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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK AT PAYNE FOR 2006

St. John the Baptist Catholic School in Payne, Ohio is anxious for the 2005-2006 Catholic Schools week: Catholic Schools: Character, Compassion, Values.

Catholic School posters will be displayed in Antwerp, Paulding and Payne Catholic churches Sunday, January 29, with the announcement of Catholic Schools Week and thank you's made in art class passed out to parishioners for their encouragement, support financially, in prayer, as role models, and with helping hands for the privilege of a Catholic Education.

Monday the students are wearing St. John's colors, red and white or their mascot, Crusaders, clothing. A guest speaker Dwayne Renollet for AEP will be giving a demonstration about safety and elec-

tricity.

Tuesday, a seminar titled: Save our Eyesight will be presented by a group from Dayton in the parish hall. Many hands on activities are planned for the day.

Wednesday is Guest Hot Lunch day. Each student invites one guest to share a special recipe of Cavatina made by the PTA. Each classroom has a special demonstration to share with their guests and the school. Guest Hot Lunch is a favorite day of the year for students.

Thursday, our grades five and six share with the other grades stories about their Saints they have chosen for confirmation. Grades five and six will be making their confirmation with Bishop Donnelly March 15 at 7:00 p.m. The stories that they will share are about the many Saints that became Saints for their character, compassion and values

as the Catholic Schools Week theme stresses.

Friday, as a service project that the children have been working on for the month of January for the American Heart Association, the children will hold their Jump-A-Thon. For the pledges received, all students will be taking turns to have non-stop jumping until the dismissal bell. They are hoping to top the past record of \$1635.50 raised last Jump-A-Thon.

Saturday at home the children are giving parents letters of appreciation they wrote during Catholic Schools Week. It is a wonderful time to express their gratitude for the privilege of a Catholic Education that their parents have made sacrifices and the involvement they take in their education to make St. John Catholic School all that it is.

CONGRESSMAN GILLMORE VISITS OAKWOOD



Congressman Paul Gillmore visited the Oakwood Fire Hall on Thursday, January 26 to talk with the fire fighters about their new building project.

The Oakwood EMS and Fire Hall have received grants to build a new building in Oakwood. The much needed building will break ground this spring with an estimated completion date being this fall.

Congressman Gillmore expressed his appreciation to the men for their willingness and time to serve Oakwood

and surrounding areas.

Congressman Gillmore also told about being a volunteer fireman when he was younger. He started out when he was 13 years old. The siren was on a pole and when it went off whoever wanted to and could come running and jumped on the truck and away they went to put out the fire.

The fire department also

has all kinds of equipment for water rescues. The Oakwood Fire Department is one of two in the county that has the equipment for water rescues.

The Fire Department will be holding fund raisers to help with the project. The first upcoming event being a linen and tool sale on February 10-12. More information about this sale coming soon.

CORRECTIONS

On front page of last week's issue the wedding announcement should have been Lindeman instead of Linderman. We apologize for the mix up.

In last week's paper there was a mistake on the "angel" ad. The correct website should be: www.heavensentgiftsonline.com.

We at West Bend apologize for any inconvenience.

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OBITUARIES

Mary M. Schultz, 96, died in Austin, TX January 23, 2006 at the home of her daughter. Mary was born June 26, 1909 in Paulding County, OH to the late Harvey and Adah Rosetta (Snell) Gordon. She attended the Armstrong School in Crane Twp., and the Antwerp High School in Antwerp, OH. In 1933 she married George R. Miller in Cecil, Paulding County, OH. In 1945 they moved to Churubusco, IN where she owned and operated Mary's Beauty Shop in the 1950s. In 1967 she moved to Florida and resided there until returning to Fort Wayne, IN in 1996. She was a member of the United Methodist Church.

She is survived by three sons, Robert (Janet Meyer) Miller Albion, IN, Harry (Sandra Dafforn) Miller of Copperas Cove, TX, Kenneth (Carol Ladig) Miller of Fort Wayne, IN, and one daughter Carol Miller Schuster of Austin, TX; one sister-in-law Iren (Fred) Gordon of Fort Wayne, IN. She also left 21 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren, and 8 great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were husbands, George R. Miller in 1964, Vaughn J. Laymon in 1970, and Clarence E. Schultz in 2001; a daughter, Shirley A. (Miller) Powell in 1993 and a great-grandson, John Paul Mallane in 2003; also brothers, William E. Gordon of Melrose; Forrest H. Gordon, Dayton; Fred E. Gordon, Fort Wayne; and a sister, Flora Ione (Gordon) Franks, Antwerp.

Services were held January 28 in the Sheets and Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, IN and Pastor Timothy D. Grable officiated. Burial was in the Rochester Cemetery in Cecil.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Mabel C. Koenn, 81, of Paulding, died January 25, at her home.

She was born November 27, 1924, in Augusta, GA, the daughter of William and Mary Ellen (O'Connell) Hickman. She met Francis Hubert Koenn at the USO near the end of WWII and they were married on December 1, 1945 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Augusta, GA. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Paulding, and was a member of the former Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, of Cecil, where she was a member of the Altar Rosary Society, a CCD teacher, and the Principal of Religious Education. She was active in the Crane Township Women's Club, and Paulding County Senior Center in Paulding. She enjoyed traveling and loved her trips with the Senior Citizens.

She is survived by ten children: Mary Ellen Koenn, Morgantown, WV; Lawrence (Diana) Koenn, Chugiak, AK; Marge (John) Scott, Hillsdale, MI; Dan (Linda) Koenn, Franklin, TN; Marti (Larry) Overmyer, Payne; Donna (John) Tritle, Valparaiso, IN; Monica (Mark) Mays, Tipp City, OH; James (Alayna) Koenn, Auburn, IN; and Jerry (Julie) Koenn, Delta, OH; and Marcia (Steve) Pesicek, Wooster, OH; 28 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Broadus, Thomas, and Ted Hickman; and three sisters, Ellen Simpson, Harriet Whaley, and Mary Usry.

Funeral services were held January 30 at the St. Joseph Catholic Church, Paulding and Reverend G. Allan Fillman officiated. Burial was in the Immaculate Conception Church Cemetery, Cecil.

Donations may be made to the Paulding Area Visiting Nurses & Hospice; Paulding County Hospital Home Healthcare Visiting Nurses; Catholic Elementary Schools in Augusta, GA (for families unable to pay) or Masses.

Charles A. Meyer, 91, of Hicksville, died at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville on January 29.

He was born on May 26, 1914 in North Vernon, IN the son of John and Anna (Beulach) Meyer.

He married Marzella M. Camp on June 1, 1940. She preceded him in death on July 14, 1988.

He was a farmer, school bus driver, and worked as a tool assembler at Cooper Tools (Dotco), Hicksville, until his retirement.

He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus in Hicksville.

He is survived by five sons: Charles of Ely, MN; James of Hicksville; Lewis of Defiance; Allan of Bradenton, FL; Frederick of Collins, OH; five daughters: Eloise Master-son of Fort Wayne; Kathleen Sanders of Maumee, OH; Alice Steele, Suzanne Minick, Carolyn Gallup all of Hicksville; 19 grandchildren; 6 step-grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; a brother: Clarence of Defiance; two sisters: Clara Brown and Anna Hartman both of Hicksville.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife; four brothers: Edward, John, Joseph, and Lawrence; and four sisters: Ida, Madeline, Matilda, and Marie.

Mass of Christian burial was at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Hicksville, on January 31 and Fr. Thomas Oedy officiated. Burial was at Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Preferred memorials to the American Cancer Society or St. Michael's Catholic Church or Donor's Choice.

Marian Ruth Lantz, 83, of Hicksville, died at Harbor-side Healthcare, Defiance on January 29.

She was born on April 26, 1922 in Hicksville Township the daughter of Edwin and Lula (Dickerhoff) Dietz.

She graduated from Hicksville High School in 1942. She worked at Casade Depot, New Haven, IN during WWII and Boon-Bevington as a clerk; she also owned her own business as a seamstress and volunteered at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville.

She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Hicksville.

She is survived by a son: Lynn (Cheryl) Lantz, Defiance; a grandson: Jeffrey Lantz, Defiance; a great-granddaughter, Isabelle Lantz; a brother, Paul Dietz, Hicksville.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

The funeral services will be on Wednesday, February 1 at 10:00 a.m. at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville. Rev. Tom Graves will officiate.

Burial will be at Six Corners Cemetery, Hicksville.

Hilda Zeck Price Whiteley, 93, of Antwerp, formerly of Morgantown, WV, passed away on January 26, at the home of her daughter and son-in-law.

She was born September 9, 1912 in Grafton, WV, a daughter of the late Fred and Mary (Mayme McClure) Zeck.

Hilda graduated from Morgantown High School in 1928 and attended WVU. She was retired from the Farmers and Merchants Bank in Morgantown. In addition, she worked at Morgantown Printing and Binding and WCLG Radio Station hosting a daily radio program.

In 1936, she married Chauncey M. Price who died in 1951. In 1953, she married Robert M. Whiteley who passed away in 1992.

She was a member of the Trinity Episcopal Church in Morgantown and Grace Episcopal Church of Defiance. Her volunteer activities and organizations included Trinity Episcopal Altar Guild, Red Cross Blood Bank, hospital auxiliary, Jr. League, Red Hats and Tuesday Readers Book Club.

Hilda is survived by her two sons John C. and wife Juanita Price, George Frederick (Rick) Price, Morgantown, WV; and one daughter Mary and husband Terry Derck, Antwerp. Eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Alex and sister Lelia Schafer Laing.

Hilda's wishes were to have her body donated to the Medical College of Ohio (Toledo).

Memorial services will be held in Morgantown, WV. Memorial requests may be made to Grace Episcopal Church, Defiance, Paulding County Hospice or Paulding County Senior Citizen's Alzheimer's Support Group.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF JIM BAKER 2/1/05

The angels gathered near your bed, So very close to you. For they knew the pain & suffering, That you were going through. I thought about so many things. As I held tightly to your hand Oh, how I wished that you were strong, And happy once again. But your eyes were looking homeward, To that place beyond the sky. Where Jesus held His outstretched arms. It was time to say "goodbye." I struggled with my selfish thoughts, For I wanted you to stay. So we could walk & talk again, Like we did just yesterday, But Jesus knew the answer, And I knew He loved you so. So I gave to you life's greatest gift, The gift of letting me go. Now my heart will carry memories, Of the love you gave to me. Until we meet again in Heaven.

Where the best is yet to be.
J. Morse
Missed by your family

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

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Randy and Crystal Brooks Jr. are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Myranda Nichole. Myranda was born January 9 in Bryan and weighed 8 lbs. 15 oz. She was welcomed home by her big brother Rylan Jacob, age 2 1/2. Grandparents are Randy and Jeanette Brooks Sr. of Antwerp, Bill and Ruth Snodgrass of Paulding, and Tarry and Marie Nehls of Wauseon. Crystal taught for several years at Antwerp Elementary but is currently a stay at home mom. Randy is currently deployed with the Ohio Army National Guard.

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SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

"Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl Football game, help us be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat."

This prayer inspired the young people of a single church to make a difference in the lives of others and began the Souper Bowl of Caring. Since 1993 thousands of members in congregations, schools and civic organizations across the country have raised \$28 million for hungry and hurting people. And as the numbers continue to grow, what's even more significant is that thousands of people are experiencing the joy of giving and serving.

St. John Lutheran, 812 E. High Street, Hicksville will again be participating in this event this year on Super Bowl Sunday, February 5. The members of St. John will be bringing cans of Soup to be given to Hicksville's Christ Cupboard to feed the local hungry. As part of the worship service that Sunday a special offering will be collected in soup kettles and this will be sent to feed the hungry of the world. After the service the members will enjoy the fellowship of a soup luncheon with a free will offering for world hunger.

Contact the church at 419-542-6269 if you would like additional information.

I DON'T WANT TO GO TO CHURCH

A church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

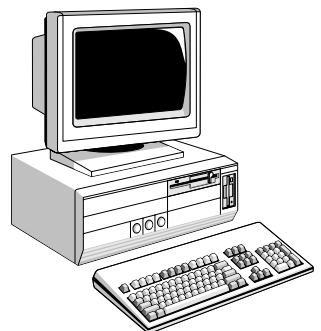
"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this... They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!" When you are Down to nothing... God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment!

All right, now that you're done reading this, when Satan is knocking on your door, simply say, "Jesus, will you get that for me?"

Have Something to sell?

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COMPUTER CORNER



By: Cyreb Reniets

So, you have tried all of the previous computer corner suggestions to try and get your computer working faster, but the thing just won't go faster. Perhaps it's time to check out something else. Maybe you bought the least expensive computer that you could buy and now you might be paying for it. It's time to look at memory.

Memory today is not very expensive but it might double the speed of your computer, and who wouldn't want that. Memory can be purchased at any computer store or even places like Walmart. Going to your local computer store would be your best bet to ensure that the memory you purchase will be compatible with your computer.

How much should you get? I would upgrade it to at least double what you have now. For instance, If you have 256MB get a minimum of 512MB and for the price it may be better to go to 1024MB.

The only other thing you need to look at is if you have enough slots on your motherboard to accommodate the extra memory. The manual that came with your desktop or notebook will have the information on upgrading the memory and how much it can hold. Some of the new Macintosh computers can even hold up to 16 GB.

If you have any doubt at all, then be sure to contact a computer repair shop that you trust.

If you have any computer questions that you would like answered be sure to email them to the West Bend News at westbend@verizon.net.

The West Bend News or its affiliates is not responsible for any damage or loss of data that may occur due to following the above instructions or any advice that may be given or perceived through this advice.

PUBLIC INVITED TO A.C.D.C. MEETING

The Antwerp Community Development Committee has reserved the Antwerp School Auditoria for a public meeting to be held on February 16 at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will be an informational / organizational meeting, designed to enlighten all interested citizens in the goals and aspirations of the committee. The committee desires to receive input from the public as well in their pursuit of promoting the growth of the Antwerp area.

Special invitation is being given to Tony Langham, the Paulding County economic director, Paulding County commissioners, and local elected officials. Topics to be discussed at the event are possible future projects to help our community grow, projects already completed, re-organization of the sub committees to become a more effective entity, volunteers from attendees to become "card carrying members" which gives them the right to vote in the election of our officers. Recognition will be given to the four new businesses recently started in our community. This will be an open forum meeting and we encourage everyone to attend and voice your opinions and ideas for the improvement of your community. Refreshments will be served.

This committee which has only been in existence since August of 2005 has been both inspirational and awe-inspiring to people outside of the community looking in as well as those citizens who have become a part of the organization. The paper work has been submitted for this committee to be declared a 501-C-3 Non-Profit organization, which will allow it to apply for federal grants. When this occurs the possibilities for improving our community will be greatly increased. At the present time, the wheels of this improvement machine has been greased by the kind hearted people who have volunteered their time, talents and resources to accomplish good deeds for our home town. We are now asking you, the rest of our community to come and be a part of something that will not only benefit you but will benefit your children and grandchildren.

Mark your calendars for February 16 at 7:00 p.m. for this public meeting at the Antwerp school auditoria. In next week's paper I will give you a brief history of the birth of the Antwerp Community Development Committee and the progress made in it's brief life span.

Dennis Lee

WARNING FOR DIAMOND PET FOOD

Diamond Pet food has discovered aflatoxin in a product manufactured at our facility in Gaston, South Carolina. Aflatoxin is a naturally occurring toxic chemical by-product from the growth of the fungus *Aspergillus flavus*, on corn and other crops.

Out of an abundance of caution, we have notified our distributors and recommended they hold the sale of all Diamond Pet Food products formulated with corn that were produced out of our Gaston facility (see complete list below). Please note that products manufactured at our facilities in Meta, Missouri and Lathrop, California are not affected. The Gaston facility date codes are unique from other Diamond facility codes in that either the eleventh or twelfth character in the date code will be a capital "G" (in reference to Gaston). The range of date codes being reviewed are "Best By 01-March-07" through Best By "11-June-07". Diamond's quantitative analysis records substantiate that Diamond's corn shipments were definitively clear of aflatoxin after December 10. As such, "Best By 11-June-07" date codes or later are not affected by this notice.

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We are rapidly analyzing retained samples of all products produced in Gaston so we can isolate specific lot numbers impacted and provide this information to our distributors, retailers and customers as quickly as possible.

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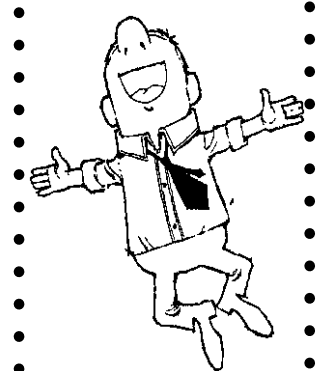
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The Sherwood State Bank would like to welcome you to our second annual Agriculture Seminar. Agriculture is a vital part of our community and as your local community bank; we understand the role agriculture plays in your life. That's why we are extending a special invitation for you to attend one of the free seminars listed below:

February 7, 2006 will feature Rick Hall and Mike Gaynier, representing Spartan Crop Insurance and Revenue Protection. They will be bringing with them Mike Mock who is the Senior Marketer for the Andersons. This seminar will be held at the Sherwood VFW with breakfast being served at 8:30 a.m. and the program beginning at 9:00 a.m.

February 9, 2006 will feature James Williamson from Williamson Insurance Agency. Jason will be focusing on crop insurance as a marketing tool. Steve Fast will introduce Alan Douglas from RC Stone, Co-sponsored by Antwerp Equity to discuss 2006 grain markets. This seminar will be held at the Red Owl Inn in Paulding with breakfast being served at 8:30 a.m. and the program beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Our guest speakers will focus on the use of risk management tools. We believe it would be of great value to you to attend one of the free seminars. To reserve your seat, RSP V to Brian G. Miller, Vice-President or Kim Vance, Loan Processor at 419-899-2111 or 800-899-9531 by February 3, 2006. Registration will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Brian G. Miller, Vice-President

JH BOYS BASKETBALL ARCHERS VS. PANTHERS

The Junior High Boys Basketball team played host the Paulding Panthers on January 26.

In the seventh grade game, the leading scorers were: Antwerp - Jordan Koppenhofer 7, Logan Lucas 6, Shaile Chamberlain 5, Tanner Copsey 3, Dustin Hitzeman 2.

Paulding - Dylan Welch 8, Dakota Lafountain 8, Sam Heilshorn 4, Grant Harder 3, Aaron Manz 2, Devan Bermajo 2.

The Paulding Panther big men Dylan Welch and Dakota LaFountain proved to be the difference in the 7th grade game. The post-duo shared game-high scoring honors in a 27-23 defeat of Antwerp. Despite early foul trouble, Welch scored eight points and LaFountain scored eight first half points with his teammate on the bench. The Panthers held the Archers scoreless in the 3rd period to extend their lead to 25-14 after three, but a flurry by the Archers in the 4th closed the gap to a final of 27-23.

Jordan Koppenhofer led the Archers with seven points.

In the eighth grade game the leading scorers were:

Paulding - Cody Clark 10, J. Riley 6, Dakota Vogel 4, Ethan Wolfe 4, J. Monnier 2.

Antwerp - T.J. Short 15, Travis Woodard 8, Justin Johnson 6, John Rindahl 5, Bryson North 2.

The Antwerp Archer 8th grade boys team regrouped tonight and posted a 36-26 win over county-rival Paulding. The game started slow as both teams worked to find the others weakness and it paid off for the Archers in the third period, out scoring Paulding 11-2. Cody Clark led the Panthers with 10. T.J. Short led all scorers with 15.

"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": BUSINESS SMARTS

Did you know that in addition to the trade, industrial and service programs, there are four specialized technical business programs at Vantage?

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Students interested in the Medical or Legal office field can get a head start in the Medical/Legal Specialist program, where they will discover basic business skills, accounting, computer software, medical and legal terminology and Anatomy/Physiology.

During the senior year, students choose to concentrate in either the medical or legal track, and continue learning document formatting, coding and specialized computer applications.

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If you are interested in finding out about career opportunities in any of these fields or have questions about the business programs at Vantage, please call Tom Mershman, Student Services Supervisor at 419-238-5411 ext. 140 or e-mail him at vt_mershman@noacsc.org.

Mark your calendars now for the annual Vantage Open House and Scholarship Dinner, which will be held on Monday, February 13, from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. You can see for yourself the 18 different career-technical programs available to high school students. Don't miss it!

ANTWERP VS. CRESTVIEW: JH BOYS BASKETBALL

On January 19, the Antwerp JH Archers played host to the Crestview Knights.

In the seventh grade arena, the leading scorers were:

Crestview - Steven Rickard 11, Cody Hageman 4, Cody Aversch 3, Logan Reyer 2, Josh Staten 2, Brad Miller 1, Isaac Rager 1

Antwerp - Logan Lucas 14, Dustin Hitzeman 3, John Brown 3, Shaile Chamberlain 2.

The Crestview Knights came to Antwerp Thursday looking for a victory right from the start, outscoring Antwerp 8-0 in the first quarter. A stepped up Antwerp defense in quarter two held Crestview scoreless, making a game of it, down at the half 8-5. The second half proved to be a dogfight as the Archers outscored Crestview 17-16 but came out on the short end 24-22. Logan Lucas scored 12 second half points to lead the Archers with 14 and Steven Rickard led Crestview with 11.

The seventh grade Archers played in the finals of the Wayne Trace Invitational Tournament Saturday morning January 21 at Wayne Trace, against Edgerton.

In the eighth grade action the leading scorers were:

Crestview - E. Vining 6, K. Vallient 4, A. Eutsler 2, R. Ramey 2, C. Germann 2, S. Semer 2, D. Pierce 2, N. Mengerink 2, D. Nofer 2.

Antwerp - T. J. Short 12, Travis Woodard 8, Justin Johnson 7, John Rindahl 6, Isaac Yenser 5, Beau Koober 1, Aaron Hughes 1

Antwerp's Justin Johnson came out scorching the nets with six first quarter points and the Archers rolled on from there defeating Crestview 40-24. This is Antwerp's first eighth grade win over Crestview in over five years. The balanced scoring attack by the Archers helped the team on the offensive end. Antwerp coach Tim Copsey remarked, "The unselfish play of everyone on this team makes it tough for the opposing defenses to key on any one player. We stress through a team mission statement throughout the year, that we put team before self, and this team has really bought into that philosophy."

ANTWERP PTO NEWS

Well another PTO Family Bingo Night has come and gone. What a night it was. We had approximately 335 people at the event. I think that is a great showing by the parents of this small community. It showed me that we have a family based community.

It was great to see the smiles on the kids faces as they came forward to pick a toy prize. We also had donations from many businesses including: A&W; Antwerp Alleys; Antwerp Pharmacy; Brewhouse; Country Times Market; Ice Cream Depot; Kammeyer's IGA; Langham's; Meijer; Pit Stop; Pop-N-Brew, and Subway.

Next on our agenda is getting ready for our spring family night and our next movie night. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 7th at 7:00 PM in the school office. If you are interested in having a say in one of these events please try to attend.

Tianne Pendergrast
Antwerp Elementary PTO
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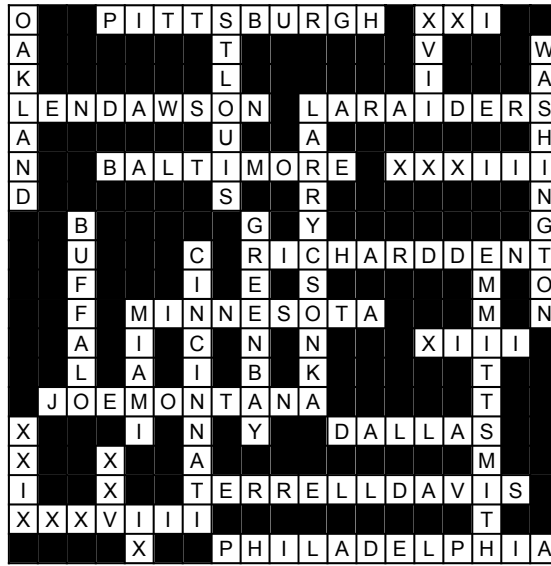
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ANTWERP CONSERVATION CLUB NEWSLETTER

Greetings from your club officers! We hope you all had a nice Holiday season. Some members have asked why we don't put out more frequent newsletters. The reason is that, with over 300 members, the cost of printing and postage is roughly \$150.00 for each mailing. As you know postage has gone up again this month.

In the past year we have installed a new pistol range and a new trap range. This fall we erected a new carport on the old barn foundation for shelter. Though the cost was \$945.00 installed, about half the cost was covered by donations from the members. We also now have a storage building near the entrance to the Club, thanks to the Straley family. There are plans to revise the old rifle range, adding a 300 yard range, a cement slab, concrete benches and a roof over the top. Timber for the roof has been donated by Mark Larimore. If the Good Lord is willing, we would like to get started on a clubhouse in the not too distant future and institute some conservation programs.

—Our Trap Shoots will resume in April and continue through November on the second Sunday of the month starting at 12 noon with the main event beginning at 1:00 p.m.

—We will be shooting practice rounds every Tuesday evening from 4:00 p.m. until dark.

—The pistol and rifle shoots will be scheduled at a later time.

—The Easter Ham Shoot and Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot will return this year.

—The Spring Fish Fry date is April 29, so mark your calendars! We will be serving from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please help where you can.

—The 2006 memberships are now available. You may send your check (\$15.00 single or \$25.00 family) to:

Antwerp Conservation Club
PO Box 141, Antwerp, OH 45813

We depend largely on our dues money to operate the Club, so your prompt attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated. Come and join us as we try to make good things happen at the Antwerp Conservation Club. Update the Secretary or Treasurer with address changes please.

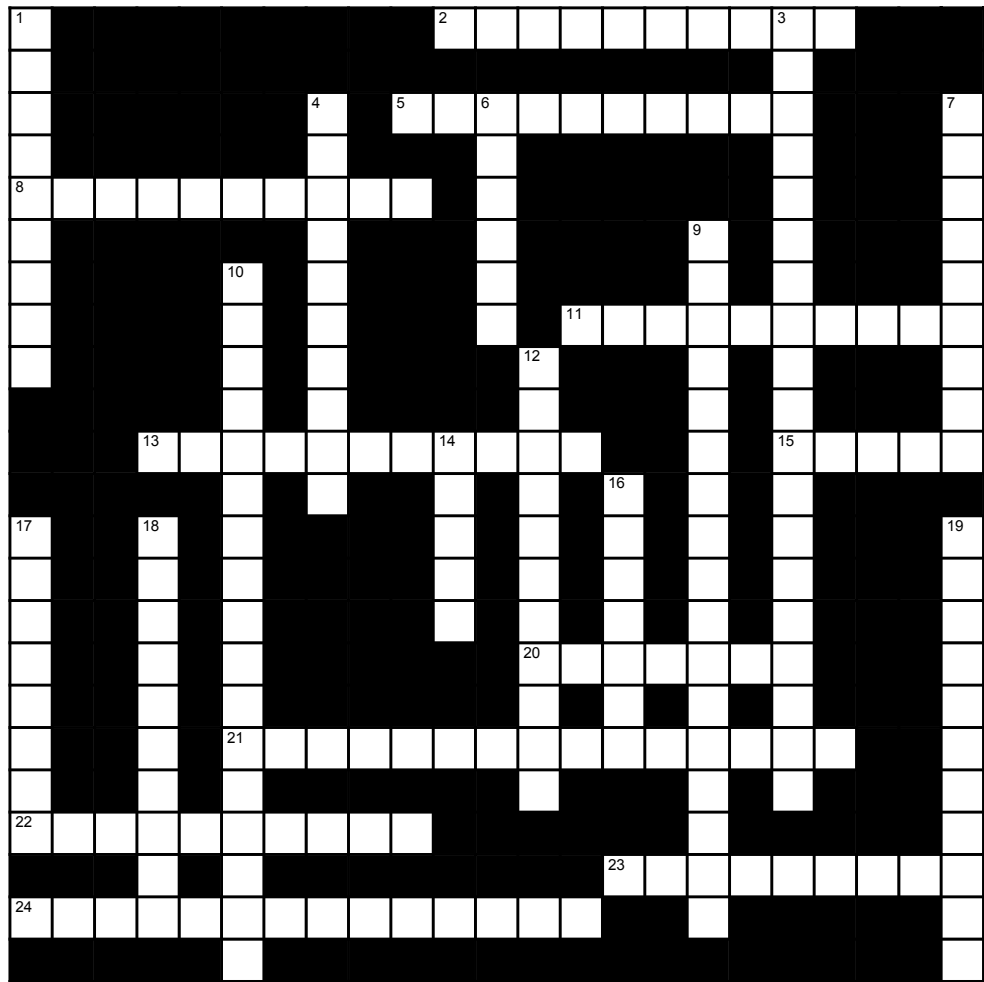
We are looking for a good year, so come out and take part in some or all of the events. If there are any youth or adults (men & women) interested in learning trap or target shooting, we will have people there to help you.

The Club is looking for a good used refrigerator and chest freezer. If you have one to sell or would like to donate, call Byron Rasey or one of the Trustees.

THE WEST BEND NEWS

Crossword Puzzle

National Parks Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 2. Arkansas' only National Park
- 5. This National Park is in Oregon
- 8. This National Park is in Nevada
- 11. This National Park is in Michigan
- 13. This is one of Wyoming's National Parks
- 15. Acadia National Park is in this state
- 20. This state's National Parks are Saguro, Grand Canyon, and Petrified Forest
- 21. This National Park is in New Mexico
- 22. This is one of the National Parks of Virginia
- 23. This National Park is in Hawaii
- 24. Ohio is where this National Park is located

Down

- 1. Minnesota is where this National Park is located
- 3. This National Park is located in both Tennessee and North Carolina
- 4. This state's three National Parks is Mount Rainier, North Cascades, and Olympic
- 6. This state has eleven National Parks
- 7. This National Park is in Colorado
- 9. North Dakota is where this National Park is located
- 10. Alabama's only National Park
- 12. This is one of the National Parks of Utah
- 14. This state's National Parks include Big Bend, Big Thicket, and Guadalupe Mountains
- 16. The Everglades National Park is in this state
- 17. This National Park is in South Dakota
- 18. Three of this state's National Parks are Yosemite, Death Valley, and Sequoia
- 19. This National Park is in Kentucky

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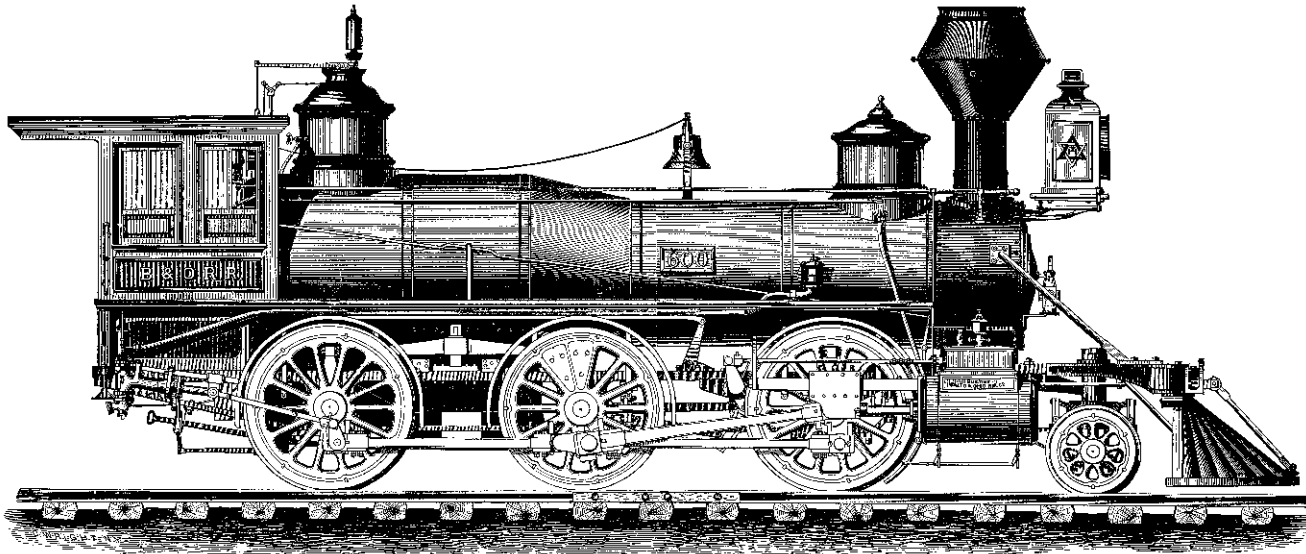
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WHERE DO THOSE TRACKS GO?



The Baltimore and Ohio designed its *Mogul* No. 600 specifically for passenger service. It was assigned to pull passenger trains over the steep Appalachian grades of West Virginia. Constructed in the B&O's Mt. Clar Shops (Baltimore) in 1875, it is now exhibited in a portion of these

By: Tom Curtis

Our area is crisscrossed with many railroads. Where do all those tracks go?

ANTWERP: The tracks through Antwerp now operated by the Maumee Western railroad are some of the oldest in the area. The predecessors of the Wabash Railroad built this line in the years before the Civil War, operating it between Toledo and Fort Wayne. From Antwerp, it goes East to Cecil and then to Defiance.

It is the railroad that Clinton Street crosses with a bridge just south of Defiance College, and uses the bridge just west of the Clinton St. Bridge to cross the Maumee River. Going East between Defiance and Napoleon, this is the railroad visible from US24. It passes through Jewell and Okalona before entering Napoleon and passing

through just north of downtown.

From Napoleon it crosses US24/US6. It is the railroad crossing just before the US24/US6 split east of town.

From there it passes through Liberty Center and continues Eastward to Toledo. Portions are now out of service. Westbound, Maumee Western operates it as far as Woodburn Indiana, where Norfolk Southern operates it into New Haven.

PAYNE: The tracks through Payne are now operated by the Norfolk Southern. Originally known as the Nickle Plate Road, it operates between Conneaut, Ohio and Chicago. This railroad is the one that passes through downtown Fort Wayne on the elevated tracks just North of the courthouse, and it was the original operator of the

same workshops set aside as a railway museum. This train may have passed through Hicksville.

This picture is actually a woodcut from a newspaper before pictures were printed with dots. The entire train is hand engraved, taking many hours and skills long gone.

railroad yards between New Haven and Fort Wayne.

Going East from Payne, the tracks pass through Oakwood and Continental, run through Bellevue, Sandusky, Vermillion, through Cleveland, and on up to Conneaut, Ohio near the PA border.

HICKSVILLE: CSX corporation today operates the railroad that passes through Hicksville. The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad built it in the 1880's. It operates between Baltimore MD and Chicago. These are the tracks that pass through Auburn, Garrett (where it has a large railroad yard), Napanee, and on up to Gary and Chicago. Eastbound it passes through Defiance, on down to Deshler, and on to Willard, then to Akron, Pittsburgh, Cumberland, and on to Baltimore.

BRYAN: The Railroad through Bryan is operated by Norfolk Southern. It was built by the Michigan Central, and operated by New York

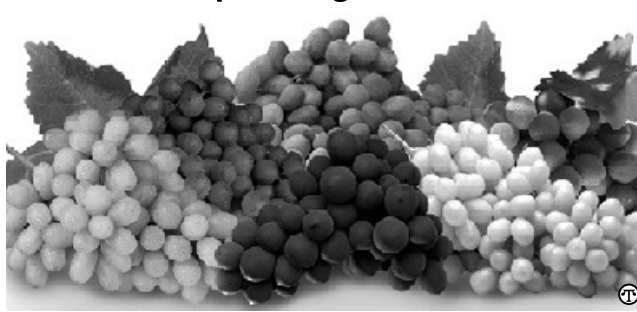
Central, Penn Central, and Conrail. Westbound, it passes through Elkhart, South Bend, and on to Chicago. Eastbound, It goes through Toledo, Cleveland, Buffalo, Albany NY, and south from there to New York City.

VAN WERT: Passing through Van Wert is the Chicago, Fort Wayne and Eastern. This railroad has seen several operators, starting with the Pennsylvania Railroad, followed by Penn Central, Conrail, and CSX. Westbound, the line runs to Fort Wayne, then on to Chicago. Eastbound, the tracks pass through Lima, Canton, Pittsburgh, Johnstown and Allentown PA, and on to New York City, although the CF&E only operates this line as far as Crestline OH.

That's a quick rundown of our local railroads. Next month, we'll look at the story of the Wabash railroad through Antwerp.

Fabulous Fruit

Chilean Grapes Brighten Winter Diets



Thanks to several delicious varieties of red, white and black grapes from Chile, it's easy to meet your recommended daily fruit quota.

(NAPSA)—During winter and early spring, it's as important as ever to eat plenty of fruit, rich in vitamin C, fiber and many other nutrients. But studies show fruit consumption slips to just 44 percent of the recommended levels, perhaps a holdover from a time when fresh grapes and other Chilean fruit weren't readily available. These days, it's a snap to eat more fruit because when it's winter here, it's summer in Chile, with the balmy temperatures needed to produce plump juicy grapes.

Not only is there a choice of varieties—red, white or black, and most are seedless—but grapes are among the easiest and most convenient fruits to enjoy. They should be refrigerated, stored in a plastic bag, and washed before use. Tuck a small bunch in a child's lunch bag, enjoy them at breakfast, nibble a few for an afternoon snack or serve as an after-dinner fruit course.

If you've never tried frozen grapes, you're in for a great treat reminiscent of a refreshing sorbet. Just remove the stems, wash

grapes and pat dry. Freeze in a single layer on a shallow tray. When hard, pack the grapes in freezer bags, pressing out the air. Keep them on-hand to enjoy as a refreshing snack, or cut in halves and serve in dessert glasses, topped with a dab of raspberry jam. Grapes add appealing color and flavor to a spinach or mixed greens salad, together with toasted walnuts and crumbled goat cheese. Or, for a quick topping over chicken breasts or poached fish, sauté grape halves briefly in butter and add a touch of lemon juice.

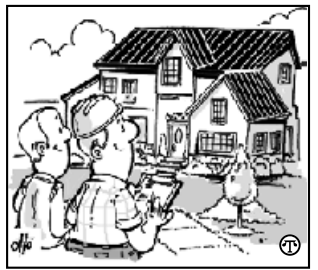
Chilean grapes must pass strict USDA safety standards before being transported to the coast, all within 24 hours after harvest. The harvesting season is nice and long, from November through April. Though over half of the fruit exported to the U.S. is grapes, Chile also grows many other fruits including nectarines, plums, apricots, raspberries, blueberries and cherries.

For recipes and more information on grapes and other fruit grown in Chile, visit www.cffausa.org.

How To Choose A Metal Roof

(NAPSA)—Cracked and curling shingles, dark stains and peeling interior ceilings are all signs that it might be time to replace your roof.

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NO NURSING HOME FOR ME

About 2 years ago my wife and I were on a cruise through the western Mediterranean aboard a Princess liner. At dinner we noticed an elderly lady sitting alone along the rail of the grand stairway in the main dining room. I also noticed that all the staff, ships officers, waiters, bus boys, etc., all seemed very familiar with this lady. I asked our waiter who the lady was, expecting to be told that she owned the line, but he said he only knew that she had been on board for the last four cruises, back to back.

As we left the dining room one evening I caught her eye and stopped to say hello. We chatted and I said, "I understand you've been on this ship for the last four cruises". She replied, "Yes, that's true." I stated, "I don't understand" and she replied, without a pause, "It's cheaper than a nursing home".

So, there will be no nursing home in my future. When I get old and feeble, I am going to get on a Princess Cruise Ship. The average cost for a nursing home is \$200 per day. I have checked on reservations at Princess and I can get a long term discount and senior discount price of \$135 per day. That leaves \$65 a day for:

1. Gratuities which will only be \$10 per day.
2. I will have as many as 10 meals a day if I can waddle to the restaurant, or I can have

room service! (which means I can have breakfast in bed every day of the week).

3. Princess has as many as three swimming pools, a workout room, free washers and dryers, and shows every night.

4. They have free toothpaste and razors, and free soap and shampoo.

5. They will even treat you like a customer, not a patient. An extra \$5 worth of tips will have the entire staff scrambling to help you.

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ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

My column in last weeks paper was about Robert Wyckoff. I forgot and left out one of the most important exciting parts of his life.

Bob met with President Clinton while the President was going from Bowling Green to Toledo in 1996.

President Clinton awarded Bob the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star for his action on the island of New Georgia back in 1944 during WWII.

Bob tells me that the President was just like a common guy and easy to talk to. He said that President Clinton sent a memento back to Col Henry Donnell for his many years of service in the National Guard and for serving in both world wars. They then traveled on to Toledo where the President gave a speech, then they took Bob, his wife and family to their car and they then went back to Antwerp.

Bob, I'm sorry that I left that part of this story out. I just flat out blew it.

I know Bob was a Blue Gill fisherman, hopefully he will like this true story about two bass fishermen.

It was January 25, 1992, and I and my brother-in-law, Ray Gross, Sr., were on a three week fishing trip to South Florida. His wife, (my sister Grace) had not retired from Paulding County Hospital yet.

It was getting along about 4:00 in the afternoon and Ray said, "lets go out for a couple of hours." At that time, Ray had a 14 ft. aluminum boat with high sides and a wide bottom. It had a 15 horse Mercury engine with an Armstrong starter.

We hugged the south shore heading west toward the canal to the dam site. The whole south shore is loaded with century's old Cypress trees, where a dozen hurri-

canes have taken all the tops out. These flat topped trees are homes to lots of Ospreys. They certainly are not an endangered bird around the lake. Even out on the road to town the South Florida Light and Power have built 4'x4' by 6 inch boxes on top of their power poles and most of these have Osprey nests in these boxes.

There are dozens of varieties of birds on their lake, and they all eat fish.

In 1962, the government made a drainage canal from Lake Istahpoga on south to the Kissimmee River and then into Lake Ockeechabee. It is about 100 foot wide at the lake site and narrows down at the dam site at county road 621. Then it widens out again to about 40 feet wide and serves as an irrigation ditch, also, all the way to the Kissimmee. In the last 40 years, west and central Florida has had so many cold winters that most of the citrus growers have moved to south Florida.

Lykes' Brothers have put in thousands of acres of citrus there and all of those growers get their water from this canal. Lykes' Brothers are also very big in the cattle and meat business in south Florida.

So, Ray stopped the boat at the north end of this canal opening and we got our poles and started fishing. There was a little breeze out of the south, that means it drifted us straight away to the north from the canal. We drifted slowly along and cast our baits ahead of the boat and slowly reeled it in hoping for a hit. If you don't get a hit on your bait you reel in and cast again. By then the boat has drifted over a new area, you cast again with high hopes.

I was sitting in the front seat casting ahead and Ray was fishing out of the back side. In those years, Ray always stood up and fished, later on his knees wouldn't let him do that. Anyhow, it was a real

nice evening and we were just in shirt sleeves, and we commented about how nasty the weather was back up north. It was nice being here, even if they were biting slow.

Ray had a pole laying on the back seat with what we called a 5 o'clock shiner on it and his bobber was about 40 feet back of the boat. His reel was open in case something big bit the bait, it wouldn't jerk the pole out of the boat, I've had that happen to me.

I was eating an orange, Florida style, and Ray said, "if you don't reel your other lines in, the boat will drift over it and your bait can get caught in the hydrilla and it sometimes can cause a mess. Anyhow, I reeled his line in and laid his pole down and started to bring my own line in because I might have to use the landing net. This all takes place in a couple seconds. Ray is standing up looking out to the rear, no bobber showing, but its line is tight and moving off to the right. He says, "Stan, do you think I've waited long enough?" You see that bail is at least about 8 inches long and it might take time for him to swallow it. A bass will swallow his bait as is, he don't stop to scale it like some pike do. I said, "Ray, he's your fish, but I would hit him." Well, he learned over, reeled in the slack line and set the hook in that rascal, and his pole broke right above the reel seat. We had a split second of pandemonium. Ray was standing up with what was left of his rod and reel, about face high. His line was tight and as it moved through the water off to the right, what was left of his rod was sliding down the line towards his fish, which had leaped up out of the water, and he was a hog! The water was flying in all directions, so he was shaking his big mouth trying to spit the hook out. After a couple gyrations he landed back in the water, but, glory be, the

line was still tight. I told Ray just keep the line tight, if he wants to run, let him go, we can still get him, because he is still on out there. Well, he turned and tore to our left and his line zinged through water and that beauty came up out of the water again. Man, that is a dandy large mouth bass. I've caught some nice sized bass, and this is a big one. By now I have the landing net ready and I'm giving Ray some good advice, but he didn't need any, he's a better fisherman than I am. By now this baby has slowed a little and Ray has taken up about half of the line. I feel pretty good about getting him in, but he is still not to the boat. He swims by the boat a couple of times and then he ran out of steam and just rolled over on his side. Ray, worked him in beside the boat and then had to hang on to the broken part of the rod, about five feet of it, still between the fish and the reel seat. I got him into the net, and I must have took a second to adore this killer when Ray said, "put him in the boat."

It had been some very exciting moments and we set back there admiring his catch and puffing a little bit.

All this time another boat from over camp was about 50 yards away. In the boat were Sam Baker, who retired from G.M. At Flint, Mich., and Michael Guffey, who operated a garage in Montecello, Ky., lived very close to Lake Cumberland, and he fished there a lot.

Marshall served in both WWII and the Korean War as a Master Sargent in the motor pool, I think. They had started over to our boat when they could see that Ray had a big one on. Marshall had one of those hand-held DeLiar Scales. So we got around and weighed it. This bass was a little over 10 pounds. What a fish, most of the weight was in the gut. This bass was huge around the stomach. It was ten minutes after 5:00 and the sun was low in the west. I said, "if you want to take some pictures of this 'wall hanger' we had better start back to camp." We did get back in time for pictures and to weigh this fish on the store scales. Officially, he went at 10 lbs. 4 oz., and is now on the wall at Ray and Gracie's house. Ray and I use IM6 graphite rods for casting, the rod that broke was an old fiberglass rod.

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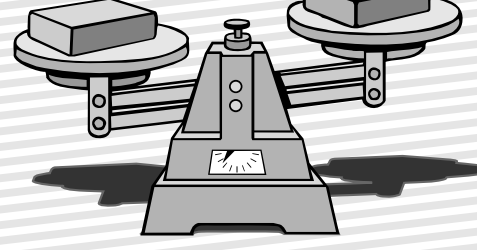


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ANTWERP VS. EDGERTON: JH BOYS BASKETBALL

On Tuesday, January 17, the Antwerp JH boys played host to the Edgerton Bulldogs in basketball action. In seventh grade, the leading scorers were: Edgerton - Herman 6, Radabaugh 5, Newman 3, Hersuhee 2. Antwerp - John Brown 9, Logan Lucas 9, Tanner Copsy 6, Jordan Koppenhofer 2, Dylan Crawford 2. In almost a repeat of the last home game, the seventh grade boys fell behind 10-2 at the end of the first quarter then stepped up the defense to take back the lead. Antwerp gave up one point in the second quarter and one point in the third to hold a 20-11 lead after three periods and never looked back. John Brown was the offensive spark as he came off the bench to match Logan

Lucas in game high scoring with 9. Ending the game with a final score of 28-16. In eighth grade action the leading scorers were: Edgerton - Schroeder 7, Franz 5, Clark 3, Knecht 3, Feltz 2, Dietsch 2, Balough 2. Antwerp - T. J. Short 12, Isaac Yenser 12, Travis Woodard 9, Bryson North 2, John Rindahl 2, Zach Burns 2, Beau Kobbie 1, Justin Johnson 1. The Antwerp eighth grade boys scored the first bucket of the game and never looked back as they defeated Williams County league rival Edgerton 41-26. Issac Yenser came out with the hot hand as he hit for 10 first-half points. Isaac and teammate T.J. Short shared game high scoring honors with 12. Travis Woodard added 9 points and 7 rebounds. They ended their night with a victory for the Archers at 41-25.

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- Mrs. Thornell 6A: Jessica Antoine, Margarita Basquez, Tanya Collins, Drew Dembickie, Sammy Branham, Nick Hancock, Anthony Hernandez, Devon Stahl.
- Mrs. Bockrath 6B: Anthony Arellano, Heather Bakowski, Drew Burnett, Austin Carder, Courtney Spears, Taylor Mock, Felicia Lehmann.

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- Kindergarten: Destiny Baumert, Brandon Laney, Rebecca McCroskey, Jonathon Pendergrast, Koleton Porter, Amanda Roberts, Patrick Sarsfield, Rachel Williamson, Hailee Carothers, Kaitlyn Clevinger, Noah Cline, Drake Gerken, Callie Perry, Joshua Poulson, Megaen Price.
- First Grade: Matthew Dooley, Autumn Hughes, Becca Johanns, Brandon Pendergrast, Caleb Ratliff, Peyton Short, Joshua Ehlinger, Houston Mansfield, Erica Meyer, Hanna Richey.
- Second Grade: MaKayla Brandenburg, Cainan Carlisle, Emily Derck, Chase Gerken, Joshua Longardner, Anne Miesle, Kirsten Price, Sam Williamson, Aaron O'Donnell, Iann Roebel, Brittany Smith, Jacob Sukup.
- Third Grade: Samantha Bender, Elizabeth Bond, Alston Doctor, Jack Godeke, Tony Kaufman, Jacob O'Donnell, Gabrielle Zuber, Maria Bradbury, Tristan Carwile, Trenton Copsy, Jerrett Godeke, Justis Harvey, Jonathon Hudson, Rebecca Major, Nicholas Rediger, Parker Swenson, Olivia Tempel.
- Fourth Grade: Zachary DeLong, Kaiya Jemison, Megan Leinard, Courtney Foreman, Mason Gerken, Garrett Jones, Alyssa Romero, Tiffany Romero, David Sarsfield, Megan Slattman, Colton Stout, Devin Wenzlick.
- Fifth Grade: Justin Bute, Scott Donnell, Austin Stout, Shawn Dooley, Colton Hamman, Cameron Huss, Marissa Kitzmiller, Darrien Reeb, Avrial Sawyer.
- Sixth Grade: Kelsea Burns, Joseph Hilton, Benjamin Major, Thomas Taylor, Christopher Figgins, Megan Fry, Bryant Miesle, Kyle Reinhart, Dalton Skeens, Hannah Tempel, Ellise Wetli, Amanda Zielke.



Eighth Grader Aaron Gross from Paulding Middle School was the winner of the Geography Bee.

PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL GEOGRAPHY BEE WINNER

Aaron Gross, an 8th grader at Paulding Middle School, recently won the Paulding Exempted Village Schools school wide Geography Bee, sponsored by the National Geographic Society. The Geography Bee has been held for the past eighteen years, for students in grades 4-8. Aaron won the school competition on Thursday, and will now take a written test to qualify for state and national competition. The top scorers in the state will be eligible to compete in the state Geography Bee on April 2, 2006. Other Paulding students competing in the school wide finals were: Sydney Provines, Savannah Rough-

ton, Drew Burnett, Chelsie Schoepflin, Rachel Nicelley, Chase Gideon, Gina Martinez, Andrew Layman, Ashley Justinger, Jason Koenn, and Jacob Gideon. These students represented each of their respective grade levels in the school finals. In addition, each student received a plaque for their efforts at the school finals. Judges for the school competition included: Ms. Chris Slattery; Oakwood Elementary Principal, Mr. Dave Stallkamp; Paulding Middle School Principal, Mr. Tillman Karl; Director of Special Services for Paulding Exempted Village Schools, and Mrs. Melissa Dearth; teacher. The moderator for the event was Mr. Sam Hatcher, Gifted Coordinator for Paulding Exempted Village Schools.

Northwest Ohio Girls Basketball Standings

Western Buckeye League

Lima Bath	5-2	13-3
Ottawa Glandorf	5-2	11-5
St. Marys	5-2	10-5
Van Wert	4-2	9-5
Lima Shawnee	4-3	11-5
Celina	3-3	7-8
Elida	3-4	9-7
Defiance	2-5	10-6
Wapakoneta	2-5	7-9
Kenton	1-6	3-11

Northwest Conference

Delphos Jefferson	8-0	13-3
Columbus Grove	6-1	14-1
Allen East	5-2	12-2
Crestview	5-2	10-5
Upper Scioto Valley	3-2	9-4
Lincolnview	2-5	4-11
Spencerville	1-4	3-10
Paulding	1-5	6-8
Bluffton	1-5	3-12
Ada	0-6	2-11

Green Meadows Conference

Holgate	4-0	12-4
Ayersville	3-1	10-4
Fairview	3-1	7-7
Wayne Trace	3-1	5-8
Tinora	2-2	6-9
Antwerp	1-3	3-11
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YOUR FOOTSTEPS WERE NOT KNOWN

**By: Bob Parker
Melrose United Methodist Church**

Psalm 77:1-20; II Corinthians 4:5-15

"When the blooms die, plant it outside, Mom! That's exactly what the lady at the florist said to do, and it will come back next year." So exclaimed Becky Greer's 9-year-old daughter, Kami, as she proudly presented her mother with a beautiful potted Stargazer Lily for Mother's Day. But Becky told Kami she didn't believe the lily would come back. "But Mom, the lady said it would!" When the blooms faded and died, Kami kept reminding her to plant the lily outside, and she kept putting her off by saying she just didn't believe the lily would come back. Kami remained persistent and inconsistent until Becky finally relented, and together they went outside to plant the lily in the backyard. Winter came and the lily died. That winter, Kami and her two brothers also died. And Becky Greer's world became totally dark."

What is grief? Author Edgar Jackson offers this description: "Grief is a young widow trying to raise three children, alone. Grief is a man so filled with shocked uncertainty and confusion that he strikes out at the nearest person. Grief is a mother walking daily to a nearby cemetery to stand quietly and alone a few minutes before going about the tasks of the day. She knows that a part of her is in the cemetery, just as part of her is in her daily work. Grief is silent, knife-like terror and sadness that comes a hundred times a day, when you start to speak to someone who is no longer there. Grief is the emptiness that comes when you eat alone after eating with another for many years. Grief is teaching yourself to go to bed without saying good night to the one who has died. Grief is the helpless wishing that things were different when you know they are not and never will be again. Grief is a

whole cluster of adjustments, apprehensions, and uncertainties that strike life in its forward progress and make it difficult to redirect the energies of life."

Have you ever found yourself in the position where trouble outweighed your capacity to pray? When your soul refused to be comforted? When you were troubled and complained—but your spirit was overwhelmed, disheartened, and discouraged? Have you ever found yourself in the position where you had cried aloud to God in prayer—where you had raised your voice to God—where day and night you sought the Lord confident He would give ear to your petition only to have the worst case realized? Can you imagine the grief of those who thought their family members had survived the Sago mine accident only to learn that they hadn't? This is the situation the psalmist addresses—when trouble outweighs the capacity to pray—when we are faced with sleepless nights and endless questions.

What do we do when trouble outweighs the capacity to pray? Don't we toss and turn in the bed kept awake thinking "God where are you"? Don't we wonder how long will we have to endure? Don't we find ourselves susceptible to depression—a depression so great—anxiety, worry, trouble so acute, so distressing—that we are unable or unwilling even to speak? Don't we question over and over again—running through our minds over and over again—"If only I had done this—if only I had done that—maybe I should've prayed more—fasted more—maybe my motives were wrong." Don't we call to mind better days and better times when even our relationship with the Lord was better?

That's what the psalmist did. He thought of better days and times for his nation and people and even for himself—times when prayers were heard and answered. He asked himself, "Did I pray right? Were my motives

right?" And where does all of this lead if not questioning the goodness and care of the Lord? "Will the Lord cast off forever? And will He be favorable no more? Has His mercy ceased forever? Has His promise failed forevermore? Has God forgotten to be gracious? Has He in anger shut up His tender mercies? Selah"

One commentator refers to the questions posed by the Psalmist as rhetorical questions—questions to which no answer is expected. Maybe it is because the answer is known or understood. But I can see how the Psalmist may be asking in earnest—"Are these things so? Is the Lord reliable? Can he be trusted—can he be counted on? Will we see his hand of mercy again?" Another commentator says that either way, "questions are comfortless things; they arise from an unsettled mind and settle nothing. Hankering after the past is no remedy for the present and no recipe for the future." Sleepless nights and endless questions offer neither comfort nor hope. Sleepless nights and endless questions only create anxiety. And anxiety leads to illness while recollection leads to relief.

Living with the unsettled mind—with anxiety—leads to illness. The Psalmist wrote in verse ten, "And I said, 'This is my anguish...'" What he was saying was "this is my infirmity—this is my grief—this is what hurts me most—about you God." This is having anxiety or feelings of concern to the point of being physically ill. It is where the stomach roils and the head and heart pound. It is where the blood pressure rises and the muscles tense. That's the end of baseless questioning.

There's no good end to calling into question God's character. We should instead do as the Psalmist did—recollect and remember so that we might find relief. "But I will remember the years of the right hand of the Most High. I will remember the works of the Lord; Surely I will remember Your wonders of old. I will also meditate on all Your work, and talk of Your deeds. Your way, O God, is in the sanctuary; Who is so great a God as our God? You are the God who does wonders; You have declared Your strength among the peoples. You have with Your arm redeemed Your people, the sons of Jacob and Joseph. Selah" Instead of calling into question God's purpose and plan for us we should instead be asking, "Who is so great a God as our God?" Who indeed is so great as God! So then the way forward is seeing God.

The way forward is remembering the works of God. Again the Psalmist writes, "The waters saw You, O God; the waters saw You, they were afraid; The depths also trembled. The clouds poured out water; the skies sent out a sound; Your arrows also flashed about. The voice of Your thunder was in the whirlwind; The lightnings lit up the world; The earth trembled and shook. Your way was in the sea, Your path in the great waters, And Your footsteps were not known. You led Your people like a flock By the hand of Moses and Aaron."

Here the Psalmist himself calls to mind God's work and the mystery of it all. But the

language is similar to that of the book of Job where God questions Job by recounting his actions in creation. When God finished speaking, Job said... "I had heard about you before, but now I have seen you with my own eyes. I take back everything I said, and I sit in dust and ashes to show my repentance." (Job 42:5-6 NLT)

It is important for us to remember and meditate upon the works of God because it will lead us to remember the God who performed the works. And it will lead us to turn the focus from ourselves to God. In that then any excellence of the power displayed in our lives will be of God and not of us. We may be hard pressed but God won't allow us to be crushed. We may not know what to do or where to turn but God won't let us despair. We may be persecuted by God but not forsaken. We might even be struck down but in God's hands we aren't destroyed. And what does such recollection and remembering do? What did it give to the apostle Paul? He wrote, "...we also believe ...knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus." Remembering and meditating upon the works of God gave him eternal hope that carried him through the darkest of days and the toughest of circumstances.

I hope that you are reading this as a believer in Jesus Christ because then, like the Psalmist, like Paul, you can remember and meditate upon the occasions of God's faithfulness in your life. You can remember and meditate upon the display of his power in you. You can draw apart with the Lord, fasting and praying so that you might hear him speak to you, reminding you of his five changeless covenant realities—His favor; His unailing love; His promise; His merciful grace; His compassion. You can do these things and have the questions which cause anxiety and doubt answered—eternally and forever.

What hope is there if you haven't yet placed your faith in Jesus Christ? It would seem to be only the adjectives Edgar Jackson used to describe grief: loneliness; shock; uncertainty; confusion; terror; sadness; emptiness. For you, "Grief is the helpless wishing that things were different when you know they are not and never will be..."

That was Becky Greer's situation when the lily and three of her children died that winter and her world became totally dark. "But the following spring the lily sprouted and grew to produce 27 fragrant pink blooms and she was filled with inexpressible joy. She said of that moment 'Joy in my darkness! How could that be? Without my children I believed I could never feel joy or happiness again. What a beautiful gift! Kami, an innocent child, had no trouble believing the lily would live again. Jesus said we are to have the faith of a child. God can resurrect even those things which we believe can't be resurrected. I did not believe the lily could survive the darkness of winter, and I did not believe that I could survive the darkness of my grief and suffering after losing all four of my children. God was working on the lily in the darkness of the earth, and he was working on me

in the darkness of my grief. I just didn't know it. Just because we don't always experience God's presence doesn't mean he isn't there."

Do you know Jesus in the way a little child does? Have you turned to him in faith, believing that through Him you can survive the darkness of your grief and suffering? If so, then remember, when trouble outweighs the capacity to pray relief comes in recalling God's redemptive work—remembering then meditating. If not, then why not turn to Him today? Find that inexpressible joy that waits around the next corner of your experience. Learn of the hope that is the inheritance of every child of God. Come into the assurance that for his children the God who redeemed Jacob and Joseph wants more than anything to redeem you as well. He stands waiting for you to call upon him in the hour of your deepest need.

GREEN MEADOWS CONFERENCE EIGHTH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

On January 28, the eight grade girls basketball had their tournament for the Green Meadows conference. In the championship game, it put Hicksville against Tinora with a final score of 29-26 putting Hicksville with the victory.

Both teams records are the following - Hicksville 14-3, Tinora 12-5.

The scorers for the game were: Hicksville - Hailey Turnbull 11, Kacey Babinger 9, Tiffany Welling 4, Stacy Battershell 3, Cassie Miller 2

Tinora - Jessica Brumbaugh 8, Sarah Stafford 7, Andrea Wachtman 5, Katie Weber 3, Brittany Coressel 2, Ashley Meyer 1

The consolation game was Holgate vs. Antwerp with this being the final score - Holgate 26, Antwerp 16.

Each school's records are the following - Holgate 13-3, Antwerp 12-5.

The scorers for the game

PAULDING COUNTY COOKS

There is not much story behind this recipe except that I was wanting carrot cake but could not find a recipe that had all the ingredients in it that I thought would go good together. I could find just carrot cake recipes, even ones with walnuts in, but I wanted pineapple in it too. After searching my many cook books with no success, I put this recipe together. Thinking about it just now makes me want to go make one!

Tropical Carrot Cake

- 2 c. flour
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. nutmeg
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. allspice
- 4 eggs
- 2 c. sugar
- 1 1/4 c. oil
- 2 carrots, finely grated
- 8 oz. can crushed pineapple, drained
- 1 c. walnuts, chopped


Mix dry ingredients together and set aside. In a large bowl, beat together the eggs, sugar and oil. Gradually add the dry ingredient mixture and blend well. Add carrots, pineapple and walnuts. Again, blend well. Turn mixture into a well greased 9 x 13 x 2 baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 50-60 minutes or until cake tests done in the center. Cool on a wire rack. When completely cool frost with the following recipe.

- 8 oz. cream cheese
- 6 T. butter
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 3 c. powdered sugar

Blend all together until soft and creamy. Spread on the cooled cake.


were: Holgate - Hannah Stevens 11, Kelsey Ramey 4, Jenna Clady 4, Kati Fisher 3, Paige Gineman 2, Tara Giesige 2.

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Before and After pictures of Thomas Branch from Crestview High School in Van Wert.

KNIGHTS IN THE NEWS: A COLUMN FROM CRESTVIEW

Let's Roll
By: Andy Bautz
 Long hair is really not a common trait found in the majority of males at Crestview. However, one young man, Thomas Branch, has broken this trend. One may have asked why his hair was so long, and believe me, it was LONG. This incredible sophomore grows his hair out

every year for Locks of Love. The hair that he donated was able to amount to three wigs for those in need. This really isn't common among high school students today, so I asked him why he decided to take up this service. Thomas had this to say, "I heard about Locks of Love and then searched for it on the Internet and decided it would be a cool idea. I was happy to provide three wigs." If that doesn't deserve a 'GO KNIGHTS SHOUT OUT' I don't know what does!

TREAT YOURSELF TO HEALTHY HAIR!

(NAPSA)—Winter's harsh elements can sometimes make taking care of your hair difficult. Fortunately, incorporating mane maintenance into your daily routine isn't as hard as it seems and is essential to achieving healthy hair, the foundation to any beautiful look.

"Our research shows that women are still not taking proper care of their hair and often have misconceptions about hair health," says Pantene Principal Scientist Cheri McMaster. "If women become better educated about what causes damage and ways to prevent it, I think it will bring them steps closer to achieving the healthy, shiny hair they desire."

McMaster distinguishes between hair care facts and fictions, offering simple tips to help women achieve healthy and shiny tresses.

FACT OR FICTION: It does make a difference which kind of shampoo I use.

FACT: Shampoos vary greatly in results as some "strip" the hair of natural oils while removing dirt, oil and styling buildup. This can leave hair susceptible to damage, so it's important that the shampoo have moisturizing benefits. Look for shampoos with silicones (dimethicone), fatty alcohols (cetyl alcohol) and/or cationic polymers (polyquaternium) on the ingredient list like in the Pantene Pro-V Daily Moisture Renewal Shampoo, as they all contain moisturizing benefits.

FACT OR FICTION: It is not necessary to condition after every shampoo.

FICTION: Conditioners and/or leave-in treatments should be used every time hair is shampooed regardless of whether your hair is dry, oily or normal. The conditioner will replenish moisture and help protect the hair from mechanical and environmental damage. Even if hair is oily, a volumizing or fine hair conditioner should still be applied, but only to the ends of hair, avoiding the scalp area.

FACT OR FICTION: Hair can become drier during the winter months.

FACT: Harsh winter elements including cold temperatures with low humidity, brisk winds and parched, heated indoor air can draw moisture out of even the healthiest locks, creating dry, brittle and damaged hair. To hydrate strands and keep hair shiny, smooth and manageable, use a weekly deep treatment.

FACT OR FICTION: Environmental elements don't cause damage to the hair.

FICTION: Environmental elements such as strong winds can tangle the hair and cause individual strands to rub together with enough friction to damage the cuticle layer and lead to breakage. In addition, even in colder months, ultraviolet rays from direct sunlight can cause damage by breaking down proteins in the cuticle and cortex of the hair that can weaken or dry hair out over time. Using daily conditioners, leave-in and deep treatments can help combat these elements by creating a protective surface barrier, leaving hair hydrated while preventing tangles.

To learn more about maintaining the health of your hair, log on to www.pantene.com.

GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY SPELLING BEE RESULTS AND HONOR ROLL FOR SECOND NINE WEEKS

The 2006 Spelling Bee contest was held Tuesday, January 10 in the gymnasium at 1:30 p.m. Grady Gudakunst was this year's winner, spelling the word "brain" correctly. Grady is the son of Jeff and Kerry Gudakunst. Zachary Nantz was runner-up. Zach is the son of Dan and Brenda Nantz.

Honor Roll

- All A's:**
 1st: Mackenzie Brown, Tyrone Cowdrick, Chance Elliot, Breia Eutsler, Erica Garlock, Gabby Gudakunst, Hanna Hill, James Leisure, Danae Myers, Isabel Schlegel, Korene Shelton, Daniel Sinn, Jonathon Sinn, Kati Stahl, Emil Stoller, Tyler Nichols.
 2A: Sydney Critten, Austin Fast, Jayson Nowak, Shad Ream, Kasey Girod
 2B: Destiny Reed, Brianna Sinn, Luke Miller
 3A: Lizzy Brown, Chuckie Chastain, Harley Henderson, Breylin Lautzenheiser, Kelsey Rittenhouse, Isaiah Ross, Lynn Wells
 3B: Makenzie Mansfield
 4B: Logan Fast, Mackenzie Haney, Arlen Stoller
 4S: Bailey Poling, Madi Poling
 5S: Grady Gudakunst
 6A: Ryan Jewell
 6B: Kayla Mansfield

"A's & B's":

- 1st: Nicholas Cantrell, Blake Miller, Levi Priest, Caleb Varner
 2A: Yakira Brown, Justin Silance, Karlee Temple, Leigha Flores

- 2B: Christopher & Corey Davis, Kelsey Fleagle, Sydney Hofmann, Blair & Brooke Ludwig, Emilee Myers-Colgan, Jessica Offerle, Jake Reynolds, Clint Sinn, Luke Sinn, Zach Sinn
 3A: Emily Beech, Zaine Cotterman, Jehane Hoagland, Angel Leisure, Jill Ross, Caleb Schlegel, David Sinn
 3B: Kierstan Baldwin, Carl Elliott, Bryce Eutsler, Brittany Foust, Iziah Greathouse, Erin Jewell, Leah Sinn, Austin Zuver, Madison Mansfield
 4B: Matt Lambert, Andrew Ludwig, Marcus McVay, Danielle Miles, Cotey Nichols, Zach Ramsey.
 4S: Saxon Fisher, Kendall Germann, Janey Janka, Rachael Kreischer, Maddie McClure, Korbin Showalter
 5S: Andy Scharf, Briana Schaffer, Joseph McVay, Zach Hermiller, Audrey Greear, Michala Elliott, Karena Egnor

- 5A: Andre' Burkey, Mackenzie Campbell, Mackenzie Fleagle, Tiffany Hittle, Dani Hofmann, Caleb Mead, Andrew Moore, Brian Myers, Adrean Ross, Natalie Sinn, Tanya Sinn
 6A: Zach Cotterman
 6B: Allissa LaFountain, Holly Ludwig, Beth Ross, Reuben Stoller

- "All B's"**
 1st: Tim Puckett
 2A: Melanie Keesler
 5A: Nathan Holtsberry
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**JH BOYS BASKETBALL:
RAIDERS VS. ARCHERS**

On January 24, the Wayne Trace Junior High Raiders boys basketball played host to the Antwerp Archers.

In the seventh grade game the leading scorers were:

Antwerp - Logan Lucas 12, Tanner Copesey 6, Shaile Chamberlain 4, Dustin Hitzeman 2, John Brown 2, Jordan Koppenhofer 2.

Wayne Trace - Gage Critten 9, Chris Hartzell 4, Dylan Jewell 2, Nick Germann 2, Nick LaBounty 2.

The Antwerp Archers came to life in the 2nd period of play beating the host Raiders 10-0 in the period, in what turned out to be the difference of the game. The host Raiders played a good first quarter on both ends of the floor leading 5-4 after one period. The Archers used the 2nd quarter to take a 14-5 lead at the half, and the teams played out to a 14-14 tie in the 2nd half to give Antwerp the 28-19 win.

The Archer record climbs to 7-4 while the Raiders fall to 3-7. Antwerp's Logan Lucas led all scorers with 12, followed by Tanner Copesey with six. Wayne Trace was led by center Gage Critten with 9 and Chris Hartzell with 4.

With the eighth graders the leading scorers were:

Antwerp - T. J. Short 11, Travis Woodard 6, John Rindahl 3, Beau Kobee 2,

Wayne Trace - Derrick Baksa 18, Caleb Davis 10, Hank Ackerman 2, Eric Priest 2, Brett Beckman 2, Jason Gordon 1.

The Raiders continue to find ways to win as they scrapped for five first quarter points and never looked back in a 35-22 Green Meadows Conference win over visiting Antwerp. Both offenses came out struggling, with Wayne Trace leading at the half 13-9. An offensive outburst by the Raiders in the third period and twelve second-half points by Derrick Baksa sealed the Archers doom. The win sets up a possible top seed for Wayne Trace in the upcoming conference tournament draw. The Raiders defeated two conference front-runners Tinora and Antwerp in the past week.

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Extraordinary Effort:**

Emily Hammon
All A's:
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A's & B's:
Maria Bradbury, Lydia Carr, Collin Perry, Lane Hunt, Rebecca Major, Hannah Mills, Jessica Ratliff, Maggie Reinhart, Cali Schoenauer, Alisha Schroeder, Parker Swenson, Kelsey Titus, Alston Doctor.

**Fourth Grade:
Extraordinary Effort:**

Danny Manella
All A's:
Derek Smalley, Brock Taylor, Nathan Zuber.

A's & B's:
Tom Brown, Dayna Conley, Madison DeLong, Zach DeLong, Chris Edgar, Dalton Gremling, Jenna Hankinson, Nathan Hawley, Katie Hunt, Justin Langham, Megan Leonard, Erik Miesle, Maddie Reinhart, Alyssa Romero, David Sarsfield, Megan Slattman, Colton Stout.

**Fifth Grade:
Extraordinary Effort:**

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All A's:
David Altic, Nick Bragg, Shawn Dooley, Morgan Williamson.

A's & B's:
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**Sixth Grade:
Extraordinary Effort:**

Stormie Friend
All A's:
Jayla Chamberlain, Tricia Smalley.

A's & B's:
Kelsea Burns, Morgan Cramer, Brandon Dunderman, Zach Dunlap, Hayley Feichter, Alex Gross, Cassie Harter, Corbin Jones, Jessica Langham, Ty Lee, Jessica Marlin, Jessie McCreery, Bryant Miesle, Alex North, Jasmine Price, Kyle Reinhart, Tayler Shaffer, Jacob Shook, Dalton Skeens, Ashley Smith, Alysha Stuck, Drew Taylor, Tommy Taylor, Hannah Tempel, Rachel Vachon, Ellise Wetli, Troy Womack, Amanda Zielke.

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**ANTWERP ARCHERS
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On Saturday, January 21, the JH Antwerp Archers traveled to Wayne Trace Junior High School for the Wayne Trace Invitational Tournament.

The Antwerp seventh grade boys basketball team defeated Edgerton, 32-24, in the championship game of the Wayne Trace Invitational Tournament. The Antwerp defense finally came out early and held Edgerton to just 2 first period points. However, the Archers found themselves in a tight game as the Bulldogs and Archers were knotted up at 17-17 after three periods. Jordan Koppenhofer blistered the nets in the final stanza, hitting two three-pointers, and the Archers closed the door hitting 7 of 9 free-throws in the closing minutes. Leading scorers for the game were Koppenhofer with 14 and Radabaugh for Edgerton connecting for 11. The 7th grade Archers are coached by Kevin Taylor and assisted by Tim Copesey.

This is Antwerp's first championship in the tournament since 1998.

Leading scorers were: Edgerton - Radabaugh 11, Herman 7, Stark 2, Hersuhee 2, Hasted 1

Antwerp - Logan Lucas, 6; Jordan Koppenhofer, 14; Shaile Chamberlain, 2; Tanner Copesey, 2; Dustin Hitzeman, 8.

Final score: Antwerp - 32; and Edgerton - 24.

**WEATHER & CARTOGRA-
PHY**

By: Joshua Steiner
My name is Joshua and I am 8 1/2 years old. I home school and I am very interested in weather and Cartography (the making of maps). I have looked at the computer and figured out a forecast for the next few days.

Today (Wednesday) will be probably see rain/snow showers with a high of 46 degrees.

Thursday will be cloudy with a high of 47 degrees.

Friday we will probably see rain showers with a high of 44 degrees.

Saturday we'll have rain/snow showers with a high of 35 degrees.

I really like looking at weather maps and seeing what's going to happen. I am especially interested in Tornadoes. I really can't predict the weather, I just have fun watching it.

I got interested in Cartography when I saw a train go by and I wondered where it was going. So I looked on the map. I started making routes to different places, then I routed our trip to Vermont when I went with my Grandma and Grandpa. I also mapped out Paulding County for Sue Knapp, but she got kind of lost anyway going to Oakwood.

Next week I'd like to write about severe thunderstorms.

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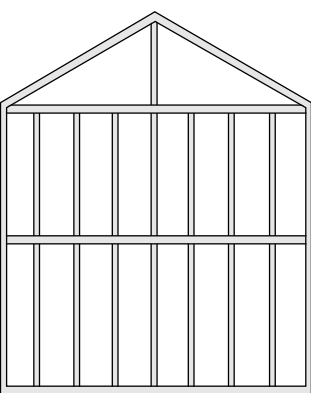
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Many people view colds as annoying and inconvenient, but for some people I high-risk categories (those with asthma, emphysema, diabetes or other pre-existing conditions) hospitalization or death may follow infection. The CDC reports that each year, an estimated 200,000 are hospitalized and 36,000 Americans die. Regrettably, 80% to 90% of the deaths are in people age 65 and older.

There is only one way to protect yourself from disease, and that is by having an immune system that is prepared to attack invading microorganisms. You are less likely to develop a cold if your immune system is functioning properly.

Following the following steps will help keep your immune system functioning at optimum levels:

—Eat healthful meals: emphasize whole grain foods and plenty of colorful vegetables and fruits.

—Supplement your diet with high quality vitamins and minerals.

—Incorporate physical activity into your daily life (burn off about 150 calories/day).

—Get adequate amounts of rest and avoid fatigue.

—Drink plenty of fluids to keep membranes moist and more resistant to invasion.

—Wash your hands frequently and try to keep them away from your face.

—Stop, or at least cut down, on your smoking, your lungs are struggling enough.

Hellen Greenblatt, Ph.D. Legacy for Life Chief Science Officer.

Dr. Greenblatt is a dual doctorate in Immunology and Microbiology from Downstate Medical Center, SUNY; an international speaker on hyperimmune egg technology and the human body; Member of New York Academy of Sciences; Member American Academy of Anti-Aging Medicine; Listed in the 60th Diamond Edition of Who's Who in America; and has received the Amanda L. Cox, Spirit of Life Award.

For more information about optimizing your immune system and ultimately your health, see the Live Well with Immune 26 ad in this week's paper.

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The good news is that smokers who try and try again to quit can learn what works and what doesn't. This will actually increase their chances of quitting. Even better news is that for the more than half of smokers who want to quit, a program called Committed Quitters, originally an online behavioral support program available only to people who purchased NicoDerm CQ, is now being offered free.

Committed Quitters features easily accessible and highly individualized support. Participants enroll by answering an in-depth online interview that gathers information about their habits, behaviors and motivations for smoking and quitting. A recent study found that smokers using the online Committed Quitters program with NicoDerm CQ increased their chances of success by more than 28 percent compared to smokers trying to quit using the same product and non-individualized support.

"We now have a great deal of evidence about what works and what doesn't when attempting to quit," said Dr. Vic Strecher, smoking cessation expert at the University of Michigan's Comprehensive Cancer Center. "We know that what works the best is a combination of specific approved medications meant for stopping smoking and behavioral support, such as Committed Quitters."

For those looking to quit, Dr. Strecher offers these tips:

- Think about the reasons you smoke—It will give you a clearer path to quitting. Does smoking relieve stress? Is it a large part of your social life?

- Get your head in the game—Dr. Strecher recommends that clients get support products like nicotine replacement therapy and online help before they quit, so they can read up on materials before they're under the pressure of quitting. Not only does this help raise consciousness about the patterns of smoking, but it gives them the tools they'll need when they make the decision to quit for good.

- Check out online support services—The free online Committed Quitters program provides support and encouragement to help you break your behavioral and psychological link to cigarettes, and is proven effective in helping smokers quit.

- Get yourself physically ready—Start walking, take in more fluids, and get plenty of rest.

- Put a support system in place—Fight the urge to keep your plans to yourself and enlist the help of family and friends. You can also rely on online support programs like the ones at Committed Quitters, which has been proven more effective in helping smokers quit.

To learn more about how to prepare yourself to quit smoking, visit www.committedquitters.com.

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