

NIGHSWANDER RECEIVES AWARD FOR APT MANUFACTURING



President Anthony Nighswander, Elaine Herrick (Secretary of State Regional Liaison) Ben Nighswander

Anthony Nighswander, founder of President of APT Manufacturing of Hicksville, Ohio, received an award from Secretary of State John Husted on Wednesday, January 25 for their outstanding

role in the economics of Ohio and their excellent achievements in business and employment.

Presenting the award was Elaine Herrick, Secretary of State Regional Liaison, for

Secretary of State Jon Husted. Below is a copy of the wording of this prestigious award:

"It is my privilege to recognize and commend APT Manufacturing Solutions
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FRIEND - HOFFMAN



Dr. Andrew Hoffman and Ms. Laura Friend would like to announce their upcoming marriage. Dr. Andrew Hoffman, son of Jeff and Cindy Hoffman of Monroeville, IN, is an area optometrist of Hicksville, OH and New Haven, IN. His bride-to-be, Laura

Friend, is the daughter of Mr. Greg (Kathy) Friend & Mrs. Cindy (Barry) Liggett, both of Fort Wayne, IN. She works at Trinity English Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, IN. The couple has set a wedding date of June 23, 2018 at the Trinity English Lutheran Church.

WOODLAN WARRIOR AMBITION SHOW CHOIR NEWS



The Warrior Ambition Show Choir kicked off their season with some exciting competitions. The show choir traveled to Southern Wells on Saturday, January 6th to compete in their first competition.

The Warrior Ambition received Third Runner Up and Best Crew awards. Senior, Evan Garver, was named Best Male Soloist and Junior, Taylor Bodie, received the Outstanding
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JOHN PAULDING HISTORICAL SOCIETY WINE & CHEESE TASTING

Don't miss this year's annual wine and cheese tasting at the John Paulding Historical Society. This is your chance to sample wines from three area wineries, and cheeses from Hometown Pantry of Antwerp. The event will take place at the museum on Saturday, February 10 starting at 7:00 p.m. Doors will open at 6:00 for guests to visit the museum. Raffle and door prizes will also be available. What a great way to celebrate Valentine's weekend!

For information call Cindy Kauser, 419-399-2955; Rena Rager, 419-399-3893, Kim Sutton, 419-399-2388 or stop out to the museum on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

All proceeds go to the museum! Hope to see YOU there!

NEW LOCATIONS FOR THE WEST BEND NEWS!

The West Bend News has pickup locations around the area for more convenience to our readers! The first includes Great Clips in Fort Wayne off of Maysville Road. The other is Synergy Learning Center in Van Wert. Check out page 11 for more local businesses and

organizations where the West Bend News is available every week for free!

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Community Calendar

Tuesday, Jan 30

- Essential Oils 101 @ Cooper Comm. Library 6p.m.
- Make a T-shirt Quilt @ Paulding library, 6pm
- Success in 60 meeting @ PC Library, Paulding, Noon

Thursday, Feb 1

- Off The Clock @ PC Courthouse, 4:30-6pm

Saturday, Feb 3

- Talking & Tea, 6pm @ St. Jacobs Church, Payne
- A Day Out, Black Swamp Nature Center, 11am-1pm

Sunday, Feb 4

- Souper Bowl Lunch @ Payne St. Paul UMC 10:30am-1pm
- James Zanker concert, St. Jacobs, Payne, 10am

Tuesday, Feb 6

- PC Spelling Bee @ Antwerp Local School

Friday, Feb 9

- Warrior Fish Fry & Performance, 4:30-7:30pm, Woodlan HS

Saturday, Feb 10

- Dress of Your Dreams @ Huber, 10am - 3pm
- JPHS Wine & Cheese Tasting, 7pm

Tuesday, Feb 13

- Reminiscing Oakwood @ Cooper Community Library, 6-7pm

To add your event to the calendar email info@westbendnews.net
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OBITUARIES

PAULDING, OHIO
Dorothy M. Rager, age 88 died Monday, January 22 at the Gardens of Paulding, Paulding, Ohio.

She was born March 8, 1929 in Paulding, the daughter of the late Darris S. and Gladys M. (Ansley) Albert. On February 7, 1948 she married Kenneth Rager who preceded her in death on May 30, 1980. She was a member of the Paulding Church of the Nazarene and retired from the Paulding County Hospital as a dietitian. She loved being a grandmother and spent many hours fishing.

She is survived by her children: Dennis (Genia) Rager, Antwerp, and Karen (Charles) Pollard, Paulding; a sister, Betty Rager, Paulding; six grandchildren; ten great grandchildren; and four great-great grandchildren

She is also preceded in death by a daughter, Diana M. Creiglow and a brother, Darris J. Albert.

Funeral services were conducted 11 AM Friday, January 26 at the Paulding Church of the Nazarene with Pastor Jeremy Thompson officiating. Burial followed in Blue Creek Cemetery, Paulding County.

Visitation was 4 - 8 PM Thursday, January 28 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. There was visitation on Friday from 10 AM until time of services at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggested donations made to Paulding Church of the Nazarene.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com



PAULDING, OHIO
Stella Jane Jones age 80 died Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at the Lutheran Hospital of Indiana, Ft. Wayne.

She was born October 16, 1937 in Chillicothe, Ohio, the daughter of the late Charles and Nora (Justice) French. On August 7, 1954 she married Keith R. Jones, who preceded her in death March 3, 2011.

She is survived by her children: Randy (Lora) Jones, Paulding, Diana (Richard) Richards, Alvordton, OH, Sharon (Tim) Franklin, Payne, Keith (Dawn) Jones, West Unity, OH, Gary (Alverta Owens) Jones, Paulding, Kay (Jim) Reynolds, Calera, AL, Thomas (Vicky) Jones, Defiance, and Timothy (Amy) Jones, Ruskin, FL; sisters, Edna Estep, Chillicothe and Nelda Skagges, Massieville, OH; many grandchildren; many great grandchildren; and many great-great grandchildren.

She is also preceded in

death by siblings: Dorothy Monroe, Leura Belle Clear, Beulah Haines, Estel, Elmon, and Ora French.

Funeral services were conducted 11 AM Saturday, January 27 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Burial followed in Wiiltsie Cemetery, Payne.

Visitation was 2 - 8 PM Friday, January 26 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Visitation was on Saturday from 10 AM until time of services.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Paulding VFW Post #587.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com



OAKWOOD, OHIO
Elvene Marie Dobbelaere, 91, of Oakwood passed away Thursday, January 25, 2018 at the Gardens of Paulding.

She was born September 1, 1926 to Elva and Ethel (Schooley) Keck in Paulding, Ohio. She was a 1944 graduate of Latty High School. On April 22, 1946 she married Gerard Dobbelaere at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Junction.

Fondly known as Shorty or Nan, she was a devoted mother, grandmother, and homemaker. She enjoyed being with family, was an excellent cook and was hostess to countless family and friends gatherings.. She also loved to play cards and to do the daily crossword puzzle until her health began to fail. Gerard and Elvene were fortunate to travel often and always journeyed with friends or family. They spent many enjoyable winters at their home in Haines City, Florida before he passed away December 24, 2007. For the past five and a half years she became a part of the Gardens of Paulding family where she continued to bring joy to those around her.

She is survived by her children, Bob and Sue Brown and David "Bud" and Kris (Kohart) Dobbelaere all of Oakwood; four grandchildren, Deedi (Mike) Miller, Cory Dobbelaere both of Oakwood, Derric (Dee) Brown of Marysville, and Darsi (Mark) Everson of Fishers, IN; seven great-grandchildren, Ellie, Estee, and Aiden Miller, Noah and Leah Brown, and Blake and Max Everson; brothers-in-law, Morris Dobbelaere, Bob Dobbelaere, and Henry Dobbelaere; and a sister-in-law, Doris Richman.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Heidi Dobbelaere; two great-grandchildren, a sister, Barb Finnegan; and a brother, Max Keck.

She was a faithful member of St. Mary's Junction Church until its closure and was currently registered at St. John the Baptist Church in Continental.

Funeral Services will be

10:30 a.m. on Monday, January 29, 2018 at HEITMEYER FUNERAL HOME, Oakwood with Fr. Mark Hoying officiating. Internment will follow in Sherman Cemetery, Oakwood. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. on Sunday and one hour prior to the service on Monday all at the funeral home..

Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences can be expressed at: www.heitmeyer-funeralhome.com.

PAYNE, OHIO
Leonard Charles Smith 82 of Payne, passed away on Jan. 18, 2018. Arr. by Dooley Funeral Home, 5761 SR 500, Payne.

EDGERTON, INDIANA
Shirley Gordon, 71, of Edgerton, IN passed away at home Monday, January 22, 2018. Arr. by Dooley Funeral Home, 5761 SR 500, Payne.

FREMONT, INDIANA
John C. "Cork" Woodcox, 69, of Long Beach Lake, Fremont, Indiana, passed away Monday, January 22, 2018 at Parkview Regional Medical Center, Fort Wayne. Arr. by Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp.

PAYNE, OHIO
William Alan Moore, 49, of Payne, passed away suddenly on Saturday, January 20, 2018. Arr. by Dooley Funeral Home, 5761 SR 500, Payne.



ANTWERP, OHIO
Daniel L. Pierce, 65 of Antwerp passed away at Paulding County Hospital on Friday, January 19, 2018. Arr. by Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp.

ANTWERP, OHIO
Robert "Bing" Bissell, 92, of Payne passed away Friday, January 19, 2018 at Chandler, AZ Memory Care.

Bing was born in Antwerp, Ohio on January 2, 1926, a son of the late Gertrude Hattie (Bissell) Ours and Harry Ronless Bissell.

He proudly served in the U.S. Navy as a Seaman IC in WW II; was a Safety Inspector at International Harvester; lifetime member of the UAW & Antwerp VFW. Bing was a basketball fan who also enjoyed men's softball & archery.

Bing's family was special to him; he will be sadly missed by his daughter, De-

nise (Thomas) Burt of Gilbert, AZ; 3 grandchildren & 2 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia (Bowers), whom he married July 10, 1948; children, Julie & Leonard and siblings, Flossie Sellar & Betty Bauer.

Viewing is Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 10 am, Dooley Funeral home, 5761 SR 500, Payne, Ohio where Bing's funeral ceremony will be held at 11 am.

He will be laid to rest in St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery, with military honors.

Memorials are to Antwerp VFW Post 5087, PO Box 974, Antwerp, Ohio 45813.

Fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 2/1 - 2/6

2/1 - Toe Nail clinic 9:00; Exercise 10:00; Euchre 9:45; Euchre 12:15; Penny Pitch with Meadows of Kalida 12:00

2/2 - Bible Study 10:00; Craft store open 11:00 - 2:00

2/5 - Tax Clinic 9:00 - 4:00; Exercise 10:00; Bingo w/ Country Inn 12:00

2/6 - Euchre 9:45; Euchre 12:15; SNAP-ED 11:00 - 1:00; Table Talk 12:00

HICKSVILLE SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 1/31 - 2/6

1/31 - 10:00 Chair exercises; 10:30 Dancing to the Oldies; 12:15 - 2:15 Euchre

2/1 - 10:00 Chair exercises; 12:30 Inspirational Readings with Linda; 12:30 - 1:15 Bingo

2/2 - Wear Red for Heart Health Month; 10:30 Dancing to the Oldies; 11:45 Birthday Celebrations; 12:15 - 2:15 Euchre

2/5 - 10:00 Inspire ME; 12:15 - 2:15

2/6 - 10:00 Bingo with Smith Farms; 12:00 Grocery Shop; 12:15 - 2:15 Euchre; 1:00 Computer Questions? Stop In!

DEFIANCE COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 1/31 - 2/6

1/31 - 9:30 Cards; 10:00 Crafts; 12:30 Kroger Shop

2/1 - 9:30 Cards; 9:45 Blood Pressures; 10:00 Band Stretch; 10:00 Zumba; 12:30 Meijer Shop; 12:30 Bingo with Brookview; 1:30 Alzheimer's Support; 4:00 Yoga

2/2 - 9:30 Cards; 10:00 Tai Chi; 11:30 Birthday Celebration

2/5 - 9:30 Cards; 10:00 Zumba; 1:00 Euchre Tournament; 3:00 Yoga

2/6 - 9:45 Aldi Shop; 10:00 Bible Study; 10:00 Cards; 10:00 Tai Chi; 4:00 Yoga

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all."

-Mark 9:35

DEFIANCE COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 1/31 - 2/6

1/31 - Chef Salad with ham & turkey; Alt=all turkey; crackers, pineapple tidbits, grape juice, dinner roll; Salad Bar in Café

2/1 - Pork chop with gravy, scalloped potatoes, Jell-o with diced pears, beets, whole wheat roll

2/2 - BBQ chicken, diced potatoes, green beans, Ambrosia salad, cornbread, birthday cake; NCS=cake with no frosting

2/5 - Parmesan crusted chicken, french fries, stewed tomatoes, fruit cocktail, whole wheat roll

2/6 - Turkey slice over mashed potatoes, Riviera blend vegetables, apricots, whole wheat roll, butterscotch pudding; NCS=sf pudding

DEPARTMENT OF AGING ISSUES LAST CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR 2018 OHIO SENIOR CITIZENS HALL OF FAME

Do you know outstanding older Ohioans who deserves to be recognized for their outstanding contributions to their professions, their vocations or their communities? If so, the Ohio Department of Aging wants to hear from you. The deadline to nominate someone for induction into the 2017 Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame has been extended to Monday, February 5, 2018. You can access the nomination form online at www.aging.ohio.gov/HOFNomination or call 614-728-0253 for assistance.

"Ohio is made stronger by the dedication, kindness and compassion of its citizens," said Beverley Laubert, director of the department. "Inductees to the Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame exemplify the hard work and contribution of older

Ohioans, as well as the vital roles they play in our communities and our state."

Past inductees have included business and industry leaders, advocates, community planners, educators, scientists, health care professionals, volunteers, artists, entertainers, athletes and more. Nominees are evaluated on the scope and impact of their contributions begun or continued after age 60. Nominees must be native-born Ohioans or have been residents of the state for at least 10 years. Posthumous nominations are accepted.

Induction is held each May as the state and nation celebrate Older Americans Month. Those selected for the Hall of Fame will join more than 450 older Ohioans inducted into the hall since its inception in 1978. Visit www.aging.ohio.gov/halloffame to learn more and view past inductees.

Nominations must be received by Monday, February 5, to guarantee consideration for 2018 induction.

DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2nd 9 WEEKS HONOR ROLL 2017-18

4TH GRADE:
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5TH GRADE:
Conner Davis, Tyler Head, Aiden Lee, Kyle Sutton

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OFF THE CLOCK AT THE PAULDING COUNTY COURTHOUSE



Have you ever wanted to explore the Paulding County Courthouse? It's historic, iconic, and full of hidden treasure, and it's right here in Paulding! The Paulding County Commissioners

are sponsoring the Chamber of Commerce's first Off the Clock of the year at the Paulding County Courthouse! This is your chance to take a tour, and explore the old vaults, search the old records, learn a little something about Paulding, and even explore the somewhat hidden attic! Other elected officials will be there to answer questions about their specific office or even the history of their position.

"Off the Clock is a terrific opportunity to network, relax, have a good time and learn something new about a business/organization in town" says Mikayla Pieper, Chamber director.

Bring your curious mind, and join us for a tour on Thursday, February 1st from 4:30-6:00 p.m.

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as a featured business for the month of January as part of the Secretary of State's 'Ohio Business Profile' initiative.

"This Certificate of Commendation is tendered on behalf of the people of the State of Ohio as a small token of their gratitude and sincere admiration for the exemplary work of APT Manufacturing Solutions and its outstanding employees.

"APT Manufacturing Solutions is an important member of Ohio's business community and has achieved great success by focusing on quality and the people they serve. This recognition and the accomplishments of APT Manufacturing Solutions is an inspiration to others for what they can achieve with a similar attitude, commitment and hard work.

"As Ohio's 53rd Secretary of State, it is my honor and unique distinction to commend APT Manufacturing Solutions. May your good and honorable work continue and stand as a measure for those who follow, inspiring them to believe in and work for the betterment of the lives of the people and communities throughout the state of Ohio."

—Jon Husted, Ohio Secretary of State January 1, 2018"

APT was started in 1996 as a small company by Anthony Nighswander. The company, in its 22nd year, has had three different locations and has achieved excellent growth in employment through manufacturing in the areas of robotics, automation and machining. The international company has gone from 50 to 135 employees in the last five

work and student training.

This award from the state of Ohio is a substantial statement showing the leadership involved in making businesses grow and helping small community areas maintain and increase employment in the technology sector.

Congratulations to APT Manufacturing, and Anthony Nighswander, for bringing good jobs to Northwest Ohio.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

On January 23, 2018 Kristen Lynn Yoder was born to Freeman and Brenda Yoder, weighing 7 lbs. 9 oz. and was 20.6 inches long.

Kristen has five siblings: Kenneth, Lisa, Hannah, Diane and Ryan. Grandparents are: Mrs. Sara Yoder, Hicksville, OH and Mr. & Mrs. Leroy and Janice Hochstetler, Nappance, IN. Great-grandparents are: Mr. Leroy Hochstetler, Bremen, IN and Mrs. Wilma Yoder, Nappance, IN.

LUTHERAN BARIATRIC CENTER DESIGNATED BLUE DISTINCTION® CENTER+ FOR QUALITY, COST-EFFECTIVE WEIGHT LOSS SURGERY

In an effort to help prospective patients find hospitals that deliver quality weight loss surgery, the Lutheran Bariatric Center has been designated by Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in Indiana as one of only six hospitals in the state, and the only in the region, to receive the Blue Distinction® Center+ designation for bariatric surgery offered by a comprehensive center.

Blue Distinction Centers® are part of a national designation program that recognizes facilities demonstrating expertise in delivering quality specialty care, safely and effectively. Building on this foundation of recognizing quality specialty care, Anthem expanded the program to add another designation level, Blue Distinction Centers+. To earn this designation, facilities must meet the same updated quality criteria as Blue Distinction Centers, and then go an extra step to demonstrate they do so efficiently. The basics of each designation are as follows:

- Blue Distinction Centers: Meets quality-focused criteria that emphasize patient safety and outcomes.
- Blue Distinction Centers+: Meets the same quality-focused criteria that emphasize patient safety and outcomes, as well as cost of care measures.

Guiding principles for the selection process were developed balancing a set of quality, cost and access considerations. These principles offer consumers meaningful differentiation in value for specialty care facilities that are designated as Blue Distinction Centers and Blue Distinction Centers+. The guiding principles include:

QUALITY
 • Nationally consistent approach to evaluating quality and safety was used incorporating quality measures with meaningful impact, including delivery system features and specific quality outcomes to which all can aspire.

COST
 • Nationally consistent, equitable and objective approach for selecting Blue Dis-

tinction Centers was used to address market and consumer demand for cost savings and affordable healthcare.

ACCESS

• Consumer access to Blue Distinction Centers was considered.

The Blue Distinction Centers for Bariatric Surgery program is available to comprehensive centers with inpatient capability or freestanding ambulatory surgical centers. The Blue Distinction Centers for Bariatric Surgery program designation includes two types:

- Gastric Stapling
- Gastric Banding

In December, Lutheran's weight loss surgery program announced its reaccreditation as a Comprehensive Center under the Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Accreditation and Quality Improvement Programs, a joint program of the American College of Surgeons and the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery. The Lutheran Bariatric Center was first recognized as an accredited center of excellence in 2008.

Since 2006, the Blue Distinction Specialty Care program has helped patients find quality providers for their specialty care needs in the areas of bariatric surgery, cardiac carer complex and rare cancers, knee and hip replacements, spine surgery and transplants. Research shows that, compared to other facilities, those designated as Blue Distinction Centers demonstrate better quality and improved outcomes for patients.

Upcoming Weight Loss Surgery Information Meetings

When: Thursday; session one, 12:15-1:30 p.m.; or session two, 5:45-7 p.m.

Where: Lutheran Weight Management Center, which is housed within the Rehabilitation Hospital of Fort Wayne, 7970 W. Jefferson Blvd; enter door #4

Register: Online at LutheranHospital.com/coe-bariatric.php or call (260) 435-7844.

The Lutheran Bariatric Center offers monthly information sessions. Visit www.LutheranHealth.net/Bariatric to learn more.

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

ANTWERP ELEMENTARY STUDENTS GET STEAM READY



With the brachiosaurus he created from large LEGO blocks beside him, kindergarten student Julian Rivera reads a book about dinosaurs with his classmate Carson Forbes.



Elementary aide Mrs. Sherri Lockhart helps kindergarten student Bella Donna Keezer finish her space creation.

Continuing with Antwerp Local School's goal to make students STEAM ready (science, technology, engineering, art, and math), kindergarten and first grade students at Antwerp Elementary are now participating in age-appropriate stations during library time. Stations include LEGOs, puzzles, art/origami, magnetic building kits, and a space building set. Students in grades 2 through 5 started creating and inventing in similar stations earlier this school year.



Kindergarten student Serenity Smith uses the magnetic building set to make a vehicle.

Students in grades kindergarten through eight are also participating in a new station of augmented reality books. These are books that use an app to bring books to life. Students can scan codes in the books to see dinosaurs

and other predators walk across the room, planets rotate in their orbits, a model of the human brain, a tornado hover over their table, and more.

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 19, to register on the Ohio EMA website.

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 22. 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 partnership 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.

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LITTLE LIGHTS PRESCHOOL AT WMC



Woodburn Missionary Church is proud to announce that a new community preschool will launch this fall. Woodburn Missionary Church is located at 5108 Bull Rapids Road in Woodburn, Indiana. Alison Moore will be the Director of the new Preschool.

As a Christian Preschool, Little Lights Preschool at WMC will offer half day preschool classes for children ages 2 - 5 as well as a full day Pre-K class for 4 and 5 year olds. Limited financial aid will also be available

to families seeking tuition help. Enrollment is under way for the 2018/2019 school year. Woodburn Missionary Church will host an Open House for families who are interested in seeing the facility on Sunday, February 18 from 5:30 - 7:00 PM and Monday, February 19 from 9:00 - 11:00 AM. You can get more information by going to woodburnmc.org, checking out the Little Lights Preschool at WMC Facebook page, or calling Woodburn Missionary Church at 260-632-4615.

ZANKER TO PLAY AT SAINT JACOB'S EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH



James Zanker from Fort Wayne, IN, will be sharing his music ministry at Saint Jacob's Evangelical and Reformed Church, 207 Oak Street, in Payne, Ohio on Sunday, February 4th, 2018. The worship service begins at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Zanker has previously served as Music Minister at two large United Methodist Churches in Fort Wayne, and is currently the music director for the professional vocal quartet, *Unclouded Day*.

James will be playing the flugelhorn during Saint Jacob's service.

Guest are encouraged to attend and enjoy the special music!

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman
Dear Parson,
Is suicide an unforgivable sin?

Suicide is definitely a sin, for our life is not ours to take. Psalm 100:3 says, "Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves: we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture." "What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." (I Corinthians 6:19-20)

When a person accepts Christ, he receives the total

atonement for all sins: past, present and future. "For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement." (Romans 5:10-11) "But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God." (Hebrews 10:12) He received eternal life - "And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my Father's hand." (John 10:28) The only sense in which suicide is unforgivable is if the victim is unsaved. Suicide ends the opportunity to become born again and receive Christ's atonement. "And it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." (Hebrews 9:27) Suicide to the unsaved becomes the final rejection of the Holy Spirit's call to salvation.

Though a Christian who commits suicide still goes to heaven, it is nevertheless devastating to God, family and acquaintances. It is selfish and it terminates one's opportunities to minister to others for Christ.

Those who have to live with the suicide of a loved one should reject Satan's attempts to get them to concentrate on and judge that person's whole life by that one senseless act that ended their life.

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

BIBLE STUDY

By: James Potter Oakwood Church of Christ
Old Testament Prophecy: Isaiah 61 1-2

- Is this a Messianic prophecy?
- Was Deuteronomy 18:15, 18, 19 also a Messianic prophecy?
- What was upon me (Christ)?
- Who anointed Christ? Acts 10:38

- What was Christ to preach?
- Who was Christ to heal?
- What was Christ to preach to the captives?
- What does this mean, "the opening of the prison to those who are bound?"
- What was Christ to proclaim?
- What is the day of our God?
- Who was Christ going to comfort?

Fulfilled in the New Testament: Luke 4:18-19.

O. T. answers to questions:

1. Yes; 2. Yes; 3. Spirit of the Lord God; 4. Lord God; Acts 10:38; 5. Good tidings to the poor; 6. The broken hearted; 7. Proclaim liberty to the captives; 8. Jesus provided a way to release us from our sin; 9. That this was the right time in God's eyes, or acceptable time for Christ to come; 10. Victory of God over His enemies; 11. All of those who obeyed His way of salvation.

Please read Verse 16-30 to see how the people felt about Jesus. Also study these verses and ask yourselves questions. The questions on the prophecy was asked in Isaiah 61:1-2. None in the N. T., just asking you to study the verses I have given you and we can discuss this in class. For James Potter call 419-393-4775 or 419-399-5022 for Lonnie Lambert.

LEARN HOW TO MAKE A T-SHIRT QUILT AT PAULDING LIBRARY

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WAYNE TRACE/PAYNE ELEMENTARY 2ND 9WK HONOR ROLL 2017/18

***We no longer have honor roll for 1st and 2nd grades**
THIRD GRADE
ALL A'S: Ella Crosby, Grayson Sutton
A'S AND B'S: Katelynn Bauer, Destin Endicott, Camryn Finger, Boston Font, Kenzie Johnson, Blake Noggle, Johnalynn Shellenbarger, Lizbeth Wenninger, Monica Williams, Olivia Zartman
ALL B'S: Paytin Laukhuf
FOURTH GRADE
ALL A'S: Chase Pack, Raeagan McGarvey, Ryan Parker, Mylie Wittwer
ALL A'S AND B'S: Alicia Bahena, Xander Bartley, Lily Boyd, Kaden Wilcox, Nichole Kennedy, Eric Reinhart, Jack Schoenauer, Amber Stoller, Emma Stouffer, Caroline Winans, Careen Winans, Stella Laukhuf, Chloe Murphy, Mya Endicott, Tanner

Laukhuf, Madison Rios, Athan Hull, Octavia Stoller, Tyler Blankenship, Clay Stoller

FIFTH GRADE
ALL A'S: Tyson Gerber, Isabella Knowles, Luke Stouffer
ALL A'S AND B'S: Christian Bohland, Adela Collins, Kaitlyn Cox, Brooklin Creighton, Cheyene Goings, Serenity Helms, Braden Miller, Allison Noggle, Zoah Wineland
ALL B'S: Jordan Banks, Beth Miller
SIXTH GRADE
ALL A'S: Emma Laukhuf, Lynsey Pease, Meara Rager
ALL A'S AND B'S: Breven Anderson, Logen Bland, Melanie Dunham, Kyren Karhoff, Lucas Kennedy, Adrian Laukhuf, Brenna Parker, Kamrun Smith, Jude Stoller, Victoria Stoller, Caitlyn Thomas, Brenna Thomas, Meg Thompson, Emily Thrasher, Cale Winans, Ava Zartman
ALL B'S: Brooks Laukhuf

GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY 2ND 9WKS HONOR ROLL 2017/18

ALL A'S
6A: Libby Meraz, Kyle Stoller, Laryssa Whitman
5B: Ava Stoller, Kathleen Stoller, Nicholas Sinn, Dylan Coffman, Anna Meraz
5A: Brady Miller, Natalie Stoller, Morgan Elliot, Eli Martinez, Gage Ogle, Lorie Sinn, Tori Young
4B: Whitney Boroff, Torree Sinn, Addison Stoller
4A: Lance Maenle, Riley Manz
3B: Miley Jacobs, Stefany Lopez, Cole Manz, Noah Schlatter, Amber Stoller, Corbin Varner, Volk Campbell
3A: Alex Doster, Zach Stoller, Hayden Warren
ALL A'S AND B'S
6B: Kyla Hurd, Logan Miller, Nathaniel Osborn, Zach Wobler, Briley Coffman, Allison Schilt, Graiden Troth
6A: Ally Stephey, Tucker Antoine, Mary Lands, Kaden Landwehr, Caleb Mosier
5B: Jarrett Jewell, Elana Bidlack, Tianna Sinn, Trent Thornell, Maya Reynolds, Brandon Shoup, Amos Sinn
5A: Jericho Guyton, Corbin Kimmel
4B: Jordan Hale, Caitlyn Mead
4A: Ryann Jay, Lexi Moore, Aubree Miller, Natalie Richie, Ian Jewell
3B: Katie Groves
3A: Taylor Stemen
ALL B'S
6B: Olivia Longstreth, Kaiden Tucker
5A: Blake Osborn, Ciarra Cotterman, Mackenzie Silance
3B: Austin Finrock, Logan Schnepf, Braxton Merriman
3A: Colton Kimmel, Caleb McClure, Reece Olwin

NOTEWORTHY ILLUSTRATOR SUTPHIN TO PRESENT AT MVNU LECTURE/ARTIST SERIES

Mount Vernon Nazarene University is pleased to host Joe Sutphin as part of the MVNU 2017-18 Lecture/Artist Series. An illustrator for children's books such as the New York Times bestseller "Word of Mouse" by James Patterson, Sutphin will visit MVNU on Wednesday, Feb. 14 and Thursday, Feb. 15. Paragraphs Bookstore, 229 S. Main St., will host a book signing event with Sut-

CARTER GUEST SPEAKER THIS WEEK AT KIWANIS



This week at Kiwanis, the guest speaker was a Kiwanis member himself, George Carter the CEO of Paulding Putnam Electric Co-op. George's presentation discussed capital credits and gave a glimpse into how the company gives back to its members. Paulding Putnam Electric Co-op is a non-profit organization. They do not have stakeholders, instead they have members. This reduces the cost to users and ensure that all the money they generate stays right here in the communities they serve. Retirement payments are allocated back to past and current members usually as a credit on their December electric bill. Other

profits are filtered back into the community through donations, investments, and scholarships. Each year PPEC invests about 5-7 million dollars in poles and wires but that money does not come from members over one year, but rather over 30 years which is the life expectancy of the poles and lines. By spreading out the cost over the life expectancy of 30 years, PPEC can keep rates low while not sticking their members with a huge price increase overnight.

George was very proud and open about the way their system works; and passionate about serving the community. Kiwanis meets next week over lunch on February 1st.

phin on Wednesday from 4-5:30 p.m. where he will discuss his latest illustrations in "Raffie on the Run" by Jacqueline Resnick.

He will speak on his spiritual journey and career on the main campus on Thursday, Feb. 15 at 7:30 p.m., in Thorne Performance Hall which is free and open to the public.

Sutphin began drawing when he was younger. He left art school when he was 20 years old but still continued to tell stories and draw. In 2003 he began a children's art portfolio and then found himself being mentored by Tony DiTerlizzi, the creator of "The Spiderwick Chronicles." Sutphin gives DiTerlizzi credit for being an encouragement in his time of becoming an artist. Stuphin's work in James Patterson and Chris Gra-

benstein's "Word of Mouse" has been reviewed as "reminiscent of Garth Williams's work in 'Stuart Little'" by Publishers Weekly.

For more information on Sutphin visit joesutphin.com.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Paulding County Park District Board is dedicated to acquiring, developing and preserving parks and recreational areas for the use and enjoyment of the residents of Paulding County and surrounding areas. Thus far the District has acquired New Rochester Park from the state of Ohio. We are working with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, the Buckeye Trail Association and the Miami and Erie Canal Corridor to maintain the historic canal's twenty-two miles through Paulding County. The District will also be developing a canoe and kayak launch at the Cecil Bridge on the Maumee River.

While work continues on these projects the next focus is Five Span Park on the Auglaize River. Plans include a picnic area, rest rooms, parking and hopefully a dock.

Paulding County is unique in having two major historical rivers. We are also fortunate to have areas of historical rivers. We are also fortunate to have areas of historical importance relating to the canal era, the War of 1812 and Native Americans. These resources should be valuable to every resident. The District wants to help preserve and enhance these resources and enable free access for all to enjoy.

All of these projects take

money to develop and preserve. To date, work has been done by volunteers donating their time and supplies. We have received some monetary donations from groups and individuals for which we are truly grateful. A \$5000.00 donation from EDP Renewables North America was recently received and great appreciated.

The Paulding County Park District Board needs you! For information call: 419-594-3659.

Look for us Facebook at Paulding County Park District.

Linda Hodges
Member, Paulding County Park Board

**WAYNE TRACE JR/SR HIGH
2ND 9WKS HONOR ROLL
2017/18**

**MERIT HONOR ROLL
4.0 GPA**

SEVENTH GRADE: Anna Miller, Laura Thornell, Sydney Sinn, Kiara Bahena

EIGHTH GRADE: Cameron Stoller, Malia Wittwer, Faith Meraz, Abbie Stoller, Kate Laukhuf

FRESHMEN: Jacob Stouffer, Julie Sinn, Tiffany Sinn, Gabrielle Donis, Maria Stoller, Katie Stoller

SOPHOMORES: Andrew Sinn, Max Laukhuf, Sydney Coyne, Miriam Sinn, Catherine Strable, Nathan Gerber

JUNIORS: Julianne Roop, Sara Edwards, Alli Hefner, Sadie Sinn, Ellie Stoller, Gracie Laukhuf, Grant Baumle, Kaitlyn Doster, Noah Hasch, Derek Myers, Anne Eklund, Matthew Stouffer, Madison Coyne, Trae Sinn, Austin Reed

SENIORS: Kalin Gerber, Gracie Gudakunst, Joel Johnson, Erica Mohr, Sara Sinn, Gabe Sinn, Megan Moore, Brooke Sinn, Leah Maassel, Lily Sinn

FIRST HONORS 3.999-3.67

SEVENTH GRADE: Rylee Miller, Lillian Anderson, Jake Downing, Kara Stoller, Jared Pierce, Zerika Burkley

EIGHTH GRADE: Christopher D'Ambrosia, Haylee Finrock, Therin Coyne, Anastasia Gonzales, Rachel Stoller, Brayson Parrish, Claudia Sinn

FRESHMEN: Natalie Schultz, Braelynn Spear, Katrina Stoller, Cara Davis, Carlee Mead, Natalie Bostelman, Isaiah Rittenhouse, Allison Dyson

SOPHOMORES: Reid Miller

JUNIORS: Emily Dyson, Clark Laukhuf, Emily Williams, Bryan Hofmann,

Kaylee Shepherd, Brooke Greulach, Olivia Egnor, Madilyn Brigner, Reece Thompson, Rachel Ringler, Hannah Wilhelm

SENIORS: Elisa Entrade, Adam Stoller

SECOND HONORS 3.3-3.666

SEVENTH GRADE: Malory Moore, Hannah Maenle, Elise Miller, Gracie Shepherd, Laura Stoller, Blake Stoller, Lane Morehead, Nyle Stoller, Ezra Sinn, Gatlin Rowlands, Skylar Zuber, Kyle Slade, Abby Moore, Madison Bash, Kaden Woolbright, Evan Crosby

EIGHTH GRADE: Elijah Spinner, Alexander Kohart, Tatum Tigner, Nathan Sinn, Jeremiah Molitor, Christina Graham, Ethan Noggle, Morgan Hefner, Jarrett Hornish, Madison Farquhar, Alexa Campbell, Carly Blankenship

FRESHMEN: Ryan Weninger, Joseph Munger, Gregory Lammers, Samuel Rager, Wyatt Shelton, Dylan Wobler, Lydia Whitman, Kaylee Porter

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JUNIORS: Josiah Linder, Olivia Klinker, Kristen Rittenhouse, Haleigh Stoller, Meagan Speice, Evan Mohr

SENIORS: Owen Brigner, Jacob Kuhn, Elias Sinn, Quinton Stabler, Jordan Saylor, Autumn Banks

THIRD HONORS 3.0-3.2999

SEVENTH GRADE: Cadence Baker, Martin Alejo, Elizabeth Mohr, Maggie Cox, Tyler Davis, Macy Doster, Kristin McDonald, Chase Schaefer, Joshua Shelton, Ava Dougal, Isaac Munger, Emily Cotterman

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FRESHMEN: Kara McDonald, Isaac Head, Garrett Williamson, Chloe Parker, Carson Rupp, Gabriel Sutton, Emma Crosby, Owen Manz, Riley Stoller, Alena Denny, Waylon Smallwood, Trevor Speice, Misti Klopfenstein, Emily Zamarripa, Bailey Kamphaus, Jacob Graham, Selena Guyton, Ethan Moore, Gage Tinlin

SOPHOMORES: Breanna Huffine, Thomas Holmes, Kaitlin Vest, Madison Elston, Chloe Thompson, Krista Markley Nicholas Bostelman, Ashlynn Parrish, Taylor Long, Austin Pierce, Nathaniel Showalter, Jayde Garcia, Kylie Pfeiffer, Adaira Etzler

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**LAKE SUPERIOR STATE
UNIVERSITY DEAN'S LIST**

Jasper Godeke and Jerett Godeke of Antwerp, OH have been included on the dean's list for the Fall 2017 semester at Lake Superior State University.

To make the dean's list, students must achieve a minimum of a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Jasper Godeke is majoring in Parks and Recreation

MIKE & BELINDA RENNO ANNOUNCE RETIREMENT



Mandy Miller with Belinda and Mike Renno

A fixture couple in Antwerp, Ohio finish their work in the small town and move on. Mike and Belinda Renno have officially announced their retirement.

Mike and Belinda have owned the Antwerp Pharmacy for many years. Belinda actually started at the pharmacy back in 1978. She then left for a few years, but came back and purchased the business in 1999 from Mark Marenberg, establishing herself as an Antwerp resident.

At the end of 2017, they sold the business of the pharmacy and the hardware to Pharmacist Mandy Miller. It was a surprise to many of the townspeople, but it couldn't be announced earlier as some of the details hadn't been finalized.

Mike has been a past Antwerp Chamber of Commerce president for several years

and also changed the town sign on the wall of Friends Flooring.

Belinda started working in Fort Wayne at Haag Drug Store; it was bought by Walgreens. Charles Jones of Antwerp, a customer at Haag, had told her that it would be good for her to start a pharmacy in his small town and that is what she did! After that she has worked in the pharmacy at Antwerp as the head pharmacist. They have very good employees there who they have worked with for a long time.

Mike and Belinda are excited to start their retirement and they have lots of plans and are ready to go! They love to sail out on Oliver Lake where they reside at their lake house. Mike likes to tinker with classic cars and Belinda loves to sew. Both of them are ready to travel more, visiting

family including their children and grandchildren and maybe one day visit Europe.

"As the owners for the past 18 years, we would like to thank all of our customers and employees. We have enjoyed working alongside of our staff and serving the community and we will greatly miss all and will never forget.

"We are very proud to pass our keys on to pharmacist and new owner, Mandy Miller. We see in her the skill, passion and commitment to independent pharmacy that will allow her to continue to make Antwerp Pharmacy an important asset that the community can be proud of well into the future." —Mike and Belinda

Certainly Mike and Belinda will both be missed and appreciate all they have done for the community!

and Jerett Godeke is majoring in History at LSSU. They are the sons of Kenneth and Dawn Godeke of Antwerp, OH.

Lake Superior State University is located in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, along the U.S./Canada international border. With an enrollment of about 2,500 students, LSSU offers an undergraduate experience that features small classes, individual attention and faculty/student research opportunities that are not always readily available at larger schools. LSSU students choose from a blend of liberal and technical studies in more than 45 areas. Find out more at lssu.edu.

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standing Performer award. On Saturday, January 13th, the Warrior Ambition competed in the Bellmont Winter Spectacular, receiving the title of 1st Runner-up and winning the award for Best Band. Senior, Tristan Delagrang, was named Outstanding Performer.

The Carroll Classic, at Carroll High School, on Saturday, January 20th, wrapped up the choir's January competition schedule. They placed 3rd Runner-up in the Large School Division and advanced to the "Night Show" competition. Junior, Jordan Lawson, was recognized as the Outstanding Performer.

Warrior Ambition February Calendar of events and competitions include:

• **February 3** – Northrop High School (1:00pm performance time)

• **February 9** – Fish Fry and Performance, Woodlan High School Auditoria DOOR 16, 4:30-7:00pm (come enjoy delicious chicken and fish and

support the show choir! Tickets sold at the door

• **February 10** – Dekalb High School (performance time TBD)

• **February 24** – Huntington North High School (performance time TBD)

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ON OUR WILD LIFE

By: Stan Jordan

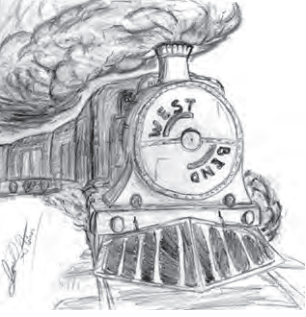
I got a message the other day from Debbie Hayden over on the Gar Creek Road in the Woodburn area. She had seen a snowy owl the last four days within a quarter mile of her house.

I am very glad to hear from her or anyone in that area. There must be a snowy owl nest in that area. Usually that is about where they are reported to be.

This morning, the 17th of January, Van Hanenkratt, the United Parcel driver, was telling me that over on the dam on the Auglaize River, there was 12 eagles of all ages eating fish at the base of the dam. That is the largest group that has ever been reported to me. I also talked with Greg Goode who works for Cooper Farms and he also knows about that group of eagles.

I have never read this, but I think that the eagles are more family-oriented than some writers tell us. I think they leave the nest still in good relations with the parents that last for at least a couple of years, now that's my own thinking.

See ya!



Teacher: Maria, go to the map and find North America.

Maria: Here it is

Teacher: Correct. Now class, who discovered America?

Class: Maria

Teacher: Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile'?

Glenn: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L

Teacher: No, that's wrong.

Glenn: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

Teacher: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

Donald: H I J K L M N O

Teacher: What are you talking about?

Donald: Yesterday you said it's H to O

Teacher: Clyde, your composition on "My Dog" is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?

Clyde: No sir, it's the same dog.

Teacher: Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?

Harold: A teacher

Q: When was beef the highest?

A: When the cow jumped over the moon.

Q: What do you call a cow that just had a baby?

A: De-calf-inated

Q: What is a cow's favorite lunch meat?

A: Bull-ogna

Q: What do you call sleeping bull?

A: Bull-dozer

Q: What do you call a worthless bull?

A: A bum steer

Q: Where do cows go for lunch?

A: The calf - eteria

Q: What does a cow wear to a football game?

A: A jersey

Q: What is a stock holder?

A: A corral for cattle

THIS CORNER

By: Stan Jordan

As I sit here at my desk and look out this famous window at the corner of old US 24 and Antwerp's North Main St, my memory goes all the way back to 1930. This corner is just full of memories.

I can remember back in 1930 this corner, where the West Bend News sits, was a big clothing store, owned and operated by Tom Foster. He sold out and the building was torn down and a number of businesses have been on the corner over the years. It was a gasoline station and barber shop a couple of times, that is back in the 1930's before WWII.

There was a small restaurant up along North Main Street called Sunny Corner, operated by Mrs. Eddie Gordon.

Then right after WWII Carl and Wilber Langham had the whole corner as a Chrysler-Plymouth dealership. After Carl's death,

Wilber and Tony were in business here. Then a little while later the west end of the building was once a bakery, a sweet shop, a kids room, and home for one of the fire trucks. About this same time the east end of the building was a flower shop out by North Main Street.

About in the late 1960's the building was sold and demolished and Standard Oil had a gasoline station here, operated by Mr. Tresslar, then Gale Jordan, then Mike Altic and later it was torn down as a gas station and has been a used car lot a couple of times.

The West Bend News had their first issue in the building in August of 2005.

See ya!

ACC HOLDS WILD GAME MEAT TRAINING



On Saturday, January 27th, the Antwerp Conservation Club held a free class on wild game meat processing and handling. Several members, along with a local business, were involved in pulling this together.

The evening started out with participants watching a deer processing video from the Ohio Division of Wildlife. The video was made by Outdoor Edge Knives. The video showed the entire process from field dressing to cutting the meat into final product. The video showed the different cuts of meats come from and their different uses. Some cuts are best for steaks, others for roast, and others worked better for burger. The video was paused at different times so Steve and David could go into more depth on a specific topic and to answer attendees questions.

Steve DeVeau, Bill Boylan, Steve Jordan and David Bagley talked about different ways to cook the different cuts of meat. Each one showed off their culinary skills by making dishes. Some of the food available were a couple recipes of smoked ribs, two types pulled pork, summer sausage, snack sticks and two flavors of jerkey. Participants were able to sample all these amazing dishes.

I appreciate Kent Meeks and Payne Super Value, Steve and Jo DeVeau, Steve Jordan, David Bagley, Mark Rasey and Bill Boylan for all their time and support. The Antwerp Conservation Club is planning to bring you more instructional and training programs this year held at our facility. Please support our area businesses that help use bring you these programs. They are our neighbors, friends, and area employers.

—Gary Mabis, President, Antwerp Conservation Club

2018 PLANNING MEETING TAKES PLACE AT ANTWERP CHAMBER

The Antwerp Chamber members met together on January 17 to discuss the new year and are working to make all the events even

better than last year! The meeting took place with President Audrey Feasby leading the charge. 82 bags were given away for the Small Business Saturday and that was up by quite a bit from the previous year. Sue Fowler, treasurer, noted that the turn out was great! Other officers include Mike Schneider, vice president, and Kelli Bradbury, Secretary.

Membership forms were sent out in January encouraging businesses to join and make a difference in the Antwerp community.

The schedule of public events for this year put on by the Chamber include the Town Wide Garage Sale day on June 8-9, Day in the Park on August 11, and Small Business Saturday on November 24. Other events in the town also brought up has the Cleveland Street Ribfest scheduled for June 2 and Trick or Treat scheduled for the Last Saturday in October, the 27th. These dates could be subject to change.

Business Spotlight articles will be written once a month and the February business will be Petals and Vines on Main Street.

There were several other things discussed at the meeting (one could be a new major event!) but are not yet ready for publication.

If you would like to know more or participate in the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce, you are invited to come to the meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at the Essen House Restaurant. To join the chamber contact antwerpchamber@gmail.com for membership information.

GIRLS SQUADS FIND OUT TOURNEY ROUTES

FORT WAYNE - Girls basketball teams around the state of Indiana found out their tournament routes on Sunday afternoon as the Indiana High School Athletic Association released the sectional matchups.

At Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger High School, girls basketball Class 3A action will take place the week of January 30 through February 3.

New Haven will open its tournament run as the Bulldogs take on Concordia in the first round with that winner taking on Leo.

Meanwhile, Woodlan starts its sectional action against highly touted Angola with the victory advancing to play either Bishop Dwenger or Garrett.

Heritage will take part in the Class 3A sectional at Belmont where the Patriots open sectional action against the host Braves. The winner of that game will play either Marion or Missinawa.

The other half of the sectional has Columbia City awaiting the winner of the first round contest between Bishop Luers and Norwell.

SAVE THE DATE FOR HANDS OF HOPE

Save the date of Tuesday March 6 on your calendars! Hands of Hope Pregnancy Services is holding a Taco Bar fundraiser at the Paulding OSU Extension Center at the Paulding County Fairgrounds. Meal will be take-

THE END OF THE PENTAGON



By: Stan Jordan

We finished using a story from Wikipedia about the big Pentagon in Washington D.C. it is considered the biggest office building in the world. Now we are going to do a story on the remodeling of the White House in Washington in the late 1940's and 50's when Harry S. Truman was president.

Now please turn your attention to the above picture inside the White House in D.C. This is going on in the capital, right down to the wires. You can see that remodeling the entire building is a major undertaking.

Harry Truman was president, but he had to live in a

place called The Blair House up the street, but I don't think that was too big of a deal as Harry would go for a walk each morning anyhow and sometimes would take a number of people with him.

Harry Truman was a common man. He wasn't a lawyer, in fact he didn't go to college. He was a captain in the artillery in WWI. After he came home, he was in the mens clothing business and then he dabbled in politics and was elected vice president for Franklin D. Roosevelt. He didn't want to be president, but he done a fine job when he was called.

See ya!

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• **Feb 8th - Club meeting - Doors open at 6:30pm, meeting at 7pm**

• **2018 memberships are available! \$25 Single, \$30 Family! 2017 memberships ended December 31st.**

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The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office

The Paulding County Veteran's Service Office is dedicated to aiding Paulding County veterans and their families in time of need.

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- 2 – Claims Assistance – Provide services for veterans and other claimants for help with VA claims for any federal, state, or local benefits.

We also provide reimbursement for the cost of transportation to VA medical facilities in our area, or in the case where the veteran cannot drive himself, we will provide a driver.

Our office hours are Tuesday thru Friday, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Arrangements can be made for after office hours appointments

Any questions, please call 419-399-8285

The Antwerp Chamber members met together on January 17 to discuss the new year and are working to make all the events even

HARTZOG LUMBER GEARS UP FOR SPRING CONSTRUCTION

SEMESTER ENDS FOR COLLEGE AND CAREERS CLASSES



Jeff Clark, Jim Phlipot, and Lynn Keller stand in front of the Hartzog Lumber sign.

Last fall, Hartzog Lumber in Paulding modified their ownership and brought on Jeff Clark. As you may or may not know, Hartzog Lumber and Supply has been a staple business in Paulding County for over 100 years.

Prior to Jeff Clark coming on board, Lynn Keller and Jim Phlipot purchased it with Rex Gray, Sr. and then in the fall of 2007 it was bought from Doyle Hartzog.

Back in the early days, it was owned by the Savage brothers who also had a sawmill and served the area with good, local wood for construction.

Today, the retail and supply store works to help with contract work and provides premium lumber versus the box stores of providing other grades. Walk-ins are welcome Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

On large orders, Hartzog Lumber can work out delivery right to your construction site. This makes it much easier for custom projects and homebuilders.

Hartzog may be known for their lumber, but they also have a full line of custom doors, windows, cabinets and granite countertops. They

know exactly how to help you the best possible way to get your kitchen or remodeling project exactly the way you want it with their experience in the industry.

Jeff Clark is very much experienced in construction. He owned and operated Clark Homes which was in business for 28 years. Jim, Lynn and Jeff all now work as contractors for Hartzog Lumber.

All seven employees, that includes the owners, will work hard to make sure you get the wood and resources you need to get the project finished.

With Hartzog Lumber being around for so many years and these employees having much experience, you can count on them to know what your project will cost and to help you keep it under budget.

When you go inside Hartzog, you will notice that they recently refreshed the store. The rearrangement put things in their own order such as paint is now in one station, and flooring is in another, plumbing is in another section. This organization makes it much easier for the walk-in customer to know exactly where to find things and get help when they need it.

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In the last few weeks, the store has also added a full line of Irwin tools and bits. This large selection makes it much easier and you don't have to drive to the big city.

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The semester has ended and Mrs. Walters College and Careers Classes would like to acknowledge all of the businesses and colleges who sent representatives to talk about student options after high school. Representatives from BGSU, BGSU ROTC, Paulding County Hospital, Fort Wayne Tincaps, Progressive Stamping Incorporated, UNOH, IPFW, the School of Advertising Art, and Ball State did an excellent job of informing students of what to expect in the workforce and at college.

ANTWERP WRESTLING CLUB AMERICAN LEGION TOURNNEY RESULTS

The Antwerp Wrestling Club recently competed in the American Legion tournament at Archbold High School on Sunday, January 21, 2018. 4 of the 7 young archer wrestlers were able to place in the top 4 of their respective weight classes. Finishing 4th on the day was Zac Salas. Earning a 3rd place finish with 2 pins was Tavin Sholl. Placing 2nd on the day with 1 pin was Zoen Bauer. The lone champion on the day for

Antwerp was Ethan Thomas Van-Kirk, winning all 3 of his matches by pin. Ethan has started the season very spectacular by winning both club tournaments he has participated in. Although he was just shy of placing, the wrestling club would also like to congratulate Camden Herber for earning the first win and first pin of his very young wrestling career. Congrats to all of the young Archer wrestlers for their success so far this season. Remember, if anyone is interested in joining wrestling, practices are held every Tuesday and Thursday at the

Antwerp Wrestling Club located at the old middle school gym on Archer Drive. GO ARCHERS!!!

FOURTH QUARTER LIFTS WARRIORS PAST PANTHERS

LAGRANGE - On the road in a tight game, the Woodlan boys basketball team turned up its intensity in the fourth quarter and pulled away to post a 58-50 win at Prairie Heights Tuesday night in non-league action.

The Warriors held a slim 11-9 lead after one quarter before the Panthers dominated the second quarter.

Prairie Heights added 19 points in the second stanza while limiting the Warriors to a dozen points as the Panthers seized a 28-23 halftime advantage.

Woodlan, though, answered in the third quarter.

The Warriors bucketed 13 points in the period and kept Prairie Heights to eight markers as the two teams went to the final quarter tied at 36-36.

Much like Prairie Heights did in the second quarter, Woodlan controlled the final period by outscoring the Panthers 22-14 to pull away for the 58-50 victory.

Sophomore Mike Perkins paced the Panthers with 19 points in the contest while junior Garrett Culler chipped in 11.

Senior Cole Harnes

(seven), sophomore Elijah Malone (six), sophomore Ethan Hoover (four) and senior Tanner Walter were the other scorers for Prairie Heights.

Woodlan was paced by another outstanding night from senior Aaron Hahn, who led the Warriors with 25 points.

Sophomore Mitch Mendenhall chipped in 13 points for Woodlan followed by senior Micah Robbins (nine), senior Ah'lan Howard (six), sophomore Trevor Wiedenhoef (three) and sophomore Ben Reidy (two).

SMITH FT'S PUSH ANTWERP TO WIN

ANTWERP - Hope Smith connected on a pair of foul shots with 4.6 seconds left in regulation to lift the Antwerp Lady Archers to a thrilling 47-46 win over Lincolnview Tuesday night in girls basketball play.

The two squads were nip and tuck all night long as the game was tied at 12-12 after one quarter and 24-24 at halftime.

After Lincolnview posted a 38-37 lead entering the third quarter, the Archers outscored the visiting Lancers 10-8 in the final period for the victory.

Smith led the way for Antwerp with 16 points while teammate Rachel Williamson chipped in 13 points.

Heather Oberlin and Karsyn Brumett both totaled nine points as well for the Lady Archers.

Leading the way for the Lancers was Kayla Schimmoeiler with 16 points while teammate Olivia Gorman recorded 14 points.

Alena Looser also reached double figures by bucketing 11 markers for the Lady Lancers.

Maddie Gorman and Adia Welch each picked up a second quarter basket for Lincolnview while Lakin Brant connected on a free throw.

COUGARS PULL AWAY FROM PANTHERS

VAN WERT - The Paulding Lady Panthers hit the road last week to Van Wert for a non-league girls basketball battle and it was the host Cougars who pulled away in the second half for a 46-29 victory.

Van Wert held a slim 14-11 lead after eight minutes of action before the maroon and white rallied to tie the game at 21-21 at the midway point.

However, the Cougars limited the Panthers to only a free throw by Audrey Manz in the third quarter while scoring nine points of their own to seize a 30-22 advantage at the end of three periods.

Van Wert then put the game away in the final period, outscoring Paulding 16-8 to wrap up the 46-29 victory.

Bri Townley led the way for the maroon and white with 11 points while Kaylen Hale chipped in eight.

Other scorers for Paulding were Cassidy Posey (five), Jalyne Parrett (four) and Audrey Manz (one).

The Lady Cougars were paced by Allison Schaufelberger with 13 points while Cassidy Meyers and Caylee Phillips bucketed eight markers apiece.

Reagan Priest (seven), Abby Jackson (five), Sierra Shaffer (four), Alex Metz (three), Jerica Huebner (two) and Alex Rupert (two) also scored for Van Wert.

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WAYNE TRACE BAUER TOPS AT LCC



Wayne Trace wrestling competed this Friday and Saturday in the Thunderbird Invitational at LCC competing with 43 division three schools from across the state. A depleted roster with only six wrestlers competing finished fifteenth as a team in a loaded field.

Freshman 106 pounder Gabe Sutton squared off in a deep weight class. He pinned Swanton's Derrick Cook to find himself advancing to Saturday. Dropping a hard fought and close match to Strouf of Mechanicsburg, 1-0, Sutton wrestled back in the consi's besting Kleman of Bluffton, 6-2. He then dropped his next tilt with Nelsonville-York's Yinger. He earned a seventh place finish by a 9-5 decision over Anderson from Covington.

The next Raider to get podium honors was Hunter Showalter. In a 170 pound weight class featuring five wrestlers ranked in the top fifteen for the state, Showalter battled it out for a sixth place finish. Showalter notched three wins with pins over Reed, West Liberty-Salem; Bill, Lincolnview; and McReynolds, Covington. He fell short against three state ranked wrestlers in Calvert's Kwiatt and Ottawa Glandorf's Rosales. He pushed state ranked Knapp in his last match to the distance and more. Showalter fell to Knapp in triple overtime by a 3-2 decision. Showalter finished the day sixth.

Tyler Bauer put forth his best showing and wrestling of the season. Seeded fourth in the 126-pound weight class, Bauer posted wins via pin in his first three contests over Bluffton's Romick, Carlisle's Artis, and number five seed Sandwisch of Woodmore. In the quarters, he posted a major decision 13-4 over Hernandez from Ottawa Glandorf.

The sole Raider to be competing for a Thunderbird invitational crown, Bauer faced number two seed Kaleb Nickels of Miami East. Nickels had no answer for Bauer's underhook and mat wrestling. Bauer never trailed in the match and posted a major decision win of 13-4 over Nickels.

The junior found himself where few Raider wrestlers have, atop the podium as this year's 126-pound Thunderbird Invitational champion. "Today sets Tyler up for sectionals and districts. This by far, is Tyler's best performance from start to finish in a tournament of this caliber. He gained confidence by wrestling to his strengths and really solid the entire tournament. He beat some wrestlers he will have to face again to achieve his goal of going to the Schott this year," stated Coach Clemens.

"Overall, I was really pleased with our wrestling today. Sutton wrestled really well in a strong 106-pound class. Like Bauer, he was able to overtake some wrestlers

he will see again at the district level and he continues to gain valuable major match experience as a freshman. Showalter had a nasty weight class and took some of the best the state had to offer to the wire. He had the number fourth ranked wrestler on his back multiple times, but couldn't catch a break and then lost to another ranked wrestler in triple overtime," stated Clemens.

The Raiders will take the entire team to Swanton next Wednesday in the state duals tournament. They will follow that up with the GMC tournament hosted by Fairview, Saturday, February 3rd before preparing for the individual state tournament trail.

ANTWERP HS WRESTLING RESULTS

The Antwerp wrestling team recently was tested in the Wapakoneta Invitational on Saturday January 27, 2018. All 3 Archer wrestlers were able to place in the top 6 of their respective weight classes. Finishing 6th on the day with 2 pins and placing in a tournament for the first time this season was junior Tanner Wentland at 138 lbs. Also finishing the day with 2 pins was sophomore Randal Mills, who earned a 3rd place finish at 113 lbs. Junior Aidan Mc-Alexander also earned a 3rd place finish at 106 pounds while gaining 3 pins in the process. The Archers will compete next at the GMC tournament on Saturday, February 3. Let's hope their hard work and dedication will earn them a conference championship. Good Luck and GO ARCHERS!!

MOORE INSPIRES RAIDER GRAPPLERS

The Raider wrestling family was met with tragic news at the Van Buren Invitational when we learned that wrestler, Eli Moore, had lost his father, Bill Moore. We had lost one of our own, and the team began to deal with this tragedy.

Coach Clemens had been prepping for the state duals that would follow on Wednesday, January 24th at Ayersville high school. Thoughts and planning of handling Edgerton in the first round and a potential upset against number one seeded Tinora were placed on hold as the team rallied around Eli.

"There are things much more important than wrestling, but sometimes, wrestling allows us an avenue to escape or make sense of those things," stated Coach Clemens. Strategy would need to change with the absence of Eli until the young man informed the coaching staff that he planned to wrestle in the dual meet. That he wanted to wrestle in the memory of his father and for his teammates.

Moore's decision to wrestle inspired the team to bring their very best for not only Eli, but also the Moore family. Wayne Trace squared off against the fifth seeded Edgerton Bulldogs in the first round. The two teams traded forfeits until Austin Smith saw the first head-to-head action of the dual. Smith and Bevis won with bonus points by pinning their opponents. Stabler dropped his match to Edgerton losing by a deci-

sion. 160 pound, freshman, Eli Moore stepped onto the mat to square off against Edgerton's junior Tyler Hartman. With all eyes on Eli, with the support of his teammates and fans, he did not disappoint. Eli put on a show on the mat garnering a major decision win for the red, white, and blue. The Raider faithful erupted after his match witnessing inspiration first hand. Hunter Showalter followed that up with a pin of Jordan Warner and the fate of the dual was sealed. Wayne Trace bested Edgerton 58-21.

Tinora outlasted Ayersville winning 45-24 and the stage was set for a potential upset of the number one seeded Rams. Gabe Sutton put the first six points on the board with a forfeit win at 106 pounds allowing Seth Meggison to square off against Drew Helmke in his first varsity match of the year. Meggison upset Helmke at 113 pounds in by garnering a takedown in sudden victory overtime.

"Inspiration can do amazing things and the team was wrestling for Eli and the Moore family in attendance," commented Coach Clemens later. With the score 9-0, WT would forfeit the 120 pound class, and then Tyler Bauer would win via pin and Caleb Baughman would capture a major decision over Owen Tong both capturing bonus points and pushing the team score to 19-6.

Austin Smith wrestled a hard fought match and fall short and Tinora closed the margin to 19-12. However, Wayne Trace did not let up and 145 pound Kameran Bevis and 152 pound Wyatt Stabler both captured major decisions with bonus points in highly contested matches pushing the score to 27-12 in Wayne Trace's favor.

In the next few seconds, Coach Clemens's strategy played out and the dual was placed into the hands of a young man wrestling for all the right reasons and most importantly, for his dad. WT forfeited the 160 pound class to Meyer of Tinora, electing to bump Moore up to 170 pounds and wrestle the pivotal match of the evening against the Ram's Aaron Wagner with the team score 27-18. "We had the points we needed and I just knew Moore wouldn't disappoint. He just couldn't get pinned," stated Coach Clemens.

Moore stepped onto the mat again and simply dominated the match. He controlled Wagner the entire match and won via pin at the 4:30 mark to capture bonus points and allowed Hunter Showalter to capture another win by way of forfeit at 182 pounds to push the lead to 39-18.

Nate Showalter continued the upsets on the night at the 195-pound weight class pinning Tinora's Draven Bartley at the 1:33 mark to round out the scoring for the red, white, and blue at 45 team points. WT then forfeited the final two weight classes upsetting the number one seeded Rams by a final of 45-26.

Wayne Trace only dropped one head-to-head match against Tinora and won seven matches head to head. The fans in attendance would witness upset after upset, but more importantly, the fans were able to witness the dedication and fortitude

RAMS HOLD OFF ARCHERS FOR GMC WIN



Antwerp junior Cole Seslar shoots and scores in the last minute from the outside. More pictures at westbendnews.net

ANTWERP - Tinora improved to 9-5 overall on the season and 3-1 in the Green Meadows Conference with a 39-36 win over Antwerp in boys basketball action Friday night.

Tinora jumped in front 14-8 after one quarter and held a 22-17 advantage at the midway point of the contest. The Rams were on top 28-23 at the end of three periods.

Ty Rebber paced the way for Antwerp with 8 points while Luke Brewer added seven markers. Keaton Altimus and Jayvin Landers chipped in six points each for the Archers as well.

Other scorers for the blue and white were Cole Seslar (5), Brayton Stuckey (2) and Jake Ryan (2).

Tye Norden topped Tinora with 11 points and Brady Bumb also reached double figures with 10 markers.

Brandon Rinkel (6), Braden Flory (4), Marcus Grube (3), Ryan Mohr (3) and Isiah Colon (2) all found the scoring column for Tinora as well.

On the night, Antwerp totaled 11 rebounds compared to the Rams' 10 while the Archers had more turnovers, 9-7.

Tinora was a sizzling 14 of 23 from the field (61%) while Antwerp also shot well, hitting 15 of 28 shots (54%). At the charity stripe, the Rams were 7 of 12 for 58% with the Archer hitting two of three (67%).

of a young man dealing with tragedy to step on the mat, with the support of his wrestling brothers and family, and wrestle for all the correct reasons.

"For Eli to be willing to come in here with all he has and is dealing with and wrestle as dominant as he did is nothing short of amazing and inspirational. The team desperately wanted to support him, fed off that, and wrestled solid all night. What an incredible dual meet and an incredible win for this team," finished Clemens.

The Raider wrestling family would like to send out our sincere condolences and

prayers to Eli and the entire Moore family at this time. This week and following will be difficult, but may the support of family and friends ease your burdens as you cope with your loss.

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PANTHERS POST FOURTH NWC WIN



Paulding senior Blake Dobbelaere takes the ball in the first quarter, runs up for the layup to score! More pictures at westbendnews.net

PAULDING - The Paulding Panthers stayed in the Northwest Conference title chase with an easy 63-40 win over visiting Ada Friday night in boys basketball play.

The maroon and white improved to 4-1 in the league and 6-8 overall on the season while Ada dropped to 3-13 in all games and 1-3 in the conference.

Jaret Miller scored a dozen points to lead a balanced Panther attack that saw 10 players find the scoring column.

Marcus Miller chipped in 11 for Paulding followed by Austin Howell (9), Fletcher Cook (8), Ethan Rhonehouse (8), Blake Dobbelaere (5), Bailey Manz (3), Logan Bradford (3), Isaac Baldwin (2) and Carson Shull (2).

The Panthers outrebound-

ed the Bulldogs 33-31 on the night while Paulding also committed fewer turnovers, 16-24. Paulding was 23 of 62 from the field (37%) while Ada finished 12 of 47 from the field (26%).

Paulding seized a 20-4 advantage after 8 minutes of action and cruised the rest of the way. The Panthers were on top 41-20 at the midway point and posted a 54-31 lead entering the final quarter.

Tristan Conley posted 13 points to lead Ada while Philip Coulson bucketed 7 markers.

Other scorers for the Bulldogs were Connor Frazier (4), Brandon Hull (4), Xavier Hollinger (3), Austin Amburgey (3), Miquel Jordan (2), Kyle Zimmerly (2), Ethan Swaney (1) and Ethan Hall (1).

ging rights. In the 8th grade contest the Archers took off right from the jump ball and ended the 1st quarter up 17-3. The momentum continued for Antwerp through the next three quarters for a 44-15 victory.

Scoring for the Archers were Jagger Landers with 13 points, Kaden Phares and Hunter Sproles with 8 each, Luke Krouse scored 7, Luke McDorman-3, Tucker Franklin & Mason Steel with 2 points each and Gaige McMichael with 1 free throw.

The Archers will travel all the way to Rockford, Ohio to battle the Parkway Panthers January 30th at 5:00 p.m.

FOUNTAIN CITY CHRISTIAN BOYS DROP ROAD GAME IN MICHIGAN

The Fountain City Christian Flames boys varsity basketball team traveled to Pittsford, MI to play the Freedom

Christian Academy Flame, with FCCS loing by a score of 57 to 47. Unfortunately, the Fountain City team was cold at the free throw line, hitting only 9 of 22 for just 41%. Junior, Devin Eppelmann led FCCS with 11 and junior, James Carr led Freedom Christian with 23. The loss drops Fountain City to 6-11 on the season and the Flames travel to Bowling Green to face the BG Christian Academy Lions Friday night.

In the junior high boys action at Pittsford, Fountain City 8th grader Devin Franklin led the Flames with 14 points, but the team lost to Freedom Christian 48-45 in a thrilling double-overtime game. The jr Flames are now 5-2 with the loss.

FCCS NEXT HOME GAME - Friday, February 2 vs the Angola Warriors; jr hi game begins at 6:00 p.m. with varsity game to follow.

ANTWERP WRESTLING CLUB RESULTS

The Antwerp wrestling club competed in the Mad Dog tournament in Defiance on Saturday, January 27, 2018. All 9 Archer wrestlers placed in the top 4 of their respective weight classes. Finishing 4th on the day in the first tournament of his young career was Cy Zuber. Earning 3rd place finishes on the day were Carsyn Baer, Dorian Bennett, and Kalel Mead. Placing 2nd for the tournament were Liam Bryant, Nico Moreno, Riley Smith, Griffin Kosch, and Ethan Thomas Van-Kirk. Along with Cy Zuber, it was also the first ever tournament for Dorian Bennett and Liam Bryant. Congratulations to all the young Archers for the accomplishments. We wish you luck as you get underway in your season. GO ARCHERS!!

MAC GYM LEAGUE TOURNAMENTS UNDERWAY

This week the winter basketball league tournaments got underway for all six divisions hosted at the MAC Gym. Each team is seeded in the single elimination tournament based on their regular season record.

The tournament week began with fourth grade and under girls. First round action had Fairview halt Antwerp's season, beating the Archers 12-4. Hicksville defeated Edgerton 15-4, while the only all 3rd grade team from Paulding ousted Defiance 20-8. Second round action had the number one seed Crestview take out Fairview 24-2 while the Edgerton Dolphins took care of the Paulding 4th grade squad 10-4. Ayersville was too much for the youngest Paulding team winning 26-3 while Wayne Trace sent the Hicksville Aces home 17-2. The fourth grade final four will pit Crestview against the Dolphins and Ayersville against Wayne Trace.

The fifth grade girls first round action began with a barn burner as the Ayersville Pilots hit a basket with just seconds remaining to knock off county rival Defiance 17-16 while Antwerp upended Hicksville 26-9; Paulding unleashed on Edgerton 19-4. In second round play number one seed Lincolnview had no mercy on Ayersville while Fairview ousted Paulding 30-15 and Tinora White held Antwerp off 16-12. In what may have been the game of

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ance for lunch. Appreciation goes to the teachers' efforts to support their students and our sponsors (Herbert Orr Company, Marcos, Baughman Tile Company, Insource, The State Bank, Paulding Kiwanis, Paulding VFW, Paulding Eagles, Integrity Ford, Lafarge, The Klint Manz Family, Michael M. Mott D.D.S. Paulding Putnam Electric and anonymous donations for making these opportunities possible.



Jocelyn Camposano climbing the rock wall at BGSU

the day Tinora Green scored a basket with under thirty seconds remaining to tie the game with Wayne Trace at 22 but a Wayne Trace player was fouled with just a couple seconds left and hit one free throw to win 23-22. The final four will line Lincolnview up to play Wayne Trace and Tinora White to face Fairview.

The sixth grade girls division is the oldest division played at the MAC. Both Tinora teams opened the tournament winning with Tinora Green over Wayne Trace 26-16 while Tinora White knocked Paulding out 31-20. Edgerton made quick work of Hicksville winning 34-15. In second round play both Tinora teams received the same fate they had dealt earlier in the day. Fairview ended the Tinora Green day 24-12 and Ayersville ended the Tinora White day 22-13. Antwerp handled Defiance 19-15 while number one seed Crestview dished it out to Edgerton 34-12. The final four shows Crestview playing Antwerp while Fairview plays Ayersville.

In 5th grade boys tournament action, Fairview beat out Hicksville 19-15 in the only game of the day. The boys final four will pit undefeated Antwerp against Fairview while Woodlan parleys with Bryan.

The final tournament action will bring two tournaments with one tournament each for third grade boys and fourth grade boys. The only two third grade teams will face each other for first and second place in an old Paulding County rivalry game as Haviland takes on Paulding. In the fourth grade division Hicksville will try to ace Tinora Black. The winner will play in the final four against the number one seed Wayne Trace Polar Bears. In the lower bracket Antwerp targets Tinora Green. The winner will look for a rematch in the final four against the Paulding quintet.

You can follow all the brackets online at www.macgymohio.com

ARCHERS CRUISE PAST PIRATES

Rachel Williamson scored 16 points while teammates Heather Oberlin and Hope Smith added 13 each to lead the Antwerp Lady Archers to a 55-22 victory over visiting

Continental last week.

The Archers grabbed a 16-2 advantage after eight minutes of action and never looked back.

Antwerp picked up 18 second quarter points while limiting the Pirates to 10 as the local squad widened the margin to 34-12 at the intermission.

Quarter number three saw the Archers score 7 of the 10 points in the period, giving Antwerp a 41-15 lead entering the fourth quarter.

Karsyn Brumett chipped in 9 for the blue and white while Amanda Roberts and Tiera Gomez had 2 points apiece.

Continental was led by Amber Logan with 13 points while Alex Hoeffel chipped in 6 markers. Addyson Arme (2) and Prowant (1) scored the other Pirate markers.

LADY RAMS HOLD OFF PANTHERS FOR VICTORY

Paulding and Tinora went back and forth in non-league girls basketball action Tuesday night with the two teams standing tied at 42-42 at the end of three periods.

The host Rams, though, won the battle in the fourth quarter by outscoring the Panthers 19-15 to pick up a hard fought 61-57 victory.

In the first quarter, each squad totaled a dozen points before Tinora grabbed the lead in the second stanza.

The Lady Rams added 17 second quarter points while limiting the Panthers to 11 as Tinora took a 29-23 halftime

lead.

Paulding, though, rallied in the third period by scoring 19 points compared to Tinora's 13 to knot the contest at 42-42 entering the final 8 minutes.

Sarah Harris hit 5 3-pointers and totaled 15 points to lead the Lady Rams with Amber Schliesser and Sydney Grieser bucketed a dozen each. Madison Brown also reached double digits for Tinora with 10 markers.

Sarah Andrews (7), Taylor Brown (2), Aaliyah Hurtt (2) and Grayce Burkholder (1) also scored for the Rams.

Paulding was paced by Brianna Townley with 18 points while Audrey Manz and Cassidy Posey chipped in 16 apiece for the maroon and white.

Other Lady Panthers finding the scoring column were Jaylyn Parrett (5) and Sydney McCullough (2).

8th GRADE ARCHERS SHOOT BULLDOGS

On January 16, the Antwerp 8th grade boys took the floor at home against the Edgerton Bulldogs. The Archers take pride in protecting their home court, and on this chilly evening that is just what they did. Antwerp played four tough quarters to defeat the Bulldogs 42-18.

Scoring for Antwerp were Luke Krouse with 15, Jagger Landers-10, Kaden Recker-7, Tucker Franklin-4, Mason Steel-3, Hunter Sproles-2 and Gaige McMichael rounded out the scoring column with 1 free throw.

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PURDUE GLEE CLUB RETURNS TO AREA IN CONCERT MARCH 23



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The Purdue Varsity Glee Club is returning to the Fort Wayne area and will present a concert at Woodlan High School Friday, March 23. In addition, the Woodlan High School Ambition Show Choir will perform.

Five of the 55-member-ensemble are from the Fort Wayne area. Sam Hathaway, a senior studying building construction management, is a graduate of Woodlan High School and the son of Steven and Linda Hathaway. Senior Micah Reynolds, a Concordia High School graduate, plays bass guitar in the back-up ensemble and is son of Douglas and Natalie Reynolds. He's studying civil engineering. Junior Stephen Wirtner, a Homestead High School graduate, is studying electrical engineering technology. He's the son of Greg and Cindy Wirtner. Sam Simpson, is a sophomore studying social studies education. He graduated from Bishop Dwenger High School and is son of Sam and Virginia Simpson. Zach Bucher is a sophomore studying management. He's an Adams Central High School graduate and son of Trent and Kelli Bucher.

The men of the Glee Club have served as ambassadors of the university with honor and dignity for nearly 125 years. They have thrilled audiences across the state, the country and around the world with a musical repertoire that ranges from gospel, jazz, swing, religious and contemporary music to romantic ballads, barbershop harmony, folk tunes, patriotic selections and novelty numbers. They also showcase small groups spe-



Zach Bucher

cializing in a variety of popular music.

They've taken their entertaining brand of music and showmanship throughout the state and the nation, presenting more than 60 concerts a year. The group has performed in Florida, California and New York City where they were in concert at Carnegie Hall and at several presidential inauguration venues in Washington, D.C. The group has traveled internationally with concerts in Australia, China, South Africa, Austria, Germany, Switzerland, France, United Kingdom and most recently in Poland and the Baltic States.

Widely known as a world class engineering institution, Purdue does not have a music degree program. Glee Club members study a wide variety of majors ranging from photography, education, health and fitness, accounting and management to sciences and numerous engineering disciplines. They participate in the Glee Club because of their love of music and do not receive academic credit.

LADY PANTHERS ROLL PAST ADA

ADA - Paulding held a slim lead after 1 quarter and broke the contest open from there in rolling to a 68-41 victory over Ada in Northwest Conference girls basketball action Thursday night.

The Lady Panthers were on top 15-13 after 1 quarter before opening the game up in the second stanza.

Paulding scored 18 points in the second period compared to Ada's 9, taking a 33-22 halftime advantage. The Lady Panthers then expanded the margin to 53-33 at the end of 3 quarters.

Brianna Townley had 16 points to top all scorers for the Panthers with Audrey Manz chipping in 15 and Sadie Estle adding 11.

Jaylynn Parrett (6), Cassidy Posey (6), Kaylen Hale (5), Sydney McCullough (5), Leigha Egnor (2) and Asia Arellano (2) also scored for the maroon and white.

Ada was led by Maddie Gossard, who scored 19 points, while Anney Archer chipped in 14.

ROBBINS' LATE BASKET LIFTS WARRIORS PAST RAILROADERS

With the game tied at 61-61, Woodlan's Micah Robbins gave his team a 2-point 63-61 victory over visiting Garrett with a basket late in the fourth quarter Tuesday night at Woodlan High School.

The Railroaders jumped in front 13-8 after 1 quarter and expanded the lead to 34-21 at the midway point of the contest.

However, the Warriors rallied in the third quarter with 24 points compared to Garrett's 15 as Woodlan trimmed the deficit to 49-45 entering the final stanza.

Woodlan then outscored Garrett 18-12 in the fourth quarter for the victory, thanks to Mendenhall's jumper in the final seconds.

Aaron Hahn topped all scorers in the game with 18 points for the Warriors while Mitch Mendenhall chipped in 15. Micah Robbins and Ah'lan Howard added 13 markers apiece for Woodlan as the Warriors put 4 players in double figures.

Matt Elias (3) and Trevor Wiedenhoef (1) picked up the remaining Warrior points in the contest.

Garrett was paced by Micah Malcolm with 17 points and Dillon McCann chipped in 15 markers.

Kobe Lucarelli chipped in 10 for the Railroaders followed by Bryce Wilson (7), Sam Farney (6) and Dane Johnson (6).

LADY RAIDERS CHALK UP WIN

On Tuesday, January 23 the Lady Raiders took on Delphos Jefferson at home and defeated the Wildcats in a 57-49 win. The Raiders took an early lead in the first period, scoring an incredible 28 points with the help of Claire Sinn and Kaylee Shepherd.

These girls from Wayne Trace were on top of their game, but let it slip in the 2nd period, going from 28 in the first to 5. The half ended much closer 33-28.

In the third quarter, the Lady Raiders nearly lost their lead as the Wildcats clawed their way back and added more to their side 41-40. The

heat was on for the Lady Raiders and they managed to turn the game around with coach Bethany DeJarnett at the helm. The girls were able to get back in the game with steals and baskets by Gracie Guadakunst. Turnovers were about the same for the teams, but it was the rebounds in the fourth quarter that really helped the home team take the game.

Score by Quarter:
Wayne Trace - 28 5 8 16 = 57

Delphos Jefferson - 17 11 2 9 = 49

Scorers of the Game:
Wayne Trace - Claire Sinn 19; Miriam Sinn 6; Sadie Sinn 7; Kaylee Shepherd 12; Gracie Guadakunst 7; Brooke Sinn 6.

Delphos Jefferson - Kaylee Buzard 1, Addy Stewart 10, Devyn Carder 10; Macy Wallace 6; Alli McClurg 14; Sarah Miller 4; Dalaney Deuel 4.

In the JV game, the Wildcats won in a hotly contested match 37-32

Records: Wayne Trace 11-2, Delphos Jefferson 11-5

ARCHERS POST SIXTH WIN IN ROUT OF NC

ANTWERP - Antwerp recorded its sixth victory of the season Saturday night as the Archers doubled up North Central 70-35 in boys basketball action.

Antwerp dominated the game in all areas, controlling the boards 34-19 on the evening while committing only 10 turnovers compared to the Eagles' 19.

The Archers also shot 45% from the field (26 of 58) and 67% at the free throw line (8 of 12) while North Central hit 12 of 34 shots from the field (35%) and 8 of 17 foul shots (47%).

Jake Ryan led the way for the blue and white with 17 points while Luke Brewer chipped in 13 markers. Ty Rebber and Jayvin Landers also reached twin digits for Antwerp with a dozen points each.

Cole Seslar (8), Blake Schuette (3), Austin Lichty (3) and Ashton Barnhouse (2) also scored for Antwerp.

The Archers led 14-6 after 1 quarter before expanding the lead to 32-19 at the half. Antwerp then put the game and pushed the margin to 50-25 at the end of 3 periods.

BULLDOGS SEND SEVEN TO REGIONALS; WARRIORS ADVANCE TWO

NEW HAVEN - Both New Haven and Woodlan took part in the IHSAA wrestling sectional at New Haven High School on Saturday with the Bulldogs finishing second as a team while the Warriors were tenth.

Homestead took home the

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On Tuesday, January 16th, Grabill & Woodburn Hardware made a \$500 donation to the Harlan Christian Youth Center. "We appreciate and believe in the ministry work that the Youth Center does for this community. Strong kids and young adults will help build and make great communities" said Claude

Schrock. **caption: Pictured is (from left to right) Len Schrock from Grabill & Woodburn Hardware, Debbie Knoblauch from the Harlan Christian Youth Center, Claude Schrock from Grabill & Woodburn Hardware and Jim Gerig from Grabill & Woodburn Hardware.**

team title with 199-1/2, nipping second place New Haven's 198.

Leo was third at 189 followed by Snider (181), South Side (101), Wayne (92), Bishop Luers (81-1/2), North Side (67), Heritage (60) and Woodlan (44).

Bulldog senior Konner Bender took the individual championship at 152 to punch his ticket to the regional tournament. Senior Jonyvan Johnson also grabbed a title at 182 in advancing to the regional, as did senior Jaxson Savio who won the 195 weight class.

Other advancers for the Bulldogs were freshman Cameron Mason (second, 113), junior Jeff Rondot (third, 120), freshman Elijah Chacon (third, 132) and junior Caleb Salinas (fourth, 285).

Woodlan wrestlers moving on to the regional include freshman David Rogers-Potter (fourth, 120) and sophomore Tristen Martz (third, 170).

EARLY LEAD GIVES WT VICTORY OVER WARRIORS

The game from December that was postponed took place on January 27 at the Strautman Gymnasium. The Raiders jumped in early and strong against the Warriors boys basketball team. The lead carried them through the rest of the game to claim victory over the home team even though the other three quarters, they did not have the top points earned.

The first period was strong with Eli Sinn and Nate Gerber posting strong baskets. The three pointers were good for Gerber, who totaled 14 that afternoon. The guests added 23 points while the

home team only posted 9 in the first period.

On the Woodlan side of the court it was a struggle to get past the Raider defense. It wasn't until the second quarter that Woodlan was able to get the Wayne Trace offense under control. Both teams then were at 10, completing the half at 19-33

Woodlan boys came back from the half with one thing on their mind: outscore the Raiders. And they did! The small lead gave them hope at 17-14 game them hope that they could recover from the deficit accumulated from the first period. Woodlan's Micah Robbins plunked in 3 3-point baskets for his points for the night, but it was Aaron Hahn that really picked up in the second half of the game. Hahn was in for points in every category. He had 4 free throws, 1 3-point basket and 6 2-point field goals. Altogether, he was the top scorer of the game with 19 points.

Ah'lan Howard also brightened up the court when he posted 14 points for the night. Aidan Bayman and Mitch Mendenhall both had 8. Even though Woodlan gained 4 points over the Raiders in the fourth, it was still a loss for them at 58-65.

THIRD QUARTER DROUGHT COSTLY FOR ARCHERS

DEFIANCE - Antwerp did exactly what it wanted to do in the first half of Thursday's Green Meadows Conference girls basketball contest at Tinora.

The Lady Archers held an 18-11 lead at the break but a third quarter scoring drought that saw Antwerp only score 1 point in the period proved costly as the Rams rallied for

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GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY CHRISTMAS BOOK SHOP



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Wayne Trace Grover Hill Elementary School celebrated the spirit of giving this past Christmas season. For the last few years, the "Free Christmas Book Shop" has been a popular event with the students as well as their families. It has become an annual event that everyone involved has enjoyed being a part of.

Running this event takes a lot of planning and organizing which takes an entire year. Gently used books are collected by donation from individuals throughout the

year. Kids are encouraged to shop for books to give to their siblings for Christmas gifts. The old saying is that "it is better to give than to receive." This opportunity allows the students to experience that kind of humbleness. PTO volunteers and school personnel enjoy helping the children make their choices as well as wrap their gifts. Watching the student's select specific books for their specific family members delights the volunteers. This year shoppers picked out and wrapped over 600 books.

a 33-28 victory.

The blue and white was on top 11-3 at the end of one period and held the 7 point margin at the break.

However, Tinora out-scored the Archers 9-1 in the third quarter to rally for a 20-19 advantage entering the final stanza. The Rams then picked up 13 more points in the fourth quarter compared to 9 for the Archers to seal the victory.

Sarah Harris topped the green and white with 10 points while Amber Schliesser chipped in 9. Tristin Ackerman posted 8 followed by Sydney Grieser (4), Madison Brown (1) and Sarah Andrews (1).

Antwerp was paced by Rachel Williamson with 9 markers and Karsyn Brumett recorded 7.

Hope Smith (3), Tiera Gomez (3), Heather Oberlin (2),

Ashley Miller (2) and Chelsea Johans (2) also scored for the blue and white.

EAGLES PULL AWAY FROM BULLDOGS

NEW HAVEN - Visiting Columbia City limited New Haven to single digits in points in each of the first 2 quarters and cruised to a 56-29 win over the Bulldogs last week in girls basketball action.

Columbia City led 18-7 after 1 quarter and widened the margin to 31-9 at the midway point of the contest. The Lady Eagles posted a 43-19 advantage entering the final quarter.

Sukura Stubbs paced the Lady Bulldogs with 10 points with Sonecia Nard chipping in 8 markers.

Joanna Noorthoek (4), Raeshawn Norfleet (3), Savannah Weekly (3) and Kelli Ross (2) rounded out the New Haven scorers. The Bulldogs fall to 2-20 on the season.

Columbia City was led by Carly Mabie with 13 points with Olivia Shearer adding 13 markers. Grace Schrader and Gabby Fry chipped in 8 and 6 points, respectively, for the Lady Eagles.

Hunter Alles (5), Skye Roberts (5) and Madison Woodward all had 5 points for Columbia City, which improved to 9-15 for the year.

LADY RAIDERS DEFEAT HOLGATE FOR GMC WIN

The Lady Raiders traveled to Holgate on Thursday, January 25 for a Green Meadows Conference match with the Holgate Tigers. The Lady Raiders had been one of the top teams in the conference, along with the Raiders, but this night put the home team a notch below after Wayne Trace won 54-48. Hicksville is rated at 1st, but it's hard to tell since they have played two more games than Wayne Trace.

The girls from both teams did quite well on this night. It was the first quarter that set the stage for the Raider victory when Claire Sinn nailed 22 points for the night with 3 steals to her credit. Kaylee Shepherd was quite successful at grabbing the ball for the defensive rebound title for the guest team. She had 4. The Lady Tigers had more height, and therefore, made it easier to get the rebounds. Overall, they had more on both offense and defense 27-26 rebounds. The first period gave a 10 point head start to the Raiders at 17-7.

The second period proved nearly even when Holgate caught on to the Raider game and slowed their game down. The half finished 32-24. Periods 2,3&4 all went to

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Holgate with one or two point leads. Throughout the game, the Raiders were still able to hold on to that lead gathered in the first quarter, which was good for them with the Tigers taking the next 3.

Scorers of the Game: Wayne Trace - Claire Sinn 22; Miriam Sinn 2; Sadie Sinn 2; Kaylee Shepherd 11; Gracie Gudakunst 5; Lily Sinn 2; Brooke Sinn 10.

Holgate - Kirsten Hoffman 10; Kacey Theisen 3; Grace Swary 5; Raena Willett 7; Bailey Plott 12; Madilyn Hohenberger 9; Kameron Kupper Smith 2.

By the weekend the Raiders were 12-2 and Holgate was 10-7.

RAIDERS SLAM TIGERS IN GMC MATCH-UP

On Friday, January 26th, the Wayne Trace Raiders met up with the Holgate Tigers on the court for some

high school boys basketball at The Palace. The Raiders were on fire from the first jump ball posting double digits in both the 1st and 2nd quarters compared with the Tigers, 6 and 0, respectively. Raiders reigned it in just a bit in the 2nd half of the game, only pulling in 12 points in the 3rd and 8 in the 4th. The Tigers attempted to make a comeback, but just couldn't pull it off, ending the game with a home win, 54-21.

Score by Quarter: Wayne Trace - 14 20 12 8 = 54

Holgate - 6 0 6 9 = 21 Scorers of the Game: Wayne Trace - E Sinn 9; R Miller 2, J Kuhn 4, N Gerber 19, T Sinn 3, J Linder 2, M Price 2, Ja Kuhn 3, J Saylor 10

Holgate - S Briseno 6, B Sonnenberg 3, T Meyer 3, C Sonnenberg 6, C Snyder 1, E Sparks 2

GOSHEN COLLEGE ANNOUNCES DEAN'S LIST FOR FALL SEMESTER 2017

Goshen College recently recognized 191 undergraduate students for excellence in academics on the fall 2017 Dean's List.

Jennifer Richards, a Senior Peace Justice & Conflict Studies major from Defiance, OH, was recognized for academic excellence on the fall semester Dean's List at Goshen College. Richards is a Ayersville High School graduate.

The Dean's List includes students earning at least a 3.75 GPA, while completing at least 12 hours of coursework for a letter grade.

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Wayne Trace down to scoring only 10. The steals by Caprella didn't help. The game finished 69-78, handing Wayne Trace their third loss.

earned her way up to the top too! In the fourth quarter The Lady Raiders pulled in a combined 23 to the LCC 15. The game ended up at 48-29.

Score by quarter:
Wayne Trace: 24 20 15 10 = 69
Lima Shawnee: 16 15 23 24 = 78

Score by Quarter:
Wayne Trace: 13 12 11 12 = 48
Lima Central Catholic: 8 6 9 6 = 29

Scorers of the Game:
Wayne Trace — Eli Sinn 13; Josh Kuhn 18; Nate Gerber 9; Trae Sinn 3; Josiah Linder 22; Adam Stoller 4
Lima Shawnee — Jared Thomas 5; Riley Rosado 3; Johnny Caprella 39; Brady Sweeny 3; Jake Hutchins 2; Justin Behnke 2; Michael Bryan 1; Sheridan O'Neal 14; Tyson Elter 1; Logan Maxwell 8
The Raiders are now 10-3

Scorers of the Game:
Wayne Trace — Claire Sinn 13; Miriam Sinn 8 Sadie Sinn 6; Kaylee Shepherd 5; Gracie Gudakunst 4; Brooke Sinn 11; Katrina Stoller 1;
Lima Central Catholic — Jasie Kohler 6; Jessica Wilker 4; Erin Mulcahy 8; Rosie Williams 10; Tae Rios 1.
On the 23rd, Wayne Trace will be playing Delphos Jefferson at home.

LADY RAIDERS DEFEAT LCC

2018 VILLAGE OF PAYNE EMS STAFFING

On January 16 Lima Central Catholic travelled to the Palace to compete against the Wayne Trace Raiders. The Lady Raiders have really been pulling in some good numbers these past few weeks and this week is not much different. This game the Raiders came on strong from the beginning. Sadie Sinn started well and so did Claire Sinn. The first quarter ended at 13-8 for a WT lead. The second was similar but and the half ended at 25 - 14.

The Village of Payne, Benton and Harrison Townships would like to announce that they will be staffing the Payne EMS with 2-part time EMT's on day shift, effective tentatively March 1, 2018. The reason for the staffing is due to a shortage of EMT's during day shift. In 2017 Payne EMS missed 30% of our daytime calls for service and it is anticipated that in 2018 we could meet that number and possibly more.

Both teams continued this sway may. Miriam Sinn hit 2 field goals and Gracie Gudakunst hit 2 free throws and a 2 point field goal. She also had to top steals at 5! Brook Sinn

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OPTIMIST CLUB TO SPONSOR ESSAY CONTEST FOR STUDENTS

The Optimist Club of Van Wert is encouraging area students to contemplate the phrase "Can Society Function Without Respect" as part of the Optimist International Essay Contest for the 2017-2018 school year. The contest is open to all Van Wert County students who were under age 18 as of October 1, 2017.

MINUTES FOR WOODBURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON 12/29/17

The meeting began at 12:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Kelsey, Clerk-Treasurer Cummins, Chief Duhamell as well as Councilmen Renner, Voirol, Gerig, and Martin were in attendance. Superintendent Walls and Councilman Watts were not present.

The Essay Contest entry deadline is February 15, 2018. The Optimist Club will judge the local students' essays, and determine the top winners. Local winners will receive medallions along with cash awards of 1st place (\$300) and 2nd place (\$150). In addition to developing skills for written expression and winning local cash awards, participants also have the opportunity to win a scholarship! The

Clerk-Treasurer's Report:
Warrants were presented. After inspection, Councilman Gerig moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Councilman Renner, all present in favor.

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winning essay will advance to the district contest to compete for a \$2,500 scholarship and a plaque.

Students wishing to participate in the essay contest can receive application information and find out more by contacting Andy Manz, Club Essay Chair, at 419-796-9968 or amanz@brsw-cpa.com.

The Optimist Club sponsors many local youth programs and conducts positive service projects, which include its annual After Prom service project, the Artageous local event in June and the upcoming Oratorical Contest, also held for local students. It is the goal of Optimist to encourage students to bring out the best in each of them. To learn more about the Club or for membership interest, please contact Ray Able, Secretary/Treasurer at 419-238-5086, or Diana Cearns, Club President at 419-238-1463.

Sudoku solution from page 13

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

POLLEY JOINS HALLER & COLVIN LAW FIRM



The law firm of Haller & Colvin, P.C. of Fort Wayne, IN is pleased to announce that Linda A. Polley has joined the firm as a partner. Ms. Polley's primary concentrations are in the areas of employment law, construction disputes and general commercial defense.

ODOT WINTER OPERATIONS UPDATE

The following is an update regarding snow and ice operations on state highways within Defiance, Paulding, Putnam and Van Wert County from November to the present. This report is issued periodically during the winter months and as necessary following snow and ice events.

DEFIANCE:
306 lane miles; 482,261 total cost; 3,880 tons of salt used; 50,193 miles driven; 60,520 gallons of de-icer

PAULDING:
391 lane miles; 427,431 total cost; 4,488 ton of salt used; 57,366 miles driven; 38,905 gallons of de-icer

PUTNAM:
422 lane miles; 492,303 total costs; 4,052 tons of salt used; 56,757 miles driven; 34,514 gallons of de-icer

VAN WERT:
370 lane miles; 577,997 total costs; 4,369 tons of salt used; 49,851 miles driven; 76,664 gallons of de-icer
District 1 districtwide totals to date:
Salt used: 34,928 tons

Liquid de-icer: 364,487 gallons
Miles driven for snow and ice: 458,928
Total cost: \$4,071,871
Totals versus last year same time:
Salt used: 20,887 tons
Liquid de-icer: 255,081 gallons
Miles driven for snow and ice: 248,820
Total cost: \$2,672,157

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SMART PLANTING FOR POLLINATORS



By: Patrick Troyer, Education Specialist

While spring may be the farthest thing from your mind right now, that does not mean we cannot think warm thoughts of green

grass, bountiful flowers, birds chirping, and pollinators buzzing around of course! Many of us enjoy these sights and sounds, but they would not be possible without those pollinators moving from place to place. As a homeowner, there are several things that you can do to support these creatures in both your landscaping and gardens.

Let's first start with what a pollinator is in the first place. Pollinators are animals such as bees, birds, various insects, and other animals which move pollen from one flower to another, so plants can be fertilized and then produce fruits and seeds. When visiting a flower, the pollinator is not necessarily after the pollen the plant wishes for it to spread, but the nectar that is found inside the flower of plants. Nectar is a sweet sugary water-like liquid that is a nice sweet treat that the pollinators are after. Pollen then attaches to the legs, wings, and various other body parts as the pollinator is making its visit.

So, what makes a pollinator important? Without pollinators such as bees, birds, bats, butterflies, and many more, pollen would have a hard time getting from one plant to another for fertilization which is important in order for seeds and fruit that we enjoy to be produced. This means things like apples, cucumbers, almonds, strawberries, lettuce, cabbage,

and even chocolate would be much harder to find and be very expensive if we were to lose our pollinators. Without pollination, plants are unable to produce seed needed to grow more plants. Populations are in sharp decline due to pesticides, disease, and parasite issues. According to Peter Berthelsen of Pheasants Forever, if we do not address the environmental issues that pollinators face, there is a 60% chance of them becoming extinct in the next 20 years.

According to KidsGardening, that pollinators contributed either directly or indirectly, almost \$30 billion towards crop production in 2010 alone! As you can see, that butterfly you see traveling around plays a big role in providing you with a plentiful food supply. Expanding beyond food crops, pollinators are responsible for the success of over 75% of the flowering species that graces your landscapes and gardens.

What can you do to help these important pollinators? The simplest way to help pollinators is by creating a habitat that they prefer whether it be in your landscaping or in your garden. One key thing to understand is that pollinators are looking for habitats which provide them with food, water, and shelter. With that in mind, we want to provide the pollinator with plants that are going to have prominent blooms that produce plenty of nectar. With plant selection, you want to select a variety of plants in which at least something is going to be blooming from the beginning of spring through the fall so pollinators have a food source well throughout the season.

Let's talk placement and selection of plants. According to KidsGardening, it is best to use perennials that will come back year after year and plant them in groups of at least three plants compared to spreading them throughout your garden. When planting in clumps such as this, the pollinators have an easier time locating the plants they are seeking, plus the visual impact of these clumps will be pleasing to your eye as well. Native plant species are a great consideration to keep in mind when it comes to plant selection. KidsGardening notes that you will want to select species which naturally are found in this area will attract the native pollinators as they have evolved with one another over time. Even though the species may be native, you will want to be sure that it is suited for the soil, light, and moisture conditions that make up your landscaping or garden.

Pollinators rely on different plants at during their life cycles, so it is important to consider plants that they can feed on at all life cycle stages. Take butterflies as an example. At the caterpillar stage of the butterfly's life, it relies on the milkweed plant to feed on an obtain energy it will need as it forms a cocoon that eventually will become a butterfly. Without milkweed, we would not have caterpillars which means we will have no butterflies! So be sure to plant clumps of milkweed around your landscape and garden for the caterpillars who eventually become butterflies!

While spring may be the farthest thing from your mind right now, it is nev-

er too early to think about things you could implement in your garden or landscaping this spring which will give nature a helping hand. Want to get some native species that are friendly to pollinators? Be sure to check out the tree seedlings and wildflower packets being offered as part of our 2018 Tree Sale! Call the office at 419-399-4771 or visit our website www.pauldingswcd.org for more information!

CHAMBER SUCCESS IN 60 SERIES

We're talking marketing!

The Paulding Chamber of Commerce is introducing a new educational series called Success in 60 Series. The Chamber will select topics according to their survey results and relevant to today's business/organization needs to spark interest. Success in 60 Series will be held at different times throughout the year. The topic and target audience will determine when the best time would be to produce the most participants. The goal of Success in 60 Series is to get more people involved and educated on topics such as tax changes, social media and branding, grant writing and opportunities, benefit programs for businesses/organizations, the opioid epidemic, and many others.

The first Success in 60 Series is on Tuesday, January 30th at noon in the basement of the Paulding County Carnegie Library. Because it is at noon feel free to bring a lunch and come on your lunch break. The Hubbard Company will be talking about marketing and how important it is in any business or organization. The information would be well suited for non-profits, start up businesses, anyone interested in different marketing techniques, or anyone seeking unique marketing that could set your organization aside from others. "Marketing is such a big part of any business or organization. You've got to be able to reach your target audience, sell your brand, and raise awareness to your mission," says Mikayla Pieper the Chamber director. This series will include something interesting or all organization types and sizes so be on the look-out for the next Success in 60 Series.

WYCKOFF RETIRES AFTER 28 YEARS



Ben Wyckoff retires from 28 years as Carryall Township Trustee. Here he welcomes Chad Molitor, newly elected trustee, after Chad was sworn in at township reorganization meeting in December.

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