage, fruit, milk
3/3 - Cheese omelet/toast, fruit, milk
3/4 - Mini cinnamon/apple bosco stick, fruit,milk
3/7 - Ham/cheese rippers, fruit, milk
3/8 - Egg/cheese muffin, fruit, milk
- Lunch:**
3/2 - Sloppy nachos, french fries, carrot sticks w/dip, fruit, milk

- 3/3 - French toast sticks w/syrup, hash brown pattie, sausage links, orange juice, fruit, milk
3/4 - Cheese pizza, romaine lettuce salad w/dressing, green beans, fruit, milk
3/7 - Macaroni & cheese, peanut butter & jelly sandwich, broccoli w/cheese, green beans, fruit, milk
3/8 - Chicken nuggets, tator tots, cooked peas, dinner roll w/butter, fruit, milk

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS 3/2 - 3/8

- 3/2 - Corndog, baked beans, pineapple, milk; PLUS: Salad bar
3/3 - Goulash, bread w/butter, green beans, pears, milk; PLUS: Salad bar
3/4 - Cheese pizza, tossed salad, applesauce, milk; PLUS: Salad bar
3/7 - Hamburger on bun, green beans, pineapple, milk; PLUS: Salad bar
3/8 - Chicken fajita, tossed salad, orange smiles, milk; PLUS: Salad bar

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CENTRAL LUTHERAN SCHOOL ENJOY PIONEER DAY



Fourth grade students at Central Lutheran School enjoyed a Pioneer Day to celebrate the completion of their novel unit for *Little House in the Big Woods* by Laura Ingalls Wilder. Students spent the day experiencing pieces of pioneer customs and culture. They made candles, wooden spinning toys, and yarn dolls and learned to sew a button and make home-made biscuits and butter.

PEVS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 3/2 - 3/8

Jr/Sr High - Breakfast:

- 3/2 - Ham, egg & cheese croissant, juice/fruit, milk
- 3/3 - Coffee cake, juice/fruit, milk
- 3/4 - Sausage gravy w/biscuits, juice/fruit, milk
- 3/7 - Breakfast pizza, sausage, bacon & eggs, fruit/juice, milk
- 3/8 - Sausage, egg & cheese burrito, salsa, juice/fruit, milk

Jr/Sr High - Lunch:

- 3/2 - Chicken fajita, Philly beef sub, peppers & onions, refried beans, wg. chips, fruit, milk; Toppings: Salsa, lettuce, tomato slices, banana peppers
- 3/3 - Sweet & sour chkn, fried rice, oriental vegetables, eggroll OR Big daddy pizza, lettuce salad, tomatoes, fruit, milk
- 3/4 - Italian dunkers, marinara sauce, green beans OR Salad bar, garlic bread, fruit, milk
- 3/7 - Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes w/gravy, dinner roll, celery w/dip, OR Salad bar, garlic bread, fruit, milk
- 3/8 - Oriental chkn salad, eggroll, tomatoes, rice krispy bar OR asstd entree items, pickles, oven fries, fruit, milk

Paulding Elementary - Breakfast:

- 3/2 - Burrito, fruit/juice, milk
- 3/3 - Muffin, cheese stick, fruit/juice, milk
- 3/4 - Cereal or cereal bar,

- goldfish gr., fruit/juice, milk
- 3/7 - Yogurt, goldfish gr., fruit/juice, milk
- 3/8 - Pancakes, fruit/juice, milk
- Paulding Elementary - Lunch:
- 3/2 - Egg and cheese omelet, hashbrown, vegetable juice, muffin, goldfish, fruit, milk
- 3/3 - Sloppy joe in a bun, oven potatoes, fr. veg., fruit, milk
- 3/4 - Cheese pizza, salad, broccoli, sherbert, fruit, milk
- 3/7 - Grilled chicken on bun, steamed carrots, fresh vegetables, fruit, milk
- 3/8 - chicken quesadilla, baked beans, salsa, fruit, milk
- Oakwood Elementary - Breakfast:
- 3/2 - Breakfast burrito, juice or fruit, milk
- 3/3 - Breakfast pizza, juice or fruit, milk
- 3/4 - Ass't cereal juice or fruit, milk
- 3/7 - Warm cinnamon roll, juice or fruit, milk
- 3/8 - Pancake sausage wrap, juice or fruit, milk
- Oakwood Elementary - Lunch:
- 3/2 - WG. br. chic., wg. bun, peas, carrots stix, fruit, milk
- 3/3 - Taco in bag (cheese doritos), romaine let., refried beans, fruit, milk
- 3/4 - WG cheese br. stk, marinara sauce, green beans, fruit, milk
- 3/7 - Corn dog, baked beans, celery stix, fruit, milk
- 3/8 - Br. mozz sticks, marinara sauce, corn, fruit, milk

WT GROVER HILL & PAYNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS' TRANSITIONAL & TRADITIONAL KINDERGARTEN 2016-17 REGISTRATION

Wayne Trace will have two Kindergarten age programs for the 2016-17 school year. These options include a Young 5's (Transitional Kindergarten) depending upon numbers, and regular Traditional Kindergarten.

Students enrolled in Traditional Kindergarten will need to be 5 years of age before August 1, 2016. Students enrolled in the Young 5's (Transitional Kindergarten) must be 5 years of age on or before September 30, 2016.

Both programs are all day, every day programs that provide students with a Kindergarten curriculum based on the Ohio Department of Education content standards. After each child's Kindergarten screening, a team of academic professionals will meet and gather their findings. A recommendation will then be made to parents regarding a placement for their child.

It is important to note that the creation of the Young 5's (Transitional Kindergarten) classroom will be contingent upon a minimum enrollment as determined by Wayne Trace administration.

All students interested in enrolling in either program are required to participate in the Kindergarten screening process. Screening will take place at WTPE on April 18 and 19. Screening will take place at WTGH on April 20 and 21.

To register your child for Kindergarten, parents can call their elementary school.

Wayne Trace Grover Hill Elementary 419-587-3414 or Wayne Trace Payne Elementary 419-263-2515.

TED STRICKLAND ANNOUNCES OHIO FAMILIES FIRST PLAN: BRINGING ECONOMIC FAIRNESS FOR THE MIDDLE CLASS

Ted Strickland joined Ohioans for a living room discussion to announce his Ohio Families First Plan to bring economic fairness for the middle class.

The initiative is the first in a series of policy proposals that will be introduced throughout the campaign and focuses on re-writing the rules of our economy to prioritize Ohio's working people - including a tax cut for middle class Ohioans, increasing wages and overtime protections for workers, and stricter transparency to crack down on unfair trade deals.

Highlighting the kinds of economic conversations that are taking place in middle class homes across the state, Strickland announced his proposal at a roundtable discussion with a diverse group of Ohioans in a home in Columbus.

"There's a big difference between our world here in Ohio and Senator Rob Portman's world in Washington. In our world, the middle class is feeling squeezed because the costs for everything from a house, to an education to retirement are all going up - but wages are staying flat, and the economy seems to be rigged against the interests of working people," said Ted Strickland. "Meanwhile, the well-connected and the ultra-wealthy in Senator Port-

man's Washington world are getting richer. That's no accident - it's the result of politicians like Senator Portman who are pushing the agenda of the D.C. power brokers and the wealthy special interests they serve at the expense of Ohio's middle class. The idea of these two worlds is not acceptable to me. Our country should be a place where every Ohioan who works hard and plays by the rules can get a good paying job and build a good life. To make that possible we've got to rewrite the rules and re-balance our economy so that more working people can get ahead."

"In homes across Ohio, middle class families are feeling anxious, because this economy isn't working for them. My plan will put more money in their pockets, make sure they get paid a fair wage for the work that they're doing, and fight back against countries like China that are using unfair trade policies to send our jobs overseas," continued Strickland. "I understand the struggles that are facing Ohioans who work for a living because that's where I come from - and in the U.S. Senate that's who I'll fight to put first."

Strickland's Plan focuses on 3 key areas:

- Giving The Middle-Class A Break: A Tax Cut For Working Families. To bring fairness to the tax code, Strickland is calling for a "Working Families First" tax cut: a \$1,000 tax break for joint-filers with incomes up to \$150,000 a year and a \$500 tax break for individual filers making up to \$75,000 a year. Strickland's Plan also calls for closing unfair tax loopholes, policies and exemptions that are being exploited by the wealthiest and well-connected - like ending taxpayer subsidies for extravagant CEO bonuses, closing the carried interest tax loophole, ending subsidies for lobbyists, and eliminating tax breaks for companies that ship jobs overseas. As governor, Strickland successfully oversaw a tax break for every Ohioan by making government do more with less: finding and eliminating waste, balancing the budget every year, and implementing one of the most favorable small business tax climates in the country. Strickland's tax plan contrasts sharply with Senator Rob Portman's proposal to provide a tax giveaway to companies that dodged U.S. taxes by storing their profits overseas.

- Ensuring Fair Wages And Good Paying Jobs. Strickland's Plan includes a series of tangible proposals that will help Ohioans get paid a fair wage for the work they do. To ensure workers receive the overtime wages they've earned, Strickland supports raising the income threshold for overtime pay to \$50,440, a change that will bring overtime pay to nearly five million more workers who are currently working more than 40 hours a week and not getting paid for it. He also supports raising the minimum wage to \$12.00 per hour, strong equal pay legislation, and the right for workers to collectively bargain to get a fair wage. As a Congressman, Rob Portman undermined overtime wage protections, and in the U.S. Senate Portman voted against raising the minimum wage and voted 5 times against equal pay legis-

2016 COMMUNITY PHOTOGRAPHY 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 pm. If you are interested in displaying your photos and would like more details and a registration form, stop in at New Haven Parks and Recreation or visit their website at Newhavenparksandrec.com.

Entries will be accepted the week of March 7th, Monday through Thursday.

Photos will be on display Monday 14th through Thursday 17th through March 24, 2016. Everyone is invited to view the beautiful photography of these artists during the normal park office hours of 8:00 am to 4:00 p.m. There is no charge to visit and view the artwork.

ation for women.

- Making Sure Foreign Trade Does Not Undermine Opportunity For Ohio. Strickland will crack down on the kind of unfair trade deals that are hurting Ohio's economy and sending our jobs to places like China. His Plan calls for enhanced transparency and stakeholder involvement in trade negotiations by calling for the draft of any trade deal to be made public 90 days before Congress votes to authorize Fast Track Authority, and for a period of public comment to proceed any vote. In the U.S. Senate he will continue to oppose unfair trade deals like the Trans Pacific Partnership, as well as new efforts by China to gain additional protections, like Market Economy Status. Senator Portman has voted for 8 unfair trade deals, voted to grant China Most Favored Nation status, and voted to fast track the Trans Pacific Partnership without even reading the bill. As United States Trade Representative, Portman also refused to take action against Chinese currency manipulation.

MEETING MINUTES FOR WOODBURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING 2/1/16

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

Chief's Report:
Woodburn Police Reserves logged 66 hours of patrol time for the month of January. The new police vehicle has been delivered and is currently in the hands of the equipment installers. Each councilman was presented with an overview of the proposed city emergency plan as well as the proposed continuity of government plan for their inspection.

Mayor's Report:
There was a call from a citizen reporting a water line that needed repaired

at the Hamptons that was handled by Superintendent Walls. The Mayor mentioned that a complaint had been made by a citizen regarding debris on a resident's property. The Mayor and Councilman Gerig are going to meet with the resident to see what can be done. The wreaths are now down and the Mayor is investigating where the city can purchase new banners.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report:
Meeting minutes from January 18th were presented. Councilman Watts moved to accept minutes as presented, second by Councilman Voirol, all in favor. Warrants were presented to Councilman Voirol moved to pay warrants as presented, second by Councilman Gerig, all in favor.

Councilman's Report:
Councilman Martin mentioned that there is a pole at the corner of Ash and Bull Rapids that needs to be fixed. It was brought up last July by Councilman Abbott but never resolved since that point. The Mayor will start a dialog tomorrow in an effort to getting that corrected. Councilman Voirol asked that the American flags hang over the street rather than the sidewalks. He wasn't sure if that would require a change of brackets or not.

Old Business:
Regarding city money spending, conversation occurred among the council. Councilman Renner moved to transfer \$500,000 of city funds to IAB and \$500,000 of city funds to Horizon where the city will open an account to process online utility payments in the near future; Councilman Gerig will be a signer at both financial institutions in addition to the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer, second by Councilman Watts. Councilman Renner, Watts, and Voirol voted in favor, Councilman Martin voted against, and Councilman Gerig abstained from voting. Motion passes. Regarding donations to not-for-profits, the normal condition is that the City would require some type of product or service in return. There are exceptions, but this is the standard rule currently. Councilman Watts brought up the fringe benefits for city employees and asked if the council had any further thoughts or a general conclusion at this time. No definitive conclusions were made.

New Business:
A donation request was presented by the Mayor to the council on behalf of the Woodburn Youth League. Any conclusions regarding a donation amount, if any, will occur at a future meeting.

Audience:
A resident wanted confirmation as to whether or not the council was confident in their decision to reallocate city assets. A representative of Horizon thanked the city for providing an opportunity to work together. A representative of Engineering Resources asked to be considered to work for the city as the city's engineer. A resident asked that the city continue to send notifications out for any future utility rate increases. A resident is glad to see a progressive board that takes action on current issues rather than table them. A resident is appreciative of the board listening to the residents.

Councilman Watts moved to adjourn, second by Councilman Voirol, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:57.

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SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

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THE STATE OF OHIO,
PAULDING COUNTY:

FIFTH THIRD MORTGAGE COMPANY,
Plaintiff,

vs.
JOSEPH M. GARMYN, ET AL.,
Defendants,

Case No. Cl 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

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

Said premises appraised at Ninety-nine Thousand and No/100 (\$99,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount.

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

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Sheriff Jason K. Landers
Paulding County, Ohio
www.pauldingohsheriff.com
James L. Sassano, 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. Cl 15 186.

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

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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THE STATE OF OHIO,
PAULDING COUNTY:

MYCUMORTGAGE, LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.
JOHN L. HARRISON, ET AL.,
Defendants,

Case No. Cl 15 115.

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**11100 Road 22,
Cecil, Ohio 45821**
Parcel Number: 15-08S-012-00

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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David T. Brady, Attorney for Plaintiff

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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. Cl 15 090.

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 10:05 o'clock A.M., the real estate located at:

**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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Sudoku Puzzle

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Gregory L. Morris, Grabill, IN; Loss-phy cont; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Ray F. Volk, Grover Hill, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Nathaniel Sage Thill, Rancho Cucamong, CA; FTY/intersect; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Melanie D. Bandy, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Duane L. Donaldson, Bowling Green, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Isaac W. Ludwig, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Real Estate Transfers:
Grover Hill Village:
2/22/16; Wayne & Kathy M. Wisner; Lot 8, Sec. 24; 0.2 acres; To: Steven & Deborah Plummer

Oakwood Village:
2/24/16; Jackie J. & Sherrie Meeker; Lot 12; 0.1939 acres; To: Sherrie S. Meeker

Paulding Village:
2/22/16; Marjorie A. Gorman; Lot 46; 0.2015 acres; Lot 47; 0.2015 acres; To: Gregg R. Gorman, et al

2/24/16; Betty M. & Lewis W. McGuire; Lot 53; 0.1 acres; To: Lewis W. & Linda McGuire

2/25/16; Raymond J. & Linda J. Buchman; Lot 90; 0.2583 acres; To: Raymond J. Buchman

Blue Creek Twp.:
2/22/16; Robert B. Williamson, le & Janet M. Williamson, le, et al; Sec. 11; 36.99 acres; To: Robert B. Williamson, le

Harrison Twp.:
2/24/16; John Molitor, Jr., trustee; Sec. 14; 2.37 acres; To: Kevin L. & Tiffany L. Crites

2/25/16; Elmer Conley; Lot 2, Sec. 35; 0.34 acres; To: Rebecca P. Conley

Latty Twp.:
2/23/16; Mark W. & Karen M. Eddy; Sec. 27; 2.322 acres; Sec. 28; 40 acres; To: Mark W. & Karen M. Eddy, trustee

2/25/16; Paul R. Bidlack, le & Shirley Ann Bidlack, le, et al; Sec. 5; 20 acres; Sec. 26; 0.05 acres, 0.05 acres; Sec. 22; 19.98 acres; Sec. 23; 20 acres; Sec. 26; 1 acre; 1 acre; To: Paul R. Bidlack, le & Shirley Ann Bidlack, le, et al

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

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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. Cl 15 164.

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

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Carrie L. Davis, Attorney for Plaintiff

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THE STATE OF OHIO,
PAULDING COUNTY:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (USDA), Plaintiff,

vs.
PENNY L. SCHAFFER, ET AL.,
Defendants,

Case No. Cl 15 129.

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

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Stephen D. Miles, Attorney for Plaintiff

PAULDING COUNTY COURT REPORTS

Criminal Dispositions

Kasey L. Zartman, Grover Hill, OH; O.V.I./under inf; Pled no cont., Found guilty; Proof of financial responsibility not provided; Has a POC date of 12/16/16; Shall pay \$50.00 per mo commencing 3/18/16; Restitution to the victim; 177 jail days reserved

Kasey L. Zartman, Grover Hill, OH; Driv/FRA susp; Dismiss; CT B dismissed

Kasey L. Zartman, Grover Hill, OH; A.C.D.; Dismiss; CT C dismissed

Rebeca R. Brown, Paulding, OH; Confine of dog; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Ileana Bacos, Windsor, ON; Seat belt/driv; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Caid M. Blessing, Fort Wayne, IN; Head lights; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Vernell L. Baker, Oakwood, OH; Impr backing; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Lisa J. Matthews, River-view, MI; Following close; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Cody Alan Goings, Oakwood, OH; F.R.A. susp; No cont., Found guilty; Pay all costs by 2/19/16

Angela J. Coffin, Greenwood, IN; DUS; Dismiss; Case was dismissed

Thomas L. Miner, Oakwood, OH; Fail control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jasmine M. Rodriguez, Detroit, MI; FTY emer vehicl; Guilty; case was waived by defendant

Adrien C. Nehls, Antwerp, OH; Fail control; Dismiss; Case dismissed without prejudice, costs waived

Amy L. Kutzli, Paulding, OH; Child restraint; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Susan M. Hersey, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Julie N. Mohr, Van Wert, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Wendy L. Groves, Cecil, OH; Seat belt/Drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Anthony J. Stites, Fort Wayne, IN; Following close; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Barbara L. Wirt, Defiance, OH; Criminal trespass; Dismiss; Case dismissed per state; with prejudice

Sheena S. Tracy, Latty, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Timothy A. Wolford II, Payne, OH; Left of center; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Tonya L. Meyer, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Bailey D. Combs, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Gregory L. Morris, Grabill, IN; Fail control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Paulding County unaudited 2015 Annual Financial Report is now complete and available for inspection at the office of the County Auditor.
Claudia J. Fickel
Paulding County Auditor

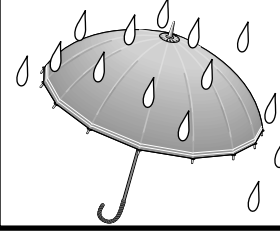
VILLAGE OF ANTWERP PUBLIC NOTICE

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2016-09** on February 22, 2016, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE FISCAL OFFICER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH HARRISON TOWNSHIP FOR PROVIDING FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES FOR THE YEARS 2016, 2017, AND 2018, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance authorizes the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to execute the proposed contract to provide fire protection services in the area defined in the contract with Harrison Township for the years 2016, 2017, and 2018.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2016-10** on February 22, 2016, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER \$12,000.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE STREET FUND, AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance authorizes the Fiscal Officer to transfer funds from the general fund to the street fund for operation of the street department.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2016-11** on February 22, 2016, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH POGGEMEYER DESIGN GROUP FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ON THE PUMP STATION AND WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS; AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance authorizes the Mayor to execute the proposed agreement with Poggemeyer Design Group, Inc. for professional design services for improvements to the pump station and wastewater treatment plant. The publication of these Ordinances is by summary only. The complete text of the Ordinances may be obtained or viewed at the office of the Village of Antwerp Fiscal Officer located at 118 North Main Street, Antwerp, Ohio.

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REPRESENTATIVE BURKLEY WELCOMES SPEAKER CLIFF ROSENBERGER TO VAN WERT COUNTY



State Representative Tony Burkley (R-Payne) hosted Speaker Cliff Rosenberger (R-Clarksville) in the 82nd Ohio House District.

"I was honored to welcome Speaker Rosenberger to my home district," said Rep. Burkley. "I had the opportunity to show off one of the district's quality industrial companies and have a substantive conversation about the economic status of Van Wert County."

Rep. Burkley and Speaker Rosenberger held a discussion about economic development in Van Wert County and recent efforts to advance economic prosperity. They were joined by Susan Mun-

roe, president and CEO of the Van Wert Area Chamber of Commerce; Ken Amstutz, Van Wert City Schools Superintendent; and Peggy Emerson, executive director of the Paulding Chamber of Commerce.

"I am very thankful to Rep. Burkley and his local community for their hospitality during my visit to northwestern Ohio," said Speaker Rosenberger. "I appreciated talking with local business leaders about economic development in this region and the strides they are making to continue nurturing job and business growth in their respective communities."

THE PAULDING COUNTY COURT PROBATION DEPARTMENT HAS ANNOUNCED ITS YEAR-END REPORT ON THE COURT'S COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

Community Service is ordered by Judge Suzanne Shuman Rister and administered and supervised by the Paulding County Court Probation Department.

In 2015, community service workers logged 2,829 hours. Figured at the Ohio minimum wage of \$8.10, this equals \$18,054.90 worth of work performed for the benefit of the community.

Any non-profit or governmental agency who wishes to receive further information on the community service program can contact the Paulding County Court Probation Department at 419-399-3016.

Agencies that benefited from the program in 2015 include: Antwerp United Meth-

odist, Bargain Bin, Blessings from Above, Caring & Sharing Food Pantry, Carryall Township, Christ's Cupboard, Cloverdale Community Club, Defiance Humane Society, Divine Mercy, Eagles Post 2405, Faith United Methodist, First Christian Church Berne, First Church of Nazarene, Friends of Felines, Grover Hill Food Pantry, Grover Hill Village, House of Love Ministries, Ideal Fish and Game Club, Jehovah Witness Church, Lockport Mennonite Church, Mandale Food Pantry, Oakwood Fire Dept., Paulding County Dog Shelter, Paulding Co. Fair, Paulding Co. Senior Center, Paulding Eagles, Paulding Co. Law Library, Paulding Co. Sheriff, Payne American Legion, Payne Fall Festival, Putnam Co. YMCA, Scott Village, St. Paul United Methodist, St. Paul's Food Pantry, T.G.I.F., Vancrest, V.F.W. / D.A.V., Village of Antwerp, Village of Cloverdale, Village of Hicksville, Village of Oakwood, Village of Stryker, Voice of

Life Ministries, Washington Township, Wayne Trace Wrestling, Y.M.C.A.

LEGISLATION HONORING FALLEN MILITARY HERO PASSES OHIO HOUSE

State Representative Tony Burkley (R-Payne) announced the passage of Substitute Senate Bill 182 by the Ohio House of Representatives, an omnibus bill that designates multiple memorial highways across the state.

The legislation includes House Bill 406, a road-naming bill sponsored by Rep. Burkley, which names a portion of highway in Paulding County after a local military hero who was killed during a shootout in Chattanooga, Tennessee last summer.

Under the bill, 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 would be designated as the "U.S. Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Randall Smith Memorial Highway."

"I truly appreciated the opportunity to stand before my colleagues and celebrate the life of Randall Smith through this piece of legislation," said Burkley. "We live in this country of freedom and liberty thanks to our brave men and women in uniform and this bill is a small token of appreciation for this hero's sacrifice."

Born in Paulding 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. After serving for three years as an active duty logistics specialist with the US Navy, Smith re-enlisted and was stationed at the Naval Operations Support Center in Chattanooga.

Substitute Senate Bill 182 will now return to the Ohio Senate for concurrence on the changes made by the House.

LATTA HAILS PASSAGE OF SPORTSMEN'S BILL

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) voted in support of H.R. 2406, the Sportsmen's Heritage and Recreational Enhancement (SHARE) Act.

This bipartisan package, which passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 242-161, included language from two bills introduced by Congressman Latta in May 2015. The first piece of legislation, H.R. 2399, would create an official advisory board, known as the Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council, to serve as counsel to the U.S. Departments of the Interior and Agriculture on policies that benefit recreational hunting and wildlife resources. The second piece of legislation, H.R. 2401, would direct the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture to require annual permits and assess annual fees for commercial filming activities on Federal land for film crews of 5 persons or fewer, helping to rectify disparity in application and approval regulations between smaller crews and larger, well-funded counterparts.

"Ensuring that sportsmen and sportswomen have the opportunity to hold an

advisory role across future Administrations is vital for all who enjoy the great outdoors. Through their engagement and drive to provide consensus recommendations, the Council's vast experience and expertise can be utilized to the benefit of the Departments of the Interior and Agriculture," said Congressman Latta. "As a current member and former Co-Chairman of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus, as well as a cosponsor to H.R. 2406, I am confident that this legislation will serve to the betterment of current and future generations of hunter-conservationists."

SECRETARY HUSTED ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS TO COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS

Secretary of State Jon Husted named 174 individuals to serve as members of the county boards of elections in Ohio. The new board appointees begin their three-year terms on March 1, 2016.

Secretary Husted reminded the new members of their responsibility to administer elections in a fair and impartial manner so all Ohioans can be assured that their vote is meaningful.

"We want to run the best elections in the nation as we know the eyes of the election world will be on Ohio," Secretary Husted said. "Achieving this goal is dependent on the men and women who serve at the local level and I want them to understand that we are counting on them to get the job done."

State law requires bipartisan representation on each of Ohio's 88 county boards of elections. Each board is made up of two Republican members and two Democratic members, all of whom must be qualified electors in the counties for which they serve. The Secretary of State makes appointments to boards of elections based on the recommendations of the executive committees of the respective county political parties.

Terms on the 88 county boards of elections are traditionally four years long, however a change in state law requires the appointments be made in odd-numbered calendar years. Members appointed in 2014 were named to three-year terms that will expire in 2017. Terms for members taking their oaths today will expire in 2019. Appointments made in 2017 and 2019 will resume the traditional schedule of four-year terms.

"Local elections officials are on the front lines of our mission to make it easier to vote and harder to cheat in Ohio," added Secretary Husted. "The elections officials in all 88 counties must do a good job to make Ohio look great."

Secretary Husted today administered the oath of office to 40 of the new and returning board members during a ceremony in the Chamber of the House of Representatives in the Ohio Statehouse. Photos taken of the event are available here for your use.

Appointees unavailable to attend today's swearing-in must make arrangements to take their oath prior to being seated.

RANDY SHAFFER IS GUEST SPEAKER AT ANTWERP ROTARY



Randy Shaffer, Antwerp EMS Coordinator was guest speaker at the Antwerp Rotary and summarized the history of the EMS and provided run statistics for 2015. The club was updated on new equipment acquisition including several Sereno Cots INX that allow EMS personnel to safely transport a patient with ease. The Lucas Chest Compression System is the next piece of equipment that Randy hopes to obtain with grant monies and/or public support. This system would aid in performing CPR chest compressions while freeing EMT's to monitor vital signs and/or administer medications. Antwerp Rotary applauds Randy Shaffer and all of the Antwerp EMS personnel for their hard work and dedication. Twila Demongot was program chair.

USDA EXPANDS INSURANCE OPTIONS FOR FARMERS TRANSITIONING TO CERTIFIED ORGANIC AGRICULTURE

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced a new step to support farmers transitioning to certified organic production, by expanding a crop insurance option to allow producers to purchase insurance coverage that better reflects their product's actual value. The expanded coverage is part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) continued commitment to provide farmers with resources and tools to meet the growing demand for certified organic products. The Secretary made the announcement at the White House during remarks to participants at the USDA Market Summit.

"Consumer demand for organic products continues to increase and the industry has experienced remarkable growth, representing more than \$39 billion in U.S. retail sales," said Vilsack. "This growth creates opportunities for farmers and businesses across the country. Expanding the safety net for farmers wanting to enter the organic market ensures they have the tools and resources they need to meet this growing demand while protecting their operation."

The organic sector is growing, and certified organic products often return higher profits for farmers. It can take producers three years, however, to transition from conventional to certified organic

production. Previously, producers of transitional crops were only able to insure them at the same price as a conventional producer. But today's announcement enables producers to insure transitional crops to their contract price (within approved limits).

Producers transitioning to certified organic production can now use the Contract Price Addendum to cover their crops at a higher price than traditional crops. The Contract Price Addendum allows farmers transitioning to organic production to insure certain crops at their contract price rather than the published U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Risk Management Agency (RMA) price election.

RMA has also expanded organic premium price elections to 57 crops, up from four in 2011, providing organic producers the option to protect their 2016 crops closer to the market value. Barley, rice and wheat are among the crops for which organic price elections have been added. New additions for 2017 will include grapefruit, lemons and oranges.

For example, under the Contract Price Addendum, a producer in Nebraska can use a contract price for millet up to a maximum of \$7.34 per bushel (for transitional) or \$8.44 (for certified organic production), as opposed to using the existing RMA price elections of \$3.67 (for transitional) or \$4.22 (for certified organic production). A Contract Price Addendum fact sheet is available online at [www.farmers.gov](#)

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Since 2009, USDA has strengthened programs that support organic producers as they grow, thrive and respond to increasing consumer demand for organic products. Last year, USDA reported that U.S. certified and exempt organic farms sold a total of \$5.5 billion in organic products in 2014, up 72 percent since 2008. The U.S. retail market for organic products is valued at more than \$39 billion, and in 2014 there were 19,474 certified USDA organic operations in the United States, representing nearly a 250 percent increase since 2002. Worldwide, in 2014 there were nearly 28,000 certified organic operations in more than 120 different countries. More information about USDA's support under this Administration for organic producers and businesses can be found at www.usda.gov/results.

Crop insurance is sold and delivered solely through private crop insurance agents. Contact a local crop insurance agent for more information about the program. A list of crop insurance agents is available at all USDA Service Centers or online at www.rma.usda.gov/tools/agent.

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 The sales closing date is the last day to buy a new policy or change an existing policy's coverage level. Producers can find sales closing dates for the crops in their states by referring to RMA's regional office state directory. Current policyholders also have until the sales closing date to make any changes to their existing contracts.

A list of commodities eligible for the Contract Price addendum is available online at www.rma.usda.gov/news/currentissues/organics/cpa_eligibility.html.

More information on risk management tools available for organic farmers can be found on the RMA organic crops website. Visit www.usda.gov/organic to learn more about USDA's resources for organic agriculture.

PROGRESS REPORT: USDA INVESTMENTS MAKE BIG IMPACT FOR RURAL AMERICA IN 2015

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack released a report detailing the tangible results across rural America that stemmed from investments by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Rural Development team in local businesses, community infrastructure, housing and more in 2015.

"Over the past seven years, USDA has made record investments in rural

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America, including housing, infrastructure, business and nutrition, and 2015 was no exception," Vilsack said. "Through our Rural Development agencies alone, USDA was able to support more than 170,000 projects last year, spurring job creation and improving the quality of life for millions of rural Americans. These investments have helped people secure affordable housing and become first-time homeowners, connected America's remote towns with medical providers and business customers via telecommunications, improved critical water and other community facilities, lowered utility costs for residents and businesses through energy efficiency, bolstered local and regional food systems, and created and expanded small businesses. All of this has helped to strengthen local economies for the farmers, families and businesses who call rural America home, and for all Americans who rely on the food, fuel and goods these communities produce."
 USDA Rural Develop-

ment's 2015 Progress Report provides an overview of activities in 2015 that resulted in nearly \$30 billion in investments in rural America. The report includes success stories from every state illustrating the many ways USDA helps finance infrastructure improvements and boosts economic development in rural areas. The Progress Report also highlights the success of the Obama Administration's and Secretary Vilsack's place-based initiatives, Promise Zones and StrikeForce, to address rural areas facing significant economic challenges. These initiatives and the emphasis on Community Economic Development (CED) are the cornerstones of USDA's efforts to combat rural poverty and deliver assistance to rural places most in need of the capacity and funding to jump-start or sustain economic development.

Partnerships with private lenders, non-profit organizations and community-based groups are key to USDA's success in rural areas. For example, USDA is partnering with rural telecommu-

nications utilities to bring high-speed broadband to rural communities. In 2015, people who live in and near Raymondville, Texas, began using fast Internet access at the local library to apply for jobs and file their taxes as a result of a USDA Rural Development loan to the Valley Telephone Cooperative. Adult learners in Raymondville are taking advantage of web-based education programs thanks to their new high-speed Internet service.

Through Rural Development, USDA helped nearly 150,000 families buy, refinance or repair their homes last year. Eleven thousand people lived in affordable apartments as a result of USDA programs to build or provide subsidies for rental housing.

USDA Rural Development programs also provide for a wide range of community needs. More than 21 million rural residents benefitted from USDA support for essential community facilities in 2015. The agency invested \$1.8 billion in services such as schools, hospitals, day care centers, first-responder vehicles and equipment and other needs.

USDA provided a \$16 million Community Facilities loan to help build a surgical center and health clinic in Wickenburg, Ariz. Construction began in 2015. When the 10,700-square-foot center is finished, it will include two operating rooms, a suite for gastrointestinal procedures, equipment to expand diagnostic capabilities and space to accommodate additional staff and specialists. The project is expected to create nearly 30 much-needed, health care-related jobs in this small community of about 6,300 people.

In 2013, USDA committed to investing up to \$50 million in Community Facilities funds by the end of 2016 to develop or improve mental health facilities and services in rural areas. By November 2015, USDA had more than quadrupled that

goal in just two years, funding more than \$213 million in 80 projects in 34 states.

USDA Rural Development helped more than 12,500 rural businesses through \$1.5 billion in loans, loan guarantees and grants last year.

The report also sums up Rural Development investments since 2009. Under President Obama, USDA Rural Development has invested \$11 billion in more than 103,000 rural businesses to start or expand their operations; helped more than 1 million rural residents buy homes; funded nearly 7,000 community facilities such as schools, public safety and health care facilities; financed 180,000 miles of new and improved electric transmission and distribution lines; supported 254 broadband projects completed with funds provided through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, bringing high-speed Internet access to nearly 6 million rural residents, 17,500 businesses and 1,900 community facilities; and partnered in many other efforts to improve the economic conditions and quality of life for rural Americans.

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.

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Supt. Staci Kaufman, Rep. Tony Burkley, Rep. Robert McCollie, Senator Cliff Hite

Vantage held its Open House for the sophomores of the area schools on Monday, February 22. The event planned by the school was a huge success. All departments showed off their wares and enabled the new students

to find out what they would like to do in life.

Schools like Vantage are an excellent source of training for our region. This open house coincided with the school's celebration of 40 years of excellent education.

PAULDING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOLDS CASINO NIGHT

The Paulding Chamber of Commerce will be holding its Annual Membership Banquet on March 10, 2016, at the Paulding County Extension Building on Fairgrounds Dr. The event will be a Casino Night featuring fun games of chance such as roulette and black jack. Sweetwater Chophouse of Defiance will provide a buffet of heavy appetizers and bar.

"We began discussing how we could make our Annual Banquet a more fun and social event. We want this to be a great time for everyone and hopefully raise some funds for the Chamber as well," said Peggy Emerson, Executive Director for the Chamber. "We will still present our awards honoring local businesses and volunteers as part of the evening. It is an event we look forward to all year."

For more details, please contact the Chamber of Commerce at 419-399-5215 or visit www.pauldingchamber.com.

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION MARCH 15TH 2016

The Board of Elections of Paulding County, OH, wishes to inform voters of the upcoming Presidential Primary Election to be held on March 15, 2016 at these locations:

AUGLAIZE TWP - Fire House at SR 637 & RD 169; BLUE CREEK TWP - Wayne Trace HS in the Junior High gymnasium, 4915 US 127, Haviland; BROWN TWP - Oakwood Fire & EMS Station, 201 N Sixth ST, Oakwood; ANTWERP VILLAGE and CARRYALL TWP - Antwerp Catholic Church Hall, 303 W Daggett ST, Antwerp; CRANE TWP & CECIL - Divine Mercy Fellowship Hall, 303 W Daggett ST, Antwerp; EMERALD TWP - Paulding Co. Extension Building, 503 Fairground DR, Paulding; BENTON TWP (Payne Village) and HARRISON TWP (Payne Village) - Payne Legion Hall, 229 N Main ST, Payne; JACKSON TWP & BROUGHTON - Township House at RD 126 & RD 131; PAULDING VILLAGE 1, 2 and 3 - Paulding Co. Extension Building, 503 Fairground

DR, Paulding; LATTY TWP & GROVER HILL - Wayne Trace HS in the Junior High gymnasium, 4915 US 127, Haviland; PAULDING TWP & LATTY VILLAGE - Paulding Co. Extension Building, 503 Fairground DR, Paulding; WASHINGTON TWP - Wayne Trace HS in the Junior High gymnasium, 4915 US 127, Haviland

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And for the purpose of electing candidates to the following political party offices: Republican ballot only; Member of the State Central Committee 1 Man & 1 Woman (1st District); Democratic and Republican ballot: Members of County Central Committee

The polls for the election will open at 6:30 a.m and re-

PAULDING 3rd GRADERS GO WILD FOR OHIO WILDLIFE



Pictured here from left to right are: Kamryn Sutton, Ameah Garza, Conner Coutts

By: Staci Miller, Education Specialist, Paulding SWCD

The 3rd grade students at Paulding Elementary got the opportunity to learn about Ohio Wildlife as they start their unit on wildlife. Last week, Staci Miller, Education Specialist with the Paulding Soil and Water Conservation District went into the 3rd grade classrooms and gave a fun-filled presentation about wildlife in Ohio. Her presentation featured a PowerPoint where students were given facts about 25 different Ohio animals and the students got the opportunity to identify

each animal and hear their specific animal sound. The students really enjoyed this interactive way of learning about the wildlife native to Ohio. The presentation allowed for students to get a better understanding of Ohio wildlife. After the PowerPoint, students got the opportunity to see and touch the wildlife pelts and play Ohio Wildlife Bingo. If you are interested in the Ohio Wildlife presentation for your classroom or group please contact Staci Miller, Education Specialist to schedule this program.

main open until 7:30 p.m. on election day.

For more information, contact the Paulding County Board of Elections at 419-399-8230 or email paulding@ohiosecretaryofstate.gov

Office hours for early voting are: March 2-4, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; March 5, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; March 7-11, 8:00

a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; March 12, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; March 13, 1:00-5:00 p.m.; March 14, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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