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LEGISLATURE CONTINUES TO WORK TO LOWER OHIOANS' HEALTHCARE COSTS

Weekly column by: State Senator Lynn Wachtmann

More often than not, when the average American is asked about the state of healthcare in this country, the discussion centers around cost. In fact, according to the 2006 Employee Benefit Research Institute Health Confidence Survey, the public's dissatisfaction with the nation's healthcare system has a direct correlation to rising costs. The survey found that 19 percent of Americans identify healthcare as the most critical issue facing the nation. This is a higher percentage than the Iraq war, gas prices, terrorism, the economy, and educa-

From seniors to the disabled to millions of low to middle-income families, Americans everywhere are often struggling to cover their health insurance costs and many others can't afford coverage at all. According to the Ohio Department of Insurance (ODĪ), in 2003, over 1.3 million Ohio residents were uninsured. These rising health costs are also hurting many small businesses, and

as a result, we have seen a decline in the number of small employers offering health insurance to their employees. ODI reports that in 2003, only 53 percent of workers employed by an employer with less than 25 employees had health coverage through their company. Even worse, 33 percent were uninsured.

Recognizing the burdens being placed on many small businesses and their workers, the Ohio General Assembly has worked to find ways to lower the cost of health insurance and increase the number of Ohioans with coverage. Recently, the Ohio Senate passed Senate Bill 5, legislation designed to lower health costs by bringing more people into the small group health insurance market. The bill allows insurance companies to treat small businesses as alliances, thereby broadening their coverage pool, lowering risk and expanding coverage for an estimated 17,000 Ohioans. In addition, SB 5 allows companies with as many as 500 employees to enter an alliance, which is up from the current 150-employee limit.

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While SB 5 will help provide coverage to thousands of Ohio workers, it is only part of a larger effort to decrease health insurance costs statewide. One of the biggest reasons our health costs are growing out of control is the exorbitant amount of lawsuits being filed against doctors and hospitals. In our lawsuithappy society, doctors are often targeted for mistakes their patients feel could have been avoided. While some claims are substantiated, a large number of these lawsuits have no merit but can still cost a doctor hundreds of thousands of dollars in litigation and a permanent stain on their record. In addition, these frivolous lawsuits cause medical malpractice insurance premiums to rise, and to help cover these added costs, doctors are forced to raise the prices for care. In fact, in 2003, medical malpractice rates for the top five insurance companies increased by 30 percent!

To combat these rising costs and cut down on the amount of frivolous lawsuits,

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"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": **VANTAGE BLUE CHIPPERS**



Each quarter, Vantage Career Center recognizes students who have a 4.0 gpa and perfect attendance for the nine-week period (Blue Chippers). Congratulations to the students pictured for first quarter excellence. Seated: Chelsea Sprynn (Antwerp), Shellie Rhodes (Lincolnview) and Chelsea Foster (Crestview). Standing: Andrea Freeman (Crestview), Katie Diment (Parkway), Nathan Arn (Van Wert), Casey Dull (Wayne Trace), Chris Bayus (Van Wert), Anthony Bradtmueller (Antwerp), Chris Vibbert (Van Wert) and Ezekiel Schaadt (Parkway). Unavailable for the picture was Victoria Taylor (Continental).

REPORT FROM THE OAK-**WOOD POLICE DEPART-**MENT

The Oakwood Police Department will be forwarding a report to the prosecutor's office for possible charges in the Oakwood State Bank and Trust robbery that occurred on October 17, 2006.

Credible tips that came in on the day of the robbery, led several departments to start tracking two suspects. On October 20, 2006, the Paulding County Sheriff's Office, along with the Oakwood Police Department, served a search warrant that led to the discovery of the vehicle and some of the clothing involved in the robbery. Some of the stolen cash was also recovered during the search.

We continued to track the two suspects and learned they had purchased a vehicle and were on their way to Florida. We were able to obtain an address in Florida, and then we contacted a fugitive task force to watch for them. After two pursuits, and one of the suspects committing a home invasion at knife point, our two suspects were taken into custody on unrelated

The vehicle that was purchased with the stolen money was seized. Christopher Golden of Henry County admitted to his involvement in the bank robbery and to five other armed robberies in the area, including the Chief store in Paulding. Christopher also implicated the second suspect. The second suspect has not admitted involvement.

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-Chief Mark W. Figert, Oakwood Police Depart-

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Christine A. Zuber, 75, of Antwerp, passed away November 23 at Dallas Lamb Foundation Home, Payne,

OBITUARIES

Born in Paulding, Ohio on September 13, 1931, she was the daughter of the late John and Ann Lucile (Clark) Hessler. She married Richard Zuber on August 30, 1952. He passed away June 20, 1986.

Christine worked in housekeeping at Community Memorial Hospital in Hicksville after her husband died.

She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Antwerp. Christine delivered Meals on Wheels, worked at polling locations for the Paulding County Election Board, enjoyed bowling and loved her family.

Christine will be sadly missed by her daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Charles Hankinson of Antwerp; son and daughter-inlaw Edward and Dottie Zuber of Huntington, IN; sisters: Rosemary Sharp of Rochester, MI and Marie Kilpatrick of Port Charlotte, FL; brother, William Hessler of Payne; six grandchildren: Brandy, Kelly, Angie, Sara, Sam and Jenna; and ten great-grandchildren.

Her brother, John Hessler, has passed away.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Antwerp, on November 27, and Father Thomas Oedy and Deacon Robert Nighswander offici-

She was laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp.

Contributions may be made to the church or Dallas Lamb Activity Fund or Paulding Area Visiting Nurses.

Arrangements provided by Dooley Funeral Home,

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

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Alvin C. Klopfenstein, 89, of Paulding, died November 22, at the Country Inn Enhanced Living Center, Pauld-

He was born in Paulding County Ohio on August 12, 1917 the son of Edward and Emma (Stoller) Klopfenstein. On February 18, 1950 he married Ellen E. (Martin) Klopfenstein, who survives. He spent his entire lifetime

farming, retiring in 1990. He was a member of the Latty Apostolic Christian Church of Latty, Ohio. He was a U.S. Army veteran serving during World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Ellen Klopfenstein of Paulding; two daughters: Ruth (Craig) Stoller of Haviland, and Joyce Klopfenstein of Paulding; three sons: Wayne (Carol) Klopfenstein of Peoria, IL, Lee (Desma) Klopfenstein of Van Wert, OH and Roy (Deborah) Klopfenstein of Haviland; 25 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren; one sister, Aldean Price of Van Wert; two brothers: Marvin (Mary) Klopfenstein of Scott; and Raymond (Catherine) Klopfenstein of Paulding.

He is preceded in death by his parents; one son, Larry Klopfenstein; three brothers: Harold and Floren Klopfenstein and infant brother, Gene; two sisters: Frances Laidig and infant sister, Ma-

Funeral services were conducted November 27 at the Latty Apostolic Christian Church, Latty. Church Clergyman officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery. Military graveside rites were conducted by the Paulding VFW Post #587.

Arrangements were provided by Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding.

Memorials to Morton Home for the Handicap, Morton, IL, Apostolic Christian World Relief or the Donor's

Kathleen Walter, 85, of Hicksville, died November 22 at Three Fountain Independent Living, Dallas, Texas. Kathleen was born Oc-

tober 9, 1921, the daughter of LaVon and Audrey (Amaden) McCullough in Milford Township.

Kathleen graduated from Hicksville High School in 1940. She was united in marriage to George Walter on June 25, 1941. She was a homemaker and was later employed at The Hicksville Bank as a teller. She worked at the bank for 28 years. She was a member of Trin-

ity United Methodist Church, Hicksville. She was a member of DAR, the Eastern Stars and the Community Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. She also served on the Hicksville zoning board and was secretary for the American Red Cross.

Kathleen is survived by her husband of 65 years; two daughters: Connie Bechtol of Dallas, TX and Ellen May of Albuquerque, NM; and four grandchildren: Lew Bechtol of Columbus, OH, Laura Bechtol of Dallas, TX, Jason May of Los Angeles, CA and Eric May of San Francisco,

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister Margie McCullough.

The funeral service was November 28 at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville. Pastor Tom Graves officiated. Burial was at Forest Home Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lupus Research Institute or the Defiance County Humane Soci-

Edith M. Durre, 97, of Hicskville, died November 22, at Dallas Lamb Foundation Home, Payne.

She was born on August 13, 1909 in Payne, Ohio the daughter of Conrad and Wilhelmina (Zielke) Yearling.

She graduated as Valedictorian of Payne High School class of 1926. She married Edward E. Durre on April 10, 1929. He preceded her in death on May 9, 1962.

She was a librarian at Iohnson Memorial Library, Hicksville; was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Hicksville, where she was a member of the church council and the L.C.W.; and the Acme Club.

She also participated in drama and Charleston dance

She is survived by two daughters: Linda (Harold) Towsley of New Haven, IN and Carole (the late Max) McDonald of Hicksville; two sons: John (the late Mary Lou) Durre and Ted (Ianet) Durre both of Hicksville; nine grandchildren; 18 greatgrandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers and four

November 27 at St. John Lutheran Church, Hicksville. Rev. Daniel Fugate officiated. Arrangements by Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville. Burial was at Lehman Cemetery, Payne. Preferred memorials to

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The choirs of North Scipio United Methodist Church and South Scipio United Brethren Church will be performing a joint Christmas Cantata again this year. The Cantata is titled Jesus, There's Something About That Name. The Cantata will be performed on December 10, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. at North Scipio United Methodist and on December 17, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at South Scipio United Brethren. Cantata, The

There's Something About That Name, was created by Tony Wood and Russell Mauldin and arranged and orchestrated by Russell Mauldin. It is distributed by Brentwood-Benson Music. The Cantata is directed by Dawn Patterson.

The Cantata opens with the "Come and Worship Medley" which consists of the lovely Gaither hymn, "There's Something About That Name." The medley then leads into the beloved "O Come, All Ye Faithful", and concludes with the spirited "Ring O'er the Earth".

The next number is the "Promised One Medley". This medley contains two familiar Christmas hymns, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" and "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus".

Next, there is the hauntingly beautiful solo, "Living in Me". This solo will be performed by Vicki Downend of North Scipio and Jen Manella of South Scipio.

Following this is the "Beautiful Name Medley" which is made up of "That Beautiful Name" and a reprise of "There's Something About That Name".

The next song is the sprightly "Blessed Be the Child". This song will be performed by two quartets: Female quartet - Sadie Hullinger, Sandy Buuck, Bethany Dunderman, and Shelly Dunderman; and Male quartet - Brandon Dunderman, Julian Burdine, Bob Jackson, and Chuck Unger.

Next is the tender "Cherish That Name", followed by "Here I Am to Worship" with "Joy to the World".

The Cantata concludes with the "Go and Worship Medley." The medley begins with a rollicking rendition of the old spiritual "Go, Tell It on the Mountain". This is followed by the Gaither hymn, "Get All Excited", and the medley concludes with a reprise of the majestic "O Come, All Ye Faithful".

The members of the joint choir are:

First soprano - Jessica Bradley, Sandy Buuck, Vicki Downend, Sadie Hullinger. Second soprano – Ashley

Anglemyer, Joyce Drayer, Cindy Hickok, Jen Manella, Klayre Manella, Phyllis Robbins, Charlene Volkert

Alto - Julie Bradley, Bethany Dunderman, Shelly Dunderman, Donna Ford-

Tenor - Julian Burdine, Brandon Dunderman, Rebecca Gates, Angelo Manel-

Baritone - Dave Drayer, Bob Jackson Bass – Chuck Unger

Narrators - Dawn Patterson, Sean Patterson Sound Technician - Sean Patterson Signing for "Beautiful

Name Medley" - Jessica Bradley. Rev. Patrick Fulbright of

North Scipio and Rev. Gary

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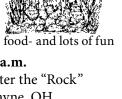


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Thursday, December 28, at Apostolic Christian Church from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Apostolic Christian Church is located at US 127 and Twp. Rd. 82 in Latty.

If you are at least 17 years of age, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and are in good general health, you may be eligible to donate blood. All donors need to present positive identification. For more information or to schedule your blood donation appointment, please call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-3543).¹U.S. Census Bureau. "Cel-

ebrating Christmas 2005: Newly Released Holiday Season Facts, Features and Statistics." December: 2005.

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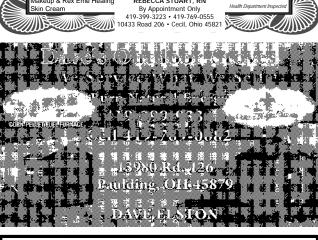
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NOTICE

The 2007 schedule for the Paulding County Veterans' Service Commissioners' Board Meetings are as follows: January 29, February 26, April 30, May 21, June 25, July 30, August 27, September 24, October 29, November 26, and December 17 (tentative). All meetings start at 9:00 a.m. at the Veterans' Service Office at 810 E. Perry St., Paulding., The phone number is 419-399-8285







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GILLMOR RELEASES 2006 SURVEY RESULTS

Congressman Paul Gillmor (R-Tiffin) today released the results of this 2006 Legislative Questionnaire. The survey is sent annually to households in all sixteen counties in Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. A sampling of the nearly 5,000 responses was used to tabulate the results from the survey. "The results of my most

recent questionnaire are very telling. These results are as I would have expected and show that the Fifth District remains committed to fiscal discipline, family values, energy independence and winning the battle against terrorism," Gillmor said. The district continues to

have diverse needs and priorities. The War on Terror again ranks as the most important issue facing Congress this year (38.7%) followed by energy prices (22.6%) and illegal immigration (19.9%). By a large margin (58% to 33%), the district believes that we should remain in Iraq until democracy is stabilized and peace has been restored," Gillmor said.

"Economic issues also continue to dominate the minds of the Fifth District. Almost 82% of the district believes we should renew the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts which eliminated the marriage penalty, reduced the death tax, increased the child tax credit, and created new lowered tax rates. This is very important as the new leadership in Congress determines how to handle the tax cuts which I continue to support.'

"With gas and energy prices as a major issue in the district, I was not surprised that 70% of people agree with me that the United States should increase drilling on the northern slope of Alaska to reduce foreign oil dependence."

"This year's questionnaire paints a very important picture of the Fifth District. Once again, the survey shows that the district is made of people who believe in fiscal responsibility, cutting government red-tape and creating an environment in which businesses can flourish and create jobs. The survey reaffirms that my votes in Congress have been, and will continue to be, consistent with the views of my district. "I have found my annual survey to be an effective way to learn the views of people from across our district. The responses and comments allow me to better represent the district in Congress and i am grateful that so many people took the time to respond," Gillmor said.

The results of the 2006 questionnaire are listed below and can also be found by accessing Congressman Gillmor's website at www.house. gov/gillmor.

2006 Issues Questionnaire Results: 1. Which of the following

is the MOST important issue facing Congress this year? War on Terror – 38.7%

Job creation - 2.6% The trade deficit -1.9% Cutting taxes – 1.8% Education - 1.2% Illegal Immigration

The environment – 1.8% Health care – 11.4% Government spending Gas/Energy Prices

The budget deficit - 5.2%

2. Which of the following is the SECOND MOST important issue facing Congress this year? War on Terror – 8.0%

Other - 3.5%

Job creation - 3.7% The trade deficit – 2.0% Cutting taxes - 5.0% Education - 4.7% Illegal 19.9%

The environment – 1.3% Health care - 11.5% Government 11.4%

Gas/Energy Prices 22.6%

The budget deficit – 6.0% Other – 3.8% How do you feel about

each of these comments... 3. American troops should remain in Iraq until the Iraqi

democracy is stabilized and

peace has been restored.

- 57.9% agree; 9.5% no opinion/no response; 32.6% dis-4. The federal government should do more to enforce gas price gouging laws. - 77.8%

agree; 11.0% no opinion/no

response; 11.2% disagree

5. The United States benefits from our membership in the United Nations. - 34.9% agree; 22.1% no opinion/no response; 43.0% disagree

6. Government regulation impedes America's economic competitiveness in the global economy. – 47.5% agree; 34.1% no opinion/no response; 18.4% disagree

7. International trade is beneficial to the United States. - 70.1% agree; 12.7% no opinion/no response; 17.2% disagree 8. Gay marriages should

be legalized in the United States. - 11.7% agree; 12.5% no opinion/no response; 75.8% disagree 9. All Americans should

have access to a comprehensive national database of sex offenders. - 78.3% agree; 15.9% no opinion/no response; 5.9% disagree

10. Congress should renew the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts which eliminated the marriage penalty, reduced the death tax, increased the child tax credit, and created new lowered tax rates. - 81.9% agree; 8.4% no opinion; 9.7% disagree

11. The United States is doing enough to prevent terrorism within the United States. - 33.1% agree; 16.6% no opinion; 50.3% disagree

12. The United States should increase drilling on the northern slope of Alaska to reduce foreign dependence on oil. - 70.2% agree; 10.4% no opinion/no response;

13. The United States should construct a wall at the border of Mexico as a means to control illegal immigration. - 47.3% agree; 15.6% no opinion; 37.1% disagree

14. Congress should provide tax benefits to encourage the use of renewable energy sources such as wind, solar, ethanol, etc. - 85.3%

agree; 7.7% no opinion; 7.0%

15. Congress should pass a constitutional amendment to protect the lives of the unborn. - 53.2% agree; 18.4% no opinion; 28.4% disagree

How do you feel about each of these comments ...

16. National defense spending is ... - 16.9% too low; 46.8% about right; 30.4% too high; 5.9% no response 17. State income taxes

are ... - 1.2% too low; 34.6%

about right; 59.5% too high; 4.7% no response 18. Federal income taxes are ... - 2.5% too low; 31.6% about right; 59.9% too high;

6.0% no response 19. Illegal immigrants who have jobs and are work-

ing in the U.S. should be ... Provided with a path to

citizenship – 22.7% Be a part of a limited guest worker program - 31.6%

Deported back to their home country – 36.0% No Response – 9.7%

20. Do you have health

insurance? - 89.8% yes; 7.4% no; 2.8% no response 21. Are you invested in

mutual funds and/or the stock market? - 63.4% yes; 34.4% no; 2.2% no response 22. Do you use the Inter-

net? - 55.0% yes; 42.3% no; 2.7% no response

23. If you use the Internet,

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High-speed 53.9%; Dial-

sponse 5.4% 24. Have you ever viewed

9.4% no response 25. Do you have a cell

no; 5.0% no response 26. Have rising gas prices caused you to change your

travel/transportation habits? - 73.6% yes; 23.7% no; 2.7% 27. Do you feel properly protected and informed

4.5% no response 28. Is this questionnaire a helpful way to express your

views? - 89.0% yes; 7.0% no; 4.0% no response

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up 40.7%; Not Sure/No Re-

a blog? - 18.9% yes; 71.7% no;

phone? - 66.2% yes; 28.8%

about the risks of identity theft? - 53.2% yes; 42.3% no;

comprehensive medical mal-

practice tort reform legisla-

tion. In addition, to further

assist physicians with the ris-

ing cost of malpractice insur-

ance, the 125th General As-

sembly passed House Bill 215,

a bill to prescreen medical

lawsuits in an effort to make

an early assessment about the

merits of each case. While un-

fortunately rates remain high,

thanks to legislative reforms

and other factors, progress is

slowly being made. Accord-

ing to a recent ODI study,

after five years of double-digit

growth in malpractice insur-

ance rates for doctors, Ohio

finally saw a 1.7 percent drop

ing costs of healthcare, we

must continue to work to get

at the root of the problem.

While much more needs to be

done, the Legislature's effort

to cut down on frivolous law-

suits and expand insurance

coverage opportunities for

small businesses has finally

put Ohio on the right path to

views on state issues. If you

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HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BAS-KETBALL: WAYNE TRACE lature passed Senate Bill 281, **VS. OTTOVILLE**

By: Kevin Wannemacher

On Friday, November 24, Wayne Trace and Ottoville saw Girls Basketball action at Ottoville.

Final score was Ottoville 72, Wayne Trace 32.

Courtney Schimmoeller led Ottoville with 16 points while Erica Vorst added 15.

Brandi Bradtmueller paced the Raiders with 10.

Score by Quarters:

Wayne Trace 7 8 12 5=32 Ottoville 11 24 17 20=72 Statistics for the game:

Wayne Trace – B e c k y Hicks 0-1 2pt, 0-1 3pt, 1-4 FT, 0 OR, 0 DR, 0 A, 2 S, 1 Pts.

Kristi Wenninger 0-1 2pt, 0-1 3pt, 1-2 FT, 1 ŎR, 0 DR, 1 A, 1 S, 1 Pts. Sara Priest 3-7 2pt, 0-0

3pt, 0-0 FT, 0 OR, 1 DR, 2 A, 3 S, 6 Pts. Chelsea Holtsberry 1-4

2pt, 0-1 3pts, 0-0 FT, 0 OR, 1 DR, 0 A, 0 S, 2 Pts. Elyse Myers 2-7 2pts, 0-0 3pts, 0-0 FT, 2 OR, 1 DR, 0 A,

0 S, 4 Pts. Renee Bidlack 1-3 2pts, 0-0 3pts, 0-4 FT, 0 OR, 3 DR, 1

A, 2 S, 2 Pts. Becky Ruble 2-3 2pts, 0-3 3pts, 0-0 FT, 1 OR, 4 DR, 0 A, 0 S, 4 Pts.

Brandi Bradtmueller 5-8 2pts, 0-0 3pts, 0-1 FT, 1 OR, 1 DR, 0 A, 0 S, 10 Pts.

Rylee Ulm 1-1 2pts, 0-0 3pts, 0-0 FT, 0 OR, 0 DR, 0 A, 0 S, 2 Pts.

Totals: 15-35 2pts, 0-6 3pts, 2-11 FT, 8 OR, 18 DR, 4 A, 8 S, 32 Pts. Ottoville - Erica Vorst 6-

12 2pt, 0-2 3pt, 3-3 FT, 4 OR, 5 DR, 1 A, 5 S, 15 Pts. Courtney Schimmoeller

4-9 2pt, 2-4 3pt, 2-4 FT, 3 OR, 1 DR, 2 A, 2 S, 16 Pts. Erika Kaufman 0-4 2pt, 0-

1 3pt, 5-6 FT, 2 OR, 5 DR, 1 A, 2 S, 5 Pts. Tricia Honigford 2-2 2pt,

1-4 3pt, 0-0 FT, 0 OR, 1 DR, 1 A, 2 S, 7 Pts. Krystal Markward

2-4 2pt, 0-3 3pt, 4-6

FT, 0 OR, 3 DR, 2 Å, 1 S, 8 Jill Hohlbein 2-5 2pt, 1-2

3pt, 2-2 FT, 3 OR, 1 DR, 2 A, Gina Beining 1-4 2pt, 0-2

3pt, 5-5 FT, 5 OR, 6 DR, 1 A,

Brittany Beining 1-1 2pt, 0-0 3pt, 0-0 FT, 1 OR, 1 DR, 0 A, 1 S, 2 Pts.

Amy Hohlbein 1-1 2pt, 0-0 3pt, 0-2 FT, 0 OR, 1 DR, 0 A,

Janelle Becker 0-0 2pt, 0-0 3pt, 1-2 FT, 0 OR, 0 DR, 0 A, 0 S, 1 Pts.

Totals: 19-42 2pt, 4-18 3pt, 22-30 FT, 21 OR, 27 DR, 10 A, 19 S, 72 Pts.

Turnovers - Wayne Trace 25, Ottoville 19.

Junior Varsity Score - Ottoville 40, Wayne Trace 22.

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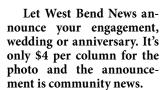
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JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS BAS-KETBALL: WAYNE TRACE VS. HICKSVILLE

By: Kevin Wannemacher

On Tuesday, November 21, the girls' junior high basketball teams from Wayne Trace and Hicksville pounded the court.

In the eighth grade game, the final score was Wayne Trace 46, Hicksville 10. Wayne Trace is now 2-0.

Quarter Scores: 1st - WT 18, Hicksville 1; 2nd - WT 26, Hicksville 3; 3rd - WT 36, Hicksville 4.

Scorers for WT - Taylor Baumle 11, Janelle Davis 11, JoEllen Fickle 8, Shelby Osborne 7, Kacee Hockenberry 6, Kelsey Heck 3.

Scorers for Hicksville - Ferguson 4, Stevenson 2, Tollas 2, Kemerer 2.

In the seventh grade game the final score was Wayne Trace 24, Hicksville 12. Wayne Trace is now 2-0.

Scorers for WT - Kari Myers 12, Becca Habern 4, Sarah Feasby 2, Ashley Saylor 2, Carlee Sinn 2, Alissa LaFountain 2.

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juice, milk

12/5 - Breakfast hot pocket, juice, milk

Panther Paw Cafe - Lunch 11/29 - Chicken Nuggets, whipped potatoes w/gravy, bread or beef stew w/biscuits, assorted fruit, milk

11/30 - Cook's Choice 12/1 - Breaded chicken on

a bun cheddar munchers, assorted fruit, milk 12/4 - Biscuits & gravy or

corn dog, tator tots, assorted fruit, milk 12/5 - Pizza, cheese bread stix, lettuce salad, assorted

fruit, milk

<u>Paulding</u> Elementary <u>– Lunch</u>

11/29 - Toasted cheese sandwich, mini carrots, fruit cup, milk

11/30 - Johnny marzetti, green beans, fruit cup, milk

12/1 -Bar-B-Que chicken on a bun, vegetable, fruit cup, milk

12/4 - Pizza hot pocket, corn, fruit cup, milk

12/5 – Vegetable beef soup w/crackers, bread w/margarine or peanut butter, fruit,

<u>Oakwood</u> <u>Elementary</u> <u>– Lunch</u>

11/29 – Walking taco, corn, fruit, milk

11/30 - Ravioli, bread, green beans, fruit, milk

12/1 - Nachos w/cheese cup, corn, fruit, milk

12/4 - Hamburger on a bun, cheese slice, pickle, green beans, fruit, milk

12/5 - Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes w/gravy, bread, fruit, milk

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BLACK NOVEMBER

When I was a young turkey, new to the coop, My big brother Mike took

me out on the stoop,

Then he sat me down, and he spoke real slow,

And he told me there was something that I had to know.

His look and his tone I will always remember,

When he told me of the horrors of Black November:

"Come about August, now listen to me.

Each day you'll get six meals instead of just three,

"And soon you'll be thick, where once you were thin, And you'll grow a big rub-

bery thing under your chin. And then one morning,

when you're warm in your In'll burst the farmer's

wife, and hack off your head. "Then she'll pluck out all your feathers so you're bald

'n pink, And scoop out all your insides and leave ya lyin' in

"And then comes the worst part," he said, not bluffing,

"She'll spread your cheeks and pack you with stuffing." Well, the rest of his words

were too grim to repeat, I sat on the stoop like a winged piece of meat,

And decided on the spot that to avoid being cooked,

I'd have to lay low and remain overlooked.

I began a new diet of nuts and granola,

High-roughage salads, juice, and diet cola;

And as they ate pastries, chocolates, and crepes, I stayed in my room doing

Jane Fonda tapes. I maintained my weight of

two pounds and a half, And tried not to notice when the bigger birds laughed;

But 'twas I who was laughing, under my breath,

As they chomped and they chewed, ever closer to death. And sure enough, when

Black November rolled I was the last turkey left in

the entire compound. So November gone, I'm a

pet in the farmer's wife's lap; I haven't a worry, so I eat

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HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BAS-KETBALL: WAYNE TRACE VS. EDON

By: Kevin Wannemacher

On Saturday, November 25, Wayne Trace and Edon had a battle of the court in Girls Basketball action that took place at Edon High School. Final score for the eve-

ning was Wayne Trace 52, Edon 46. Records - Wayne Trace

1-1, Edon 0-2.

Leading Scorers: Wayne Trace – Sara

Priest 14, Renee Bidlack 12, Brandi Bradtmueller 10.

Edon - Caela Mohre 11, Megan Wiler 10. Score by Quarters:

Wayne Trace - 14 9 14 15=52Edon - 7 7 13 19=46

Statistics of the game: Wayne Trace - Becky Hicks 0-0 2pt, 0-1 3pt, 3-4 FT, 2 OR, 3 DR, 0 Å, 0 S,

Sara Priest 0-42pt, 1-1 3pt, 11-14 FT, 2 OR, 4 DR, 4 A, 8 S, 14 Pts.

Chelsea Holtsberry 0-0 2pt, 0-0 3pt, 0-0 FT, 0 OR, 0 DR, 0 A, 0 S, 0 Pts.

Elyse Myers 3-7 2pt, 0-0 3pt, 1-5 FT, 1 OR, 3 DR, 2 A, 0 S, 7 Pts. Renee Bidlack 3-11 2pt,

0 A, 3 S, 12 Pts. Becky Ruble 1-3 2pt, 1-6 3pt, 1-2FT, 2OR, 3 DR, 4A,

2-4 3pt, 0-0 FT, 2 OR, 4 DR,

2 S, 6 Pts. Brandi Bradtmueller 5-11 2pt, 0-0 3pt, 0-1 FT, 1 OR, 1

DR, 1 A, 1 S, 10 Pts. Totals: 12-36 2pt, 4-12 3pts, 16-26 FT, 11 OR, 20

DR, 11 A, 14 S, 52 Pts. Edon – Crystal Godsey 0-1 2pt, 0-0 3pt, 0-0 FT, 0 OR, 1 DR, 0 A, 0 S, 0 Pts.

Jenni Troyer 0-3 2pt, 1-2 3pt, 2-4 FT, 2 OR, 3 DR, 2 A,

Caela Mohre 3-13 2pt, 0-3 3pt, 5-5 FT, 3 OR, 2 DR, 1 A, 3 S, 11 Pts.

Briana Long 2-12 2pt, 0-0 3pt, 5-11 FT, 8 OR, 4 DR, 0 A, 1 S, 9 Pts. Toni Slattery 0-0 2pt, 0-0

3pt, 0-0 FT, 1 OR, 1 DR, 0 A, 0 S, 0 Pts. Cassie Hinton 0-0 2pt, 0-0 3pt, 0-0 FT, 0 OR, 2 DR, 0

A, 0 S, 0 Pts. Makayla Groves 1-6 2pt, 0-2 3pt, 3-4 FT, 2 OR, 5 DR,

0 A, 5 S, 5 Pts. Tacia Muehlfeld 1-6 2pt,

0-0 3pt, 4-4 FT, 3 OR, 5 DR, 0 A, 1 S, 6 Pts. Tabatha Dunbar 0-1 2pt, 0-0 3pt, 0-0 FT, 1 OR, 0 DR,

0 A, 2 S, 0 Pts. Megan Wiler 4-9 2pt, 0-0 3pt, 2-3 FT, 8 OR, 1 DR, 0 A, 0 S, 10 Pts.

:11-51 2pt, Totals 1-7 3pt, 21-31 FT, 28 OR, 26 DR, 3 A, 16 S, 46 Pts.

Turnovers – Wayne Trace 30, Edon 36.

Junior Varsity Score -Wayne Trace 33, Edon 20.

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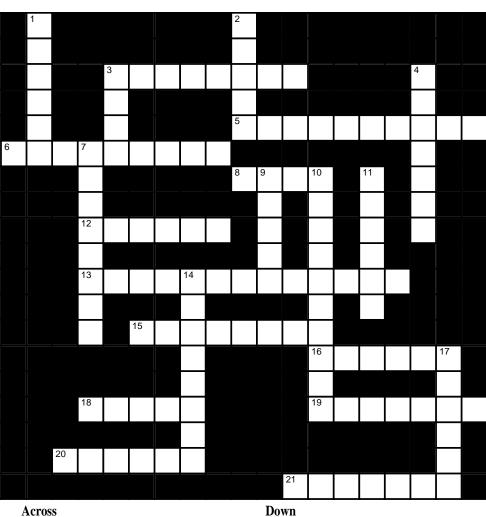
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- **6.** A little town . . .
- **8.** "Let it ----, Let it ----, Let it ----"!
- **12.** What kind of bells are these?
- **13.** This is all I want for Christmas
- **15.** "Oh, Come All Ye?"
- 16. Hark, The Herald WHAT sing?
- 18. "I'm dreaming of a WHAT KIND OF Christmas?
- 20. Jesus was away in THIS.
- **21.** This reindeer has a bright red nose.

- 1. This is how many days of Christmas there are.
- **2.** These are jingling.
- **3.** This was the First.
- **4.** She lives over the river and through the
- **9.** A Silent WHAT?
- **11.** He was a snowman. This was his name.
- **14.** What ran over Grandma?

- 7. Up on THIS, reindeer paw.
- **10.** We were walking in a "Winter WHAT"?

- **19.** This ----- boy played for the baby Jesus. **17.** Let's take a ride in a one-horse open WHAT?

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It's the most wonderful time of the year, and Antwerp students are helping to make the season brighter for many needy residents of Paulding County by participating in the Christmas for Kids drive. All are encouraged to bring items such as non-perishable food items, new toys or games, soap, toilet paper and other paper products, personal hygiene products, size 2, 3, and 4 diapers, and non-aerosol cleaning supplies to place in the donation bins located in the Rotunda. In the elementary, the class that generates the most donations per student will receive the choice of having either an ice cream party or a pizza party sponsored by Kammeyer's IGA. Meanwhile, teachers in the junior high and high school will serenade their students with Christmas carols on the morning of the last day of school before break, provided that at least 1200 items are contributed to the cause. As we know from last year, this is a sight to be seen. With everyone's help, we can make this one holly, jolly Christmas for all!

If you're looking for some quality family time, the PTO has just the thing organized for you. Elementary students and their families are invited to make a pit stop at the Auditeria this Thursday at 6:30 p.m. for a Family Fun Night where there will be a viewing of the movie Cars. The 8th grade class will be selling concessions as a fundraiser for their trip to Washington, DC, including walking tacos, hotdogs, and pop. Ladies and gentlemen, start your engines, warm up the car, and bring the family in for a fun evening.

JH Girls Basketball: Monday, December 4th, 4:30, @ Paulding; Tuesday, December 5th, 4:30, @ Edgerton.

Varsity Girls Basketball: Thursday, November 30th, 6:00, @ Fayette; Tuesday, December 5th, 6:00, Edon

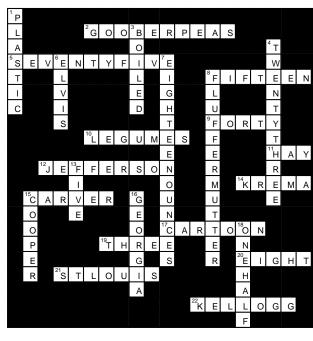
Word of the Week: Magnanimous nan-uh-muhs\ adjective

- 1. Noble and generous in

2. Tolerant; forgiving Example: "The magnanimous attitudes of Antwerp students will propel the total of donated items to the Christmas for Kids project exceeding the intended goal."

Archers, let's let our magnanimity shine through and make this a wonderful Christmas for the entire county. Happy giving!

Last Week's answers to "Peanut Butter Lover"





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Fifth District Congressman Paul Gillmor (R-Tiffin) is reminding senior citizens about their options for Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage for 2007. The open enrollment period for seniors to begin or change their coverage started on November 15th and continues through December 31st for coverage beginning on January 1, 2007. Enrolling by December 8, 2006, will ensure coverage is available without delay on January 1, 2007. Gillmor says that if seniors are satisfied with their plan and its drug coverage there is no need to switch but if they are looking for other

options, now is the time. "When Congress created the Medicare Prescription Drug Program in 2003, we created it with flexibility in mind. Now is the time for seniors to review their coverage and take advantage of their right to switch insurers," Gillmor said. "As a result of the Medicare Program, more than 80 percent of the senior citizens in the Fifth District now have prescription drug coverage. Over the past year, I have heard from many satisfied seniors who are happy with their prescription drug plans and the coverage they receive. If you are satisfied with your coverage, you may

not need to change plans but if you feel your coverage is lacking, it may be worth your time to look at your options," Gillmor said.

Gillmor says that the competition and flexibility built into the program by Congress has resulted in no increase in the average monthly premium for 2007, a 13 percent increase in the drugs covered by most plans, and at least one plan in every state which covers all prescription drugs during the "doughnut hole." On average, seniors are saving more than \$1,200 annually on their drug costs as a result of the Medicare Prescription Drug program.

On Medicare's website, the agency has added new consumer tools which focus on the satisfaction and performance of the individual drug plans including ratings in the areas of customer service, complaints, appeals and information sharing with pharmacists. Congressman Gillmor recommends any senior interested in reviewing the plans use any of the government resources available to them including:

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SUPPORTING YOUR IM-MUNE SYSTEM: SIX SIM-PLE LIFESTYLE CHANGES

By Paula Nuest RN

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Here are six lifestyle changes that can strengthen and maintain your immune

Get sufficient restorative sleep - Science is showing that undisturbed sleep encourages efficient cell repair and allows the mind and body to rejuvenate. Adequate sleep enhances the immune system and healthy immune system enhances sleep.

Drink plenty of pure water everyday - Your body should be well-hydrated for the lymphatic system to work correctly. The lymph system which includes the spleen and lymph glands is one of the most important immune system components we have. Its function is to filter and destroy foreign substances. Experts suggest drinking half of your body weight in ounces of water. For example: 150 pound person would ideally drink 75 ounces in water

Exercise regularly - Science is suggesting that even 30 minutes of exercise per day gives a temporary boost to the production of bacteria-attacking cells. Regular exercise supports the immune system as well as helps overall mood and perception of well-being.

Eat plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables - Antioxidants compounds can work against disease causing agents known as free radicals. Over time, the free radicals attacks can overwhelm system and contribute to host of chronic diseases including cancer and heart disease. Consider adding organic or truly vineripened fruits or vegetables versus green harvested and chemically ripened ones. Phytonutrients (dense nutrients from vine-ripened whole food sources) are good sources of nutrient supplementa-

Healthy sugars - Add glyconutrients to your diet. Research from John Hopkins showed that saccharides found in glyconutrients appeared to prevent children's common colds. Vanderbilt University study published in Immunopharmacology and Immunotoxicology showed that the number of killer Tcells increased when exposed to glyconutrients and ability to destroy an invader soared. Killer T-cells play a large role in the immune system response. Research into this field of glycobiology and the impact of glyconutrients is exploding.

Laugh more - Laughter triggers the release of endorphins, the body's nature painkillers, as well as increases immune function by stimulating infection-fighting T- cells and B-cells which produce disease destroying antibodies according to Loma Linda University

BOYS BASKETBALL PRE-VIEW AT WAYNE TRACE HIGH SCHOOL

Wayne Trace will be hosting an eight-team boys basketball preview on Saturday, November 25. Eight teams will play two quarters each during the evening.

The schedule for the evening is as follows:

6:30 - Fairview vs. Celina 7:10 - Fort Jennings vs. Paulding

7:50 - Crestview vs. Bryan 8:30 - Delphos Jefferson vs. Wayne Trace

WAYNE TRACE/LINCOLN-**VIEW BOYS BASKETBALL GAME RESCHEDULED**

Due to the Ohio State football participating in the national championship game, the boys' varsity game between Wayne Trace and Lincolnview has been rescheduled for Saturday, February 17, at 6:30 p.m. The game will still be played at Wayne Trace High School.

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There will be a wide variety of items including good used clothing, household items, some new toys.

All are welcome to attend. All items have been donated to share with someone who might be in need this holiday

We want to share God's love with all. So if you're in need this year, stop by and pick-up some items.

PAULDING COUNTY COM-**MISSIONERS**

The Paulding County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, November 15 and Monday, November 20, 2006. Tony Langham provided

the monthly update on economic development at the November 15th meeting. Langham reported on The Colony, a planned residential development south of the new school site. The land has been annexed to the Village of Antwerp and plans for the streets, curbs, sidewalks, utilities and lots have been prepared. The Paulding County Economic Development office has been working with the development company and the village to arrange for a portion of the financing of the infrastructure for the new housing

On Tuesday, November 14 the Commissioners attended the annual meeting of the Paulding County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD.) The SWCD is an independent agency that advises and assists the agricultural community and other landowners. The Commissioners were presented with copies of the Soil Survey of Paulding County. Copies of the survey document are available at the SWCD office.

PAGE 7 – WEST BEND NEWS – NOVEMBER 29, 2006 At the meeting the SWCD Board honored Bill Hanenkratt for his stewardship of natural resources.

Marty Harmon, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, attended the monthly meeting of the Area Office On Aging in Toledo on Thursday night. Harmon represents Paulding County on this regional board that covers the northwest area of the state.

On Friday, Commissioner Ron Lane attended his last regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) in Columbus. Lane has represented Paulding County as a member of the CCAO Board of Directors for seven terms.

Jane Gray, Superintendent of the Paulding County MRDD Board, attended the Monday meeting to provide her regular update on program activities. Gray reported on the successful installation of new electrical service lines by AEP. The existing lines were routed over the PC Workshop building and the replacement lines avoid placement over the

At noon on Monday Commissioner Marty Harmon attended the Steering Committee meeting of the Paulding County Senior



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ANTWERP HISTORY "THE STINGER SCHOOL – 1908"



By: Stan Jordan

The biggest share of the names and news about that 1908 picture of the Stinger School pupils and the photo were loaned to me by Barbara Reeb Cleland of Hicksville. We will have more about her after we list the names of the children.

First Row – L-R: Fordyce Kauffman, Herman Reeb, Carrie Zuber, Eva Reeb, Margurite Zuber, Helen Dunderman, Ola & Nola Mangestwins, Lera Peffley, Vera Ruppert, Thelma Wallace, Garrett Zuber.

Middle Row - L-R: Fred Dunderman, Joe Cook, Francis Cook, Laverne Reeb, Gol-

da Manges, Helen Schultz, Irene Reeb, Clara Johnson, Mae Perkins.

Back Row - L-R: Teacher-Margarite Peffly Camp, Clyde Manges, Irene Wallace, Beaulah Peffley, Ruth Wallace, Gay Reeb, Una Parrott, Minnie Peffley, Jenny Zuber, Eva Perkins, Harry Reeb, Ray Zuber, Eugene Wallace.

The first on the left in the back row is the teacher, Margarite Peffly Camp. She was the sister of Laverne Peffley Reeb and married to Perry Camp, an aunt of Barbara Clyde Manges. Laverne was raised by Harve and Fannie Manges, he was not their son.

Irene Wallace married

Jerry Culler and had five children, Norman, Eileen, Evelyn, Helen and Paul Culler.

Beaulah Peffly, she was the daughter of Fred and Jennie Peffly, sister of Garner Peffly and a cousin of Laverne Reeb.

Ruth Wallace, there were three girls and a boy in this school at that time. Ruth, Irene, Thelma and Eugene. I think they lived west on 204 where Frannie Coughlin lives now. Gay Reeb, was the daughter of Ed and Nora Reeb and she later married a man named Babcoke and I think he worked on the Ft. Wayne Police Department.

Una Parrott later married Ed Richardson and she lived to be well up in her 90's.

Minnie Peffly, she was the daughter of Fred and Jenny Peffly. Garner was one of these children. I think they lived on 204. Fred was Tim's great-grandfather.

Fordyce Kauffman: I think he was related to Bert Kauffman (Rhuehama came later).

Herman Reeb: he was the son of Ed and Nora Reeb. Herman Reeb was nicknamed Budd and he had one daughter, Mrs. Maxine Quisno.

Carrie Zuber

Eva Reeb: daughter of Ed and Nora Reeb, older sister to Budd Reeb. I think she married Dick Seslar had children named Gilbert, Noretta, Robert, Dorothy and Betty.

Margurite Zuber, later on she married Verlin Armstrong and had a fine family. Fact is, one of her grandsons became the mayor of Defi-

Ola and Nola Manges, those twin girls in the front row were born in 1902. Ola married Thurman Powell, they had one daughter, Pauline, and have been married 62 years.

Nola married the other Powell boy named Weldon. They had two daughters, Eileen and Eula. Eileen married Marion Charles 'Pete' Donat. Eula married school classmate, John Howard. Johnny is gone now and Eula lives in Fort Wayne.

At that time, Ed and Nora Reeb lived on North SR 49 on the east side, where people used to call the Jailor Place. It was a brick house with a barn. They had a number of children: Gay, Delta, Eva, Irene, Herman, Willie, Wendell, Wilbur, Anadell and Eddie. There was another house just a little ways north of the Reeb's and the last to live there was Andy Lucas.

Len Zuber's family lived west on 204, the third house on the right. But at that time it sat more to the north a little back off the road. They had a large family and most of them attended Stinger's School. Two of the girls, Carrie and Margurite both married Armstrong boys. Mary married Ed Meyers (Virgil's dad). Anna Mae married Millard Snyder. The Zuber boys were Frank (lives in Payne), Garrett, Ray and Lavon.

Helen and Fred Dunderman were children of George Dunderman and they lived

on West 220 where Billy Joe Hicks lives now. That was almost a two mile walk each way to school.

Ruth Wallace and Eugene Wallace lived right close on 204. They had two sisters. Irene Wallace married Jerry Culler and Thelma Wallace married Harry Culler. They both lived to be well up in their 90's.

Fred and Jenny Peffly lived east on 204 down by the corner of CR 43 and 204. Later on Charlie Shuherk lived there. They had Beaulah, Minnie and Lera.

Vera Ruppert was the daughter of Oscar and Rebeccah Ruppert. Later on she married Harry Terrill and had three boys and two girls. Helen Schultz was the

daughter of Mag Schultz and her husband, Albert. There was a Mae Perkins

that I couldn't find anything

Eva Perrins, she married Paul Reeb (class of 1920) and they were in the funeral busi-

ness in Sylvania. There was a Joe and a Francis Cook and Clara Johnson that I couldn't find anyone who remembered them.

Goldie Manges married Virgil Taylor and they had Raymond, Dorthy and Robert. Mr. Taylor died at a young age. Goldie then married Harry Rogers and they had Alice and Johnny.

Harry Reeb was the son of Henry and Harriet Reeb and they lived across from Larry Dunderman long before Albert and Clara Trembly lived there (Mr. Parker lives there now). Clara was also Hen Reeb's daughter.

Laverne Peffly was the daughter of George and Hannah (Reeb) Peffly. Harry

PH: 419-258-2000 • FAX: 419-258-1313 • westbend@verizon.net Reeb and Laverne Peffly were sweethearts all during the school years and they were married in October of 1915. As I remember, Harry Reeb worked at the East Elevator before WWII. They lived out south on Erie Street (49). They had two children, Wilma and Barbara. Wilma married Burl Mumy. I can sure remember him because he was a pitcher for the Antwerp Braves back in the 20's and 30's. He was tall and lean and had long arms and it looked like it was coming from second base. He was a fireballer. They lived for years over in the Sherwood-Mark Center area. They both lived well into the 80's.

Barbara Reeb was born in 1929 and graduated in 1947. She married Robert Cleland on December 31, 1949 and they settled down in Hicksville.

When WWII started, Harry went up to the Casad Depot and was Fire Chief there as well as in Antwerp. At the Casad he spent many 24 hour days because of some emergency. Harry died in 1947. Antwerp lost a true booster.

Laverne moved over behind the school in a new house in 1951, the other house was too big. She passed away

I owe 97.1% of this story to Barbara Reeb Cleland. She loaned me the picture and the names of the people that she could. I am really thankful for all the help. She gave me more news than I could use.

Barb had three children and she and her husband Robert live in Hicksville.

Barb, again I say thanks and the best of everything to you and yours.

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It is the false shame of fools to try to conceal wounds that have not healed.

by: Angel Steiner

"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, everywhere you go . . ." Well, at least in the village of Antwerp it is. Saturday, November 25 saw the opening of the festive Christmas season come in with mistletoe and strings of lights as the Village of Antwerp celebrated with their first ever Parade of Lights. This venture was new to the village and all that did participate did an excellent job representing the spirit of the holiday sea-

The Antwerp fire department opened the parade with a gale of sirens to let everyone know they were coming. Next came the Mayor of Antwerp, Margaret Womack. Then float after float went by, each with its own uniqueness to

represent Christmas. From glow in the dark necklaces to Christmas trees and fireplaces nothing was lacking in this parade. A bicycle was even lit up with lights as it rode down the lane.

Children as well as adults couldn't help but to well up with giddiness as they saw Mr. And Mrs. Claus drive by on their . . . golf cart? One of my children asked me as they went by, "Momma, where is Santa's sleigh?" I quickly thought of a believable answer, as a good parent always does, "Well, that is what Santa drives when there isn't any snow on the ground. You see, his sleigh would make sparks all over the road and scare all the children away from the parade." Phew!! It satisfied.

With all the floats past, everyone trekked down to

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chocolate and donuts for

To the village of Antwerp and the Chamber of Commerce, "Hallelujah!" you brought the season in with a bang and the spirit of Christmas is shining this year brightly.

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Don't Provide A Warm Welcome To Pests This Winter

(NAPSA)—As the weather cools, you and your family may not be the only ones seeking warmth and shelter under your roof. When fall and winter arrive, pests—much like people—look for a cozy place indoors to settle down until spring.

According to the experts at Orkin, Inc., fall is the time homeowners should think about pestproofing their homes to prevent these unwanted guests from moving in during the cold winter

For example, many species of rodents venture indoors during cold weather and may continue to dwell in your home even after temperatures warm up. "Most homeowners don't realize that pests are a problem until it's too late," says Orkin, Inc. entomolo-gist Ron Harrison, Ph.D. "Many pests, such as rodents, pose health threats to your family, as they can spread disease and contaminate food. The best way to keep pests from surprising you in the winter is to prevent their entry in the

Several insect species are interested in staying in your comfortable home during the chilly months. Smoky brown cockroaches can sense a temperature decrease of only five degrees and will want to head indoors. Many other insects, such as wasps, lady-bug beetles, box elder bugs and cluster flies, can be found around plants and shrubs in your front yard during the summer. As the weather turns cooler, they'll look for warmer spots to spend the winter, so be careful not to make entry too easy.



Fall is the time homeowners should think about pest-proofing

To keep pests from nesting in your home over the winter, try the following tips this fall:

- Tightly seal all entry points such as cracks in siding, faulty screens on doors and windows and gaps around pipes. Mice can squeeze through holes the size of a dime, and rats can enter holes the size of a quarter.
- Keep vegetation at least two feet away from the house, as it can serve as a highway for pests
- Inspect firewood. Some ant and roach species are carried indoors on infested firewood, so store it on a raised platform away from the house. Only bring fire wood inside your home that you plan to use immediately.
- Keep mulch several feet from your home because insects are attracted to the moisture it holds.

However, if pests show up this winter, it's best to trust an experienced professional to determine the best way to control the infestation. For more information, visit www.orkin.com or call (800) 800-ORKIN.

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HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTIONS

WAYNE TRACE HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL

The new members of the Wayne Trace NHS wait to receive their NHS pins and membership

of the National Honor Society

recently held new inductions,

Wednesday, November 22, in

the junior high gymnasium.

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student must also maintain

a 3.5 GPA or higher. The fol-

lowing are new inductees: Se-

The Wayne Trace Chapter

PH: 419-258-2000 • FAX: 419-258-1313 • westbend@verizon.net Pumpkin Pie Is Even More Pleasing When You Add Corn Syrup

(NAPSA)—If pumpkin pie is an important part of your holiday meals, then you may be interested in ways to make this perennial favorite even better.

With the right ingredients, you can achieve a richer, deeper flavor for the filling and serve your guests their own personal single

Pumpkin pie perfection requires striking a delicate balance between sweetness and spice. The unique flavor combination of sweet pureed pumpkin, cinnamon, ginger and cloves can be overpowered by too much sugar.

To complement the pumpkin and spices and help achieve a deeper, more complex taste, use a combination of corn syrup and sugar to add sweetness to your pumpkin pie. Dark corn syrup was an essential ingredient in homemade pumpkin pies 60, 80 and 100 years ago and remains an excellent ingredient choice.

This new, improved recipe, Individual Classic Karo Pumpkin Pies, has a smooth but dense, and not overly-fluffy texture. It may well become your new pie tradition.

After the main course, anyone for whom portion-control is paramount will appreciate this recipe for single-serve "pumpkin pie-lets."
Try flavoring real whipped

cream with any of the following: vanilla, finely chopped crystal-lized ginger, cinnamon and freshly-grated nutmeg or ground cardamom and cinnamon to serve along the pies.

For more delicious recipes, including Frozen Pumpkin Cream Pie, Pumpkin Cheese-Swirled Pie, Pumpkin Pecan Pie and the Classic Pumpkin Pie, visit www.karosyrup.com.



The addition of dark corn syrup makes these mini pumpkin pies more flavorful than other pumpkin pies.

Individual Classic Karo

Pumpkin Pies
Prep time: 25 minutes Bake time: 1 hour Chill time: 2 hours Makes 6 servings

- ½ cup sugar
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon ½ teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- ½ cup Karo Dark Corn Syrup 1 can (15 ounces) pumpkin 1 can (12 fluid ounces)

evaporated milk Pastry for double crust pie

Preheat oven to 350° F. Mix sugar, salt and spices in bowl. Add eggs and beat slightly. Add remaining ingredients: blend well.

Roll pastry on a lightly floured surface.

Cut six circles of pastry about 6 to 12 inches in diameter. Note: if using a purchased refrigerated pie crust, roll each crust into an oval, about 16 x 13 inches. Cut 3 circles from each oval. Place each pastry circle in a 10-ounce custard cup. Fold top edge of pastry towards the inside; flute or crimp edges by press-ing pastry against cup at even intervals.

Place an equal amount of pumpkin filling (about % cup) into each prepared crust.

Bake 50 to 60 minutes or until knife inserted in pie center comes out clean. Allow pies to cool a minimum of two hours before serving.



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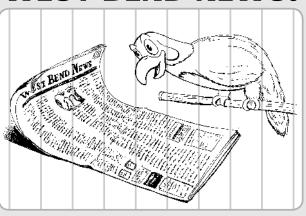
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By: Sue Knapp

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Jeanene and her husband are the parents of three children: Aimey, Michael and Kandise, and one grandson,

Interest in photography has been in the family for many years. Her grandfather sent back pictures while overseas in WWII and his son (her Uncle) sent back pictures from Viet Nam. The legacy continues with Jeanene and her children.

Jeanene's interest in photography started when she was a little girl. When she got has been planning her own

studio for years. She picked the name Phreeze Phrame because you can freeze time with photography.

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MASONS CELEBRATE 59TH THANKSGIVING BREAKFAST

all over the Tri-State area

attended the 59th Annual

Over 100 Masons from

Thanksgiving Master Mason Breakfast. The fog did not deter everyone from enjoying the morning. Those from Hicksville Lodge that were there bright and early Thursday morning included WM Walter Schilb, Ron Farnsworth, Jim Kline, Tim Betts, Bill Metz, Gerry Shidler, Scott Ruppert, Dick Savage, Norm Byers, Charles Carey, Lee Kallsen, Jim Wonderly, Wm. Kenny Wonderly, Scott Wonderly, Calvin Worden, Guy Boylan, Dick Altman, Brent Savage, Randy Brooks Sr., Stan Jordan, Mark Savage, John Gordon, Wayne Carr, George Underwood, Ryan Metz, Curtis Metz, Dave Metz, Lowell Applegate, Robert Stotler Sr., Doyle Johnson, Russell St. John, Darren Brown, Terry Ayers, Robert Stotler Jr., Rick Evans, Richard Evans Sr., Derrill Kline, Tom Culler, Dean Phillips, Greg Headley, Dick Wann, Bob Volkert, Jan Perry and Bruce Guilford. These members totaled 44 and guest added up to 64 for a total of 108.

There were many dignitaries in attendance starting with Most Worshipful Brother James Olmstead from Phoenix Lodge 123. MWB Jim was Grand Master in 1995. The current Senior Grand Warden Charles Murphy was also in attendance. Charles is in line to be Grand Master of Ohio in a couple years. Two Past Potentates from Mizpah Shrine, Duane Targgart and Thomas King came from In-

Besides Hicksville Lodge being represented, there were members from Fulton 248, Phoenix 123, Sherwood 620, Northern Light 40, Robinson Locke 659, Genoa 433, Leo IN 224, Wauseon 349, Barton Smith 613, Butler IN 239, Charles Fleming represented Arthur 825 Il, Bryan 215, Warren ME 2, Mt. Vernon MI 166, Edon 474, Napoleon 256, Columbia City IN 189, Dekalb IN, 214, Oliver H. Perry 341, Three Rivers IN 733, Swanton 555, Highland IN 762, and Concord IN, 556.

Curtis Metz became the newest member. George Rosendaul gave another stirring Bible presentation. WB Jim Kline delivered the charge and RWB Trent Dominique presented Walter Joe Ross his 60-year pin, Fred Shaffer a 50-year pin, Doyle Johnson 50-year Scottish Rite pin, and Guy Boylan a 25year pin. The Senior Grand Warden of Ohio, Charles Murphy, administered grand honors to these individuals. Get-well cards were sent to Gene Stauffer, Dick Schilb, Dick Gordon, Kenny Wittig, and Estel Cottrel. A sympathy card was signed and sent to BRO George Walter in the passing of his wife Kate. Birthday cards were sent to Fred Leavell, Larry McCurdy, John Olsson Jr., Bill Elwood, Gale Grenz, Derrill Kline, Jay Volkert, and Bob Winslow.

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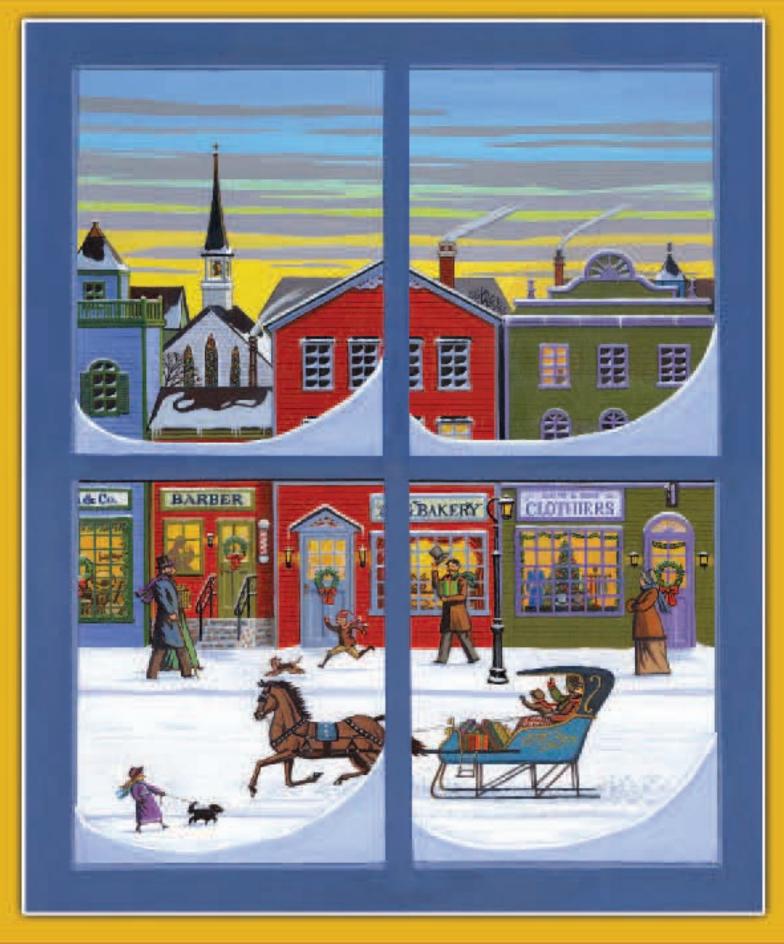
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