

THANK YOU

We are writing this letter on behalf of the Mark Altic Benefit Committee. We would like to thank everyone who came out and made the benefit a success. Thanks to all of the people who participated in the silent auction, the kid's games, cake walk, and karaoke.

With the generous support of the people of Paulding County we were able to raise over \$6,000.00 for Mark and Deb. We also would not have been able to do it without the generous donations of businesses in the surrounding area. We have seen the generosity of the people of Paulding County and we thank them. Please keep Mark in your thoughts.

Once again we thank everyone for their generous donations and support to the family.

Sincerely,
—The Mark Altic Benefit Committee
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Missing pictures? We have a stack of pictures here at West Bend News from previous publications.

SIXTH GRADE HOG ROAST AT PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL



The students at Paulding Middle School celebrated Thanksgiving with a hog roast on November 17. This annual event has been a tradition since 1997. The hog roast is an event that is run by the students. The preparations for the hog roast began in September when the master committee was selected.

This committee of Jessin Bussing, Marlee Pease and Steven Strayer was responsible for making the hog roast actually happen.

Their job included selecting chairmen for seventeen committees and writing various letters to parents and to students to ensure their participation.

Many students were involved by being on committees that were responsible for doing everything from washing tables to preparing the hog for the grill. Everyone one these committees worked hard to complete their tasks to make the hog roast a huge success.

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THANK YOU

It has been over a year now that we started our journey in Pittsburgh. The Floyd Brown family would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone in Antwerp and the surrounding area for everything you have done for us. To all of the churches for constantly keeping us in your prayers. To our families for all of your love and support. We could not have done all of this without the prayers. Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ was with us throughout everything.

To our very special friend, Paula, we thank you for your constant love and support. We will never forget what you have done for us. God has blessed us with so many wonderful friends.

Continue to keep us in your prayers as we are still going to Pittsburgh on a monthly basis. Floyd has another surgery coming up in January, so our journey is still on-going.

Our hearts are always with all of you.

We also need to thank the Royal Neighbors for the 50/50 raffle they did for us. It was greatly appreciated.

Thank you and we love all of you.

—Floyd & Mary Brown

FARMERS MAY APPLY NOW FOR ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES PROGRAM (EQIP)

The application period for the popular Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), administered by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), is now active in Ohio. Farmers with natural resource concerns on their agricultural land can apply for both technical and financial assistance through EQIP to address their concerns. EQIP provides farmers with incentive payments for conservation activities that help limit soil erosion, improve water and air quality, and protect wildlife habitat.

“We are doing a few (Continued on Page 3)

CORRECTION

In the honor roll list that was in last week's issue of the West Bend News, a name was omitted from the Antwerp Elementary School list.

5th grader, Nathan Zuber, had All A's for the first nine weeks.

Nice job!!

—WB editors

Dear Butch,
Sorry this is a belated Happy Birthday greeting. I have a 23 ft. Thompson, but I'm married now (If only I would have known sooner).
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OBITUARIES

Harold C. Elston, 76, of Paulding, died November 16, at the Parkview Hospital, Ft. Wayne, IN.

He was born April 19, 1930, in Washington Township, Paulding County, the son of Jesse M. and Myrtle C. (Reed) Elston. On July 22, 1950, he married Jane R. Castle, who survives. He was a lifetime farmer.

He is survived by his wife, Jane Elston of Paulding; two sons: Rick (Karen) Elston of Oakwood, and Steve (Connie) Elston of Paulding; two daughters: Marsha Smith of Paulding, and Pamela (Keith) Myers of Oakwood; a sister, Minota Bidlack of Ft. Wayne; sixteen grandchildren; and ten great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services were November 20 at the Den Herder Funeral Home, and Pastor Earl Chapman officiated. Burial was in Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Paulding.

Donations may be made to American Red Cross or Paulding County Area Visiting Nurses & Hospice.

Ione Robbins, 84, of Antwerp, passed away November 13 at her son's home, in Rib Lake, Wisconsin.

Born in Blancherville, Wisconsin on June 2, 1922, she was the daughter of the late John H. and Delma D. (Walters) Ramsier.

In 1939, Ione married Lester Robbins. He passed away in 1998. She was a hairdresser and owner of Ione's Beauty & Fabric Shop, Antwerp from 1963 to 1992. She also worked in the meat department at Marsh Supermarkets, Fort

Wayne. She was a member of South Scipio United Brethren Church, Harlan, IN. Ione came from a farming family and loved to paint and crochet.

She will be sadly missed by her daughter, Darlene (Bill) Waltenburg of Antwerp; sons: David (Karen) of Rib Lake and Darrell (Phyllis) of Antwerp; sister, Annabelle Seybert of LaGrange, IN; seven grandchildren, Heather and Heath, Tammy and David, Cindy, Christy and Chad and 14 great-grandchildren.

Ione's sister, Leola Perkins; brothers: Palmer and Aldon Ramsier and grandson, Timmy have passed away.

She was laid to rest at Scipio Cemetery, Harlan.

In her memory contributions may be made to The Alzheimer's Association 2500 N. Reynolds Road, Toledo, OH 43615-2820.

Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com.

Marvel L. Harris, 97, of Haviland, died November 18 at the Vancrest Health Care Center Van Wert, OH.

She was born in Continental, Ohio on February 10, 1909 the daughter of Hugh and Bessie (Nuttle) Scott. On March 30, 1932 she married Walter F. Harris who preceded her in death on November 3, 1991. She was nurse's aid at the former Van Rue Castle Nursing Home, Van Wert and a cook at the former Haviland-Scott School. She was also a member of the Air Defense Command Ground Observer Corps.

She is survived by three sons: Terry (Jill) Harris of Haviland; Doyle (Jane) Harris of Van Wert; and John (Mary Ann) Harris of Rockford, OH; one sister, Charlotte Beck of Prescott, AZ; one brother, Ralph Scott of Edgerton, IN; many grandchildren, many great-grandchildren, and many great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two sons: Donald and Gordon Harris; one daughter, Mary Lou Webster; two brothers: Delbert and Norman Scott and one sister, Juanita Hohenberger.

Funeral services were November 21 at the Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Burial was in Lehman Cemetery, Payne.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Scott, Ohio EMS.

Eva (Grunden) Temple, 92, of Oakwood, died November 18 at The Laurels of Defiance.

She was born August 18, 1914 in Paulding, the daughter of the late Grover and Myrtle (Franklin) Klinger.

She was married Axel Grunden who died May 1962. She later married Jack Temple, who preceded her in death.

She retired from General Motors in Defiance. She was a member of Dupont Church of the Brethren.

Surviving are one son, Glen (Connie) Grunden of Grover Hill; two daughters: Lois (Chet) Thomas of Oakwood and Phyllis (Fred) Merritte of Paulding; one step-daughter, Robin Temple of Defiance; eleven grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; 1 step-grandchild; 2 step-great-grandchildren; one brother, Glen Klinger of Oakwood; one sister, Edna

Shaffer.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Alva Klinger; two sisters: Beatrice Link and Lavon Adams.

Visitation will be Tuesday, November 21, at Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Oakwood and Wednesday one hour prior to services at the church.

Funeral services are Wednesday, November 22 at 10:00 a.m., at Dupont Church of the Brethren. Rev. Doug Price will be officiating. Burial will be in St. Paul's Cemetery in Briceton, OH.

Memorials are to Dupont Church of the Brethren.

Condolences may be sent to www.heitmeyerfuneralhome.com.

THE DUNNEMANS SING AT LATTY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

On Wednesday December 6, Reg and Gretchen Dunneman, gospel singers from Binghamton, NY will present a concert of Christmas music at 6:30 p.m. at Latty United Methodist Church, 331 North Lewis St., Latty. For more information or directions call Pastor Bob Parker @ 419-594-2208.

The Dunnemans, from Binghamton, NY, sing their own special blend of gospel music including southern gospel, traditional, hymn, classical and contemporary Christian styles. Their full-time ministry presented almost 300 concerts in 2005 in the eastern states from Maine to Florida. They are currently on a two-week tour of northern Ohio and Indiana.

The Dunnemans have produced several recordings which will be available at the concert: "There's Something Going On", "Feeding His Flock", "Tell Them This", "Jesus Saves", "Timeless", and their Christmas album, "Angels, Shepherds and a Star". "The Recital" features Gretchen singing classic church solos. Their latest album, "Confident", which was released in October 2005, contains some powerful new songs. Reg Dunneman, a native of Stratford Ontario, grew up in a musical family and played piano at an early age. He organized The Victors Trio and then The Tabernacle Trio, which sang in Ontario for ten years. For 20 years, he sang with Canada's Galileans, a Southern Gospel quartet that toured Canada and the United States, and which sang each summer at the Montrose Bible Conference.

Gretchen has been a member of the Broome County (NY) Savoyards, performing Gilbert and Sullivan operettas. She also sang in the choruses of the BC Pops, the Binghamton Symphony Orchestra and the Tri-Cities Opera, all in Binghamton, NY.

They both have sung with the Binghamton Madrigal Choir, which performs a cappella choral works.

More information can be obtained @ their website: www.thedunnemans.net

VFW AUXILIARY TO HOST SOUP AND SANDWICHES FOR LIGHT PARADE IN ANTWERP

The Antwerp VFW Auxiliary will be having soup and sandwiches at the VFW Hall in Antwerp, Saturday, November 25 from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Those watching and participating in the Light Parade are invited to enjoy some warm good food.

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The hog roast allows students the opportunity to be a part of the organizational process.

By attending meetings students learned the concepts of how to work together and the correct way to run a meeting. Students who attended the meetings received a profile of the job their committee was doing and how and when this job was to be done. Many students worked before the hog roast by ordering serving supplies and buns. Other students worked the night before the hog roast by preparing the hog for the grill, still other students worked on the day of the hog roast taking pictures and doing video tape work. After the hog roast, the committees continued to function by putting together video presentations, scrap books and

Powerpoint presentations.

The students were not the only ones who were busy during the hog roast. This year over twenty parents volunteered to help make the day successful. Parent volunteers helped to serve the food, deserts and ice cream to the students and faculty. The parents that came in to help were treated to a meal in appreciation for their help in making this event a success.

This year over 225 meals were served to students and faculty making this one of the largest 6th grade hog roasts to date. This event has really evolved since the first turkey was cooked for the 6th graders in 1997. The hog was donated by ACE HARDWARE of Paulding. Mr. Wunderle and Mr. Parrett stayed up all night and cooked the hog for the students.

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HOLIDAY PARADE OF LIGHTS FOR THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP

The community of Antwerp is ready to celebrate the coming holidays with a parade of lights on Saturday, November 25, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. This is a new event sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and will feature all sorts of vehicles with lights and decorations. These can be Christmas lights, candles, flashlights, most any sort of light that one can think of.

Line-up will begin at 4:15 p.m. on Archer Drive in front of Manor House Assisted Living (the old school). The parade will then go to Main Street and south to the Post Office parking lot where parade watchers may see the units up close.

The evergreen tree on the east side of Main Street across from the Post Office will be decorated for Christmas and Santa will be there to greet the little ones and give them a holiday treat.

The Chamber invites everyone around to come to this first time parade and they hope to make it an annual feature. If your organization or family has not had time to get an entry ready for the parade this year, put on your thinking cap, get your creative juices going and come up with an entry for next year's parade.

Come join in the fun, hear the band, get in the spirit before going to the ball game.

OAKWOOD ARBOR #759 OF THE GLEANERS

The Oakwood Arbor met November 2, 2006 at the Oakwood Cornerstone Hall at 7:00 p.m. There were 25 present of which we had the following program.

Ruth Benien, our Arbor representative installed the officers for 2007.

Bill Sugars Supt. of Paulding Exempted Village School talked for the voting issue of the School Income Tax.

Kevin Hornish talked and explained the Gleaner Life Insurance Arbor Association. It has all types of protection and benefits and how the Gleaner Company offers projects to help with all our community projects. They have lots to offer. This is all volunteer work.

The Arbor presented Patrick Kelly of Oakwood who gave us a very interesting talk with his 21 years with the National Guard and all the places he has served. This was our community service project.

Our December meeting will be Thursday, November 30, 6:00 p.m. Our Christmas dinner will be at Uncle Fudd's, Melrose. All members are to call Edna Mae Spitnale to let her know if you plan on coming. We will have a short business meeting - to discuss who we can help - to spend money. Please let us know if you have anyone you would like to help. There will be a gift exchange.

Refreshments were served.

UNITED WAY ASSISTS IN PROVIDING SERVICES TO PAULDING COUNTY RESIDENTS

The House of Ruth, under the umbrella of the Center for Child and Family Advocacy, Inc. provides shelter, food, clothing, advocacy, counseling and hot-line services to victims of domestic violence and their children from Paulding County.

The Epilepsy Center provides information and referral, counseling and health education, family camp, emergency medication, professional and business Epilepsy education. "Torchlight" and "Kids on the Block" programs are also provided.

The Oakwood Library Association provides the building for the Oakwood Branch Library. The library currently provides the following services for any resident of Paulding County: best sellers as well as other fiction and non-fiction, reference resources, free internet access, inter-library loans, story time and summer reading program for children, special programming for teens, die-cut capabilities, and fax/black and white and color copier.

OSU Extension's Youth Development program provides positive environments and quality programs open to all Paulding County youth. Programs range from overnight camping to theme oriented day camps to computer camps.

The Paulding County Salvation Army assists individuals and families with emergency needs when there are no other agencies or services able to help resolve those particular needs.

The Paulding County American Red Cross provides life saving services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year whether it is responding to local disasters such as fire or providing emergency communication between an armed services person and his/her family. The agency also makes sure life giving blood is on hand by having regular blood drives.

The Paulding County Senior Center strives to keep our aging residents independent, healthy in mind and body, and active outside their homes. We provide personal care, homemaker, I&R, transportation, health assessments, wellness programs, nutritious meals and socialization.

The Paulding Area Visit-

ing Nurses provide comprehensive, progressive, community-based health care services to the people of Paulding County.

The PC Workshop helps people with disabilities to earn a paycheck, have friends, and do things together at work and in the community just like you. PC Workshop wants people to Think Abilities - First.

The Turning Point of Paulding County provides drug, alcohol, nicotine (tobacco) treatment, prevention and intervention services to residents of Paulding County.

The West Ohio Food Bank does not pay for food items received by the case on pallets from local and national food donors. The transportation, freezing/cooling and dry storage that is necessary in the warehouse does have to be paid. United Way helps to defray handling and storage costs.

The Rape Crisis Center of Women and Family Services offers survivors of sexual assault and/or domestic violence support, options, counseling, referrals and information. State credentialed training and nationally recognized prevention education programs are available.

The Youth for Christ Young Parents program shows God's love to the young parents and their child or children through meeting their emotional, physical, educational, and spiritual needs.

Currently Family Service Association is beginning to locate and outreach to people in Paulding County. In 2007, they plan to provide cultural and linguistic appropriate direct one-on-one social services to individuals who are deaf and their families.

The people helped by these services are your friends, neighbors, and relatives. Monies donated to the United Way of Paulding County, stay here in Paulding County.

The residents in Paulding County have always been very, very generous and giving of themselves. Please donate to United Way of Paulding County again this year. Ninety-eight percent of the dollars collected in Paulding stay in Paulding County. If you would like a United Way representative to speak at your group or meeting or if you have any questions, please contact Nancy Hessler, Executive Director of United Way of Paulding County at 419-399-5300 or director@unitedwayofpauldingcounty.org. Donations can be sent to United Way of Paulding County P.O. Box 357 Paulding, OH 45879.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Crane Township Trustees will hold a special meeting Thursday, November 30 at 7:00 p.m. to interview Fiscal Officers.

—Crane Twp. Trustees

(Continued from Page 1) things different with EQIP this year," explains NRCS State Conservationist Terry Cosby. "A Grazing Management Plan (GMP) will be required to qualify for incentive payments for pasture type practices on grazing operations. Also, a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) will be required for confined livestock operators to receive water quality points on the ranking tool and to apply for incentive payments for waste storage structures."

"It is critical that producers interested in applying for EQIP visit the NRCS office as soon as possible to start the application process," says Denise Ann Lange, District Conservationist in Paulding County. "Funds will be distributed to counties to address applications that deal with the most significant resource concerns and the pollution of waters of the state."

Animal waste management practices, including manure storage structures, compost facilities, and waste storage lagoons will receive incentive payments of up to 65%. All other structural practices will receive incentive payments of 50% of the average cost of the practice. Limited resource farmers may be eligible to receive incentive payments of 90% for the first \$5,000 of the contract.

Farmers interested in submitting an application for EQIP should call (Denise Ann Lange, District Conservationist) at (419)399-3841 to set up an appointment. Applications will be collected until December 29, 2006.

THE "NORTHMEN" TO BE IN CONCERT AT PAYNE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

The "Northmen" will be in concert Sunday, November 26, 6:30 p.m., at the Payne Church of the Nazarene. The "Northmen" are in their 17th year as a full-time southern gospel ministry. The "Northmen" are a ministry that entertains and uplifts the Christian as well as reaches out to a lost and dying world to let them know that Jesus still saves. A Love Offering will be received.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Gary and Kristi Donat of Antwerp wish to announce the arrival of their son, Karsen Douglas. He was born at 7:51 p.m. on Friday, November 3, 2006. He weighed 7 lb. 9 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Karsen is welcomed home by brother Justin and sister Kadi.

His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Danny Riggenbach of Paulding, and Ken and Mary Donat of Antwerp. Great-grandmother is Eileen Donat and the late Pete Donat.

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PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL REVIEWS FINANCES AND OTHER HOSPITAL BUSINESS

Paulding County Hospital CEO, Gary Adkins and chief financial officer, Rob Goshia presented the 2007 hospital budget for the board of trustees' review. It projects a conservative operating profit of less than one percent.

The board approved a \$28,210 capitol expense request for an endoscopic surgery light source.

Goshia reported a net profit of \$34,765 for September and a year to date net loss of \$61,375. He also told the board that PCH received two donations. The hospital Auxiliary donated \$8,696 to purchase several items that PCH managers had requested on the annual "Wish List." The Benevolent Society donated \$4,640 toward the purchase of home lifeline units.

"We are extremely grateful for the continued support of the Auxiliary and the Benevolent Society," Adkins noted. "There are many purchases that make patients' lives easier and managers'

work more efficient that we would not be able to make without the generosity of these two groups."

Chief operating officer Randy Ruge introduced the new inpatient nursing manager, Kristine Noffsinger, R.N. She is responsible for the Medical and Obstetrical Nursing Departments.

CEO Adkins' reported that he made a trip to the Ohio department of Jobs and Services in Columbus to gain support for general revenue line item for \$10 million to next year's state budget. The money is necessary to make up for the reduction in funds provided through the supplemental upper payment limits (SUPL). SUPL are part of federal Medicaid payments that are administered through the state to offset Medicaid reimbursement shortfalls for public hospitals. The recent changes have resulted in a loss to the Paulding County Hospital of around \$225,000 annually.

The board also:

- Discussed the new employee performance evaluation format and
- Reviewed the new employee recognition program.

ANTWERP ELEMENTARY PTO



Well, our fund-raiser is over and prizes have been handed out. You helped us to be able to provide many things for your children this year. This money that is raised is used to provide books, assemblies, energy snacks, family movie nights, family bingo, transportation for field trips and more.

The top 10 sellers this year were: Jacob Patterson in 1st winning the \$100 gift card to Northwood Cinema Grill; Rachel Stewart in 2nd winning the portable DVD player, case and \$20 gift card; Nikki Sanders in 3rd winning a bowling party at Antwerp Alleys. The prizes for 4th through 10th place were all CD/Radio/Alarm clocks. Prizes were awarded to: 4th - Katie Hunt; 5th - Beth Hawley; 6th - AJ Schooley; 7th - Alyssa Jackson; 8th - Tasha Shull; 9th - Josh Poulson; 10th - Domino Daugherty.

Another prize that was

offered is pictured in this paper and that was a limo ride to anyone selling 30 or more items. We had 17 students in grades PK - 6th to win this prize. Those pictured (in no particular order) from the first group are: Jordan McGough, AJ Schooley, Nathan Lee, Josh Poulson, Jarrod Mosier, Austin VanAtta, Domino Daugherty and Beth Hawley. Absent from this group was Tasha Shull. The second ride included: Maria Bradbury, Jacob Patterson, Alyssa Jackson, Katie Hunt, Joey Buerkle, Rachel Stewart, Nikki Sanders and Braeden Hormann. Eric, the limo driver from Extreme Limo in Fort Wayne, was a very safe driver and made a fun ride for us all.

Now on to what is coming up. We will be having a family movie night on Thursday, November 30th at 6:30 p.m. in the school auditoria. The movie will be Disney-Pixar's *Cars*. Admission is free but

we are asking that you please bring a canned or boxed food donation to go to the local pantry. When bringing a food item you will receive a ticket for a chance to win the DVD we are showing or posters from the movie. The 8th graders will have the concession stand open to help them raise money for their Washington D.C. trip, so be sure to bring money for popcorn, candy, and more.

In January we will be having our annual Family Bingo night. This is always a big night for the kids an they love it. More information will be sent home closer to that time.

A reminder to parents to attend a PTO meeting to see how this fund-raiser money is being put to work for your kids. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, December 12th at 7:00 p.m. at the school

—Tianne Pendergrast, Antwerp Elementary PTO

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THANKSGIVING PLUS

By: Jeff Shadowen, Westwood Fellowship, Woodburn

We have just finished looking at a whole series of spiritual disciplines, and I would still like to take a week or two to attempt to "tie together" all of that information in some type of helpful summary, but we will take a break this week to reflect on Thanksgiving. To be honest with you, it is hard for me to realize that we are already that deep into this year.

Also, I am realizing that I am almost finished writing these columns. Christmas Eve will be my last Sunday at our church. My wife and I are heading back to the mission field - back to northern Spain. So this holiday season, I have extra things to reflect over as we enter into this holiday season.

Growing up in this country, we certainly have LOTS for which to be thankful ... at least in terms of material blessings and political/religious freedoms. The United States of America, even with all of our faults, is an amazing place in which to live! Thanksgiving really should be a daily habit for each of us ... so much to celebrate!

I would like to encourage you to move beyond thanksgiving. That is why I have entitled this column "Thanksgiving Plus."

What should we be feeling when we have so much for which to be thankful and we have it so consistently? In a word, contentment. You can define contentment in this way ... the state of being content (why do dictionaries do this to us) or satisfied.

Satisfied does NOT mean that we have everything we could possibly want ... or even reasonably want. It simply means that we are satisfied—maybe even MORE than satisfied—with what we have.

Proverbs 30:8-9 are two verses worth remembering at this time of the year ... or ANY time for that matter. "Give me neither poverty or riches, but give me only my daily bread. Otherwise, I may have too much and

disown you and say, 'Who is the Lord?' Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonor the name of my God.

Why would anyone want to disown God? Because we have too much confidence in ourselves and in what we have. Why would a thief dishonor God? Because God does provide for each of us, whether we realize it or not, whether we acknowledge

it or not. I am assuming that you realize that you have plenty for which to be thankful.

What I am asking you to consider this holiday season is the following: do you have enough confidence in God who provides all good gifts to be content?

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"DESIGN FOR DESPAIR"



By: Sue Knapp

Don't let the name of this band fool you. This Christian Screamo band believes that there is hope in this mixed up world. Their songs are about being content, but yet striving for something better, something that can only come from God. The band members include: Stephen Deveau, Ryan Greathouse and Dan Nolt. These young men met in high school while playing in the marching band. They formed their band a year ago and have been busy playing ever since. While they all attend college in their spare time, Stephen works as a home health aid and Ryan and Dan work at Subway in Hicksville. Stephen has played the drums since eight years of age, Ryan has played the guitar for nine years and

Dan has played the piano since two years of age, he also plays the bass guitar and is the lead singer. They have played all over the Northwest Ohio area and are wanting to branch out. They have played in Battle of the Bands, for birthday parties, fund raisers, etc. They are planning to tour the East Coast this Spring. They have put out their first CD from Sweetwater Studio in Ft. Wayne, IN. The CD's will be available for sale at their concerts. These young men have a goal and are willing to work hard to reach it. It is a good thing to see young people planning their future with God in mind. It is good to see that they are striving to be positive role models for young people.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Have you seen them? They're popping up all over. On houses, along the streets, and in department stores. "They" are the colored lights, the santas, the red ribbon bows, garlands and wreaths, and the decorated trees.

What are people getting in a hurry for? What are they celebrating? Darkness falling earlier and earlier? Cold weather that chills the bones? Thanksgiving is barely come and gone. Yet for a week before it, or even two weeks before, these telltale sights of another holiday have been appearing.

Why can't the Yuletide decorations wait until Thanksgiving Day is past? What's the rush? Why have a tree in the room for six weeks before the intended holiday? Won't it gather dust? Why are outside lights glowing now? Why get all excited and expectant so soon?

I'm no Scrooge. I like Christmas will all its tinsel and glitter, glowing colored lights and ribboned packages, decorated trees, nativity scenes and carols. But there is a time and season for everything. Preparations should come at their appointed time and not before. Otherwise we lose sight of exactly what it is we're celebrating.

In the church calendar the season of Advent begins four weeks before Christmas Day. This year it starts on December 3. The word "advent" means "to come," and it is a time to prepare our hearts and our homes for the coming of Christ. Not for santas or presents or snow or all the other trappings associated with Christmas.

Advent ends on December 24 and, on December 25, Christmas begins. The preparing is over. Christ has come. Now is the time to celebrate. And not just for one day, either, but for 12. The season of Christmastide begins December 25 and ends January 5. That's 12 days to celebrate the coming of Jesus the Christ!

Will the colored lights, the santas, the red ribbon bows, garlands and wreaths, and decorated trees still be around on January 5? No? Why not?

It makes sense, doesn't it, that if people put up Christmas decorations six weeks before Christmas Day, that they shouldn't take them down until six weeks after?

Let's see—wouldn't that interfere with celebrations for St. Valentine's Day?

—Genevieve Noggle

GILLMOR ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT OF NATO PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

Congressman Paul Gillmor (R-Tiffin) was elected today to serve as Vice President of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Parliamentary Assembly (NATO PA). Gillmor had served four terms as Chairman of the Economic and Security Committee of the NATO PA. Representatives of the 26 member states of NATO unanimously chose Gillmor at their meeting in Quebec City to serve as the North American Vice President of the NATO PA.

"I am very pleased to have received the support of my NATO colleagues once again. After four terms as the Chairman of the Economic and Security Committee, I consider it a great honor to serve as Vice President of the Assembly," Gillmor said. "NATO has been our most important alliance in the past fifty years and continues to play a significant role in the advancement of freedom and democracy. The work performed by the Assembly is crucial to America's position as a world leader and in sustaining our relations abroad."

"The Assembly is the parliamentary arm of NATO, and acts as a forum for coordination among legislators from the 26 member states. NATO maintains a transatlantic link between North American and European legislators. Membership is based on friendship, trust and an understanding of the need for open societies to defend themselves against terror and oppression. I look forward to a discussion with our allies on the issues facing our democracies," Gillmor concluded.

The NATO PA provides a forum for dialogue on a wide array of security, political, and economic matters between its global partners. The principal role of the Assembly is to foster mutual understanding of the key challenges facing NATO among the parliamentarians. Congressman Gillmor has been a representative of the United States on the NATO PA since 1995.

NATO was created after WWII to promote peace and stability throughout the North Atlantic region and now includes 26 member states and 20 partner states. All 26 NATO member states have contributed to the stabilization efforts in Iraq.

REP. GILLMOR NAMED FRIEND OF THE SHAREHOLDER

The American Shareholders Association (ASA) recently presented Congressman Paul Gillmor (R-Tiffin) with its prestigious "Friend of the Shareholder Award" for advocating on behalf of the interests of America's investors throughout the 109th Congress.

Upon receiving his award Gillmor said, "I am honored to have been recognized as an advocate of shareholders. The investments made by shareholders every day are the driving force behind our economy. I am proud of this award and the work of Congress to continue to protect America's shareholders," Gillmor continued.

"There are five general areas where Congress can improve shareholder wealth," said ASA executive director

Daniel Clifton. "These measures include tax reductions, spending restraint, trade expansion, tort reform, and regulatory limits. The Friend of the Shareholder award demonstrates Rep. Gillmor stood on the side of investors during this critical time by voting for these pro-growth, pro-investor initiatives which have boosted investor confidence and shareholder value for Ohio shareholders."

Gillmor noted the growth of shareholder investments in the Fifth District as one reason why he appreciates this award. "In my 2005 questionnaire which went to 190,000 homes in the Fifth District, more than 72 percent of the district responded that they are invested in mutual funds and/or the stock market. This is an 11 percent increase over 2004 and shows that 'shareholders' are everywhere."

Key votes rated by the American Shareholders Association include extending capital gains and dividend tax cuts, improving federal spending programs, reforming lawsuit and tort laws, and limiting federal regulations. All of the measures rated by the ASA seek to increase shareholder value and allow for more workers to become investors.

"The new investor majority continues to play a greater role in the public policy decisions facing Congress," said executive director Daniel Clifton. "Rep. Gillmor's voting record demonstrates an avid commitment to protecting Ohio shareholders and enhancing economic growth in America," he continued.

The American Shareholders Association is a non-partisan, not-for-profit organization dedicated to analyzing legislation affecting America's shareholders. For more information, please visit www.americanshareholders.com.

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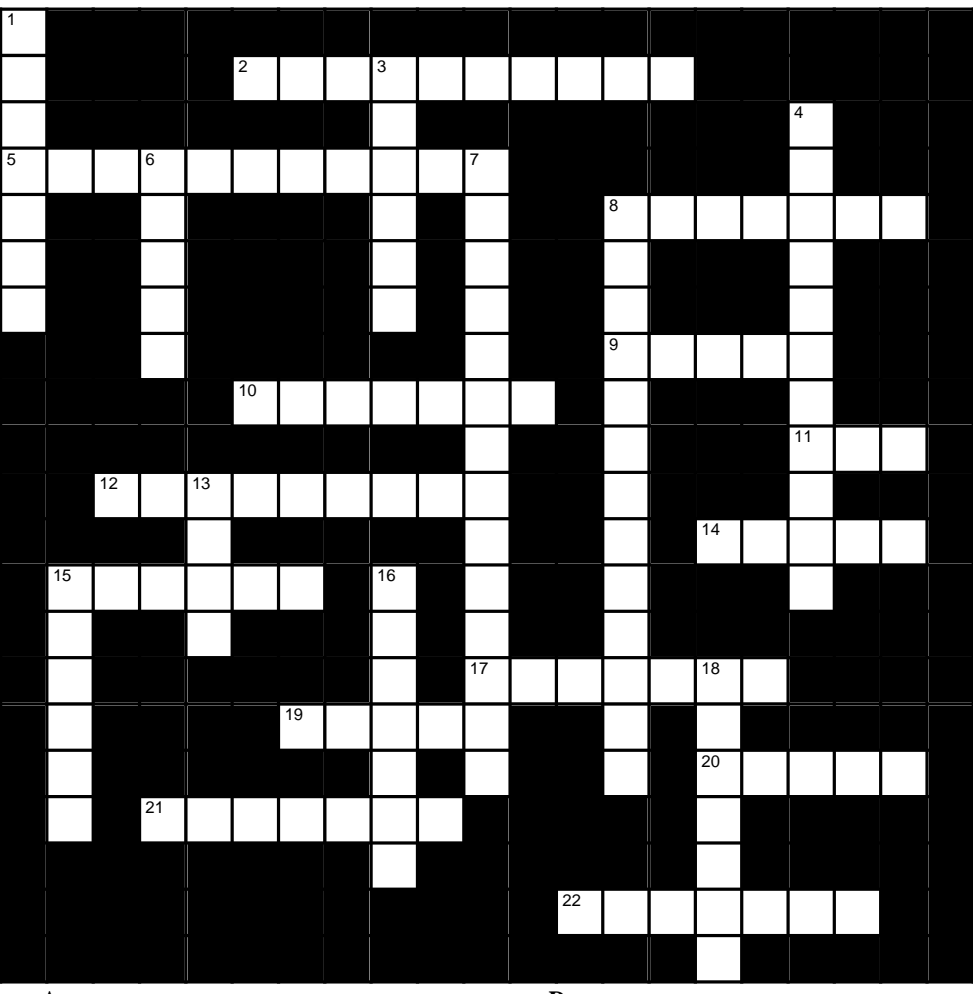
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9. How long in feet was the longest peanut butter and jelly sandwich?
10. Officially speaking peanuts are WHAT?
11. Peanut plant tops are used to make WHAT?
12. Two presidents have been peanut farmer's. One was Carter and the other was WHO?
14. What is the name of the oldest Peanut Butter Company?
15. The last name of the man titled "Father of the Peanut Industry".
17. PBJ Time is a famous internet WHAT?
19. How many types of peanuts are there?
20. How many hundreds of millions of dollars are spent on peanut butter a year?
21. The physician who requested peanuts to be mashed for protein was from WHAT city?
22. Harvey & WHO owned the first patent for making peanut butter.

Down

1. Peanut shells are used to manufacture WHAT?
3. You can eat the peanut shell if it's properly WHAT?
4. Reese's Peanut Butter Cups were invented in 19 -- ?
6. Who liked fried peanut butter and banana sandwiches?
7. It takes 850 peanuts to make WHAT size jar of peanut butter?
8. What is a peanut butter and marshmallow sandwich called?
13. How many months does it take to grow peanuts?
15. What astronaut ate peanut butter on the Mercury mission?
16. #1 peanut producing state.
18. What percentage of the American population has an allergy to peanut butter?

AHS Angle



By: **Chelsea Vail**

Well, folks, it's just about time to break out those Thanksgiving pants. Don't pretend as if you don't know what I'm talking about...

Remember, school doesn't resume until Monday. We have just enough time to wake up from those marvelous, tryptophan-induced naps that Thanksgiving dinner obliges us to take. Unless, of course, you're one of the crazy ones that are planning to wake up early on Black Friday to shop. Sure, it's quite an impressive feat to muster up that energy, but as for me, I'll have visions of turkey and mashed potatoes dancing in my head long after you nuts have made your respective pilgrimages.

Speaking of pilgrimages, Jefferson High School will be making one to Antwerp this Saturday to face our Girls Varsity Basketball team in their first game of the season. Be there, or be square... Okay, maybe more round than square, what with the feasting and all. You get the point.

JH Girls Basketball: Tuesday, November 28th, 4:30, Ayersville.

Varsity Girls Basketball: Saturday, November 25th, 6:00, Jefferson; Tuesday, November 28th, 6:00, Paulding.

Word of the Week:
Farrago \fuh-RAH-go\ noun

1. A confused mixture
2. An assortment
3. A medley

Example: "After a farrago of failed attempts at securing a turkey for Thanksgiving by way of the hunt, Steve reluctantly purchased an eight pound Butterball instead."

Yay for turkey! Gobble, gobble. Really. All day long. Happy Thanksgiving!

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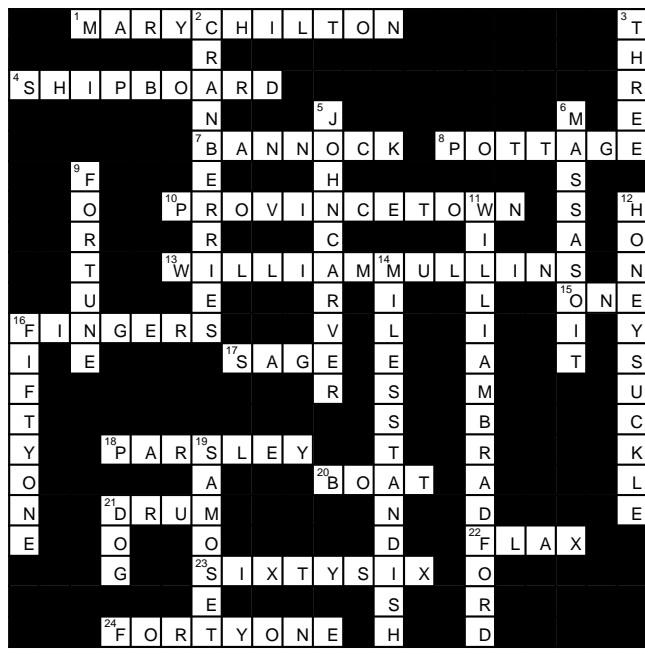
We wish to thank all who contributed salads and desserts for our supper. Also many thanks to Linda Grant for preparing the delicious chicken.

We also received donated food from Payne Super Valu, Paulding Chief's store, Antwerp Kammeyer and Gordon's Food and Dilgard's suppliers.

Nancy Morse and her harp music and Deb Case and her vocals provided the entertainment and did a great job!

Thanks to all.
—The Dallas Lamb Auxiliary

Last Week's answers to "Pilgrim Knowledge"



2006-2007 WAYNE TRACE BOYS BASKETBALL PRE-SEASON PREVIEW

The Wayne Trace Raiders are a part of the Green Meadows Conference.

Their record 2005-2006 was 12-9. Their GMC record for 2005-2006 was 6-1.

Head coach for the Raiders is Al Welch. He has been coaching for 32 years with an overall coaching record of 505-196.

Assistant coach is Jim Linder.

Lettermen lost for the 2006-07 season are: Nathan Davis (9 ppg, 45 assists, 37 steals)

Returning lettermen for the 2006-07 season are:

Aaron Hockenberry, 6-0 Junior Guard (7.7 ppg, 38 assists, 31 steals, 24 3-pt field goals).

Jay Priest, 5-11 Senior Guard (3.7 ppg, 21 assists, 22 steals)

Seth Litzenberg, 6-3 Senior Forward/Center (7.6 ppg, 2.7 rpg, 26 steals, 29 3-pt field goals)

Lance Sinn, 5-11 Senior Forward (5.1 ppg, 3.6 rpg, 27 assists, 26 steals)

Riley Linder, 6-3 Junior Guard/Forward (5.8 ppg, 3.1 rpg)

Matt Shugars, 6-6 Senior Center (3.7 ppg, 3.1 rpg)

Personnel Competing for Positions:

Scott Kipfer (5-8, senior, guard), Adam Miller (6-0, senior, guard), Dane Treece (6-3, junior, guard/forward), Nate Jewell (6-2, junior, center).

Team Strengths:

Lots of experience back with six lettermen; Quickness; Very good defensively.

Team Weaknesses:

Must improve offensively, especially in consistency and ability to make shots; Lack of size, depth down low.

Coaches Comments:

We will have to improve shooting the basketball over last year. We need to become more consistent on the offensive end of the floor. This team will look to push the ball up and down the floor as we think we will be able to run the floor. Defensively, need to continue to improve and will look to pressure teams all over the floor. Due to a lack of size inside, we will have to rebound as a team and do a good job of boxing out.

League Outlook:

The GMC is wide open this year. Ayersville returns a lot of players and should be very good. Holgate is going to be big and will cause teams problems with their size. Antwerp is much improved over a year ago as well. Hicksville also has several players back and will be a tough matchup. Overall, the league is very balanced and anybody is capable of beating anybody else on a given night.

Season Outlook:

The kids have had a great attitude and have worked very hard so far. Our big thing is just to keep getting better each night in practice, scrimmages or games. We have to take care of things that we can control and work on those areas. Between the GMC portion of our schedule and non league games against teams from the WBL (Van Wert), NWC (Crestview, Spencerville, Paulding, Lincolnview), PCL (Continental, Ottoville, Kalida, Miller City) and MAC (Coldwater), our schedule will be very challenging.

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Auburn University where Miss Sloan is studying nursing and Mr. Hill is studying industrial engineering. The wedding will take place on December 16, 2006 at Oakmont Presbyterian Church in Hoover, Alabama. Thomas and Hilary invite you to share their joy by visiting their website at www.thomasandhilaryswedding.com.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Paulding County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, November 8 and Monday, November 13, 2006.

The Wednesday meeting, immediately following Election Day, found the Commissioners congratulating the successful candidates for county offices. Marty Harmon, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners also expressed his "appreciation for all the individuals who chose to run for office." Harmon continued by noting that "having a choice at the ballot machine is an important part of making local government work." The newly elected officials welcomed to county government include Ed Straley, County Commissioner; Sue Simpson, County Auditor; Ann Waldman, Clerk of Courts; Lou Ann Wannemacher, Treasurer; and Tiffany Beckman, County Court Judge.

Also noted was the loss of the renewal levy for operating the new jail. The operating money, originally approved by voters several years ago would have continued to provide funds to operate the new facility. The funds are especially important now, as the Sheriff must keep the current jail opening and functioning while preparing new staff for the new jail. Even after the new building is open it will be necessary to allow the new staff to operate the jail for a period of time till the state Bureau of Adult Detention is satisfied with procedures.

At noon on Wednesday the Commissioners hosted their monthly meeting of elected officials. This meeting allows for a review of the general fund financial report and to discuss issues of general interest to all the officials.

Commissioner-elect Ed Straley attended the entire meeting of the Commissioners on Monday. Straley, elected Commissioner on November 7 will take office on January 1, 2007. Straley will replace Commissioner Ron Lane who will be retiring after having served for three consecutive four-year terms.

During the Monday meeting Tony Zartman, President of the Paulding County Fair Board, met with the Commissioners. Zartman reported on new officers for the Fair Board. He also indicated that the Fair Board is working on some new and exciting plans for the Fair.

Marty Harmon, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, presented a proclamation to Grace Gonzales of the Accent Paulding County Job Center making November "Hire a Veteran Month." The proclamation states that military veterans have selflessly served to protect freedoms, that the nation owes a great debt to the veterans, and that hundreds of well-educated, motivated and disciplined veterans are in the job market. Veterans interested in employment and employers needing new employees are encouraged to contact the Job Center.

At 1:30 p.m. Monday afternoon the Commissioners met with the architects and contractors at the new jail. The purpose of this meeting every other Monday is to

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Transporters: Have dog, will travel. A network of drivers fetches the Paulding County orphans and takes them to a place of hope. We are on the road every other weekend, criss-crossing the the state of Ohio and Indiana. And we are not off to visit Grandma or follow some rock band. Sorry Grandma! :) We are animal transporters, who haul dogs from Paulding County Shelter to rescue groups. These dogs are shuttled, along with their beds, toys and medical records, on your own time, at your own expense, in your vehicle. It's all out of pocket and you really need a lot of dedication for a dog you will probably never see again.

Transports are actually relays, well-planned trips that can cover a few miles or hundreds of miles. A driver takes an animal x miles, then turns it over to the next driver. And so on, for hours or sometimes days. Coordinators plan things down to the mile, to the minute. They plot hand-over locations and pass on details, like the color of your vehicle and cell phone numbers.

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I always like to remind people of this anytime there is an article in the paper concerning the great things at our shelter—please don't leave your dog at the shelter thinking I am going to save it. I can't and don't save them all. Purebred labs and lab mixes are the number one dog left at the shelter. Unfortunately, due to the over population of them, they are one of the hardest dogs to send to rescue groups. All lab rescue groups are full in the surrounding states.

One last note—about four Sundays ago, someone left some very young babies in the outside pen at the shelter. If you would like to surrender their Mom, I have a group in Ohio that will take her. Just so my phone doesn't ring off the hook with people wanting to get rid of their Mother dog, we need to follow these guide lines for this Mother Dog. Call me, describe the pups that were left, how many were left and their sex. If everything confirms to be true, your Mother dog has a home waiting for her.

—Lynne Mansfield Dog Grooming & Boarding


review progress and plan for coordination of efforts.

The Commissioners meet in regular session on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:00 a.m. to the close of business.

GENKOTSU KAI KARATE KICKS OFF



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CHARTER SCHOOLS OFFER QUALITY, CHOICE FOR OHIO STUDENTS

Weekly column by: State Senator Lynn Wachtmann

From its beginning, our nation has recognized the value of education and its impact on the growth and development of our society. In 1787, as the United States began to expand westward through passage of the Northwest Ordinance, leaders called for educational institutions to be part of the settlement of this new territory.

"Religion, morality and knowledge being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged," they proclaimed. While our country's schools have changed dramatically in the last 200 years, the spirit of these words continues to be a driving force behind improving our education system and giving every student the opportunity to succeed.

Over the years, as our schools have evolved, so has our understanding of the different ways students learn. For instance, some students are visual learners while some learn better by listening. Some students may learn better in a

single gender classroom—all boys or all girls—while others may perform better in a smaller or larger classroom. Every student has their niche, and in order to maximize a child's educational experience, they need a variety of learning options.

Recognizing a need to provide Ohio students and their families with more educational options within and outside the state's public school system, in June 1997, the 122nd General Assembly passed House Bill 215, legislation permitting the establishment of community schools in Ohio. Community schools, or "charter" schools, are much like public schools in that they must accept all students, employ certified teachers, and are required to participate in state proficiency testing. However, many community schools provide students options that aren't typically offered at traditional public schools. For instance, some charter schools have a special emphasis such as science, the arts or a back-to-basics curriculum, while others have been formed to serve the needs of a specific population, such as dropouts or at-risk children.

Since Ohio's community school law was passed almost

ten years ago, charter facilities have sprung up all over the state and many have turned out to be a tremendous success. According to the Ohio Department of Education Office of Community Schools, as of August 15, 2006, there were 299 charter schools operating in Ohio serving more than 70,000 students. This compares to 15 schools in 1998 serving 2,245 students.

Community schools are created through a contract that details the school's mission, how the school will be operated, what will be taught and how success will be measured. Every school board in Ohio has the ability to sponsor a community school by converting a portion of its district into a charter facility. Community schools may also be established by an entity other than a school board if this school is located in one of the Big 8 urban school districts, districts that are rated as academic watch or academic emergency, or in a school district in Lucas County, which was the original community school pilot project area. These other charter school sponsors include educational service centers, the board of trustees from any of Ohio's thirteen state universities and a variety of non-profit organi-

zations, among others. Charter schools are also exempt from most laws that pertain to traditional public schools. However, if a community school does not measure up to the terms of their contract, the agreement may be terminated and the school closed. In the last two years, legislators have made a number of reforms to increase accountability standards at Ohio's charter facilities, including caps on the number of schools that a sponsor can open and new academic performance requirements. Unlike traditional public schools, charter schools must compete to stay afloat. The hope is that this competition will breed success in the form of student achievement, because, if community school is not successful, students are free to leave and go to another school.

Last month, the Ohio Supreme Court issued a ruling as to the constitutionality of the state's charter schools. Opponents contend that because community schools are able to operate with different standards, they were not part of the "thorough and efficient system of common schools" prescribed in the Ohio Constitution. However, justices ruled 4-3 that adding charter schools to the state's public

education system did not violate the Constitution.

Community schools aren't perfect, but to ensure that every Ohio student receives a quality education, we must continue to offer choice in our schools. Since each student learns differently, a student should not be required to continue going to a school where their needs are not being met. Choice drives competition and competition breeds success. In the end, I believe we all can agree that every child should be given the educational tools needed to be successful.

MAILING DEADLINES AND TIPS FOR INTERNATIONAL AND MILITARY CHRISTMAS MAILING

To ensure delivery of holiday cards and packages by December 25 to military APO/FPO addresses overseas and to international addresses, we suggest that mail be entered by the recommended mailing dates listed below. Beat the last-minute rush, mail early.

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Global Express Mail® (EMS)⁵:

Asia/Pacific Rim, Australia/New Zealand, Caribbean, Mexico, Europe, Middle East - December 15. Africa, Central & South America - December 11. Canada - December 16.

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Central & South America - December 4. Africa - December 6. Asia/Pacific Rim - Australia/New Zealand, Canada, Caribbean, Mexico, Europe, Middle East - December 13.

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Africa, Central & South America - December 4. Asia/Pacific Rim, Australia/New Zealand, Canada, Caribbean, Mexico, Europe, Middle East - December 11.

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Africa, Central & South America - December 4. Asia/Pacific Rim, Australia/New Zealand, Canada, Caribbean, Mexico, Europe, Middle East - December 11.

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Africa - October 16. Asia/Pacific Rim - October 30. Australia/New Zealand - October 30. Canada - November 27. Caribbean - November 6. Central & South America - October 30. Mexico - November 20. Europe - November 6. Middle East - October 23.

Packaging Tips:

—Select a box that is strong enough to protect the contents.

—Leave space for cushioning inside the carton.

—Cushion package contents with shredded or rolled newspaper, bubble wrap or Styrofoam peanuts. Plain air-popped popcorn is also good for cushioning; it's inexpensive and environmentally friendly. Pack tightly to avoid shifting.

—Always use tape that is designed for shipping, such as pressure-sensitive tape, nylon-reinforced craft paper tape or glass-reinforced pressure-sensitive tape.

—Do not use wrapping paper, string, masking tape or cellophane tape.

—Put the delivery and return addresses on one side only of the package.

—Suggestion: Place a return address label inside the package.

—Stuff glass and fragile hollow items, like vases, with newspaper or packing material to avoid damage due to shock. When mailing framed photographs, take the glass out of the frame and wrap it separately.

—Remove batteries from all items. Wrap and place them next to the gift in the mailing box.

—Take packages that weigh at least 1 pound into the Post Office for mailing.

—Purchase packaging products, including tape, envelopes, padded bags, corrugated boxes, mailing tubes and cushioning material from your Post Office. Some locations offer decorative boxes and expander packs that are suitable for mailing gifts.

Military addressing tips:

—Use the service member's name (with or without rank or rating), military organization or unit and APO/FPO address. Military Addressing Examples:

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APO AP 96278-2050

SGT Joesph Doe
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APO AE 09499-0074

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—Do not include the country name in any part of the address.

—Programs that allowed the general public to send mail addressed to "Any Service Member" are no longer available.

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—**Line 2:** Street address or post office box number.

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ANTWERP HISTORY "A FEW INCIDENTS ON R. R. 1 - OVER 30 YEARS AGO"

By: Stan Jordan

You go on up CR 220 and you come to the State Line Road. You turn to the left a little piece and then turn west in Indiana on Worden Road. Back in 1950 there was 10 houses on that mile, but half of them are gone now. At about one half mile on the left was Lee Walker's Store. Years ago, that was the U.S. Post Office for Fansler, IN. That was before my time, but it was still listed as such in the route description. Mrs. George Koch lives there now as she was Lee Walker's daughter.

I have been retired 25 years now. When I retired Benny Wycoff was my sub and he became the carrier. Benny does a top notch job and I'm proud of him and the patrons all like him.

For awhile, Benny went all the way into the Harlan, IN Post Office and picked up mail there for his Indiana patrons. After a few years that was changed and he was given part of R.R. 2, to lessen the overload there.

I really liked those IN families. There was about 65 of them was a Mrs. Rossner, I think her husband operated a car repair shop in Woodburn, but I'm not sure about that. Every Christmas she baked me a "Stollen". That's German for a coffee cake or a breakfast roll. Anyhow, they were very good.

Up on the Antwerp-Harlan Road was the home of Charlie and Mary Kees. They had a number of children. Jim was a good professional softball pitcher. Richard is a big land developer in the Harlan-Grabill area and also an auctioneer and everything that goes along with real estate. Daughter, Nellie, is married to Pete Beerbower and lives southwest of Antwerp. She has her own cake-baking business.

At Christmas time, Mary would have a box well over one foot square loaded with goodies, cookies, fruit and gifts. It was all I could do to carry it. Later on, in life, she and Anlyn moved to a new house in Harlan. She lived to be well up in her nineties.

Around 1940 or so, the Ed Durre family lived on West River Street in Antwerp, later on they moved to Hicksville. Mrs. Durre owned some land on CR 53 on my route. There was a small house on the land that she rented out. I came along one morning and she was standing by the mail box. She asked if I knew where their renters went. I said I didn't know and I didn't know they were gone. She said, yes, they were gone and they stripped the house inside. You have heard the saying that 'they took everything but the kitchen sink'. "Well", she said, "these folks even took the kitchen sink, come in and see." I went in and by golly they had taken the cabinets from the wall and even the sink was gone. She said, "Well, I guess it takes all kinds of folks."

She never rented that house anymore after that. She sold that lot to Ron Gross and he built a new house there. One day, forty years ago, a little boy about four or five years old met me at the mail box with his new puppy dog in his arms. I made over the

little dog and then asked the boy, "What do you call your puppy?" He said, "We ain't called him yet!" All my stories don't have happy endings and this is one of them.

Shortly after WWII, Ross Knapp built a grocery store on the Antwerp-Harlan Road, just west of the South Scipio Church. Ross and Mary had a large family of good kids. I looked forward to stopping there each morning. One of the boys, Steve, is associated with this paper, The West Bend News. Another one of the boys, John, also lives in Antwerp.

Gene and Ola Hughes lived on the River Road West and just about at the end of my route. Their oldest daughter, Louise, met me at the mailbox on lots of mornings. She didn't talk much, she was a little shy. She sure was pretty and friendly and grinned a lot. Here 30 years later, she works in the x-ray room at the Paulding County Hospital. Her nickname is "Wheezer" and I think some of her friends still call her that and, by golly, she is still a pretty one.

Oh, I forgot to tell you about another one of my celebrities, Jake Yoder. He lives just across the State Line on the Notestine Road. When the A.B.C. of bowling was held in Memphis, TN, Jake went down and won the Singles.

He had a good high 200 game then he rolled a 300 game and finished up with another big 200 game. I know his actual was over 750. That was a good time to get hot. I know he was also a good softball player and a pretty good all around athlete. He was married to one of Chet Gustin's girls.

Well, readers, when I started writing about incidents on R.R.1, I didn't know it would take this long or this many pages. I really liked being a mail man. In all those 34 years, there was not a day that I didn't want to go to work. But, I'm no different than your mailman.

At that time in Payne, the mailman was Mr. Mooney, Jim Harp and Herb Kipper; Grover Hill was Mr. Blockmore and Mr. Goliver; Oakwood had John Richardson, Dale Roughton and Mr. Adams; Cecil was Bob Gilbert. Everyone of these boys did a good job and were well liked by their patrons. I also knew the workers in Hicksville Post Office: Rief Shirley, Mr. Cook and Post Master Smith. Everyone of these boys wanted to serve the people and move "today's mail, today".

When I started on R.R.1, Mr. Oliver Reeb was carrier on R.R.2. He retired about 1960 and Lynn Bickhard became the carrier there. He was a good mailman and had as many friends as I did. He was also a darned good mechanic and a good friend.

When I retired in 1980, Benny Wycoff, who was my sub, of record was appointed carrier on R.R.1. I'm pretty much jealous of Benny 'cause when ever I talk to one of my old patrons they will say, "Stan, we sure miss you on the mail route." Then they'll say, "Benny does a darn good job and we like him too."

Over on R.R.2 the mailman is Jerry Beckman.

The Antwerp Post Office has always strived to move "today's mail, today". Jerry and Benny have a harder job

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RONZ NEONZ GRAND OPENING



By: Sue Knapp

Ron Riggbach, owner of Ronz Neonz of Paulding (on the square) had a ribbon cutting ceremony and grand opening for his store at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, November 18 and concluded on Saturday, November 19.

Attending the ceremony along with various business persons from Paulding was Rick Small from WDFM Mix 98.1, Defiance.

Ronz Neonz offers a variety of unique gifts for "hard to buy for" guy. You can purchase neon signs, mirrors, clocks, Ohio State Memorabilia, apparel and autographs at the store.

In conjunction with Christmas for Kids, Ronz Neonz donated a framed autographed Ohio State Ted

Ginn jersey that was auctioned off.

The winning bid of the Ohio State Ted Ginn jersey was Roger Miller of Bryan for \$800.00. A second Ted Ginn jersey sold for \$750.00. Over \$2,000 was raised during the live drive on Saturday. All the monies from the auction and drive by will stay in Paulding County for Christmas for Kids.

WDFM Mix 98.1 also had a 2007 Pontiac Soltice that is being raffled off for Christmas for Kids. The proceeds from this will be divided into a five county area. The Mix will be at the North Town Mall Marathon on December 1 and 2 selling tickets for the car. You may also purchase them at the radio station or when you see them on location.

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—Line 4: Country name (uppercase letters in english) International addressing example:

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06570 St Paul
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—Marilyn Mulholland,
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GILLMOR ANNOUNCES GRANT FOR PAULDING COMMUNITY FIRE ASSOCIATION

Congressman Paul E. Gillmor (R-Tiffin) announced today that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Office of Grants and Training has approved a \$107,362 grant for the Paulding Community Fire Association in Paulding County.

"Receiving money from the federal government has become much more difficult as we work to reduce our deficit spending. However, it has always been the priority of Congress to fund projects which protect public health and welfare. I have no doubt that the money which the Paulding Fire Association received today will better protect the residents of our area," Gillmor said.

"Having the most advanced equipment for our firefighters is a national goal which everyone shares. These first responders play a critical role in safeguarding Paulding County and the monies approved by Congress will deliver the resources necessary to excel in their mission. This grant is an investment by the Federal government in the Fifth District of Ohio and I think it is money well spent," Gillmor concluded.

The Paulding grant can be used to fund different expenses such as training, the purchase of firefighting equipment, personal protective equipment, vehicles and modifications to stations and facilities. This is a competitive grant program intended to enhance the ability of local first responders to protect the health and safety of the public as well as their personnel.

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The grant Paulding received came as a result of money appropriated by Congress for direct assistance to provide smaller law enforcement and emergency responder agencies with equipment items that will enhance and support regional response, mutual aid, and interoperability of responder equipment.

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GILLMOR ANNOUNCES GRANT FOR NEY-WASHINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

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If you mailed 10,000 Postcards (circulation of West Bend News) it would cost \$2400 not including printing charges. A postcard size ad only cost \$60

K-9 CUSTOM STYLING PICTURE DAY RESULTS



A check was presented to Lisa Baker from Salvation Army for \$200.00 which is the amount raised by K-9 Custom Styling Pet Picture Day.

This year's Picture Day with K-9 Custom Styling was a success. We raised \$200.00 for the Salvation Army to help local families this holiday season.

The Salvation Army's mission is to help provide financial assistance for individuals and families with their emergency needs, along with the network of community resources and services to help resolve those needs. If any one would need the assistance of the Salvation Army, you can call Lisa Baker or Rhonda Smalley at 419-399-3756. You can also get assistance from United Way, 419-399-5300 and talk with Nancy Hessler. Please support the local Salvation Army and United Way. They both do wonderful work to help those in need.

Suzanne from All Eyes on You Photography did an excellent job taking all the pictures and donating her time to this project.

The winners of a free groom are as follows: the cutest picture is Jackson Brown owned by Barb Angus, and Brutis owned by Rhonda Smalley. (There was a tie between both of them)

The silliest picture goes to Rocky Kinnaley owned by Mr. and Mrs. Kinnaley.

Look for more picture dates next year, with money going to local organizations. I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season and a happy new year. May God bless everyone.

—Michele Thomas, K-9 Custom Styling

CROSS CONSTRUCTION: WHY BUY YOUR STEEL ANYWHERE ELSE

Maybe you have heard about our company. Maybe you have ordered steel through us. If you have or have not heard of us, and you would like to know more about us, here is some information for you.

Our company is called Cross Construction Products LLC. We are located in Payne, Ohio. We have been in business since 2004.

Our company was started by Bob Cross of Antwerp, Ohio. He had been laid off from Dietrich and had no idea where to begin his job search. He had been employed at Dietrich for nearly 25 years! He had a real entrepreneurial attitude, and had been in the steel business for so long, he decided that this was the business risk that he was willing to take. So, he made calls and here we are today.

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CHALLENGE TO PAULDING COUNTY RESIDENTS

This past week United Way of Paulding County received a donation to the campaign. This wasn't just a normal donation! This was a "challenge" donation to other Paulding County residents. The gentleman explained that he and his family had read an article about United Way of Paulding County and that the campaign goal from last year was not met. He stated his mother had been raised in Paulding County and had many fond memories of living in Paulding County. The family would like to donate \$2,500 to the United Way of Paulding County but would like to challenge other current or former residents to match or exceed the donation.

Fond memories of growing up in Paulding County ...

Fishing in the creek, riding go-karts, 4-wheelers, and dirt bikes for the first time, seeing forever across the fields, walking down the corn rows, growing enough vegetables to feed the entire neighborhood, friends from grade school that are still your close friends even after thirty years, playing pee-wee baseball, growing a flower garden that was the envy of the town, Christmas caroling with friends, hay rides, playing in the hay mound, riding bikes with friends, parades, Christmas plays at school and church, church youth outings, seeing the Milky Way from horizon to horizon, the sculptures formed in the snow in the ditch by the wind, knowing your neighbors were always available if you needed help, 4-H, snow forts ...

—Nancy Hessler, Executive Director, United Way of Paulding County

SUGARS THAT HEAL?

By: Paula Nuestr RN

Sugars that heal? Isn't that a contradiction in terms? Usually, the thought of sugar brings to mind obesity, diabetes and cavities - hardly healing substances. But there is hope, sweet hope, for the health challenges of many individuals due to breakthroughs in the science field known as glycomics or glycobiology. Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana recently received a \$3.2 million grant in the field of glycomics as part of \$18.2 million grant by the National Institute of Health. More information about this grant can be viewed at <http://www.indiana.edu/~ocmhp/2006/01-13/story.php?id=296>

This grant is given for glycobiologists and their team of researchers to continue studies in this growing field.

With the study of glycomics, dedicated glycobiologists have discovered that many health challenges have to do with cellular communication and/or lack of it due to eight essential biological sugars known as glyconutrients. Gly-

co comes from the Greek root word for sweet or sugar. Due to modern farming and shipping practices, food no longer has the nutritional punch it did thirty years ago. Science considers eight glyconutrients to be essential to fully support bodies at a cellular level. Scientists believe that this group of glyconutrients attach to proteins on the cell's surface to allow the body to fully utilize immune system responses. When cellular identification and responses are correctly functioning, cells can identify cancer cells and no longer attack healthy body cells as in the cases of auto immune diseases like lupus, MS, fibromyalgia and arthritis. Many of these individuals are being treated for their symptoms, but science is showing that by simply replacing the missing glyconutrients, the health issues start to improve.

Glyconutrients - it would seem that the answers for many of the health issues would be a sweet one!

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than Lynn and I. There is more mail today (except at Christmas) and a lot more people on the routes to serve. It was a different time then. Most women were still at home, the pace was slower and everyone knew their neighbor.

I hope I haven't bored you with these happenings, but I'm no different than the mailman you have out there today. Just ask him. Well, see ya!

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naments for Christmas. The 2006 angel ornament was inspired by Psalm 91:11, "For He shall give His angels charge over you to guard you in all your ways", and is designed in memory of her Mother, Joan Strable. This season, the Open House will run two days. Hours are Friday, December 1st, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 2, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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COMMUNITY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL NEW FACILITY GRAND OPENING FESTIVITIES & HOLIDAY EVENTS

This is a list of the upcoming events being sponsored by the Community Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. On December 2, starting at 10:00 a.m. (til 4:00 p.m.) there will be grand opening festivities and tours of the new facility all day. They will be holding a Festival of Trees, a silent auction, "Books-Are-Fun" Book Fair, Cookie Walk/Bake Sale (from 10:00 a.m. till gone). In the afternoon (1:00 - 6:00 p.m.) a Christmas Walk is planned. The participants for this are: Sandy Lockhart, Lisa and Gregg Slattery, Colleen and Amos Miller, Robert Fisher, and Tom and Zonia Battershell. On Sunday, December 3, the grand opening festivities and tours, Festival of Trees and Silent auction will continue throughout the day (10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.), with the Christmas Walk from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. At 7:00 p.m. a Lighting of the Memory Tree and a raffle drawing will take place. The raffle drawing is for a quilt made and donated by the Hicksville Piecemakers. On Monday, December 4 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. there will be a Senior Citizen Open House and Luncheon. During this weekend's events, the Historical Society will have the Land Grant Office and St. Paul Church open. All these festivities are to take place at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville.

SGT. ROBERT BARNETT PROMOTED TO SSGT.



Sgt. Robert Barnett has been promoted to the rank of SSGT. in the USMC as of November 2, 2006.

SSgt. Barnett graduated from Van Wert High School in 1997. He joined the Marine Corp in January 1998.

He is the son of Larry and Michelle Barnett of Van Wert. Grandson of Dick and Dorothy Barnett of Lima and Norma and the late A. Rex Fleck of Paulding.

Great-grandson of the late Harold and Lila Fleck of Paulding.

SSgt. Barnett and his wife Debbie are stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

SSgt. Barnett will be deployed to Iraq on February 14, 2007.

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Panther Paw Cafe - Breakfast 11/22 - Ham, egg & cheese croissant, juice, milk 11/23 - NO SCHOOL, Happy Thanksgiving! 11/24 -NO SCHOOL, thanksgiving break 11/27 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk 11/28 - Tator tots w/cheese sauce, sausage links, juice, milk

bun, potato soup w/crackers, assorted fruit, milk

Paulding Elementary - Lunch 11/22 - Pizza, corn, fruit cup, milk 11/23 - NO SCHOOL, Happy Thanksgiving! 11/24 - NO SCHOOL, thanksgiving break 11/27 - Corn Dogs, vegetable, fruit cup, milk 11/28 - Chili soup w/ crackers, bread w/margarine or peanut butter, fruit cup, milk

Panther Paw Cafe - Lunch 11/22 - Taco Salad or grilled chicken on a bun, vegetable, assorted fruit, milk 11/23 - NO SCHOOL, Happy Thanksgiving 11/24 - NO SCHOOL, thanksgiving break 11/27 - Stuffed crust pizza, corn or chef salad, bread stick, assorted fruit, milk 11/28 - Ham & cheese on a

Oakwood Elementary - Lunch 11/22 - Cheese pizza, green beans, fruit, milk 11/23 - NO SCHOOL, Happy Thanksgiving! 11/24 - NO SCHOOL, thanksgiving break 11/27 - Hot dog or chili dog on a bun, oven potatoes, fruit, milk 11/28 - Chicken strip wrap, peas, fruit, milk

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2006-2007 WAYNE TRACE GIRLS BASKETBALL PRE-SEASON PREVIEW

The Wayne Trace Lady Raiders are a part of the Green Meadows Conference.

The 2005-2006 record was 6-15. The 2005-2006 GMC record was 4-3.

The head coach for the Lady Raiders is Greg Davis. He has been coaching for seven years with his overall coaching record being 40-86. Assistant coaches are Chris Rosswurm and Rich Miller.

Lettermen lost for this season are: Alison McClure (23 assists, 19 steals), Kelly Sinn (8.7 ppg, 4.5 rpg, 20 steals), and Teresa Young (6.6 ppg, 4.3 rpg, 47 assists, 28 steals).

Returning lettermen for the 2006-07 season: Sara Priest, 5-6 Sophomore Guard (5.2 ppg, 31 assists, 53 steals). Elyse Myers, 5-10 Sophomore Forward (2.3 ppg, 3.4 rpg).

Renee Bidlack, 5-8 Sophomore Forward (5.2 ppg, 2.7 rpg, 20 assists, 30 steals).

Becky Ruble, 5-8 Junior Guard (8.8 ppg, 3.2 rpg, 30 steals, 38 three-point FG's).

Brandi Bradtmueller, 6-0 Senior Center (6.0 ppg, 5.4 rpg, 22 steals)

Personnel Competing for Positions:

Krista Germann (5-7, sophomore forward), Becky Hicks (5-6, junior, guard), Chelsea Holtsberry (5-5, senior guard).

Team Strengths: Experience back; Quick,

like to run the floor.

Team Weaknesses:

Lack of depth inside, must stay healthy and out of foul trouble; Shooting must improve from a year ago.

Coaches Comments:

We are going to look to push the ball up and down the floor. Our transition game can be very good if we do the little things correctly. Boxing out will be a key and our inside players must stay out of foul trouble. We want to be aggressive on both ends of the floor.

League Outlook:

The GMC is wide open this year. Holgate is probably the favorite but anybody in our league is capable of beating anybody else this year.

Season Outlook:

The kids have had a great attitude and have worked very hard so far. Our big thing is just to keep getting better each night in practice, scrimmages or games. We have to take care of things that we can control and work on those areas. Between the GMC portion of our schedule and non league games against teams from the NWC (Crestview, Delphos Jefferson, Paulding, Lima Central Catholic, Lincolnview), PCL (Continental, Ottoville, Fort Jennings, Miller City), NWOAL (Archbold, Bryan) and BBC (Edon), our schedule will be very challenging. We must improve our consistency scoring wise and believe that we are capable of competing on a nightly basis.

"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": 8TH GRADERS EXPLORE CAREERS AT VANTAGE



These Antwerp 8th graders pay close attention to Zach Stutz, a junior from Crestview in the Ag Diesel Mechanics program, during their visit to his lab.

Nearly 700 eighth graders from area schools descended upon Vantage Career Center recently, creating a buzz of excitement and activity throughout the building and in each career-technical lab.

Each school in our district is invited to bring their 8th graders to Vantage for a career exploration activity, which involves a two-hour hands-on demonstration tour. Eighth graders receive a "mini-brochure" which describes the career-technical programs and explains what a typical day is like for students at Vantage. The eighth graders visit each lab and even get to go home with some samples of the work they have done. This may be a piece of fabricated metal cut and shaped into a baseball bat keychain from the Precision Machin-

ing program or a recipe for "puppy chow" from the Culinary Arts program.

The eighth graders tour the building in small groups and Vantage Student leaders and Ambassadors serve as tour guides. Current students put their communication skills to good use as they share their knowledge of the school as well as their career-technical program expertise. Jacob York, a junior in the Electricity program from Van Wert, served as one of the tour guides this year. He said, "I remember coming to Vantage when I was an 8th grader and seeing all the programs. I thought it was awesome! It was fun talking to the 8th graders and sharing some of my experiences with them. They wanted to know why I decided to come to Vantage. I told them that I really wanted to work with my hands. The Electricity program was my choice because I wanted to learn more about programming robots and wiring. I also talked to my dad and he had some influence on my decision too."

This career exploration activity is especially helpful by informing and demonstrating all the options available to the students. During the tours, they are able to see what skills are being used in different career areas and that helps them to begin thinking about developing their own skills. Students may also become more aware of how their interests and abilities can be cultivated into a rewarding career.

It's always a pleasure hosting the 8th graders and giving them a chance to learn a little more about Vantage Career Center and all the different career opportunities that are available.

BLOOD DRIVE AT WAYNE TRACE

Wayne Trace student council will be hosting a blood drive on November 29, 2006. The blood drive will be held in the Jr. High gym from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. According to the Red Cross the need for blood increases during the holidays. If you would like to help by donating blood contact Wayne Trace High School at 419-399-4100 and sign-up.

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Board of Audiology™ (ABA) for the express purpose of certifying audiologists. Patricia B. Kricos, Ph.D., current Chair of the Board of Governors for the ABA, notes, "The willingness on the part of a busy audiologist to take this extra step in demonstrating professional excellence is to be commended. I congratulate Dr. Molitor on her professionalism."

The entire American Board of Audiology™ congratulates Dr. Molitor on her commitment to the profession of audiology.

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