

ANTWERP LIBRARY NEWS: ANTWERP TEEN BOOK GROUP



The Antwerp Branch Library has a very active Teen Book Discussion Group. Currently we have 15 members. The book group started in April 2003 with 7 members. The book group keeps growing! How Wonderful! We read a variety of young

adult books, mystery, historical, and humorous!

We meet once a month on a Saturday for an hour. Our next meeting is on February 4th at noon at the library. To join the book group you must be in the 6th grade or 11-18 years old.

PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL 2005-06 2ND 9 WEEKS

Grade 6:

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Tasha Alvarado, Kristen Beck, Logan Englehart, Jessica Farr, Jenna Gasser, Tiffany Hahn, Jessica Harpel, Katie Kohart, Kyle Mohr, Audra Phlipot, Mesa Pracht, Anna Rickels, Kelli Schlatter, Derek Shrider, Amber Simpson, Tawnika Weller

Grade 7:

All A's

Cameron Aldrich, Trenton Bradford, Joey Buchman, Ashley Hahn, Cassandra Hammon, Elise Hartzell, April Manz, Derrick Pease, Jared Ross, Danielle Smith

All A's and B's

Olivia Arend, Adi-Lae Bergalowski, Devan Bermejo, Zachory Cooper, Shauna Darrigo, Ryan Doan, Taylor Dotson, Andrew Favorito, JoEllen Fickel, Nicolas Flint, Stephanie Gerschutz, Jacob Gideon, Beau Hahn, Grant Harder, Zachary Kauser, Haley Kesler, Alex Knodel, Jack Meriwether, Alex Mott, Ashley Myers, Breck Ripke, Patty Shaffer, Alex Snyder, Kaelyn Snyder, Logan Stoller, Levi VanVlerah, Brittany Woodring

Grade 8:

All A's

Maycee Adams, Taylor Hatcher, Angela Manz, Billy Rios, Bryant Sheppard

All A's and B's

Brittany Bail, Jamie Buchman, Jaclyn Carr, Stephanie Donaldson, Samantha Habern, Alysha Mays, Amanda Porter, Derek Schlatter, Ben West, William Wilhelm, Ben Wiswell, Rachele Woodring

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OSU EXTENSION TO HOST MORTALITY COMPOSTING CERTIFICATION TRAINING

The Ohio State University Extension of Paulding County will be hosting an Ohio Livestock Mortality Composting Certification Training at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday January 17, 2006 at the Paulding Extension Center located on the Paulding County Fairgrounds.

Instructors for this training will be Glen Arnold, Ohio State University Extension Agent, and Dale Ricker, Ohio State University Extension Associate both from Putnam County, Ohio. Under the Ohio Department of Agriculture this training session will certify operators to compost livestock mortality of approved species and apply the compost to fields.

All who are interested in attending are asked to pre-register by Friday, January 13, 2006. To pre-register, call the Paulding County OSU Extension office at 419-399-8225.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

A baby girl Collett Renea Starbuck was born December 29 at 4:30 am at Wabash Hospital. She weighed 6 lb. 4 oz. and was 19 inches. The proud parents are Melissa Gordon and Brook Starbuck of Syracuse, Indiana. She was welcomed home by sisters Brooke and Autumn and a brother Devin. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Thad (Cindy) Smart of Syracuse and Mr. and Mrs. Dave (Connie) Gordon of Antwerp. Beverly Williams of Defiance. Great grandparents are Hazel Meglich of Antwerp and Richard Gordon of Antwerp.

PIE SALE

Paulding CWF Ladies (First Christian Church) will be holding their pie sale on January 20, pick-up 3:00-5:00 p.m. The deadline for ordering the fresh baked 9-inch pies is January 15. To order call 419-399-4576.

If you have any questions or would like to join please call the library at 419-258-2855.

The deadline for ads and article submissions is Friday at 5:00 p.m.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALES

Girl Scout will be out selling Girl Scout Cookies starting January 13, 2006. The sale starts at 12:01 a.m. and runs through January 29, 2006. Delivery of cookies will start on February 21, 2006.

Available this year will be: Samoas, Thin Mints, Dosi-dos, All Abouts, Trefoils, Tagalongs, Lemon Coolers, and the new Cafe Cookie. The cookies are still the same price as last year. If your favorite Girl Scout does happen to miss you please call them, to place your order. There will also be cookie booths in the area, please look for them. Thanks to everyone in advance for supporting the Paulding County Girl Scouts of Applesed Ridge.

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OBITUARIES

Edward L. Reynolds, 88, Antwerp, passed away January 3 at Paulding County Hospital.

Born in Payne, Ohio on September 21, 1917, the son of the late Charles and Ida (Bickers) Reynolds.

He served in the U.S. Navy in WW II. Ed married Wilma Kanisza August 30, 1958. Wilma passed away December 10, 2004.

He worked as a welder at Freuhauf Trucking; was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church Antwerp and Antwerp VFW Post 5087 & American Legion Post 253.

Ed will be sadly missed by his daughters, Elizabeth Martin of Toledo, Judy Bitz of Ft. Wayne; son, John Reynolds of Tucson, AZ; step-daughters, Donna Fry of Woodburn, IN, Patricia Brennan of New Haven, Cheryl Taylor of Liberty Center, Vicki Litzenburg of Paulding; step sons, Homer Richard Brooks of Defiance, Randy Brooks of Antwerp, Keith Stiebling of Defiance; sisters, Frances Brooks of Paulding, Rita Lambert of Antwerp; brother, Jim Reynolds of Aurora, IL; 36 grandchildren, 52 great-grandchildren, 9 great-great-grandchildren.

Ed's sisters, Theresa Hammer & Kathryn Swann have passed away.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Antwerp, January 7, and Father Thomas Oedy and Deacon Robert Nighswander officiated.

He was laid to rest at Mausme Cemetery with military honors.

Memorials to the charity of your choice and condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

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Elaine Marie Hasch, 58, Defiance, died January 4, 2006, at the Toledo Hospital, Toledo.

She was born in Paulding County, on April 12, 1947, the daughter of Donald C. and Regina B. (Sinko) Taner. On January 6, 1973, she married Terry L. Hasch, who survives. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Paulding.

She is survived by her husband, Terry Hasch, Defiance; her mother, Regina B. Taner, Paulding; a daughter, Merri E. Hasch, Paulding; a brother, D. Mark Taner, Paulding.

She was preceded in death by her father, Donald Taner in 1989.

Funeral services were held January 9, at the Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, and Reverend G. Allan Fillman officiated. Burial was in Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Paulding County.

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

Leona K. Lambert, 91, Sherwood, died at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville on January 6, 2006.

She was born on May 14, 1914 in Defiance County, the daughter of Edward and Dora (Boehm) Krouse.

She was married to Oscar C. Lambert. He preceded her in death in 1995.

She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Sherwood. She was a lifelong homemaker.

She is survived by a daughter, Ruth Doctor, Ft. Wayne, IN; two sons, Oscar LaVon, Hicksville and Larry of Texas; nine grandchildren, and twenty-five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, two grandchildren, and a brother.

The funeral service was on January 9 at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Burial was at Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Preferred memorials are to the Donor's Choice.

Marie B. Gordon, 94, Payne, died January 6, 2006 at the Dallas Lamb Foundation Home, Payne.

She was born in Payne, Ohio on July 20, 1911 the daughter of Eugene and Clara (Ternet) Sullivan. In 1943 she married Norman E. Gordon, who died in 1972.

She was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church of Payne, Ohio. Life member of the National Education Association, Ohio Retired Teachers Association,

Paulding County Retired Teachers Association, Delta Kappa Gamma (honorary teachers society). She taught school for 36 years, retiring in 1976 from the Paulding Exempted Village School in Paulding, Ohio. She attended Miami University of Oxford, Ohio for one year then transferred to the National College of Education in Evanston, IL where she graduated in 1932. She belonged to the "Sorosis Bridge Club", traveled the World and was very active in her church.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Nan (Denny) Leslie of Sedalia, CO; two granddaughters and three great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Norman, two sisters; Beatrice Levicki Lemon and Katherine Ann Bresnahan.

Funeral services were conducted January 10, 2006 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Payne. Rev. G. Allan Fillman officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Memorials to Dallas Lamb Foundation Home Activity Fund.

Gerald M. Kemerer, 86, Antwerp, passed away on January 8, 2006 at Paulding County Hospital, Paulding.

Born in Hicksville, Ohio on February 21, 1919, he was the son of the late Oliver O. and Mary M. (Booth) Kemerer.

He served in the U.S. Army in WWII. Gerald was a farmer and retired from Edgerton Locker, Edgerton, Ohio as a meat cutter.

He was a member of Antwerp VFW Post 5087 and he was a Mason.

He will be sadly missed by his son and daughter-in-law, Hal and Kim of Antwerp; daughter-in-law, Elaine Kemerer of Antwerp; six grandchildren, Kenneth, Lori, Casey and Colt Kemerer, Shari McKibben and Renee Tarlton; and five great-grandchildren, Caitlin Bolick, Emily, Andrew & Joshua McKibben and Marcus Tarlton.

Gerald's son, Gary and brothers, Robert and Harold (Gerald's twin that died in infancy) have passed away.

The funeral service is at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, on January 11, with Rev. Jim Edwards officiating.

He will be laid to rest at Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

In his memory contributions may be made to First Baptist Church of Antwerp. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com.

PAULDING COUNTY COOKS

My mother was a stay-at-home Mom until about the time I was 15. She was a from-scratch cook and baker. Actually, back then, forty-five years or more ago, that's what everyone was because we did not have all the convenience food that we have now; meals in a box, canned soup, etc.

It didn't happen very often, but sometimes when I and my five siblings got off the school bus and came in the door and we would smell these cookie bars warm from the oven, what a treat they were. Thinking back, Mom was probably planning our evening meal, something from the oven, and baked these cookies while preparing the meal for the oven. I still enjoy them today, even at Christmas time they can be decorated with sugar sprinkles after icing them.

Spicy Raisin Coffee Bars

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1 Egg
1 cup Brown Sugar

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2 cup Flour
1/2 teaspoon Salt
1/2 teaspoon Cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon Baking Powder
1/2 teaspoon Baking Soda

After all above are well blended, add the following and blend well:

3/4 cup Hot Coffee
1/2 cup Raisins
1/4 cup Nuts, chopped

Spread the dough on a greased 9"x13" jelly roll pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 15-20 minutes. Glaze with a thin confectioner's sugar icing while still slightly warm.

Cut into bars when cool.

-Sandra Wann

SPECIAL SERVICE AT ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

On January 15, a Christian Unity Service will be held at 4:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Antwerp. All are welcome.

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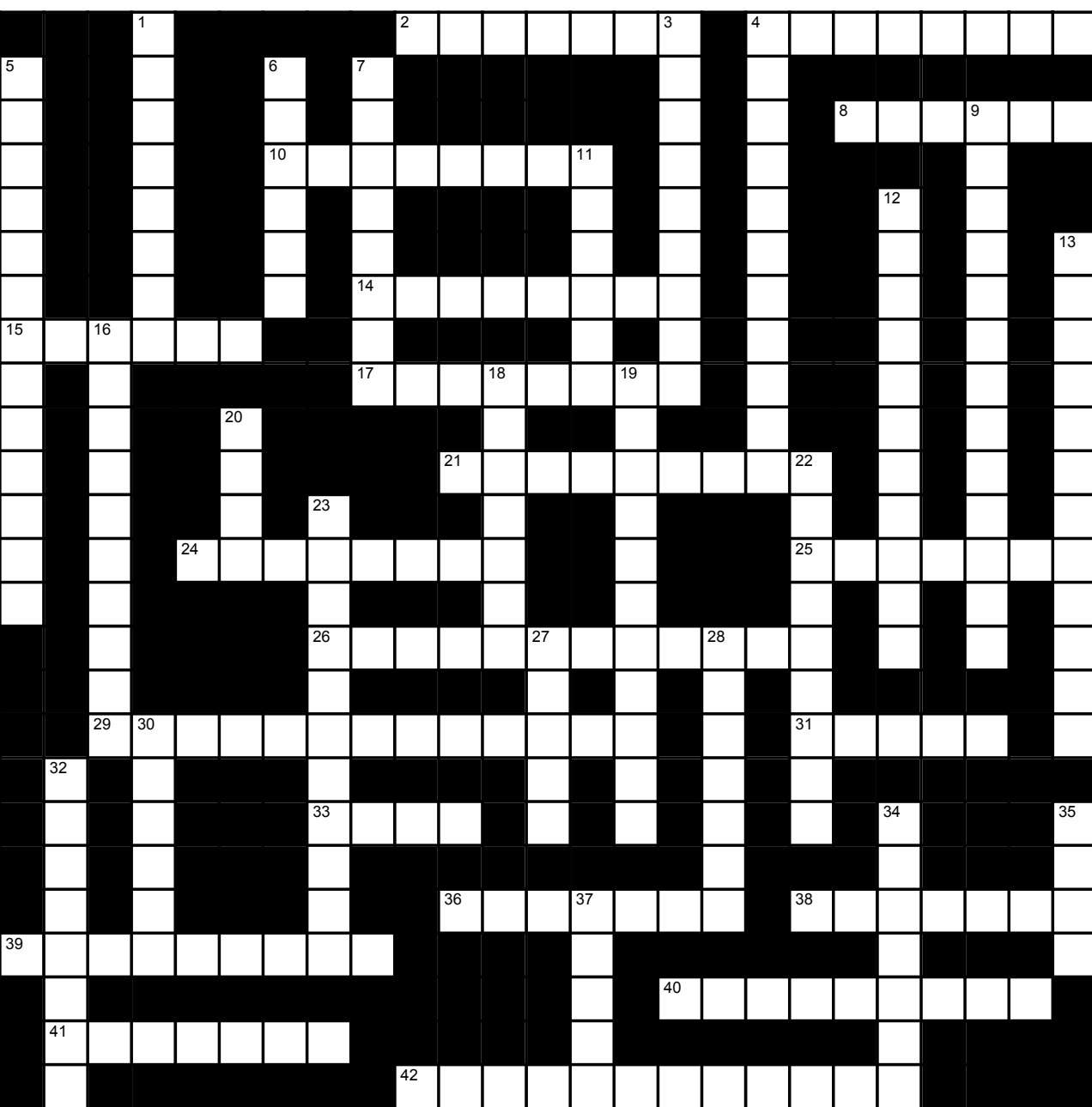
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Crossword Puzzle

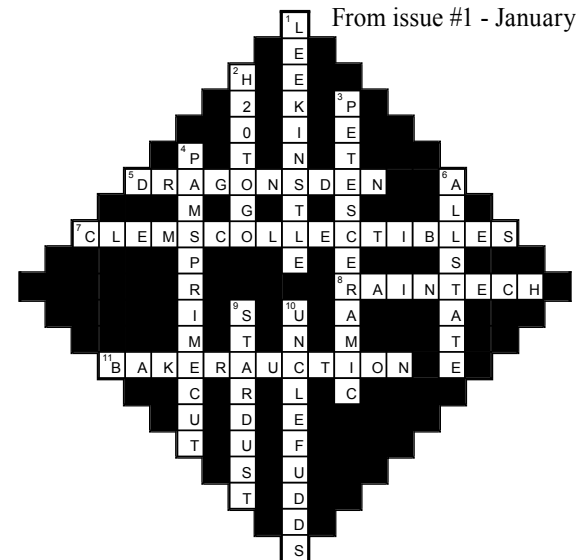
States of the Union: This puzzle is to see how much you remember from school. The clues are the capitals of the states. Not all are here.



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| 8. Topeka | 31. Boise | 4. Jackson | 22. Santa Fe |
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| 25. Cheyenne | 42. Harrisburg | 13. Charleston | 35. Salt Lake City |
| | | 16. Olympia | 37. Austin |
| | | 18. Phoenix | |

THE WEST BEND NEWS SOLUTION Crossword Puzzle

From issue #1 - January 5, 2006



WAYNE TRACE DODGE BALL TOURNAMENT

The Wayne Trace National Honor Society will be hosting a dodge ball tournament on Saturday, January 14 in the high school gym. There will be three divisions of teams: Beginners (grades 1-6), intermediate (grades 7-12), and Expert (out of high school). The Beginners will start at 10:00 a.m., the Experts at 11:00 a.m., and the Intermediates at noon. Each team should have six to eight players and should wear the same color shirts.

There is an entry fee. To enter a team, you must complete a registration and waiver form, which can be obtained by calling Wayne Trace and asking for the NHS advisor. On the back of the form will be the list of rules for the tournament; all participants are expected to read through the rules and be familiar with them.

The winning team from each division will receive free t-shirts.

ANTWERP JH ARCHERS VS. HOLGATE JH TIGERS

On January 5, the Antwerp JH boys traveled to Holgate to face off against the JH Tigers there.

In the seventh grade, Holgate did not have enough players to field a team. Antwerp won by forfeit.

In the eighth grade, leading scorers were:

Antwerp—Travis Woodard 10, John Rindahl 9, T.J. Short 7, Isaac Yenser 6, Jacob Reinhart 2

Holgate—Clady 12, Gonzales 5, Koppenhofer 3, Rohrs 2, Klinghirn 2, Bischoff 2.

After a long bus trip to Holgate, the Archers started out sluggish but came alive and secured the Antwerp victory 34-26. The Archers used full court pressure to control the ball and the Antwerp big men ran the floor well as Travis Woodard (10 pts.) and John Rindahl (9 pts.) accounted for 19 of the Antwerp 34.

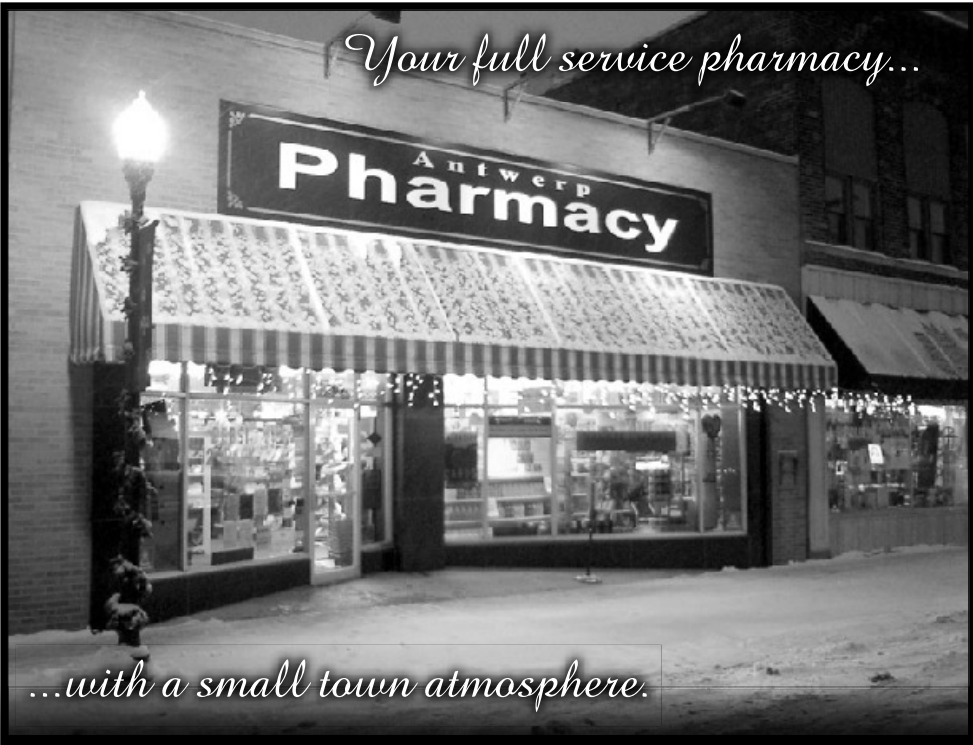
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PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL RECEIVES A CABLE CHANNEL

By: Abby Gross

PHS will soon receive a new cable TV channel. The village of Paulding negotiated a deal when they signed with Adelphia. Our channel will be called PVTV on Channel 5.

ESCO Communications out of Ft. Wayne will be installing the equipment the early part of January. It should be up and running by January 20.

They will be airing programs from the Multi-Media Class such as the morning announcements, the news magazine show, sporting events, concerts, and plays. Our channel will also include a community bulletin board.

Other programs will be professional programming from NASA, Colonial Williamsburg, the United States Department of Education, Sea World, and programs from the US Fish and Wildlife Services.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am a 62 year old Paulding County senior citizen. I take advantage of using the senior van to pick me up once a week to take me to the Center for fun, fellowship and food. I am handicapped and don't drive, as are many seniors, so it is a blessing we have the senior vans to pick us up.

My concern is that the center has several vans, but they are in such disrepair and constantly one seems to be broken down and out of commission on a daily to weekly basis. Which makes Marsha's job difficult scheduling rides. Although she is very good at it, I don't believe she should have to do it. It is my understanding there is no funding for a new van or two. So I am taking it upon myself to ask someone in Paulding County such as car dealers, clubs, organizations, churches, private individuals to donate a new van to the center or give us some ideas as to how to get one. Thank you for listening.

—Senior, Tom Miller

DOG NEWS FROM LYNNE MANSFIELD

We are putting together our "Heidi" memorial spay & neuter photo album. We are still missing a few photos of dogs and cats that we helped pay for the spay/neuter. If you have not submitted your pets picture (with an adult in the photo) please do so by January 31. You can drop it off in person or mail it to:

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EMERALD ASH BORER WORKSHOP

Should the Emerald Ash Borer be a concern for your wood lot? Have you been contacted by a logger about removing Ash trees from your wood lot?

If either one of these questions strikes your interest then you should plan to attend the Paulding SWCD Emerald Ash Borer Workshop which will be held Thursday, January 26, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. at the Black Swamp Nature Center. The Nature Center is located just west of the Paulding County Fairgrounds at the intersection of Fairgrounds Drive and Co. Rd. 107. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry will present information on the following topics:

- Emerald Ash Borer History
- Why is the Emerald Ash Borer so bad?
- Current Emerald Ash Borer Status (Learn what Ohio Department of Agriculture & Division of Forestry are doing to help)
- Are there things I can do now to reduce my risk?
- Do I Cut All My Ash Tree?
- What management options available
- Logging issues connected with the Emerald Ash Borer

There is no cost for attending this workshop, for more information please contact the Paulding Soil and Water Conservation District 260 B Dooley Drive, Paulding, Ohio 45879 or phone 419-399-4771.

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The website has been updated several times over the years and is in the process of being updated again. Those presently listed on the website can revise or update their listings at no cost. Webpage and e-mail links are available to those who have their own website.

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ST. JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL SECOND QUARTER HONOR ROLL AND PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Perfect Attendance:

1st Grade—Natalie Kuhn, Kacey Reinhart, Brady Stabler, Maggie Wilson

2nd Grade—Zachary Buchman, Austin Kuhn, Noah Stoller, Jenna Wilson

3rd Grade — Addison Baumle, Emily Pator, Mackenzie Swary, Samantha VanVlerah

4th Grade—Kyle Recker, Aaron Stoller

5th Grade—Eddie Reinhart, Krystal Wannemacher, Eryn Watson, Jess Wilson

6th Grade—Ann Reinhart, Austin Scheiner, J.D. Stoller, Stephan VanVlerah

Honor Roll

4th Grade — Amber Combs, Emilie Linder, Matt Reinhart, Libby Stabler

5th Grade — Lyndsay Combs, Krystal Wannemacher, Jess Wilson, Kaleigh Young, Rylee Zartman

6th Grade—Ian Moore, Ann Reinhart, Austin Scheiner, J.D. Stoller

ANTWERP JH BOYS BASKETBALL

On January 2, 2006, the junior high boys Archers hosted the Hilltop Cadets.

In seventh grade action the leading scorers were:

Hilltop—Dustin Ashenfelter 10, Josh Nafziger 5, Isaac King 2, Trevor Reamsnyder 2

Antwerp—Tanner Copsey 7, Logan Lucas 4, Josh Hilton 2, Dustin Hitzeman 2, Jordan Kopenhoffer 1. The final score came to: 16-19.

The game was a typical "first day back from the Christmas break" game and was sloppy at both ends of the floor.

In eighth grade action leading scorers were:

Hilltop—Logan Mercer 23, Chad Beals 16, Josiah Pollets 8, Brye Detwiler 2

Antwerp—Travis Woodard 15, John Rindahl 9, Isaac Yenser 7, T.J. Short 6, Jacob Reinhart 2. Final score came in at: 39-49.

The Antwerp 8th grade boys came out strong against the boys from West Unity and took a quick 12-2 lead after one period of play. However, the Hilltop boys awoke from their long bus ride and kicked into gear scoring 47 points in the final three stanzas compared to Antwerp's 27. The 6'3" Logan Mercer (23 pts.) was hard to stop down low as point guard Chad Beals (16 pts.) penetration would provide the six foot jumper in the key or a dump off to Mercer. The win was Hilltop's 20th straight as their class remains undefeated in the Junior High careers.

Note: We need to hear from you! Anyone with a recipe, and you want to share with the tri-county readership of this paper, submit it to West Bend Printing & Publishing.

WAYNE TRACE POETRY CONTEST

The Wayne Trace High School had a poetry contest during the month of November. Any high school student could enter a poem. Patriotism, Thanksgiving, or Fall were the topics of the Poems. Danielle Stoller, junior, won first place. Sandy Werfal, junior, took second place honors, and Beth Taylor, senior, was awarded third place honors.

FIRST PLACE

The Fraternity of the Patriots

By: Danielle Stoller

There leans in the wind an aged, weathered tree

From whose branches all the patriots were born

Their wreaths of triumph and wounds of defeat

Through centuries long its bark has worn;

So it has known despair, but not known long

For in the blue season when fathers fell

As leaves sink from the twig to white snow

When death thought it had won o'er them well,

A spark could be felt, a candle in its roots;

The young, red blood brings breath and beat

Whose passion has fed the patriarch's veins-

Indeed, its sons force death's retreat.

Now eyes of spring in the lightening east

See Father America prevails in that plain

With all of its strong sons gathered around,

Their pulses beating the age-old refrain;

The song of those gifted with brotherhood;

The greatest union a country may earn

Is to make the land father; its citizens sons

Who greatly are loved and who love in return.

SECOND PLACE:

Living the fight
By: Sandy Werfal

Flags are flying
People are crying
Soldiers lost to war
Homes are broken
Golden token
Soldiers knock the door
Heaven opens
Souls are taken
To live evermore

THIRD PLACE:

Thanksgiving All Year Round
By: Beth Taylor

Thanksgiving really is a day we all should be thankful for,

When everyone looks upon the feast and loosens their belt just one notch more.

Families gather all as one to share in the great feast,

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GILLMOR HAILS RELEASE OF MANUEL BARTSCH Congressman Paul Gillmor (R- Old Fort) called the release of Manuel Bartsch, the Gilboa, Ohio teenager detained for immigration violations, "a victory for commonsense and compassion." Bartsch, 18, was released today from federal detention in Cleveland by Immigration and Customs Enforcement. "It was great news today when I spoke with Manuel on his way back to Gilboa," Gillmor said. "I am very pleased that Manuel will be home soon. After all of this attention, I know that Manuel is looking forward to returning to the normal life of a teenager and finishing his senior year of high school," Gillmor said. Since first learning of Manuel's detention on December 23rd, Congressman Gillmor and his staff actively phoned officials throughout the federal government. Yesterday, Gillmor placed a call to John P. Clark, Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), to personally plea for Manuel's release. The agencies which Congressman Gillmor contacted to advocate for Manuel Bartsch's release were: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement in Cleveland and Washington, D.C., the Arlington Immigration Court, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and the Department of Homeland Security. "In the past two weeks, my office has placed nearly 30 phone calls across the federal government. As a representative, I do not have the authority to alter the decisions of an agency. However, I am able to influence the situation and urge officials to correct mistakes such as this one," Gillmor said. "I have great respect for the work done by Homeland Security officials. That is also why this case is so tragic. By jailing a teenager for unknowingly overstaying his visa, immigration officials did nothing to enhance the image of the Department of Homeland Security," Gillmor said. "The case of Manuel Bartsch is one of bureaucratic insensitivity. My only hope is that through Manuel's release, a level of compassion and commonsense has been shown by the government, albeit overdue, and faith has not been lost in those good people who serve our nation as government servants," Gillmor said. Congressman Gillmor added that he expects the Department of Homeland Security to review this situation thoroughly in the hopes that a similar injustice does not occur in the future. Gillmor said he will continue to work on Manuel Bartsch's behalf as his case is further adjudicated.

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GILLMOR CRITICIZES IMMIGRATION FOR HANDLING OF MANUEL BARTSCH CASE

Following today's appearance in the Immigration Court by Manuel Bartsch, the Gilboa, Ohio teenager arrested for immigration violations, Congressman Paul Gillmor (R- Old Fort) said the immigration service needs "a dose of commonsense and compassion." Bartsch, 18, came to the United States at the age of 11 to live with his step-grandfather. He entered the United States on a 90-day visa and was arrested last month while attempting to correct mistakes with his immigrant status.

"Manuel Bartsch was brought to America to live with his step-grandfather, a U.S. citizen, when he was only 11-years-old. We cannot expect an 11-year-old to know the difference between citizenship and a 90-day visa," Gillmor said. "Throwing Manuel in jail before Christmas was a callous act by Immigration officials and demonstrates a bureaucracy run-a-muck."

Gillmor said his office was contacted on December 23 by David Leopold, Manuel Bartsch's attorney, for assistance contacting the proper officials. Congressman Gillmor and his staff immediately went to work on Bartsch's behalf. Since that time, Congressman Gillmor and U.S. Senator Mike DeWine (R-Ohio) have been actively calling officials throughout the federal government. The Privacy Act of 1974 had precluded Gillmor

from speaking publicly about his involvement in Bartsch's case. However, as a result of the large public outcry of support, Manuel Bartsch signed a waiver on December 29 allowing Congressman Gillmor to speak publicly about his case.

"Ever since I first learned of Manuel's plight, my office has been in contact with officials in many different federal agencies. In all, my office has placed more than 20 phone calls on Manuel's behalf and have remained in constant contact with his attorney," Gillmor said. "In fact, today I called John P. Clark, the Acting Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to express how ludicrous it is to keep Manuel in jail," Gillmor said.

"I have great respect for the work that immigration officials do. I also understand that our nation has changed greatly since the days of Ellis Island. However, laws without compassion have no place in our society," Gillmor said. "Federal law did not mandate this result. Immigration officials could have reached a different conclusion using the law that is currently in place."

Among the agencies Gillmor has contacted advocating for Manuel Bartsch's release are:

- U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
- U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement in Cleveland and Washington, D.C.
- The Arlington Immigration Court
- U.S. Customs and Border Protection
- The Department of Homeland Security

Congressman Gillmor explained that when a constituent contacts his office for assistance, he does not have the authority to order a different decision by an agency. However, he can and does urge officials that if a mistake has been made, it be corrected swiftly. Gillmor said that as long as Manuel Bartsch's case continues he will continue working on his behalf.

ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

Why don't you get another cup of coffee and let me reminisce a bit. I love canals and there are all kinds. Let me tell you about one of my favorite canals. In the last part of April, 1945, I was in Dinant, Belgium. There was a river there and a big junction area and locks to lift and lower the canal boats to a different water level. It was spring and the grass was green and not long enough to mow. This canal is hundreds of years old. The mule walkway was level with the fields. There was a white crushed stone path on each side of the canal for the mules to walk on. It was a pretty sight. As far as you could see there was water, green grass and a snow white path. I will always remember that sight.

Another type of canal is the Weland Ship Canal in Canada at St. Catherine's, Ontario.

You can go there and sit in the shade and watch those ocean going freighters come and go. It makes you shudder a little bit. Most of the boats are from a foreign country. If you have never visited the Weland Ship Canal I wish you would add it to your trip. I guarantee you, you will enjoy it. It's not far from Niagara Falls.

Another type of canal is in South Florida. Some are called irrigation canals and others are called run off canals or irrigation ditches. All the area around Avon Park drains into the Arbutle Creek and then into Lake Istapoka. I used to fish there and I consider it one of the best lakes in Florida. That water level is controlled by a dam on County Road 621 since 1962. All that extra water goes under the gates and into Indian Prairie Canal. It is about 40 feet under at the water level and runs south about 30 miles, through the Brighton Indian Reservation, into the Kissimmee River, a distance of over 60 miles, then into Lake Okeechobee. The sugar cane people and the grovers use their allotted supply of water from the canal. All of this is under The South Florida Water Management District, they are big and they have muscle. You can understand what water means to Florida. I haven't even mentioned what this water means to the gators and birds, and there are lots of them.

I have mowed the cemetery with Pudge Kennedy for 16 years and Dana Weatherhead for 15. Pudge and I both enjoy the nature and serenity that we have there in the cemetery. We have scores of fat fox squirrels, coon, too many ground hogs, chipmunks, lots of deer, one family of cardinals and one Blue Jay family.

Pudge does all the trimming, seeding, digging and leveling. All I do is mow.

We both enjoy the nature and wild life part of it. In the fall when the trees change color, it is a pretty place to see.

I have not written much about the factories that abounded around Antwerp in the late 1800's. As I understand, they flourished until all the Ash trees were gone. I guess when the settlers came, this area was a forest and they used trees to make the roads and just cut them down so they could flood the reservoir.

Going down to the Harrmann Road and East Canal Street, that was a fun place for all the kids on the east side of Antwerp. Over on the southeast section of Harrmann's corner was a large pond. This was where they took out a lot of the clay to make tile. The kids were right there also. I think they stopped making tile in the 1920's. One kiln still stood there and in good usable condition. My father explained to me how they put the clay on the forms and filled the oven part. There was a number of fire pits all around the outside of the kiln but were inset into the wall area. These were fired hot and heavy to heat the oven inside and bake the tile until they were dry and hard. The kiln was made of brick and about 30 foot across and with a domed top.

Over on the Cement Plant Road just around the corner from that blinking light on the left was a big, long drying and storage barn. I suppose it was 100 foot long and 30 foot wide with 2 floors. There were narrow gauged rail tracks all the way from the kilns into this building and then pretty well around both floors.

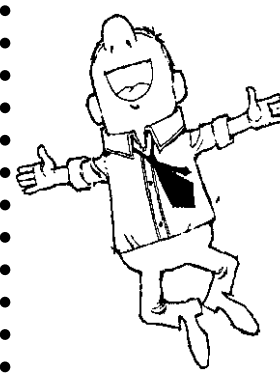
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By: Bryce Steiner

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I sorted through the rest of my mail to realize that most of what I had received was magazine subscription requests and weight loss miracle helps. I took my junk mail and tossed it in the trash can in the lobby area, I did a double take. I saw several Weekly Reminders in there, but not only that, a couple of my own newspapers—The West Bend News—in there. I couldn't believe it. All the hard work and everything that goes into producing this and it ends up here in the garbage! At least it could be used for the bottom of the birdcage or even to soak up the motor oil under the old Chevy, but the trash? How dare they!

I'm certain that the good people at the Paulding Progress feel the same way. I tell myself that perhaps the persons who threw this away have several mailboxes and,

of course, who needs 2 of the same paper? Right!?

I walked out of the Post Office and hopped back on my bike. The wind felt like it had picked up by another 40 mph and I was going against the wind. I really like to ride my bike because I get a chance to think more than any other time.

A previously repressed thought hit me just as another gust of wind did—I tossed what I considered junk mail, obviously someone else did also. Our personal preferences are going to be different. Some like to read community news. Some may not even like to read.

It's great to live in a place where we can choose what we want to read. It's also great to live in a place where we can start our own newspaper if we want to read something different. I thank the Lord for that. Don't ever let your right to freedom of the press be taken from you even if it's a choice of trashing junk mail today. After all, what else is there to think about on those long bike rides?

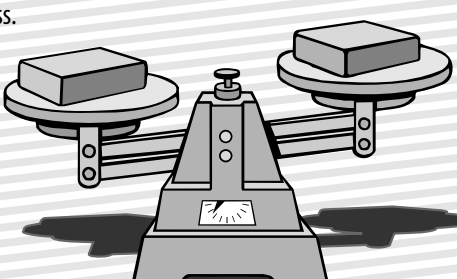
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TWO NEW MEMBERS JOIN VANTAGE BOARD

Prior to the regular Vantage monthly board meeting, the board held a tax budget hearing and an organizational meeting. President Pro-Tem Don Arend called the organizational meeting to order and welcomed two new board members, Brian Ricker from Ft. Jennings Local Schools and Mary Lou Smith from Van Wert City Schools.

Elections were held and the results are as follows: Don Arend, President; Sally Snyder, Vice-President; Kevin Landin, Legislative Liaison and Karen Donaldson, Student Achievement Liaison. Regular monthly meetings were scheduled for the first Thursday of each month, with the exception of the May meeting, which will be held on April 27 and the July meeting, which will be held on Thursday, June 29. Lori Davis was appointed as Treasurer for Vantage Career Center and was authorized to request tax advances from appropriate county auditors, pay outstanding bills, make general fund transfers and invest active, inactive and interim funds.

Dr. Stephen D. Mercer was appointed Chief Executive Officer of Vantage Career Center, Purchasing Agent, Signatory for salary notices and contracts and the official to review and approve student activity budgets. He was authorized to extend employment contracts between regularly scheduled board meetings when necessary for the efficient operation of the school. The Van Wert Times Bulletin was designated as the official school newspaper.

At the regular board meeting, the minutes from the December 1, 2005 meeting were approved along with financial statements for the month of November. The 2007 Vantage Career Center Tax Budget was approved as presented at the Budget Hearing and the board passed a resolution to approve appropriations and revenues for FY06.

Director Bob Vennekotter reported on upcoming visits to home schools to talk to all 10th graders about opportunities at Vantage and the "Step Into Your Future" workshop for 8th, 9th and 10th grade girls to be held on Saturday, January 28th.

He also discussed the progress on the Carpentry house project, High Schools That Work and staff development on science academic content

standards. Principal Ann Harveys updated the board on activities and lessons in the classrooms and labs and the financial aid seminar held recently for all Vantage college bound seniors. She also shared a video clip from WLIO of Vantage students in the Building and Grounds, Culinary Arts and Electricity programs assisting with the Christmas decorations for downtown Van Wert. Adult Education Director Jim Grant presented the latest adult education statistics and class offerings.

In new business, the board:

—Approved the following list of contract services for "Step Into Your Future" workshop: Christi Klinger, Miranda Brinkman and Jessi Harman;

—Approved supplemental contracts for the following participants for "Step Into Your Future" workshop: MaryJo Wilhelm, Kent Taylor, Pat Vogel, Nancy Keith, Bob Hall, Karen Pierson, Pat Winicker, Theresa Ratliff-Dotterer and Michele Prichard;

—Employed the following as Adult Education instructors, all as needed, as scheduled: Kevin Taylor, Police Academy and Tasha Blue, Health Careers;

—Approved curriculum for Electricity, Network Systems, Business Information Technology and Interactive Media;

—Accepted with thanks a monetary donation to the Welding program from Karen and Don Schnipke, a steel donation for the Welding program from Bruce Baker, a tool steel donation from Federal Mogul Corporation, National Oil Seal for the Precision Machining program, a donation of equipment from Teleflex, Inc. for the Vantage student body, and a donation of a Rockwell saw from the Ottoville Lumber Company for the Carpentry program;

—Approved contract with NOACSC for our internet access service agreement effective July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007.

At the request of the Superintendent and Treasurer, the board entered into Executive Session to discuss the renewal of the district's contract with Delphos City Schools for providing career technical services. No action was taken.

The next board meeting will be held on Thursday, February 2, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at Vantage.

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Express Mail (1/2 lb.) and Flat Rate Envelope	\$13.65	\$14.40
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Fee	Current	Jan. 8
Certified Mail	\$2.30	\$2.40
Return Receipt (Original Signature)	\$1.75	\$1.85
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"I DON'T WANT TO"

By: Bryce Steiner

Antwerp Church of Christ

Ever hear that before? Perhaps you've said that yourself. I have. "I don't want to" is an answer that can be used with most questions.

"Would you clean the bathroom?" "I don't want to" might fit here. "Can you cook tonight?" "Will you drive me to Grandma's?" "Will you marry me?"

"I don't want to" can answer almost any question or request. But "I don't want to" is a very selfish answer. How can we serve others when we don't want to do anything.

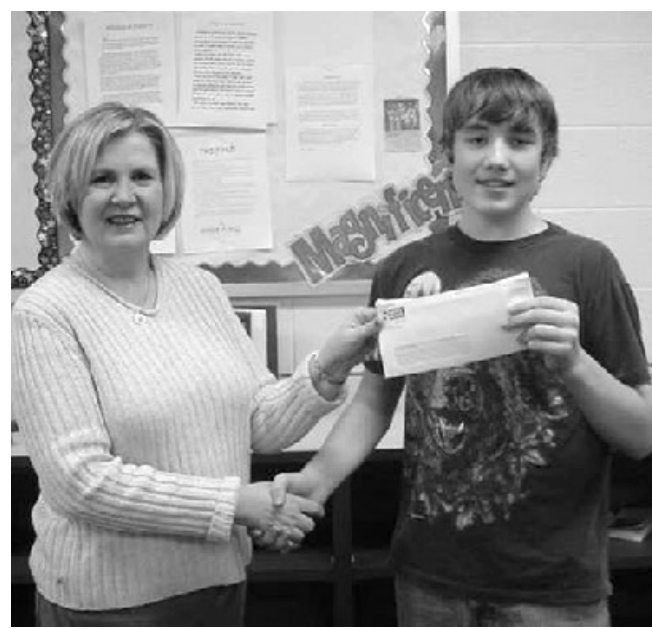
My kids tell me this sometimes and I despise the response. Yet, I myself use it too. Oh, I might not use it to people, my kids, or family. But what if I see a need and don't do it. Either in the church or community. I believe that when Jesus said, "Do to others as you would

have them do to you" (Luke 6:31), He's telling us if we see something that needs done or someone that needs help, we should be there. If I don't then I'm saying, "I don't want to". What if God looked down on man and his bondage of sin and said, "I don't want to"? What if Jesus looked at the cross before he died for me and said, "I don't want to"?

Simon Peter, before knowing Jesus, was asked to go to sea and throw the nets out for a catch. His response indicates he wasn't all that excited about doing it. "We fished all night and caught nothing, but because you say so, I will do it." I'm not so sure he even had much faith about this. But he did what he was told and his faith came later.

Next time when our faith is weak, and we think we want to say, "I don't want to" let's change it to Peter's response and say, "Because you say so, I will do it." Your faith will grow later.

ANTWERP SEVENTH GRADER WINS CONTEST



Mrs. Shugars presents an award to Charles (C.J.) Sarsfield

Antwerp Local School received notification that Charles (C.J.) Sarsfield, a seventh grade student in Mrs. Leslie Shugars' English class, had a winning entry in the "Message to the World Contest," a national contest sponsored by Weekly Reader Corp.

The contest was part of a class assignment in the

students' Writing for Teens magazine. C. J. received a \$25 check for his creative entry. Contestants designed a postcard in response to what they liked best about life, and C. J.'s winning response addressed his topic of "Imagination".

C. J. is the son of Charles and Joy Sarsfield.

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Q: When I ask my child about upcoming semester grades, he/she tells me that his/her grades will be fine. We've had report card surprises before. How can we avoid this?

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- Stay involved in your child's education throughout the school year; talk to him/her daily about school
- Review homework on a daily basis and be available to help
- Be informed about assignments by checking his/her backpack or planner
- Make a school calendar of daily and long-term assignments and update it daily with your child
- Establish a homework routine: the time, place, and conditions that will work best for your child
- Watch for regular progress reports from the teacher(s)
- Communicate with your child's teacher(s) and set up a conference if necessary
- Praise and reward your son or daughter's successes

Amanda Rau is the Center Director at the Defiance Sylvan Learning Center, the leading provider of supplemental education services for students of all ages. Contact Amanda at 419-782-8100 for more information or visit www.educate.com/info

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SEED CATALOGUES

By: Rose Kever

During this very dreary winter, I'm sitting by the patio having my coffee—yes, again. The trees are all bare, except for the brown apples that refuse to fall off. I guess the ladybugs live in them—sort of a "bed and breakfast" for bugs.

Our neighbor, Mr. Rhonehouse, has a humongous willow tree that gracefully hangs over our old garden and Mr. Short's dog kennel. It's a beautiful tree in the summer, even though its very messy if the wind blows too hard.

I think about all the critters that live in our backyard!! They're all hibernating, except for the starlings, sparrows, and the occasional blue jay, squawking at everything that moves. We, and, Pat and John (on our other side), always keep bird feed and suet cakes available for our feathered friends. It also keeps Duncan and Baxter busy watching them through the patio door.

A couple of days after Christmas, being very wet and soggy outside, the mail box is full of spring seed catalogues. Wow!! Now it's time to start planning the garden.

We love gardening and we have to make sure we get the

peas, potatoes and onions in the ground by "Good Friday". Good grief, that's only fourteen weeks away!! Of course, everyone knows you plant potatoes at one end and the onions at the other end. They just won't grow if they're next to one another, even though they taste great cooked together—yummy!

We sit and leaf through the catalogues, and think about all the wonderful fruits and vegetables we'll grow this year. Should we try to start our own plants from seed? What the heck. I worked out at Bailey's for five years—I know how to do that—if I only had a greenhouse!

Growing from seed is very tricky. The moistness and heat are critical to their growth—if I only had a greenhouse.

The green peppers, in the books, have very unique names. "Big Bertha". Now, there is a picture, it looks like it would only take one to put in all the dishes you use them in for the entire year. Green beans also have some pretty weird names.

Well, it's time to order the seeds we'll need for spring planting. They have different names that sound like you would need a horticulturist to explain what they are. Thank God they have "pictures".

"ASK THE WATER EXPERT"

Q: Is it good to drink water with Flouride in it?

A: It depends on the levels of flouride in the water. Some researchers claim that a concentration of about 1 milligram per liter (mg/L) of flouride in drinking water may reduce tooth decay. When drinking water contains above 2 mg/L it may cause dark brown spotting of the teeth or cause the teeth to become chalky white. Above 4 mg/L can cause serious bone disorders.

One researcher has shown that when a person is brushing their teeth with flouridated toothpaste they are already consuming more than adequate amounts of flouride. They go on to state that, "if in addition a person is drinking water with flouride in it, even at the 1 mg/L level, they may be overdosing on flouride."

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