

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Robert W. Miller and Heather Dirham were married on January 28, 1967 at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Van Wert, Ohio by Reverend Russell Gillig.

The couple has been blessed with three children: Michelle (Ben) Bangert, Michael (Deedi) Miller and Melinda (Kurt) Newman and grand-

children, Ellie, Estee, Aiden, Breeanna and Owen. They have one grandchild, Evan, in heaven.

A Mass in honor of their anniversary will be celebrated at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 28, 2017 at Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding location. The couple plan to celebrate with family and friends at a later date.

FORT WAYNE COMMUNITY BAND CONCERT

Fort Wayne Area Community Band will present a concert Tuesday, February 28 in the John & Ruth Rhinehart Music Center on the IPFW campus. Downbeat is 7:30 p.m. Conductor Scott Humphries and assistant conductor Susan Jehl have chosen a varied program that includes American Riversongs, Three Celtic Dances, Death or Glory March, Abracadabra, a Spanish march called Am-

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Jennifer and Ryan Anderson, of Morral, OH, welcomed the birth of their son, Jack Griffin Anderson, on December 26, 2016, in Columbus, OH. He was 8 lbs 13 oz and was 20.5 inches long. He has two siblings, Corinne and Easton Anderson.

Grandparents are Lonnie and Linda Bostelman of Antwerp, OH; Connie and Mike Kristof of Mt. Vernon, OH and Mark and Jennie Anderson of Bremen, OH.

EACS NEWLY APPOINTED BOARD MEMBER: GAYLE ETZLER



Mrs. Gayle Etzler is a newly appointed EACS board member. She was appointed to serve out the last two years of her husband, Leland Etzler's term.

Mr. Etzler resigned from the board on January 3.

Mrs. Etzler has been in education well over 30 years. She taught 31 years at EACS, most of those years at Woodlan Jr. Sr. High. She taught high school English and speech.

Gayle met Leland at Woodlan when she was a beginning teacher. They have 4 children, 2 daughters and 2 sons. One of their daughters, Lyn, is a teacher at Prince Chapman Academy and her husband, David, is a teacher at Woodlan. They also have a daughter-in-law, Hayley, who teaches at New Haven Middle School. Two of their grandchildren graduated from Woodlan, and 3 others are

WARRIORS MAKE IT A DOZEN ACAC TITLES



Woodlan's players, coaches and cheerleaders pose for the big victory! More pictures at westbendnews.net

Austin Fancher scored 15 points and the Woodlan Warriors captured the Allen County Athletic Conference tournament title for the 12th time in school history with a 35-32 win over Heritage at South Adams High School Saturday. The ACAC is the oldest conference in Indiana—94 years in the making.

The Warriors also got a big

effort from Tre'Von McCarter, who sparked the Warriors with seven consecutive fourth quarter points before finishing with nine in the stanza and the game.

Heritage jumped in front early in the contest, leading 10-5 with just under two minutes remaining in the opening quarter before six straight Woodlan points made it 11-10

Warriors after eight minutes of action.

The Patriots answered with 9 of the 14 second quarter points to take a 19-16 lead at halftime before Woodlan tied the game at 23-23 entering the final period.

Rylie Schane paced Heritage with 13 points and Abram Beard chipped in ten.

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currently enrolled at Woodlan.

The entire family has held education in high esteem. "I feel good about our school district and I hope to do my best to contribute to its continued success", stated Mrs. Etzler.

Welcome to the Board of School Trustees, Mrs. Gayle Etzler!

DEFIANCE COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY FINANCIAL RECORDS "UNAUDITABLE"

Incomplete bank reconciliations prompted Auditor of State Dave Yost to place the Defiance County Regional Airport Authority on the "un-auditable" list.

"Complete financial records shine a light on local governments," Auditor Yost said. "Taxpayers should not be left in the dark on how their dollars are being spent."

During the course of the regular financial audit of the Defiance County Regional Airport Authority for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015, the Audi-

LINDER BREAKS WAYNE TRACE RECORD SEE PG 8!

tor of State's office determined that the condition of the airport authority's financial records was not adequate to complete the audit. In a letter to the airport authority, the Auditor of State's office notified officials that complete bank reconciliations are required to complete the audit.

Within 90 days of the date of the letter, the airport authority must revise its financial records and provide the necessary data. Failure to bring accounts, records, and reports to an auditable condition may result in legal action, including the possibility of the attorney general issuing a subpoena to airport authority

officials to explain the condition of records. The attorney general may also file suit to compel the officials to prepare and/or produce the required information.

The Auditor of State's Local Government Section (LGS) is available to airport authority officials to assist in bringing records to an auditable condition. LGS provides a wide variety of services to local governments, including reconstructing financial records and aid in the reconciliation of books.

An entity is removed from the "un-auditable" list once the audit is completed and released to the public.

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Back row from left to right: Michael Etter, Noah Carter, Carter Eikenbary, Cade Chiles, Katie Able, Cal Wolfrum, Angel Haller. Front Row from left to right: Austin Carnahan, Spencer Teman, Sydney Maller, Ryan Chen, Nick Carter, Kathryn Wray

On Saturday, January 14, 2017, the Van Wert Robotics Club and Van Wert High School will host its third Northern Ohio First Tech Challenge Robotics Competition.

Thirty (30) teams from three (3) states, almost 300 young people, will compete with the goal of advancing to the State Championship in Columbus. The event title sponsors are the Central Insurance Company, APT Manufacturing Solutions, Ohio Northern University, Alliance Automation and General Electric. Opening ceremonies

will begin at 10:15 a.m. in the High School Gymnasium and the head to head competition will begin immediately following. The event is free to the public so the community is invited to come out and support the highly successful robotics program. The tournament will last all afternoon with the awards ceremony beginning at 6:00 p.m.

For further information about the competition please contact robotics mentors Bob Spath at b_spath@vwcs.net or Zane McElroy at z_mcelroy@vwcs.net or by phone at 419.230.9581

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 1/18 - 1/24

1/18 - Birthday & Anniversary Celebration; Crafts at 12:30 p.m.; Grocery shopping 1:30 p.m.

1/19 - Bingo pressure & toe nail clinic at 9:00 a.m.; Euchre at 9:45 a.m.; Penny Pitch with Meadows of Kalida at 12:00 p.m.; Euchre at 12:15 p.m.

1/20 - Commodity Distribution 11:00 a.m.; Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.; Craft store open 11 - 2

1/23 - "Shedding Pounds" at 9:30 a.m.; Exercise at 10:00 a.m.; Steering Committee - meeting at 12:00 p.m.

1/24 - Euchre at 9:45 a.m.; Euchre at 12:15 p.m.

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 1/18 - 1/24

1/18 - Pork roast, mashed potatoes, Normandy blend, chunky applesauce, w.w. bread, birthday cake, milk

1/19 - Baked ham, baked potato, beets, apple juice, sherbet, dinner roll, milk

1/20 - Beef and noodles, mashed potatoes, California blend, peaches, w.w. bread, milk

1/23 - BBQ riblet sandwich, hashbrown O'Brien, spinach, citrus fruit, raisins, milk

1/24 - Beef stew, tossed salad, grape juice, biscuit, peach cobbler, milk

HOW TO DEAL WITH JOINT PAIN

By: Angel Steiner

It is a necessity to grease and oil the chains on bicycles, the hinges of doors and cupboards. The same holds true for the joints and "hinges" of the human body. Joints in the human body are in almost constant motion and being subjected to friction on a daily basis. Their make up is quite amazing in that as long as they have the proper lubrication and coverings, they move in perfect harmony with each other. Joints do perform their function with ease until the aging process

begins to progress. One of the most prevalent ailments of aging involving joint health is arthritis.

Arthritis is a disease marked with inflammation, pain, or stiffness of the joints - or even symptoms like fatigue or rash. Many people unfortunately just accept the pains and stiffness of developing arthritis as just a part of the general wearing out process of the human body, but there are steps to take to prevent and treat joint pain to live a better quality of life without the pain. The number one prevention and treatment measures for the joint pain of arthritis is food therapy, and physical activity also helps alleviate the symptomatic aches and pains associated with the joint pain of arthritis.

There is a list of 12 foods that are good for joint health and support the immune system that takes care of all aspects of joint health. The nutrients from the foods we eat contribute to the body's health and wellness and the following listing of foods in particular will care for the body's joints. This listing has a wide variety of micro-nutrient dense foods for even the most pickiest of palates.

Fish like salmon or tuna provide the body with much needed omega-3 fatty acids. Omega-3 fatty acids are healthy fats that support areas like the brain and joints. Eating fish a couple of times a week will help the body keep its joints healthy. For the vegetarians who still need to keep their joints healthy, there is soybeans. Tofu or edamame are excellent sources of omega-3s, protein, and are also low in fat. Extra virgin olive oil is a good fat that supports the joints. Anthocyanins are just pigments in cherries to give them their vibrant red color... right? It also has some anti-inflammatory benefits, so stock up! And if you don't like cherries, this pigment is found in several other red or purple fruits like strawberries, blackberries, and blueberries. Dairy is not all bad, as it provides the body with much needed calcium and vitamin D, but some people's digestive systems do not like dairy at all. If this is the case, other forms of calcium and vitamin D comes from the dark green leafy vegetables like spinach and kale. Broccoli delivers vitamins K and C to the body as well as calcium. Studies have shown that the antioxidants found in green tea can reduce inflammation in rheumatoid arthritis patients. Citrus fruits, whole grains, beans and garlic round out this list of arthritis-fighting powerhouse foods.

Physical activity is another

way to alleviate the sometimes unbearable symptoms of arthritis. Arthritis Foundation writer, Susan Bernstein supports the use of yoga as a way to alleviate the inflammation and stiffness associated with joint pain. Yoga is a sequence of poses, stretches and breathing techniques that increase flexibility, balance, and muscle strength. Numerous doctors all concur that yoga is a safe and beneficial practice for arthritis patients. The use of props like chairs, blocks, and blankets make some poses possible for individuals who have extreme trouble moving due to their joint pain. Modifications still may have to be made for certain poses like forward bend and downward dog because of the loss of mobility in the knees.

Be aware of what goes into your mouth at meal times or at snack times... or boredom times for that matter. Treat your body with respect and give it the fuel it needs to keep itself lubricated and supported. The foods we eat today will affect how our bodies feel tomorrow. Nourish it with nutrient dense foods as a way to help alleviate the pains of arthritis or prevent it altogether. Keep the body active with gentle movements on a daily basis by yoga or other gentle movements and the stiffness and inflammation of arthritis could lessen or be alleviated completely. To find out more about arthritis, visit The Arthritis Foundation at www.arthritis.org.

FAMILIES PROJECTED TO SPEND AN AVERAGE OF \$233,610 RAISING A CHILD BORN IN 2015

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) released the 2015 Expenditures on Children by Families report, also known as "The Cost of Raising a Child." The report, developed by economists at USDA's Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion (CNPP), estimates that for a child born in 2015, a middle-income* married-couple family will spend between \$12,350 and \$13,900 annually (in 2015 dollars) - or \$233,610 from birth through age 17 - on child-rearing expenses. Families with lower incomes are expected to spend \$174,690 and families with higher incomes are expected to spend \$372,210 from birth through age 17. Many state governments use this annual report, first issued in 1960, as a resource in determining child support and foster care guidelines.

"As the economy continues to improve, USDA is committed to supporting the nutrition and health of individuals and families through our research and programs," said Kevin Concannon, Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services. "This report, which we have produced for 55 years, gives families a greater awareness of the expenses they are likely to face, and serves as a valuable tool for financial planning and educational programs, as well as courts and state governments."

"Understanding the costs of raising children and planning for anticipated and unexpected life events is an important part of securing financial health. The U.S. Department of the Treasury,

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh." Galatians 5:16 NIV

SAM ADAMS WINS PAULDING EX. VILLAGE SCHOOLS GEOGRAPHY BEE



Sam Adams and Ashton Manz

Students from Oakwood Elementary, Paulding Elementary, and Paulding Middle School competed in the district level of the National Geographic Bee Finals on January 12, 2017. Sam Adams will advance to the next level of competition, a written examination. Sam will move one step closer to a chance at a \$50,000 scholarship, and a prize vacation! Sam is a 7th grader from Paulding Middle School, and is the son of Jerry and Joann Adams. The Bee

is sponsored by the National Geographic Society. Ashton Manz, a 6th grader from Paulding Middle School, was the first runner-up. Ashton is the son of Chris and Erica Manz. Other students competing in the Bee were: Paulding Elementary: Lucas Beckman, Grade 4; Maci Kauser, Grade 5; Oakwood Elementary: Jack Woods, Grade 4, Elli Barton, Grade 5, Casandra Weller, Grade 6; Paulding Middle School: Trace McKinley, Grade 8.

among other Federal agencies, has a wealth of information and tools that can help Americans plan for their future. MyMoney.gov can help you make a budget, find assistance with child care costs and save for emergencies or big purchases like a home or college education," said Louisa Quittman, Director of the Office of Financial Security for the U.S. Department of the Treasury. "MyMoney.gov can also help you provide money management lessons for your children to help them be more prepared for their financial future."

The report details spending by married-couple and single-parent households; for married-couple households, spending in various regions of the country are examined. Housing (29 percent) and food (18 percent) account for the largest share of child-rearing expenses for middle-income, married-couple families, followed by childcare/education (16 percent), transportation (15 percent), and health care (9 percent). Clothing was the smallest expense, at 6 percent, and other miscellaneous child-rearing necessities from birth to age 18 accounted for 7 percent. This report does not include costs related to pregnancy or college costs.

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SPELLING BEE WINNERS



The Christian Home Educators of Paulding County held their annual spelling bee on January 5th.

The first place winner was 6th grader Philip Ellerbrock with the winning word: mystic. The runner up was Trina Weigand.

The family of **Betty Lichty** would like to thank everyone for their prayers, love, support and delicious food during our time of need.

Thanks to Dr. Snyder, Dr. Gray and Dr. Wiley for taking such great care of her over the years. A special thanks to Vancrest staff and all of her wonderful friends which she loved dearly.

We would also like to thank the United Methodist Church, Pastor Mike and the Dinner Committee for everything they did. Shawn Dooley, you are amazing.

May God bless each and every one of you.

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The family of **Linda L. Hook** would like to thank everyone for their prayers and the love that was shown during the loss of our loved one. We would also like to say thank you for donations, flowers and cards.

A special thank you to Van Wert Hospice, visiting nurses, Dooley Funeral Home and Rev. Mike Harper. Along with a thank you to the Payne Nazarene Church for preparing the meal. We as a family thank everyone deeply. Linda will be sadly missed by her family.

— Thank you, Rick, Gabe, Olivia, Edith & Dick

WOODBURN BRANCH LIBRARY AND YARN LOVERS



The Yarn Lovers group from the Woodburn Branch Library made 54 scarves for the 2017 Indiana Special Olympics during 2016. This is the most scarves the group has ever made for the Special Olympics since they started doing this in 2011. The colors were selected in collaboration with the theme of the Special Olympics Indiana Summer Games and Polar Plunge events in 2017. The scarves are given to the athletes, volunteers and supporters at the State Winter Games and the Polar Plunges. The Polar Plunges scheduled to start in

February are fund raisers for the Special Olympics. You can find the schedule for the plunges at soindiana.org/polarplunge/calendar.

If you are not familiar with the Special Olympics Indiana is a not-for-profit organization that provides year-around sports training and athletic competition in more than 20 Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual challenges. It reaches almost 11,000 athletes across Indiana. The Yarn Lovers are very proud to be able to contribute to this great organization.

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“When CNPP first issued this report in 1960, housing and food were the two highest expenses, just as they are today,” said CNPP Executive Director Angie Tagtow. “But while housing costs have increased over time, changes in American agriculture have resulted in lower food costs, and family food budgets now represent a lower percentage of household income. For families who wish to lower their food costs even more, we offer a variety of resources at ChooseMyPlate.gov/budget.”

Across the country, costs were highest in the urban Northeast, urban West, and urban South; while lowest in the urban Midwest and rural areas. Much of the regional variation in expenses was related to housing. Differences in child care and education expenses also contributed to regional variation. Overall, child-rearing expenses in rural areas were 24 percent lower than those in the region with the highest expenses, the urban Northeast.

It is important to note that child-rearing costs vary greatly depending on the number and ages of children in a household. As family size increases, costs per child generally decrease. Report author and CNPP economist Mark Lino, PhD emphasized how significantly costs are impact-

ed by the number of children in a household.

“There are significant economies of scale, with regards to children, sometimes referred to as the ‘cheaper by the dozen effect.’ As families increase in size, children may share a bedroom, clothing and toys can be reused, and food can be purchased in larger, more economical packages,” said Dr. Lino.

As a result, compared to a child in a two-child family, families with one child spend 27 percent more on the only child and families with three or more children spend 24 percent less on each child.

CNPP economists used data from the most recent Consumer Expenditure Survey to present the most recent and comprehensive estimates. The full report, Expenditures on Children by Families, 2015, is available on the web at www.cnpp.usda.gov. The CNPP website also offers downloadable infographics and an interactive Cost of Raising a Child Calculator that can be used to view costs associated with different geographic locations, income levels and family sizes.

FEDERAL AGENCIES PARTNER TO MOTIVATE AMERICANS TO BE HEALTHY AND ACTIVE

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

(HHS) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced that USDA’s free online tool, SuperTracker, has incorporated the President’s Council on Fitness, Sports & Nutrition’s (PCFSN) Presidential Champions program as an additional incentive to motivate Americans to be more physically active. Gamification, the application of points and achievements to non-game contexts, has been shown to inspire both youth and adults to engage in physical activity and to monitor progress toward their own health goals. Now, anyone who has a SuperTracker account can participate in the Presidential Champions program by simply logging into their SuperTracker account and recording their daily physical activity.

Since 2003, the Presidential Champions program has motivated Americans ages six and older to become physically active and live a healthier lifestyle. Based on the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, SuperTracker empowers people to improve eating habits, manage weight, and reduce risk of chronic disease. Users can determine what and how much to eat; track their food intake, physical activity, and weight; and personalize their SuperTracker experience by setting individual goals, journaling, and receiving virtual coaching. With the addition of the Presidential Champions program, SuperTracker’s millions of users can now also be recognized with awards. Through SuperTracker, Presidential Champions participants can now sync their Fitbit accounts and easily track their activity without manually entering data to accumulate points.

“The partnership between these two agencies is truly a win for all involved. We know that the Presidential Champions program has dedicated participants who will benefit from the incredible suite of tools available in the SuperTracker application,” said Angie Tagtow, Executive Director for the USDA’s Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion, which created and manages SuperTracker. “We now have yet another way for existing SuperTracker users to stay motivated to make positive choices every day on their path to a healthier lifestyle.”

“We are excited for our long-time Presidential Champions participants to continue earning awards for achieving their healthy goals, while gaining access to the personalized physical activity and nutrition features of SuperTracker,” said Dr. Don Wright, Acting Executive Director of PCFSN. “This partnership encompasses the core theme of the Council’s 60th anniversary #0to60 Campaign – inspiring all Americans to accelerate their journey to living healthy.”

About the President’s Council on Fitness, Sports & Nutrition: The President’s Council on Fitness, Sports & Nutrition educates, engages and empowers all Americans to adopt a healthy lifestyle that includes regular physical activity and healthy eating. The President’s Council is a committee of volunteer citizens appointed by the President who serve in an advisory capacity through the Secretary of Health and Human Services. Through cross sector partnerships, the

President’s Council promotes healthy lifestyles through evidence based programs and initiatives for Americans of all ages, backgrounds and abilities. For more information about the President’s Council, visit: www.fitness.gov.

About the United States Department of Agriculture, Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion: Established in 1994 within the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion works to improve the health and well-being of Americans by developing and promoting dietary guidance that links the best, evidence-based, scientific research to the nutrition needs of consumers.

PAULDING COUNTY MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM TO OFFER NEW CERTIFICATION CLASS

Do friends and neighbors ask you about flowers, vegetables, insects and trees? Do you enjoy learning why plants, insects and diseases live and affect our gardens good and bad? I can predict with confidence that 12-14 perfect strangers will become friends and grow in their love of gardening after completing the OSU Extension Master Gardener training program. There is always a common “root” among a new Master Gardener class. Since 1999, the OSU Extension Paulding County office has been partnering with the Defiance County Extension Office to train new volunteers.

A Master Gardener is a person who knows there is always something new to learn about gardening. The Master Gardener program is an adult volunteer horticulture program that integrates classroom and hands-on training with community service volunteerism. The training course involves 50 hours of horticultural training and while an “intern”, the individual completes 50 hours of community service and is then certified. To remain “active”, simply accumulate 10 hours of advanced training and 20 hours of community service annually.

While the training course is exciting and fun, the volunteer hours have been described as best of all. Volunteerism is at the heart of the Master Gardener program. During 2017, Master Gardeners completed over 1,500 hours on various community service projects and adult learning. They have helped answer landscape plant and insect questions at the local OSU Extension office, adopted community flowerbeds, taught garden classes, lead youth gardening after-school program, and coordinated community gardens.

Not all Master Gardeners “get dirty.” While some projects involve physical gardening, other opportunities are available for anyone’s strengths and abilities. Master Gardeners strengthen the community with their knowledge by helping those with questions and provide leadership and support on community activities and projects. A current Master Gardener wisely said, Master Gardeners are Leaders not Weeders.

One myth of being a Master Gardener is “you have to know everything about every plant and insect.” Not

CHAMBER CHILI COOKOFF



Ed Bohn, Yvonne Emerson, Peggy Emerson, Kevin Stahl -- The Cooks

The Paulding Chamber Chili Cookoff completed with the winner being Yvonne Lilly after it was found her donation jar raised the most funds (votes) for the chamber. For the last two years the winner was Ed Bohn who hand-

ed off the certificate for this year’s win. This took place on Thursday, January 12, at the Paulding Eagles. All the collected funds are used to maintain the Herb Monroe Park. *Not pictured is Rhonda Smalley.

true! Master Gardeners have been trained to find accurate and unbiased information that has been proven to grow plants or manage plant problems successfully.

The 2017 OSU Master Gardener class will begin March 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and continue each Thursday through April 27th at the Defiance County Extension Office. Request an application from the OSU Extension Paulding or Defiance office by January 18th to enroll in the 2017 class. For more information, please call 419-399-8225 (Paulding) or 419-782-4771 (Defiance) or visit OSU Extension in Paulding, 503 Fairground Drive, Paulding, OH 45879 or OSU Extension Defiance at 06879 Evansport Road, Suite B, Defiance, OH.

For additional information on the Master Gardener programs or any other agriculture or horticulture questions contact Sarah Noggle, Paulding County Extension Educator for Agriculture and Natural Resources at noggle.17@osu.edu. One can also walk in the OSU Extension Office at 503 Fairground Drive, Paulding, Ohio 45879 or call (419)399-8225 Extension 8228.

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- 1/18 - Mini pancakes, juice, fruit, milk
- 1/19 - Pancake on stick, juice, fruit, milk
- 1/20 - Asstd cereals, juice, fruit, milk
- 1/23 - Wg muffin, juice, fruit, milk
- 1/24 - Saus-egg burrito, juice, fruit, milk
- 1/18 - Wh gr cheese, bread stick, marinara sauce, green beans, fruit, milk
- 1/19 - Br. chicken on wh gr bun, peas, carrot stix, fruit, milk
- 1/20 - Taco in a bag (cheese Doritos), romaine lettuce, fried beans, fruit, milk
- 1/23 - Mini pancakes, sausage patty, celery stix, carrot stix, fruit, milk
- 1/24 - Peep/cheese bread stick, marinara sauce, green beans, fruit, milk

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St. Paul Lutheran Church is hosting a free movie, "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe", @ 6:00 p.m. on Sunday January 29th. The church is located at 601 Flat Rock Drive, Paulding, OH.

FULFILLING RIGHTEOUSNESS

By: Rev. Gerry Weesner, Maples United Methodist Church

"Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' Jesus replied, 'Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.' Then John consented. As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.' Matthew 3:13-17 (NIV)

Jesus had to be formally inaugurated into the public discharge of his foreordained offices. For this purpose he came to John, who was the representative of the law and the prophets, that by him he might be introduced into his offices, and thus be publicly recognized as the Messiah of whose coming the prophecies and types had for many ages given witness.

John refused at first to confer his baptism on Christ, for he was not of need of the baptism of repentance. But Christ said, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Jesus taking of baptism was not necessary on his own account, his was a voluntary act the same as his act of becoming incarnate. Yet if the work he had engaged to accomplish was to be completed, then he had to take on the likeness of a sinner, and to fulfill all righteousness

The official duty of Christ and the sinless person of Christ are to be distinguished. It was in his official capacity that he submitted to baptism. In coming to John our Lord in effect said, "Though sinless, and without any personal sin, yet in my official capacity as the Sent One of God, I stand in the place of many, and bring with me the sin of the world, for which I am the propitiation." In thus presenting himself to John for baptism he in effect dedicated or consecrated himself to the work of fulfilling all righteousness.

What does Jesus say when John the Baptist hesitates to baptize him? Jesus says he should be baptized by John "to fulfill all righteousness." On that basis, John consented to administer or preside over the baptism. God, then,

is entirely pleased with Jesus' baptism and his reason for having been baptized. Many scholars believe this is the point at which Jesus begins his ministry as the Messiah.

BIBLE QUESTIONS

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

- 1st John 3:11; What was the message these Christians had heard from the beginning?
- 1st John 3:12; Who were Cain's parents? Genesis 4:1.
- 1st John 3:12; Who was Cain's spiritual master?
- 1st John 3:12; Who did Cain kill?
- 1st John 3:12; What did God show to Abel's offering?
- 1st John 3:12; Why did Cain kill Abel?
- Discussion: What does the word marvel mean?
- 1st John 3:13; Why were the Christians marveling at the world?
- Discussion: Because we live on the same planet as unbelievers, should we live on the same level of unrighteousness? Yes or no?
- Discussion: What does the term "we have passed" mean?

Comments, questions, need some assistance in your Bible study, let us know. James Potter 419-393-4775 or e-mail jsp1941@yahoo.com also there is Lonnie Lambert at 419-399-5022. Jesus loves everybody and so does the church of Christ.

Answers to today's questions:

- To love one another;
- Adam and Eve;
- Satan;
- Abel, his brother;
- rejection;
- jealousy because God accepted Abel's offering and not Cain's;
- Be amazed, and wonder;
- At the world's hatred for them;
- no;
- To pass over from one place to another; transfer, migrate, Christians have passed from death to life.

Today we can look at Grandmother's Bible. Talking about grandmother's Bible do you remember anything about grandmother's bible? One of my fondest memories of my grandmother was of her reading her Bible. After working hours in the garden and corn, bean fields she would stop working long enough to fix dinner and at noon she would start reading her Bible. The times I remember her reading her Bible, was every day and for one hour.

A mother was trying to get her young daughter to study her Bible class lesson. The mother took her Bible from the shelf, dusted it off, and told daughter to read her Bible lesson before she could go out and play. "All right mother," the little girl said, "but let's study out of grandmother's Bible, its more interesting than yours."

Loved ones, I have been told by some that if all Americans, at the exact same time, dusted off their Bibles, it would create such a dust storm that it would make the dust bowl look like nothing

but a handful of dust. Hmm! "Why, what makes you say that sweetie? My Bible is exactly like grandmother's." "Oh no, Mother" the observant little lady insisted. "I'm sure grandmother's Bible must be more interesting than yours because she reads hers so much more often than you do!"

Loved ones, it is hard to teach what we do not practice. Our children will learn from what we do much more than what we "say" What are you "saying" to your children by your actions? Loved ones, "Ol' Baldy says bye for now, but continue to pray, study and read our Bible. "Luv Ya!" Loved ones remember our children are the future leaders of this great and wonderful nation. As I was in the air force served in the strategic Air Command (SAC), their motto was second to no man. As Christians we are second to no one in God's kingdom we are all equal heirs with Christ.

LOSING A LOVED ONE TO ALZHEIMER'S DISCUSSED AT LIFETREE CAFÉ

The experience of losing a loved one to Alzheimer's Disease will be explored at Lifetree Café on January 19th from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

The program, titled, "Losing a Loved One to Alzheimer's: A Daughter's Dilemma," features a screening of the award-winning short film The Isle of Capri, a film documenting the challenges faced by a daughter who lost her mother to Alzheimer's.

"This program provides current information about Alzheimer's as well as a place for caregivers serving loved ones with Alzheimer's to connect," says Lifetree representative Craig Cable. "We'll also get practical tips for coping with the challenges of losing a loved one to Alzheimer's."

Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is located at the Bachwell Center, 116 N. Washington Street, Van Wert, OH. Please enter on Court Street and park behind the Courthouse.

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

January 26th topic: "Why Did I Survive? Questions from natural disasters and other scrapes with death"

MARCH FOR LIFE IN DEFIANCE

All are invited to participate in the ninth annual March for Life, which will begin at noon, Monday, January 23 at Defiance County Courthouse. The March is being sponsored by Mother Teresa Respect for Life. The purpose of the March for Life is to walk and stand up for unborn children who cannot speak for themselves. The local march will be united with all marches for life in our country.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will start at 9:00 a.m. for life at St John's Catholic Church with Father John Stites of Defiance as the celebrant. Throughout the day there will be Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament ending with Benediction

with Deacon Nick Varano officiating at 4:45 p.m. Father Stephen Stanbery of St Peter Catholic Church, Archbold will offer prayer at the start of the March. A police escort will lead the March from the courthouse to the Monument of the Unborn on Jackson Avenue. Jamie Blank will host the March and, lead a prayer for life at the Monument of the Unborn. Peter Range, director of Office for Life and Justice of Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo will be speaking of the urgency that is for all of us to now fight for life in our schools, work places, and communities. Carol Kurivich with her daughter Kristen of Luminous Ministries from Bryan will be sharing a story of a cousin who chose life with a pro life song. Kim Brown from Defiance will be speaking of how God carries us from fear and darkness to peace and light with His tender warmth no matter what the situation. The students of St Mary's Catholic School, Edgerton will share their reflection and a prayer to end abortion after visiting the Capital Care abortion center in Toledo. Chris Bercaw, of Paulding, will share his experience of being stranded on the turnpike for 30 hours in a snowstorm when coming back from the March for Life in Washington DC in 2016. He will also share where you can make a difference. Jim Zipfel, who will share his musical talent for the ninth year, will be singing "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" and "God Bless America". Father Stanbery will share some pro life remarks and end with prayer. Hot chocolate will be offered in the church basement. God bless you.

JONES TO PRESENT AT MVNU 2016-17 LECTURE/ARTIST SERIES

Mount Vernon Nazarene University is pleased to host Kim Berry Jones as part of the MVNU 2016-17 Lecture/Artist series. Jones is the Program Director at the Center for Justice and Reconciliation at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, Calif. She will discuss her work at the CJR, which focuses on immigration, human trafficking, and fair trade, on Thursday, January 26, 2017, at 7:15 p.m., in Thorne Performance Hall inside the R.R. Hodges Chapel/Auditorium.

A 1990 graduate of Point Loma Nazarene College, Jones' career focus has been in the marketing industry, but in 2013 she listened to a call to live life "poured out" for people in the margins. Founder and owner of Canopy Marketing, a web development and branding company, Jones still manages her business of 20 years, but now also serves as the Program Director at the Center for Justice and Reconciliation (CJR) at PLNU. First as an alumni volunteer, and now on staff at the CJR, Jones' focus is on building awareness and support for the center's human trafficking initiatives. The city of San Diego, Calif., was identified by the FBI as a hotspot for child sex trafficking, and the CJR is at the center of the region's efforts to change this hotspot.

In 2014, Jones helped launch the Beauty for Ashes Scholarship Fund, a scholarship for survivors of human trafficking that now supports

three full-time students at PLNU. She is also responsible for launching a network of PLNU alumni who support the mission of the CJR, building a donor base for the scholarship, connecting community members to the work of the CJR and advocating to empower others to take their unique spot in the work to end human trafficking.

Jones has served in a variety of leadership roles including the San Diego Lawyers Club Human Trafficking Collaborative, the PLNU Business Alumni, local PTA and MOPS groups, church leadership, and community organizations. She is the recipient of the PLNU 2016 Alumni Leadership Award.

Jones is the mother of two young adults, son, Zach, who is a sophomore Peace Studies major at Chapman University, and daughter, Brooke, who is planning to attend PLNU this fall. Jones and her husband, Chris, have spent their lives raising their children in La Mesa, Calif., with the ultimate goal of shepherding their hearts toward the things of Christ.

These events are free and open to the public. For more information visit www.mvnu.edu/lectureartist/index.asp.

Mount Vernon Nazarene University is a private, four-year, intentionally Christian teaching university for traditional age students, graduate students, and working adults. With a 327-acre main campus in Mount Vernon, Ohio, and several convenient Graduate and Professional Studies locations throughout the state, MVNU emphasizes academic excellence, spiritual growth, and service to community and church. MVNU offers an affordable education to more than 2,200 students from 28 states and 17 countries/U.S. territories.

NURSING HOMES ENJOY PROGRAMS ON WILDLIFE, CHRISTMAS

By: Patrick Troyer, Education Specialist, Paulding SWCD

For the months of November & December, the Paulding County nursing homes of VanCrest Payne & Antwerp, Country Inn, and the Gardens of Paulding enjoyed learning about more forms of native wildlife (November) and how we can connect nature and the holiday season via the reindeer and Christmas tree (December). In November, residents learned about several forms of wildlife including the muskrat, skunk, coyote, and the owl.

Residents were again challenged to guess the animal about to be discussed with the clues they were given. First to be discussed was the striped skunk. The striped skunk is found in every county in Ohio and are known to all by their sight smell, and reputation. According to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), the skunk can spray their oily and smelly

scents with utmost accuracy up to fifteen (15) feet away! They have webbed toes as well as claws for digging and can have their scent taken away which enables some people to keep them as a house pet. The only known way to get rid of skunk smell is to use tomato juice. Skunks are found in a wide variety of habitats such as rural areas and urban area as they are animals that are easily able to adapt to just about any environment.

Muskrats are known for their "musky" smell that can quite prominent. According to ODNR, Muskrats are fast breeders and will have up to 1-5 litters every year with 4-7 per litter for a total of up to 35 young every single year! Muskrat young are born hairless and will obtain their hair by the time they turn 2 weeks old. Muskrats are fast swimmers and swim speeds of up to 3 miles per hour. ODNR writes that muskrats will build lodges in the water like a dam that a beaver will build for their home. Muskrat lodges will have one nesting chamber and several underwater entrances for entry and safety from predators.

Coyotes are animals known for their distinctive howl and are very fast runners that can reach speeds of up to 40 miles per hour! Coyotes held immense meaning to Native Americans who revered the coyote as it stood for intelligence and conflict resolution. This species will breed from January to March and will have 1-12 pups per every litter with the pups being taught to hunt at 8 weeks old. When it comes to Owls, Ohio is a great state for them as far as climate and environment. Unfortunately, they have been placed on the Ohio Endangered Species list due to declining habitat.

After learning about each of the animals, residents enjoyed looking at and touching each of the pelts for the animals discussed.

In December, residents enjoyed programs on connecting nature with Christmas. Reindeer and Christmas trees were the topics of discussion. Reindeer are ruminant animals with four stomach compartments, antlers, and hooves. The hooves allow the reindeer to travel large distances and across snowy and icy terrain. Reindeer have antlers on both males and females which regrow every year.

Christmas trees can be dated back to 16th century Germany when devout Christians put up decorated trees in their homes. Evergreens were used because many thought they were a sign that all green plants would grow again and spring would make a return. Among the first decorations were nuts, berries, apples, and popcorn.

After learning about Christmas trees and reindeer, residents enjoyed a hearty game of Christmas Bingo. With each bingo obtained, residents could pick out various prizes as an award. They truly enjoyed a good round of bingo!

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NEW PURCHASE AT ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL



Second graders Alyssa Lawson, Ava Coney, and Cheyenne Maynard

Antwerp Local School recently purchased a 3-D printer with funds from the 21st Century Learning grant. The printer will be used by the after-school tutoring program and by a variety of other classrooms in the district,

including industrial arts/auto CAD. Upon returning from winter break, students and staff from elementary through high school watched in awe as the printer created a three-dimensional house model.

ANTWERP HIGH SCHOOL 2ND NINE WKS HONOR ROLL 2016/17

* denotes 4.0 SENIORS

4.0-3.67 (with no grade less than a B-): Emily Butzin, *Matthew Dooley, Joshua Ehlinger, Evan Hilton, Becca Johanns, Trey Mills, Hunter Noel, *Emilee Phillips, *Hanna Richey, *Jaime Ryan, Peyton Short, *Hayden Spryn, McKenzie Turpening, *Maggie Wilson

3.66-3.33 (with no grade less than a C+): Carley DeLong, Mariah Elkins, Erica Meyer, Brandon Pendergrast, Derek Reeb, Arron Romero, Hannah Schneider, Sydney Sheedy

3.32-3.0 (with no grade less than a C): William Dalton Foreman, Houston Mansfield, Kimberly Steiner, Hunter Strickland

JUNIORS

4.0-3.67 (with no grade less than a B-): Alexandra Hindenlang, Brandon Laney, Amelia Miller, Callie Perry, Joshua Poulson

3.66-3.33 (with no grade less than a C+): Brian Geyer, Brooke Hatlevig, Dylan Peters, Rachel Williamson

3.32-3.0 (with no grade less than a C): Kaylee Bennett, Christian Huss, Jonathon Pendergrast, Kortney Smith, Kylee Trauterman

SOPHOMORES

4.0-3.67 (with no grade less than a B-): Luke Brewer, *Adam Butzin, *Austin Chirgwin, *Jason Dunstan, Brett Fulk, Jonathon Lederman, *Nathan Lee, Jake Ryan, Iris Sorrell, Joel Steiner, Jared

Jacob Corson, Rylyn Lengacher, Alicia Maag, Caleb Miller, Olivia Miller, David Partin, Wade Payton, Autumn Reyes, Justin Shaffer, Landynn Smith, Joshua Timbrook

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

SEVENTH GRADE

4.0-3.67 (with no grade less than a B-): *Mia Altimus, *Lydia Brewer, *Nathan Dunstan, *Kate Farr, Summer Franklin, Breanna Fulk, Jaidis Getrost, Luke Krouse, Jagger Landers, *Emerson Litzenberg, Luke McDorman, *Gaige McMichael, *Faith Nestleroad, Megan O'Donnell, Leslie Pollock, Kaden Recker, *Kennadi Recker, Allison Reinhart, Kiera Reyes, Grace Schuette, Emma Shuherk, *Kennedy Trabel, Trinity Wieland, Ilse Zijlstra

3.669-3.33 (with no grade less than a C+): Astianna Coppes, Hailey Grant, Brady Hatlevig, Mark Jordan, Morgan Kniceley, Jared Phillips, Samantha Rigsby, Madison Smith, Noah Smith, Hunter Sproles

3.32-3.0 (with no grade less than a C): Nevaeh Alexander, Reece Buerkle, Tucker Franklin, Nicholas Jones, Grace Jones, Alexandra Lehman, Zachary Lockhart, Shaelin McCrea, Kaden Miller, Lauren Schuller, Caleb Wilson, Naomy Yanez

SIXTH GRADE

4.0-3.67 (with no grade less than a B-): Taylor Carr, Gavin Clevinger, *Zachery Devall, Katryna Fish, Isabelle Graham, *Shaylee Garrett, Hayleigh Jewell, *Lydia Krouse, *Makenna Lawson, Ross Lee, Kyliegh Logan, *Madelyn O'Donnell, Parker Moore, Keersten Peters, Elijah Reinhart, *Rayni Rister, Hope Roebel, Ethan Sanders, *Ariel Snyder, Autumn Zuber

3.669-3.33 (with no grade less than a C+): Brooke Hounshell, Ethan Lichty, Rachelle Maag, Lance McKeever, Levi Miller, Ratana Owen, Lyndin Poor, Michael Reed, Makenna Smith, Laura Wolf

3.32-3.0 (with no grade less than a C): Owen Brinneman, Becca Hathaway, McCartney Lucas, Lyndsey Miller, Kearstyn Pierce, Jillian Treece

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OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2ND NINE WKS HONOR ROLL 2016/17

*Denotes all "A's"

Mrs. Arend 1A: Gannon Landers, Sophie Colon, Jackson Handcar, Gabe Nichols*, Ava Latherman*, Case Harris*, Addyson Gribble*, Nicole Gerschutz*, Kyler Foor*, Phenoix Clements*, Max Burns*, Kalan Burns*, Kendyl Akers*

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Miss March 2A: Trenton Bail, Jolene Branham, David Johnson, Marcello Rohda, Brice Spear, Quinton Burns*, Mackenzie Leatherman*, Makayla Spears*

Mrs. Carter 2B: Domanick Bullinger, Dexter Finnegan, Cadence Schwab, Blake Spear, Sam Brown*, Avery Cooper*, Maylie Hopkins*, Joey Kipp*, Spencer Manz*, Maizy Ripke*, Tori Schlatter*

Mrs. Thornell 3A: Brandy Akers, Adrieana Biliti, Adan Cano, Abby Elkins, Bailey Hunter, Makena Keller, Braxton Schilt, Skyler Snyder, Sayge Belcher*

Mrs. Schroeder 3B: Grady Barton, Gerald Hartzell, Layla Kremer, Lillian Lamond, Emma McCray, Chase Riley, Xander Schwab, Hunter Harwell*, Addy Hunt*, Brooklyn King*

Mrs. Hohlbein 4A: Abbie Bail, Braelyx Bartley, Hayden Elston, Jericho Guyton, Kayla Hunter, Victoria Quiroz, Brooklyn Schlatter, Ethan Warner, Libby Dotterer*, Curtis Langsdorf*, Ashley Rickels*

Mrs. Bockrath 4B: Max Stork, Brooke Kilgore, Emily Keezer, Emma Elkins, Allison Carnahan, Matthew Bail, Jack Woods*, Kadence Thomas*

Mrs. Pier 5B: Kylie McCray, Marc Sheaks, Charity Switzer, Tristan White, Elli Barton*, Kacy Hornish*, Tyler Schlatter*

Miss Brimmer 5C: Blake Weible, Jocelynn Parrett, Rhaegan Marshall, Layla Logan, Nathan Guyton, Emma Dotterer, Kurtis Bauer, Connor Axson, Aiden Miller*, Jamy Hunt*

Mrs. Shea 6A: Bridget Gribble, Gage Lloyd, Olivia Logan, Benji Parks, Mason Schlatter, Logan Seibert, Joe Estle*, Cassie Weller*

Mrs. Miller 6B: Shelby Ford, Hannah Leaman, Emma McClure, Gabe Nunez, Hayden Mullen*, Caydence Rue*, Ariana Sheaks*

HARTMAN PROMOTED TO LAKE ERIE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

Travis Hartman was recently selected as the Lake Erie fish management program administrator, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). Hartman has worked as a fisheries biologist for the ODNR Division of Wildlife's Sandusky Fish Research Unit since 2003.

Travis brings a wealth of Lake Erie fisheries management experience to his new position. Travis is also an avid walleye angler. He is comfortable discussing both the ecological and recreational importance of Lake Erie's international fishery.

Hartman replaces Jeff Tyson, who recently took an appointment working for the Great Lakes Fishery Commission. Hartman will lead the Sandusky and Fairport Harbor research stations, with their primary mission being assessment and management of fisheries in Lake Erie's Western and Central basins and their tributary streams.

Hartman grew up in Putnam County and graduated from Columbus Grove High School. He received his B. S. in Fisheries Management and M.S. in Natural Resources from The Ohio State University. As a fisheries biologist, Travis was responsible for harvest assessments of the commercial and sport fisheries on Lake Erie and its tributaries, and served on the Yellow Perch Task Group of the Great Lakes Fishery Commission's Lake Erie Committee.

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.

NEW 3D PRINTER DEMONSTRATED @ ANTWERP BOARD MEETING



Building a 3D house thanks to PPEC Grant awarded.

This meeting took place following the annual meeting on Monday, January 9. The previous minutes were approved at the meeting.

The Financial summary statement was presented by Christine Stuart.

Receipts \$577,479.73
Expenditures \$777,139.49
interest \$2772.38

The financial statement was approved by the board.

Mike Bute said the second semester has started and the mid term is Friday, February 10. Aaron Hawley was the spelling bee champion. January 30 at 7:00 pm at Paulding Elementary will be holding the county spelling bee.

The homecoming Dance will be coming up in February 11 after the basketball game until 11 pm

Vantage Representative visit will be Wednesday, January 18. On the 19th Vantage will be giving away in a raffle a big plaque at the ball game.

Principal Tim Manz did not have any additions from the last meeting since school had not been in session.

Marty Miller gave out certificates to the board members who have served and given their time to the school district.

Harold Gotke was not at

the meeting on this night, but Marty said they now have a 3d printer and he showed a sample of it from the operation. It's new this year. Most of the funding came from the Paulding Putnum Electric Coop grant that was applied for last year.

Marty also said that major problem was solved with the HVAC system with one of the fans turning the wrong direction. He also said the electric bill is much lower and we have had the two lowest electric bills on record at the school. The gas bill is also significantly lower now and some times half of what it was seven years ago. Dr. Miller said there was an auction for the electric price and the price got down to .05386. This saved almost 20% over last year and will be in effect for 3 years. Christine and Dennis were watching this while it was going on and was very pleased with what they saw.

Dr. Miller said he was working with Garmin-Miller on getting the press box done for the next football season. He has talked with Christine Williamson about this. The projection on the new baseball field usage is Spring of 2018.

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OLD PHRASES AND SAYINGS

By: Stan Jordan
Hi old timer!

Our family was exiting a fine restaurant in Fort Wayne a few weeks ago when the following incident took place:

We met a man who looked to be around 80 years old with his family, entering the restaurant. I suppose it was his daughter and her husband along with their children, two boys and a girl, just a fine family gathering for a fine meal and grandpa will be glad to pay for the meal.

It was a fine, well behaved family, looking forward to a good time. I just had a fine meal and was in a fine mood as I looked at the fellow and smiled and said, "Hi there old timer" and the conversation started.

The gentleman had on a clean blue bib OSH KOSH BY GOSH overalls, neat and clean, folded up one time on the cuffs along with a nice blue flannel shirt.

He gave me a big grin and said, "You're right there old timer" and I knew that I had found a friend.

He put out his big hand and I could feel the calluses left there from hard work and he had a good firm grip.

He said, "I'm Sam Morgan for Bittersprings, Indiana. Over there is my daughter and her husband and my three grandchildren."

I told him who my family was and what they do. He said he was a farmer and farmed close to two thousand acres but all grain, no animals. His daughter was an elementary school teacher and her husband, Bill, helps him farm and has his own business.

We shook hands all around and they went on in the restaurant and we went to the car and then on home. But that is the way it is in this area, just shake and howdy with a smile and you met some new friends.

See ya!

By: Stan Jordan

The city boy asked the urban father for his daughter's hand in marriage. The father said, "No way, no deal, young man. If you take any of her, you take all of her!"

The father asked the daughter if her intended ever talked about her parents. She answered, "Yes, he asked if you were grumpy and hard to get along with and if you had an extra room."

Buck said to Roy, "I understand your wife is money mad" Roy replied, "Yes, if I don't give her any, she gets mad."

The three rings of marriage are: the engagement ring, the wedding ring and the suffering.

Where is Engagement, Ohio? It is between Dayton and Marian

Sam and Julie were compatible, and then they got married.

A man called the hospital and said, "Send help, my wife is going into labor" The nurse said, "Calm down. Is this her first baby?" He said, "No, this is her husband."

Our blonde friend took her Mercedes into the repair shop and told the man her car didn't run right.

Soon he brought her Mercedes around said, "It runs like a top now, crap in the carburetor." The blonde answered, "How often do I do this?"

See ya!

JUST HOW GOOD IS THAT CARRIER DEAL?

By: Stan Jordan

Here in the tri-state area, our best TV reception is from the Ft. Wayne stations, and we get all of the local news and all of the politics. Now, maybe I didn't hear all of the statistics, but just how good for the state of Indiana is that deal that President Elect Trump made to keep the Carrier Corp. in Indiana?

Now, I understand the deal was to keep 1400 jobs here in the state, but actually it is for 1000 jobs and some of the other Carrier plants in the area are going to Mexico anyhow.

Now I hear that the state will allocate 7 million dollars tax abatement to Carrier if they keep these jobs here in Indiana.

Now we all want the people to keep their jobs, but will they raise all of their taxes to keep those 1000 jobs there in the state?

But, evidently Indiana needs all of that 7 million to run the state. Just recently they had to close a couple of schools and stop some of the school bus routes for lack of funds. Just this weekend there was talk of raising the state tax on gasoline 10 cents for road and bridge repair and I bet that is needed badly.

It sounds to me like Indiana needed all of that 7 million and more to run the state like they have for a few years, so will the residents have to pay higher taxes to remain the status quo and to keep those 1000 jobs?

Just how good is this deal with Carrier?

See ya!

AMERICA'S BLACK FRIDAY

By: Stan Jordan

Commercial wise, Black Friday is the day after Thanksgiving. It is called Black Friday because all the businessmen mark their prices down, have a lot of sales and start operating in the black.

But to me, Friday, January 20th 2017, will be a very black day, as that is the day that President-elect Donald Trump takes over the office of the President of the United States.

Congressman John Lewis of Atlanta says that Trump's election is illegal. I don't know about that but in that election there was a lot of shenanigans and hooliganism. I, myself, have never seen such downright, sickening actions of a man who transpires to be our great leader.

He has already gotten into trouble with some of the other countries leaders and he isn't in office yet. So far that man has not showed that he has the characteristics to be the leader of the great nation of three hundred and fifty million.

As I understand, John Lewis and 25 other congressmen will boycott the inauguration, something never done before.

I am old enough to remember Hitler and Mussolini and how they got their start and how they led their countries down the path of rack and ruin.

That same thing could happen here, I certainly hope not.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt in his speech of the Japanese sneak attack on the American Navy at Pearl Harbor said, "December 7th, 1941, a day that will go down in infamy" and it certainly has.

The date of January 20th, 2017, might also be a date to remember.

SAM RIVERS, INDIAN AGENT CHAPTER 16: THE BUFFALO HUNT

By: Stan Jordan

I haven't written for awhile because everything was quiet at the agency.

The bridge builders changed their minds and made a bridge wide enough for wagons to use—not to meet on it, just one lane traf-

fic. That is sure a blessing to all around here.

The Lieutenant, the bridge crew and our four soldiers all went back to the Fort around the first of July.

I sent a full reprint of everything around here to the General. I hope he has time to read it all.

Moe was in the other day, he is our runner and General Kearney sent him over to see how things are here. I was glad to see him and I prepared a letter to the General and Moe took it back a couple days late.

It is now October 1, 1852 and I asked the General to send over those four boys and the new plow and we would clear up the garden and plow out the pastures and cut the hay crop.

Well, he did that and the boys arrived early last night: Farmer, Hunter, Mo and Slim. It rained during the night and we couldn't work in the garden so the soldiers slept in. Then they came over to the store and played a card game called Euchre. They had a ball—we did too, listening to them.

We worked in the garden all day. Farmer plowed out all of the potato rows and they also brought a wheelbarrow and that was a big help, to get the produce to the barn.

Farmer kept out some good looking plants for seed for next year. Then he hung them up in the barn.

It took about all of one day to cut the hay and put it in the barn. We even raked up all the vines and burned them and Farmer plowed the garden area for next spring. It has been a very busy week here and we will take one day to get ready for the trip to the Lakota Camp.

We took all three wagons over the new bridge to break it in. Boy, what an improvement! Those boys did a good job!

We got to the Lakota Camp in the middle of the afternoon. So, we rested and sat around and talked the rest of the day. All of the folks who had a lot in the garden have already picked all the produce.

We had to plow out all the potato rows and husk all the corn. Half Moon, the Indian head gardener, took charge of everything. He picked out what he wanted to keep for seed. The wheelbarrow was a big help here in the potatoes and corn.

The natives had already cut the wheat down and harvested it. They sort of threw it up in the air a few times and got rid of the chaff. I think they sort of allotted some out to each family. It took a couple of days to cut the hay and pile it up for winter use. The horses will be sort of penned up on the remains of the hay field and anywhere else where there is any grazing material.

The nights are getting pretty cold now and we don't sit out by the fire too long. The natives came and brought their new blankets.

Little Beaver had spotted one of the buffalo herds the other day and reported it back to Limping Buffalo. He asked me if the soldier boys could go on a hunt and use those rifles and hit enough buffalo for the winter meat.

Well, I couldn't see anything wrong there. The rifle could drop a buffalo a lot easier and quicker than the arrows. So plans were made

BRUNE EXPANDS CAPABILITIES



By: Mark Brant

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to take all three wagons, a number of natives and horses, some men and women in the wagons and all with skinning knives.

We left at first light and had to find the herd, we knew it would be five or six miles away and it was more like eight or nine miles.

We got up fairly close and the soldiers shot four at once. Well, that started the herd moving in a hurry. One wagon and all the natives stayed in that area and started to skin the animals out. The other wagons went on and the boys got six more and two calves. One for them and one for us at the agency.

See ya!

POST-ELECTION AUDIT SHOWS 99.998 PERCENT ACCURACY

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted announced the completion of a Post-Election Audit of the results of the 2016 Presidential General Election. The audit showed the election results tested at a 99.998 percent accuracy rating. Secretary Husted made the announcement at the Ohio Association of Election Officials Winter Conference yesterday.

Secretary Husted requires boards of elections to complete a post-election audit following each Gubernatorial Election, Presidential Primary Election and Presidential General Election to ensure the election results reported by each board were accurate and to give Ohioans reason to have confidence in their system of elections.

"Our work to ensure elections have integrity does not stop on Election Day," Secre-

tary Husted said. "Election Officials from both sides of the aisle still have work to do to test their results and audit their systems to make sure everything worked as it should during the last election and to start getting ready for the next election."

During the audit process, boards are required to perform a review of three different contests, which must include the "top of the ticket" contest (President or Governor), one other statewide contest selected by the Secretary of State's Office after Election Day and at least one local contest chosen by each county board of elections. This year, in addition to their chosen local contest, boards were required to audit the race for President of the United States and for the Ohio Supreme Court, Full Term Commencing on January 2, 2017.

In 66 Ohio counties, the audit of the Presidential Race returned a perfect, 100 percent accuracy rating. Sixty-eight counties showed a perfect audit in the race for Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court and 66 counties achieved a perfect audit of their local contest.

Statewide, only 22 discrepancies were noted in the presidential tally during the audit process. Most discrepancies were caused by voters not properly marking paper ballots according to the instructions, causing the machines to be unable to read the vote.

In the case of every error, boards have been instructed to modify their official results to reflect the change.

Post-election audits are open to the public and duly appointed observers.

The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office

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LADY RAIDERS DEFEAT SHAWNEE



Claire Sinn steals the ball, runs to the basket and scores a layup. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Lady Raiders hosted the Lima Shawnee Indians girls basketball team on Monday, January 9. It was a close game through half time and not the third quarter. Later, the Raiders broke out and Lima Shawnee got into foul trouble and could not recover. Over 20 fouls for the team and one girl fouled out.

The first quarter was pretty dismal for the Lady Raiders. Going by this quarter alone would lead you to believe that Wayne Trace was quickly and easily going to lose this game. Right away, the Lima Shawnee took an early lead. The Lady Raiders tried playing catchup, but couldn't quite keep the ball. The quarter ended with the board showing 4-13, and the Indians were maintaining the lead. However, the second quarter told a very different story. If you were to go from watching the first quarter to the second quarter without knowing that these were the same teams, then you would probably swear that these were two completely different games. The Wayne Trace Ladies turned the game around and scored 23 points! Lima Shawnee wasn't trailing too far behind, scoring 15 points. At the half, the scores were 27-28, with the Indians barely holding the lead.

By the time the third quarter had started, the Lady Raiders came back from the half with their second wind. Playing fast and

quick against the Indians, the Raiders added 12 points to the board. Lima Shawnee, though, wasn't too far off, and scored 9 points. This brought the scores to 39 and 37, with Wayne Trace taking the lead. The match continued to become more intense as the final buzzer got closer and closer. The fourth quarter was where it all wrapped up. The Lady Raiders sealed the fate of the game when they scored 25 points. The Indians continued their scoring average and added 14 more points. The final score of the game was 64-51, with Wayne Trace taking the victory. The score by quarter goes as follows: Wayne Trace 4, 23, 12, 25 = 64; Lima Shawnee 13, 15, 9, 14 = 51.

A few of the Raiders top scorers included: Kaylee Shepherd with 21, Claire Sinn with 13, Brooke Sinn with 12, Danae Myers with 6 points, and Sadie Sinn with 6 points.

A few of the Indian Scorers included: Alissa Stahler with 20 points, Allie Boone with 18 points, Kinsey Heistan with 4 points, and Trinity Gearing with 3 points.

This game brought Wayne Trace's record to 10-1, and Lima Shawnee's record is 5-7.

In the JV game, Wayne Trace won the game with a final score of 39-20.

Congratulations to both teams on a great game!

More pictures as westbendnews.net

CHANGES IN LOCAL SCHOOLS: PART 2

The West Bend News' look at local schools' projects for the new year continues this week with three from Defiance County.

While many area schools have some cosmetic changes in the works, few can top Defiance City Schools. Should all go according to plan, the majority of the 2,700 students therein will have a new home with the construction of a new 240,000-square foot structure for grades 6-12. The building is scheduled for completion in December of next year.

"It's taking up a lot of time," says Defiance superintendent Mike Struble.

Apart from the building itself, Struble and the Defiance School Board continue to develop new plans which, if successful, will not only make it easier to leap over education "hurdles" but may serve to eliminate them altogether.

"All schools are challenged by the achievement gap," says Struble, noting that all people learn at different levels and the resultant gap comes about no matter what measures a school system may take.

"We're trying to close that gap," he said, stating that different teaching methods and mentoring are being implemented and enforced.

With that end in view, a major push has been made to strengthen Defiance's preschool and incorporate the Head Start programs into the curriculum. That way, says Struble, "we don't have as big a hill to climb as we get older."

The school system also believes in keeping in touch with the people of the district. A recent strategic planning meeting, sponsored by the Ohio School Boards Association, drew 45 individuals, who gave their input on school improvement issues.

"Strategic planning meetings are not unusual," he says, "especially in a district our size."

However, despite Struble's gratitude in OSBA-sponsored events, he voices the opinion of many school superintendents who are frustrated with the state's implementation of new school rules and regulations which have little to do with actual education. If there are difficulties therein, he says, "the school ends up holding the bag."

"It's never a good thing when legislators stick their noses into the education process," Struble declares. "Schools are better when controlled locally."

Despite ongoing state-related concerns, Struble is optimistic about the state of education in this area in general, regardless of what report cards say when the state gives its own grades to local school systems. "Most schools are doing very well, report cards notwithstanding," he said.

Struble looks forward to the future and is excited about the completion of the new building. "We can be (an education) leader in north-west Ohio," he says. "That's where we want to be."

By seeming contrast, Hicksville, which has already undergone quite a few new

cosmetic changes and curriculum additions over the past decade, is concentrating on keeping on with the successful programs it has already implemented.

"We have no (new) physical changes," says Hicksville Superintendent Keith Countryman, whose office is part of a school facility which is less than 10 years of age.

The Hicksville district continues to focus on the Hicksville Initiative, which was implemented in 2013. According to the school's web site, the program focuses on three goals: "to improve the culture and climate of our building by creating the most positive environment possible; we expect total student engagement (participation in daily classroom lessons); we have very high academic and behavioral expectations for all students and employees at Hicksville Schools."

As part of the initiative, every student and employee are placed in one of four "houses," and each house engages in competitions, rewarding students "who represent their house and Hicksville to the best of their ability."

Other programs at Hicksville also continue to expand, including the distribution of chrome books to upper elementary class members as well as grades 9-12.

"We feel our programs are pretty solid right now," Countryman says.

Like other schools, the Central Local School District (encompassing Sherwood and the surrounding area) benefits from the energy savings program implemented by House Bill 264, which utilizes LED lighting and other materials to save money for Fairview Schools.

Besides LED lighting, "we're updating and repairing our boilers, which is also part of House Bill 264," says Fairview Superintendent Vicki Brunn. That way, "we're saving enough to pay for future projects. It's pretty major."

Like Hicksville, Fairview has presented chrome books for use on a one-to-one basis, although thus far the district has only okayed one-on-one use for high school students.

"It's working very well," says Brunn, who notes that the chrome books are only part of Fairview's plan for greater utilization of technology. For starters, she says, there is a brand new course, developed with help from the University of Texas, called "Engineer Your World," which deals with the STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) program.

"We're not sure who'll teach it yet," says Brunn, who describes the still-in-development program as an introduction to engineering class. It will be an elective, put out at no cost to the district.

"We've received a donation to fund kits (for the course); we're also in the running for a grant."

The STEM committee involves administration and existing high and middle school teachers who are looking into units to add to the curriculum. "We're using the current staff," says Brunn.

"We want to expose students to engineering more; we're trying to get them to understand the practical applications of engineering."



Woodlan's Austin Fancher scores a layup with Heritage guarding. More pictures at westbendnews.net

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Aaron Hahn, who scored seven points on Saturday after bucketing 14 in the semifinal win over Southern Wells, was named the tournament's Hilliard Gates Most Valuable Player. Hilliard Gates was a constant supporter of Indiana Basketball and is the announcer in the movie "Hoosiers". He announced the ACAC tournament for over 41 years of the televised tournaments at the Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne.

Woodlan defeated Southern Wells 64-43 on Friday as the Warriors jumped on top 22-2 after one quarter.

The Warriors opened a 39-11 halftime advantage and stretched it to 58-22 at the end of three quarters.

Fancher paced Woodlan with 16 points while Micah

Robbins added nine.

The Warriors return to action on Friday as they visit Heritage.

In the previous game, Southern Wells fell to the Warriors by a pretty big margin.

Score by quarter (previous match)

Woodlan: 22 17 19 6 = 64

Southern Wells: 2 9 11 21 = 43

Woodlan: Biggs 4. McCarter 3 Howard 6 Elias 2 Robbins 9 Rhoades 1 Fancher 16 Hahn 14 Josh Gerig 6 Nahrwold 3

Southern Wells: Bower 6; Lightle 9; Biddle 5; Hoffman 1; Pugh 2; Dallas Creager 7; Roush 3; Barkell 8; Klosterman 2.

More pictures of the championship at westbendnews.net

WAYNE TRACE NHS TO SPONSOR ANNUAL DODGE BALL TOURNAMENT

On Saturday, January 28, 2017, the Wayne Trace High School National Honor Society is holding its annual dodge ball tournament in the high school gym at 2:30. The money raised goes into a service fund for community needs that includes house fires, medical issues, Christmas For Kids, etc.

Anyone in the community is welcome to form a team. A team must consist of at least six players and have no more than eight players (though only six will play at a time). It is a double-elimination tournament, so each team will play a minimum of two games. We also ask that each team member wear the same color, especially when they are playing during matches.

Registration forms are available on the Wayne Trace website or can be picked up in the high school office. They are due back to the school by Thursday, January 26. If you have questions, please call the Wayne Trace High School and ask for Ms. Klopfenstein or email klopfensteinj@wt.k12.oh.us. Your support is appreciated!

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LINDER BREAKS WAYNE TRACE RECORD



Wayne Trace fans cheer with Linder's record setting shot. More pictures at westbendnews.net



Ethan Linder shoots from the outside scoring three points. Linder broke the 24 year old school record in this game. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Ethan Linder Broke the School record tonight in career points. Linder broke the 24 year record held by 1993 graduate Rob Welch with 1737 points. Linder now has 1741 and will continue adding up to the end of the season!

Like his brother Corbin who several years ago broke the school 3 point record, Ethan Linder was very close to taking this record before this game with only 36 points needed to tie and 37 to overtake.

This game from the beginning was not a friendly match. The game was full of anxiety and tension on both sides, and the referees failed to keep the game under control. At times it looked more like a wrestling match than a boys basketball game.

During the first period, the home team was on top of the game with the Bulldogs trailing behind. As Ethan Linder was working on his career points, he was also adding to the home team advantage with 3 pointers all over the

court. Brady Stabler also was doing well with 2 pointers and three pointers. Dustin Miller on Edgerton's side of the court was also at the top of his game. He made 3 point baskets and 2 point field goals for the Bulldogs.

In the third quarter, the game was a struggle—physically and emotionally. There were times 5 players were on the ground at the same time. It's not like it used to be when you couldn't touch another player at all or it would be called a foul. This time was hard to tell where the fouls were coming from because there was so much barnyard play happening. Both coaches in this time had technical fouls called on them by upset referees. And that's all I have to say about that.

It was the fourth quarter before Linder was able to break the record and he did it with a 3 point basket. You can watch the video recorded by West Bend News either on Facebook or Youtube of the shot. Fans cheered to watch this momentous occasion. Congratulation Ethan! This was a high scoring quarter for both teams with 24 for Wayne Trace and 25 for Edgerton.

Score by Quarter:
Wayne Trace: 18 15 6 24 = 63

Edgerton: 11 6 11 25 = 53
Wayne Trace Scorers: Brady Stabler 8; Eli Sinn 4; Josh Kuhn 4; Jon Sinn 4; Blaine Jerome 1; Ethan Linder 40; Jake Kuhn 2.

Fairview Scorers: Jake Siebenaler 5; Logan Sack 4; Braydon Cape 9; Carter Knecht 2; Dustin Miller 27; Tyson Curry 6;

The Raiders' next game is at Fairview on January 19. Edgerton will go on to play against Ayersville on the same date at home.

More pictures at westbendnews.net

FAIRVIEW BARELY DEFEATS 127 RIVAL

The Apaches travelled to the Paulding court on Saturday, January 14, for the boys basketball match. The game was in Fairview's favor from the beginning but nearly slipped away when Paulding clawed their way back to the top.

The first period was close when both teams ended only 2 points apart. Justin Smith scored four points for the Apaches and 2 free throws. Paulding's Marcus Miller did better with 2 field goals and 3 pointer.

The second period is what hurt the Panthers. Only four points were scored: Ethan Rhonehouse and Preston Johanns each had 1 basket. Fairview took advantage of Paulding's drought to build up a 6 point advantage. Smith and Lucas Eisel both were adding points to the scoreboard. The half ended 15-23.

Apache's Timmy Timbrook started his points record when he scored a 2 and 3 point field goal. The Panthers Jaret Miller also for the first time this match added points with a 3 and 2 point field goal. The third period finished 25-35.

It was the fourth period where the game became interesting. Fairview changed game play and apparently Paulding took advantage of it. The Apaches tried holding on to the ball, running the clock down, and the Panthers were able to force turnovers on the home team. Paulding added 14 points, and helping was Marcus Miller scoring three 3-point baskets. The Panthers clawed their way back to nearly taking the game. The final score was 39-41 and Fairview accepted the win.

Score by Quarter:
Paulding: 11 4 10 14 = 39
Fairview: 13 10 12 6 = 41

Paulding scorers: Marcus Miller 19; Ethan Rhonehouse 4; Jaret Miller 8; Preston Ingol 6; Preston Johanns 2.

Fairview Scorers: Luke Breininger 6; Shamar Midgett 2; Austin Meyer 4; Cole Writes 2; Justin Smith 13; Timmy Timbrook 5; Lucas Eisel 9.

Paulding will take on Bluffton at home on Friday, January 20 at home.

Fairview will host Wayne Trace on January 19.

LADY RAIDERS CRUSH EDGERTON

Edgerton hosted the Lady Raider Basketball team on January 13. The conference match between the two competitors began with Wayne Trace scoring 12 points in the

first period. Claire Sinn was able to post 2 three pointers in this game and she also took the top scoring spot—scoring more than the entire team of Edgerton. The first half ended 27-5.

It wasn't only Claire who was scoring for the guest you also had Sadie Sinn post 6 and Gracie Gudakunst 7. Danae Myers got a break in this match only scoring 6. On the Bulldogs side of the score sheet, Cloey Whitman hit a 3 point basket and had the top points for the home team.

The Raiders took this game by steals. Clair had 10 on her stat sheet by the end of the game and Edgerton only had 5 with Emma Siebenaler topping the list.

The game ended with Wayne Trace winning 41-12 in this match.

Score by Quarter:
Wayne Trace: 12 15 10 4 = 41

Edgerton: 2 3 5 2 = 12

Wayne Trace Scorers: Claire Sinn 16; Miriam Sinn 2; Sadie Sinn 6; Kaylee Shepherd 4; Gracie Gudakunst 7; Danae Myers 6

Edgerton Scorers: Ally Cape 2; Rachel Schroeder 2; Leah Fritch 2; Claire Flegal 1; Emma Siebenaler 2; Cloey Whitman 3

Wayne Trace is now 11-1 and Edgerton's record is 2-9 after this match—Covering both ends of the Green Meadows Conference standings.

LADY PANTHERS FALL TO DELPHOS ST. JOHN'S

On Tuesday, January 10th, the Lady Panthers of Paulding High School played against Delphos St. John's in basketball. Both teams had a

REINHART PLACES THIRD IN STATE!



On January 7, 2017 Kacey Reinhart competed in the Ohio State Fair Queen contest. Kacey made the top 25, then the top five. She placed third over all. Kacey is the Vice President in charge of Growing Leaders for the Wayne Trace FFA chapter. Kacey has been a part of the Wayne Trace FFA for the past three and a half years.

fairly good season thus far, so this game was looking to be a pretty close match.

As the first quarter began, it seemed as if the Lady Panthers might have a shot at a victory. It was an even back and forth between the two teams, but it was Delphos St. John's that came out ahead, leaving Paulding trailing not far off with one point. The second quarter told a similar story. Delphos St. John's added an additional 11 points before the half, while Paulding added 8 points. This brought the half time scores to 21-17, with Delphos St. John's hold-

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LADY PANTHERS RECOVER TO DEFEAT MUSTANGS



Allen Arend drives in to score for the Panthers! More pictures at westbendnews.net

Girls Basketball - Paulding 29, Allen East 26 on January 12

On Thursday, January 12th, The Paulding Lady Panthers took on the Mustangs of Allen East in basketball. This game would be a badly needed victory for the Panthers. They haven't had the best season so far, but they are a tough team that keeps on fighting. As the first quarter began, the Lady Panthers were optimistic and played hard. However, with their efforts, Paulding only managed to score 4 points compared to the Mustang's 8 points. The second quarter went about the same way. Allen East added 11 points to the board, while the Panthers only added 5 additional.

During the half, Coach Rhodes challenged the Lady Panthers and encouraged them to bring in this victory. Hopefully, after some regrouping, the Lady Panthers could pull off a victory.

After a terrible first half, Paulding came back with a fiery passion. The third quarter showed that these Ladies took the Coach's challenge and accepted it. Paulding brought in 12 more points, and only allowed the Mustangs to add 4. The fourth

quarter was fairly similar. The Panthers added 8 more points, while Allen East could only manage 3. The final score of the game was 29-26. Score by quarter: Paulding 4, 5, 12, 8 = 29; Allen East 8, 11, 4, 3 = 26.

A few of the Paulding scorers included: Faith Vogel with 12 points, Brianna Townley with 6, Kaylen Hale with 4 points, Allison Arend with 2 points, Sydney McCullough with 2 points, and Daviah Pessefall with 2 points.

Coach Rhodes had this to say about the game:

The Paulding Lady Panthers got a big and badly needed come-from-behind win over the Allen East Mustangs. "I was so proud of the girls tonight! After a dreadful start and just a poor first half performance, I really challenged them at halftime and they responded with a lot of grit and pride in the second half! Lots of contributors especially defensively and on the boards where we held them to two baskets for the entire second half!" - Coach Rhodes

Congratulations to both teams on a great game!

More pictures at westbendnews.net

ANTWERP JR HIGH BASKETBALL TAKE ON HICKSVILLE

The Antwerp 7th grade boys basketball team hosted neighboring Hicksville Aces on Thursday, January 12th. Shooting the orange biscuit from the floor did not work out well for either team in this low-scoring affair. When the final buzzer sounded, the young Archers had more notches in the scorebook than their opponent to secure the win on their home court.

The Archers won with a score of 32-22, however the game was much closer than the score. The scoring column for Antwerp looked like this: Jagger Landers had 15 points followed by Luke Krouse with 11. Tucker Franklin had 4 points and Kaden Recker finished with 2.

LADY ARCHERS SHOOT DOWN THE EAGLES

The Antwerp Lady Archers have a fairly impressive team this year, and on Saturday, January 14th, they went head-to-head with Eagles of North Central in Basketball. As soon as the first quarter began, the Antwerp Archers took an early lead with baskets scored by Rachel Williamson and Ashley Miller. Foul shots were also made by Maggie Wilson and Karsyn Brumett. North Central trailed behind with a three point basket by Makayla Hayes. The first quarter ended with a score of 8-3. The second quarter was similar for the Archers, with only 7 points added. However, North Central was able to match these points. The score at half time was 15- 10, with Antwerp holding the lead.

Coming back from the half, the Lady Archers had a fire lit under them, and they doubled their first half score in the third quarter alone. Rachel Williamson added two 3-point baskets and two free-throws, Maggie Wilson added two 2-point baskets, and Peyton Short made 3 of 4 foul shots. Antwerp score was now 30, while North Central was at 19. As the fourth quarter came around, the Lady Archers continued to hold the lead, boasting an additional 19 points, with points added by Rachel Wil-

liamson, Chelsea Johanns, Maggie Wilson, Karsyn Brumett, and Peyton Short. The Eagles had their best quarter, adding 11 points to the board. However, it was not enough to surpass the Lady Archers. The final score of the game was 49-30, with Antwerp taking the Win. Score by quarter: Antwerp 8, 7, 15, 19; North Central 3, 7, 9, 11.

A few of the score leaders for Antwerp include Rachel Williamson with 20 points, Maggie Wilson with 12 points, Peyton Short with 6 points, and Karsyn Brumett with 5 points.

A few of the score leaders for North Central include Sidney Mckarns with 10 points, Makayla Hayes with 8 points, Kelsie Beres with 3 points, and Alyssa Swank with 3 points.

Congratulations to both teams on a great game!

LADY ARCHERS DEFEAT PARKWAY

Antwerp played host to the Parkway Panthers on Tuesday, January 10. The game was a good win for host team after the previous loss against Wayne Trace.

The first quarter started with Becca Johanns and Rachel Williamson hitting 3 point baskets. The game continued with Williamson, Hope Smith and Ashley Miller all getting field goals. 14 points is an excellent way to the start the game. The Panthers, on the other hand weren't sitting idly by. They earned 11 points on their own accord with Crouch chipping in 6 points from the cheap seats. Hawk also earned 3 of four free-throws.

Both teams were starved for points in the second period. Karsyn Brumett hit a 3 pointer in this period. The half ended 19-15, Antwerp leading the charge.

The third period was the best for the Archers when Williamson was on a roll. She sunk 3-3 point baskets (five for the whole of the game). Moving to the fourth quarter, Peyton Short was fouled by Hawk, and she hit all 4 free throws. The Panthers picked up steam and this period they outscored the home team but not enough to overcome the previous quarters. The game finished with Antwerp winning 41-35.

Score by Quarter:
Antwerp: 14 5 15 8 = 41
Parkway: 11 4 8 12 = 35

Antwerp Scorers: Rachel Williamson 17; Becca Johanns 5; Karsyn Brumett 3; Hope Smith 6; Peyton Short 8; Ashley Miller 2

Parkway Scorers: Miller 2; Crouch 9; Bates 1; Harshman 8; Ford 6; Hawk 9.

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ing a 4 point lead. After the half, the Delphos defense kept up a strong game, allowing the Panthers to only score 8 points in the third quarter, while they added 13 more points to the board. The fourth quarter was a completely different game. The Lady Panthers only added 5 points, and Delphos only added 6 points. The final score of the game was 40-30 with Delphos St. John's taking the victory.

The Score by quarter goes as follows: Paulding 9, 8, 8, 5 = 30; Delphos St. John's 10, 11, 13, 6 = 40

ARCHER LAST SECOND SHOT BY WILSON TAKES DOWN PILOTS



Last second shot by Maggie Wilson saves the game from overtime and gives the win to Antwerp. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Lady Archers hosted Ayersville on Friday, January 13. The conference match would be interesting with Antwerp having a 7-4 record, and Ayersville having a 6-7 record.

The Archers started strong this game. They held the Lady Pilots basketball team to only scoring 2 points in the first period while the Archers added 12 to the score board. Karsyn Brumett was excellent this period with 2 field goals and 2 free-throws to her cache. The second period was good for both teams with Antwerp scoring 9 and 8 for the visitors. The half time score was 21-10 at half and Antwerp was in the lead.

The second half was different. The Pilots took off from the base and launched an assault on the home team. Though only four scorers, Ayersville pressed hard while Antwerp turned the ball over numerous times when passing back and forth to each other. Ashlee Tressler scored a 3 point basket and a 2 point field goal. The third quarter

finished 27-21 with Antwerp still holding the lead.

The fourth quarter the attack by the Pilots finally tied that the game 2:24 on the clock and both teams at 30 points. Both teams moved on the defensive and for over 2 minutes the game was at a standstill. It looked as if the game was going into overtime when the ball being passed was intercepted by Antwerp's Maggie Wilson who ran down to score the touchdown with only 2 points left on the clock, giving Antwerp the win.

Score by Quarter:
Antwerp: 12 9 6 5 = 32
Ayersville: 2 8 11 9 = 30
Antwerp Scorers: Rachel Williamson 14; Maggie Wilson 2; Becca Johanns 1; Krasen Brumett 7; Peyton Short 6; Ashley Miller 2.

Ayersville Scorers: Ashlee Tressler 5; engel Meahan 4; Kelsey Johnston 13; Amanda Addington 8.

The Archers go on to play at Lincolnview on January 17.

More pictures at westbendnews.net

7TH GRADE ARCHERS DOUBLE APACHES SCORE

The Antwerp 7th grade boys basketball team started off 2017 positively by securing a victory over the Apaches from Fairview on their home court located on the outskirts of Sherwood, Ohio. It had been twenty long days since the young Archers had taken the court, and all the hard work at practice had paid off

this cold Monday night, the 9th day of January.

Adding up to the Archers victory of 36-17, the scoring column looked like this: Jagger Landers tossed in 16 points followed by Luke Krouse & Kaden Recker with 6 each. Knocking down 2 points a piece were Tucker Franklin, Luke McDorman, Gaige McMichael and Stephon Walker.

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SHERRY FOUNDATION AWARDS FUNDS FOR MAKER & CREATIVE SPACES FOR PAULDING COUNTY LIBRARIES



The Maker & Creative Space Committee will plan, coordinate and implement the activities of the Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) programs throughout the library system. From left: Teresa Reel, Head of Technical Services; Susan Pieper, Library Director; Suzy Yenser, Payne Branch Manager; Sara Molitor, Antwerp Branch Manager; Sue Deatrick, Head of Youth Services; Kirk Baker, Early Literacy Specialist; Ali McCauley, Assistant Director; Pam Kretz Oakwood Branch Manager; Michael Schweinsberg, OSU 4-H Development and Educator; and Michelle Stahl, Fiscal Officer.



Dr. Seleshi Asfaw, Board President of the Ann Sherry Foundation, presents the award funds to Susan Pieper, Director of the Paulding County Carnegie Library system and Ann Kretz, Branch manager of the Cooper Community Branch Library. The largest portion of the Maker & Creative Space and Books and Book Clubs & Programs funds will be expended for this branch library located in the Village of Oakwood.

The Ann Sherry Foundation has awarded generous funding to incorporate "Maker & Creative Spaces" into all branches of the Paulding County Carnegie Library (PCCL) system. In addition, the foundation has granted funds to enhance the book clubs and reading events sponsored by the Cooper Community Branch Library located in the village of Oakwood. Funds will be used to purchase 3D printers, robotic kits, rocket kits, logic and coding resources, and a variety of other resources to enhance the library's science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (STEAM) programming. The largest Maker & Creative Space will be developed at the Oakwood branch, but all locations will receive substantial resources for the patrons in the communities of Antwerp, Paulding and Payne.

Funds will also be used to enhance and expand the many book clubs, reading events, science clubs and other activities hosted by the Oakwood branch loca-

tion. These programs reach almost all age groups in the Oakwood community and encourage reading and social interaction in a safe community gathering spot. Programs in the "Book Clubs and Programs" portion of the award include cooking clubs, science clubs, and book clubs for all ages.

The Board of Trustees of the PCCL has identified "Stimulating Imagination and Lifelong Learning: Reading, Viewing, Listening and Creating" as one of the service roles for Paulding County's libraries. Through this objective, patrons will not only be able to enhance their leisure and adult learning time with library materials in a variety of formats, but all patrons will also be provided the opportunity to create and participate in hands-on learning through library resources and programs.

The Maker & Creative Spaces will provide resources for youth to learn new technologies and elements of computer science that will better prepare them for mak-

ing career choices. According to Susan Pieper, Director of the library system, "Young people in Paulding County may not have the opportunity to experience creating, modelling and observing a 3D printer in action. They may not have a chance to be exposed to basic rocketry or robotics concepts. Thanks to this generous grant, the library system will be able to lead young people in a new direction that will stimulate their imaginations and encourage them to think of possibilities for their future." The library will partner with OSU Extension in Paulding County for implementing the STEAM programs. "We are fortunate to have a great resource in Michael Schweinsberg, Extension Educator and 4-H Youth Development coordinator for Paulding County," said Pieper. "Michael has a broad background in education and currently sponsors a robotics club in the county as well as provides instruction in a variety of technology programs in area schools."

In addition to the technology aspects of the grant, there will be textile arts resources and fine-art resources to stimulate the creativity and imagination of all ages. "Learning how to thread a loom and weave a wall-hanging, or simply making a small potholder on a hand-held loom, requires a number of skills including counting, sequencing and critical thinking," stated Pieper. There will be a number of print resources that will supplement the hands on projects.

Public libraries throughout the country have expanded their services to include community gathering and learning spaces. Through the acquisition of technology and computer science

resources, the library will create a space where patrons can experience new ways to explore changing technology. In Paulding County access to 3D printers during open library hours will allow patrons to experience the technology that may be used in production lines in manufacturing and industry. Patrons may be inspired to further their knowledge by taking educational courses at Northwest State Community College. Young patrons in Paulding County will be better equipped to enter a workforce with new skills and basic knowledge of coding and emerging technologies.

Other resources to be included in the Maker & Creative Spaces are: rocket and robotic kits; building and construction sets; logic, reading and coding games; chemistry and science sets; art looms and painting supplies and sewing machines.

"Paulding County has one of the best rural library systems in the country," shares Pieper. "This grant will make this great library better and on par with many larger library systems in the country. Paulding County residents should not be lacking for stimulating learning experiences just because they have chosen to live and raise their families in a rural community."

The Cooper Community Branch Library located in Oakwood was the third branch to open in the Paulding County Carnegie Library system. Opening in 2000, the branch has become the hub and heart of the community, sponsoring programs and events throughout the year.

The Paulding County Carnegie Library system has been serving the citizens for Paulding County for over 100 years and provides current, relevant, compelling, authoritative resources for all ages through the three branches and a bookmobile.

The Ann Sherry Foundation is a nonprofit corporation whose primary focus is the support of innovative ideas in public education and community involvement. It also considers funding projects involving the improvement of international and intercultural relations and pressing social issues. The foundation does have a specific interest in Paulding County and has provided funding for a number of programs and events county-wide.

For more information about the "Maker & Creative Spaces" and the "Book Clubs and Programs" projects contact Susan Pieper at 419-399-2032, or e-mail spieper@pauldingcountylibrary.org.

PATRIOTS TOO MUCH FOR LADY WARRIORS



Woodlan Freshman Addison Bayman runs to the basket on a turnover, waits for her opponent to passover and scores for Woodlan. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Woodlan's girls basketball team put together a solid showing in the Allen County Athletic Conference tournament last week but two-time defending champion Jay County was just too much for the Warriors in the championship game.

Taylor Homan scored 13 points for Jay County and Britlyn Dues added a dozen for the Patriots as Jay County posted a 59-37 victory over Woodlan to capture the title.

Jay County led 15-10 at the end of one quarter and 26-18 at halftime before pulling away in the third quarter.

The Lady Patriots used a 12-0 run midway through the third quarter to break the game open and post a 43-24 advantage entering the final

quarter. Rain Hinton paced Woodlan with 14 points while Addie Bayman chipped in nine markers.

Other scorers for the Lady Warriors were Samantha Voors (five), Kayla Reidenbach (four), Ellie Kayser (three) and Caylee Moore (two).

Hinton also led the Lady Warriors with seven rebounds and Voors picked up four. Bayman and Kayser each dished out two assists while Bayman also recorded four steals.

Woodlan finished 10 of 35 from the field (29 percent) and hit 16 of 23 free throws (69 percent).

More pictures at westbendnews.net

THE RAIDERS DEFEAT WILDCATS

On Saturday, January 14th, the Wayne Trace Raiders invaded Delphos Jefferson and took on the Wildcats in an away game of basketball. So far this season, Wayne Trace has had an impressive series of games. With only one loss under their belt, the Raiders were looking to be prospective champions. As the first quarter began, Wayne Trace quickly took the lead. Delphos Jefferson didn't trail too far behind, but still couldn't quite keep up with the Raiders. The score by the second quarter was 23-17. Going into Q2, the Raiders lost some momentum and slowed the game down some, but still maintained the lead, scoring 14 points. The wildcats added 6 more. At half time, the score was 37-23, with the Raiders holding strong to the lead.

The 3rd quarter continued on in a similar fashion. Wayne Trace played their usual style, with Ethan Linder leading the point scoring. The score at the end of the third quarter

was 64-33. With the immense lead that the Raiders had put together, Coach Linder put in some of the bench players to get some experience. This, however, let the Wildcats earn more points in the fourth quarter, but not nearly enough to breach the gap. Delphos Jefferson added 9 points, while Wayne Trace only added 9. The final score of the game was 71-42, with Wayne Trace taking home the victory. The score by quarter goes as follows: Wayne Trace 23, 14, 27, 7 = 71; Delphos Jefferson 17, 6, 10, 9 = 42.

A few of the lead scorers for Wayne Trace included Ethan Linder with 20 points, Jon Sinn with 18 points, Brady Stabler with 9 points, Eli Sinn with 8 points, and Blaine Jerome with 6 points.

A few of the lead scorers for Delphos Jefferson included Jace Stockwell with 9 points, Alex Rode with 8 points, Drake Schmitt with 8 points, and Tyler Bratton with 6 points.

Congratulations to both teams on this great game.

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ANTWERP WRESTLERS HAVE SUCCESSFUL WEEKEND



Aiden McAlexander nearly pins, Jake Hull, his Fremont opponent in the quarter finals at the Woodlan Wrestling Invitational. This event started early and continued on until 6:30pm on Saturday with 14 teams from around the area including: Woodlan, Antwerp, Hicksville, Edgerton, New Haven and many more. Other teams will be published when the school submit the results. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Both the junior high and high school wrestling teams for Antwerp competed in separate tournaments on January 14, 2017. The junior high squad competed in the Pilot Invitational at Ayersville High School with 1 of their 3 wrestlers placing in the top 3 of his weight class. 7th grader Trayce Lengacher placed 3rd at 92 pounds with a cumulative record of 1 win, 2 losses with 1 pin on the day.

Meanwhile, 50 miles to the west, the Archer high school wrestlers were competing in the Woodlan Invitational. Of the 4 wrestlers competing, 3 of them placed in the top 5 of their respective weight classes. Freshman Randall Mills earned a 5th place finish on

the day with 2 wins and only 1 loss with 1 pin in the 113-pound weight class. Also placing 5th was senior Logan Shaner in the 160 pound weight class. Shaner amassed a record of 4 wins, 1 loss and 3 pins for the day. The Archers also crowned a champion Saturday in the 106-pound weight class. Sophomore Aidan McAlexander made an impressive season debut by not only winning his weight class, but pinning all 3 opponents along the way. Congratulations to all the Archer wrestlers for their success over the weekend. Let's hope their continued hard work will bring them more success as the season progresses.

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REINHART AND WOOLBRIGHT QUALIFY FOR ELEMENTARY STATE



Six members of the Wayne Trace Wrestling Club competed in the Oregon Clay District this past weekend, trying to qualify for the Elementary State Tournament. Those competing where Kamryn Sutton, Zavien LaFountain, Daniel Clark, Jared Pierce, Eli Reinhart, and Kaden Woolbright. At the end of a very challenging day, only two was able to battle their way to the podium, thus qualifying them for the Elementary State Tournament to be held in Youngstown Ohio on March 25th and 26th.

PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL 2ND 9 WKS HONOR ROLL 2016-17, 2ND 9 WEEKS 2016/17

GRADE 6
All A's: Ashton Manz, Carmen Reno

All A's and B's: Peyton Adams, Eternity Bassler, Katelyn Beckman, Mason Doster, Ethan Foltz, Karli Gamble, Ashlyn Goings, Paige Hull, Shirlyn Hunter, Miranda Iler, Carlea Kuckuck, Dawson Lamb, Jacob Lipps, Carter Manz, Haley Manz, Nicholas Manz, Jacob Martinez, Sheridan Matty, Emily Mazariegos, Brayden McNeely, Wyatt Pessefall, Olivia Porter, Isaac Reeb, Braxton Ricker, Charity Schnepf, Makayla Suffel, Sydney Trahin, Jonathan Wolford, Damian Wood

GRADE 7
All A's: Alivya Bakle, Mark Butler, Ella Cook, Erika Dobbelaere, Taelyn Etzler, Brody Fisher, Zachary Gorrell, Paige Jones, Jaylyn McCloud, Claire Schweller, Caleb Thompson, Alex Tressler, Zoraya Valle, Grady Vogel, Samuel Woods

All A's and B's: Austin Adams, Samuel Adams, Rhees Andrews, Brooke-Lyn Ankney, Wyatt Beckman, Elizabeth Box, Gabriella Casper, Kalyn Goshia, Ember Helms-Keezer, Brian Hemenway, Ethan Herman, Reid Johanns, Chance Johns, Kyle Kelly, Dylan Kuckuck, Brianna Minck, Wyatt Noffsinger, Olivia Paschall, Boston Pease, Janae Pease, Alivia Perl, Karli Philipot, Lily Roehrig, Kennedy Salinas, Noah Seibert, Makayla Sherry, Connor Smith, Olivia Sprouse, Hailey Stallard, Hayley Stocker, Logan Tope, Logan Vance, Billie Vargo

8TH GRADE
All A's: Molly Adams, Jonathan Clapsaddle, Megan Dearth, Leigha Egnor, Adelaide Foltz, Quintin Gonzales, Megan Harpel, Hailey Hartzell, Hannah Ladd, Alexis Lamond, Caleb Manz, Elyse Manz, Maggie Manz, Baylee March, Luke McCullough, Jalynn Parrett, Gillian Porter, Deyton Price, Sydney Reineck, Faith Rose, Lynelle Schneider, Kaitlyn Shaffer, Isaac Smalley, Gabrielle Stallbaum, Raine Winkler, Jasmine Wong, Sele-

na Yates
All A's and B's: Payton Beckman, Haley Burtin, Kaeli Bustos, Kaylyn Cox, Sadie Estle, Fernando Garcia, Chastity Gribble, Ethan Hill, Brendan Hornish, Hailee Huner, Morgan Iler, Cynthia Jones-Schlegel, Hunter Kauser, Robert Keeterle, Isabelle Lantz, Adrian Manz, Blake McGarvey, Morgan Mobley, Gunner Philipot, Quincy Porter, Marquise Seibert, Courtney Smith, Rebecca Starner, Sho-Fong Tenwalde, Grace Tuttle, Benjamin Weible, Hailey Weidenhamer

OHSAA BASEBALL NEW UMPIRE CLASS

The Mid-west Buckeye Umpires' Association will be hosting a training course for prospective baseball umpires interested in earnig OHSAA certification for the upcoming 2017 season. Anyone ages 14+ is eligible to enroll in the class. Cost of the course includes all instructional materials, OHSAA membership fess, rule books, and annual membership dues to MBUA. Classes will be held at Van Wert High School on Monday evenings beginning February 6th and concluding March 20th. Course registration can be completed online by visiting www.myohsaa.org and clicking on the "REGISTER" link at the top of the page. Once you have created a free account, click on "Select a Course" and search for "Van Wert." For more information, contact Ryan Thompson at (419) 305-0426 or Ron Golemon at (419) 513-0439. Jim Siler (419) 542-8751 - instructor.

To ensure that course materials are received prior to the first class, please register by January 30th.

2017 STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

State of the city address will be on Monday, March 13, 2017 at The Orchid, 11508 Lincoln Highway East, New Haven, IN and will be delivered by City Seal Mayor Terry E. McDonald

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; State of the city address begins at 7:00 p.m.

RSVP by February 27, 2017.

RAIDERS COMPETE IN COLDWATER DUALS, GOELTZENLEUCHTER EARNS 700TH CAREER TAKEDOWN



The Wayne Trace varsity wrestling team competed in the Coldwater duals on Saturday January 14th the raiders competed against Delphos Jefferson, Jay County Indiana, Van Wert, Rushville, Indiana and Columbus Grove. At 106 Daniel Ruiz went 3 & 2, at 113 Tyler Bauer went 4 & 1, at 126 Austin Smith went 4 & 1, at 126 and 130 to Caleb Baughman went

2 & 0, at 132 Ruger Goeltzenleuchter went 5 & 0. Goeltzenleuchter earned his 700th career take down, and stands at 251 takedowns for the season. At 145 Wyatt Stabler went 2 & 3 . At 152 Hunter Showalter went 4 & 1, at 160 Kameron Bevis went 3 & 2 , and wrestling 285 Noah Reel went 4 & 1 for the day. The Raiders wrestled really well and we're very competitive.

NEW HAVEN WRESTLING AT KIRBLE TOURNAMENT



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Edgerton: Marathon, Valero, Kaiser Supermarket, Utilities Office, Napa
Grover Hill: Ross' Gas Station, N&N Quick Stop
Hicksville: Cline's Market, Hickory Hills Golf Course, Sailors, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, McDonald's, H2O, Senior Center
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“DANGEROUS WINDS CAUSE DAMAGING FIRE



On Tuesday, January 10, the wind was incredible with strong gusts. Well this was not without ill effect around the area.

At Sauder Feeds in Grabill it was noticed on the south end of the manufacturing campus the building housing the trucks was sparking where the power lines coming in to the facility with the winds whipping around. Flames began to shoot out from the corner of the structure.

Immediately 911 was called and the response from area fire departments responded. Great urgency is required when near a grain facility as the dust is highly explosive. Jerry Sauder—fourth generation family owner—shut down the power to the rest of the mill to help isolate possible electrical fires in the rest of the facility.

Fire Departments arrived on the scene quickly and were ready to put out the fire, but had one problem: power lines were still hooked up to the building and live. There was a loud ‘pop’ with one of the 3-phase legs blowing, and the rest was still active and dangerous for anyone to go near

OHIO FARMERS URGED TO OBTAIN AGRICULTURAL FERTILIZER CERTIFICATION TRAINING

A strong coalition consisting of the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA), The Ohio State University and several state agricultural organizations* are encouraging farmers to attend training courses for the Agricultural Fertilizer Applicator Certification Program.

Signed into law by Governor John R. Kasich in May 2014, Ohio Senate Bill 150 created a first of its kind certification program for applying commercial fertilizer in Ohio. Focusing on science-based practices, the bill requires farmers applying commercial fertilizer to more than 50 acres to attend a course on fertilizer application. Applicants must be certified no later than September 30, 2017.

“As farmers look for training opportunities we would encourage them to become

even if there was no winds.

The problem? The electric company did not show up for over an hour while the emergency workers stood around watching the building burn. Finally the workers showed up to disconnect the power lines and following that the gas company arrived to do the same to their lines.

Unfortunately by this time the building was pretty well destroyed along with all of the contents. In the night, the emergency workers got the fire under control.

Knowing what the problem was for the reason the fire could not be terminated quicker, Jerry Sauder brought up the idea that there should be changes in how electrical and other utilities could be safely handled directly by first responders. This could enable much quicker fire suppression, saving lives and possessions.

It was a stressful night for the family and workers but by the morning they realized how thankful they were for all the blessing God has given them with friends, family, workers and more. There was quite a bit of loss but it could have been much worse.

certified through our program as soon as possible,” said ODA Director David T. Daniels. “While they can’t plant in the winter, they can learn about the numerous practices that will save them money while improving water quality. Nearly every farmer who takes the training says they learned something, so I ask producers what are they waiting for?”

OSU Extension will hold numerous training sessions across all regions of the state this winter. The training sessions focus on best management practices and the latest research to keep nutrients in the field and available to crops while reducing nutrients leaving the field. To date nearly 12,000 farmers have become certified through the program.

“We are looking forward to seeing Ohio farmers at our nutrient application trainings this year,” said Roger Rennekamp, director of Ohio State University Extension. “There are hundreds of workshops scheduled, and we’ll be sharing the latest re-

search-based information on how to get the most out of fertilizer applications. Farmers want to prevent nutrient runoff as much as anyone, for economic and environmental reasons.”

While applicators have until Sept. 30 to become certified, the majority of training sessions for certification will occur in the winter. ODA will strive to gain voluntary compliance but applying commercial fertilizer after Sept. 30 without a certification could result in fines and/or being charged with a misdemeanor offense.

“Between the law and voluntary efforts, farmers have proven they’re willing to help address Ohio’s water quality challenges,” said Adam Sharp, executive vice president of Ohio Farm Bureau Federation. “Becoming certified by the deadline is a crucial part of meeting our responsibilities.

For more information on certification training, farmers can visit www.nutrienteducation.osu.edu. Once there, farmers can learn more about the training and even sign up for classes in their area.

ANTWERP COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE HOLDS PLANNING MEETING FOR 2017

Sunday, January 8, at the Papa Oleys Pizza Shop, the ACDC held its 2017 planning meeting with nine board members present and 5 guests. President Lisa Glass called the meeting to order, Secretary Laurel Hopkins gave a report, as well as Treasurer Pete Vail. All present offered ideas on projects for the ACDC and how to make Antwerp a more pleasant place to live.

Chair of the Antwerp Rib Fest, Dustin Sensabaugh and Tom Derck reported that the event would be held June 3 this year. Four rib vendors will be featured instead of three and other fun things to do will be added. Tina Conley, Vice President and Chair of the Big Hole Golf Tournament will be held September 30. Dan Bowers suggested partnering with other local organizations to help accomplish more for Antwerp like a lighted up-coming events sign, improving the park, helping the baseball diamonds, and developing a Facebook page to better communicate. The group said ACDC will again spearhead the flower pots that decorate the downtown Main St. Downtown merchants will be solicited to help with the flowers. Many other events were discussed as possibilities and the ACDC welcomes all organizations and individuals to come to an ACDC meeting if you have ideas or want help with a project to improve Antwerp. The ACDC next meeting will be held March 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the Antwerp Depot. Meetings are held the first Thursday every other month. For more information contact President Lisa Glass 419-786-9660 or any ACDC member.

FREE COYOTE HUNTING AND TRAPPING WORKSHOP IN FINDLAY

Sportsmen and women interested in pursuing coyotes are invited to attend a free informational workshop provided by Ohio Department of

Natural Resources (ODNR) Tuesday, January 31, 2017, in Findlay.

Wildlife experts will cover very basic topics such as life history, calling techniques (call types and setups), appropriate firearms and ammunition, trapping sets, scouting, and the laws associated with pursuing coyotes.

The workshop will be from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the ODNr Division of Wildlife District Two Headquarters, 952 Lima Avenue, Findlay, OH, 45840. Pre-registration is required as seating is limited. To register, please call Wildlife District Two at (419) 424-5000 by January 27.

To learn more about hunting and trapping in Ohio visit wildohio.gov.

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.

ODOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

Van Wert County
State Route 709 between East Carmecia Street to Ohio City Venedocia Road, Ohio City, will close beginning January 23 for two weeks for a storm sewer installation project. Traffic detoured onto state Route 118, state Route 81 and U.S. 127 back to state Route 709. Work is being performed by Tom’s Construction, St. Henry.

THE ANWERP SCHOOL BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The annual meeting that is required by the state of Ohio took place on Monday, January 9 before the regular meeting.

Bob Herber was nominated by Dennis Recker for Board President. As he was the only nomination, Robert Herber became the board president and was approved. Sarah Schutte was nominated for vice-president. No other nominations were introduced and approved. Bob Herber was also selected for Legislative liaison. Many of the annual approvals took place at this meeting. This was a required meeting by the Ohio Board of Education.

VANTAGE JANUARY BOARD MEETING HELD 1/12/17

The Vantage Board of Education held the 2018 Tax Budget hearing and Organizational meeting prior to the January Regular Board meeting on Thursday, January 12, 2017 in the District Conference room. No Board Action required. During the Regular Board meeting, the minutes from the December 1, 2016 regular Board meeting were approved along with financial statements for the month of November, 2016.

Superintendent Staci Kaufman updated the Board on discussion with Energy Optimizers to conduct a building energy audit to review the effect of potential upgrades to LED lighting and ballast, among other energy conservation improvements. She informed the Board of the impact of the recent Senate Bill 3 legislation, which positively affects the appointment of JVSD Board of Education members in multiple ways, and assists alternatively licensed CTE instructors by exempting them from the RESA (Resident Educator Summative Assessment). An alternative method of assessing alternatively licensed teachers will be determined by ODE in consultation with CTE associations by Dec. 31, 2017. Superintendent Kaufman recommended the Board disinvest in the Building and Grounds program, beginning with the 2017-18 year, due to its structure no longer being compliant with new CTE accountability standards released by ODE. She reported that EDP Renewables has confirmed its donation to cover the full purchase of a wind turbine nacelle trainer, once official certification of its newest wind farm, Paulding Wind Farm II--Amazon U.S. is received in the coming months. Ohio Technical

Center Director, Pete Prichard and High School Director Tony Unverferth submitted written reports.

In new business, the Board: Employed the following supplemental contracts, as needed as scheduled; MaryJo Wilhelm, Annette Klinger, Jerry Robynson, Mike Miller, Larry Regedanz, Brent Wright, Nancy Keith, Brenda Wurst, and Tara Miller as Step Into Your Future. Also approved were Haley Martin, Breana Bowersox and Kristina Blankenship as Student Banquet Workers;

Employed the following as Ohio Technical Center Instructors, as needed as scheduled; Todd Gaerke;

Appointed Staci Kaufman as Vantage Career Center’s representative on the Putnam County Tax Incentive Review Council;

Accepted a grant of \$53,835.00 from the Van Wert County Foundation to be used to purchase electronic items (Rothacker-Lampe Bequest);

Accepted the donation of 4421 pounds of steel from CROWN, New Bremen, Ohio, valued at \$721.00, for instructional use in the Trade and Industry programs;

Waived the 45-day notice and approve the City of Van Wert residential Community Reinvestment Area Agreement between Tamara E. and Thomas M. Tomlinson, 251 Prairie Lane, Van Wert, OH, and Vantage Career Center at 50% for 5-years, \$159,600 investment;

Waived the 45-day notice and approve the City of Van Wert residential Community Reinvestment Area Agreement between Diane A. Mengerink and Larry K. Mengerink, 812 Elson Avenue, Van Wert, OH, and Vantage Career Center at 50% for 5-years, \$33,000 investment;

Waived the 45-day notice and approve the City of Van Wert residential Community Reinvestment Area Agreement between Debra Bashiore, 245 W. Third Street, Van Wert, OH, and Vantage Career Center at 50% for 5-years, \$20,208 investment;

Approved the purchase of a 2017 3500HD Chevrolet Silverado Chassis-Cab from H & K Chevrolet Pontiac Buick, Inc., Kentonville, OH, at the price of \$30,268 for instructional use in the Construction Equipment Technology program;

Approved the purchase and installation of a Galion 9-foot dump body on a 2017 3500 HD Chevrolet Silverado Chassis-Cab from Kalida Truck Equipment, Inc., Kalida, OH at the price of \$8,500 for instructional use in the Construction Equipment Technology program;

First reading of NEOLA new & revised policies;

- 0100 Bylaws - Definitions; 0160 Bylaws - Meetings; 1530 Administration - Evaluation of Directors and Other Administrators; 1619 Administration - Group Health Plans; 1619.01 Administration - Privacy Protections of Self-funded Group Health Plans; 1619.03 Administration - Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; 2460 Program - Special Education; 3419 Professional Staff - Group Health Plans; 3419.01 Professional Staff - Privacy Protections of Self-funded Group Health Plans; 3419.03 Professional Staff - Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; 3420 Professional Staff - Health Insurance Benefit; 4419 Classified Staff - Group Health Plans; 4419.01 Classified Staff - Privacy Protections of Self-funded Group Health Plans; 4419.03 Classified Staff - Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; 4420 Classified Staff - Health Insurance Benefit; 5830 Students - Student Fund Raising; 6605 Finances - Crowdfunding; 7540 Property - Technology; 7540.01 Property - Technology Privacy; 7540.02 Property - Web Content, Services and Apps; 8330 Operations - Student Records; 9700 Relations - Relations with Special Interest Groups

End of Superintendent’s Consent Agenda Items

Outside of Consent Agenda Items
Acknowledged the Van Wert City Board of Education representative, Debby Compton to serve on the Vantage Board Education effective January 11, 2017;

Acknowledged the Ottoville Board of Education representative, Kimberley Wannemacher to serve on the Vantage Board Education effective January 11, 2017;

Acknowledged the Ft. Jennings Board of Education representative, Cliff Wiegung to serve on the Vantage Board Education effective January 11, 2017;

Acknowledged the Lincolnview Board of Education representative, Eric Germann to serve on the Vantage Board Education effective January 4, 2017;

Acknowledged the Continental Board of Education representative, Ron Bradford to serve on the Vantage Board Education effective January 10, 2017;

Disinvest in the Building and Grounds program starting school year 2017-2018;

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1), the Board President hereby requests that the Board adjourn to executive session for the purpose of considering the employment of an employee or official of the School District;

The next regular Board meeting will be held on Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the District Conference Room.

NEW SCAM TARGETING YOUR UTILITIES

People prey on others, especially the older and vulnerable. Recently the Antwerp Police Department heard from several concerned citizens who had received a phone call from a caller claiming to be a representative from AEP. “You’re power will be disconnected due to your unpaid bills,” the caller claims, “You must call this number now to reinstate your account.”

This scares people and not just older people, especially this time of year when temperatures get very cold and could even be life threatening. If you have caller ID the call looks like it really is authentic as it says “AEP”.

Antwerp Police Captain Victoria Clemens says the caller sounds legitimate but is certainly not. She said, “The caller will tell you must call 855-208-5247 but if you search it on the internet you will find it has been used for many scams.”

People who have tried calling the number have received different responses from AEP to Toledo-Edison when they spoke with the person who answered. What is going on is the scam artist are using the same number, and they don’t know what power company serves you, not knowing for certain how to answer.

Don’t think this is happening in Antwerp only.

What do you do if you get the call? Call your local police department and ask them. They can file a report and maybe track this down. It will be very easy for you to tell if you don’t have the company they claim to be from as your electric energy provider. Finally, don’t give your billing or banking info over the phone if they call.

NOTICE

The Paulding Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors have set their regular monthly meetings for the 2nd Wednesday of each month to start at 8:00 a.m., to be held at the Soil & Water Conservation District office in Parc Lane Center at 900 Fairground Drive, unless otherwise noted. Please contact the SWCD office at 419-399-4771 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.) for meeting information.

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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

Lou Ann Wannemacher,
Plaintiff,
VS.
Tycen Jones, et al.
Defendants,
Case No. CI-16-179
Judge Tiffany Reighter-Beckman

TO: TYCEN JONES, UNKNOWN
SPOUSE OF TYCEN JONES AND UN-
KNOWN HEIRS, ASSIGNS AND EX-
ECUTORS OF TYCEN JONES
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 18385 SR
114, Grover Hill, Ohio 45849

Please take notice that a complaint
has been filed in the above-captioned
action against you seeking a foreclo-
sure of tax liens and a public sale of real
property owned by TYCEN JONES to
pay delinquent real estate taxes owed
by you. The real property in question is
situated in the Village of Latty, County
of Paulding, and the State of Ohio and
more fully described as follows:

Situated in the Township of Latty,
County of Paulding, and State of
Ohio:

A parcel of land being a part of the
Southeast Quarter of the Southwest
Quarter of Section Twenty-four (24)
Township One (1) North, Range Three
(3) East, Latty Township, Paulding
County, Ohio, and being more particu-
larly described as follows: Commenc-
ing at an iron pill at the Southeast
corner of the Southwest Quarter of
Section twenty-four (24), Latty Town-
ship; thence South 90°00'00" West,
on the south line of the Southwest
quarter of Section Twenty-four (24),
a distance of four hundred seventy-two
and thirteen hundredths (472.13) feet
to a point, said point being the TRUE
POINT OF BEGINNING of the parcel
herein described; thence continuing
South 90°00'00" West on the South
line of the Southwest Quarter of
Section twenty-four (24), a distance
of one hundred seventy-four and
thirty-two hundredths (174.32) feet to
a point; thence North 0°00'00" East,
on a line being at right angles to the

south line of the Southwest quarter of
Section twenty-four (24), a distance
of thirty and zero hundredths (30.00)
feet to an iron pin; thence continuing
North 0°00'00" East, on a line being
at right angles to the south line of the
Southwest quarter of Section twenty-
four (24) a distance of two hundred
twenty-three and thirty hundredths
(223.30) feet to an iron pin; thence
North 90°00'00" East, a distance
of one hundred seventy-three and
eighty-eight hundredths (173.88) feet
to an iron pin; thence South 0°06'03"
East, a distance of two hundred
twenty-three and thirty hundredths
(223.30) feet to an iron pin; thence
continuing South 0°06'03" East a dis-
tance of thirty and zero hundredths
(30.00) feet to the TRUE POINT OF
BEGINNING of the parcel herein de-
scribed, containing 1.012 acres of
land, more or less, excepting there-
from all easements, zoning restric-
tions of record and legal highways.
The bearings used herein are for the
purpose of describing angles only
and are not referenced to true or mag-
netic North.

Parcel ID No. 24-24S-016-00 Prop-
erty Address: 18385 SR 114, Grover
Hill, Ohio 45849

You are required to answer in the
above-captioned cause twenty-eight
(28) days after the last publication
hereof, or a default judgment seeking
sale of you real estate will be sought.
Your answer should be filed with the
Clerk of Courts, Courthouse, 115 N.
Williams St., Paulding, Ohio 45879.

Ann Pease, Clerk
Court of Common Pleas
Paulding, County, Ohio

By: *Joseph K. Burkard*
Deputy

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph K. Burkard
Joseph K. Burkard, (#0059106)
Paulding County, Ohio
Prosecuting Attorney
112 1/2 N. Water St.
Paulding, Ohio 45879
419-399-8270

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS AT
COOPER COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

The Cooper Community
Library Branch, of the Paul-
ding County Carnegie Library
is hosting Human Traffick-
ing in Northwest Ohio. Jen-
nifer Wedge, an experienced
speaker and officer of the Six
County NWORRC, will be
the presenter at the Aware-
ness event to be held at the
Cooper Community Library
on Monday, January 23, 2017
at 6:00 p.m.

Do you know that January
is Human Trafficking Aware-
ness Month? Human Traf-
ficking is a problem not only
internationally and across
the United States, but also

right here in our county. It
is affecting our residents and
our children! The buying and
selling of an individual has
become an industry that is
second in the world next to
drug trafficking. This event is
free and open to the public.

The Cooper Community
Branch Library was the third
branch to open in the Paul-
ding County Carnegie Library
system. Opening in 2000 the
branch has become the hub
and heart of the communi-
ty, sponsoring programs and
events throughout the year.
Follow us on Facebook for
upcoming events.

ca; Winslow, Kayden; Zuber,
Austin

Fifth Grade:
Altimus, Carson; Brooks,
Myranda; Brown; Schooley,
Madison; Dickson, Quincey;
Fuller, Camden; Lawhorn,
Sara; Magoulas, Jill; Savi-
na, Benjamin (Ben); Sheedy,
Samantha; Smith, Xander;
Wales, Lucy; Gale, Syris (Sy);
Hormann, Addyson; Laker,
Caleb; Litzenberg, Isabelle;
Meyer, Isabella (Izzy); Mon-
roe, McKenzia (Kenz); Nut-
ter, Macy; Puckett, David;
Shiple, Connor; Wolf, Zane

**PANTHERS TAME THE
MUSTANGS**

The Paulding Panthers
travelled to Allen East for the
conference boys basketball
match. The game was a hot
topic because the Mustangs
had a better record but not in
the conference.

Allen East started strong
with scoring the most points
in this first period. Caleb
Smelcer and Spencer Miller
both scored 5 points the first
period. There were 4 3-point
baskets in the first period
alone for the home teams.
Paulding wasn't far behind
with Marcus Miller and
Kameron Echols both hitting
3 point baskets. Miller also
posted 2 free throws and 2
field goals. He scored 9 points
in the first period.

In the second, Paulding
also fared well. They scored
13 points and Jared Miller hit
3 2-point field goals. The Mus-
tangs pulled further ahead
when they had 16 points in
the second period and most
by Shane Gibson. The half
ended 27-34, and Paulding
was behind.

In comes the changes: The
Panthers stopped the mus-
tangs from the high scoring
and limited them to only 8
points. At the same time Pres-
ton Ingol and Miller both hit
baskets. In fact, five of Paul-
ding's players scored points
and now the game was close!
The third period was tied at
42-42, and Paulding had the
momentum.

The fourth period Paul-
ding continued their good for-
tune and good shooting, ex-
tending it to their best yet for
the night. Ethan Rhonehouse
posted 4 points. Griffin Hard-
ner was sent to the foul line
twice and nailing 75% of his
shots. The Mustangs didn't sit
around doing nothing. They
still were able to add 13 points
but not as many as they would
have liked. The game ended
with Paulding in the lead 59-
55. Great job in this confer-
ence win!

Score by quarter:
Paulding: 14 13 15 17 = 59
Allen East: 18 16 8 13 = 55
Paulding Scorers: Marcus

Miller 20; Ethan Rhonehouse
6; Jaret Miller 16; Kameron
Echols 3; Preston Ingol 7; Lo-
gan Bradford 2; Griffin Hard-
er 5.

Allen East Scorers: Caleb
Smelcer 19; Spencer Miller
12; Shane Gibson 10; Chris-
topher Kleman 4; Johnathon
Brinkman 2; Kain Foster 6;
Brayden Newland 2.

Paulding will take on
Bluffton at home on Friday,
January 20 at home.

**STATEWIDE OHSAA MILI-
TARY APPRECIATION NIGHT
SET FOR JANUARY 20**

The Ohio High School
Athletic Association encour-
ages Ohio high schools to
take part in a statewide mili-
tary appreciation night on
January 20, honoring active
and veteran United States
Armed Forces members at
athletic contests.

"Education-based athlet-
ics in the great state of Ohio
are far more than winning
and losing," OHSAA as-
sistant commissioner Jerry
Snodgrass said. "High school
athletics encompass every-
one. They are a school and
community event. This entire
school involvement helps de-
velop student leaders on the
courts and fields of play as
well as in the classrooms and
student groups that support
their teams. This initiative is
designed to emphasize these
great student leaders in our
schools and their support for
our military."

Potential ways for high
schools in Ohio take part in
this event include granting
active and veteran military
members free entry to athlet-
ic contests, honoring military
members through public ad-
dress announcements, desig-
nating military members as
honorary captains, and dance
and band performances that
will honor our armed forces.

The program also extends
to those schools that do not
compete on January 20.

"Many schools that do not
compete on Jan. 20 have asked
to hold special nights that
same week," Snodgrass said.
"We have given our complete
support and have promoted
them as 'tipping off' our re-
spect to the military."

Student sections can play
a role in this event with cre-
ative themes that will honor
military members while also
showing school pride. They
can submit pictures and vid-
eos of their themes to be con-
sidered for the 2017 OHSAA
Battle for the Golden Mega-
phone contest by posting con-
tent to Twitter and Instagram,
using #GoldenMegaphone.

THE WEST BEND NEWS
Sudoku Puzzle

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3		4		5		7		9
	9				3			5

Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 15"

**WAYNE TRACE JR/SR HIGH
BREAKFAST & LUNCH 1/18
- 1/24**

1/18 - Mini pancakes/sau-
sage, milk, juice

1/19 - Cheese omelet/toast,
milk, juice

1/20 - Cinnamon roll,
milk, juice

1/23 - Sausage pizza, milk,
juice

1/24 - Egg/cheese muffin,
milk, juice

1/18 - Spaghetti w/meat
sauce, iceberg lettuce salad w/
dressing, green beans, bread-
stick, cheese stick, assorted
canned and fresh fruit, milk;
ALSO: Chef salad OR variety
of sandwiches w/salad bar

1/19 - Chili soup, peanut
butter & jelly sandwich, car-
rot & celery sticks, goldfish
crackers, assorted juices, as-
sorted canned and fresh fruit,
milk; ALSO: Chef salad OR
variety of sandwiches w/salad
bar

1/20 - Fiestada, romaine
lettuce salad w/dressing,
cooked peas, assorted canned
and fresh fruit, milk; ALSO:
Chef salad OR variety of sand-
wiches w/salad bar

1/23 - Chicken strips,
mashed potatoes w/gravy,
cooked peas, dinner roll w/
butter, assorted canned and
fresh fruit, milk; ALSO: Chef
salad OR variety of sandwich-
es w/salad bar

1/24 - Cheeseburger sand-
wich, french fries, baked
beans, assorted juices, assort-
ed canned and fresh fruit,
milk; ALSO: Chef salad OR
variety of sandwiches w/salad
bar

**WT PAYNE, GH & DIVINE
MERCY SCHOOLS BREAK-
FAST & LUNCH MENUS
1/18 - 1/24**

1/18 - Mini pancakes/sau-
sage, milk, juice

1/19 - Cheese omelet and
toast, milk, juice

1/20 - Mini cin/apple bos-
co stick, milk, juice

1/23 - Ham/cheese ripper,
milk, juice

1/24 - Egg/cheese muffin,
milk, juice

1/18 - Spaghetti w/meat
sauce, iceberg lettuce salad w/
dressing, green beans, bread-
stick, cheese stick, fruit, milk

1/19 - Chili or chicken
noodle soup, peanut butter &
jelly sandwich, celery & car-
rot sticks, fruit, milk

1/20 - Fiestada, romaine
lettuce salad w/dressing,
cooked peas, fruit, milk

1/23 - Chicken strips,

mashed potatoes w/gravy,
corn, dinner roll w/butter,
fruit, milk

1/24 - Cheeseburger sand-
wich, french fries, baked
beans, carrot sticks, fruit,
milk

**PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL
BREAKFAST & LUNCH 1/18
- 1/24**

1/18 - Ham, egg & cheese
croissant, juice, fruit, milk

1/19 - Cinnamon rolls,
juice, fruit, milk

1/20 - Sausage, egg &
cheese burrito, salsa, juice,
fruit, milk

1/23 - Sausage biscuit
breakfast, juice, fruit, milk

1/24 - Dutch waffle with
fruit, juice, fruit, milk

1/18 - Honey BBQ rib OR
Sausage, bun, oven potatoes;
Toppings: Banana peppers &
pickles, pepper & onions, as-
sorted fruit, milk

1/19 - Salisbury steak,
whipped potatoes w/gravy,
celery w/dip OR Quesadilla
pizza OR Beef fiestada pizza,
refried beans, lettuce, assort-
ed fruit, milk

1/20 - Breadstick, cheese
cup, marinara sauce, celery
w/dip OR Salad bar, garlic
breadstick, assorted fruit,
milk

1/23 - Cntry fried steak,
whipped potatoes w/gravy,
biscuit, green beans, OR Sal-
ad bar, garlic bread, assorted
fruit, milk

1/24 - Turkey/bacon salad,
asstd dressings, cheese bread-
stick OR Asstd entree items,
pickles, oven fries, assorted
fruit, milk

**PEVS BREAKFAST & LUNCH
MENUS 1/18 - 1/24**

1/18 - Bkfst burrito, juice,
fruit, milk

1/19 - Wh gr muffin,
cheese stick, juice, fruit, milk

1/20 - Cereal or cereal bar,
juice, fruit, milk

1/23 - Yogurt, goldfish
grm, juice, fruit, milk

1/24 - Pancakes, juice,
fruit, milk

1/18 - Mozz ch sticks,
marinara sauce, green beans,
fruit, milk

1/19 - BBQ rib, wh. gr.
bun, oven potatoes, carrots,
fruit, milk

1/20 - Pizza, romaine
salad, broccoli, sidekicks fr.
fruit, fruit, milk

1/23 - Breaded chicken
on wh gr bun, Pennsylvania
blend, celery, fruit, milk

1/24 - Corn dog, baked
beans, carrots, fruit snack,
fruit, milk

**SHERIFF'S SALE OF
REAL ESTATE**

General Code, Section 11681
Revised Code, Section 2329.26

THE STATE OF OHIO,
PAULDING COUNTY:
THE SHERWOOD STATE BANK,
Plaintiff,

vs.
JAIMIE L. LARSON, ET AL.,
Defendants,

Case No. CI 16 128.

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
Second day of February, 2017 at 10:05, the
real estate located at:

320 West Caroline Street,
Paulding, Ohio 45879
Parcel Number: 30-34S-008-02

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

Said premises appraised at Sixty Thou-
sand and No/100 (\$60,000.00) Dollars and
cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of
that amount on the first sale date.

In the event this property does not sell
on the above date, a second sale will be
held on the 16th of February, 2017 at 10:05.
On this date, there will be no minimum bid.

The purchaser will be responsible for
any costs, allowances, and taxes which
the proceeds of the sale are insufficient
to cover.

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

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

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

The successful bidder will have 30 days
from the sale date to obtain an examina-
tion of title at their expense, if so desired.
Should such examination disclose the title
to be unmarketable by any defect in the
court proceedings or the existence of any
outstanding interest rendering the title un-
marketable, the successful bidder has 30
days to file a written motion requesting the
sale shall be set aside. If the court finds
the title unmarketable, the court will refuse
to confirm the sale or fix a reasonable time,
not to exceed 90 days, within which the de-
fect of title may be corrected.

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

Sheriff Jason K. Landers
Paulding County, Ohio
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James K. Weaner, Attorney for Plaintiff

ACC HOLDS FIRST EVENT



It's been a great start to the year for your Antwerp Conservation Club (ACC). We held our first event on New Year's Day. It was a shotgun Ham Still shoot. It was attended by many shooters of all ages. Shooters came from all over the surrounding area, Antwerp, Hicksville, Payne, Woodburn, Auburn, Ft Wayne, Sherwood and Defiance area. I had the opportunity to talk with some of them. I was surprised to hear that many had never been to our facility. Some did not realize that our club existed. Once they seen our club, they were impressed. Your club officers, trustee's, Range Chair Personnel and membership are working hard to make this a great place to be.

On New Year's Day we had perfect weather for our shoot. 60+ shooters showed up for the noon start time. The target boards were selling fast. It was quickly realized we needed more hams. We shot 17 groups of 12 shooters. The winner of each group won a ham. We had several scatter boards that you could buy a cross-hair on. The cross-hair with the closet hole by it would win a ham or money.

Hot sandwiches, chips, homemade cookies and hot/cold drinks was served by club members. It was appreciated on such a nice winter day. As shooters sat down and ate, they were discussing the days of when ACC used to hold these events. Others discussed how they really liked what the club had to offer, the friendly atmosphere and the enthusiasm shown by those hosting and attending the event. Many of the attendees asked when we will do this again. We will be discussing this at our monthly meetings and setting up the dates for future events.

This is the start of a new year and a new look for your ACC. We have recently added a new logo to our weekly advertising. The logo was designed by the great staff at Westbend News. Your ACC will be keeping you up to date on upcoming events by using our weekly ads, our Facebook page, member email and our NEW WEBSITE to be online soon. If you are interested in being a part of the ACC, come out and join us at next meeting or event.

-Pistol Range Chairman,
Gary Mabis



PAULDING CO. FISH AND GAME CLUB JANUARY MEETING

The January meeting of the Paulding Co. Fish and Game Club was called to order by Pres. Ron Deatrick followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The financial report was given with bills presented with discussion following.

New business was a reminder of the monthly trap shoot on January 15, and of the upcoming soup and sandwich supper on January 28, with a free will donation from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the club house, 9920 US 127.

Also mentioned was that 2017 member dues are due and payable to the Paulding Fish and Game club.

Monthly meetings are scheduled for the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for February 2 at 7:00 p.m.

SECRETARY HUSTED HONORS OUTSTANDING ELECTION OFFICIALS

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted honored election officials from around Ohio for their efforts in 2016 that went beyond the call of duty in serving the state's voters during a major election year in a key swing-state. During the presentation, the Secretary announced the recipients of the Election Officials of the Year awards as well as the boards of elections receiving the Bright I.D.E.A. (Innovative Developments in Election Administration) awards.

The presentations were made at the Ohio Association of Election Officials Winter Conference in Columbus, Ohio.

Election Official of the Year Award Winners

The Election Officials of the Year awards are given to one Democrat and one Republican in recognition of their notable, positive contributions to the profession of elections administration in their country and the State of Ohio.

The Democrat Ohio Election Official of the Year Award was presented to LaVera Scott who currently serves as the Deputy Director of the Lucas County Board of Elections. Ms. Scott has played a significant role in building and restoring confidence and stability at the Lucas County Board of Elections.

The Republican Ohio Election Official of the Year Award was presented to Gary Wallace who currently serves as the Deputy Director of the Union County Board of Elections. Mr. Wallace has held several positions in the office and with each job he has demonstrated the desire to improve and enhance the business of administering elections. He willingly stepped up to serve after the board's previous deputy director passed away.

Both Election Officials of the Year were nominated for the hard work and dedication they have put into making sure each election is held with integrity, all while being considered a leader and mentor to those around them.

Bright I.D.E.A. Awards

The Bright I.D.E.A. awards recognize county boards of elections for the development of an innovation that was successfully put into practice, caused a measured improvement in the administration of elections and serves as a

good example of methods for management, policy and procedure improvement.

Bright I.D.E.A. Award Recipient: Madison County Board of Elections For their Ballot Stub Barcode

The Madison County Board of Elections worked with their e-pollbook vendor to include a barcode on each of their ballot stubs allowing poll workers to scan this barcode before handing the ballot to the voter. This assigns the stub number to the voter and helps ensure each person receives the correct ballot.

Bright I.D.E.A. Award Recipient: Warren County Board of Elections for their Selfie Wall

The Warren County Board of Elections created a way for voters to commemorate their participation in the election by making a backdrop of "I Voted" stickers for voters to snap selfies to post on social media. This not only created publicity for early voting, but also made voters excited about their involvement.

Bright I.D.E.A. Award Recipient: Butler County Board of Elections for their Fast Pass Voting

The Butler County Board of Elections used detailed time studies and forecasts in order to plan every element of their early vote center. By doing this, they were successfully able to get voters in and out significantly quicker than ever before.

Golden Soap Dish Award

The Golden Soap Dish Award is presented to a county board of elections for their outstanding efforts to provide better services at a lower cost. The award was named for the 2011 idea implemented by the Fairfield County Board of Elections that resulted in \$68,000 worth of key card programmers being stored in soap travel cases at a cost of only \$50. The award was last presented to the Allen County Board of Elections in 2015 for only spending \$50 to buy dishracks in order to store their e-pollbooks.

Golden Soap Dish Award Recipient: Wood County Board of Elections for their modification to the e-pollbook stand

After concerns from poll workers, the Wood County Board of Elections was in need of a new stand to put their e-pollbooks on. With the idea and help of their county maintenance department, they were able to create a new stand out of basic materials that now makes signing in much easier and efficient for voters.

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition

Brittany R. Zipfel, Oakwood, OH; Dom violence; Guilty; Defendant removed from Diversion; Shall pay all costs; Placed on standard probation; Complete conditions of Diversion; Maintain general good behavior

Shea E. Flowers, Lima, OH; Non support; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs today; Shall maintain general good behavior

Cynthia S. Horstman, Cloverdale, OH; Fail control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Kirsty M. Schafer, Wapokoneta, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Robert A. Wagner, De-

fiance, OH; Fail control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Tristen C. Nash, Rolla, MO; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Yvonne M. Bidlack, Van Wert, OH; Fail control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Scott Lawrence Cooper, Ionia, MI; Fail control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Srinivasa C. Panuganti, Saginaw, MI; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Blair E. Ludwig, Grover Hill, OH; Fail control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

April D. Keezer, Paulding, OH; Assault; Pled no cont., Found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Placed on standard probation; Shall have no contact with victim; Complete 30 hrs community service; Complete Thinking For A Change program; Submit to an evaluation; Remain med compliant; Pay for jail

Christina M. McKeever, Antwerp, OH; Possession; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall maintain general good behavior

Christina M. McKeever, Antwerp, OH; Drug parapherna; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall maintain general good behavior

Melvin H. Crawford III, Payne, OH; O.V.I/under inf; Pled no cont., found guilty; Proof of financial responsibility provided shall pay \$20.00 per mo commencing 1/27/17; Has a POC date of 12/29/17; Community Control Two; Evaluation at Westwood; 20 hrs community service; Think For A Change program; 177 jail days reserved

Melvin H. Crawford III, Payne, OH; Left of center; Pled no cont., found guilty; Shall pay \$20.00 per month commencing 1/27/17; Has a POC date of 12/29/17

Rowan D. Osborn, Van Wert, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Vincent P. Omerry, San Diego, CA; Fail control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Eric A. Sloban, Andover, OH; DUS; Pled no cont., found guilty; Proof of financial responsibility provided; Pay all fines and costs by 1/27/17 or will be sent to collections

Philip A. Regenold, Fort Wayne, IN; Seat belt/pass; Guilty; Case was waived by

defendant

James L. England, Defiance, OH; Fail control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Robert W. Zipfel, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Lupe Ybarra, Oak Grove, KY; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Eugene E. Ankney, Haviland, OH; Theft; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Pay for stay at jail; Placed on standard probation; Complete 20 hrs community service; Complete Thinking For A Change program; Pay remaining 525.72 restitution; Shall repay ct. appt. fees; 1 day jail credit

Eugene E. Ankney, Haviland, OH; Theft; Guilty; Same conditions as count A; Jail days are to run consecutive; Total jail days to serve 9

Eugene E. Ankney, Haviland, OH; Pass bad check; Dismiss; Counts C, D, E dismissed; Costs to defendant

Eugene E. Ankney, Haviland, OH; Pass bad check; Dismiss; Counts C, D, E dismissed; Costs to defendant

Eugene E. Ankney, Haviland, OH; Pass bad check; Dismiss; Counts C, D, E dismissed; Costs to defendant

Dennis J. Batt, Paulding, OH; O.V.I/under inf; Guilty; Proof of insurance provided; Has a POC date of 12/29/17; Shall pay \$50 per mo commencing 1/27/17; Community Control Two; 50 hrs of community service; Remain on SCRAM for an additional 91 days; Third Millenium; 168 jail days reserved

Megan L. Smith, Fort Wayne, IN; Marked lanes; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jodi L. Wagoner, Millbury, OH; F.R.A. susp; Pled no cont., found guilty; Pay all fines and costs today

Shawn M. Dempsey, Paulding, OH; Driv/FRA susp; Guilty; Proof of financial responsibility provided; Pay all fines and costs by 12/29/17 or will be sent to collections; Shall pay \$100.00 per month commencing 2/24/17

Shawn M. Dempsey, Paulding, OH; Trf cntrl light; Guilty; Has a pay or collection date of 12/29/17; Shall pay \$100.00 per month commencing 2/24/17

Shawn M. Dempsey, Paulding, OH; Regist viol; Guilty; Has a pay or collection date of 12/29/17; Shall pay \$100.00 per month commencing 2/24/17

Nathan E. McAlexander, Mark Center, OH; Regist viol;

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Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Brian M. West, Shelby, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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

Jerry L. Miller II, Hicksville, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Antoine V. Rodgers Jr., Gary, IN; Permit viol; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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Benton Twp
From: Wobler John
To: Good Choice Rental Homes Ltd 219 W Townline St, 4443 West Rd, Convoy Oh 45832; 510 - Single Family Dwlg Owner Occup, Lot 5 50Ft Es Block G Outlots Payne Vill

Blue Creek Twp
From: Stoller Russell W Stoller Melvene I
To: Stoller Russell W Trustee, Us 127, 12783 Road 82 Apartment 12 Paulding Oh 45879; 101 - Cash - Grain Or General Farm, Npt E1/2 Se1/4 S-1

Brown Twp
From: Stahl Carol

To: Rakes Johnny G State St, 21630 Rd 122, Oakwood Oh 45873; 510 - Single Family Dwlg Owner Occup; Lot 403 & Vac Alley-patterson Add Melrose Vg

Crane Twp
From: Jeffery Don A & Jeffery Julie M
To: Paulding Leasing Llc, Rd 176, 12593 Rd 71, Paulding Oh 45879; 101 - Cash - Grain Or General Farm; Nel/4 Sec 34

Harrison Twp
From: Coomer Rex E
To: Reuille Michelle L, Rd 21, 6306 Cherry Pky, Fort Wayne In 46835; 101 - Cash - Grain Or General Farm Pt W1/2Sw1/4 N Of Creek Antwerp Sec 9

Latty Twp
From: Hartwig Cletus Ray & Hartwig Wilma J Le
To: Renollet Jared, 4844 Rd 117, 4844 Rd 117, Haviland Oh 45851; 511 - Single Family Dwlg Unplat 0-09, Pt Nw1/4 Nw1/4 S-17

Paulding Twp
From: Hanenkratt Jon
To: Walk Loni D, 206 S Grant St, 206 S Grant St, Paulding Oh 45879; 510 - Single Family Dwlg Owner Occup, Lot 4

Washington Twp
From: Lake Robert L Trustee Etal
To: Ross Harold & Ross Beth, 1292 Rd 177, 1520 Rd 187, Cloverdale Oh 45827; 101 - Cash - Grain Or General Farm, S 3/4 N1/2 Sw1/4 Sec-33

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Vice President-elect) Mike Pence, a bigger jobs story was playing out with less fanfare. It's about a major transformation underway in our energy sector that is driving company growth and creating thousands of local jobs that cannot be exported or automated. Indiana is just on the tip of this wave. In fact, the Hoosier State is shaping up as a case study in riding this wave - or letting it pass us by.

Energy innovation and diversification represent a tremendous opportunity for Indiana. As companies evaluate where to locate or expand operations, our ability to help them achieve their goals will lead to more jobs, an expanding economy, and enhance our global reputation as a terrific place to do business.

The trend towards electric transportation is getting stronger as well. We now see hybrid and electric cars on our streets and highways. A new Ohio-based company, Workhorse, produces electric-powered delivery trucks for clients like FedEx and UPS, and has plans to build a new line of four-wheel-drive electric pickup trucks here in Indiana at a plant acquired

from Navistar International.

As this market shift evolves, Indiana can get ahead of the energy curve - or fall behind. Today, across our state, 48,000 people are employed in the advanced energy sector. Hoosiers make buildings more energy efficient; deploy advanced electricity generation like solar, wind, hydro, and natural gas; produce advanced fuels like ethanol; and lead the way regarding advanced transportation like electric and natural gas-powered vehicles.

How can we make sure Indiana captures its fair share of this growing market? First, we must inform our communities, businesses, and state leaders about the energy transformation and the opportunity it presents. Second, we need to work with our new governor and the legislature to identify the best ways to reduce market barriers and maximize market potential for advanced energy companies. Finally, we must see this not as an energy issue, but as a business opportunity to capture and implement the benefits of technology innovation for our citizens and our workforce.

Sudoku solution from page 13

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INFORMATIONAL MEETING PLANNED FOR U.S. 27 PROJECT IN FORT WAYNE

The Indiana Department of Transportation will hold an informational meeting for the proposed U.S. 27 resurfacing project between Paulding Road to Edgewood Drive in the City of Fort Wayne.

The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. and the doors will open at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 1, at the Shawnee Branch Library, 5600 Noll Ave., Fort Wayne, Indiana.

The purpose of the meeting is to offer all interested

community members information on the proposed resurface project on U.S. 27, which will improve the driving surface for motorists. The future project will also include the upgrade of existing facilities to meet current standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Additional work on the project will include traffic signal modernization and the intersection modification of the Paulding Road/Avondale Drive intersection.

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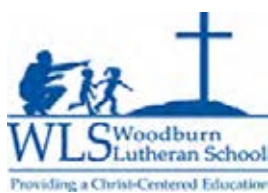
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