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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2005

JOIN US FOR COMMUNITY AND AREA WIDE BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

On December 17 from 9:00 - 10 a.m. the Latty Friends UMC would like to invite you all to a breakfast with Santa at their building in Latty. They will be serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage links, toast with juice.

The kids will get a picture of them with Santa.

Please RSVP by December 16 by contacting Stacy Boyd at 419-399-9063.

There will be a freewill offering for the event.

OSU EXTENSION TO HOST AGRONOMY DAY

The Ohio State University Extension of Paulding County will be hosting an Agronomy Day at 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 10, 2006 at the Paulding Extension Center located on the Paulding County Fairgrounds.

The 2006 Agronomy Day promises to be a informative day with key note speakers such as Gary Prill with his research results from the Farm Focus Plots, Ron Hammond with a corn and soybean insect update, Robert Mullen will present information on the new Nitrogen recommendations, and Ann Dorrance will have a rust update and will talk on soybean disease identification. Currently Commercial, Private, and C.C.A. credits are being applied for.

Registration will be at 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 10, 2006 and the program will conclude in the afternoon. Lunch will be provided during local presentations. Anyone interested in attending the 2006 Agronomy Day should contact the Paulding County Extension office at 419-399-8225.

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50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Mr. & Mrs. Paul Culler celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Culler are planning an open house in honor of their parents 50th wedding anniversary. Paul Culler and the former Lucile Brown were married on December 23, 1955 at the Lutheran Parsonage in Paulding by the Rev. Maugel. They had

three children, Mrs. Bruce (Penny) Russell, Oakwood, Mrs. Bruce (Cheryl) Caris, Sherwood and a son Bob, deceased (Marcia), Bryan. They have four grandchildren.

The Cullers will celebrate the special occasion on December 18 at the Sherwood VFW from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY VFW POST 5087

All VFW members & Guests (unlimited) age 21 and over are invited to a New Years Eve Party at the Antwerp VFW Post 5087 from 9-1 a.m.

There will be free admission and snacks. Entertainment will be provided by "Chum the DJ". Bring in the New Year with a champagne toast.

BLOODMOBILE TO BE HELD

It's a wonderful life . . . pass it on. On Thursday, December 22 the American Red Cross will be at the Apostolic Christian Church located at US 127 and Township Road 82, Latty. The times are 11:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Please call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE to schedule your blood donation appointment.

Christine Taylor, Bloodmobile chairman 419-594-3789

ESSEN HOUSE BUFFET AND RESTAURANT - COMING SOON!

By: The Essen House Family

We would like to thank everyone for their support and interest in the Essen House Buffet and Restaurant, located inside the old Antwerp School. We are working hard to get the restaurant open soon but are being held up by the state, waiting for an approval on our sprinkler system. Once this is approved, we can continue to move for-

ward with our plans and get the Essen House open as soon as possible.

We would also like to thank our employees who are patiently waiting and cooperating with us.

Again, we greatly appreciate the support of the community and surrounding areas and cannot wait to bring an Amish style Buffet and Restaurant to you very soon!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM TO BE PRESENTED PAYNE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

All are invited to "The Shepherd's Story" Children's Christmas program that will be presented Sunday, December 18 at 10:30 a.m. at the Payne Church of the Nazarene.

You are also invited to join us for a blessed Christmas Eve Service Saturday, December 24, 5:00 p.m. The Christmas Eve Service will include spe-

cial Christmas music, Christmas carols, candlelight, and communion.

The church is located at 509 E. Orchard St. (SR 500 East), Payne. For more information, please call the church office at 419-263-2422.

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN

Santa Claus is coming to Antwerp Fire Department on December 17 from 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Bring the children to see Santa.

All are welcome.

DON'T FORGET YOUR CHRISTMAS THANK YOU!

We at West Bend News would like to help you say "thank you and happy holidays" to all of your customers, clients and sponsors.

These special thank you's will come out with December 21 issue. The deadline for contacting us is Friday, December 16 by 5:00 p.m. Color is an option as well.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

(this is a letter that was sent to AEP Ohio)

I am writing concerning the trimming of trees that has taken place in our area. I have never seen such destructive sights (caused by humans). It is a shame what has been done to our beautiful trees. It has taken years to grow a beautiful tree and for that tree to be deliberately butchered up is a pity. These trees will never recover the severity of the "trimming".

Your letter, you sent us, states a minimum of 10 feet is recommended. When you come to trim our tree, please stay within that 10 ft. and not exceed 10 ft. like you have done to others in the area.

We planted our tree about 40 years ago. It is beautiful even though you trimmed it a few years ago and the top is ruined by "trimming". Let us know when you are coming as we want you to stay within the 10 ft.

It is so sad to see what has been done to our trees. Just a shame—very unnecessary to trim so severely.

Nellie Beerbower

"BLUE CHRISTMAS" SERVICE TO BE HELD AT ANTWERP UMC

The Christmas carol says, "Joy to the world." But for many at this time of year, joy seems very far away. In the stores the Christmas carols are blaring over the sound systems, but the happiness that is advertised is not there.

For many, Christmas is a difficult time. There is an empty place at the table this year because someone in the family is missing. A son or father serving in the military 1000's of miles away. The death of a loved one in the family. Or a divorce has left the table looking and feeling awkward.

For others, Christmas is hard this year because of the loss of a job or a change in job situation that has left finances tight. Or there are other unseen stresses that make the season difficult to endure.

If you are feeling overwhelmed and "blue," we want to invite you to our "Blue Christmas" Service Thursday evening, December 22 at 7:00 p.m. at Antwerp United Methodist Church at 202 E. River St. in Antwerp. This will be a time of quiet reflection and healing as we give to God all the things that make this season a difficult experience. Also, invite others whom you know are having a difficult time to join us as well. Join us as we seek God's peace and grace that comes through the Christ child.

If you have questions or need to talk to someone, call 419-258-4901 for a listening ear.

OBITUARIES

Wendell R. Savage, 92, Hicksville, died December 8 at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville.

He was born on April 4, 1913 in Carryall Township, Paulding County the son of Harry and Georgia (Longsworth) Savage.

He graduated from Antwerp High School in 1930. He married Mildred Arrants in 1949.

He was a farmer prior to becoming an auctioneer and real estate broker—owner/operator of Savage Real Estate in Hicksville for 35 years. He also was an income tax preparer. He also served as a Hicksville Township Trustee and a Hicksville Village Councilman.

He was an avid fisherman, outdoorsmen, and loved flower gardens.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge for over sixty years and a member of the Scottish Rite—Valley of Toledo and Zenobia Shrine for fifty years.

Wendell is survived by a son, Lynn, Coral, MI; two daughters, Carole Dunderman, Antwerp and Barbara (Dick) Brown, Hicksville; a daughter-in-law, Peggy Savage, Antwerp; a brother, Ronald, St. Marys, OH; fifteen grandchildren, twenty-five great-grandchildren, and a great-great grandson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Mildred, a son, Rex "Pete" Savage; a sister, Geraldine Spitler; four brothers, Claron "Pate", Millard "Mud", Leland "Ike" and Donald; and a great-grandson.

The funeral service was December 11 at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville. Pastor Ken Wellman, First Church of Christ, Hicksville, officiated.

Burial was at Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Preferred memorials to Shrine Hospitals for Children or Woodburn Christian Children's Home.

William L. Wolfe, 66, Paulding, died December 5, in his home after an extended illness.

He was born December 13, 1938, the son of William "Al" and M. Emogene (Staley) Wolfe. On May 29, 1965 he married Peggy I. Gilroy, who survives. He was employed by Zeller Corporation, Defiance, retiring in 2000, after 39 years. He was a member of V.F.W. Post #587 and the Paulding Eagles #2405.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy Wolfe, Paulding; a son, William H. (Brenda) Wolfe, Paulding; a daughter Tiffany Wolfe (Ryan) Ralston, Columbia City, IN; two brothers, Timothy Wolfe, Paulding, Joseph (Rhonda) Wolfe, Grove City, OH; two sisters Jeanne Ann (Pudge) Myers, Paulding, and Marinell Sigley, Paulding; and six grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Susetta I. Wolfe; and a brother, David Wolfe.

Funeral services were December 8, at the Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Burial was in Live Oak Cemetery.

Donations may be made to Paulding Area Hospice.

Bethel Gene Rakes, Jr., Oakwood, died Saturday, December 10 at his home.

He was born February 2, 1957 in Defiance to Bethel and Wilma (Cassidy) Rakes, Sr.

Bethel retired in 2003 from General Motors in Defiance and was a member of UAW Local 211, Defiance.

Surviving are his parents, two sons, Johnny G. Rakes of Oakwood and Aaron J. Rakes of Maumee, OH, one daughter, Karisa (Rob) Long of Oakwood. Two grandchildren. Three sisters, Carol Stahl of Melrose, Janet Rakes of Oakwood and Pamela (Darwin) Sherry of Payne.

Services are Thursday, December 15 at 11:00 a.m. at Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Oakwood. Evangelist Lonnie Lambert will officiate. Burial is to be at Sherman Cemetery in Oakwood.

Visitation is today 2 to 4 & 6 to 8 p.m.; Thursday 9 a.m. until time of service.

Memorials to Sunshine Children's Home.

Condolences may be sent to www.heimeyerfuneralhome.com.

June I. Horney, 79, Payne, died December 11 at her residence.

She was born in Paulding County on January 29, 1926, the daughter of Richard A. and Effie A. (Anspaugh) Manley. On May 19, 1942. She married Edwin J. Horney who preceded her in death on October 11, 1998. She was a homemaker and was an avid bingo player.

She is survived by a daughter, June M. Horney, Payne; two sons Rex (Cindy) Horney, Marietta, GA and Gary (Candy) Horney, Conyers, GA; a sister, LaDonna Geyer, Antwerp; two brothers, Harry Manley and Norman Manley, both of Paulding; five grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; a daughter, Patricia Ann Horney; four brothers, Leroy, Blake, Richard and Frank Manley; and four sisters, Velma Comadoll, Faye Farison, Alice Luderman and Pat Proxmire.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. tomorrow at the Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Burial will be in Wiltsie Cemetery, Payne.

Visitation is today from 2-8 p.m. and 9 a.m. until time of services on Thursday at the Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding.

Donations may be made to Paulding County Area Visiting Nurses & Hospice.

BLUE CHRISTMAS?

Rev. Deb Frysinger

Blue? Yes, blue as in the blues. For many people, the approaching Christmas holiday does not bring with it the joy and happiness that is advertised on television or in greeting cards. Not everyone is up and cheery for the Christmas holidays. Dealing with the death of a loved one, facing life after divorce or separation, coping with the loss of a job, living with cancer or some other disease that puts a question mark over the future, and a number of other human situations make parties and joviality painful for many people today. Or perhaps, they feel pressured and overwhelmed by holiday preparations.

Country Chapel Church of Haviland, Ohio is creating a sacred space for people living through dark times accepting where we really are, and extending a hand of healing and hope.

The Haviland Country Chapel Church is making an attempt to reach out to people who feel such burdens by adding a Blue Christmas service to their worship offerings.

The service is a more quiet, somber feel than a traditional Christmas worship service. It focuses on the comfort God offers during dark times.

"Many times people who are grieving or who are in pain find that there is too much joyfulness at Christmas and they feel smothered." Said Deb Frysinger, pastor of the Country Chapel United Methodist Church. "There is no sacred place for grieving."

Traditionally a Service of Light/Blue Christmas Service falls on or near the winter solstice—literally the shortest amount of daylight and the longest night. This year, the solstice falls on Wednesday, December 21st.

Blue Christmas services include an emphasis on candles, where people in the congregation are invited to come forward and light a candle in memory of someone or to mark an event in their lives. Some will say words out loud, others in silent prayer.

Pastor Deb Frysinger said "The service is comforting even for those people who have not lost a loved one or otherwise gone through some type of trauma. It is a quiet, mellow service that is very refreshing. It gives everyone a chance to quietly reflect and chill out for awhile."

Haviland Country Chapel will be having their Blue Christmas Service on Wednesday, December 21 at 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited to attend. Country Chapel will also be having their annual Christmas Eve Candle Lighting Service followed by family communion on December 24, at 7:00PM. This year, they are honored to have Mrs. Nancy Whitaker, an area musician at the piano and Mrs. Helen Mumma at the organ filling the night with music.

Their sister church, Latty Friends United Methodist Church will be having their Christmas Eve Candle Lighting Service followed by family communion on December 24, at 11:00PM. Everyone is welcome at all services

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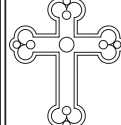
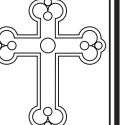
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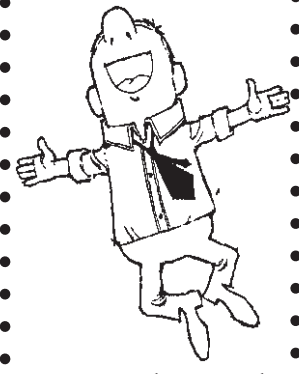


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Taking The Chill Off Of Energy Costs

(NAPSA)—A little preventive maintenance can mean big savings and increased comfort for homeowners anytime of year.

For example, experts say in colder weather it's possible to save as much as 10 percent on an energy bill by reducing the air leaks in a home.

Find and fix the leaks.

There are a number of places that can be the source of an air leak. Homeowners are encouraged to pay particular attention to doors, windows and places where plumbing, ducting or electrical wiring penetrate exterior walls, floors, ceilings and soffits over cabinets.

To test your home for leaks, hold a lit incense stick next to a suspected source of an air leak. This is best done on a windy day.

If the smoke travels horizontally, you have found a leak that may need caulking, sealing or weather-stripping.

Don't let energy go out the window.

While windows can add to a home's style and comfort, they can also be the source of a lot of wasted energy. The experts at the Department of Energy suggest:

- Close your curtains and shades at night; open them during the day.
- Tape clear plastic sheeting inside of a window frame if drafts, water condensation and frost are present.
- Install tight-fitting insulating window shades on windows that feel drafty after weatherizing.
- For long-term savings, install storm windows over single-pane windows or replace them with ENERGY STAR® double-pane windows with low-e coating.

Insulate your home against high energy bills.



Experts say repairing air leaks in a home may help to reduce an energy bill by as much as 10 percent.

Insulating a home can help reduce energy costs year-round.

• Start by insulating the hot water heater and hot water pipes. It's best to follow the insulation manufacturer's instructions or get professional help.

• Check the insulation in the attic, ceilings, exterior and basement walls, floors and crawl space to see if it meets recommended levels for your region. ENERGY STAR retailers and installation professionals can advise consumers.

Control costs by controlling temperature.

• Installing a programmable thermostat can be an excellent way to cut your heating bills. Such a thermostat can be set to lower the temperature when you're sleeping or at work. The savings may well offset the cost of the unit.

These and many other energy-saving tips can be found at www.energysavers.gov, or by calling 1-877-337-3463. For more information about energy efficiency and renewable energy, visit www.eere.energy.gov.

HELP!

Heating Bills a Problem?

A special page designated for a cold winter and energy efficiency

Gas Fireplaces: A Smart Heating Alternative

(NAPSA)—With homeowners facing the crunch of rising energy prices this heating season, gas fireplaces remain a smart and attractive choice for significantly reducing the monthly heating bill. While higher natural gas and liquid propane prices may tempt cost-conscious homeowners to limit their gas fireplace use, gas fireplaces can actually reduce dependence on a central furnace—providing immediate cost savings.

By practicing zone heating with gas fireplaces, homeowners heat the room or living area where people spend the most time. This lets them turn down the thermostat on their central furnace and use the gas fireplace as a supplemental heat source. Operating a furnace for one hour at 75,000 to 100,000 Btu costs a homeowner \$1.12 to \$1.49 based on last month's national average natural gas rate. By comparison, a natural gas fireplace running at 30,000 Btu per hour costs only 45 cents. From a financial standpoint, it makes sense to limit the furnace output whenever possible and heat the most frequently used rooms with a gas fireplace.

Homeowners considering buying a gas fireplace should first look for units that are A.F.U.E. (Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency) rated. A.F.U.E. gas fireplaces are tested to the same standard used to rate today's energy efficient furnaces. The second thing to look for is direct vent gas fireplaces. Direct vent gas fireplaces burn efficiently with up to 70 percent of the heat they generate remaining in the house. Masonry woodburning fireplaces in comparison can lose up to 85 percent of the fire's heat through the chimney. Direct vent gas fireplaces can also be installed in virtually any room of the home at a



Direct vent gas fireplaces can provide an attractive solution for reducing your monthly heating bill.

fraction of the cost of a masonry fireplace.

In addition to zone heating savings, homeowners can save up to \$12 each month on their gas bill by selecting a direct vent gas fireplace with an intermittent pilot ignition (IPI) system. For example, Heat & Glo®, Heatilator® and Quadra-Fire® brand direct vent gas fireplaces feature a patented IPI system known as Intellifire®. This electric ignition system eliminates the need to keep the pilot light always lit to use the fireplace. The IPI system automatically turns on the pilot when the homeowner turns on the fireplace. An IPI system can reduce as much as half the gas used by a fireplace, over nine million Btu per year, by turning on and off the pilot light.

Direct vent gas fireplaces provide a viable home-heating solution. By using the appliances properly, homeowners can obtain a functional supplemental heat source while also reaping the lifestyle benefits that come from spending time in front of the hearth. For more information on direct vent gas fireplaces, go to www.fireplaces.com.

ENERGY MATTERS

What's Up With Natural Gas Prices?

(NAPSA)—Many homeowners have been wondering why natural gas prices will be so much higher this year—and if there's anything they can do about it.

Here are some common questions answered by the experts at the American Gas Association:

Q: Why are natural gas prices higher than they were last year?

A: Natural gas customers may face higher energy bills, especially if winter weather is colder than it was last year. This is due, in part, to the disruptions by recent catastrophic hurricanes on natural gas production facilities in the Gulf of Mexico.

Q: What will consumers do this year?

A: Gas utility companies offer bill-paying programs to help.

Q: How does the price of natural gas affect the economy?

A: Manufacturers and other industrial customers use almost as much natural gas each year as do homes, schools and businesses with gas service combined. So ample natural gas at affordable prices is vital to jobs and a healthy economy.

Q: Is there a gas shortage?

A: Rather than a shortage, which implies running out, this is a period of tight supplies. There are abundant supplies of natural gas but they will cost more this year.

Q: How do you bring natural gas prices down?

A: There are two ways: increase supply and reduce demand. During the 1990s when gas supplies were



Natural gas utility companies are working on ways to increase supply and lower prices.

in balance with demand, consumers enjoyed more affordable prices.

Q: How can supplies be increased?

A: Increased supplies could take six to 18 months. Some of the gas we use is imported from other countries in a condensed liquid state and imports could be increased. Government officials can act to give producers greater access to natural gas resources and promote new docks where ships carrying imports of liquefied natural gas (LNG) can land.

Q: What about energy efficiency?

A: Using natural gas and other forms of energy is something we can all do. For example, consumers can help reduce their winter heating bills by sealing air leaks around doors and windows, dialing back the thermostat and adding insulation.

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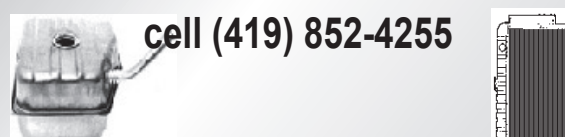
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ANTWERP JUNIOR HIGH BB VS. TINORA RAMS

Date: 12/10/2005 Place: Fairview High School

7th Grade Summary:	1	2	3	4	Final
Tinora Rams	10	7	2	4	23
Antwerp Archers	7	5	7	3	20

Leading Scorers:

Tinora - L. Drewes 10, B. Rieman 4, A. Batt 3, B. Wonders 2, C. Nagel 2, T. Oost 2,

Antwerp - Logan Lucas 8, Tanner Copsey 4, Dustin Hitzeman 4, Jordan Koppenhofer 2, Anthony Reid 2

Summary: The Antwerp 7th grade boys fought hard to keep the opening game of the season close against a good group of athletic boys from Tinora.

8th Grade Summary:	1	2	3	4	Final
Tinora Rams	14	19	8	12	53
Antwerp Archers	8	6	10	4	28

Leading Scorers:

Tinora - Jon Gryman 18, Ethan McKenney 11, Garrett Schafer 10, Trey Lymanstall 9, Logan Detray 2, Josh Harpest 2, Lyndon Berecke 1

Antwerp - Isaac Yenser, 7, Travis Woodard 6, T.J. Short 5, Justin Johnson 4, Bryson North 2, John Rindahl 2, Mike Stuart 2

Summary: The Antwerp 8th grade boys started slow and were never able to recover. Tinora's defense was intense the entire game and kept the Archer guards in check with far too many turnovers.

The Antwerp JH boys will travel to Ottoville on Tuesday, December 13, and Holgate on Thursday, December 15, this week.

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ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan
 NEWSFLASH: On Saturday, December 17, the Antwerp Fire Department will have Santa Claus at the Fire House for all the children. This will be from 1:00 p.m. until about 3:00 p.m., or when everyone has seen Santa. There will be a photographer on hand to take pictures of all the children, if you so choose to. They will also have a place for you to sit and have a coffee and donuts while you are waiting. The firemen want you to come, the more the merrier. This makes the 56th year that the Antwerp Fire Department has had Santa come for our special friends, the children.

In 1941 Antwerp celebrated the 100th year as being a town. The Antwerp American Legion Post held a carnival in the park to help with the big celebration. We had the rides and games and hoopla that goes with a carnival. In addition, there was an athletic side show. A local boy, Rex Gloor, was a good boxer, and a man from Cecil, Harold Layman, Sr. was a good boxer and a wrestler, those guys would take on all comers.

In the afternoon, about 20 men came running into the park from the southwest corner screaming and yelling. They were wearing Indian regalia from the local Red Men's Lodge. They shouted and used tomahawks on designated men, women screamed and ran. They over ran the park and took a couple of prisoners and disappeared over the river bank where the steps go down to the river.

Later on, down the bank a ways, was a natural amphitheater. The people sat on the bank and watched a true playlet about early America and the Indians. The Indian Chief was going to be-head John Smith, but an Indian Princess named Pocahontas's went on his behalf and begged and pleaded to spare his life, and so she saved John Smith's life. Then they had some speeches about the first one hundred years and the progress that was made so far. As I sit here and recall all of that, a lot of people did a good job to make it as real as possible, I hope when they celebrate 200 years as a city, that is just as impressive. I think you can tell by my writing that I am proud of our park, school, town and the people in it.

The Park Station, across

24 on the south side, was built by Charles Kroos in 1941. It started as a filling station and sandwich shop. It has had many owners and has become a bar and grill. The next road south is Kroos Drive, it was named after Mr. Kroos.

Going east on U.S. 24, just before you reach the Archer Restaurant, on the south side of the railroad was a warehouse and shopping point for Harmann's Till Mill. We'll talk more about that at a later date.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed McCreery opened a business called The Taste Freeze at the corner of U.S. 24 and the Shaffer Road. It has changed hands a number of times and has become a restaurant called The Archer Restaurant.

Right on past Shaffer Road before W.W. 11, there was a man who rented cabins and a small eatery and filling station. His name was Ed Shaffer and that is how the Shaffer Road got its name. Later on, this whole complex was purchased by Bob Varner and became Varner's Trailer Court and the Third Base Cafe.

Before U.S. 24 was remodeled, it went north at this corner and followed around and met what is now the Harmann Road. It turned north and passed on the north side of the cemetery and on east as 24. A number of people lived on this road, Mr. Harry Carr and some people named Coffelt who operated a huckster wagon. They lived where Bob Myers lives now. For a time, in between the two, the Cromley's lived there. On down the road was Tom and Avery Kerns and Arista Carr and his family. At that time, that cemetery was called the Coffelt Cemetery. That is when U.S. 24 was moved over to where it is now, going east past the Harmann Road.

(Note: In a previous article about Doc. Caine, it was printed that he came from Canada. Stan heard from Doc. Caine's granddaughter and informed him that Doc. Caine was born in Liverpool, England. More about Doc. Caine later.)

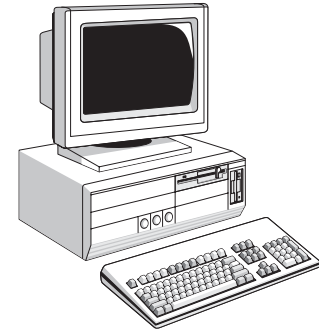
FOOD IDEAS

(NAPSA)—No matter whether you're inviting the gang over to watch the big game or you're looking to feed a hungry pack of players who've just come off the field, the right food can make all the difference between a winning and losing afternoon of sports. Fortunately, many grocers, restaurants and other food and drink purveyors now offer prepared items from companies like Broaster, featuring popcorn chicken and shrimp, chicken wings, potato wedges, mozzarella sticks and other sports-fan favorites. So, you don't have to be a linebacker to tackle satisfying sports-time fare. To find locations near you, visit www.broaster.com.



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COMPUTER CORNER



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By: Cyreb Reniets

The last two weeks we discussed speeding up a computer by doing general maintenance. This week we will talk about the Internet and protecting yourself from hackers. A hacker is someone who breaks into your computer either through another computer, or by accessing your computer when you are not there. Sometimes credit card numbers are stolen this way.

The Internet can be an enjoyable place to 'hangout'. Whether you are playing a card game with a family member several states away or e-mailing your best friend from high school, the Internet has a lot of useful features. Protecting your computer should be a first priority when accessing the Internet.

Most computers when you buy them are not as well protected as a they could be. In fact, even computers just a couple of years old didn't have any protections built in. If you have high-speed, always on Internet than this is a must.

Your first line of defense is a firewall. A firewall acts in a way that allows you to access the Internet, but blocks other people from accessing your computer. Windows XP is the

first version of Windows that comes with a firewall, but you should upgrade to Service Pack 2 (a free download from microsoft.com) in order to get the most complete firewall available. It also comes with a Security Center and, for most people, it is a great new addition.

The security center, besides having a built in firewall, also includes the ability to monitor your virus protection software. Virus' on computers are similar to virus in people they attack the system, slow it down or destroy data, and try to spread to other susceptible computers. Many virus' and 'worms' can be blocked just by enabling the built in firewall. Virus protection software is not included in Windows XP, but you can purchase it at any computer store.

If you an older version of Windows and would like the added assurance of virus protection and a firewall, then you can purchase these kits together on line or at any computer store. Most packages will have both.

Are you a broadband user or have multiple computers in your house that access the internet? Most, if not all, network/wireless routers today have very competent firewalls built in. Brands such as Apple, Linksys, Netgear and D-link all make excellent wireless routers with firewalls.

Disclaimer: Remember, you are doing this at the risk of your computer and/or data. Any problems or damage that you may encounter directly or indirectly from the advice provided are not the responsibility of the author or the West Bend News or it's affiliates.

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Mr. Miller
MR. MILLER SEES OVER EVERYTHING AT PHS

By: David Brown

Mr. James Miller, the 6'8" former administrator, can literally see over nearly everything here at PHS, and he can do it all from his desk. He is the new half-time guidance counselor for the high school. Mr. Miller was born and raised in Antwerp, Ohio, where he attended school. He played basketball, baseball, and ran for the track team. He said that he would have played football, but for a short time, Antwerp High School didn't have a football program due to the small number of players. There wasn't any football for a period of about twenty years. There was a whole generation or two that went through school without any football.

He enjoyed basketball and track the most. He was a star athlete on the track team. He was one of the first athletes from Antwerp to compete in the state track meet. He qualified in the preliminaries and then moved on to the finals. He placed third in the state for the 4-40 race.

He graduated from Antwerp High School in 1959. He then went to Franklin College on a full-ride basketball scholarship. Franklin College is only about 30 miles south of Indianapolis. It was a small college, with only about 600 students on campus. While at Franklin College, Mr. Miller majored in social studies and minored in biology. He graduated in 1963.

Mr. Miller then went to the University of Toledo to become a guidance counselor. There was a shortage of guidance counselors in the country, so the government started a program to try to get

people to become counselors. He was selected from a large group to attend college. He had to apply, and then if selected, go to Toledo to be interviewed. Mr. Miller was one of thirty people selected by the NDEA (National Defense Education Act), which was a government program that provided federal grants to pay for college. He earned his Master's Degree in education and guidance. He was only at Toledo for one scholastic year from 1966-1967.

Mr. Miller then was the Director of Guidance at Westerville City Schools. He said there were about 400 seniors, which made for a very long graduation ceremony. During this time, he was working for his administrative license at Ohio State.

He then went to Eastern Illinois University where he was the academic advisor for one year, and then he came back to Ohio.

He has been the principal at five different schools, and the last fifteen years before he retired was spent as principal at Antwerp High School.

Mr. Miller then retired, but only for a short time. He received a phone call from Mr. Metzger. Mrs. Langhals expressed that she wanted to work half-time in order to spend more time with her children. Mr. Miller decided to take the part-time position. He knows what it is like to have children. He has five of his own.

Mr. Miller believes that the students here are friendly and open, and he is very pleased with the attitudes of the student body. He said that there are small problems, but for the most part, things get handled well around here. He said, "We've got a pretty darn good group of kids here at PHS."

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Paulding County Commissioners met in regular sessions on Wednesday, November 30 and Monday, December 5, 2005.

During the November 30 meeting Auditor Bill Bollenbaugh, Treasurer Betty Layman and Engineer Travis McGarvey met with the Commissioners regarding land being purchased by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) in the name of the Paulding County Commissioners. The properties are small parcels, less than one acre, and the parcels will become right-of-way for township and county roads affected by the new US 24 construction.

Commissioner Marty Harmon reported on the visit to Paulding County by the Third District Court of Appeals on November 29. The Court heard two cases on appeal and invited high school students to attend the session. Harmon reported "the invitation to attend and hear oral arguments concerning two actual cases in the Third District Court of Appeals in our own local courthouse was very informative. I enjoyed the time with a senior class

from Antwerp High School, as well as school administrators and local officials. The time was well spent," concluded Harmon.

Harmon also noted that he attended the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Jon Lockie. Jon, a resident of Paulding County, recently achieved the recognition of Eagle Scout. Harmon presented a Proclamation approved by the Paulding County Commissioners recognizing his achievement.

At the Monday meeting, Commissioners conferred with Joe Robertson of Seasongood and Mayer to start the process of arranging funding for the new jail. Voter approval of the bond issue allows the Commissioners to proceed with financing. Robertson and the firm he represents also arranged for the bond financing for the hospital addition approved by voters in 1999.

The Paulding County Commissioners meet from 8:00 a.m. to the close of business on Mondays and Wednesdays. The annual conference of the County Commissioners Association of Ohio is scheduled during the week of December 12 and the Commissioners will not be in regular session.

FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS

As you walk down the hallways and through the Vantage building, it's pretty obvious that Christmas is just a few weeks away. There are lots of events and activities that signal the holiday season is here.

Mr. Rydell's American Studies classes got everyone into the spirit of things by putting up the huge Vantage Christmas tree in the Commons Area. Vantage student "elves" from the Building and Grounds, Ag Diesel and Jr. Electricity programs pitched in with the labor to help refurbish the Christmas decorations for downtown Van Wert. Fruit and poinsettias have also been delivered and distributed. Students in the Medical/Legal Specialist program are working with the Community Action Council and have put up an "angel tree" in their lab so staff and students can help by donating gifts. The Sr. Health Careers program has adopted a family for Christmas and the Jr. Health Careers program is making Christmas a little brighter for the family of a student who was impacted by Hurricane Katrina.

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This is a post-WWII trip. This is a recipe that was given to my aunt who lived near Washington D.C. A friend and co-worker had been in New York City and while there had dined at the well known Waldorf Astoria Restaurant. On the menu was this elegant Waldorf Astoria Red Cake. She had to try it and it was delicious. She asked the waiter if she could get the recipe. Later the Chef came to her table with the recipe and a bill for \$250.00. She was agast! But took it and decided she would give the recipe to every one she knew, Hoping this would prevent any other person for having to pay for his recipe. Here it is.

Cream together: 1 1/2

C. Sugar & 1/2 C. Crisco. Then add 2 eggs and blend. Add alternately: 2 1/2 C. Sifted Cake Flour & 1 C. Buttermilk Make into a paste: 2 oz. Red food coloring, 2 T. Cocoa, 1/4 t. salt, 1 t. vanilla. Add to batter. Add last: 1 t. soda dissolved in 1 T. Vinegar. Bake in 2 layer pans (8 or 9 inch) that are greased & floured. Temp: 350 for 30 minutes.

Icing: Cook 5 T flour & 1 C. Milk (add milk slowly, stirring constantly until thickened). Cream together 1 C. Sugar, 1 C. Butter & 1 t. Vanilla. Do not put together until the flour mixture is completely cooled and DO NOT OVERBEAT. If you desire, split the layers in half, making 4 layers.

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