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LOCAL YOUNG LADY COMPETES FOR THE MISS JR. TEEN TOLEDO TITLE



ity and interviewing skills while interviewing with this year's Toledo judging panel. Personality is the number one aspect that each contestant is judged on during all phases of competition.

If Chelsy were to win the title of Miss Jr. Teen Toledo, she would represent Toledo and the surrounding communities at the Cities Of America National Competition that will take place in Orlando, Florida. Over \$60,000 in prizes and awards will be presented at the National Competition while each winner enjoys this expense paid trip of five nights and six days in Orlando, Florida.

There is no cost to Chelsy for participating in the pageant competition. Community businesses, organizations, and private individuals will assist Chelsy in participating in this year's competition by becoming an official sponsor to her. Through sponsorship, each contestant receives all the necessary training, rehearsals, and financial support which will allow Chelsy to become a very confident and well-prepared contestant in this year's Toledo Pageant.

Any business, organization, or private individual who may be interested in becoming a sponsor to Chelsy may contact her pageant coordinator, Anna Klejnoski at 1-800-569-2487.

Chelsy Nicole Shuherk of Paulding was recently selected to participate in Nationals' 2006 Miss Jr. Teen Toledo pageant competition that will take place on December 10, 2006. Chelsy learned of her acceptance into this year's competition as Nationals, Inc. announced their selections recently. Chelsy submitted an application and took part in an interview session that was conducted by Anna Klejnoski, this year's Toledo Pageant Coordinator.

Chelsy will be competing, for her share of over \$20,000.00 in prizes and specialty gifts that will be distributed to contestants. Chelsy will be competing in the Miss Jr. Teen division, one of three divisions that will have young ladies between the ages of 10 and 19 competing in modeling routines which include casual wear and formal wear. Most important, Chelsy will display her personal-

REP. GILLMOR'S BLOG BRINGS GOVERNMENT TO THE PEOPLE

Congressman Paul Gillmor (R-Tiffin) announced a new feature for constituents to follow the work of the federal government. Gillmor unveiled his official weblog (blog), www.GillmorBlog.com, to the public this week.

Rep. Gillmor's blog is a type of online journal which provides commentary on the issues of the day as well as photographs and videos. Congressman Gillmor is one of only a handful of Members of Congress using blogs to communicate with their constituents and the only Ohioan using an official blog to outline the work of Congress.

"Blogs are certainly new to me. But I enjoy the chance to post stories and articles about the issues which matter to the district," Gillmor said. "My blog also enables people to search for statements and comments about the issues that concern them. Technology has come so far over the years and I want to ensure that each person in the district has every means possible to communicate with me and stay informed about the government," Gillmor said.

Through Gillmor's blog, visitors will find postings by the Congressman and members of his staff about meetings in the district, hearings

in Congress and articles about major issues. Rep. Gillmor even has a section of the blog devoted to "Hard Questions" where he debunks common myths about the government such as why don't Members of Congress pay into Social Security. They do of course.

"The blog is a good compliment to the outreach my office does every year. As I have throughout my career, I will continue to stay in touch with the views of the district through my regular public meetings, plant tours, and by speaking with organizations across the Fifth District," Gillmor said. "My new blog is just another way to reach out to the district for your thoughts and advice just like I have every year with my annual questionnaire, monthly e-mails to more than 60,000 constituents, and my new telephone town meetings," Gillmor said.

"Politics is about people and I love talking directly with the district. If you don't like speaking with people and telling them your views or how you plan to vote, you probably shouldn't be in politics," Gillmor said.

You can reach Rep. Gillmor's blog through his website at www.house.gov/gillmor or directly at www.GillmorBlog.com.

ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS VISIT COOPER FARMS



Shown here from the left are: Sidney Kohart, Julia McMaster, Mr. Wehrkamp and Jordan Mudel. These children are in the 4's and young 5's program with Mrs. Chris Adams and Mrs. Ann Miller.

Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschoolers were recently visited by Mr. Terry Wehrkamp from Cooper Farms.

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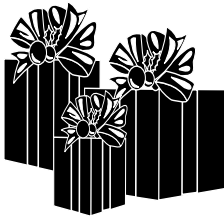
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Dec. 15, 16, 17 - FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS
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R. Helen Bissell, 83, of Payne, died November 30 at Dallas Lamb Foundation Home, Payne.

She was born on July 5, 1923, in Emerald Township, Paulding County, OH, the daughter of Elmer and Stella (Keck) Devers. On December 30, 1944, she married Warren H. Bissell Sr., who preceded her in death on October 27, 2001. She was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church, Payne. She was co-owner/operator of the former City Market of Payne, Ohio for 35 years, retiring in 1985.

She is survived by a son, Warren H. (Diane) Bissell Jr. of Payne; two daughters: Shelly (Patrick) Brady of Payne and Sally Bissell of Liberty Center, OH; three brothers: Herbert Devers of Port Charlotte, FL, Richard Devers of South Carolina, and Glen Devers of Piqua, OH; four sisters: Irene Bashore of Paulding, Dean Wilson of St. Petersburg, FL, Edith Grimes of Defiance, and Peg Brown of Anacortes, WA; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; five brothers, Ronald "Roy", Paul "Ray", Charles, James "Pete", and Robert Devers; and two sisters, Ruby Zartman and infant sister, Donna Lillian Devers.

Funeral services were December 4, at St. Paul United Methodist Church, Payne, Ohio and Rev. Amy Haines officiated. Burial was in Lehman Cemetery, Payne.

Donations may be made to St. Paul United Methodist Church or Dallas Lamb Foundation Home Activity Fund.

Arrangements were provided by Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding.

Inez Genevieve "Ginny" Kaiser, 80, of Defiance, died December 3 at Harborside Healthcare, Defiance. She was born on March 16, 1926 in Willgus, Ohio, the daughter of Alva and Ina (Cron) Dement. They have both passed away. On July 3, 1948, she married Herman Kaiser, who passed away on July 28, 1998.

She worked for Campbell Soup Co. and North Towne Mall.

Surviving are two sons: Micheal (Debbie Rhees) Kaiser and Donald Kaiser; one daughter, Barbara (James) Good; ten grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and brother, Alva Dement, Jr.

She was preceded in death by a son, Chuck Kaiser; a great-grandson; three brothers; and four sisters.

Funeral services are on December 6 at 12:00 p.m. at Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Oakwood. Pastor Stan Harmon will be officiating. Burial will be in Prairie Chapel Cemetery, Oakwood. Visitation was December 5, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. and December 6, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice. Condolences may be sent to www.heimeyerfuneral-home.com

COOKIE WALK AT PAULDING UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Paulding United Methodist Church will be hosting its annual Cookie Walk on Friday, December 8, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. in the church fellowship hall (basement). The Cookie Walk will feature many different decorated Christmas cookies as well as traditional cookies and other specialty snacks. An elevator is available at the church for those who prefer that to stairs.

LIVING LIKE CHRIST

By: **Pastor Jeff Shadowen, Woodwood Fellowship, Westburn**

This is my final column in this series ... I promise! I have enjoyed reviewing the spiritual disciplines. However, the important thing is not simply to know about the disciplines but rather to practice them consistently.

Last week's column as well as this week's are written with that goal in mind.

Last week I shared with you my core list of four spiritual disciplines: (1) prayer - listening conversation with God, (2) study of God's Word in those six levels, (3) confession of sin - sins of commission as well as sins of omission, (4) simplicity - keeping life simple with Christ as the "main thing".

The question for this week is the following - how can you tie the remaining disciplines to these four? And once again, this plan is mine. You may be able to do much better!

My first group have everything to do with my expression of my relationship with God. These three are worship, celebration, and silence. Many people consider the first two to be "corporate disciplines" or group disciplines. I don't disagree with that assessment, but I also feel that I need to practice individually what I need to be doing in the larger body of Christ.

The next two are polar opposites. One has everything to do with "the body of Christ"; the other has nothing to do with it. These two disciplines are fellowship and solitude. The question here is the following—am I receiving maximum benefit in both of these areas? Many people merely shuffle through their "church experience" and stumble through their opportunities for meaningful silence.

The next group of three are all disciplines of abstinence: frugality, fasting, and self-control. The thing to remember here is the "target" for each discipline - money and materialism, food, and "the flesh".

The final six all come out of the disciple of service (#1), and all begin with the letter "s" except one - service, secrecy, humility, sacrifice, surrender, and submission. Surrender speaks of giving our "most precious" to the One who gave so much for us. Submission is ordering my life in such a way as to make Christ Lord. Hopefully you will have a mental "handle" on those first four. Also, notice with submission that we have traveled "full circle" back to simplicity.

Do you have to follow my "system of disciplines". Heavens no! Do you need the disciplines to make your walk with Christ all that it should be? I believe that you do. That is why I have taken so much time to share them with you. What do you think? Try them before you decide.

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GIVING THANKS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Thanksgiving has come and gone, and our family gave thanks for many things we were blessed with this year. It also was a time of sadness, marking the first holiday we observed without the presence of a beloved wife and mother, Dora Bradbury, who went home to be with her Savior on October 31st.

One of the most important reasons we were thankful was the kindness and compassion shown to Mom by members of our community. There were people who called, sent cards, or brought food and visited. The funeral preparations went smoothly thanks to the kind-hearted Dooley family. Our pastor, Jim Edwards, was a constant comfort during such a difficult time for us. We thank them all.

As a family, we truly appreciated Dr. Gray, who went out of his way, according to today's clinical standards of medical care. How many doctors still make house calls? Dr. Gray did. What was his favorite form of payment? A hug and kiss at the end of an office visit. But the truly most touching act he showed Mom was the last visit he made to the house, when he asked Dad for a bowl of warm water and a washcloth. Dr. Gray then proceeded to wash Mom's feet, preparing her for the journey home. This humble, Christian act meant so much, and spoke volumes of the kind doctor our community is lucky to have.

So, as we prepare for yet another holiday in a few short weeks, let's remember what we can all be thankful for. I am not talking about material goods, or how successful we are in the secular world. If we can emulate the goodness shown to us by the Dooleys, Pastor Edwards, and especially Dr. Gray, I would consider that a reason to give many thanks.

—Wilbert Bradbury,
The family of Scott Bradbury,
Selena & Chuck Snider & family,
Darren Bradbury & family,
Shelton & Sandi Bradbury & family

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF 12/6 THROUGH 12/12

12/7: Antwerp at Kalida
12/12: Antwerp at North Central; Paulding at Wayne Trace; Stryker at Hicksville

PAULDING CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE'S UPCOMING CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

The Paulding Church of the Nazarene welcomes you to join them for these upcoming Christmas programs: Teen Program, December 10, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.; Children's program, December 17, 2006 at 10:30 a.m.; Choir Cantata, December 17, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.; and Christmas Eve Service, December 24, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

A CHRISTMAS CANTATA PRESENTED AT ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A Christmas Cantata entitled "He Is The Light of the World" will be presented Sunday, December 10, at 7:00 p.m. by people of our local choirs and directed by Dave Snyder.

It will be held at St. Paul's United Methodist Church of Payne. The church is located at the corner of 49 (Main Street) and 613 (Townline Street) in Payne, adjacent to St. John's Catholic Church. The Cantata is free, and open to the public. It is a great way to celebrate our Christmas Season for the whole family.

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Donations will be accepted on Tuesday, December 5th from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., and from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. and on Thursday, Dec. 7 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. and 5:00-8:00 p.m. Clean, used clothing, kitchen utensils, and toys will be accepted, and new items



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NEW HEIGHTS EDUCATIONAL GROUP

By: Pamela Clark

For the past four years I was the volunteer parent leader for a Ohio charter school for NW Ohio. I have since left the charter school and shut down the group I ran for them and started one of my own. This group is not just for charter school families but also for anyone with children. Home schooled, charter, or public school families are all welcome. I decided to make a group available to all families because I discovered that families of all backgrounds need help educating their children. I felt that it wasn't fair to just offer it to one type of people when education is suppose to be for everyone. I was also a home school mother before going into the original charter school I was with.

Homeschoolers in general are hardworking-dedicated parents that honestly want to do what's best for their children. Unfortunately lines are drawn between homeschoolers and charter school families even though both kinds of school are based in a home environment. Charter schools are considered public schools but aren't treated as such by public schools. They are shunned from homeschoolers and public schools. Charter schools though will be our future because they offer the best of both worlds. They let you have your children at home and they supply teachers, computers, copiers, books and other teaching tools with no cost to the families. Also they are more supportive with helping families with IEP and special needs children then the public schools are.

New Heights supplies many resources and options to children with all disabilities. We give them a safe environment to be themselves without criticism from others. Charter schools are also more open to sharing all aspects of education with children and parents and willing to learn themselves. Public schools haven't been willing to do this for many

years now. There are too many restrictions for public school teachers to be able to help the children that really need it. Public schools aren't willing to bend very much to help every family and unfortunately the children are the one's that pay the price.

To me a teacher is someone who sets out to find each child's gift and what they want to become and helps them to achieve it without putting their own opinions in the way of the child's dreams. Only with this attitude, and educating all children in this way can our world truly change. We often say that the children are our futures, but seldom make sure that the children have resources or self-confidence to truly become equipped to be the leaders of the future.

New Heights is a network of home schooling, charter, and public school families in the Northwest Ohio area to help each other achieve the supports and friendships necessary to educate their children at home or in any way they feel is best.

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- R = Resources
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- C = Communication
- E = Events
- S = Socialization
- S = Support

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Leader, Civic Theatre production and VPW Workshop Coordinator: Pamela Clark of Paulding.

New Heights name was from Pat Carr of Wauseon. She is also our Scholastic, Pizza Hut Book it Program and Sterling Milk Cap Coordinator and newsletter author.

Maggie Spangler of Holgate is our Treasurer and Box Tops Coordinator.

Floanne Hart of Paulding—Campbell's Labels coordinator.

Amber Cooper of Paulding—Art Coordinator, and John Paulding's Day Parade Coordinator.

Monica Sanchez—Recognition Night Coordinator.

Lisa Collins of Oakwood Reading Club Coordinator

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DOG SHELTER NEWS

Did you know? 72 dogs have been saved since May of this year.

Did you know? We now have three foster homes! Yeah!

Did you know? The last set of pups were sent to a prison program in Ohio to learn basic obedience, potty breaking and then will be adopted out.

Did you know? The number one dog left at the shelter or picked up as a stray is the purebred lab or lab mix. All colors—black, yellow, chocolate. And they are the MOST difficult dog to send to a rescue. All lab rescues are full.

Did you know? I walk by the pens with purebred labs and lab mixes thinking - "Oh please no, not another one!"

Did you know? The furthest a dog was sent to a rescue was A Dog Sanctuary in New York.

Did you know? The most interesting way I have shipped a dog to rescue was by Continental Airlines in Ft. Wayne, Indiana to Catlett, Virginia.

Did you know? The smallest dog picked up as a stray and never claimed was a four-pound tea cup Chihuahua. Yeah, I guess Paris Hilton was in town and forgot her dog. :(

Did you know? Our shelter gets between 380-400 dogs a year.

Did you know? Many of these dogs picked up as strays, turn out being house broke! Who knew?

Did you know? By the time you are done reading this article, someone will have called 258-1442 to help transport or foster.

Did you know? I have a home in Ohio waiting for the mom of the four border collie babies left at the shelter weeks back on a Sunday. If you would like

to surrender her, I do have a home waiting.

Did you know? In the next couple weeks we will publish our fundraiser event. We made some serious money for the pull fees and vet care for the Paulding County orphans. Stay tuned, you won't want to miss that one!

And of course, at the end of my articles I always print this:

Anytime there is an article in the paper concerning the great things at our shelter. I always like to remind people of this. 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. Please spay and neuter your dog.

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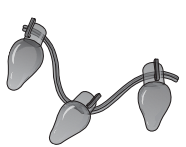
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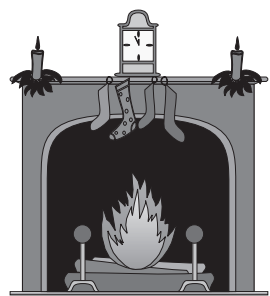
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Advice For A Hassle-Free Holiday Season

(NAPSA)—Although the busiest entertaining season is upon us, few homeowners have time to spend readying their homes for holiday houseguests and last-minute gatherings. According to Tara Aronson, lifestyle expert and author of "Mrs. Clean Jeans' Housekeeping with Kids," preparing your home does not have to take away from enjoying time with friends and family and the joys of the holiday season.

"Break the cleaning process into manageable loads," advises Aronson. "Tackle problem areas that your guests will notice when they first enter your home—entryways, floors and the kitchen—and skip areas that won't play a role in your entertaining." Aronson adds that focusing on specific areas rather than the whole house will allow time to decorate and create an inviting atmosphere for guests. The following tips will quickly have your home prepared for holiday entertaining while impressing last-minute houseguests:

- **Pick a Room to Keep Clean.** If you can't keep your entire home visitor-ready, resolve to keep at least one room clean, organized and visitor-ready. If your company often gathers in the kitchen, focus on cleaning appliances that work overtime during holiday cooking. Keep counters clutter-free and dust surfaces at eye level. To quickly rejuvenate and add shine to countertops, try Weiman Granite Wipes on granite, marble and other stone surfaces.
- **It's Teatime.** It's the holiday season—expect the unexpected visitor. Always have tea and coffee on hand that can be easily brewed or perked at a moment's notice. Consider having biscotti, scones, muffins and tea cookies in your pantry and keep the fridge stocked with cheese and fruits. Be sure to keep your favorite holiday serving dish on hand.



A few easy tips can get your house ready for the holiday.

- **Polish Party Ware.** Keep your seasonal soiree tarnish-free. Give brass, copper, silver, gold, stainless steel, chrome and aluminum a quick but gentle cleaning with Weiman Metal Polish. Freshen silver serving ware and decorations with Weiman Silver Polish. The pleasant-smelling polish fends off tarnish and the gentle formula won't scratch fine silver.
 - **Get Your Swag On.** At night, invite guests into your home with a twinkling trail of votive candles—in glass holders or decorative, weighted paper bags—on the walkway to your front door. By day, let swags of plant material or richly colored indoor-outdoor ribbon welcome visitors. Simple, inexpensive touches such as these can add a festive note that guests will detect even before they are welcomed inside.
 - **Add Ambience.** When company drops by, play a favorite holiday CD or awake their senses with pleasant aromas. No need to keep an eternal batch of cookies in the oven, but do have aromatherapy, seasonal-scent candles and potpourri on hand. When unexpected guests arrive, just give a quick spray or light a candle to freshen the air.
- Additional tips to brighten your home this holiday season can be found at www.weiman.com.

OUR COUNTRY CHRISTMAS SHOPPING SPREE



By: Angel Steiner

What a way to enjoy a crisp and cold late autumn day than to trek through rural Paulding County and shop. Yes, I said shop. That is just what our family (Bryce included!) did this past Saturday.

There are two businesses right here in our vicinity that have those extra special somethings that you can't find at a "Walmart" or some such place. They are Country Mercantile and Emerald Forest Pottery.

Woods took some of the display items and merchandise from the barn and decorated the old farm house that is also located on the property. It was just like walking into a "Country Living" magazine. Each section had its theme with very interesting and beautiful pieces in all the rooms. From Victorian to country to "Man Christmas" there was something for all tastes. I myself eyed a Victorian bowl and pitcher that my gracious husband let me purchase after seeing me croon it with my eyes.

Country Mercantile is located on the IN/OH State Line just south of Edgerton, Indiana on the Ohio side of the line. When the weather is warmer the owners, Charlotte and Ron Woods, have the barn set up with all their "goodies" on display. That is where the Christmas Open House took place a couple of weeks ago. We were there this past Saturday for her "Farm House Christmas" display. Mr. And Mrs.

So then off we went back to 111, took 127 to 224 and on out to Emerald Forest Pottery. Saturday was there Christmas Open House, so as expected, or hoped, she was very busy. This person, Gloria Craig, is amazing. The people flowing in and out of her shop while we were there really appreciated the beauty of her art. Her shop is full of hand-thrown (Continued on Page 5)

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- **A Classic Touch**
Try giving her diamond stud earrings, a favorite of Hollywood A-listers such as Oprah and Jessica Simpson. Treat her to Kwiat Diamond Studs set in platinum, or a sexy yet timeless H. Stern Diamond Solitaire Princess Pendant.
- **Past, Present And Future...**
Check out pieces such as the Whiteflash Three-Stone Diamond Ring available at whiteflash.com. You can also opt for fun, fresh styles such as Daniel K Starlet Earrings, a gorgeous pair of three-stone, cushion-cut diamonds on knife-cut platinum bars.



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- **Celebrate Her...**
Deck her out with a diamond right-hand ring. Styles range from floral to contemporary and can be found at retailers such as Kay Jewelers. For something on the romantic side, treat her to a Mia & Kompany Diamond Rose Right-Hand Ring set in white gold or go all out with a Damiani Notte di San Lorenzo large diamond and white gold right-hand ring.
 - **Here Comes The Bride...**
December is the most popular month of the year to get engaged. Solitaire rings such as Ritani's diamond solitaire in platinum are a classic choice. If she prefers a vintage look, try the Hearts on Fire Perfection in Platinum Collection. The three-stone setting, which represents your past, present and future, is a sentimental option. For a great selection of three-stone diamond ring styles, check out jeweler Bailey, Banks & Biddle.
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VIEWS FROM THE OUTSIDE

by Brad Dysinger

**Don't Inform Us --
Convince Us**

The Problem with having ideas and a big mouth is it's hard to keep one shut and the other to yourself.

I've been interested in the spin from the last election and to why things happened or didn't, why tax issues passed or failed. I've heard that county and school

officials think that the reason their tax levies failed was that voters were uninformed. With 65% of the county voting they may be right, but my sources tell me that with the Jail it was the new people hired right before the election that caused the defeat. Voters that voted no don't think expanding a county work force with a shrinking county population is needed. They're not uninformed, they're unconvinced.

With the Paulding School income tax increase going down 74% to 26% I'm sure voters were informed. They didn't think with a dwindling enrollment we need to be spending so much on Administration or other expenses. The school needs to convince voters why they need so much more money. Some time since 1972 when I graduated and today schools have went from being about education to about full employment.

All tax levies weren't doomed to failure. Once again Washington Township passed their fire levy. We know where that tax money goes, you call on the Grover Hill Volunteer Fire Department and they are there in no time. We here in the boon docks of Paulding County know this and are plenty informed because we are convinced they'll be there with sirens running, because they always are.

Taxes do more to hinder county economic development than anything that economic development has done or can do. If we don't get a handle on raising taxes the well will run drier than it did in the last county election.

I think that instead of thinking that an uninformed or non understanding voter caused the jail levy or school income tax defeat, it is that the voters are not convinced that these taxes are needed, or don't like what the money is going for. So elected officials inform the voters, don't lecture them, or think that the voters don't understand. I think they just may be smarter than they're given credit for. Paulding County, do you know where you're tax dollars are tonight? Do you know what they're doing? If not try and find out. The days of passing tax levies on just a say so should be coming to an end.

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pottery of various designs, shapes and sizes. She has crocks, cookie jars, bowls, mugs, plates, ornaments, and these little tiny bowls that I just fell in love with and had to get a couple for Christmas presents. All her work is signed by Gloria and have a verse from the Bible inscribed on them. She also

does special items for companies and families where she draws a photo of their business or home on the cookie jar or crock. It was fascinating studying her work. Her talents she gives back to the glory of God, for she says it is all for Him. His grace has gotten her to where she is today and she is very grateful to Him.



**REP. PAUL GILLMOR AND
DR. KAREN GILLMOR HON-
ORED FOR THEIR LEADER-
SHIP**

The Ohio Association for Gifted Children recently presented Congressman Paul Gillmor (R-Tiffin) and his wife Dr. Karen Gillmor with the prestigious "2006 Civic Leadership Award" at its annual fall conference.

The Gillmors were honored for their longtime support of educators of gifted children. This past year, Congressman Gillmor introduced H.R. 1156, the Gifted and Talented Education Enhancement Act. This legislation is designed to provide opportunities to classroom teachers interested in expanding their abilities to teach gifted students.

Rep. Gillmor's bill was included in the Higher Education Act, H.R. 609, which passed the House in March. The bill would make existing grant monies available to improve education for gifted and talented students. The bill would not authorize any additional federal funding.

"I am strong believer of improving the education system for every student. We need to ensure access to resources in the hope that teachers will be properly equipped with the expertise and tools required to educate students of all ability levels," Rep. Gillmor said.

Ann Sheldon, Executive Director of the Ohio Association for Gifted Children stated, "It is real pleasure to present this award to the Gillmors. Very few public

officials understand the connection between America's ability to compete globally and the need to provide appropriate education opportunities to our country's gifted students."

Upon receiving the award Congressman Gillmor said, "I am honored to receive the Civic Leadership Award from the Association. I believe that in a country based on advancing the underprivileged and righting societal wrongs, we can not fail to provide the resources necessary for our brightest minds to succeed. Having a teacher that understands a child's unique needs makes an enormous difference for our students," Rep. Gillmor said.

Dr. Karen Gillmor, a former State Senator and current Vice Chairman of the State Employee Relations Board said, "As a former State Senator, I saw the great growth of school funding across Ohio. However, I too worry that the funds are being distributed in a way which leaves our gifted students without the resources they require to achieve success. As the federal government only contributes about 6 percent of the average school's budget, its impact can be small. However, when the federal government turns its attention to directing funds to specific needs which have been overlooked, it can have a great impact. That's why it is very rewarding to receive this award with Paul, because we both understand how the federal government and state government can work together

er as a team to provide a superior education system."

The Ohio Association for Gifted Children governing board announced that it appreciates the effort of the Gillmors, who willingly give of

their time and talent to help this population of learners

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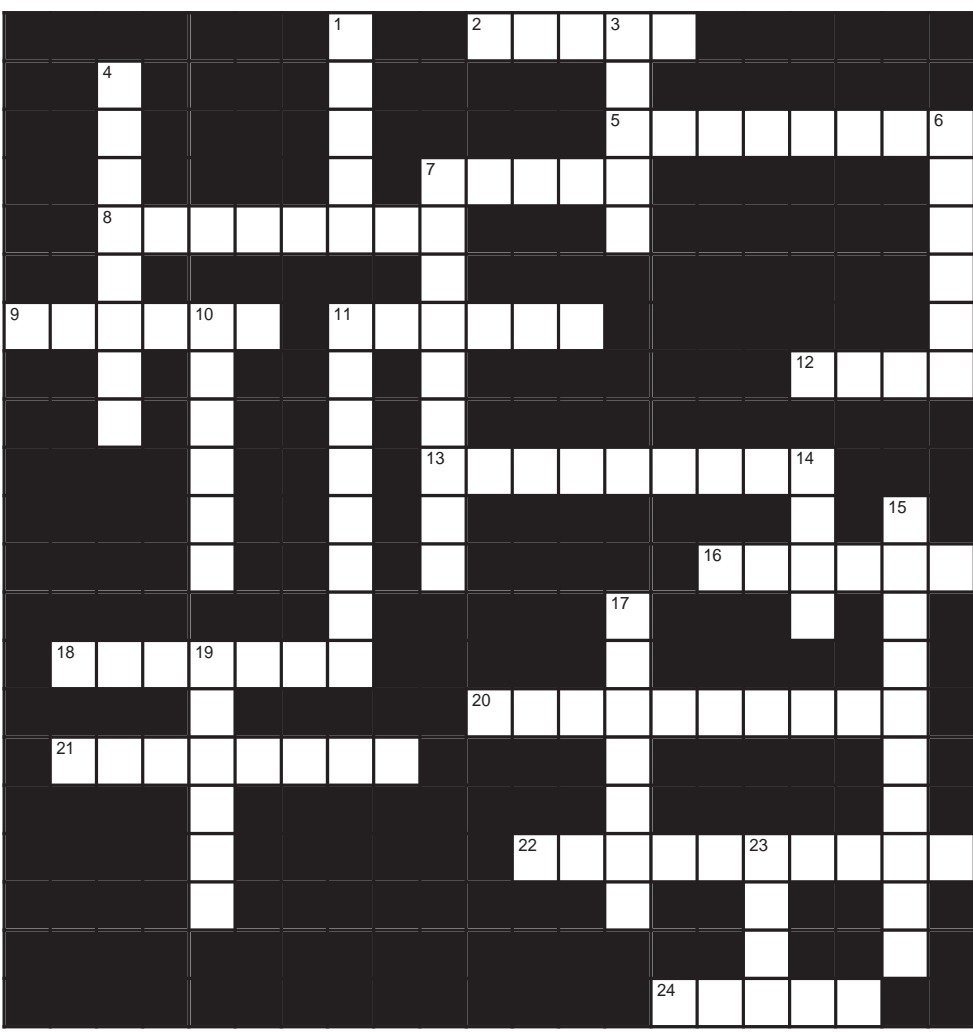
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PAULDING COUNTY AUDITOR
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Crossword Puzzle



Across

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- 2. "We Wish You A Merry Christmas" contains WHAT kind of pudding?
- 5. What was Scrooge's first name?
- 7. What did my true love send on the sixth day of Christmas?
- 8. What plant do you kiss under?
- 9. What glittery pieces of metal are hung on the Christmas tree.
- 11. What fruit is St. Nick's nose like?
- 12. On WHERE did arise such a clatter?
- 13. What toy is based on a 1903 political caricature?
- 16. The tradition of finding a button in your Christmas pudding means you'll become WHAT?
- 18. Who wrote "The Father Christmas Letters"?
- 20. Name the most famous Christmas ballet.
- 21. What does Alvin want for Christmas?
- 22. Who brought Frosty the Snowman back to life?
- 24. The name of the man who lost \$80,000 in "It's a Wonderful Life."
- 1. The Grinch was mean because his WHAT was two sizes too small.
- 3. What color is the Grinch?
- 4. A British dish, traditionally eaten at Christmas. (hint: the three bears called it porridge)
- 6. What was Brenda Lee doing around the Christmas tree?
- 7. Who first recorded "Here Comes Santa Claus"?
- 10. What holiday drink contains sugar, milk and eggs?
- 11. Who were nestled snug in their beds?
- 14. What country started the tradition of exchanging gifts?
- 15. What visions dance in children's heads?
- 17. Who wrote "A Christmas Carol"?
- 19. Comet, Klaxon, Blitzen, Dancer: Which is not a reindeer?
- 23. Frosty's eyes were made of?

AHS Angle



By: Chelsea Vail

You'll shoot your eye out, kid! Eh, okay, so maybe they won't shoot out any eyes, but this week our basketball teams are looking to shoot, and make, plenty of baskets. With nine total games from this Wednesday to next, there will be plenty of opportunities for you to support the Archer hoopsters. More information is, of course, in the sports schedule section.

The Christmas for Kids project is well underway, but we still haven't reached our goal of 1,200 items. The following items are suggested donations: 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. Remember, everything donated goes to Paulding County's own needy families. It's a fantastic cause, and anything donated will be much appreciated.

Speaking of much appreciated things, Antwerp students have been blessed with a Teacher In-service Day next Tuesday, December 12. Now, you sure can't beat that with a stick!

Our teams will be beating others this week, though not with sticks. See when in the schedule below.

JH Girls Basketball: Thursday, December 7th, 5:00, Wayne Trace; Tuesday, December 12th, 4:30, @ Fairview.

JH Boys Basketball: Saturday, December 9th, 1:00, Tinora @ Fairview; Tuesday, December 12th, 5:00, Ottonville.

Freshman Boys Basketball: Monday, December 11th, 5:00, @ Hicksville.

Varsity Girls Basketball: Thursday, December 7th, 6:00, @ Kalida; Tuesday, December 12th, 6:00, @ North Central.

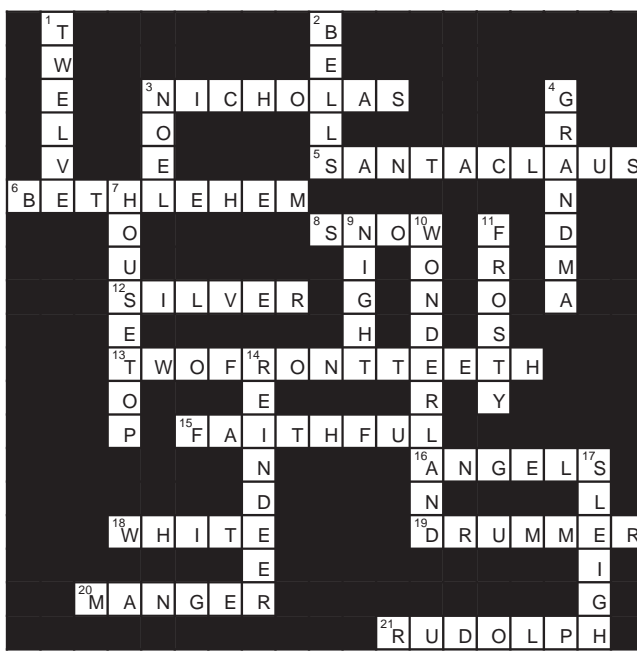
Varsity Boys Basketball: Friday, December 8th, 6:30, Ft. Jennings; Saturday, December 9th, 6:00, @ Fayette.

Word of the Week: Unguent \UNG-gwuhnt \ noun

1. A salve for sores, burns, or the like; an ointment

Example: "The Musketeer basketball team will need much more than an unguent to heal the wounds to its pride when the Archers win the Friday night match up."

I hope those Musketeers aren't too fruh-gee-lay! (If you don't understand that, go watch "A Christmas Story", now!) Last but not least, remember, even if someone triple dog dares you, it's entirely too cold to go around licking flagpoles this time of year. Just ask Flick.



JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS BASKETBALL: WAYNE TRACE VS. TINORA

By: Kevin Wannemacher

On Thursday, November 30, Tinora and Wayne Trace saw basketball action with Junior High Girls at Tinora.

The eighth grade game ended with Wayne Trace 46, Tinora 33.

Wayne Trace is now 5-0.

Leading Scorers:

WT - Shelby Osborne 14, Jo Ellen Fickel 11, Kacee Hockenberry 10.

Tinora - Steffel 16, Kahle 8.

The seventh grade game ended with Wayne Trace 28, Tinora 24.

Wayne Trace is now 4-1.

Leading Scorers:

WT - Sarah Feasby 11.

Tinora - Theresa Brumbaugh 11.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TIP OFF CLASSIC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Boys basketball held its Tip Off Classic Championship at Van Wert on Saturday, December 2.

The final game was Van Wert vs. Wayne Trace.

Score came in the end at Van Wert 53, Wayne Trace 36.

Score by Quarters:

Wayne Trace (1-1) - 17 2 5

12=36

Van Wert (1-1) - 6 16 16

15=53

Leading Scorers:

Wayne Trace - Riley Linder 10.

Van Wert - Chris Morrow 16.

Turnovers - Wayne Trace 18, Van Wert 20.

Rebounds - Wayne Trace 24 (Litzenberg 7); Van Wert 33 (Morrow 10).

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF 12/6 THROUGH 12/12

12/8: Lima Central Catholic at Paulding; Hicksville at Continental; Fort Jennings at Antwerp

12/9: Paulding at Wayne Trace; Antwerp at Fayette; Edon at Hicksville

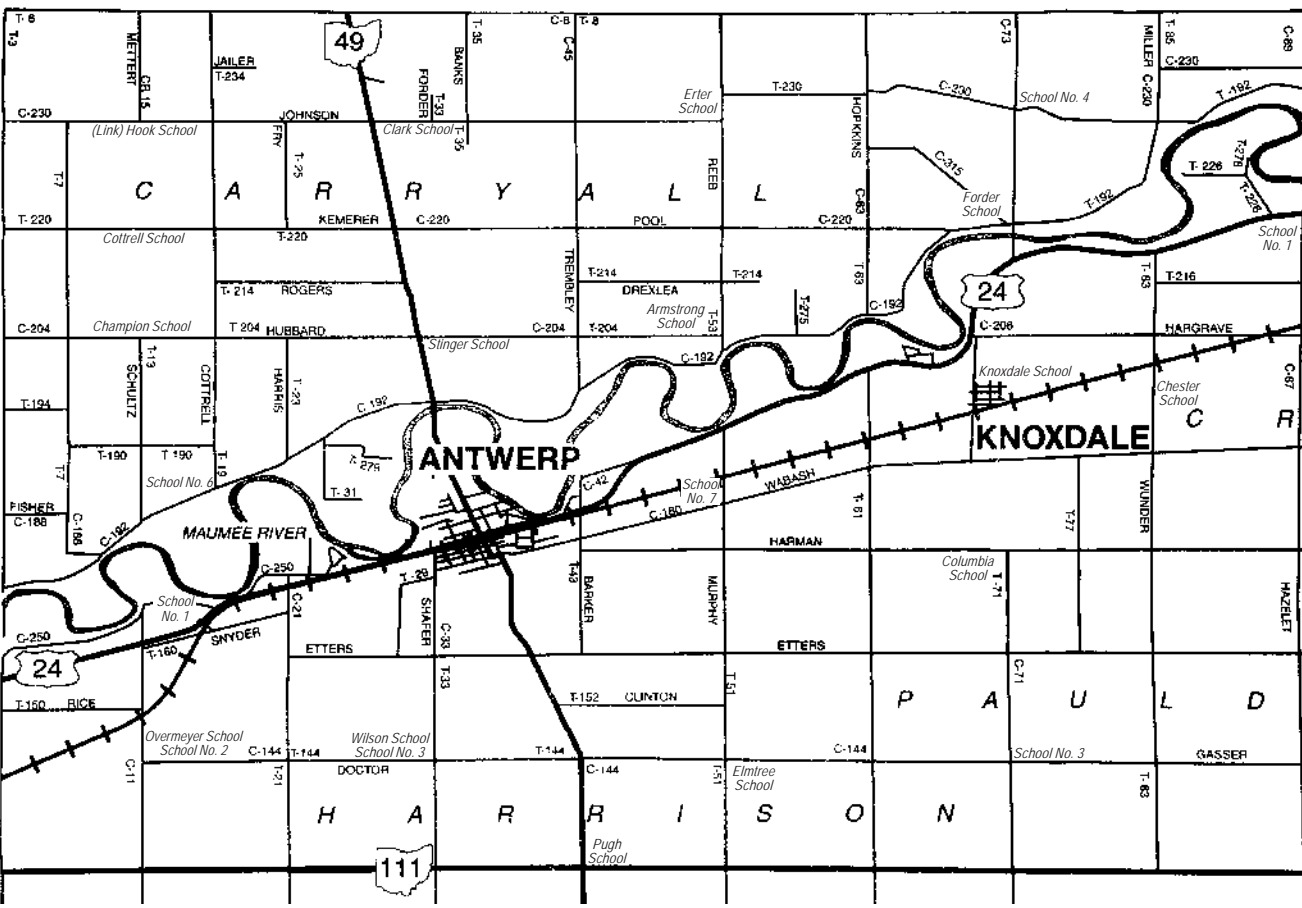
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ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

Here is an overlay of the Antwerp School District as it is now. We are going to show where the one room school houses were located back around 1900. Some of these locations come from a 1914 Soil Map by the Geological Survey and some from the County Engineer's Office.

We will start up in the northwest part of the School District on CR 230 at Road 15. That is where the Link or Hook School stood. Some people called that the Mettert Road at that time.

Then you come east on CR 230 to the Forder Road (the lane that goes back to Denny Hahn's place), years back that was the lane to Jim Smith's place. The school sat on the south side of the road and was called the Clark School.

Then you travel on east on 230 until you stop at Twp. Road 53. That was called the Erter School. Now CR 230 turns and ambles going on east to Road 72. Here on the corner is School #4. This is about 1 1/2 miles north of Forder's Bridge on east where road 192 crosses the Miller Road or #89. There sat the Curtis School. That is the farthest road east of the Antwerp School District, actually that Road 89 is the far north end of the Briceton Road.

Let's look down south on

this road to where the Bethel Church now stands. It looks to me that the school sat between CR 72 and CR 315, that is just west of the Bethel Church and on CR 220. This was called the Forder's School. I suppose because the Forder family was very big in the area at that time.

So now we go back west on CR 220 to the Cottrell School. It was in the area of where T-19 crosses 220, at that time it was called the Cottrell Road.

If we start on the west end of CR 204 where T-13 goes south on the north side of the road was the Champion School. Sometimes T-13 was called the Schultz Road. I remember Henry Donnell and Avery Kerns (called Blur Jay) tore that school down back in the 1950's.

If you travel on east on CR 204 until you meet SR 49 on the southeast corner sat the Stinger School. I have seen places where that was spelled Stenger School. I'm not real sure about the correct spelling. This is the school that we featured in last week's copy of The West Bend News.

If you travel on east on 204 until you meet Road 53, there was a school sitting on the north corner called the Armstrong School. That woods there was also called Armstrong's Woods. I have also heard people call that the Robert's School.

The only school left on the north side of the Maumee River was the Clay School or School #8. It sat on the north side of CR 192 (the River Road) and T-19. Randy Derck used to live in that area and he said in the summer during dry weather you could make out where this school used to sit.

Up west on U.S. 24 where CR 250 angles off in behind Harpo's Car Lot, going westerly, there was a school there called School #1.

If you go east on the Canal Road on CR 180 one mile east of town, you come to road T-51. On the north side of the river that's called T-53. Anyhow, on the corner of T-51 and CR 180 there was a school named school #7.

If you travel on east about 1 1/2 miles you come to the Knoxdale Road. The hamlet of Knoxdale was about 1/2 mile north on this road. As I understand this was quite

a settlement at one time. It had a grocery store. The passenger trains would stop at the depot, there was some houses and a school named the Knoxdale School.

About a mile straight east of Knoxdale and a little south of the Wabash Railroad on CR 87 was the Chester School. There was a number of Chester families in this area about the turn of the 20th century. This is a busy road now and is called the Briceton Road. That road runs on south about 30 miles and ends up by the Cemetery in Ohio City.

About 1 1/2 miles south of

the Knoxdale School on the corner of T-71 on the east-west road of 162 was the location of the Columbia School. A century ago that was called the Harrmann Road and now most people call it the Cement Plant Road.

On the extreme west end of CR 144 and CR 11 was the Overmeyer School or School #2. About two miles east of CR 144 at the corner of T-33 sat the Wilson School or School #3. Most people call this road, the REA Road because it runs beside the REA building in Paulding.

East of the REA Road at the corner of T-51 was the Elmtree School. Then on east on this road to T-71 was School #9.

On the corner of SR 49 and SR 111 where Joe Smalley has his car repair shop was the spot of the Pugh School.

Now to the best of my knowledge this is all the one room country schools in the Antwerp School District. If you look at the map at what is calls the Harrmann Road and the Eters Road, there was few schools in that area. I think because that was the Canal Reservoir. It was only shortly before that it had been destroyed and houses hadn't been built in that area yet.

The Antwerp School District covers 60 square miles. All of Carryall Township and some of Crane and Harrison Townships.

Now we are going to stop here for this week. I would like to have you save this map because we are going to discuss the school system in the History of Antwerp.

See, Ya!

JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS BASKETBALL: WAYNE TRACE VS. EDGERTON

By: Kevin Wannemacher

On Tuesday, November 28 the junior high girls' basketball teams from Wayne Trace and Edgerton took it to the court.

In the eighth grade game the final score was Wayne Trace 53, Edgerton 19.

Wayne Trace is now 4-0.

Scoring:

WT - Kacee Hockenberry 16, JoEllen Fickle 13, Kelsey Heck 9, Janelle Davis 4, Jalyln Egnor 4, Taylor Baumle 3, Brittany Wannemacher 2, Andrea Padilla 2.

E - Brady 8.

In the seventh grade game the final score was Edgerton 32, Wayne Trace 28.

Wayne Trace is now 3-1.

WT Scoring - Kari Myers 9, Becca Habern 8, Sarah Feasby 7.

ANTWERP VARSITY GOLF TEAM MAKES HISTORY

The Antwerp Golf team are the 2006 Green Meadows Golf champions! This is only the second time in school history (1994) for GMC champs.

Medalist and first team: Bob Bragg and Boston Hornmann.

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PLAYA'S: A MEXICAN RESTURANT



By: Sue Knapp

"I feel like Mexican tonight."

"There's a new Mexican Restaurant in Antwerp called Playa's - let's go there!"

Playa's, owned by Pati and Bruce Hart, opened on November 27, is located on Main Street in Antwerp.

The summer after graduation Pati went to Mexico City and lived there for three years. That's where she learned to cook Mexican food.

She then went to work for her dad who owned the Card Room in Hicksville. She went to college, got her teaching degree and taught Spanish at Antwerp High School for nine years. She then had an opportunity to go to Columbia, South America for

six weeks with the Rotary. She wanted a change so she went.

Pati and Bruce opened a bakery in Hicksville called Pati's Place. They were open for five years when they then decided to sell. By that time they had expanded their seating area and were catering. While waiting for the business to sell they decided to add a Mexican Menu, thirteen days later the business sold.

Pati and Bruce needed to take a break so they concentrated on running their rental properties and spending time with their four grandchildren.

They started to miss the restaurant business and decided to buy an unoccupied



building in Antwerp. Right from the first they wanted to keep this new restaurant small and intimate. Even though they have brought some of their staff from Hicksville with them they are going to hire Antwerp people to help run the restaurant.

They love Antwerp, the small town atmosphere, the support people give each other and the friendliness of the people. They are very much appreciative of the support they have received from the town already.

When you go into Playa's you will notice the renovations. With the Mexican accessories and the earth colors it has a warm, comfortable atmosphere with a sense of intimacy.

This is a family business with Pati and Bruce's daughter-in-law, Angie Hart, as the day cook, and one of the grandchildren might bring you chips and salsa. The grandchildren also had a hand in the renovations. Melissa Crosser, the manager, is like a daughter to them.

They serve authentic Mex-

ican food made from scratch. In Mexico different parts of the country serve different food, for example the areas around the coast use a lot of sea food. In the central part they serve a lot of black beans and corn tortillas. The food you receive at Playa's will be "authentic" from the central highland area, although they will have some "American" on the menu also.

They make their own salsa and fry their own tortillas. They buy the black beans dried which they then prepare and the rice they serve is light and is seasoned to perfection. Four of the products they use come from Mexico.

The name Playa means "beach" in Mexico. Pati and Bruce like to vacation in a small town in Mexico named Playa Del Carmen or Carmen's Beach. Pati has even taken some of her grandchildren with her down there.

Don't let the sign ABIERTO fool you, it means open.

They are open Monday-Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and closed on Sundays.

CHRISTMAS AT AUGLAIZE VILLAGE

It's Christmas time at AuGlaize Village. Wreaths are hung on doors, decorated trees stand in several buildings, and wood burning stoves warm both buildings and chilled bodies.

Throughout the upcoming weekend, December 9 and 10, from 12 noon to 5:00 p.m., the village will be open to celebrate this magical holiday season with candle dipping, train rides, Santa Claus, and other activities.

At the church a display of antique ornaments adorn a tree. Feather quilled pens in ink bottles set on students' desks at the school, where a poinsettia tree guards the chalkboard and paper snowflakes hang at the windows.

For the kids, waiting at the post office for them is a letter from Santa Claus. This jolly old elf makes a visit to the village each day, and the best place to look for him is at the railroad depot. He might even arrive on the train. Then, once inside, he'll sit and listen as children recite their wish lists.

Hot chocolate and other refreshments will be available at the train depot. For a small fee, train rides will be given both days.

Weather conditions permitting, a sled ride to the Kinner Cabin might be part of the activities. The first floor of this two-story log home is set for guests to dine at a later hour. Busy here, while waiting for them to arrive and make sure the fireplace flames stay fed, will be Dave Sproul with his spinning machines or Lynn Lantz doing draw knife demonstrations.

Meanwhile, at the one-story Kieffer Log Cabin, Gloria Volkert will have wax melting for candle dipping. For a donation, visitors will be able to choose from two colors and dip their own candles. Homemade baked goodies will be for sale here as well.

Admission to this Yuletide event is by donation.

AuGlaize Village is located on Krouse Road, 3 miles west of Defiance and one mile south of US 24.

—Genevieve Noggle

School Bus Safety Tips

(NAPSA)—The next time you see a school bus, you may want to give the drivers, operators, manufacturers, administrators, legislators and everyone in the school transportation industry a wave of thanks.

The American School Bus Council, celebrating its 40th anniversary of School Bus Safety Week, is encouraging school transportation officials and administrators across the country to promote the outstanding safety record of school bus transportation nationwide and reinforce important safety tips for parents and schoolchildren.

To highlight the importance of using safety rules while on and off the school bus, school districts around the country will be hosting activities and events for parents and children to highlight safety. The school bus safety message this year emphasizes the importance and benefits of school bus driver training and encourages students across the country to obey school bus safety rules while waiting at the bus stop and getting on and off the school bus each day.

"Travel on a school bus is the safest form of ground transportation available, eight times safer than travel in the family car," said Pete Japikse, president of the National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation. "As good as that might be, when it comes to the safety of our children, zero tolerance is the expectation. The importance of school bus safety, education and training cannot be emphasized enough."

Students, parents, motorists and bus drivers all share in the responsibility of safe school bus transportation. The first School Bus Safety Week took place in 1966 in Orange County, Calif. Since then, it has grown into a national event, and this year the United States House of Representatives unanimously passed a res-



School bus riders should check both ways for cars before stepping off the bus.

olution to honor the goals and ideals of the initiative.

Today's school buses include warning lights, crossing arms, reflective devices, rollover protection, additional mirrors that allow drivers to see immediately in front of the bus, multiple emergency exits and many other safety features to prevent accidents and protect children on board in case of a crash.

To make school buses even safer, the American School Bus Council offers these tips for school bus riders:

- Be alert to traffic. Check both ways for cars before stepping off the bus.
- Make eye contact with the bus driver, and wait for the bus driver's signal before crossing the street.
- Walk in front of the bus; never walk behind the bus to cross the street.
- While waiting for the bus, stay in a safe place away from the street.
- Before leaving the sidewalk, look for the flashing red lights.
- Never go under the bus to retrieve something you've dropped.

The American School Bus Council presents a unified voice of the school transportation industry that collectively represents more than 450,000 yellow school buses that transport 25 million children to and from school each day.

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"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": OUTSTANDING CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN HEALTH CAREERS



In the Vantage junior Health Careers lab, Brittany Densmore from Paulding feeds Natalie Zuber from Antwerp. For this exercise, Natalie is wearing sensory deprivation glasses to simulate a patient with visual disturbances.

The Vantage Health Careers program prepares students for entry-level positions in the field of health. In this two-year program, students are taught a wide variety of patient health care skills.

The junior Health Careers class has already learned about hospital bed-making, feeding patients, giving a bed shampoo and shave, teeth and nail care for patients, and the importance of hand washing.

They have learned how to operate the autoclave (which sterilizes equipment) and how to transfer a patient from a bed using three different techniques - the mechanical lift, a wheelchair and lift sheets.

Students have just started a unit on CPR using the "Heartsaver CPR in Schools" program provided by the American Heart Association.

In addition to CPR certification, they will also be certified in the use of the Automated External Defibrillator (AED).

In January, students will begin their clinical skills practice. Each student is required to spend 16 hours in a long term care facility with a clinical instructor. Vantage students go to VanCrest HealthCare Center in Van Wert and are instructed by Fran White, RN. During clinicals, students perform skills on residents that they've been taught at Vantage. This 16 hour clinical experience completes the 79 hour state mandated Nurse Aid Training Program. Upon completion, students are eligible to take the two part State Nurse Aid test. The Nurse Aid Training Program is now an entry-level requirement for most

post-secondary health career programs. Vantage Health Careers students get a jump start on their future plans by receiving this certification during their junior year.

Kevin Hale, a junior from Wayne Trace and one of two young men in the program is pleased with his program choice. "I plan on being a radiologist, so being in this program will give me a jumpstart on my career." Audrey Linn, a Parkway junior thinks, "coming to the Health Careers program at Vantage was a good experience for me. I've learned a lot of good things in this class. This was the right choice for me since I plan to continue my education and become a doctor."

"There are so many career options for students interested in the field of health. Many of the students continue their education and study to become nurses and medical assistants," says Mrs. Reesa Rohrs, junior Health Careers instructor. "This curriculum is rigorous. In addition to lab, all Health Careers students take anatomy, physiology and chemistry which helps them so much as they continue in the field."

During the senior year, Health Careers is a Co-op program. Students attend Vantage for their academic classes and then work in a health care setting, under close supervision of a participating employer and senior Health Careers instructor Mrs. Shirley Jarvis. In addition to receiving lab credits for their job, they also earn a paycheck.

If you're interested in finding out more about the Health Careers program at Vantage, call Student Services at 1-800-686-3944 ext. 140.

The Culinary Arts class has just announced they will host a Christmas Dinner Buffet on Wednesday, December 20 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. A delicious assortment of meats, vegetables, salads, breads and desserts will be served. Reservations are a must for this special event. Gather your family and friends and come to the Cup and Saucer Restaurant at Vantage for a Christmas feast. Please call 1-800-686-3944 ext. 130 to make your reservation.

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

Thinking Outside The Box

The Best Of Independent Video Games

(NAPSA)—For gamers seeking original video games based on unique ideas, a new compilation of indy games offers a wide range of genres for the enthusiast, as well as the whole family.



A new compilation disc gives gamers a taste of the best in independent game development.

IG: Independent Games Volume 2 features 21 of the best original games in independent game development on a single disc. Instead of tired sequels, this compilation features fresh, groundbreaking takes on original concepts.

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- 12/7 - Pancakes, sausage patty, juice, milk
- 12/8 - Sausage gravy w/ biscuits, juice, milk
- 12/11 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk
- 12/12 - Tator tots w/cheese sauce, sausage links, juice, milk

Panther Paw Cafe - Lunch

- 12/6 - Chicken tender wrap or sub sandwich, carrots w/dip, chips, assorted fruit, milk
- 12/7 - Turkey noodles w/ whipped potatoes, bread, assorted fruit, milk
- 12/8 - Bacon cheeseburger on a bun, panther wedges, assorted fruit, milk
- 12/11 - Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes or chili

soup, bread & butter, assorted fruit, milk
12/12 - cook's choice

Paulding Elementary

- Lunch
- 12/6 - Chicken strips, whipped potatoes w/gravy, bread, fruit, milk
- 12/7 - Bean 'n cheese burrito, vegetable, fruit cup, milk
- 12/8 - Breaded chicken on a bun, vegetable, fruit cup, milk
- 12/11 - Taco salad, lettuce, crackers, fruit cup, milk
- 12/12 - Pizza, corn, fruit cup, milk

Oakwood Elementary

- Lunch
- 12/6 - Chicken nuggets, bread, peas, fruit cup, milk
- 12/7 - Chicken fajita, green beans, fruit, milk
- 12/8 - Taco in a bag, fruit, milk
- 12/11 - Pepperoni/cheese bread stick w/pizza sauce, green beans, fruit, milk
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JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS BASKETBALL: WAYNE TRACE VS. LINCOLNVIEW

By: Kevin Wannemacher
On Monday evening, November 27, the junior high girls basketball teams of Wayne Trace and Lincolnview clashed at the net. The seventh grade game ended with Wayne Trace 44, Lincolnview 6.

Wayne Trace is now 3-0. Scorers: Wayne Trace - Becca Habern 10, Sarah Feasby 8, Kari Myers 8, Ashley Saylor 8, Rachel Long 6, Kelly Zartman 2, Alissa LaFountain 2.

Lincolnview - Peel 6. The eighth grade game's final score was Wayne Trace 46, Lincolnview 9.

Wayne Trace is now 3-0. Scorers: Wayne Trace - Taylor Baumle 15, Janelle Davis 11, Kacey Hockenberry 7, Andrea Padilla 4, Brittany Wannemacher 4, Jalyn Egnor 4, Shelby Osborne 1.

Lincolnview - Boroff 4.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL: WAYNE TRACE VS. LINCOLNVIEW

On Friday, December 1 the Tip Off Classic took place at Van Wert. The semi-final game was Wayne Trace against Lincolnview.

Final score was Wayne Trace 54, Lincolnview 38.

Score by the quarter: Wayne Trace (1-0) - 9 17 17 11=54

Lincolnview (0-1) - 21 7 4 6=38

Leading Scorers: Wayne Trace - Aaron Hockenberry 16, Dane Treece 14

Lincolnview - Kory Thatcher 10, Danny Brincefield 8.

Turnovers - Wayne Trace 14, Lincolnview 18.

Rebounds - Wayne Trace 25 (Linder 6); Lincolnview 33 (Thatcher 6).

Van Wert defeated Crestview 49-46 in the other semi-final game.

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The Allen County Board of Commissioners on behalf of the ACCENT One-Stop System of Allen, Paulding and Putnam Counties, and the Paulding and Putnam Boards of Commissioners seeks proposals to provide services for WIA eligible youth in Allen, Paulding and Putnam Counties to enhance education and training opportunities. The successful provider(s) for each county will need to enter into a fiscal agreement with that County's Department of Job & Family Services. Proposals will be opened at the Allen County Commissioners' Office, Allen County Courthouse, Third Floor, Lima, Ohio, January 11, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

The Request for Proposal packet may be obtained beginning December 4, 2006 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday at the Allen County Board of Commissioners, 301 N. Main St., Lima, Ohio 45801, the Allen County Department of Job & Family Services, 1501 S. Dixie Hwy., Lima, Ohio 45804, the Paulding County Department of Job & Family Services, 303 W. Harrison St., Paulding, Ohio 45879, and the Putnam County Courthouse, 245 E. Main St., Suite 100, Ottawa, Ohio 45875, or by calling (419)999-0360. A bidders conference will be held on December 19th at 2:00 p.m. at the Allen County Department of Job & Family Services, 1501 S. Dixie Hwy, Lima, Ohio.

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GILLMOR ANNOUNCES

\$53,696 GRANT FOR GROVER HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT

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 \$53,696 grant for the Grover Hill Volunteer Fire Department 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 Grover Hill Fire Department 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 Grover Hill 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.

"Our goal is to greatly enhance the collective preparedness of the nation while making certain that finite resources are directed to areas most at risk and to solutions that are innovative and regionally driven," said Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff. "The Department is committed to ensuring that our partners have the training, equipment, and resources they need to become better prepared."

The grant Grover Hill 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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