

## A BETTER BRANCH EXPERIENCE AT FPFUCU RIBBON CUTTING



Several years in the making finally brought about this day. On Wednesday, January 18 Financial Partners Federal Credit Union opened its doors to a brand new building with a community ribbon cutting.

Dave Shuey, CEO, has been working hard with the Board to make sure there will be a better experience for Financial Partners Federal Credit Union in the small town of Grabill. The builder was LaMacchia Group out of Milwaukee, WI.

Managers from both Grabill and Woodburn were there explaining the difference between the new branch and the previous location. Financial Partners represents over 3600 members and over \$30 million in assets in northeast Indiana and northwest Ohio. Representatives from the board, the Credit Union, and many members were there ready to celebrate.

Previously, the branch location was across the street, and quite small. It had one drive-up combined with an ATM. It certainly wasn't bad because "one advantage of credit unions is they are member owned, meaning lower borrowing rates and higher dividends," said Ang-

ie Peters, Woodburn Branch Manager.

Bringing the advantages from the small building and combining these with the new larger structure, has made it so much better for all the employees and the members. There is now 3 drive-ups - one ATM and two teller access points. There is now a larger lobby and more offices.

The new location is across the street from the previous operation center, but the access drive is located on Country Shoal Lane. "We are so pleased to begin this new building!" stated Jeanne Bailey, Grabill Branch Manager. Jeanne has been with Financial Partners for over 22 years and has watched the business change quite a bit.

There is quite a history to the Credit Union. It was started as Milan Federal Credit Union in 1965 in the parking lot of BFGoodrich. Over the years it has become much larger with multiple locations, including an ATM right at the factory.

For more information on Financial Partners Federal Credit Union, visit a branch or the website at: financial-partnersfcu.org or call 260-627-2111 or 260-632-4245.

## NEW BANNER UNVEILED @ HAND OF HOPE



Hands of Hope Pregnancy Services in Paulding was excited to unveil the new banner donated to them by West Bend Printing and Publishing. Seen in the picture is Exec. Director Melinda Stoller standing by the newly hung banner. Hands of Hope is excited to start offering free ultrasounds to the public.

## WARNING ON DOOR TO DOOR SALES IN ANTWERP

Antwerp Residents should be aware that anyone selling directly to your home is required to have a signed permit from Police Chief George Clemens. If the door to door sales person can not produce this permit, do not leave them into your home and call the police department at 419-258-2627 to report them. The Village has posted at the corporation limits that sales people going door to door are required to get a permit. There has been recent reports of sales people being in Antwerp without the permit and not having the best intentions in mind. So please ask for the signed permit and do not allow anyone in your house that does not have a up-to-date, signed permit. Please feel free to talk to the police department at any time if you see or are approached by anyone trying to persuade you to let you have them entered your house. Again the police department phone number is 419-258-2627.

## OHIO EMA NOW ACCEPTING SAFE ROOM APPLICATIONS

The Ohio Safe Room Rebate Program is once again accepting applications. The program provides a rebate for the purchase and construction/installation of tornado safe rooms for Ohio homeowners selected for the program.

"The entire state of Ohio is at risk of an EF5 tornado, which produces 250 mile per hour winds capable of destroying most structures," said Steve Ferryman, Ohio EMA mitigation branch chief. "A safe room is built to withstand these winds and resulting airborne debris and provides near absolute protection for occupants."

A safe room is an extreme-wind shelter or space that provides protection to people during a tornado. It can be constructed/installed in one of several places in the home: in the basement, beneath a concrete slab-on-grade foundation or garage floor, or in an interior room on the first floor. A safe room may also be buried in the yard or be a stand-alone structure near your home.

Residents selected for the program are eligible for a rebate up to 75 percent of the cost to install or construct a safe room - up to a maximum of \$4,875. To apply for the Ohio Safe Room Rebate Program, homeowners have until 5:00 p.m. March 10, to register on the Ohio EMA website: <https://ohiosharpp.ema.state.oh.us/SafeRoom2016/2017.aspx>.

The Ohio Safe Room Rebate Program will use a computerized random selection process to select applicants. A priority list of applicants will be created from the selected applicants. Chosen homeowners will be notified by e-mail of their position on the priority list on or after March 13. Ohio EMA anticipates grant funding will become available this year and having a list of participants who meet program requirements will expedite the rebate process.

Funding for the rebate program is through a partner-

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## ANTWERP COUNCIL RECOGNIZES WALMART



Mayor Ray DeLong presents a plaque to Bill Graham for the generosity of the Walmart Foundation

By: Jarrison Steiner

For a while now, the Antwerp Police Department has been giving back to the community (not that they don't already do enough). As soon as it gets around the holidays, Chief George Clemens, or other members of the department, are out presenting Walmart gift cards to members of the Antwerp community. This is such a wonderful charity that the department holds for people in Antwerp who are in need or have given back. This program is made possible by the Walmart Foundation. The Walmart Foundation was able to provide \$1500 for the police department to give away.

On Tuesday, January 17th, the Antwerp Town Council held its monthly meeting. However, this meeting was not simply an ordinary meeting. Chief Clemens, along with the Council and Mayor DeLong, had invited Bill Graham, manager of the Defiance Walmart, to accept an award thanking Walmart and the people involved for providing the grant. In

the process of applying for the grant, Chief Clemens went online and applied at the Walmart Foundation's website. This application was first noticed by Rachel Hollinger, a Rep. for Anderson, who then brought it to Mr. Graham's attention. Being that this was a smaller, local grant for a community, he was able to approve it and provide the police department with the funds. The Walmart Foundation offers many grants. The community grants can go up to \$2,500, but the Foundation also offers a higher level of grants. Regional/state level grants can range from \$25,000 to \$200,000 and National grants range from \$250,000 and above.

Three plaques were given, one was for Bill Graham, the second was for Rachel Hollinger, and the third was specifically for Walmart and will be hung up at the store in Defiance. Chief Clemens, the Antwerp PD, Mayor DeLong, and the entire town council was very appreciative of Walmart for making this program possible.

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**OBITUARIES**

**DEFIANCE OHIO**

**Tim Overmyer**, 61 of Defiance passed away Wednesday, Jan 18, 2017 at home. His family is being assisted by Dooley Funeral Homes of Antwerp & Payne, Ohio.

**PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 1/25 - 1/31**

1/25 - Birthday & Anniversary Celebration; Crafts at 12:30 p.m.; Grocery shopping 1:30 p.m.; Bingo w/Buckeye Hearing at 12:00 p.m.

1/26 - Euchre at 9:45 a.m.; Euchre at 12:15 p.m.; Bingo w/gardens of Paulding at 10:00 a.m.

1/27 - Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.; Craft store open 11 - 2; Bingo w/VanCrest at 12:00 p.m.

1/30 - "Shedding Pounds" at 9:30 a.m.; Exercise at 10:00 a.m.

1/31 - Euchre at 9:45 a.m.; Euchre at 12:15 p.m.; Trivia w/Nicole at 12:00 p.m.

**PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 1/25 - 1/31**

1/25 - Meatloaf, hash-brown bake, creamed peas, mixed fruit, dinner roll, apple cinnamon bar, milk

1/26 - Liver and onions, mashed potatoes, broccoli, oranges & pineapple, w.w. bread/graham crackers, milk; Liver Alt: Swiss steak

1/27 - Ham & swiss sandwich, vegetable & rice soup, potato salad, mixed fruit, tomato juice, crackers, milk

1/30 - Pork cutlet, rice pilaf, scalloped corn, fruit compote, grape juice, w.w. bread, milk

1/31 - Chili w/crackers, tossed salad, tropical fruit, gingerbread, apple juice, w.w. bread, milk

**NATURAL POSTURE FOR PAIN FREE LIVING DISCUSSED AT COOPER COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

The Cooper Community Library Branch, of the Paulding County Carnegie Library, will be hosting an adult class on Monday, February 6, at 6:00 p.m. Phil Sherry will discuss Kathleen Porter's book "Natural Posture for Pain Free Living".

Life runs smoother if we pay attention to the way we walk, sit, sleep and stand, skeletal speaking. We can prepare for a longer life by aligning our skeleton. Our posture affects our mood, health and longevity. It only takes a little practice and it becomes automatic to correct the alignment. Come join the discussion on how structural changes can improve your life.

The Cooper Community Branch Library 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. Follow us on Facebook for upcoming events, or call 419-594-3337 to learn more.

**LUTHERAN CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL ANNOUNCES 2017 CALENDAR OF SAFE SITTER ESSENTIALS CLASSES**

Lutheran Children's Hospital is now enrolling participants for its first Safe Sitter® Essentials class of the year scheduled for April 5. Safe Sitter is a medically-accurate instructional program that teaches girls and boys how to handle emergencies when caring for young children. Classes incorporate lifesaving techniques, how and when to talk with a 9-1-1 dispatcher, injury prevention, behavior management, managing a toddler or preschool guest, valuable tips on child care and how to screen babysitting jobs.

The classes are taught by Lutheran Children's Hospital staff and prepare babysitters to confidently handle normal situations and crises. The training also dives into how to be safe with social media and obtaining resources online for appropriate children's activities.

Registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, and class size is limited. The class includes an information packet and a backpack. Graduates from a Safe Sitter® course receive a completion card demonstrating that they know how to use their skills in situations they encounter.

Classes take place from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on the

following dates at Lutheran Hospital:

2017 April 5, June 7, July 13, August 2, December 28.

Students must be at least 11 years old to participate. To register, contact Lisa Pearson, RN, at (260) 435-2699, or by email at lpearson@lhn.net. More details are available online at lutheranchildrenshosp.com.

**SEASONAL DEPRESSION? WHAT CAN I DO?**

By: **Angel Steiner**

The dark months of winter are officially upon us all and with it comes many things. The various activities of the season - the aftermath of the holidays, basketball games, wearing hats and gloves everywhere, shoveling snow - keep us busy, but shadow what many people suffer through in silence - seasonal depression. It is not necessary to go it alone when these days or weeks of darkness occur. It seems cliché to say, but there is help available. People are ready and willing to help and listen when the time comes. The first step is becoming aware that depression is a problem that needs dealt with. Blogger, Kate Kripke, offers a listing of 10 tips to ease the pains of seasonal depression, and there should be at least one that appeals to most anyone suffering from this troublesome condition.

1) Identify one thing that remains constant during this season and pay attention to it. For example, I go to work at 9am every morning or I take a shower every night. Keep these things at the front of your mind and keep doing them.

2) Meet your basic needs. Eat, sleep, drink water, and exercise, yes, even when you don't feel like it.

3) Stay connected. This one may seem challenging because the first thing we all want to do when it gets dark and cold is bundle up inside our houses under blankets with the TV on. Well, do this in a group setting - have Gilmore Girls marathons with friends, host a 5th quarter party after the basketball game.

4) What do you need to feel well? Ask yourself this question every morning when you wake up. Use this as an exercise to make your brain

think constructively.

5) Be kind to yourself. It is so easy to tear ourselves down especially if we are already in a depressed mood. Cut yourself some slack during these gloomy times.

6) Talk about it. Mention how you've been feeling the next time you get together with friends. Say something to your spouse after dinner. Talking about it most likely will reveal that there are others who are feeling the same way you are, and a support system can be created.

7) Plan ahead for these winter months. If you know you are one who struggles with the dark and gloomy days of winter, there are some things you can do in preparation for these down days. Have a meal prep day when you make multiple batches of soup or casseroles and freeze them for those days when cooking just seems too daunting. Make sure to take your nutritional supplements to keep your immune system healthy - sickness exacerbates depression. Preregister for those exercise classes while you are feeling good, so you have a sense of obligation to go.

8) Change the color in the home. This may seem trivial, but a change of scenery certainly does something for the mood. If you don't have the money to change the entire décor of a room, maybe change the throw pillows or sew some appliqués on that blanket or even redo the wall hanging for a fresh look.

9) Just breathe. Sometimes we get ourselves so worked up, we feel like we are being choked on the responsibilities looming over us. It is in those moments when we need to pause, and remember to breathe in through the nose and out through the mouth, and let it go. Deep breathing exercises can do wonders in moments of panic, anxiety, and depression.

10) Keep that perspective. All of these above suggestions are easier said than done when you are wallowing in the deep dark pits of a depressed state. It is all-consuming, never-ending, hopeless, helpless, lost. Even in those darkest moments, remember these 4 little words - This Too Shall Pass. The storm just abruptly end when you say this nor does the pain of the depression go away just because you uttered these words. What it does is give a glimmer of hope that there is an exit to the tunnel you feel trapped in.

In a Harvard Health Watch publication, the concept of light therapy was discussed as a possible tool to help alleviate depression. As I mentioned before, the lack of light does something to the brain as the seasons shift. The delicate balance of the body's serotonin and melatonin may become off balance. Serotonin helps the body feel full and gives us our happy mood, and its production is stimulated by light; while its counterpart, melatonin, is stimulated by the lack of light and makes of feel sleepy. It makes sense why people feel so groggy in the mornings when it is not accompanied by the sunrise as it was in summertime.

Consider all these suggestions as you weave through this the changing of the seasons as they may give cause for concern with your health. Remember that you are not

**SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK**

"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you."  
James 1:5 NIV

**STUDENTS MAKE MAGIC OO GLASSES**



Students in Mrs. Perkins's first grade class at Payne Elementary have been working on reading words with the oo vowel team. Students made "Magic oo Glasses", and then were to read a story, and write all of the words they found with that vowel team. Pictured are Owen Welch and Khloe Merriman.

alone, and there is help available to combat seasonal depressions. If you are unsure if you just have a small case of the blues or if it may be something more, don't ignore it, talk to your doctor.

**PAULDING FALLS TO AYERSVILLE**

On Saturday, January 21 Paulding took on Ayersville in boys basketball. The game started with both teams being highly competitive: Jaret Miller started with a 3 point basket in the first quarter along with Griffin Harder sinking two field goals for the team. Ayersville's first period looked quite similar Dauson Dales also 2 field goals. The first period ended 10-12 with the Pilots holding the small lead.

The second period gave the Pilots the time of high flying over the Panthers. The advantage came with all seven sets foul shot attempts and nine were made—in this quarter alone. By the end of the game the Pilots added 23 free-throws to their score after scoring 68% of the attempts. Subtract out the free throw difference between the teams and the score would have been tied. The half ended 22-30

The third quarter continued the Ayersville offensive with Mike McGuire leading the charge when he scored 10 points in this quarter alone. Paulding's Marcus Miller sunk his third 3-point basket of the game in this period and continued on with 2 more free throw shots. Preston Ingol got on the board for the first time in this time also.

Fourth quarter was Paulding's best when they added 14 altogether. The Panthers did quite well on free-throws also, but it didn't stop all the free-throws the Pilots were dropping in on their side of the court. The game finished with the Pilots in the lead 61-47.

Score by Quarter:  
Paulding: 10 12 11 14 = 47  
Ayersville: 12 18 16 15 = 61  
Paulding Scorers: Marcus Miller 16; Ethan Rhonehouse 2; Jaret Miller 11; Cameron Doster 3; Preston Ingol 8; Logan Bradford 1; Austin Howell 2; Griffin Harder 4;

Ayersville Scorers: Jacob Miller 8; Trace Lawson 4; RJ Addington 4; Ethan Schlachter 9; Mike McGuire 16; Dauson Dales 10; Jaylon Martinez 9

**ARCHER 7TH GRADE BASKETBALL DEFEAT BULLDOGS TWICE**

On January 14th the Antwerp Archers 7th grade boys basketball team faced the Edgerton Bulldogs at the Wayne Trace 7th grade tournament. The Archers played a solid floor game to secure the win against the Bulldogs 38-25.

Scoring for Antwerp was: Jagger Landers with 18 points, Luke Krouse scored 8 points. Tucker Franklin and Kaden Recker put in five points each and Gage McMichael rounded out the scoring column with one basket for 2 points.

On January 17th the Antwerp Archers 7th grade boys basketball team traveled to Edgerton, Ohio to take on the Bulldogs for the second time in four days. The Archers started off slower than honey pouring from a bottle. Once the boys stepped up their defensive efforts, they began to convert turnovers into points and pulled away to secure a 17 point win on the Bulldogs home court. The final score was 38-21 in favor of the Archers.

Scoring for Antwerp were: Luke Krouse with 18 points, Jagger Landers scored 12 points. Kaden Miller and Hunter Sproles tossed in 3 points a piece and Kaden Recker rounded out the scoring column with one basket for 2 points.

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ship with the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grant programs. Ohio homeowners would be responsible for 25 percent of the construction costs and any additional costs over the 75 percent maximum rebate of \$4,875.

Safe rooms must meet FEMA requirements in FEMA publications 320 and 361, and cannot be constructed/installed prior to the rebate drawing and notification from Ohio EMA to proceed with construction. Ohio EMA plans to offer this rebate program on an annual basis. When and if HMA funding becomes available, the amount of funding will determine the number of rebates.

If, after visiting the Ohio EMA website, interested people have questions, they should call Jacob Hoover at 614.799.3538.

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Kelly Maxfield



Jessica Seago

iAB is pleased to announce the promotion of Kelly Maxfield and Jessica Seago as branch managers of iAB's Leo and Bluffton North offices, respectively.

Kelly Maxfield has been with iAB for over 10 years and now manages iAB's Leo office. Besides additional banking management experience, Kelly has a background in retail and customer service. She graduated from Churubusco High School and attended Ravenscroft Beauty College. In her spare time, she enjoys gardening, reading and spending time with her two sons.

Jessica Seago has been promoted to Branch Manager of the Bluffton North office and has been with iAB for over 7 years. She holds an Associates Degree in Office Administration from Ivy Tech Community College. Jessica is active in her community, sitting on the boards of Bluffton Band Boosters and Wells County Junior Achievement (JA), and volunteers as a teacher for JA and as a Mentor Mom with Family Centered Services. When outside of the office, Jessica enjoys spending time with her family, and participating in her church and children's activities.

iAB Financial Bank, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Independent Alliance Banks, Inc., is one of the largest locally-owned community banks in the area and employs approximately 290 people throughout Allen, Huntington, Marshall and Wells counties.

**IDENTIFYING TREES IN THE WINTER**

**By: Patrick Troyer, Education Specialist**

So you are taking a stroll through the woods and you come across a tree but just cannot seem to identify it. All you see is a dormant tree with only the branches showing. The question now becomes, how can it be identified with no leaves or any other distinguishable features? Fear not, identifying those dormant trees is not as tricky as most might think and can be quite simple with a little practice and knowing what to look for.

Let's start with the most basic identifying characteristics of trees. The first thing to know when identifying trees is whether the tree is a deciduous tree or a conifer tree. The deciduous tree will develop and lose leaves with the annual arrival of spring and winter. Conifer trees (pines/spruce trees etc.) will have leaves all year round no matter the season. Once that much has been narrowed down, the identifying process gets a bit easier to work through. When we use leaves to make identification, we need to consider how they are placed on the stem such as simple (single leaf), or compound (several leaves attached to a midrib) as well as what shape the leaf appears. In addition, characteristics of shape such as the margins (smooth, toothed, lobed), and stem length will come in handy. These tips are great to know, but how do you ID in the winter?

The Nature Conservancy provides several tips on how dormant trees can be identified in the winter months. They write that even though leaves are no longer on the trees, if you know how the buds are arranged on the tree, bark texture, as well as shape and size of the twigs, you have a good start at winter tree identification. Nonetheless, some detective work will most likely be involved with identification.

Shape, size, color, and texture of the buds on a tree will be different with each species per the Nature Conservancy. Buds that flower will form in different places and in different sizes among species. The Nature Conservancy further writes that it is important to look at the number and arrangement of the buds on twigs as they will help to know which tree you are looking at.

Branches are another key thing to look at with winter

tree identification. Every tree has a specific arrangement of branches whether it be alternate or opposite. Alternate branching means that any twigs and buds will grow from the main branch one at a time. Opposite branching means that twigs and buds will grow off the main branch in pairs. The Nature Conservancy writes that ashes, dogwoods, and maples would be an example of opposite branching while alternate branching trees would be birches, sycamores, and tulip trees.

Bark is another characteristic that is helpful to identify trees in the winter. Each tree has a specific color, thickness, texture, and pattern to its bark and learning the feel of the bark on your hands is helpful to know per the Nature Conservancy. Some things to feel for would be hardness and scaliness. There are some species such as the Shagbark Hickory that will peel their bark. Nature Conservancy writes that the Shagbark Hickory will peel its bark vertically in large, thick, and curving strips compared to the Paper Birch that will peel horizontally in large strips.

The smell of bark comes in handy as well. According to the Nature Conservancy, if you scratch off a small piece of the outer layer of bark and smell it you will receive a scent that is unique to a specific species. For example, the Yellow Birch will have an evergreen scent which then comes in handy to narrow down the specific species of birch you might be looking at. Other trees like the wild cherry will give off an almond scent.

Conifer trees are much easier to spot in the winter as they still appear green year-round. Some things to note about conifers is to look at the foliage (needles) noting whether they are thin/soft or thick/sharp as well as how they are bundled will help greatly with ID per the Nature Conservancy. Cones will be another big clue with conifers as size and shape will be different from one species to another. Some conifer trees that you might identify in the area include Bald Cypress, Cedar, Hemlock, Pine, and Spruce.

What are you waiting for? Get out there and start identifying the trees around you! There are several guides available to you from groups such as the Arbor Day Foundation or the Nature Conservancy that will help with the ID process and provide more specific identification keys. Go enjoy the world outdoors, no matter the season!

**USDA INVESTS \$13.6 MILLION IN CITRUS GREENING RESEARCH**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) announced four grants totaling more than \$13.6 million to combat a scourge on the nation's citrus industry, citrus greening disease, aka Huanglongbing. The funding is made possible through NIFA's Specialty Crop Research Initiative (SCRI) Citrus Disease Research and Extension Program, authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill.

"The economic impact of citrus greening disease is

measured in the billions," said NIFA Director Sonny Ramaswamy. "NIFA investments in research are critical measures to help the citrus industry survive and thrive, and to encourage growers to replant with confidence."

Huanglongbing (HLB) is currently the most devastating citrus disease worldwide. HLB was first detected in Florida in 2005 and has since affected all of Florida's citrus-producing areas leading to a 75 percent decline in Florida's \$9 billion citrus industry. Fifteen U.S. States or territories are under full or partial quarantine due to the presence of the Asian citrus psyllid (ACP), a vector for HLB.

Since 2009, USDA has invested more than \$400 million to address citrus greening, including more than \$57 million through the Citrus Disease Research and Extension Program since 2014. Awards for grant applications submitted in FY 2016 include:

- Clemson University, Clemson, South Carolina, \$4,274,523
- Regents of the University of California, Riverside, California, \$5,112,000
- Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, \$2,476,099
- USDA Agricultural Research Service (ARS), Athens, Georgia, \$1,821,197

Funded projects include Clemson University researchers using naturally HLB-resistant citrus trees to develop new resistant varieties using the CRISPR-Cas9 genome editing tool. The Regents of the University of California project will design and identify HLB bactericides based on both natural and nanotechnology approaches. Researchers at Iowa State University will investigate the use of sustainable, naturally occurring soil bacteria to control ACP. The ARS project will identify and assess the effectiveness and economic viability of chemotherapy treatment options.

More information on these projects is available on the NIFA website.

Among past projects, the University of Florida developed bactericides to help recover fruit production in HLB-affected orchards. Research at the University of California used virulence proteins to develop strategies for creating citrus rootstocks that are immune to HLB.

NIFA is a member of the federal Multi-Agency Coordination (MAC) group to help deliver near-term tools to citrus growers to combat HLB. In addition, NIFA support to the National Plant Diagnostic Network helps plant diagnostic laboratories share best practices and expedite diagnoses and screening for ACP and HLB. The network coordinates diagnostician training in HLB with USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's Plant Protection and Quarantine. These services enable rapid and accurate diagnoses and support U.S. food security.

Since 2009, NIFA has invested in and advanced innovative and transformative initiatives to solve societal challenges and ensure the long-term viability of agriculture. NIFA's integrated research, education and extension programs support the best and brightest scientists and extension personnel whose work results in

user-inspired, groundbreaking discoveries that combat childhood obesity, improve and sustain rural economic growth, address water availability issues, increase food production, find new sources of energy, mitigate climate variability and ensure food safety.

To learn more about NIFA's impact on agricultural science, visit [www.nifa.usda.gov/impacts](http://www.nifa.usda.gov/impacts), sign up for email updates or follow us on Twitter @usda\_NIFA, #NIFAimpacts.

**CONGRESSMAN LATTA PROPOSES LEGISLATION TO ELIMINATE DEATH TAX**

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) has re-introduced legislation for the 115th Congress that would permanently eliminate the Federal estate tax, also known as the death tax. The Permanently Repeal the Estate Tax Act would provide needed relief to farmers and small business owners in Ohio and across the country. In sectors that require high capital investments, like agriculture, families often have difficulty meeting tax requirements imposed by the estate tax because their liquid assets are much lower than the value of land, property, and equipment. In addition to the costs imposed at death, the estate tax also has a stifling economic impact beforehand due to the cost of life insurance and financial preparation needed to plan and comply with the tax.

"For too many small businesses and farmers, the death tax is a barrier that makes it difficult to pass on the fruits of their labor to future generations," said Latta. "Not only that, there are real economic consequences as families are forced to take out costly insurance policies, sell off equipment or land, and reduce the size of their business or farm to ensure that they won't be harmed by the estate tax in the future. In addition to the economic benefits for Ohio and the nation, repealing this unpopular tax is the right thing to do to stay consistent with our American values of entrepreneurship and hard work."

The top Federal estate tax rate is currently set at 40 percent with an exemption of \$5.45 million in 2016 and is leveled on the assets of a person's estate when they pass away. Latta's legislation also ensures that individuals are not taxed on the increased value of an estate by retaining the stepped-up basis at death.

**LATTA TO SERVE ON E&C SUBCOMMITTEES ON ENERGY; COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY**

Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH) has been re-appointed to the House Energy and Commerce's (E&C) Subcommittee on Communica-

tions and Technology and Subcommittee on Energy in an announcement made by Committee Chairman Greg Walden (R-OR). Latta previously served on both subcommittees in the 114th Congress, including as Vice-Chair of the Communications and Technology Subcommittee. These re-appointed positions are in addition to Latta's new role as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection for the 115th Congress, which was announced last week.

"In addition to my new role as Chairman of the Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection Subcommittee, I welcome the opportunity to continue to help shape our nation's energy and telecommunications policy," said Latta. "Our country's energy infrastructure is not only critical to our economic growth, but also our national security. I look forward to working with my colleagues to protect our electric grid and ensure that the U.S. continues to lead globally in energy production. At the same time, I'll continue to work on telecommunication policies that empower consumers and spur innovation — including advocating for increased broadband access in our rural communities."

The Communications and Technology Subcommittee has jurisdiction over electronic communications, the Federal Communications Commission, emergency and public communications, cybersecurity, and privacy. The Energy Subcommittee has jurisdiction over the nation's energy policy including fossil energy, renewable energy, nuclear energy, utility issues, as well as oversight of the Department of Energy and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**WARRIORS HOLD ON FOR A WIN**

**By: Jeff Abbott**

Woodlan and Heritage battled back and forth throughout the ACAC boys' basketball championship game before a 7-0 run to start the fourth quarter, all points from Tre'von McCarter, was enough to lift the Warriors into the lead for good and the Warriors hung on for a 35-32 win over the Patriots. The ACAC title was the 12th for the Warriors. Woodlan led 11-10 at the end of the first quarter with the Patriots taking a 19-16 into the locker room at halftime. The score was tied at the end of the third period and McCarter scoring the first 7 points of the fourth to give Woodlan the lead for good. Austin Fancher led the Warriors with 15 points and McCarter finished with 9 points.

Woodlan 11 5 7 12 - 35  
Heritage 10 9 4 9 - 32  
Woodlan Fancher 15,  
McCarter 9, Hahn 7, Gerig 2, Howard 2  
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# GAME DAY AT PAYNE ELEMENTARY



Mrs. Pfeiffer's 3A class at Payne Elementary School earned over 4,000 Class Dojo points! So, they got to have a "GAME DAY" Class Dojo Party! They played "Left, Right, Center," "Checkers," and "Battleship."

## JUBILATE DEO

Dan Forrest's Jubilate Deo brings to life the global aspect of the traditional Psalm 100 text, by setting it in seven different languages and drawing from a wide spectrum of musical influences. The result is a stunning global celebration of joy as all the earth sings as one, "omnis terra, jubilate!" Shows will be featuring Defiance College Chamber Singers and Defiance College Choral Union (directed by Jim Watson, accompanied by Hannah Watson with chamber musicians) and will be Friday, February 17 at 7:00 p.m. at St. John UCC, Defiance College Campus and Sunday, February 19 at 4:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Paulding, OH.

## THE LAMB OF GOD

By: Rev. Gerry Weesner, Maples United Methodist Church

"The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.'" John 1:29-31 (NIV).

"Look" said John, pointing to Jesus as Jesus draws near to him and his disciples. "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" John is referring to the Passover Lamb, the lamb that every household in Israel slaughtered each year and whose blood was then painted on the doorposts of their homes as a way of remembering the first Passover. The Passover Lamb whose blood signified that those who sheltered behind it were to be spared death and given new life.

But when John points at Jesus and says "behold the lamb of God", he says some-

thing more about Jesus than the images of the Passover Lamb might suggest to us. He says that this person, this Lamb of God, provided by God's own hands, does more than simply spare the lives of his chosen people and help to bring them to the Promised Land.

What John is indicating when he points to Jesus and says "Look, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" is that this man, this Jesus is the one promised by Isaiah and so many of the other prophets: That he is the one who is sent by God to bring salvation to the ends of the earth. That he is the one who will enable all people to be free from slavery to sin and reconnect them to the perfect and holy God who created and sustains us.

John is saying that Jesus will free all people from the sentence of death, not just those people God chose at the beginning to be his people and he is giving to those who hear him, to his own disciples, an indication of how that would come about; by the offering of his own body and blood.

The Lamb of God who takes away the Sin of the World will offer his body and his blood for us once and for all, the final sacrifice. Here is one who was unblemished, one who was without sin, an innocent person taking upon himself the punishment that should be ours; giving his life that we may have life.

As all the saints and the angels in heaven say in Revelation 5:12b, "Worthy is the Lamb, the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"

## BIBLE QUESTIONS

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

- 1st John 3:14; Is love of the brethren optional? Yes or no?
- 1st John 3:14; Love sig-

nifies \_\_\_\_\_?

3. 1st John 3:14; Hate signifies \_\_\_\_\_?

4. 1st John 3:15; A person who hates his brother is a \_\_\_\_\_?

5. 1st John 3:15; Can a person love and hate at the same time? Yes or no?

6. 1st John 3:15; What does the term "no murderer has eternal life" mean?

7. Discussion: If our hearts are filled with brotherly love, does this shows we are God's children?

8. 1st John 3:16; How is Christ's love showed to us? Ref John 3:16

9. 1st John 3:16; How did God show His love to us?

10. 1st John 3:16; How do Christians show their love to each other?

Comments, questions, need some assistance in your studies, we are here to help. James Potter 419-393-4775 or e-mail jsp1941@yahoo.com also Lonnie Lambert is at 419-399-5022. Jesus loves all of us, and so does the church of Christ.

Answers to today's questions:

1. No; 2. Life; 3. Death; 4. Murderer; 5. No; 6. It is impossible for man to have the spirit of murder in him and yet have eternal life; 7. yes; 8. By dying on the cross; 9. By allowing Christ His son to come to the world and be crucified; 10. Be willing to die for one another.

Today the question could be asked "How narrow minded" are you? Often the Christian may be accused of being narrow-minded because he insists that we must completely obey Christ. Yet all of life is narrow. There is no room for broad mindedness in the chemical laboratory. Water is composed of two parts hydrogen and one part oxygen. Deviation is forbidden. There is no room for broad mindedness in music. There are only eight notes in an octave. In the mathematic class room, things are narrow. Geometry calculus, nor trigonometry allows zero variation from accuracy. The solution to the problem is either right or it is wrong. On the athletic field, the game is played by the rules. How, then, shall we expect that broad mindedness shall rule, in the realm of Christianity and morals?

Ol' Baldy says bye for now, but continue to pray, read and study the Bible, especially the New Testament. Luv Ya!

## HAITI EARTHQUAKE SURVIVORS INTERVIEWED AT LIFETREE CAFÉ

A rare filmed interview with survivors of a catastrophic earthquake in Haiti will be screened at Lifetree Café from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Thursday, January 26th.

The program, titled, "Why Did I Survive? Questions From Natural Disasters and Other Scrapes with Death," features a filmed interview with Rodney and Lillian Smoker who were serving as missionaries in Haiti when the earthquake occurred.

"There was a huge noise like a Mac truck, and then things started shaking," Rodney Smoker says. "The last thing I remember was the ceiling coming down. Then everything was flat, dark, and there was so much dust you could hardly breathe."

During the program, participants will see personal video footage of the after-

math of the earthquake.

Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is located at the Washwell 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

February 2nd topic: "Confronting Evil. One Man Takes A Stand."

## GET INTO ACTION !!

Please join Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church on January 29, 2017 to find out how you can serve your community through Thrivent Action Teams. You do not have to be a member of Mt. Calvary or of Thrivent to get involved.

Join Mt. Calvary for worship at 10:15 followed by a potluck and presentation by Leslye Willison, Thrivent's Community Engagement Leader.

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Mt. Calvary is located at 3497 County Road 424 in Answerp. Call 419.258.6505 for more information.

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## GRABILL/WOODBURN HARDWARE DONATE TO YOUTH FOR CHRIST



This past December, the team at Grabill & Woodburn Hardware made a charitable donation to the Youth for Christ for \$1000.00. "We believe in and appreciate the ministry of this fine local organization" said Claude Schrock. "Supporting youth ministry in our community is so very important to helping our area grow in the future." In the photo is Jim Gerig, Claude Schrock, and Len Schrock from Grabill & Woodburn Hardware along with Mike Steiner from Youth for Christ.

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

My name is Tam Pollock and I would like to respond to a column by Rev. Gerry Weesner.

I was taken aback and offended when he stated how Joseph would bring shame to himself and his family by taking Mary as his wife. A woman who was hand picked by God himself to be the mother of our Lord.

Yes, she was pregnant, but it was by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Rev. Weesner then went on to say how Joseph would bring scorn to his family. If he were to read Matthew chapter 1 verses 20-24, he would see how God sent an angel to Joseph saying how Mary was pregnant by the Holy Spirit and how she would bear a son and his name would be

Jesus. No where does it mention that Joseph either felt or brought shame or scorn to himself or his family. Another thing: Joseph was not the only one who was obedient to God. Mary was too. She was conceived without sin so she could bear God's son, who was also without sin. The angel, Gabriel, told her she had found her favor with God and that she would conceive and bear a son. She didn't doubt God, she just asked how it could be since she had never been with a man.

That is when Gabriel said she would be over shadowed by the Holy Spirit. She said she was the hand maid of the Lord and to let it be done to her as the angel had said.

—Tam Pollock  
Antwerp, OH

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Ms. Pollock is correct in what she says as she is writing from the perspective of two thousand years of Christian history. However, what she refers to in my article is in regards to secular society of the time and how that secular society would relate to Mary's pregnancy and her not being married. I have nothing but the highest regard for Mary and Joseph and what they had to go through in that time and place in order to carry out God's plans for our salvation.

If we refer to Luke 1:39-56, we are given the story of Mary's visit to her relative Elizabeth, who herself was pregnant by a miracle of God.

It is from this visit that we are given Mary's song the Magnificat, but who other than Elizabeth, pregnant with John the Baptist, would understand Mary's situation.

I am eighty years old and when I was young, our own secular society was much

more Christian and conservative. I recall when I was in grade school, a high school girl was found to be pregnant. It was scandal in the school and community. Consider then a society as was then that would be even more harsh in judgement and reaction.

—Rev. Gerry Weesner

**NEW HAVEN WATER BILL INCREASE**

**By: Councilperson Craig Dellinger:**

I'd like to start this post by saying everything I'm writing is my opinion as an individual New Haven City Councilperson and resident. It's not necessarily the opinions of the rest of the Council, the Mayor or anyone else at the City of New Haven.

An ordinance was introduced at Council on January 10th which would raise the water portion of your water/sewer/storm water bill by 30% this year followed by a 20% increase next year. The decision to raise rates was based on the repeated increases of wholesale water from Fort Wayne and increasing operating costs. We purchase our water from Fort Wayne as well as paying them to treat our sewage. The last time New Haven raised water rates was in 2011. In 2013, Fort Wayne raised the rates 19.62%, in 2014 another 5.87%, in 2015 another 5.7% and in December of 2016 we received a 36.2% increase. Overall, the combined increases since August of 2011 raised our wholesale water prices over 80%.

A study conducted by Financial Solutions Group, Inc. in December recommended a 50% increase to cover increases and keep our water utility sustainable. The City felt 50% was too large of an increase at one time and broke the recommended increase into two chunks. 30% to take effect April 1st, and another 20% the first of part 2018. Steve McMichael (City Council 5th District) proposed an amendment to the ordinance to keep the 30% increase, but to eliminate the 20% scheduled for next year until we can do further research. The amendment was passed 4-3. We felt that planning an increase a year out wasn't necessary when we meet twice a month. We're also hoping to figure out some ways to be more ef-

ficient and hopefully not need the second increase.

To pass an ordinance, it has to go through three "readings". If an ordinance has a direct financial impact on residents, it has to have a public hearing. The first reading of the Water Ordinance was on January 10th. It passed 7-0 with the amendment to limit the increase to this year. The second reading will be on January 24th, the Public Hearing will be on February 14th, and the third reading on February 28th. The general public is always welcome at City Council meetings (2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7:00) and I encourage you to attend often.

From my view, we really don't have any choice but to pass this 30% increase. But even a 30% won't solve all our problems. It won't fully cover the increases in our costs, but will help us come closer to breaking even. We'll still need to figure out how to operate more efficiently, or we'll face another increase next year.

Last year, the City of New Haven spent \$759,552.55 for our water from Fort Wayne. When you figure the 36.2% increase (effective now), that's an increase of \$274,950.00 over last year (figuring the same amount of water used). We currently have 5,657 water customers. If you take that increase and divide it among all the users, the most recent increase alone increases our costs \$4.05 per customer - per month. Of course larger users will cost more, smaller users less. But \$4.05 is the average cost increase. That doesn't include any of the prior increases, or increases in labor, materials and infrastructure improvements.

A typical bill at our house (2,600 gallons) runs \$15.51 for water, \$1.09 sales tax, \$56.14 for sewer, and \$5.35 for storm water. That's a total of \$78.09. When I figure a 30% increase on water, it will increase our bill \$4.65. There isn't a whole lot left in that increase to cover previous water increases or increased operating expenses over the last 5 years.

I've been fielding a lot of questions from residents the past couple weeks, here are some of the legitimate questions and my opinions.

When will the water/sewer increases end?

That's a very good ques-

**LEO ELEMENTARY SPELL BOWL TEAM RANK HIGH IN COMPETITION**



Leo Elementary students had to try out and practice every Tuesday and Thursday after school for about two months to be prepared for the Spell Bowl competition. During the competition, teams consisted of eight members. They had to spell 7 words. Out of 56 words the Leo team spelled 52 correct. Out of the 8 spellers - 6 spelled all 7 words correct.

The competition involved over 5,940 students from 520 teams. The Leo team placed 10th in the competition.

Leo Elementary School Spell Bowl Purple team includes: Madeline Hunter, Alyssa Stopher, Emily Murphy, Andrew Zehr, Jackson George, Makenna Wilson, Sara Hoepfner, Emmy Kennedy, Ms. Jody Moher, coach

tion and unfortunately, there isn't much good news. Water/sewer costs in general are going to continue to increase. In addition to the increases in wholesale water and sewer rates from Fort Wayne, the Indiana Department of Energy Management (IDEM) requires us to meet standards for waste treatment and eliminating discharges into the rivers. I don't think water rates will increase greatly over the next few years, but sewage rates are going to be a problem. Fort Wayne is just starting their sewer separation project and we've heard estimates from \$500 million to a billion dollars that they'll need to satisfy IDEM requirements. That cost is going to eventually fall on their users. In addition to Fort Wayne's increases, IDEM has required us to submit a plan to eliminate our overflows. Even with the sewer separation that we've already completed, the least expensive plan the engineers have come up with is over \$10 million dollars. If you'll read my previous post about Inflow and Infiltration, it describes the situation and what we can and must do. It's not just New Haven seeing higher rates. Our rates are actually low compared to Hunt-ertown and Hoagland. Fort Wayne has lower rates because of their scale. It's easier to spread operating costs over the large number of customers they have compared to the smaller communities.

utility. The good would hopefully be the lowering bills for our residents (again based on scale). The bad would be potentially losing control of future development in the city as well as the guaranteed quality of service to our residents. If we went down that path, we'd have to make sure the agreement protected New Haven as much as possible. Again, everything is on the table to look at.

What determines our water bill?

The water portion of your utility bill is determined by the cost of wholesale water from Fort Wayne, debt service on the bonds we have for previous water infrastructure improvements (currently \$6,325,000), as well as labor, materials, and operating costs. New Haven has many older neighborhoods with failing infrastructure. We are committed to providing our residents with clean water and sewage no matter which neighborhood you live in. Those repairs and building out for future development are very expensive. The raw cost of water from Fort Wayne is less than 1/2 of your final bill. That's why we don't have to pass along an 89% increase which is what we've received since 2012.

Why haven't we done small increases each year?

That's a good question and I guess the best answer is nobody likes to raise rates - any time. It wasn't until this year's increases that the raise became critical. There has been less and less money available for improvements over the past few years, but we've gotten by. That's not possible in the immediate future without at least the 30% increase.

I know this was long winded, but I hope I've answered some questions. Please feel free to respond with any other questions or comments. We're doing our best to keep New Haven a great place to live, work and play. Unfortunately, sometimes that comes at a cost.

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**THE GREAT FARCE OF 2017**

**By: Stan Jordan**

To me that was the presidential election of 2016. The great rallying cry since 1776 has been you vote for a candidate and the one who gets the most votes wins the seat, HA!, not by a jug full. That line that your vote does count is a sham.

The whole year and a half that those people were electioneering for office was childish and making our American system of getting a good leader a laughing stock. Their actions lead the rest of the world to think all Americans are eight balls, it just didn't leave a clear picture.

I understand this electoral college system will never be changed, whether you like it or not. Most politicians are lawyers and they will keep things as is.

If they are not going to change the election system, I wish they would shorten the length of time a candidate can upset the country with lies and innuendos.

I think 100 days, like they do over in Canada, would be sufficient. But I don't look for that to happen, either.

There is already discention in the republican party system as Trump wants the party to follow his leadings but he doesn't mention doing things for the American public. He is already making remarks and actions like a dictator: If you don't follow me, you're out. As long as the FBI was releasing unsubstantiated wrong action of Hillary during the debate times, Trump quoted the FBI many times, but now that they accuse the Russians of wrong doing, Trump no longer likes the FBI and you can bet their days are numbered.

I imagine the new president, the senators and the congressmen will be like nearly all of the people, they make political promises like we make new year resolutions and immediately forget about them.

See ya!

**SOME MORE ON OUR WILDLIFE**

**By: Stan Jordan**

The other day, John Sowers came into the office and we had a good talk on our wildlife and area history.

John is hip deep with history of the Maumee River in 1831 and Indian artifacts and relics. He lives over in Maumee Twp and the Maumee Center Road and down by the Ohio line.

He said on Christmas day he and his wife could look out the window and see two bald eagles eating a rabbit that the eagles had caught. He said he knows there are eagles in the area.

We discussed the fact that a few miles away around the Bull Rapids area the eagles are around there pretty often. I'm pretty sure that there is a nest of eagles in the area because we hear of their appearance all the time.

I asked John if he had seen a snowy owl he said he had not so far, but he and his wife watch for owls and eagles all the time. They are my kind of people.

That very next day Terry and Cindy Bowers had seen a snowy owl in the Dead Man Curve area. They were amazed at the size of that bird.

Terry and Cindy have a daughter who lives just a little south of the BullRapids Bridge and they see the older and the younger eagles all the time. They also think there is a nest near as that is an ideal area. The water level in the river is low most of the time so the birds can catch fish.

**SAM RIVERS INDIAN AGENT CHAPTER 17: AT THE BUFFALO KILL**

**By: Stan Jordan**

Let me tell you, the excitement of the big herd, the rifle shots and the pounding of hooves died out. And the work started. Our wagon with Callie & I and about eight natives, along with our one soldier, Slim, stopped at the first dead animal and got out. But the fun was over, everyone had a job to do and we got started. Slim had already started gutting this big fellow out.

They raised this buffalo up in the tripod and finished skinning him and taking out his entrails. Then they all pushed the wagon back under the buffalo and loaded him onto the front part of the wagon.

We went on down the meadow to where the next animal lay and we did this procedure all over again. We go him lowered onto the rear of the wagon.

The women walked up to the next dead animal and started removing the hide. The men and I with Callie started back to the Indian camp with the wagon and the two dressed animals.

The camp has a permanent place to hang the meat for the winter. So we drove the wagon right under the poles and beams, and hauled our two buffalo up in the air and cleaned out the wagon. After some coffee and corn cakes, we went back to the herd for another load.

Well, both other wagons had two dressed buffalo and we met them on the trail—they were headed in and we were headed out.

We pushed on passed where we were the first time, probably another mile. The squaws had two more skinned, and were waiting for us. We did just like before, loaded up two more buffalo, and left the horses rest a bit, and went back to the Indian village.

We hung up those two and after a rest, the other two wagons arrived with all the people and all the game.

It was almost dark now, and the workers went down to the creek to wash up. All the villagers already eaten and they helped serve the others. We had two or three lanterns and the firelight. We found a stump or a log to sit on.

The squaws had made a lot of their version of white man's veggie soup. Along with corn meal cookies—and plenty of both. We all had a couple of bowls of soup, and some had more, because it had been a long day.

A few folks brought out their new blankets and wrapped up. With the heat from the big bonfire it was very late in the night when we all turned in. What a day!

It's now October 16, 1852. We had two big iron skillets in one of the supply wagons. We fired up one skillet of deer meat and one of buffalo. While we were eating the meat we had two more skillets frying up. We had Callie & I and the four soldiers, Half Moon and his squaw, Limping Buffalo & his wife, Yellow Flower and their son, Little Beaver. We ate and talked, and then ate some more.

Then Moe fried up some more. Farmer cut up more deer and Half Moon cut up

more buffalo. We are past the middle of the morning, and the soldiers worked and loaded the wagons and put our small buffalo in one of the wagons and we were ready to roll back to the agency.

Slim said, "Why don't we fix up some more meat? We will eat our lunch now and fix enough for us to have supper and breakfast too. All we have to do is make coffee."

Well, everyone agreed to that and they got it done, while Callie and I, took some of both types of meat and we paid our respects to White Elk. He didn't feel like coming to breakfast.

We talked a little and we excused ourselves and told him we had to start home. But, he is not the tough old warrior that he used to be. He wants you to think he is but he is slipping pretty fast.

We started back to the agency. We drove right through to where we ford the Loop River, then followed it for a while. When the sun went down, it cooled off in a hurry and we camped here for the night.

Next week, back to the agency.

See ya!

**BREAKING NEWS: THE EAGLES ARE BUSY**

**By: Stan Jordan**

I have good news to report. It looks like our eagles are rebuilding their nest here east of town.

I talked to some people last week and they said both eagles were sitting around the nest and it looked like the nest was a little larger.

Yesterday, January 22, I talked to Vince Bennett and he said when he looked the nest over, both eagles were around the nest and it looked to him like the nest was a little bigger.

So this is Monday morning and I went down to the nesting area. I didn't see any eagles, but I do believe that the remaining part of the old nest is now larger. We surely hope so.

As I understand they lay their eggs around the first of March and then the eggs hatch around the first of April. So it will take both of them to get the nest ready by March the first. The nest will get bigger as they work on it each spring before nesting time.

That nest has been in that tree for eleven years and we are all proud of it.

See ya!

**ANTWERP CHAMBER MEET TO SET STAGE FOR 2017**



**Pictured here (l-r) all attended the January Antwerp Chamber of Commerce meeting: Michelle Waggoner, Audrey Feasby, Jan Reeb, Kay Langham, Tony Langham, Stephanie Kelble, Kurt Smith, Lynda Rude-Grzytcg, Kelli Bradbury, Sue Fowler, Christy DeLong, Angel Steiner, and Sara Keeran.**

2017 is a new year for many things including the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce. They held their monthly meeting on January 18th at the Essen House Restaurant. After taking a breather in December for the holiday, the Chamber members were ready to get back at serving the businesses and community of Antwerp.

After a debriefing about 2016's Small Business Saturday and Christmas Tree Lighting, the group got down to business and nominated and voted on new officers for the 2017 Chamber of Commerce. The discussion proceeded and the officers were selected. Stephanie Kelble stepped up from her Vice President position into President for 2017. Audrey Feasby will be filling the Vice President role, with Kelli Bradbury and Lynda Rude-Grzytcg will be collaborating in the Secretary position, and Sue Fowler is retaining her position of Treasurer. They decided to table the conversation about board members until the February meeting.

Lynda has the paperwork

ready to send out to Antwerp businesses for Chamber membership – new and renewals. They discussed the upcoming year's events to be included on the letter to give potential and renewing members and overview of what the Chamber does for the businesses and community throughout the year. Some of these events include the Town-Wide Garage Sales, Day in the Park, Small Business Saturday, and the Christmas Tree Lighting.

Setting the budget was tabled till next month in order to give Sue time to get last year's numbers organized. Lynda and Kelli will continue to do the Small Business Spotlight on Facebook and the local newspapers.

Upon adjournment of the meeting, the February meeting was set for February 15th at 12:30 p.m. at the Essen House Restaurant. If you are interested in being a part of the Chamber of Commerce in Antwerp, please contact a current Chamber member and plan to attend the February meeting.

**SOUTHERN WELLS FALLS TO WOODLAN BOYS**

**By: Jeff Abbott**

Woodlan held Southern Wells to just 2 first quarter points and built a 22-2 lead after the first 8 minutes and went on to move into the ACAC boys' basketball tournament championship game with a 64-43 win over the Raiders. The Warriors led 41-15 at the half. Austin Fancher led the Warriors' attack with 16 points as 10 players found the scoring column.

Woodlan 22 17 19 6 - 64

Southern Wells 2 9 11 21 - 43

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

Southern Wells Lightle 9, Barkell 8, Creager 7, Bower 6, Biddle 5, Roush 3, Klosterman 2, Pugh 2, Hoffman 1

**WOODLAN GIRLS HOLD OFF SOUTHERN WELLS**

**By: Jeff Abbott**

The Woodlan girls' basketball team moved in the ACAC basketball tournament championship game cruising to a 66-37 win over Southern Wells in the semi-final game. Woodlan 19-6 after the first period and built the lead to 41-15 at the half. Rain Hinton had 20 points for the War-

rriors and Addison Bayman added 10 points.

Woodlan 19 12 14 21 - 66

Southern Wells 6 9 9 13 - 37

Woodlan Hinton 20, Bayman 10, Houser 9, Kayser 9, Voors 8, McGettigan 4, Reidenbach 4, Bowers 2

Southern Wells: Johnson 14, Yencer 13, Eltzroth 8, Bothast 2

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er, Ty Riebesehl

**All Bs:** Bailey Hildebrand

**5TH GRADE**

**ALL As:** Emma Laukhuf,

Brenna Parker, Meara Rager

**All As and Bs:** Kyren Kar-

hoff, Breven Anderson, Lucas

Kennedy, Logen Bland, Adri-

an Laukhuf, Melanie Dun-

ham, Brooks Laukhuf, Jude

Stoller, Emma Lyons, Meg

Thompson, Victoria Stoller,

Cooper Wenzlick, Brenna

Thomas, Ava Zartman, Cale

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**6TH GRADE**

**All As:** Lillian Anderson,

Kiara Bahena, Zerika Burk-

ley, Jared Pierce, Gracie

Shepherd, Nyle Stoller, Laura

Stoller

**As and Bs:** Martin Alejo,

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# WAYNE TRACE JH WRESTLERS CONTINUE THEIR UNDEFEATED SEASON



## Wauseon Invitational Champions

Saturday, January 7th Wayne Trace JH wrestlers competed against 14 teams at the Antwerp Invitational. The Raiders placed 1st, winning with a score of 191. Placing 1st for the Raiders were Jarrett Hornish, Brendon Bidlack, Seth Meggison, Hunter Long, Gabe Sutton, Jess Munger, and Ty Tinlin. Eli Moore placed 2nd. Placing 3rd: Brody Herschberger, and Cameron Cox. 4th place: Brayson Parrish, Devin Nickols, Carson Rupp, and Jacob Graham.

Saturday, January 14th the Wayne Trace JH wrestlers competed against 14 teams at the Ayersville Invitational. The Raiders continue their undefeated season once again winning with a score of 250.5. Placing 1st for the Raiders were: Jarrett Hornish, Brody Herschberger, Hunter Long, Gabe Sutton, Jess Munger, and Ty Tinlin. Placing 2nd: Brendon Bidlack, and Eli Moore. Placing 3rd: Cameron Cox, and Jacob Graham. Placing 4th: Brayson Parrish, Jeff Huckabee, and Ryan Rupp.

Saturday, January 21st the Wayne Trace JH wrestlers competed at the 32nd Wauseon Invitational. Thus far in the season the Raiders are undefeated, with 19 teams competing, they hoped to continue their streak. Every year for the past 32 years, the Indians have been the champions of their home tourna-

ment. This year, the Indians fell short to the Raiders with a score of 189 to 157. The Raider boys continue their streak and hope to win GMC's for a perfect season. GMC's will be held February 4th at Fairview High School.

Placing 1st for WT included: Seth Meggison, Hunter Long, and Gabe Sutton. Placing 2nd: Jarrett Hornish, and Eli Moore. Placing 3rd: Jess Munger. Placing 4th: Brody Herschberger. Placing 5th: Brendon Bidlack, Brayson Parrish, Carson Rupp, and Ty Tinlin. Placing 6th: Jacob Graham.

Coach Rob Long and Kevin Hornish can not express how proud they are of the accomplishments the boys have made this season. "This year we have 7 first year wrestlers, I have seen great strides of improvement with them. The boys work hard at practice everyday and their hard work is really paying off. Last year we had 5 wrestlers, this year we have 16. I really hope these boys continue to wrestle through out high school," coach Long explained. "At the beginning of the season, I made a promise to the boys. I told them if they could go undefeated all season, I would take them all out for a steak dinner, believe me, they haven't forgot! All that is left now is GMC's and we are hoping for another win to finish our perfect season," coach Hornish added.

# OHSAA FOOTBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS MOVING TO CANTON IN 2017 AND 2018

The Ohio High School Athletic Association football state championship games will be played at Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium in Canton in 2017 and 2018 following approval from the OHSAA Board of Directors at its January meeting Thursday. The OHSAA staff had previously confirmed its intent to return to Canton in 2017 and 2018 and the 9-0 vote by the board of directors Thursday makes the move official.

After a 24-year stay in Stark County from 1990-2013, the football state championship games were held at Ohio Stadium in Columbus in 2014, 2015 and 2016.

"We had great hosts in Stark County before, and I know we will again," said Dr. Dan Ross, OHSAA Commissioner. "We are blessed in Ohio to have so many outstanding playoff venues like Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium in Canton and Ohio Stadium here in Columbus, and our intent all along has been to rotate the finals between the two sites. The last three years in Columbus have been great, and the timing worked out well because Canton and the Pro Football Hall of Fame had major stadium renovations underway at the same time."

The 2017 OHSAA football state championships weekend is Thursday, Nov. 30, through Sunday, Dec. 3. The exact dates and times of the games will be finalized this spring. All seven state championship games will be played at Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium in Canton.

"Visit Canton is excited to see the tradition of the OHSAA High School Foot-

ball Championships return to Stark County, and we are so eager to showcase the world-class Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium," said Allison Bussey, President of Visit Canton. "Our team at the Convention & Visitors' Bureau is working hand-in-hand with OHSAA and the Pro Football Hall of Fame to plan an experience of excellence for the athletes, coaches, parents, students and everyone involved in this prestigious event."

The stadium complex, which is next to the Pro Football Hall of Fame, will include Johnson Controls Hall of Fame Village, featuring hotels, shopping, a conference center and parking decks.

The world-class stadium and entertainment complex, adjacent to the Pro Football Hall of Fame, is one of nine major components of Johnson Controls Hall of Fame Village, a \$600 million development project under way to transform the Hall of Fame's campus.

"We look forward to the OHSAA High School Championships returning to Canton," shared David Baker, President & CEO of the Pro Football Hall of Fame. "Johnson Controls Hall of Fame Village that includes the spectacular, state-of-the-art Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium will provide a rich experience for the many players, coaches, families, and fans attending the games. The excellence in competition among the best football players in the state will be celebrated by the Hall of Fame and our community."

No details for the football state championship games after 2018 have been finalized, but the OHSAA intends to return to Ohio Stadium in Columbus for the 2019 state championship games.

# OHSAA BASEBALL PITCH COUNT REGULATION APPROVED FOR 2017

Details for a nationally-mandated pitch count restriction in high school baseball were approved Thursday by the Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors at its January meeting. Last year, the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) informed all states that they were required to have a pitch count limit instead of a regulation based on innings pitched over a certain number of days. Previously in Ohio high school baseball, a pitcher could pitch up to 10 innings in a three-day span. Each state was tasked with determining its own regulation.

The new OHSAA pitch count regulation calls for a maximum of 125 pitches permitted in a day, and contains several other details such as the number of days required between pitching appearances based on the number of pitches thrown. The regulation approved Thursday replaces OHSAA baseball regulation 1.7, which was approved last year and indicated that details for the pitch count regulation would be finalized in January.

"Our initial goal was to meet the requirement of the NFHS rule that now requires individual states to create their own pitch count limitations," said Assistant Com-

missioner Jerry Snodgrass, who is the baseball administrator for the OHSAA. "After assembling a group representing the necessary stakeholders, including a member of our Sports Medicine Advisory Committee, we have met that goal. We continue to look at further ways in which these limitations will affect teams as well as providing adequate education for our coaches and those in non-school baseball."

2017 OHSAA Baseball Pitch Count Regulation Daily Pitch Limit: 125 pitches Number of Days Between Pitching Appearances After Pitching: 1-30 Pitches: 0 days; 31-50 Pitches: 1 day; 51-75 Pitches: 2 days; 76 or More Pitches: 3 days

Doubleheader Note: If a pitcher throws at least 31 pitches in a game, he may not pitch in another game that day (or the next day, per the chart above).

At Bat Completion: If the daily pitch count is reached during an at bat, a pitcher may exceed the pitch count only to finish pitching to the current batter.

Data Collection System: At the end of each contest, coaches must submit pitcher data to a designated data collection system. Schools are required to keep pitch count data on all pitchers and make the data available to the OHSAA upon request.

Regulation Violation: A team shall forfeit any victorious contest in which a player violates the pitch count regu-

# 7th GRADE ARCHERS TOPPLE RAIDERS



Saturday January 21, 2017 was a great day to be an Archer! The Antwerp 7th grade boys basketball team traveled to southern Paulding County to face the home team Raiders in the championship game of the Wayne Trace 7th grade basketball tournament. The Archers were able to pull away on the scoreboard during the 2nd and 3rd quarters to secure the win by a score of 53-25. It was a solid team win and the boys enjoyed cutting the nets down and hauling

the trophy back to Antwerp.

Scoring for the young Archers went like this: Jagger Landers, Hunter Sproles & Luke Krouse were all in double figures with 16 points, 11 points and 10 points respectively. Tucker Franklin scored 8 points and Kaden Miller, Gaige McMichael, Kaden Phares and Mason Steel each had a bucket for 2 points each.

The Antwerp boys Jr High teams will host the Wayne Trace Raiders Tuesday January 24, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

Suspended/Interrupted Games: All pitches thrown during a game that becomes suspended or interrupted (due to weather or darkness, for example) shall count toward the pitch count regulation.

Scrimmages and Previews: All pitches thrown in a scrimmage or preview shall count toward the pitch count regulation.

# 7TH GRADE ARCHERS TAKE DOWN KNIGHTS

The Antwerp Archer 7th grade boys basketball team traveled south down State Route 49 to take on the Crestview Knights in the Village of Convoy, Ohio. The young Archers started the game shooting with precision. They lit up the nets for 17 points in the 1st quarter and held the Knights to 2 points. Antwerp kept on shooting to a final score of 34-8 to secure the win at the home of the red, white & blue.

Several Archers scored points in this solid team win. The score book looked like this: Luke Krouse had 11 points, Jagger Landers scored 6, Kaden Recker put in 5 points and Hunter Sproles made 2 buckets for 4. Tucker Franklin, Gaige McMichael, Stephon Walker and Kaden Phares all scored 2 points to complete the 34.

# MINUTES FOR WOODBURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON 1/3/17

Meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Kelsey,

Clerk-Treasurer Cummins, Superintendent Walls, Chief Duhamell, as well as Councilman Watts, Voirol, Gerig, Renner, and Martin were in attendance.

Chief's Report: The Woodburn Police Department responded to 87 incidents in December. Officer Yates has been approved through PERF and came on board as an employee of the City of Woodburn as of January 1st, 2017. The new police vehicle should arrive within the week and will be modified for road duty shortly thereafter. Officer Parker was given the Life Saving Award in a public ceremony for reviving a child back to life.

Mayor's Report: Regarding the request from the last meeting by the Mainstreet Organization, the Mayor began discussion with the Council. No motions were made for any final determinations. Letters were sent out to several residents that explain that Commonwealth is going to survey the properties north of the cemetery on 101 on the west side of the road up to Love's Travel Stop. All letters were received by every relevant resident, as confirmed by the post office.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: Councilman Renner moved to read Ordinance 17-1350 in its entirety, second by Councilman Watts, all in favor. Councilman Renner moved to accept the first reading of Ordinance 17-1350, second by Councilman Gerig, all in favor. Councilman Renner moved to suspend the rules and waive the second reading of Ordinance 17-1350, second by Councilman Voirol, all in favor. Ordinance 17-1350 is ratified as presented. The meeting minutes were presented from the meeting on December 19th and December 30th. Councilman Gerig moved to accept the minutes from the meeting on December 19th as corrected, second by Councilman Martin, all in favor. Councilman Gerig moved to accept the minutes from the meeting on December 30th as corrected, second by Councilman Watts, all in favor, except Councilman Renner, who abstains. Motion carries. No warrants were presented due to the proximity of the last meeting. The City was awarded a grant from IPEP in the amount of \$12,033.89 to be used towards radios for the police department. Thank you IPEP!

Superintendent's Report: This coming Monday, Woodburn Road will be closed in front of the old school that will soon open as Phoenix Manor, in order to install a larger water line for fire protection. The Superintendent will follow up with the individual that has been offered a position with the City and get back to the Council with that information.

Councilmen's Report: Councilman Martin asked about the Lloy Ball signs and the Mayor mentioned that he had submitted an official request to INDOT and that the process is still moving forward.

Audience: Nothing to report. Councilman Renner moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilman Gerig, all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

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## NHHS TRAVELED TO HUNTINGTON NORTH FOR CONFERENCE



**100 Career Wins, Austin Amstutz.** picture by Melissa Amstutz

New Haven placed all 14 of the athletes in the top 6 placings at the High School



wrestling conference at Huntington North.

- 113 - Jett Rondott, 3rd;
- 120 - Dom Thomas, 6th;
- 126 - LaQuann Weeks, 6th;
- 132 - Dom Lee, 6th;
- 138 - Chandler Zimmerman, 3rd;
- 145 - Konner Bender, 3rd;
- 152 - Jaden Smith, 5th;
- 160 - Nick Potter, 2nd;
- 170

- Jonyvan Johnson, 2nd;
- 182 - Jaxson Savio, 1st;
- 195 - DeVonte Brown, 2nd;
- 220 - Austin Amstutz, 1st and 100 Career wins in the same match;
- 285 - Luke Watson, 2nd.

Over all NHHS came in 2 to Belmont only losing to them by 2 points.

## IHSAA GIRLS BASKETBALL SECTIONAL PAIRINGS - 2A AT CHURUBUSCO

- Tuesday, January 31**  
7:00 p.m. Churubusco vs South Adams
- Wednesday, February 1**  
6:00p.m. Bluffton vs Eastside
- 7:30 p.m. Adams Central vs Woodlan

- Friday, February 3**  
6:00 p.m. Blackford vs Churubusco/South Adams winner
- 7:30 p.m. Bluffton/Eastside winner vs Adams Central/Woodlan winner
- Saturday, February 4**  
7:30 p.m. Championship Game

## IHSAA GIRLS BASKETBALL SECTIONAL PAIRINGS - 3A AT CONCORDIA

- Tuesday, January 31**  
7:00 p.m. Angola vs Canterbury
- Wednesday, February 1**  
6:00 p.m. Garrett vs Bishop Dwenger
- 7:30 p.m. New Haven vs Leo
- Friday, February 3**  
6:00 p.m. Concordia vs Angola/Canterbury winner
- 7:30 p.m. Garrett/Dwenger winner vs New Haven/Leo winner
- Saturday, February 4**  
7:30 p.m. Championship Game

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## BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS BEGIN AT MAC GYMNASIUM

Basketball league tournaments begin this Saturday at the MAC Gymnasium. League tournament games will play through February 7. Fifty-one teams have competed in seven divisions through December and January to seed themselves in tournament brackets for best positioning to the championship game.

The tournament begins at 9:00 a.m. with grade 6 boys games. Teams from Antwerp, Wayne Trace, Hicksville and Lincolnview will battle to play Paulding and Leo the following week. The next games will be grade 6 girls. Antwerp, Defiance, Ayersville, Paulding, Woodlan, Tinora, Crestview, Hicksville, Parkway and Fairview will battle one another until a finale is reached.

The 11:00 a.m. games begin two new division tournaments as Hicksville and Paulding kick off the grade 5 girls tournament. Participating with them in that division will be Tinora White & Green teams, Ayersville, Defiance, Crestview, Woodlan and Fairview. Also at 11:00 a.m. the grade 5 boys version of Hicksville and Paulding will take place. They will join Antwerp, Crestview and Wayne Trace to complete the division. Grade 4 boys and girls and grade 3 boys divisions will complete their seasons on Monday and Tuesday this week with their respective tournaments playing on January 30, 31, February 6 & 7.

League tournaments will be followed by additional Antwerp tournaments in February. The "Love the Game" Valentine's weekend tournaments for grade 3 boys and grade 4 girls and boys will be held February 11 at the MAC Gym. The Antwerp girls basketball program will host grades 5 & 6 youth girls tournaments on February 18 at the Antwerp School. The following weekend, February 25, will bring tournaments to both sites. The Antwerp boys program will host the longest running youth tournament in the county at the Antwerp School. This tournament began in 1997 and is for grade 5&6 boys teams. The MAC Gym will host grade 5 & 6 girls to close out the tournament season with the "Winter Jam" tournament. All tournament information and schedules will be online at [www.macgymohio.com](http://www.macgymohio.com)

## PANTHERS SUNK BY THE PIRATES



**Marcus Miller shoots for 3 points against the Pirates.** More pictures at [westbendnews.net](http://westbendnews.net)

On Friday, January 20th, the Paulding Panthers hosted the Bluffton Pirates in the Jungle. This would play out to be an interesting match between these conference rivals. Neither team had a very a good season record, Paulding with 4-8 and Bluffton with 5-6, however, Bluffton appeared to have the upper hand. Though, in the Northwest Conference, Paulding had a record of 2-1, while Bluffton was at 1-1. The game got off to a pretty good start. Both teams were holding their own fairly well. On the Paulding side, points were put up by Cameron Doster, Preston Ingol, and Jaret Miller. The Pirates were able to keep up with the retaliations, with points scored by Gabe Denecker, Zane Meyers, Colin Phillips, Luke Denecker, Kaleb Jefferson, and Trevor Bassitt. The first quarter ended with the Panthers trailing Bluffton, 14-11. In the second quarter, Paulding just seemed to drop off. Only scoring 5 points, Paulding surrendered the half to the Pirates. Bluffton continued on and scored 15 additional points. The scores at the half were 29-16 with Bluffton holding firm to the lead.

Going into the third quarter, Paulding was not quite finished yet. After some motivation from Coach Miller, the Panthers got out on the court and brought in 17 points for the home team. Fletcher

Cook added two 3-pointers, while Marcus Miller scored a 2-point and a 3-point field goal. Additionally, Jaret Miller and Griffin Harder added baskets as well. The Pirates, keeping consistent with 2nd quarter, added another 15 points to the board. The scores were up to 44-33, with Paulding only trailing by a measly 11 points. Both teams went into the fourth quarter with high energy, hoping to take home the victory. For the Panthers, Carson Shull added a 3-point field goal, Griffin Harder, Logan Bradford, Kameron Echols, Jaret Miller, and Ethan Rhonehouse all added 2-point baskets to the score. However, even with Paulding's consistent scoring, they could not compete with Bluffton's score. 3-point baskets were added by Trevor Bassitt and Luke Denecker, as well as several 2-point field goals by other players. All together, the Pirates added 22 points in the fourth quarter, while the Panther's only added 14. The Final score of the game was 66-47 with Bluffton earning the victory. Score by quarter: Paulding - 11, 5, 17, 14 = 47; Bluffton - 14, 15, 15, 22 = 66.

Congratulations to both teams on a great game! In JV action, the Paulding Panthers were able to claim the win with a final score of 46-40.

## ACAC BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

- Opening Round**  
Southern Wells 58 Adams Central 52 OT  
South Adams 49 Bluffton 25  
Heritage 44 Jay County 38
- Semi-Finals**  
Woodlan 64 Southern Wells 43  
Heritage 49 South Adams 42
- Championship**  
Woodlan 35 Heritage 32

## ACAC GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

- Opening Round**  
Southern Wells 48 Adams Central 31  
South Adams 55 Bluffton

- 32 Jay County 55 Heritage 35
- Semi-Finals**  
Woodlan 66 Southern Wells 37  
Jay County 55 South Adams 59
- Championship**  
Jay County 59 Woodlan 37

## WOODLAN WINS ON HOME COURT

**By: Jeff Abbott**  
Woodlan grabbed the lead early and then ran away for a 78-62 win over Prairie Heights in boys' basketball on the Warriors' court. The Warriors built a 24-9 first period lead over the Panthers. Woodlan led 44-22 at

the half and led by as many as 30 points in the third period. Woodlan had 4 players hit double figures in scoring, led by Deontae Biggs with 24 points. Aiden Bayman had 10 points in the Warriors' 42-33 reserve team win over Prairie Heights.  
Prairie Heights 9 13 12 28 - 62  
Woodlan 24 20 17 17 - 78  
Prairie Heights - Harnes 15, Adams 11, Sailor 9, Walter 9, Shepard 6, Culler 5, Perkins 5, Kain 2  
Woodlan Biggs 24, Fancher 16, Hahn 13, Robbins 10, McCarter 7, Gerig 4, Wiedenhoeft 2, Howard 2

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## OVERTIME WIN FOR ACES



Aces' Senior Bailey Tear drives in for a 2 point shot with Antwerp Senior Hunter Noel attempting to block the shot. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Hicksville and Antwerp boys basketball went at it again when they competed in January 19's game. The first contest was at Edgerton during the Route 49 tournament when these teams came together for the championship. The Aces won that game. This game was the regular season conference match. Antwerp's record was 4-5 and Hicksville was 8-3 before this game.

Antwerp performed very well in this team that was higher rated in nearly every aspect.

The game started with Antwerp only scoring four points in the first period—The Aces doubled their points. The second period continued like the first with the addition of 3 point baskets by Bailey Tear and Logan Thiel and the half ended 24-13.

As much as the first half looked like Hicksville was going to dominate the game, Antwerp came back in the second half.

Dylan Peters and Matt Jones both had great nights. Matt Jones with 28 points had his best or one of his best nights on the court. Counting

the fifth period Antwerp had 9 - 3 point baskets - half their points. The Archers were a different team—holding back the Aces offense from scoring and putting their own points in they were able to tie the game at 45 just in time for overtime.

Both teams were ready for the fifth quarter and much of it was foul shots for the Aces. Payton Tunis was fouled several times during overtime and made 4 of 6 shots from the arch. Antwerp's fouling appears to be what caused them to get in trouble here. Both teams really did a great job in this exciting matchup. Hicksville won the game 58-55.

Score by Quarter:  
Antwerp: 4 9 18 14 10 = 55  
Hicksville: 8 16 11 10 13 = 58

Antwerp Scorers: Matt Jones 28; Trey Mills 5; Dylan Peters 15; Cole Seslar 2; Luke Brewer 5

Hicksville Scorers: Payton Tunis 16; Logan Thiel 7; Michael Myers 11; Logen Neihardt 6; Parker Thiel 10; Jake Greer 3; Bailey Tear 5

More pictures at westbendnews.net

## WAYNE TRACE WRESTLING WEEKEND RESULTS

The Wayne Trace wrestling club competed in the Archbold Tournament this past weekend. Placing for the Raiders were: fourth place, Levi Ankney, Jericho Guyton, and Grayson Sutton. Placing third was Madison Ankney, Braxton Schnipke, Kamryn Sutton and Jared Pierce. Placing 1st was Tatum Sheets, Mason Moore and Zavian Lafountain

The Wayne Trace Varsity wrestling team competed in the 39th Annual Van Buren Invitational over the weekend. Wayne Trace placed 12 out of 30 teams. At the end of a very tough two day tournament only three Raiders found their way to the podium at 113, Tyler Bauer placed third, at 126, Ruger Goeltzenleuchter was crowned champion. At 152, Hunter Showalter placed fourth.

## ACAC WRESTLING RESULTS FOR ADAMS CENTRAL

106 Dallas Schwaller (1413) placed 3rd and scored 16.00 team points.

Quarterfinal Dallas Schwaller (Adams Central) 1413 received a bye () (Bye)

Semifinal Dylan Racster (Jay County) 55 won by fall over Dallas Schwaller (Adams Central) 1413 (Fall 2:26) Cons. Semi Dallas Schwaller (Adams Central) 1413 won by forfeit over Forfeit Forfeit () 21 (For.)

3rd Place Match Dallas Schwaller (Adams Central) 1413 won by fall over Mitch Hoot (Woodlan) 916 (Fall 1:00)

113 Logan Mosser (238) placed 2nd and scored 18.00 team points.

Quarterfinal Logan Mosser (Adams Central) 238 received a bye () (Bye)

Semifinal Logan Mosser (Adams Central) 238 won in sudden victory 1 over Chris Schuller (Woodlan) 275 (SV1 64) 1st Place Match Wyatt Miller (South Adams) 243 won by fall over Logan Mosser (Adams Central) 238 (Fall 2:36)

120 Nick Litter (257) placed 1st and scored 25.50 team points.

Quarterfinal Nick Litter (Adams Central) 257 won by forfeit over Forfeit Forfeit (Heritage) 02 (For.)

Semifinal Nick Litter (Adams Central) 257 won by tech fall over Brandon Wynn (South Adams) 1613 (TF1.5 5:16 (183)) 1st Place Match Nick Litter (Adams Central) 257 won by fall over Seth Fugiett (Jay County) 217 (Fall 1:07)

126 Cayden Shaffer (2013) placed 3rd and scored 16.00 team points.

Quarterfinal Cayden Shaffer (Adams Central) 2013 won by fall over Chris Heintzelman (Bluffton) 1614 (Fall 1:35)

Semifinal William Fiechter (Southern Wells) 297 won by decision over Cayden Shaffer (Adams Central) 2013 (Dec 96) Cons. Semi Cayden Shaffer (Adams Central) 2013 won by fall over Logan Dietl (Woodlan) 510 (Fall 3:49)

3rd Place Match Cayden Shaffer (Adams Central) 2013 won by decision over Austin McKibben (South Adams) 84 (Dec 43)

132 Anthony Mosser (241) placed 1st and scored 25.00 team points.

Quarterfinal Anthony Mosser (Adams Central) 241 won by forfeit over Forfeit Forfeit (Bluffton) 02 (For.)

Semifinal Anthony Mosser (Adams Central) 241 won by major decision over Austin Roemer (Woodlan) 267 (MD 113) 1st Place Match Anthony Mosser (Adams Central) 241 won by fall over Josh Beeks (Southern Wells) 266 (Fall 3:08)

138 Logan Macklin (205) placed 1st and scored 26.00 team points.

Quarterfinal Logan Macklin (Adams Central) 205 received a bye () (Bye)

Semifinal Logan Macklin (Adams Central) 205 won by fall over Jordan Schrickler (Jay County) 1318 (Fall 3:05)

1st Place Match Logan Macklin (Adams Central) 205 won by fall over Coleman Beeks (Southern Wells) 258 (Fall 1:58)

145 Parker Bates (2210) placed 4th and scored 10.00 team points.

Quarterfinal Parker Bates (Adams Central) 2210 won by decision

over Josh Lahr (South Adams) 1514 (Dec 83) Semifinal Zach Mounsey (Bluffton) 264 won by decision over Parker Bates (Adams Central) 2210 (Dec 61)

Cons. Semi Parker Bates (Adams Central) 2210 won by decision over Mason Stevens (Southern Wells) 2016 (Dec 42)

3rd Place Match Zack Zink (Woodlan) 106 won by decision over Parker Bates (Adams Central) 2210 (Dec 41)

152 Brant Thieme (2011) placed 2nd and scored 18.00 team points.

Quarterfinal Brant Thieme (Adams Central) 2011 won by forfeit over Forfeit Forfeit (Heritage) 02 (For.)

Semifinal Brant Thieme (Adams Central) 2011 won in sudden victory 1 over Tristen Martz (Woodlan) 166 (SV1 53) 1st Place Match Tyler Leonhard (Jay County) 314 won by fall over Brant Thieme (Adams Central) 2011 (Fall 3:02)

160 Monty Hill (1020) placed 3rd and scored 16.00 team points.

Quarterfinal Monty Hill (Adams Central) 1020 received a bye () (Bye)

Semifinal Thomas Hemmelgarn (Jay County) 187 won by fall over Monty Hill (Adams Central) 1020 (Fall 0:35) Cons. Semi Monty Hill (Adams Central) 1020 won by forfeit over Forfeit Forfeit () 21 (For.)

3rd Place Match Monty Hill (Adams Central) 1020 won by fall over Orion King (Bluffton) 1117 (Fall 3:22)

170 Forfeit Forfeit (02) place is unknown.

Quarterfinal Sam Smith (Southern Wells) 2411 won by forfeit over Forfeit Forfeit (Adams Central) 02 (For.) Cons. Round 1 Austin BowerHuffman (Bluffton) 38 won by forfeit over Forfeit Forfeit (Adams Central) 02 (For.)

182 Forfeit Forfeit (12) placed 6th.

Quarterfinal Cole Meeks (Southern Wells) 812 won by forfeit over Forfeit Forfeit (Adams Central) 12 (For.) Cons. Round 1 Forfeit Forfeit (Adams Central) 12 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Semi Jacob Birkmire (Heritage) 128 won by forfeit over Forfeit Forfeit (Adams Central) 12 (For.)

5th Place Match Forfeit Forfeit () 21 and Forfeit Forfeit (Adams Central) 12 (DFF)

195 Jantz Blackburn (2013) placed 4th and scored 12.00 team points.

Quarterfinal Jantz Blackburn (Adams Central) 2013 won by fall over Trae Schoeff (Bluffton) 67 (Fall 0:42) Semifinal Daniel Ostrowski (Jay County) 179 won by fall over Jantz Blackburn (Adams Central) 2013 (Fall 3:19) Cons. Semi Jantz Blackburn (Adams Central) 2013 won by decision over Jaden Keller (Woodlan) 914 (Dec 85) 3rd Place Match Connor Ray (Heritage) 1613 won by fall over Jantz Blackburn (Adams Central) 2013 (Fall 2:58)

220 Nash Brunner (189) placed 1st and scored 26.00 team points.

Quarterfinal Nash Brunner (Adams Central) 189 received a bye () (Bye)

Semifinal Nash Brunner (Adams Central) 189 won by fall over Andre Hughes (Bluffton) 1610 (Fall 4:49)

1st Place Match Nash Brunner (Adams Central) 189 won by fall over Jared Brinkman (Heritage) 246 (Fall 3:46)

285 Brandon Schoeneman (115) placed 2nd and scored 20.00 team points.

Quarterfinal Brandon Schoeneman (Adams Central) 115 won by fall over Muhammad Yusof (Heritage) 27 (Fall 0:08) Semifinal Brandon Schoeneman (Adams Central) 115 won by fall over Tayler Cuellar (South Adams) 2110 (Fall 4:19) 1st Place Match Gaven Hare (Jay County) 304 won by fall over Brandon Schoeneman (Adams Central) 115 (Fall 5:58)

## FAIRVIEW FALLS AT THE PALACE



Gracie Gudakunst drives to the basket and lays in 2 points for the home team with Fairview's Carly Wendling waiting for the rebound close by. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Conference rivals - Wayne Trace and Fairview competed in Girls basketball on Friday, January 20. The game started off with the Raiders grabbing the ball and scoring right off the bat. Anyone that's been watching high school basketball knows the Wayne Trace Girls are top notch this year all the way around, but the Apache ladies are not paid either. They are over 50% and have won over other conference rivals.

In the first period the Raiders nearly doubled the score of the other 127 team. Brooke Sinn and Kaylee Shepherd were both giving reinforcement points to Danae Myers. The first period ended 23-12 with Wayne Trace in the Lead.

The Apaches also had a good run with Kendra Schroeder, Mercedes Wagner and Katie Crites all working together. Wagner was able to hit 2 - 3 point baskets during the match. By halftime the score had increased 37-20.

Danae Myers height certainly helps her gather the crumbs. She is top on defensive and offense rebounds, giving the Raiders quite the advantage. Raider's Brooke Sinn was sent to the arch 9 times altogether, making 77% of her free-throw attempts. Fairview's Schroeder went to the line 4 times and made 100% of her shots.

The fourth quarter came around and the Apaches shut-down the Raiders offense and increased their own. By that time it was too late to pull completely out of the deficit of the first three periods. The game finished with Wayne Trace in the lead 62-48.

Score by the Quarter:  
Wayne Trace - 23 14 13 12=62

Fairview - 12 8 8 20=48

Scorers of the Game:  
WT - C Sinn 6; M Sinn 2; Shepherd 11; Gudakunst 5; Myers 23; B Sinn 15;

Fairview - Vetter 6; Schroeder 16; Wagner 13; Crites 11; Smith 2

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## ARCHERS WIN AGAINST THE BULLDOGS

On January 14th, the Antwerp Archers 7th grade boys basketball team faced the Edgerton Bulldogs at the Wayne Trace 7th grade tournament. The Archers played a solid floor game to secure the win against the Bulldogs.

Scoring for Antwerp was: Jagger Landers with 18 points, Luke Krouse scored 8 points. Tucker Franklin and Kaden Recker put in five points each and Gaige McMichael rounded out the scoring column with one basket for 2 points.

## NH TOPS WARRIOR WRESTLING INVITATIONAL



New Haven's Austin Amstutz pins down his Fremont rival Dion Cox. More pictures at westbendnews.net

On Saturday, January 14, Woodlan hosted their annual wrestling invitational. Many schools from around the area of Indiana Ohio participated in this massive event. Wrestling is an interesting sport it's one of the few civilized sports where people seem to actually get along on all sides.

1. New Haven 282;
2. Churubusco 212;
3. Carroll (JV) 202;
4. Woodlan 182;
5. Edgerton (OH) 180;
6. Bishop Luers 159;
7. Bluffton 95;
8. Fremont 88.5;
9. East Noble (JV) 73;
10. Antwerp (JV) 64;
11. Hicksville (JV) 53;
12. Huntington North (JV) 51;
13. Warsaw (JV) 40;
14. Logansport (JV) 28

Team Results:

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**KYLE GRABER'S 1000<sup>th</sup> POINT**



On December 19th, the Harlan Christian School Varsity Boys traveled to Bryan, Ohio, to play the Fountain City Flames. The Hawks ended up losing by one point. During this game, Kyle Graber, a junior at Harlan Christian School, scored his 1000th point. That's right; he did it before the end of his junior year of high school.

Kyle has been playing basketball here at HCS since he became a student here in 7th grade. He is a very talented athlete and a great competitor. Kyle is the third player in two seasons to have scored 1000 points. If you see Kyle in the halls, be sure to congratulate him on reaching this goal. There is still time to catch a game or two. Great job Kyle, and keep it up. Go Hawks!

**PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST & LUNCH 1/25 - 1/31**

- 1/25 - Bacon, egg & cheese biscuit, juice, fruit, milk
- 1/26 - Coffee cake, juice, fruit, milk
- 1/27 - Pancake sausage wrap, juice, fruit, milk
- 1/30 - Breakfast pizza, sausage, juice, fruit, milk
- 1/31 - Cook's choice, juice, fruit, milk
- 1/25 - SW chicken tortilla wrap, peppers & onions OR Southwest pizza, refried beans; Toppings: Salsa, lettuce, banana peppers & sour cream, assorted fruit, milk
- 1/26 - Tomato soup, toasted cheese sandwich, crackers, lettuce salad, cheese stick, assorted fruit, milk
- 1/27 - Cheeseburger, bun,

- carrots w/dip, seasoned corn OR Salad bar, garlic breadstick, assorted fruit, milk
- 1/30 - Beef & noodles, whipped potatoes, celery w/dip, biscuit OR Salad bar, garlic bread, assorted fruit, milk
- 1/31 - Chkn chunk salad, tomatoes, asstd dressings, garlic toast OR Asstd entree items, pickles, oven fries, assorted fruit, milk
- XSCHOOL X5.55**

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- 1/25 - Bkfst burrito, juice, fruit, milk
- 1/26 - Wh gr muffin, cheese stick, juice, fruit, milk
- 1/27 - Cereal or cereal bar, juice, fruit, milk
- 1/30 - Yogurt, goldfish grm, juice, fruit, milk
- 1/31 - Pancakes, juice, fruit, milk
- 1/25 - Pancakes w/saus, hashbrowns, tomato juice, fruit, milk
- 1/26 - Brd chicken chunks, bread w/margarine, whipped potatoes & gravy, fresh veggie choice, fruit, milk
- 1/27 - Cheesy bread, marinara sauce, green beans, fruit, milk
- 1/30 - Hamburger on wh gr bun, steamed carrots, celery, fruit, milk
- 1/31 - Chicken quesadilla, baked beans, salsa, fruit, milk
- XSCHOOL X4.2**

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- 1/25 - Mini pancakes, juice, fruit, milk
- 1/26 - Pancake on stick, juice, fruit, milk
- 1/27 - Asstd cereals, juice, fruit, milk
- 1/30 - Wg muffin, juice, fruit, milk
- 1/31 - Saus-egg burrito, juice, fruit, milk
- 1/25 - Salisbury stk, whip potatoes, bread, romain lettuce salad, fruit, milk
- 1/26 - Corn dog, baked beans, raw veggie stks, fruit, milk
- 1/27 - Cheese pizza, corn, celery stix, fruit, milk
- 1/30 - Brd mozz stix, mari-

nara sauce, green beans, fruit, milk

1/31 - Hot dog on wh gr bun, oven potatoes, carrot stix, fruit, milk

**RAIDERS SECURE VICTORY OVER APACHES**

The Wayne Trace Raiders travelled to Fairview for the basketball game against the Apaches on January 19. The Raiders took a strong early lead against the 127 rival.

Both teams were using the three point goal as their assets. Ethan Linder of the Raiders put in four for his team while Austin Meyer was tops for Fairview with 3. There were only 1 free throw (Jake Kuhn) scored for the Raiders while there were 6 made for the home team (Smith & Timbrook).

The Green Meadows Conference Match ended with Wayne Trace in the lead 42-64.

Score by Quarter:  
Fairview: 6 11 18 7 = 42  
Wayne Trace: 18 23 22 12 = 64

Fairview Scorers: Luke Breininger 3; Shamar Midgett 4; Austin Meyer 9; Justin Smith 10; Timmy Timbrook 12; Lucas Eisel 4

Wayne Trace Scorers: Brady Stabler 3; Eli Sinn 7; Jon Sinn 9; Ethan Linder 28; Josiah Linder 8; Jake Kuhn 7; Seth Yenser 2

The Raiders are 12-1 after this victory. Fairview is now 5-7 after this match.

Wayne Trace Boys will travel to Holgate on January 27 for their next game, while Fairview travels to Ayersville on the same date.

**ANTWERP TAKES DOWN PANTHERS**

On January 18 the Stryker Ohio Boys basketball team travelled to the Archer court for play. Antwerp's record was 3-5 before this game began.

Antwerp had a great evening starting with the first quarter as their highest for the night. Cole Seslar and Luke Brewer both sunk 3 point baskets in this first period. Matt Jones and Hunter Noel both scored on two point field goal in this time too. The first period ended 19-10 with the Archers in the lead.

In the second period the Panthers struck back and outscored the Archers. Holsopple scored 2 - 3 point baskets. Antwerp's Dylan Peters during this period was able to score a 3 point basket and a 2 point field goal. Stryker outscored Antwerp in this quarter 11-13. The half time scored ended up 30-23. with Antwerp in the lead.

Coming back off the bench Antwerp stopped Panthers from achieving the points they did in the second. The Archers' Hunter Noel scored two of the field goals in the third period. The third quarter ended 41-31

The Archers turned up the heat in the last period—going back to scoring of the first period. Brewer and Peters both returned to the board with a 3 point basket. For the night 18 of Antwerp's points were made from 3 point attempts. Brandon Pendergrast lit up the hoop with 2 baskets in this final period. While Antwerp was scoring Stryker

was struggling. They were only able to score 3 field goals in this fourth quarter. The game finished with Antwerp in the lead 58-37.

Score by Quarter: Antwerp: 19 11 11 17 = 58; Stryker: 10 13 8 6 = 37

Antwerp Scorers: Matt Jones 9; Dylan Peters 10; Cole Seslar 13; Luke Brewer 10; Brandon Pendergrast 4; Keaton Altimus 4; Hunter Noll 8

Stryker: Grapengeter 6; Benson 2; Glock 7; Aguilar 4; Holsopple 10; Clingaman 4; Ferguson 4.

**FV LADY APACHES @ EDGERTON 1/6/17**

The Lady Apaches opened GMC play Friday, January 6th, against Edgerton. Both teams came away victorious. The varsity had to fight hard down the stretch, eventually pulling away as the stronger team in OT. Katie Crites and Mercedes Wagner led the team with 17 points each and 8 and 9 rebounds respectively. Also playing key minutes were Kendra Schroeder who had 5 points, 4 steals, and 3 assists, and Allison Vetter who added 3 points and 6 rebounds. Rounding out the scoring was Riley Collins with 3 points and Kendall Baker with 4 points and 3 rebounds. Katelyn Smith played valuable minutes as well pulling down 3 boards. Way to go girls!

The girls JV team beat Edgerton 30-11 allowing only three 2 pt. field goals the entire game. The girls worked well as a team offensively sharing the scoring. Audrey Hug and Katie Crites (1 quarter only) each had 6 points, Kendall Baker and Sami Kime had 5 points each, Riley Mealer added 4 points, and Sam McGlaughlin and Riley Collins (1 quarter only) chipped in 2 points a piece.

**LADY ARCHERS LANCED BY LINCOLNVIEW**

Antwerp travelled to Lincolnview on January 17 for the girls basketball team. The game was started in Lincolnview's favor and continued along. The first and only basket in the first period was by Peyton Short. Maggie Wilson also made her entrance with a free throw in the first on a foul. The Lady Archers didn't fare a whole lot better in this period when they only posted six points total.

The Van Wert located school had their best set of points in the second period. M Gorman and Looser each scored a 3 point basket. Antwerp's Rachel Williamson saw her first opportunity for a basket and scored 7 points this quarter. The half finished 19-11 with Lincolnview in the lead.

The Lady Archers kept building their points from the time the game started. These girls had the potential but just not enough points to take home the win. In the third and fourth quarters Karsyn Brumett scored a three point baskets. Rachel Williamson sunk two - 3 point baskets and was fouled one of the shots, making that also. Maggie Wilson was sent to the line where she made 50% of her shots—4 altogether. The final score was 38-31 with Lincolnview accepting the win.

Score by Quarter:  
Antwerp: 3 9 9 10 = 31  
Lincolnview: 6 13 8 11 = 38

**SHAWNEE FALL TO RAIDERS**



Wayne Trace Junior Eli Sinn makes a short jump shot and sinks 2 points into the hoop. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Wayne Trace Raiders have had some pretty formidable basketball teams over the last several seasons. However, this really isn't much of a surprise, as Wayne Trace has had impressive basketball teams since the school was founded. This statement is proven true by the fact that they have won numerous State Championships under the coaching direction of Hall of Fame Coach Al Welch. Though Coach Welch is no longer a part of the coaching staff, Coach Jim Linder has been able to lead several teams far into the tournaments, taking some even as far as the final four. So far this season, the Raiders have only lost a single game.

On Saturday, January 21st, the Wayne Trace Raiders hosted the Lima Shawnee Indians at the Palace.

The Raiders were the favored victor, as their record reflected a nearly flawless season. Though, you can never be too certain. As soon as the game began, the Raiders quickly took possession. With Ethan Linder leading points, Wayne Trace scored 19 points in the first quarter. The Lima Shawnee struggled to keep up and finished the quarter with 7 points. Going into the second quarter, the Raiders maintained a similar amount of points, adding 22 more points. However, the Indians weren't as far behind this time, scoring 19 points. At half time, the scores were 41-26, with Wayne Trace not relinquishing any leeway.

Antwerp Scorers: Rachel Williamson 18; Maggie Wilson 6; Becca Johanns 2; Karsyn Brumett 3; Peyton Short 2

Lincolnview Scorers: F Carey 4; Wendel 1; M Gorman 7; Looser 15; Schimmoller 5; Brant 6

Lincolnview Scorers: F Carey 4; Wendel 1; M Gorman 7; Looser 15; Schimmoller 5; Brant 6

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Institute of Food and Agriculture announced availability of \$8.8 million in funding to support agricultural science education at Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs). The Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI) Education Grants Program promotes and strengthens HSI programs that attract, retain and graduate outstanding students capable of enhancing the nation's food, agricultural, natural resource and human sciences work force.

"Hispanic students earn only eight percent of the degrees awarded in science, technology, engineering, and math," said NIFA Director Sonny Ramaswamy. "These investments help Hispanic-Serving Institutions promote STEM education and agricultural industry careers to all their students, including Hispanic students."

While research and extension activities may be included in a funded HSI Education project, the primary focus must be to improve teaching, enrollment and graduation rates within a degree-granting program. One five-year project with Texas State University helped boost its completion rate to 92 percent. A NIFA grant to New Mexico High-

lands University designed to increase the number of Hispanic students earning a Bachelor of Science degree has helped more than 1,100 students since 2009.

Eligible applicants are certified HSIs, which are public colleges and universities that have an enrollment that includes at least 25 percent Hispanic students. Currently, more than 400 HSIs are located in 21 states and Puerto Rico, serving more than 2 million students.

Past projects have included a Texas State University project that encourages female and Hispanic military Veterans to earn bachelor's degrees in agriculture and other science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) degree programs. A project at Texas A&M University-Kingsville encourages students from underrepresented groups to pursue STEM degrees and careers as leaders in agriculture through training and internships at USDA agencies.

Proposals are due February 7, 9, and 10, 2017, depending on the grant category (conference, regular, collaboration).

For more details, see the HSI request for applications on the NIFA website.

NIFA invests in and advances innovative and transformative research, education and extension to solve societal challenges and ensure the long-term viability of agriculture. NIFA support for the best and brightest scientists and extension

personnel have resulted in user-inspired, groundbreaking discoveries that are combating childhood obesity, improving and sustaining rural economic growth, addressing water availability issues, increasing food production, finding new sources of energy, mitigating climate variability and ensuring food safety.

To learn more about NIFA's impact on agricultural science, visit [www.nifa.usda.gov/impacts](http://www.nifa.usda.gov/impacts), sign up for email updates or follow us on Twitter @usda\_NIFA, #NIFAimpacts.

**ACAC WRESTLING RESULTS FOR WOODLAN**

106 Mitch Hoot (916) placed 4th and scored 14.00 team points.

Quarterfinal Mitch Hoot (Woodlan) 916 won by forfeit over Forfeit Forfeit (Southern Wells) 01 (For.)

Semifinal Michael Rupp (South Adams) 205 won by fall over Mitch Hoot (Woodlan) 916 (Fall 0:25)

Cons. Semi Mitch Hoot (Woodlan) 916 won by forfeit over Forfeit Forfeit (Bluffton) 12 (For.)

3rd Place Match Dallas Schwaller (Adams Central) 1413 won by fall over Mitch Hoot (Woodlan) 916 (Fall 1:00)

113 Chris Schuller (275) placed 4th and scored 14.00 team points.

Quarterfinal Chris Schuller (Woodlan) 275 won by forfeit over Forfeit Forfeit (Bluffton) 12 (For.)

Semifinal Logan Mosser (Adams Central) 238 won in sudden victory 1 over Chris Schuller (Woodlan) 275 (SV1 64) Cons. Semi Chris Schuller (Woodlan) 275 won by forfeit over Forfeit Forfeit ( ) 21 (For.)

3rd Place Match Zakk Atkins (Jay County) 159 won by forfeit over Chris Schuller (Woodlan) 275 (For.)

120 John Miller (1114) placed 5th and scored 10.00 team points.

Quarterfinal Brandon Wynn (South Adams) 1613 won by fall over John Miller (Woodlan) 1114 (Fall 3:22) Cons. Round 1 John Miller (Woodlan) 1114 won by forfeit over Forfeit Forfeit (Heritage) 02 (For.)

Cons. Semi Jed Perry (Southern Wells) 2411 won by fall over John Miller (Woodlan) 1114 (Fall 2:56)

5th Place Match John Miller (Woodlan) 1114 won by fall over Matt Feasel (Bluffton) 1018 (Fall 1:33)

126 Logan Dietl (510) placed 6th and scored 5.00 team points.

Quarterfinal Austin McKibben (South Adams) 84 won by fall over Logan Dietl (Woodlan) 510 (Fall 1:00)

Cons. Round 1 Logan Dietl (Woodlan) 510 received a bye ( ) (Bye)

Cons. Semi Cayden Shaffer (Adams Central) 2013 won by fall over Logan Dietl (Woodlan) 510 (Fall 3:49)

5th Place Match Chris Heintzelman (Bluffton) 1614 won by decision over Logan Dietl (Woodlan) 510 (Dec 42)

132 Austin Roemer (267) placed 4th and scored 14.00 team points.

Quarterfinal Austin Roemer (Woodlan) 267 won by fall over Mitchell Ferguson (Jay County) 1512 (Fall 1:59) Semifinal Anthony Mosser (Adams Central) 241 won by major decision over Austin Roemer (Woodlan) 267 (MD 113) Cons. Semi Austin Roemer (Woodlan) 267 won by forfeit over Forfeit Forfeit (Heritage) 13 (For.)

3rd Place Match Briar Goodwin (South Adams) 224 won by fall over Austin Roemer (Woodlan) 267 (Fall 4:37)

138 Shawn Roemer (219) placed 3rd and scored 15.50 team points.

Quarterfinal Shawn Roemer (Woodlan) 219 won by fall over Cameron Coleman (Bluffton) 25 (Fall 1:18)

Semifinal Coleman Beeks (Southern Wells) 258 won by fall over Shawn Roemer (Woodlan) 219 (Fall 3:04)

Cons. Semi Shawn Roemer (Woodlan) 219 won by tech fall over Tyler Andrews (Heritage) 1314 (TF1.5 2:45 (172)) 3rd Place Match Shawn Roemer (Woodlan) 219 won by decision over Jordan Schricker (Jay County) 1318 (Dec 72)

145 Zack Zink (106) placed 3rd and scored 13.00 team points.

Quarterfinal Zack Zink (Woodlan) 106 won by major decision over Mason Stevens (Southern Wells) 2016 (MD 80) Semifinal Mason Winner (Jay County) 271 won by fall over Zack Zink (Woodlan) 106 (Fall 5:04)

Cons. Semi Zack Zink (Woodlan) 106 won by decision over Josh Lahr (South Adams) 1514 (Dec 20)

3rd Place Match Zack Zink (Woodlan) 106 won by decision over Parker Bates (Adams Central) 2210 (Dec 41)

152 Tristen Martz (166) placed 3rd and scored 15.00 team points.

Quarterfinal Tristen Martz (Woodlan) 166 won by fall over Khari Coleman (Bluffton) 814 (Fall 1:14)

Semifinal Brant Thieme (Adams Central) 2011 won in sudden victory 1 over Tristen Martz (Woodlan) 166 (SV1 53) Cons. Semi Tristen Martz (Woodlan) 166 won by major decision over Drake Deitsch (South Adams) 1013 (MD 90) 3rd Place Match Tristen Martz (Woodlan) 166 won by decision over Xavier Walden (Southern Wells) 2112 (Dec 30)

160 Tucker Wallace (216) placed 1st and scored 24.00 team points.

Quarterfinal Tucker Wallace (Woodlan) 216 won by forfeit over Forfeit Forfeit (Southern Wells) 01 (For.)

Semifinal Tucker Wallace (Woodlan) 216 won by fall over Orion King (Bluffton) 1117 (Fall 0:53)

1st Place Match Tucker Wallace (Woodlan) 216 won by decision over Thomas Hemmelgarn (Jay County) 187 (Dec 54)

170 Trevor Wallace (1812) placed 3rd and scored 17.50 team points.

Quarterfinal Trevor Wallace (Woodlan) 1812 won by fall over Austin BowerHuffman (Bluffton) 38 (Fall 1:53)

Semifinal Sam Smith (Southern Wells) 2411 won by decision over Trevor Wallace (Woodlan) 1812 (Dec 41)

Cons. Semi Trevor Wallace (Woodlan) 1812 won by tech fall

**OHIO LOTTERY PARTNERS TEACHER OF THE MONTH**



Mrs. Lisa Laukhuf has been selected as the Ohio Lottery Partners in Education Teacher of the Month for Region 2. The Partners in Education Teacher of the Month award recognizes outstanding K-12 teachers and faculty for their excellence in the classroom, leadership, creativity and community involvement and dedication on behalf of Ohio students. Mrs. Laukhuf was nominated because she is a valued professional and a team player who always has the best interest of the students at heart. Since 2013, Mrs. Laukhuf created and has led a math

facts acquisition program at WTPE for students in grades K-6. She is a team member of the 5th and 6th grade initiative based on the Ron Clark Academy, as well as an Instructional Tutor to students in grades K-3. Mrs. Laukhuf has also given countless hours as a PTO member. She was very instrumental in the success of the fall 2016 Playground Facelift Project. Mrs. Laukhuf has received a Certificate of Excellence, a \$50 VISA gift card, Ohio Lottery Partners in Education merchandise, and her name recognized on the Ohio Lottery's web site.

over Jackson Hummer (South Adams) 414 (TF1.5 3:26 (160)) 3rd Place Match Trevor Wallace (Woodlan) 1812 won by fall over Brad Fuhrmann (Heritage) 916 (Fall 4:00)

182 Forfeit Forfeit (01) place is unknown.

Quarterfinal Jordan Heckler (South Adams) 1513 won by forfeit over Forfeit Forfeit (Woodlan) 01 (For.) Cons. Round 1 Forfeit Forfeit (Bluffton) 01 and Forfeit Forfeit (Woodlan) 01 (DFF)

195 Jaden Keller (914) placed 5th and scored 10.00 team points.

Quarterfinal Connor Ray (Heritage) 1613 won by fall over Jaden Keller (Woodlan) 914 (Fall 1:51)

Cons. Round 1 Jaden Keller (Woodlan) 914 won by forfeit over Forfeit Forfeit (Southern Wells) 02 (For.)

Cons. Semi Jantz Blackburn (Adams Central) 2013 won by decision over Jaden Keller (Woodlan) 914 (Dec 85) 5th Place Match Jaden Keller (Woodlan) 914 won by fall over Trae Schoeff (Bluffton) 67 (Fall 0:29)

220 Forfeit Forfeit (02) place is unknown.

Quarterfinal Jared Brinkman (Heritage) 246 won by for-

feit over Forfeit Forfeit (Woodlan) 02 (For.) Cons. Round 1 Zach Loshe (South Adams) 1312 won by forfeit over Forfeit Forfeit (Woodlan) 02 (For.)

285 Forfeit Forfeit (02) place is unknown.

Quarterfinal Tayler Cuellar (South Adams) 2110 won by forfeit over Forfeit Forfeit (Woodlan) 02 (For.) Cons. Round 1 Muhammad Yusof (Heritage) 27 won by forfeit over Forfeit Forfeit (Woodlan) 02 (For.)

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**READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS**

**OHIO LOCATIONS**

**Antwerp:** Country Time Market, Antwerp Branch Library, Antwerp Pharmacy, H20, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Hometown Pantry, Pop-N-Brew, The Rootbeer Stand, Agora, Pit-Stop, Subway

**Bryan:** Chief, Town & Country, McDonald's, Bryan Senior Center, Walmart

**Cecil:** Maramart, Vagabond

**Charloe:** Charloe Store

**Continental:** Okuley's Pharmacy, Dollar General, ACE Hardware

**Defiance:** Newman's Carry Out, Butt Hutt, Chief, Senior Center, Walmart, Big Lots, Cabbage Patch Convenience Store

**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, H20, Senior Center

**Latty:** Kohart's Surplus & Salvage, Country Inn Living Center

**Melrose:** Morning Star Convenience Store

**Oakwood:** Rhees' Market, The Landing Strip, The Oakleaf, Cooper Community Branch Library, TrueValue Hardware

**Paulding:** Paulding Co. Carnegie Library, Chief, Corner Market, Integrity Ford, Napa True Value, Maramart, Dollar General, Dairy Queen, Holly Wood and Vine, Paulding County Senior Center, Rite Aid, Ace Hardware, Gorrell Bros., Albert

Automotive, Paulding Courthouse, Paulding Co. Bookmobile, Susie's Bakery, Paulding VFW Post 587, Paulding Co. OSU Extension Office, Paulding County Historical Society, Paulding Co. Sheriff's Office, Past Time Cafe

**Payne:** Lichty's Barber Shop, Payne Super Valu, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Maramart, Payne Branch Library, Puckerbrush Pizza

**Scott:** Scott Variety Store

**Sherwood:** Sherwood Post Office, Village Food Emporium, Sherwood Bank,

**Van Wert:** Pak-A-Sak, Family Video, Orchard Tree, Lee's Ace Hardware, Main Street Market, Walmart

**INDIANA LOCATIONS**

**Fort Wayne:** Walmart (Maysville Rd.)

**Grabill:** Save-A-Lot, Grabill Hardware, Grabill Country Sales

**Harlan:** Marathon, Harlan Donuts, Harlan Cafe, iAB Bank

**Hoagland:** Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub

**Monroeville:** Mel's Deli, The Village of Heritage, Phillips 66 Gas Station, Dollar General

**New Haven:** Curves, Milan Center, New Haven Branch Library, Ken's Meat Market, New Haven Bakery, Paterson Hardware, Richard's Restaurant, New Haven Chamber, Crumback Chevrolet, Hahn Systems

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**WAYNE TRACE JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCES JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**



Pictured left to right are: Jacob Howell, Greg Lammers, Derek Enmark, Sarah Edwards, Leah Maassel, and Natalie Kuhn.

Wayne Trace Jr/Sr High teachers recently nominated and voted on January Students of the Month. Nominees: 7th graders Jacob Howell, Madison Farquhar, Abbie Stoller and Christina Graham; 8th graders Greg Lammers and Jacob Stouffer; 9th graders Krista Markley and Derek Enmark; 10th graders Grant Baumle, Kaylee Shepherd, Madison Coyne, Emily Williams, Sarah Edwards, Josiah Linder, and Natasha Torman; 11th graders Leah

Maassel and Owen Brigner; and 12th grader Natalie Kuhn.

After tallying the teacher votes, the Students of the Month are the following: 7th grade: Jacob Howell; 8th grade: Greg Lammers; 9th grade: Derek Enmark; 10th grade: Sarah Edwards; 11th grade: Leah Maassel and 12th grade: Natalie Kuhn. They each received a "Raider Pride - Pay Forward" t-shirt as part of their award.

**OHIO HUNTERS HARVEST NEARLY 16,000 DEER DURING OHIO'S MUZZLE-LOADER SEASON**

Hunters checked 15,843 white-tailed deer during Ohio's muzzleloader season, January 7-10, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). During last year's muzzleloader season, 12,503 white-tailed deer were checked.

Hunters still have opportunities to pursue deer this winter, as archery season remains open through Sunday, February 5, 2017.

The ODNR Division of Wildlife remains committed to properly managing Ohio's deer populations. The goal of Ohio's Deer Management Program is to provide a deer population that maximizes recreational opportunities, while minimizing conflicts with landowners and motorists.

lodging and more, according to the National Shooting Sports Foundation's Hunting in America: An Economic Force for Conservation publication.

Find more information about deer hunting in the Ohio 2016-2017 Hunting and Trapping Regulations or at wildohio.gov. An updated deer harvest report is posted online each Wednesday at wildohio.gov/deerharvest.

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.

Editor's Note: A list of all white-tailed deer checked by hunters using muzzleloaders during the four-day deer-muzzleloader season is shown below. The first number following the county's name shows the harvest numbers for this year's season, and last year's numbers are in parentheses.

Adams: 308 (274); Allen: 50 (45); Ashland: 239 (224); Ashtabula: 463 (270); Athens: 442 (357); Auglaize: 48 (49); Belmont: 391 (283); Brown: 230 (221); Butler: 75 (72); Carroll: 427 (277); Champaign: 72 (72); Clark: 42 (41); Cler-

mont: 168 (173); Clinton: 59 (64); Columbiana: 293 (222); Coshocton: 591 (425); Crawford: 52 (50); Cuyahoga: 2 (3); Darke: 37 (34); **Defiance: 84 (92)**; Delaware: 71 (81); Erie: 30 (18); Fairfield: 138 (111); Fayette: 14 (11); Franklin: 27 (23); Fulton: 33 (21); Gallia: 338 (204); Geauga: 132 (83); Greene: 47 (49); Guernsey: 490 (343); Hamilton: 39 (42); Hancock: 51 (49); Hardin: 111 (87); Harrison: 499 (293); **Henry: 32 (19)**; Highland: 216 (214); Hocking: 366 (319); Holmes: 289 (259); Huron: 133 (127); Jackson: 324 (274); Jefferson: 359 (211); Knox: 340 (309); Lake: 48 (28); Lawrence: 194 (129); Licking: 440 (322); Logan: 136 (144); Lorain: 142 (104); Lucas: 14 (24); Madison: 32 (27); Mahoning: 135 (109); Marion: 57 (54); Medina: 126 (107); Meigs: 420 (355); Mercer: 29 (17); Miami: 41 (29); Monroe: 344 (256); Montgomery: 29 (29); Morgan: 429 (273); Morrow: 96 (88); Muskingum: 602 (384); Noble: 310 (270); Ottawa: 25 (28); **Paulding: 42 (47)**; Perry: 301 (201); Pickaway: 60 (44); Pike: 172 (173); Portage: 129 (94); Preble: 63 (62); Putnam: 20 (17); Richland: 230 (204); Ross: 287 (284); Sandusky: 52 (56); Scioto: 229 (195); Seneca: 100 (77); Shelby: 67 (63); Stark: 215 (174); Summit: 36 (28); Trumbull: 256 (147); Tuscarawas: 514 (410); Union: 42 (43); **Van Wert: 24 (20)**; Vinton: 305 (268); Warren: 63 (74); Washington: 472 (290); Wayne: 150 (119); **Williams: 85 (95)**; Wood: 32 (31); Wyandot: 96 (115). Total: 15,843 (12,503).

**ANTWERP FALLS TO LINCOLNVIEW**

On January 21 Antwerp travelled to Lincolnview for the conference boys basketball game on Saturday night. The first game Lincolnview overtook Antwerp JV 37-50.

In the second match, the varsity game started with Lincolnview taking a strong early lead with three point baskets by Overholt and Rager. Antwerp scored only 10 points—most by Cole Seslar on two point field goals. The first period finished 10-17 with Lincolnview leading.

The Lancers continued on this path when they increased the difference between the Archers and their score. Rager, Overholt and Miller all added 3 point baskets before the half and the all four free-throws were made. Antwerp's Trey Mills started his action with a 3 point basket along with Luke Brewer posting his first points. Matthew Dooley was fouled and he converted both of his free throws into points. The half ended 22-38 and the Lancers continued their lead.

The Archers continued to increase their per quarter score in both the third and the fourth quarters. Mills and Peters both scored 3 point baskets and Matt Jones hit 6 out of 7 free-throws in the 4th quarter. Keaton Altimus also was sent to the line several times. He scored 80% of his free-throw attempts for the evening.

The final score was 76-55 with Lincolnview taking the win.

Score by Quarter:  
Antwerp: 10 12 16 17 = 55  
Lincolnview: 17 21 11 27 = 76

Antwerp Scorers: Matt Jones 16; Trey Mills 8; Dylan Peters 7; Cole Seslar 8; Luke Brewer 6; Matthew Dooley 2; Keaton Altimus 4; Hunter Noel 2;

Lincolnview Scorers: C Ringwald 10; L Williams 3; Rager 15; E Kemler 14; C Overholt 15; A Bowersock 2; D Lee 4; T Miller 2; Z Miller 6; I Bowersock 1; N Motycka 2; K Wallis 2

Antwerp plays at Tinora in a conference match on January 27.

**COUGARS DEFEAT LADY PANTHERS**

On January 17 The Paulding Panthers and the Van Wert Cougars competed against one another in ladies basketball. The game clearly in favor of the visitors from the blow of the first whistle. It wasn't until the fourth period that Paulding got traction against the Cougars, when JV were brought in on the Van Wert Team.

Looking at the game, one advantage Van Wert had over Paulding was in three pointers. Not only did they attempt 9 but they made 7 of them.

The Panthers shot nine free-throws but only 1 counted toward the score. Van Wert wasn't much better when they scored 3 out of 8 free-throw points.

Score by Quarter:  
Paulding: 7 4 10 = 29  
Van Wert: 16 18 22 4 = 60

Paulding Scorers: Asia Arellano 2; Kaylen hale 4; Karissa Lucas 2; Audrey Manz 9; Skyler McCullough 4;

**WARRIORS ROLL PAST PANTHERS**

Woodlan scored 24 first quarter points and followed it up with 20 more in the second stanza as the Warriors rolled to a 78-62 win over Prairie Heights Tuesday night in boys basketball action.

The Warriors jumped in front 24-9 at the end of eight minutes of action and extended the lead to a commanding 44-22 advantage at the intermission.

Woodlan widened the lead to 61-34 after three quarters by outpointing the Panthers 17-12 in the period.

Deontae Biggs scored 24 points to lead four Warrior players in double figures as Woodlan improved its record to 9-5 on the season.

Woodlan also ran its win streak to four games with the win on Tuesday. After giving up 82 points in consecutive losses to Wayne Trace and Churubusco, the Warriors have allowed only 42 points per night in the four game win streak.

Austin Fancher added 16 markers for the Warriors with Aaron Hahn adding 13 and Micah Robbins chipped in ten.

The Warriors finished the night 33 of 64 from the field (52 percent), including 7 of 20 from three-point land (35 percent). Hahn led the way with three treys on the evening while Robbins and Fancher both hit two.

Biggs and Hahn both grabbed six rebounds to lead the Warriors with Josh Gerig bringing down four. Fancher topped Woodlan with nine assists and six steals while Hahn dished out seven assists and recorded three steals.

Other scorers for the War-

**WARRIORS COME UP SHORT TO STARFIRES**



Woodlan Senior Rain Hinton drives forward through the defense. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Sydney Pierce scored 15 points and Lexi Dellinger chipped in 13 to lead the South Adams Starfires to a 43-38 win over host Woodlan in Allen County Athletic Conference girls basketball action Saturday night.

With the win, the Lady Starfires claimed a share of the ACAC championship by finishing league play with a record of 5-1. South Adams, which improves to 11-9 overall, tied with Jay County (15-7, 5-1) for the league title.

South Adams jumped in front 12-10 after one quarter before Woodlan outscored the Starfires 13-8 in the second stanza as the Warriors posted a 23-20 halftime advantage.

However, the visitors from Adams County answered with 14 points in the third quarter compared to Woodlan's ten as South Adams led 34-33 entering the final period.

Calyssa Lehman chipped in eight points for South Adams while Madi Wurster posted three and Kayla Lefever recorded two.

Rain Hinton topped the Lady Warriors with 13 points and Addison Bayman chipped in nine markers. Other scorers for Woodlan were Sammi Voors (six), Samantha Houser (five), Ellie Kayser (three) and Katelyn Bowers (two).

Houser also had the lone three-point field goal for

Woodlan, which drops to 10-11 overall and 4-2 in the conference.

Hinton grabbed 11 rebounds to lead Woodlan with Voors and Kayser both grabbing six. Kayser also dished out two assists and picked up three steals while Bayman also finished with three steals.

In earlier action last week, Woodlan recorded a 46-39 win over Fremont in non-league play.

Voors led the way for the Lady Warriors with 14 points while Hinton chipped in 13 markers. Kayla Reidenbach and Houser each bucketed six points for Woodlan with Bayman adding five. Katelyn Bowers picked up the remaining two points for the Warriors.

Isabella Dangerfield led the way for the Eagles with ten points and Bailey Weidenhamer chipped in nine.

Each team picked up 21 rebounds in the contest with Hinton topping all players by grabbing 13 for Woodlan.

Hinton and Kayser both had three assists for the Warriors while Bayman led Woodlan with three steals. Kayser, Reidenbach and Voors each picked up two steals.

Woodlan will open sectional action on February 1 as the Warriors take on Adams Central.

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# PUBLIC NOTICE

The Annual Reports for Carryall Township for the year 2016 are complete and can be reviewed at 15156 Road 23, Antwerp, OH.

The monthly meetings for Carryall Township have been changed to the second Tuesday of each month beginning February 14, 2017.

—Deb Wyckoff  
Carryall Township Fiscal Officer

# WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES 1/5/17

The Wayne Trace Local School District Board of Education met for the Organizational and Regular Session on January 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Wayne Trace High School Lecture Room

The following members were present: Mr. Pat Bauble, Mr. Duane Sinn, Mr. Perry Sinn, Mr. Dick Swary

Absent: Mrs. Lisa McClure

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Owen Brigner.

President Pro Tem, Mr. Pat Bauble called the meeting to order.

Roll Call was taken by Treasurer, Lori Davis.

New Business

Nomination and Election of Officers (Pat Bauble, President Pro Tem)

A. President of Wayne Trace Board for 2017

President Pro Tem calls for nominations for President.

Mr. Dick Swary nominates Mr. Pat Bauble.

No other nominations.

Nominations closed.

Mr. Pat Bauble declared as President of the Wayne Trace Local School District Board of Education.

Mr. Pat Bauble is sworn into office by Treasurer, Mrs. Lori Davis.

B. Vice President of Wayne Trace Board for 2017

President, Mr. Pat Bauble calls for nominations for Vice President.

Mr. Dick Swary nominates Mr. Duane Sinn for Vice President.

No other nominations.

Nominations closed.

Roll call vote: Mr. Dick Swary, Mr. Pat Bauble, and Mr. Perry Sinn, aye.

Abstain: Mr. Duane Sinn, Nay, none. Motion passed.

Mr. Duane Sinn declared as Vice President of the Wayne Trace Local School District Board of Education.

Mr. Duane Sinn is sworn into office by Treasurer, Mrs. Lori Davis.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

One resolution to approve the following consent agenda items:

Motion by: Mr. Duane Sinn

Seconded by: Mr. Dick Swary

A. to establish the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the High School lecture room as the date, time, and location of the regularly held monthly Board meetings for the 2017 calendar year;

B. to confirm that the number of Board meetings at which Board members may be compensated at unlimited at a set salary of \$100 per Board member per meeting;

C. to authorize the treasurer to:

1. make transfers within the General Fund accounts to pay outstanding bills within the limits of Appropriations as presented (when merchandise has been received in good condition) and to make General Fund transfers as funds are available;
2. secure advances from the county auditor when such funds are available and payable to the school district; and
3. invest active, inactive, or interim funds at the most productive rate of interest according to law whenever these funds are available;

D. to authorize the superintendent:

1. as the program administrator in making the decision to take part in any local, state, or federal program deemed advantageous to the school district;
2. to approve staff members' attendance at professional meetings;
3. to attend and represent Wayne Trace Local Schools at all professional meetings;
4. to employ such temporary and/or substitute personnel as needed for emergency purposes and otherwise;
5. to approve all regular field trips and vocational field trips; all out-of-state trips and trips involving more than 1 overnight's stay, however, must have prior Board approval;
6. to sign salary notices on behalf of the Board of Education; and
7. to approve all extra-curricular activity budgets.

E. to authorize the Board President and treasurer to borrow money if needed;

F. to establish the service fund for the Board of Education and to allocate \$3,500.00 to this fund (presently \$3,500.00);

G. to authorize the superintendent as purchasing agent for the school district and to establish \$25,000.00 as the limit at which the purchasing agent may make purchases/expenditures without prior

Board approval (presently \$25,000.00);

H. to authorize the purchase of position bonds for the Board President at \$50,000.00 and the treasurer at \$100,000.00;

I. to confirm that the substitute teacher rate should remain at its current rate of \$80 per day for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year;

J. to authorize membership in the Ohio High School Boards Association for calendar 2017;

K. to recognize the following legal counsel: Attorneys Scott Scriven LLP and Attorneys Dinsmore and Shohl;

L. to authorize the Superintendent and Treasurer to apply for and receive grants or subgrants and enter into associated contracts;

M. to designate positions as cashiers for the Wayne Trace Local School Board of Education and authorize the individuals holding these positions to make bank deposits for Wayne Trace Local Schools:

Assistant Treasurer  
Superintendent Secretary  
Building Secretary  
Concessions Manager  
Ticket Manager  
Cafeteria Staff  
Building Librarian

N. to set petty cash funds as follows:

Athletic Department - Tickets \$1,600.00  
Concessions - \$600.00  
Custodian of each petty cash fund shall be the supervisor or advisor in charge

O. to authorize the superintendent, during periods when this board is not in session, to make offers of employment directly to candidates for either teaching or non-teaching positions on behalf of this board, and to acknowledge acceptance of such offers on behalf of this board, subject to a subsequent vote of ratification by this board; provided however, that upon ratification by this board, the employment shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the employee's acceptance of the superintendent's offer.

Nothing in this resolution shall require the board of education to employ or continue to employ an individual who has not provided a criminal records check satisfactory to the board or who has not satisfied any other prerequisite to employment created by law or board policy.

And on behalf of the board, to accept resignations which have been submitted by employees during times when this board is not in session, subject to ratification by this board; provided however, that upon ratification by this board, such resignations shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the superintendent's acceptance.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Motion by: Mr. Pat Bauble; Seconded by: Mr. Duane Sinn

A. Resolution to designate Board President as legislative liaison and Board Vice President as the alternate for this position for this calendar year.

B. Resolution to appoint the following committees and to utilize the following Board members to serve on these committees during 2017:

Audit Committee (all 5): Pat Bauble, Lisa McClure, Duane Sinn, Perry Sinn, and Dick Swary

Building and Grounds (2): Lisa McClure and Perry Sinn

Transportation & Food Services (2): Pat Bauble and Dick Swary

Finance, Insurances, and P.I. Fund (all 5): Pat Bauble, Lisa McClure, Duane Sinn, Perry Sinn, and Dick Swary

Personnel (2): Duane Sinn and Dick Swary

Policy (2): Pat Bauble and Perry Sinn

Extracurricular (2): Lisa McClure and Perry Sinn

Student Achievement & Technology (2): Lisa McClure and Duane Sinn

Levy Planning (2): Lisa McClure and Dick Swary

7:10 p.m. Regular Session called to order.

Correspondence, Recognition of Guests, Hearing of the Public\*

\*Thirty minutes of public participation will be permitted. Each person addressing the Board will give their name and address. If several people wish to speak, each person will be allotted 3 minutes until the total of 30 minutes is used. During that period no person may speak twice until all who desire to speak have the opportunity to do so.

\*All statements should be directed to the presiding officer; no person may address or question Board members individually.

Guests: Tim McDonough, Crescent News

Owen Brigner, Paulding Progress

Report of the Treasurer

Treasurer, Lori Davis reviewed the Treasurer's report for January. Discussed the increase in valuation for property taxes in Paulding County.

Consent Agenda Items:

One resolution passed by the Board to approve the following consent agenda items:

Motion by: Mr. Perry Sinn

Seconded by: Mr. Duane Sinn

A. to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2016 Board meeting;

B. to approve the investment report and payment of bills for December 2016 as presented by the Treasurer;

C. to approve the cash reconciliation for December 2016;

Vantage Report - No report.

Report of the Building Principals Committee Reports - No report.

Superintendent's Report

A. Curriculum

Planning continues for our upcoming staff in-service day which will be held

# EACS SPECIAL OLYMPIC BOWLERS HONORED



EACS special Olympic athletes did awesome at the recent Special Olympics State Bowling Tournament! They competed in Indianapolis at the Western Bowl. There were 9 team members representing EACS!

The team brought home 4 silver medals, 1 bronze medal, 1 fourth place ribbon, and 3 fifth place ribbons!

The Board of School Trustees honored the team at a recent board meeting.

Team members include:

- Elizabeth Jones - New Haven Intermediate School
- Baylee Minth - New Haven Middle School
- Mitchell Schultz, Luke Muschell - Woodlan Elementary School
- Lauren Smith - Heritage Elementary
- Alex McNeal, Jon Allgeier, Collin Bergman - Woodlan Jr. Sr. High
- Mollie Sullivan - IREACH

Head Coach Lindsey Lortie, Assistant Coach Katy Wood.

on March 24. Chris Feichter is working with our administrative team to design the schedule for the day. Topics for this day will include cross district collaboration at various grade levels to confirm that curriculum and resources are being equally utilized, various technology updates, and examination of technology standards within each grade level.

Chris Feichter has also sent notice to the Paulding County Area Foundation in regard to some areas in which we could use some additional items to supplement the curriculum within our district. The Foundation sets aside funds to assist schools in their curriculum and we are currently seeking items which will assist our Agriculture Education program along with our STEAM themed night at the WTGHE building. Many thanks to Chris for seeking these funding options to assist our students.

Testing results are in from our most recent Third Grade Reading assessment. Kevin and Jody have given the detailed update. While we are pleased with the results we are certainly always looking for ways to improve. I appreciate the efforts of our teachers at the PK - 3 Level as they continue to adjust their techniques to meet these measures.

B. Personel

School Board Member recognition - January is School Board Members Recognition Month in the state of Ohio. Thank you to each member who diligently serves the students in the Wayne Trace Local School District (certificates for all members).

Dawn Wright has resigned her position of Digital Academy Teacher's Aide effective December 21, 2016 (consent item A). Dawn and her family are moving out of our district as she was able to move into a different position.

Mr. Nofziger has conducted interviews with the interested candidates for the open position of Digital Academy Teacher's Aide. Ryne Jerome is our recommendation to you to fill this position (consent item B).

Ann Olwin and Annette Bauble will once again be the workers' compensation safety coordinators for the district (consent item C).

C. Buildings and Grounds

The quote to finish the remaining hallways and cafeteria has come in from D & D coatings. Work has begun over break on the high school halls. Since the total cost to finish the high school halls and cafeteria exceeds my approval limit, I am asking for your approval to move forward with this project (consent item E). This phase will be the final stage of this project finishing all the halls and the cafeteria in the junior/senior high building. I would like to take a short tour to show you the area most recently finished following our meeting.

D. Events

Spelling Bee winners: Congratulations go out to this year's winners. The WTGHE and WTPE buildings both conducted their spelling bees in December. Congratulations to the WTGHE winner Anna Miller and the WTPE winner Victoria Stoller (consent item D). Both students will be participating in the Paulding County Spelling Bee on January 30 at Paulding Middle School 7:00 p.m. Faith Meraz who was our Middle School Spelling Bee winner will also participate in the County Bee.

E. Operations

2017 Staff Hall of Fame Nominations: Plans are in place for nominating former staff members for the Class of 2017. We intend to follow a similar plan as in previous years for this process.

Consent item F represents the changes to employment contracts for those individuals who are currently awarded stipends for their cell phone and internet. Lori and I are asking for your approval of this item. Lori explained to you the cost savings and additional services we would receive at the December Board meeting.

Consent Agenda Items

One resolution passed by the Board to approve the following consent agenda items:

Motion by: Mr. Dick Swary

Seconded by: Mr. Duane Sinn

A. to accept the resignation of Dawn Wright from the position of Digital Academy Teacher's Aide effective December 21, 2016;

B. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and High School Principal, to offer Ryne Jerome the position of Digital Academy Teacher's Aide for the remainder of the 2016 - 2017 school year;

C. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve stipends for Ann Olwin and Annette Bauble as worker's compensation safety coordinators;

D. to commend the following students for winning their school's respective spelling bee this year:

Wayne Trace Grover Hill Elementary: Anna Miller

Wayne Trace Payne Elementary: Victoria Stoller

E. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve D & D Coatings to finish the hallway floors at the Wayne Trace Junior/Senior High Building at a cost of \$50,000;

F. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Treasurer, to amend employment contracts as follows:

The Board of Education agrees to purchase cell phone and internet services for the following positions. These services shall not be treated as a taxable fringe benefit since the services are provided for substantial business reasons and are non-compensatory in accordance with Internal Revenue Service. Any stipends associated with these benefits are null and void.

1. Superintendent: Cell Phone and Internet
2. Treasurer: Cell Phone and Internet
3. JH/HS Principal: Cell Phone
4. Payne Elementary Principal: Cell Phone
5. Grover Hill Elementary Principal: Cell Phone
6. Transportation Director: Cell Phone & Internet
7. Assistant Treasurer: Internet

New Business - None.

7:48 p.m. Executive Session

Motion by: Mr. Duane Sinn

Seconded by: Mr. Dick Swary

"Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1), a motion to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of considering the employment of an employee of the School District."

8:15 p.m. Regular Session called back to order.

Adjournment

Motion by: Mr. Perry Sinn

Seconded by: Mr. Dick Swary

To adjourn meeting.

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

The next regular Board meeting will be held February 13, 2017 in the High School Lecture Room.

# THE WEST BEND NEWS Sudoku Puzzle

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## Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 15"

1st and scored 25.50 team points.

Quarterfinal Wyatt Miller (South Adams) 243 won by forfeit over Forfeit Forfeit (Southern Wells) 01 (For.) Semifinal Wyatt Miller (South Adams) 243 won by tech fall over Zakk Atkins (Jay County) 159 (TF1.5 4:13 (161)) 1st Place Match Wyatt Miller (South Adams) 243 won by fall over Logan Mosser (Adams Central) 238 (Fall 2:36)

120 Brandon Wynn (1613) placed 4th and scored 14.00 team points.

Quarterfinal Brandon Wynn (South Adams) 1613 won by fall over John Miller (Woodlan) 1114 (Fall 3:22)

Semifinal Nick Liter (Adams Central) 257 won by tech fall over Brandon Wynn (South Adams) 1613 (TF1.5 5:16 (183)) Cons. Semi Brandon Wynn (South Adams) 1613 won by fall over Matt Feasel (Bluffton) 1018 (Fall 0:47)

3rd Place Match Jed Perry (Southern Wells) 2411 won by fall over Brandon Wynn (South Adams) 1613 (Fall 3:00)

126 Austin McKibben (84) placed 4th and scored 13.00 team points.

Quarterfinal Austin McKibben (South Adams) 84 won by fall over Logan Dietl (Woodlan) 510 (Fall 1:00)

Semifinal Kaimen Sanders (Jay County) 208 won by fall over Austin McKibben (South Adams) 84 (Fall 1:33)

Cons. Semi Austin McKibben (South Adams) 84 won by major decision over Chris Heintzelman (Bluffton) 1614 (MD 141) 3rd Place Match Cayden Shaffer (Adams Central) 2013 won by decision over Austin McKibben (South Adams) 84 (Dec 43)

132 Briar Goodwin (224) placed 3rd and scored 16.00 team points.

Quarterfinal Briar Goodwin (South Adams) 224 received a bye () (Bye)

Semifinal Josh Beeks (Southern Wells) 266 won by decision over Briar Goodwin (South Adams) 224 (Dec 94) Cons. Semi Briar Goodwin (South Adams) 224 won by fall over Mitchell Ferguson (Jay County) 1512 (Fall 3:27) 3rd Place Match Briar Goodwin (South Adams) 224 won by fall over Austin Roemer (Woodlan) 267 (Fall 4:37)

138 Forfeit Forfeit (02) place is unknown.

Quarterfinal Coleman Beeks (Southern Wells) 258 won by forfeit over Forfeit Forfeit (South Adams) 02 (For.) Cons. Round 1 Cameron Coleman (Bluffton) 25 won by forfeit over Forfeit Forfeit (South Adams) 02 (For.)

145 Josh Lahr (1514) placed 6th and scored 5.00 team points.

Quarterfinal Parker Bates (Adams Central) 2210 won by decision over Josh Lahr (South Adams) 1514 (Dec 83)

Cons. Round 1 Josh Lahr (South Adams) 1514 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Semi Zack Zink (Woodlan) 106 won by decision over Josh Lahr (South Adams) 1514 (Dec 20)

5th Place Match Mason Stevens (Southern Wells) 2016 won by decision over Josh Lahr (South Adams) 1514 (Dec 54)

152 Drake Deitsch (1013) placed 5th and scored 9.00 team points.

Quarterfinal Xavier Walden (Southern Wells) 2112 won by decision over Drake Deitsch (South Adams) 1013 (Dec 52)

Cons. Round 1 Drake Deitsch (South Adams) 1013 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Semi Tristen Martz (Woodlan) 166 won by major decision over Drake Deitsch (South Adams) 1013 (MD 90) 5th Place Match Drake Deitsch (South Adams) 1013 won by fall over Khari Coleman (Bluffton) 814 (Fall 2:38)

160 Forfeit Forfeit (01) place is unknown and scored 0.00 team points.

Quarterfinal Orion King (Bluffton) 1117 won by forfeit over Forfeit Forfeit (South Adams) 01 (For.) Cons. Round 1 Forfeit Forfeit (Southern Wells) 01 (DFF)

170 Jackson Hummer (414) placed 6th and scored 5.00 team points.

Quarterfinal Brad Fuhrmann (Heritage) 916 won by fall over Jackson Hummer (South Adams) 414 (Fall 1:57)

Cons. Round 1 Jackson Hummer (South Adams) 414 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Semi Trevor Wallace (Woodlan) 1812 won by tech fall over Jackson Hummer (South Adams) 414 (TF1.5 3:26 (160))

5th Place Match Austin Bower-Huffman (Bluffton) 38 won by fall over Jackson Hummer (South Adams) 414 (Fall 2:28)

182 Jordan Heckler (1513) placed 2nd and scored 18.00 team points.

Quarterfinal Jordan Heckler (South Adams) 1513 won by forfeit over Forfeit Forfeit (Woodlan) 01 (For.)

Semifinal Jordan Heckler (South Adams) 1513 won by decision over Jacob Birkmire (Heritage) 128 (Dec 42)

1st Place Match Chandler Chapman (Jay County) 141 won by decision over Jordan Heckler (South Adams) 1513 (Dec 41)

195 Isaiah Baumgartner (254) placed 1st and scored 24.00 team points.

Quarterfinal Isaiah Baumgartner (South Adams) 254 won by forfeit over Forfeit Forfeit (Southern Wells) 02 (For.)

Semifinal Isaiah Baumgartner (South Adams) 254 won by fall over Connor Ray (Heritage) 1613 (Fall 0:37)

1st Place Match Isaiah Baumgartner (South Adams) 254 won by decision over Daniel Ostrowski (Jay County) 179 (Dec 85)

220 Zach Loshe (1312) placed 5th and scored 10.00 team points.

Quarterfinal Nathaniel Lykins (Jay County) 137 won by fall over Zach Loshe (South Adams) 1312 (Fall 0:20) Cons. Round 1 Zach Loshe (South Adams) 1312 won by forfeit over Forfeit Forfeit (Woodlan) 02 (For.)

Cons. Semi Andre Hughes (Bluffton) 1610 won by fall over Zach Loshe (South Adams) 1312 (Fall 0:47)

5th Place Match Zach Loshe (South Adams) 1312 won by fall over Mason Taylor (Southern Wells) 611 (Fall 0:58)

285 Tayler Cuellar (2110) placed 3rd and scored 18.00 team points.

Quarterfinal Tayler Cuellar (South Adams) 2110 won by forfeit over Forfeit Forfeit (Woodlan) 02 (For.)

Semifinal Brandon Schoeneman (Adams Central) 115 won by fall over Tayler Cuellar (South Adams) 2110 (Fall 4:19) Cons. Semi Tayler Cuellar (South Adams) 2110 won by fall over Ben Schomber (Southern Wells) 715 (Fall 4:40)

3rd Place Match Tayler Cuellar (South Adams) 2110 won by fall over Nick Sprankles (Bluffton) 1215 (Fall 1:39)

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Plaintiff,  
vs.  
**PAMELA L. HERBER, ET AL.,**  
Defendants,  
Case No. CI 14 066.  
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Taxes shall be prorated to the date of the sale and paid from the sale proceeds.  
Sheriff Jason K. Landers  
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F. Peter Costello, Attorney for Plaintiff

"This report provides evidence that corn ethanol can be a GHG-friendly alternative to fossil fuels, while boosting farm economies" said Vilsack.  
This report found greater lifecycle GHG benefits from corn ethanol than a number of earlier studies, driven by a variety of improvements in ethanol production, from the corn field to the ethanol refinery. Farmers are producing corn more efficiently and using conservation practices that reduce GHG emissions, including reduced tillage, cover crops and improved nitrogen management. Corn yields are also improving—between 2005 and 2015, U.S. corn yields increased by more than 10 percent.

Between 2005 and 2015, ethanol production in the U.S. also increased significantly—from 3.9 to 14.8 billion gallons per year. At the same time, advances in ethanol production technologies, such as the use of combined heat and power, using landfill gas for energy, and co-producing biodiesel helped reduce GHG emissions at ethanol refinery plants.

By 2022, given current trends, the GHG profile of corn-based ethanol is expected to be almost 50 percent lower than gasoline primarily due to improvements in corn yields, process fuel switching, and transportation efficiency.

The report also examines a range of factors that could enhance the GHG benefits of corn ethanol production and provides estimates of how those factors change ethanol's lifecycle GHG emissions. For example, the report examined the benefits of improving the efficiency of ethanol refinery plants and adoption of additional conservation practices on corn-producing farms. In a scenario where these improvements and practices are universally adopted, the GHG benefits of corn ethanol are even more pronounced over gasoline, about a 76 percent reduction.

There are several reasons this report found greater lifecycle GHG benefits from corn ethanol than a number of earlier studies. Previous estimates anticipated that growing corn to produce ethanol would result in "indirect land use change"—in other words, land would be converted from grasslands and forests to commodity production as a result of increased demand for corn used in ethanol production. But based on new data and research, there is compelling evidence that while land use changes have occurred, the actual patterns of changes and innovation within the farm sector have resulted in these indirect emissions being much lower than previously projected.

Recent studies of international agricultural land use trends show that the primary land use change response of the world's farmers from 2004 to 2012 has been to use available land resources more efficiently rather than to expand the amount of land used for farming. Instead of converting new land to production, farmers in Brazil, India and China have increased double cropping, expanded irrigation, reduced unharvested planted area, reduced fallow land and reduced temporary pasture. Much of the international attention on supply of corn for ethanol has focused on Brazil, where earlier estimates anticipated conversion of rainforests to commodity production. But between 2004 and 2012, at the same time U.S. corn ethanol production increased more than 200 percent, deforestation in Brazil's Amazon decreased from 10,200 to 2,400 square miles per year.

The report also demonstrates the added GHG benefits of on-farm conservation practices like reduced tillage, nitrogen stewardship, and cover crops—the same practices outlined in USDA's Building Blocks for Climate Smart Agriculture and Forestry strategy, which aims to reduce GHG emissions by over 120 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent per year by 2025.

Continuing to support adoption of these practices on farms will further reduce GHG emissions associated with agriculture—as well as benefiting the positive trends in lifecycle GHG balance of corn-based ethanol.

For a summary of the report findings see the USDA Factsheet: Lifecycle Greenhouse Gas Emissions of Corn-Based Ethanol. For more information on USDA's Climate Change activities, or visit [www.usda.gov/climate-solutions](http://www.usda.gov/climate-solutions).

**LADY ARCHERS WIN BY ONE OVER ACES**

It was right before Christmas when Antwerp and Hicksville competed against each other in the Annual Route 49 tournament and Hicksville won. The girls basketball teams are on an even keel when it comes to these two teams playing against each other. The game started off with Antwerp taking an early lead, spreading the two point field goals between Wilson, Short and Smith and 3 point baskets between Becca Johanns and Karsyn Brumett. While Antwerp scored 12, and this quarter made a huge difference in the game, The Lady Aces were only able to post 4 and all those by Katelynn Berenyi.

The game continued on and the trends reversed when Addison Bergman sunk 3 field goals and Chelsey Taylor added a 3 point basket scoring 11 this period and Hicksville held Antwerp down to only 7 for the period (5 by Rachel Williamson). The half ended 19-15 in this game that was now becoming a close game.

Bergman and Williamson were both in this game to win and both finished with 14 points. Williamson made 3 of 5 of the free throws while Bergman missed both of hers. Antwerp held on to the lead in

the third period when they outscored the home team by two.

Fourth quarter Hicksville was back on top with 12 points. Chelsey Taylor scored all 4 of her free-throws. Antwerp held on to the ball and held on to the one point lead when the clock ran out on these to close rivals. The final score was 38 - 37 with Antwerp taking the win.

Score by Quarter:  
Antwerp: 12 7 12 6 = 38  
Hicksville: 4 11 10 12 = 37

Antwerp Scorers: Rachel Williamson 14; Maggie Wilson 2; Becca Johanns 6; Krasen Brumette 3; Peyton Short 8; Hope Smith 5.

Hicksville Scorers: Katelynn Berenyi 8; Chelsey Taylor 9; Addison Bergman 14; Ashley Peter 4; Harlee Shuman 2.

**LADY RAIDERS NARROWLY DEFEAT LCC**

On Monday, January 16 Wayne Trace Lady Raiders travelled to Lima, taking on the Thunderbirds. The Raiders had a good game all the way through.

The first period went to Lima Central Catholic in a score of 18-15. There was quite the competition between Danae Myers and Madison Stolly, both top scorers on their teams. Myers was able to get in close to the basket while Stolly was a good shot from about anywhere on the court even far out.

The half finished 32-34 and the Lady Raiders took the lead.

The competition ensued between these rivals as Lima increased the defense against the Raiders. During this game we saw 3 - 3 point baskets out of the Wayne Trace Girls - Claire Sinn, Gracie Gudakunst and Brooke Sinn. At the same time LCC was dropping them in Samantha Koenig had 2 and Stolly 3 each.

The game finished with the Wayne Trace Raiders holding a 5 point lead over their opponents.

Score by Quarter:  
Wayne Trace: 15 19 15 11 = 60  
Lima Central Catholic: 18 14 14 9 = 55

Wayne Trace Scorers: Caire Sinn 9; Sadie Sinn 11; Kaylee Shepherd 4; Gracie Gudakunst 5; Danae Myers 2; Brooke Sinn 4;

Lima Centra Catholic Scorers: Hailey Koenig 2; Samantha Koenig 11; Madison Stolly 29; Josie Mohler 5; Rosie Williams 8.

The Lady Raiders finish this game with a 12-1 record.

Wayne Trace's next game will be January 24 at Jefferson High School.

**USDA ANNOUNCES \$252 MILLION AVAILABLE FOR REGIONAL CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM**

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack invited potential conservation partners, including private industry, non-government organizations, Indian tribes, state and local governments, water districts, and universities to submit project applications for federal funding through the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP).

Through this fourth RCPP Announcement for Program

**OAKWOOD SPELLING BEE WINNER**



Oakwood Elementary held their 5th/6th grade Spelling Bee on Friday, January 6. There were thirty-one participants in this year's Bee. Following many rounds, Hayden Mullen (gr. 6) was declared

the Spelling Bee Champion after correctly spelling "cutlery." Jamy Hunt (gr. 5) is the Spelling Bee Runner Up. She misspelled "quashed" to send Hayden to the championship round.

Funding (APF), USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will award up to \$252 million dollars to locally driven, public-private partnerships that improve the nation's water quality, combat drought, enhance soil health, support wildlife habitat, and protect agricultural viability. Applicants must match or exceed the federal award with private or local funds.

"Through unprecedented collaboration, the Regional Conservation Partnership Program has established a new paradigm for working lands conservation that yields unparalleled results," Vilsack said. "Working together, RCPP projects in every state are demonstrating the ways in which locally-led initiatives can meet some of our most pressing natural resource concerns."

Created by the 2014 Farm Bill, RCPP connects partners with producers and private landowners to design and implement voluntary conservation solutions that benefit natural resources, agriculture, and the economy. By 2018, NRCS and its more than 2,000 conservation partners will have invested at least \$2.4 billion in high-impact RCPP projects nationwide.

For example, three existing RCPP projects bring together more than 40 partners, including USA Rice, Ducks Unlimited, California Rice Commission, the Walmart Foundation and The Mosaic Company, to accelerate conservation on rice lands in six states facing water quality and quantity challenges. These projects, collectively called the USA Rice-Ducks Unlimited Rice Stewardship Partnership, aim to conserve water and wildlife habitat while sustaining the future of rice farming in the United States. With unique technical expertise and needs, each state is leading a partner-driven, local approach to conservation in rice agriculture.

In its most recent RCPP awards, NRCS last month announced that 88 high-impact projects across the country will receive \$225 million in federal funding, with more than double that investment from partners. The new Gulf of Mexico - Forest to Sea RCPP project will conserve Florida's pristine "Big Bend" area along the northeastern Gulf by implementing innovative conservation solutions with private working

**WLS SPELLING BEE WINNER**



Woodburn Lutheran School eighth grader, James Dixon, was this year's spelling bee winner, with the word "physicists." Seventh grader, Summer Singley was the runner-up. James will go on to compete in the Allen County Spelling Bee at IPFW's Auer Performance Hall on Wednesday, February 8th at 6:00 p.m.

forest owners. Using an impact investment approach, The Conservation Fund and 12 partners will implement an easement and restoration plan on large forested tracts to address the natural resource concerns while allowing sustainable timber harvesting and maintaining local jobs. The project will serve as a model for further conservation and impact investing in the region and beyond.

NRCS Chief Jason Weller encourages partners to consider conservation finance and environmental markets as they develop RCPP project applications. "The growing field of conservation finance provides opportunities to inject significant investment capital into projects that protect, restore and maintain our natural ecosystems," says Weller.

USDA is now accepting proposals for Fiscal Year 2018 RCPP funding. Pre-proposals are due April 21. For more information on applying, visit the RCPP website.

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

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**PAULDING COUNTY COURT REPORTS**

**Randy Cereghin**, Defiance, OH; Weapon/intox; Pled no cont., found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Pay for stay at jail; Shall repay ct. appt. attorney fees; Placed on standard probation; Complete 40 hrs of community service; Thinking For A Change program; 3RD Millennium Alcohol Course; Evaluation

**Melissa M. Figert**, Oakwood, OH; Fail control; Pled no cont., found guilty; Points waived; Pay all fines and costs by 1/17/17

**Mark T. Reid**, Paulding, OH; Fail control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**David R. Harrell**, White House, IN; Fail control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Josue Molina Damain**, Paulding, OH; No O.L.; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs today

**Josue Molina Damain**, Paulding, OH; Fail control; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs today

**Cheryl A. Germann**, Oakwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Aaron C. Contreras**, Paulding, OH; Left of center; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Dennis Schmiedel**, Oakwood, OH; Dom violence; Prel-waive; Defendant has been indicted; Preliminary hearing vacated; Case shall be bound over to the Common Pleas Court of Paulding County Ohio

**Christopher P. Knuth**, Middle Point, OH; Possession drug; Prel-waive; De-

fendant has been indicted by the Grand Jury; Preliminary hearing vacated; Case shall be bound over to the Common Pleas Court of Paulding County Ohio

**Christopher P. Knuth**, Middle Point, OH; Illegal conveyance; Prel-waive; Case bound over to the Common Pleas Court of Paulding County Ohio

**Bruce H. Montgomery**, Mason, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Amber N. Blair**, Paulding, OH; DUS-Non FRA; Guilty; Shall pay \$50.00 per month commencing 2/24/17; Has a POC date of 12/29/17; 90 jail days reserved

**Christopher L. Hurry**, Bluffton, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Chad A. Mullins**, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Case was waived by defendant

**Christopher E. Cook**, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Thomas E. Widman**, Van Wert, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Matthew T. Hurley**, Scott, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Tyler J. Wrasman**, Laty, OH; Seat belt/drive; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Frank H. Tracy Sr.**, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**USDA ANNOUNCES \$18.9 MILLION AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AT 1890S LAND-GRANT INSTITUTIONS**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) announced \$18.9 million in funding for eligible 1890 land-grant colleges and universities to obtain or improve agricultural and food sciences facilities and equipment. The 1890 Facilities Grant Program helps

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"This funding signals our ongoing commitment to create future leaders and skilled professionals in the field of agricultural innovation," said NIFA Director Sonny Ramaswamy. "By building adequate facilities we help 1890 Land-Grant Universities and Institutions sustain their programs in agriculture, food and human sciences."

The 1890 land-grant institutions were established under the Second Morrill Act of 1890 to foster higher education opportunities for African-Americans and other underrepresented student populations. This funding opportunity aligns with NIFA's strategic goal to develop human capital, communities and a diverse workforce through research, education, extension and engagement programs in food and agricultural sciences to support a sustainable agriculture system.

Eligible applicants include Alabama A&M University, Tuskegee University, University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff, Delaware State University, Florida A&M University, Fort Valley State University, Kentucky State University, Southern University, University of Maryland-Eastern Shore, Lincoln University, Alcorn State University, North Carolina A&T State University, Central State University, Langston University, South Carolina State University, Tennessee State University, Prairie View A&M University, Virginia State University, and West Virginia State University.

The application deadline is March 9, 2017.

Previously funded projects include an outreach and teaching facility for livestock at Tuskegee University. The university's Cooperative Extension division provides services to beef producers in the Black Belt region, a southern region that has a high percentage of African-American farmers and ranchers, and the surrounding counties. The project also provides outdoor

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**PAULDING COUNTY GRAND JURY**

Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney Joseph R. Burkhard announced that the Paulding County Grand Jury indicted 10 persons on Thursday, January 12, 2017.

**Christopher P. Knuth**, 7/20/84, Middle Point, OH; Possession of methamphetamine, F-5

**Thomas A. Santos**, 10/3/74, Melrose, OH; Possession of marijuana, F-5

**Alexander T. Scott**, 6/19/92, Paulding, OH; Trafficking in drugs, F-3

**Joyce Elaine Carlisle**, 8/17/78, Convoy, OH; Theft, F-5

**Deanthony L. Glinsey**, 12/13/93, Indianapolis, IN; Possession of cocaine, F-5

**Dennis A. Schmiedel**, 9/26/76, Oakwood, OH; Domestic violence, F-4

**Michael K. Smith**, 3/10/73, Toledo, OH; Non support of dependents, F-4

**Freda L. Lane**, 12/1/80, Paulding, OH; Assault on a peace officer, F-4

**Dustin Gee**, 5/30/90, Paulding, OH; Trafficking in drugs, F-4

**William Steffes**, 9/18/69, Cecil, OH; Domestic violence F-4

**Sudoku solution from page 13**

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**Maternity Leave Vacancy:** Woodburn Lutheran School is seeking a preschool teacher to fill a temporary, maternity leave vacancy. The candidate will begin in March and will teach for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year. This position requires a professionally trained educator legally qualified and certified to teach in the State of Indiana. This temporary appointment is for the 5-day preschool class, 8:00-11:00 Monday - Friday. If interested, please send a resume and references to David Van Spankeren at [David.VanSpankeren@wlsedu.org](mailto:David.VanSpankeren@wlsedu.org) or by mail to the school office.

- Job Functions:**
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**WBSC JANUARY BOARD MEETING DATE SET**

Western Buckeye Educational Service Center, January Organizational Governing Board Meeting: Wednesday, January 25, 6:00 p.m. with Regular Meeting to follow. Paulding County ESC, 202 N. Cherry Street, Paulding, Ohio

**PERI MEETING**

PERI Paulding Chapter 10 will have their meeting on February 1, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be at the Paulding County Senior Center, 401 E. Jackson, Paulding, OH. Speaker will be Paulding County Commissioner Mark Holtsberry.

**INDOT FORT WAYNE DISTRICT KICKS OFF 2017 PAINT THE PLOW CAMPAIGN**

The Indiana Department of Transportation announces the kick off of its 2017 Paint the Plow campaign, a community outreach program designed to promote safety and awareness of INDOT's Winter Operations all year long.

INDOT Fort Wayne District invites high schools within district boundaries to paint an INDOT snow plow blade with original artwork to represent their school.

In addition to being seen in full service during the winter weather months, the blades may be used at events within the school's community to enhance public awareness, promote safety and foster greater appreciation of both INDOT and the school's art program.

Paint the Plow is open to all high schools and career-technical schools in Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Elkhart, Grant, Huntington, Kosciusko, LaGrange, Miami, Noble, Steuben, Wabash, Wells and Whitley counties. Consideration will also be given to schools in Blackford, Fulton, and Jay counties, as portions of these counties are located within the district boundaries. Only students who are currently enrolled in the applicant school may participate in the creation, execution and completion of the art project.

For more information or questions about the Paint the Plow campaign, contact Nichole Thomas at 260-969-8219 or by email at nhachathomas@indot.in.gov.

**OPEN HOUSES SCHEDULED TO DISCUSS MAUMEE RIVER WATER TRAIL DESIGNATION**

The Defiance Soil and Water Conservation District, Toledo Metroparks, and other agencies are seeking to designate the Maumee River from the Indiana boarder to the Maumee Bay as an Ohio Water Trail. Public open house-style meetings are planned to answer questions and collect public comments as part of the designation process.

A Water Trail is a cooperative effort by agencies, communities, and organizations to map, sign and maintain river access sites for public use. Waterways that meet the criteria and gain community support are designated as official Water Trails by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Watercraft.

Securing the designation will also require the support of the jurisdictions along the 108 river miles in Ohio. There are 11 municipalities, 21 townships and more than 30 recognized access sites in five counties along the route.

An initial stakeholders' meeting was held in April 2016 with officials from various jurisdictions along the route. Five open houses will be held in January and February, one in each county, to answer questions and receive public comments.

Public Open House Schedule: Defiance County, Wednesday, January 25 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., Defiance Public Library, 320 Fort Street, Defiance; Henry County, Monday, January 30 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., Oberhaus Park, 750 W. Maumee Avenue, Napoleon; Wood County, Monday, February 6 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., Way Public Library, 101 E. Indiana Avenue, Perrysburg; Paulding County, Monday, February 13 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Paulding County Public Library, 205 S. Main Street, Paulding; Lucas County, Tuesday, February 21 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., Locke Branch Library, 703 Main Street, Toledo.

**Why a Water Trail?**

A water trail can package and promote public access sites and other information to provide a "one-stop shopping" experience for people interested in water recreation.

Water Trails benefit local paddlers and tourists alike by providing a consistent, safe experience with standardized signage, printed materials and online resources. More info can be found at: <https://metroparkstoledo.com/WaterTrail>

**ERIC CARLE WORKSHOP AT THE PAYNE LIBRARY**

Children of all ages will enjoy this family program about beloved author/illustrator, Eric Carle. Members of the Wayne Trace High School Art Club will be doing a short presentation about Carle's artistic style, and then will guide the children through an art project of their own. No registration is required. For more information about upcoming events at the library, call us at 263-3333 and find us on Facebook! The Payne Branch Library is a branch of the Paulding County Carnegie Library and is located at 101 North Main Street in Payne.

**ANTWERP BALL REGISTRATION**

Antwerp Ball Association will hold its spring and summer ball registration on January 28 from 9:00 am. - 12:00 p.m. and February 4 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at Antwerp High School.

**MAC GYM WINTER VOLLEYBALL SEASON TIPS OFF**

The winter volleyball season will begin on Sunday, January 29. Six youth teams will compete this year in the youth division. Teams from Hicksville and Woodburn Lutheran will join two teams from Antwerp and two teams from Woodlan. There will be two junior high and two high school teams as well.

Teams will play two games weekly for five weeks and participate in a single elimination tournament on week six. The purpose of the league is to offer a venue where youth can stay involved with the sport of

volleyball. Participants may not play other sports in the winter or may have conflicts. They may already be playing in another winter sport or may not have the time or money to participate in club volleyball.

The league schedule is posted on the website [www.macgymohio.com](http://www.macgymohio.com)

**JAY COUNTY GIRLS WIN ACAC TOURNAMENT 3 YEARS STRAIGHT**

By: Jeff Abbott

Jay County made it three-for-three, picking up their third straight ACAC girls' basketball tournament championship with a 59-37 win over Woodlan. The Patriots have won the championship all three years the team has been in the conference. After leading 15-10 at the end of the first quarter, Jay County outscored the Warriors in the second period to lead 26-18 at the half and extend the advantage to 43-24 after three quarters. Rain Hinton had 14 points in the loss for the Warriors

Score by the Quarter:  
Woodlan - 10 8 6 13=37  
Jay County - 15 11 17 16=59

Scorers of the Game:  
Woodlan - Hinton 14, Baymen 9, Voors 5, Reidenbach 4, Kayser 3, Moore 2  
Jay County - Homan 13, Dues 12, K Muhlenkamp 10, Ault 8, Omstead 6, B Muhlenkamp 4, E Muhlenkamp 4, Shreve 2

**2017-2018 SMALL GAME AND MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING SEASONS PROPOSED TO OHIO WILDLIFE COUNCIL**

The 2017-2018 small game and migratory bird hunting seasons and the trapping seasons were proposed to the Ohio Wildlife Council on Wednesday, January 11, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR).

The hunting season date proposals prepared by the ODNR Division of Wildlife maintain many traditional opening dates. Proposals concerning Ohio's white-tailed deer hunting seasons will be presented at the next Ohio Wildlife Council meeting on Wednesday, February 8.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service oversees all migratory bird regulations, including Ohio's hunting seasons. A recent change in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife's process allows Ohio to now propose fall waterfowl regulations in January, more than six months earlier than in past years.

Notable changes among the proposals included adding 11 counties to the 2017 fall turkey season; modifying waterfowl bag limits by increasing the canvasback daily bag limit from one to two and decreasing the pintail daily bag limit from two to one; and allowing any straight-walled cartridge rifle with a caliber between .357 and .50 to be used for deer hunting.

Additional proposed rule changes include changing the age requirements for those participating in youth waterfowl season from age 15 and younger to 17 and younger; modifying Pymatuning Lake fishing regulations for striped, hybrid-striped and white bass to be consistent with Pennsylvania regula-

**ARTWORK DISPLAYED IN LOBBIES OF SCHOOLS**



When the Antwerp Archers and Wayne Trace Raiders met on the basketball court earlier this month, it was more than just a game. Welcoming fans in the lobbies of both schools was a display of artwork, placing Antwerp's "Starting 5" against five of Wayne Trace's art pieces. Lisa Girlie, art teacher at Antwerp, selected a variety of two-dimensional pieces from her high school art classes to show. Angie Stokes, art teacher at Wayne Trace, put

up five of her best as well in this friendly competition. While some of the work being displayed were pieces created by the players and cheerleaders involved in the basketball games, it also gave both schools the chance to show off the talents of other students who excel in the studio. As a creative way to fuel the competition between these two rivalries, both schools hope to continue this artwork exchange at athletic events in the future.

tions; and moving sandhill cranes from the list of state endangered species to the list of state threatened species.

A complete list of proposed rules changes can be found at [wildohio.gov](http://wildohio.gov).

The Ohio Wildlife Council is an eight-member board that approves all of the ODNR Division of Wildlife proposed rules and regulations. The council will vote on the proposed rules and season dates after considering public input.

Open houses to receive public comments about hunting, trapping and fishing regulations and wildlife issues will be held on Saturday, March 4. Open houses will be held at the ODNR Division of Wildlife District One, District Two, District Three and District Four offices, as well as the Greene County Fish and Game Association clubhouse in Xenia.

Open houses give the public an opportunity to view and discuss proposed fishing, hunting and trapping regulations with ODNR Division of

Wildlife officials. For Ohioans who are unable to attend an open house, comments will be accepted online at [wildohio.gov](http://wildohio.gov) beginning on Thursday, February 9. Directions to the open houses can be found at [wildohio.gov](http://wildohio.gov) or by calling 800-WILDLIFE (945-3543).

A statewide hearing on all of the proposed rules will be held at the ODNR Division of Wildlife's District One office on Thursday, March 16, at 9:00 a.m. The office is located at 1500 Dublin Road, Columbus, 43215.

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

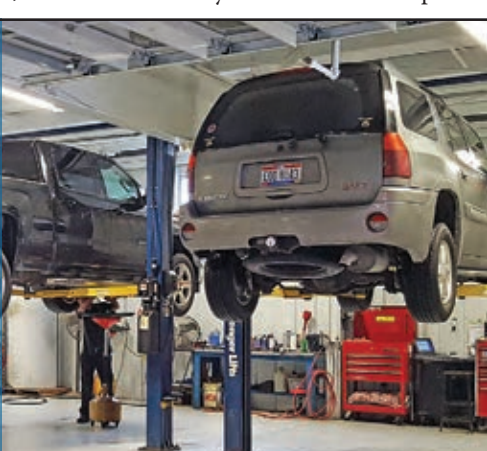
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