

## Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

### WANNEMACHER – SWORN IN AS PAULDING COUNTY TREASURER



Pictured above, Judge Timothy Pieper, Krystal and Hollie Wannemacher, and Treasurer, Lou Ann Wannemacher.

After many months on the "campaign trail" to election, Lou Ann is sworn in as the new Paulding County Treasurer, by Judge Timothy Pieper.

Lou Ann was Deputy Clerk to our past Treasurer, Betty R. Layman, for over 2 years, and with Betty's retirement, Lou Ann chose to seek the election of Paulding

County Treasurer.

The election process was a very exciting and educational experience, and also very rewarding one. "I had the opportunity to meet many new people throughout the county," stated Lou Ann. She is looking forward to the opportunity to serve

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### DATES AND CHANGES AT WEST BEND

Due to the Christmas and New Year's holiday, there will be no issue of West Bend News on December 27. Our first issue of the year will be out and to your mail boxes on January 4. From all of us here at West Bend Printing & Publishing—Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!  
—WB editor

### THANK YOU

Our Mom passed away on Thanksgiving morning and we know it was a blessing for her. What we did not know, however, was how much it would mean to be surrounded by our entire community, with love and care; our family, our church, our neighbors and friends – all of you took time to help us.

We are blessed to have such an excellent support system. Mr. and Mrs. Shawn Dooley know how to make this difficult time a special and individualized celebration of life.

Thank you all.  
—Family of Christine Zuber

### ODOT TO ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECTS

Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Director Gordon Proctor today announced ODOT will begin accepting letters of interest of January 1, 2007 for the state's first round of funding through the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program.

The program will provide approximately \$3 million in federal funding the first half of 2007, for projects that will make it safer and more appealing for children in kindergarten through eighth grade to walk or ride their bikes to school. The program will provide approximately \$5 million dollars of funding a year through 2009 for a variety of activities from educational, encouragement, planning activities and health projects to infrastructure projects such as sidewalks, pedestrian and bike paths, crosswalks, traffic calming or bike racks.

"These projects are unique for ODOT," said Proctor. "They can not only help improve infrastructure, but also support programs that help make it safer and more appealing for children to walk or ride their bikes to school."

The program was created by the recent federal transportation bill, which specifies how states can spend federal gas tax dollars.

—The program is 100 percent federally funded through the Federal Highway Administration, which means there will be no required match from applicants.

—A minimum of 10 percent and a maximum of 30 percent of Ohio's allocation must be used for non-infrastructure related activities such as education, enforce-

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### MR. AND MRS. JIM FRIEND CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF MARRIAGE



Jim and Mary Friend will be celebrating their 50th Wedding anniversary. Jim Friend and Mary Kees were married December 29, 1956 at

the Evangelical United Brethren Church, Hicksville, by the Rev. Paul Stuckey.

Jim is retired from Phelps (Continued on Page 3)

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**OBITUARIES**

**Ron Kutzli**, 60, of Antwerp, passed away December 13 at Saint Vincent's Hospital, Toledo due to injuries sustained in an accident.

Born in Paulding, Ohio on December 5, 1946, he was the son of the late Lawrence and Jane (Cowell) Kutzli who survives him of Antwerp.

He served in the U.S. Army the Vietnam War.

Ron is survived by daughters: Amy Kutzli and Danielle Weidenhamer both of Paulding; son, Chad Kutzli of Stryker; sister, Shannon (Alfred) Sudholtz of Sherwood; brothers: Brett of Grover Hill, Steven (Karen) of Antwerp and Gregory (Deb) of Grover Hill; three grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Family services were private at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp.

Memorials may be sent to Dooley Funeral Home, PO Box 452, Antwerp, Ohio 45813.

Condolences may be shared at [www.dooleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.dooleyfuneralhome.com)

**Helen B. Caserta**, 79, of Paulding, passed away December 12 at Select Specialty Hospital, Columbus.

Born in Paris, Kentucky on December 10, 1927, she was the daughter of the late Frank and Lavados (Davis) Childress.

Helen worked at Zellers in Defiance. She attended First Baptist Church of Antwerp, enjoyed her grandkids, traveling and gambling.

She will be sadly missed by her daughters: Jean Schooley of Paulding, Janet Kunkle, Judy (Randy)

Steckel, and Tonia Caserta all of Columbus; son, Jim (Deb) Caserta of Holland, MI; sisters, Jean Estes of Beattyville, KY, Betty Higgs of Moorehead, KY, and Joyce Riley of Lawrenceville, GA; 13 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren and a special family friend, Sandy Sanders of Paulding.

Helen's brothers, Charles and Bill Childress have passed away.

Funeral service was at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, December 16, with Rev. Jim Edwards officiating.

She was laid to rest at Saint Paul Cemetery, Paulding.

In her memory contributions may be made to First Baptist Church of Antwerp Building Fund.

Condolences and fond memories may be shared at [www.dooleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.dooleyfuneralhome.com).

**Monte J. Hildum**, 64, of Antwerp, passed away December 10 at Brookview Healthcare Center, Defiance.

Born in Warren, PA on December 16, 1941, he was the son of the late Burdette A. and Lena H. (Yehl) Hildum.

Monte served many years in the U.S. Navy. On December 9, 1994 Monte married Gwen Gerig, who survives.

He worked as an Electronics Engineer at Western Money Systems, Las Vegas, but previously worked at Dana Weatherhead, Antwerp.

Monte was a member of Antwerp VFW Post 5087, American Legion Post 253, the Payne Amvets and the Paulding Eagles.

He will be sadly missed by his wife, Gwen of Antwerp; daughters: Debra Williams, Jere June Sycoss, Renee Gaut all of Los Vegas, and Tania Greene of Henderson, NV; step-daughters: Bobbie Plewa of Fort Wayne and Terri Kortokrax of Roanake, IN; sister, Faye Russell of Prescott, AZ; brothers: Jack of Pahrump, NV and Don of Thailand; 16 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Monte's brothers, Junior and Doug have passed away.

Services were December 15, at Antwerp VFW Post 5087 with Rev. Max Begley.

In his memory contributions may be made to Paulding Area VNA or Hospice the Caring Way of Defiance.

Condolences and fond memories may be shared at [www.dooleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.dooleyfuneralhome.com)

**Lloyd Powers**, 97, of Chelan, WA, died December 3.

He was born on April 23, 1909 in Ohio.

He is survived by two sons: Lloyd Powers Jr. of San Jose, CA and Bruce Powers of Chelan, WA; three daughters: Betty Stubberfield of Antwerp, Beverly Kunkle of Stryker, OH and Judith Burke of Columbia, MO. He is also survived by eight grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

**Nevil A. Sizemore**, 56, of Antwerp, passed away December 15 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Born in Sunshine, Kentucky on May 31, 1950, the son of the late Ethelbert and Lorine (Sulfridge) Sizemore who survives him of Wolcottville, Indiana.

On September 6, 1969, Nevil married Jeanie Schooley. Jeanie passed away July 10, 2005.

He was the Water/Waste Water Supervisor for the Village of Antwerp since 1992.

Nevil will be sadly missed by his daughter, Julie (Chad) Thompson of Hicksville; mother Lorine; sisters: Alva Jean Jordan of Kendallville, IN, Myra Gray of Wolcottville, IN, Cheryl Barrett of Leo, Indiana and Pauline Sizemore of Kendallville; brothers: Rodney of Ft. Worth, Texas and Robert of Wolcottville; two grandchildren: Michael and Alissa Thompson.

His grandson, Christopher Thompson; father, Ethelbert; brother, Joseph; and brother-in-law, Charles Jordan have passed away.

Funeral services are at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 20th, with Reverend Jim Edwards officiating. He will be laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp.

Memorials may be made payable to Dooley Funeral Home, PO Box 452, Antwerp, Ohio 45813 to defray medical expenses.

Condolences and fond memories may be shared at [www.dooleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.dooleyfuneralhome.com).

**Viola Jean Goings**, 76, of Paulding died December 16 at Parkview Memorial Hospital Fort Wayne, Indiana.

She was born in Paulding County Ohio on January 20, 1930 the daughter of Rill L. and Ida V. (Bowsher) Carnahan. On September 9, 1948 she married James G. Goings, who survives. She was

a homemaker.

Surviving: her husband: James of Paulding, Ohio. Three daughters: Linda (Ben) Watson of Paulding, Marsha (Robert) Bland of Oakwood, and Sandy (Steve) Hubert of Fort Wane, Indiana; one son: Jerry (Deb) Goings of Cloverdale, OH; two sisters: Luella (Joe) Kosch of Continental, OH and Lillian (Ronald) Bruns of Napoleon, OH; six grandchildren; eight step-grandchildren; and 25 step-great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; one son, James A. Goings; one daughter, Mary Jane Goings; and one brother, Harold Carnahan.

Funeral services will be conducted 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 20 at the DenHerder Funeral Home Paulding. Burial will be in Sherman Cemetery, Oakwood. Calling one hour before services on Wednesday morning.

Memorials to: Paulding County Area Visiting Nurses or the American Cancer Society.

**A FINAL WORD: THANK YOU!**

**By: Jeff Shadowen, Westwood Fellowship, Woodburn**

We are almost to Christmas and the end of another year, but that is not the significance of the title above.

December 24 will be my final Sunday at Westwood Fellowship. I will finish the year with my family in the Florida Keys - our Christmas gift this year.

I do hope that you have a "wonder"-full Christmas - that you allow yourself ample opportunity to reflect on the true meaning of this season. Worship the Babe who became the Savior of the world through His death and resurrection. And if you are so fortunate as to know Him personally, celebrate that truth and share Jesus with others.

I also hope that you will connect yourself to a local church. Christianity does not function very well outside of community. I realize that all of us are not perfect - but don't worry about that - as you join us it will simply add one more imperfect person to the mix. We can handle that... and so can you if you really try to do so.

Mary and I will be heading out west in 2007 to become acquainted with a group call "Impact Basque" and then we will be heading back to Spain (we lived there from '92-'98) to work among the Basque people. They are an unrequited people group of over 2 million.

If you would like to keep up with us, you can contact Westwood Fellowship here in Woodburn or our denominational resource center in Fort Wayne - the Fellowship of Evangelical Churches. For your promise to pray for us or to help support us financially, we will send you monthly newsletters (provided that we get then written each month! HA!)

My word for this final column is "thank you". Thanks for reading along as much as you have been able to do. May God bless you as you continue to grow up and mature in Him.

(Continued from Page 1) "you", the citizens of Paulding County. Her goals include maintaining an open door policy to the treasurer's office. If you have any questions about your taxes or possibly any questions in general, feel free to stop by or give the treasurer's office a call.

Since the election, Lou Ann has been busy attending the Annual Treasurer's Fall Conference, held in Dublin, OH and CPIM classes to earn Treasurer and Auditor CEUS.

Along with the election

of a new treasurer came the appointment of a new clerk to the treasurer's office. Lou Ann and Karen would like to introduce our newest clerk, Vicky Steele to the office. Vicky is a resident of Paulding County and has worked with the county for many years through her experiences at the Paulding County Hospital and OSU Extension. Vicky, along with Karen has proven to be great assets to the Treasurer's office.

**Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6**

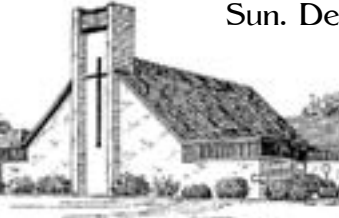
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**CHRISTMAS EVE DAY SERVICES AT ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

St. Paul United Methodist Church, Payne, Ohio, invites you to join them to welcome the Christ Child on Christmas Eve day, December 24th. Non-traditional worship is held at 8:00 a.m., the children's Christmas play, "Christmas in Bethlehem" will lead the worship at 10:00 a.m., and a traditional lesson and carols service with candlelight will be held at 7:00 p.m. St. Paul UMC is located at the corner of 49 and 613 in Payne.

**READY FOR CHRISTMAS?**

**By: Pastor Jeff Shadowen, Westwood Fellowship**

It is hard to believe, but Christmas is just around the corner. I have two children (i.e. young adults) in college. My son will actually be returning home from school this Friday ... last Friday by the time you read this column. My daughter will be returning home that next Friday.

I received a newsletter from a pastor friend this week, and he was writing about the fact that this will be the shortest Advent season possible - only 22 days if I remember correctly. So Christmas is REALLY coming in a hurry this time around.

Are you ready for Christmas? From my point of view, it seems to be a greater challenge with each passing year. So much to do! So many cards to send! So many presents to buy! So many parties and activities to attend! So little "free time"!

I would like to share with you in this column my favorite Christmas carol ... that really isn't a Christmas

carol ... but is one for me because it better prepares me for Christmas than any other song. The text is a little old, written by John Whittier, but it says so much that I need to hear most any-time—but especially so at Christmas.

"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind, forgive our foolish ways! Re-colthe us in our rightful mind; in purer lives Thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise."

"In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian Sea, the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word, rise up and follow Thee."

"Drop Thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of Thy peace."

"Breathe through the heats of our desire Thy coolness and Thy balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind and fire, O still small voice of calm!"

I suppose that the final verse would have to be altered just a bit to be a real Christmas carol. But it is not difficult to do. Instead of "retire" write "just hush" and in place of earthquake, wind and fire write "parties, gifts and rush".

If you and I could live out the words of this "carol" rather than follow our "normal", abnormal Christmas patterns, then we might just discover what those angels announced that very first Christmas. "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests." Have a blessed Christmas!



**Carl and Rose Koker at the Antwerp Rotary Meeting on December 14 at the Essen House.**

**CARL KOKER VISITS ANTWERP**

**By: Sue Knapp**

Last week Carl and Rose visited their daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Tim Derck. This time it wasn't a typical family get together. While enjoying family time, Carl and Rose had a number of interviews about the upcoming movie "We Are Marshall". It is about the Marshall University football team plane crash in 1970, where Carl was assistant coach at that time. All 75 people on board the plane were killed, which obliterated most of the football team. Carl, two other coaches and several players were not on the plane.

The crash has been called the "worst sports tragedy in history".

Warner Brothers went to Carl and Rose's house in the Spring of 2006 to talk about making a movie.

In August, Carl and Rose traveled to Atlanta where most of the movie was filmed. Carl met with the actors, got to know them and they got to know him which helped them greatly.

Carl says his not being on the plane was meant to be. His role as a coach also was extended as a listener. He listened to the boys and afterwards he listened to the parents and anyone who wanted to talk about the crash. He was there and saw how the crash affected everyone. Even to this day, people want to talk about it, to find a connection and they do this through Carl and the other ones not on the plane.

The movie, backed by Walmart and ESPN, was a long time in coming, but it's here now and it's been needed as sort of a closure. The effects of the crash are still felt in Hun-

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Dodge Indiana Rod & Wire and Antwerp Hardware. Mary is employed at the Village of Antwerp Utilities Department.

They are the parents of three children: David (Stephanie) of Indianapolis, IN, Pam of Antwerp, and Jill (Dennis) Jackson of Antwerp.

An open house reception will be hosted by their children on Saturday, December 30, at the Antwerp VFW Hall from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Family and friends are invited to come and share in this special occasion.

tington, West Virginia where Marshall College is. The college has a ceremony on the date of the crash to remember the ones who lost their lives. There is a big fountain with 75 water pipes, one for every one lost. There are six special memorials for those six in the crash that were unidentifiable. At 7:47 (the time of the crash) they shut the fountain off and turn it back on in the Spring. The crash left 29 children fatherless.

Carl has gained a lifetime of memories concerning the crash and the making of the film. He is honored to be able to talk about the movie and letting people know little things that are not in the movie.

He shared about four boys in the crash that had taken care of him after he broke his ankle. They set a room up in the dorm for him, made sure he ate, kept the room clean, did his laundry, etc.

He will remember the reunion in 2000 of everyone involved at that time. Rose has made a scrapbook about the crash and things pertaining to it. He and Rose were on the set when they made the movie and he was assigned a girl to follow him around and make sure he was where he was supposed to be as far as make-up and wardrobe. He told them he had the 1970 clothes in his closet. He acts as a reporter in the movie. You will see Rose in the stands watching the game.

The film mostly focuses on the happenings after the crash. What the new head coach was up against plus finding new players for the football team. At that time Freshman couldn't play football but the NCAA wavered that rule so Marshall could recruit a new team.

The movie will come out in the theaters on December 22.

**BOYS' FRESHMAN BASKETBALL: WAYNE TRACE VS. PARKWAY**

On Thursday, December 14, Wayne Trace and Parkway took it to the court in boys freshman basketball. The final score was Wayne Trace 27, Parkway 25.

Wayne Trace is 2-0, Parkway is 0-2.  
Leading Scorers:  
WT - Derrick Baksa 10, Jordan Sherry 7.  
Parkway - King 8.

**SPECIAL HOLIDAY ORNAMENTS ON SALE FROM ANTWERP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

The Treasured Scenes Ornament, 6<sup>th</sup> in a series and produced by the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce is for sale in some local chamber members businesses. The beautiful 3¼ inch glass maroon ball shows a very attractive gold drawing of the 1966 Elementary school entrance. This building served the school district until 2004 when the new school building was put into use. It currently is open for business as an assisted living facility.

The goal of the Chamber has been to create a unique

series of "Limited Edition" ornaments that depict new scenes each year. By doing so, they intend to preserve a different aspect of the town. Many people are collecting the entire series for themselves, for their children and for friends who perhaps no longer live locally. Since they are produced in a limited quantity, they will be sold on a first come, first served basis.

It's not too late to get these for last minute Christmas, birthday, or thank you gifts. They are available at The Antwerp Exchange Bank, Antwerp Pharmacy and Marilyn's Petals and Vines.

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**CONGRESS RECOMMENDS DAILY VITAMIN**

By: Paula Nuestr RN

Congress recently passed the Older Americans Act Amendments of 2006<sup>1</sup>. With this law, Congress officially acknowledged the benefits of a daily multivitamin and affirmed that good nutrition is vital to good health. It further stated that good nutrition may reduce the risk of chronic diseases, such as cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, macular degeneration, and cancer. Older adults can be particularly susceptible to nutrient deficiencies for a number of reasons, including a reduced capacity to absorb and utilize nutrients, difficulty chewing, loss of appetite and limitations resulting from living on a fixed income.

Evidence suggests the use of a single daily multivitamin-mineral supplement may effectively address nutritional gaps in the elderly population, especially the poor. Multivitamin-mineral supplements, Congress explains, may help fill a specific identified nutrient gap not being met by the individual's intake of food. The Amendments suggests "use of a single daily multivitamin-mineral supplement can be a safe and inexpensive strategy to help ensure the nutritional health of older adults."

These are important determinations because, citing statistics from the NIH (National Institutes of Health), Congress stated that approximately 40 percent of older adults living in the community are malnourished. Estimates rise for those in home care (20 to 60 percent) and those in nursing homes (40 to 85 percent).

Specifically, Congress also suggests that nutrition services funded by the government consider supplying a single, daily multivitamin-mineral supplement to help ensure the nutritional health of older adults. This appears to be the first time Congress has officially recognized the health benefits of a multivitamin-mineral supplement in this population.

While applauding Congress's foresight in recom-

**CHRISTMAS PIANO RECITAL WITH PAULDING COUNTY STUDENTS**



From the studio of Rebekah Smith of Antwerp, sweet music has been coming for the past few months. Christmas music that is. Her seventeen students have been pouring over Christmas music in preparation for this year's Christmas recital.

It took place on Saturday, December 16 at St. John Lutheran Church, Hicksville.

Ashlynn Strahley of Paulding started out the afternoon with the songs "Angels We Have Heard on High" and "Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy".

Jon Ross of Paulding followed with his delightful playing of "O Come, O Come Emanuel" and "A Medley of Bells".

"Silent Night" was played next by Danielle Dougherty of Antwerp.

Ross Knapp of Antwerp played "O Come, All Ye Faithful" and "The First Noel".

Brother and sister, Eddie and Ann Reinhart of Antwerp played a duet of "Up On the House Top" and then Eddie finished up his performance with "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" and Ann with "O Little Town of Bethlehem".

Jenna Wilson of Paulding continued the recital with a rendition of "The Snow Lay on the Ground" and "Jingle Bells".

Stephanie Gershutz of Payne followed her with "What Child Is This?" and "Carol of the Bells".

Next, the sounds of "Hark the Herald Angels Sing", "Deck the Halls", and "Away in the Manger" came from the fingers of Joshua Steiner of Antwerp.

Alaine Wetli of Antwerp played a duet with Mrs. Smith of "Jingle Bells", and then Alaine finished her piece with "Jolly Old St. Nicholas". Her sister, Elise Wetli of Antwerp played next with "Ava Maria" and a duet with Mrs. Smith of "What Child Is This?".

Emily Derck of Antwerp showed her talent with her version of "Up on the House Top" and "Jingle Bells".

"Joy to the World" and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" flowed from the fingers of Emily Moore of Paulding.

JC Weaver of Payne came out next with his renditions of "Jolly Old St. Nicholas",

"Jingle Bells", and "Good King Wencelas".

Nicole Hughes of Antwerp played her pieces of "Silent Night", "O Come All Ye Faithful", and "Go Tell It On the Mountain".

The Dooley brothers of Antwerp (Mrs. Smith's newest students) impressed the crowd by ending the recital with Matthew Dooley playing "Jolly Old St. Nicholas" and "Up On the Housetop", and Shawn playing "Good King Wencelas" and "Away in a Manger".

This recital concluded their fall semester of music. Now their fingers will rest for a bit before limbering up to start again in January!

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Recently, 400 top chili chefs from across the U.S. and around the world met in battle at the World Championship Chili Cookoff sponsored by the International Chili Society. Find tips and the winning recipe at [www.chilicookoff.com](http://www.chilicookoff.com).

The trick in finding something for everyone on your gift list is to reach into that gift bag and see what assorted DVD titles are being unwrapped for the holidays. These range from "X-Men: The Last Stand" and "The Devil Wears

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# WELCOME HOME, ANTHONY!



We would like to welcome Anthony Wagler home. He has been in basic training (in Parris Island, South Carolina) for the Marines since September and he is coming home this weekend.

Anthony Wagler attended Harlan Christian School from 2001-2006, graduating in May. He also played on the school's basketball team.

Here are a few messages for Anthony from a fellow student and one of his teachers.

From his eighth grade teacher Mrs. McClish, "I'm very proud of Anthony and his loyalty to our country. I'm praying for him and our other troops daily. Continue to make us proud." From a fellow student, a sophomore,

Amanda Schaffer, "Hey Anthony. Welcome home. Nice to have you back. Hope you have a nice stay at home. I will keep you in my prayers." Also the Senior boys would like to say, "Welcome home, Fatman!"

Anthony, thank you for supporting our country by enlisting in the Marines. We love and pray for you daily.

—Harlan Christian School High School and your girlfriend Cami Rorick

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## MASONIC LODGE #478 HAS PRE-INSPECTION

Worshipful Brother Walter Schilb opened the Lodge and the pledge was given. RWB Trent Dominique was present to prepare for inspection which will be held on January 5, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at Hicksville Lodge. The Altar was draped for MWB Loyal Schofield, Past Grand Master of Freemasons of Ohio.

Members present included Timm Betts, RWB Trent Dominique, Doyle Johnson, Russell St. Johns, Byron Rasey, Derrill Kline, Jim Kline, Jim Miller, Lee Kallsen, Wilbur Wright, Wayne Carr, Curtis Metz, Terry Derck, Scott Ruppert, Ron Farnsworth, Gerry Shidler, Norm Byers, Walter Schilb, and Bill Metz. Of these, there were 12 Past Masters. Fifty-Year members, Doyle Johnson, Derrill Kline, Fred Shaffer, and Wayne Carr were asked to stand and receive a round of applause.

Get well cards were signed and sent to Elmer Woodcox, Alan Hampson, Hanson Lilly, and Russell Myers. Birthday cards were signed for Jim Miglin December 7, Terry Derck December 25, Robb Holt December 26, Tod Perry December 20, Byron and Bing Rasey December 15, Dick Savage December 24, Wm. Kenny Wonderly December 14, and Calvin Worden December 16.

It was decided that Gerald Massie's 60-year will be presented to him on December 27 at 6:30 p.m. RWB Walter Schilb is requesting that all members meet at the Lodge at 6:30 p.m. to travel to Hickory Creek to make the presentation. Then we will return to the Lodge for a meeting.

RWB Trent Dominique mentioned that the pre-inspection went well and was ready for the inspection night on January 5, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. The newest candidate will be present for the degree work. He also said that the Excellent in Youth nomination was due on or before January 30, 2007.

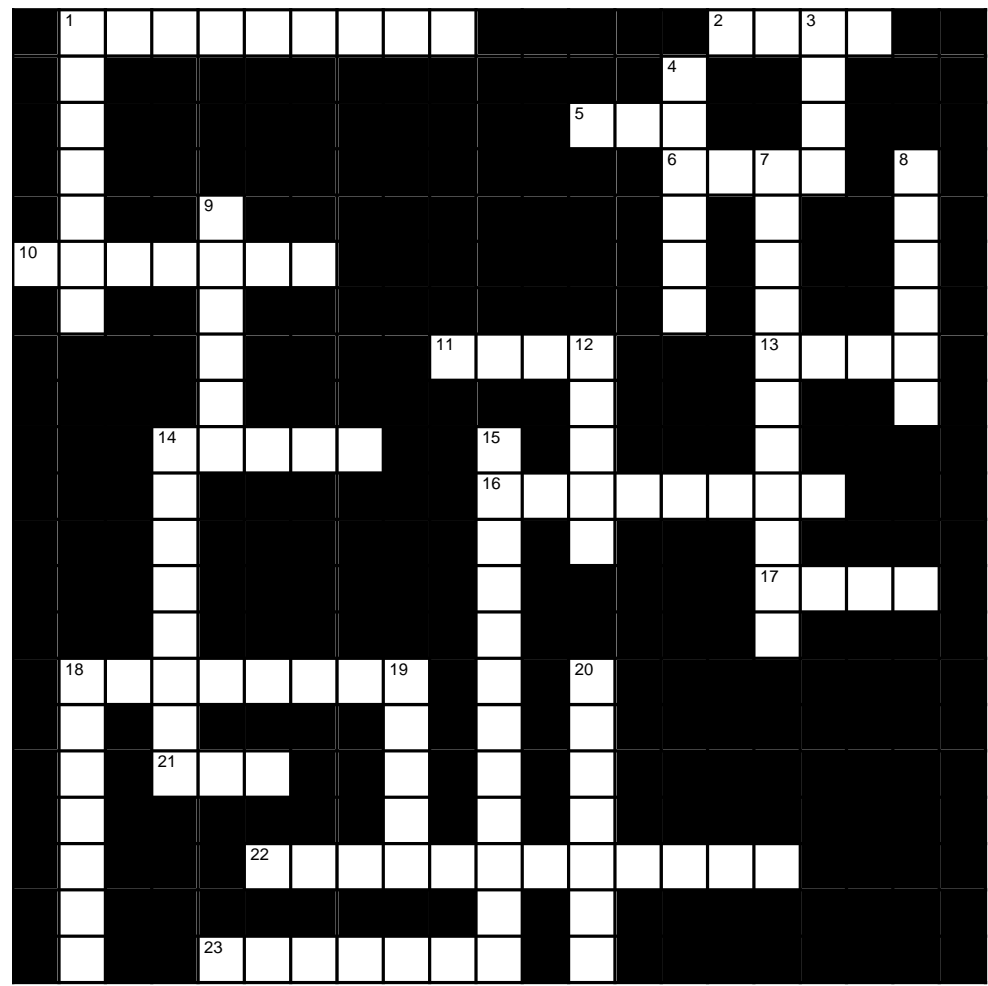
RWB Schilb is going to have a practice for the 3rd degree on December 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lodge. The new carpet project for the Lodge room was discussed. With no further business, the Lodge was closed by RWB Dominique and all retired to the dining room for some of Sue Schilb's famous Sloppy Joes and lots of fellowship!

The next stated meeting will be Wednesday December 27 at 7:30.

## THE WEST BEND NEWS

## "A Christmas Story"

# Crossword Puzzle



### Across

- Aunt Clara gives such wonderful presents-- this was Ralphie's.
- The place behind which Ralphie's dad hid the BB gun on Christmas morning.
- According to every female in Ralphie's life what would he shoot out with a BB gun.
- The infamous "award" won by Ralphie's father.
- The state in which the movie took place.
- The animals that ruined the family Christmas dinner.
- This was the first name of the neighborhood bully.
- This is what was in the basket that Ralphie gave his teacher.
- The name of the brand of BB gun Ralphie wants.
- This is a Chinese turkey, according to the movie.
- The meal that Ralphie's brother refused to eat.
- This was the shape that Ralphie's "old man's" award was shaped like.
- This was what Ralphie hid a BB gun ad in so that his mom would see it.
- Ralphie smashed these after he shot his BB gun for the first time.

### Down

- Ralphie's dad won a tournament in this sport.
- When Ralphie was daydreaming after being punished, Ralphie's mom thought she poisoned him with this.
- The color of eyes that Scut Farkus had.
- The name of Ralphie's teacher.
- This is the grade Ralphie was in when the story took place.
- This was Ralphie's last name.
- The department store had this for the kids after they talked with Santa.
- This is what Santa suggests that Ralphie wanted for Christmas when he couldn't speak.
- Ralphie says that Flick saw these by the candy store.
- The last name of the man who played Ralphie's dad.
- This poor boy got his tongue frozen to a flag pole.
- Ralphie's dad had a regular fight with this in the house.

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Northwest Conference		
Lima Central Catholic	2-0	4-1
Crestview	2-0	3-2
Lincolnview	2-0	2-3
Ada	1-0	3-1
Bluffton	1-1	3-2
Spencerville	1-1	3-2
Allen East	0-1	0-5
Paulding	0-1	0-6
Delphos Jefferson	0-2	2-3
Columbus Grove	0-2	0-4

Green Meadows Conference		
Antwerp	0-0	4-0
Ayersville	0-0	3-0
Hicksville	0-0	4-1
Edgerton	0-0	3-1
Wayne Trace	0-0	3-1
Fairview	0-0	2-2
Holgate	0-0	2-3
Tinora	0-0	2-3

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Northwest Conference		
Crestview	3-0	5-1
Lima Central Catholic	3-0	5-2
Columbus Grove	2-1	3-1
Delphos Jefferson	2-1	5-2
Ada	1-1	3-1
Bluffton	1-2	3-4
Allen East	1-2	2-3
Paulding	0-1	2-3
Spencerville	0-2	0-6
Lincolnview	0-3	0-4

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Tinora	0-0	3-2
Holgate	0-0	4-3
Hicksville	0-0	3-3
Fairview	0-0	1-5
Antwerp	0-0	1-6
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**FRESHMAN BASKETBALL: COLUMBUS GROVE VS. WAYNE TRACE**

On Saturday, December 16 it was Columbus Grove boys against the boys of Wayne Trace in Freshman Basketball action.

The final score was Columbus Grove 41, Wayne Trace 39 (double overtime).

Leading Scorers: Wayne Trace - Derrick Baksa 12, Brett Beckman 12, Jordan Sherry 8.

Columbus Grove - Brandon Hovest 11, Kyle Stechschulte 10, Rayce Risser 10.

Records - Columbus Grove 4-0, Wayne Trace 2-1.

**GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKS OF 12/20 THROUGH 1/2**

12/21: Paulding at Spencerville; Wayne Trace at Fort Jennings

12/22: Edgerton at Antwerp (Route 49 Classic); Edon vs. Hicksville (at Antwerp)

12/23: Route 49 Classic at Antwerp (Edgerton, Edon, Hicksville)

12/28: Bryan Holiday Classic (Montpelier, Paulding, Stryker)

12/29: Bryan Holiday Classic (Montpelier, Paulding, Stryker)

**JUNIOR HIGH BOYS BASKETBALL: ANTWERP VS. HOLGATE**

On Thursday, December 14 Holgate Junior High boys traveled to Antwerp for some basketball.

7th Grade Summary: Holgate Tigers (0-3; 0-3 G.M.C.): 4 7 13 7=33

Antwerp Archers (1-2; 1-1 G.M.C.): 8 7 3 5=23

The Antwerp 7th grade boys basketball team continued their winning ways as they defeated Holgate 33-23. Antwerp trailed after a close first half, but blew the game open with a 13-3 third quarter. The victory moves the 7th grade Archers GMC record to 1-1.

Statistics: Holgate - Leading scorer - Tobias 12.

Antwerp - Leading scorers - Tom Taylor 8, Bryant Miesle 6, Zach Dunlap 6.

8th Grade Summary: Holgate Tigers (0-3; 0-3 G.M.C.): 10 4 4 6=24

Antwerp Archers (1-2; 1-1 G.M.C.): 10 8 8 7=34

The Antwerp 8th grade boys basketball team worked into the winning track Thursday as the host Archers defeated Holgate 34-24. The victory moves the Antwerp GMC record to 1-1. Following a 10-10 first quarter, the Archers out-scored the Tigers at each of the final three stops to post the win. Dylan Crawford was instrumental inside clearing 10 rebounds for Antwerp.

Statistics: Holgate - Mack 8, Rothman 6, Sehlmeier 6, Brown 4.

Antwerp - Jordan Koppenhofer 13, Tanner Copey 10, Dustin Hitzeman 7, John Bunn 2, Dylan Crawford (2 pts, 10 rebounds).

The Archers travelled this week to Bryan on Monday and Hicksville on Tuesday.

**VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKS OF 12/20 THROUGH 1/2**

12/23: Wayne Trace at Miller City

12/28: Woodlan (IN) at Wayne Trace

12/29: Antwerp at Edgerton (Route 49 Classic); Ayresville at Paulding; Hicksville vs. Edon (Route 49 Classic at Edgerton)

**AHS Angle**



By: Chelsea Vail

'Twas the week before Christmas, when all through the town the creatures were stirring to get Christmas stuff 'round. Stockings were hung by chimneys with care, and all hoped that warm weather soon would be there! I don't know about you, but without the snow these blustery days just aren't all that appealing to me. The solution: attend a basketball game. Both our JH and HS Lady Archers will be bringing the heat to their respective home courts this week, so catch a game and warm up that Jack Frost nipped nose of yours!

JH Girls Basketball: Thursday, December 21st, 5:00, Lincolnview.

Varsity Girls Basketball: Friday, December 22nd, Route 49 Tourney, TBA (Dance following); Saturday, December 23rd, Route 49 Tourney, TBA (Tournament hosted at Antwerp).

His eyes, how they twinkled! His dimples, how merry! His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry! His droll little mouth was turned up like a bow, and he said, "Yeah, Mom, I already know." If your child did happen to forget, and that's a humongous if, consider this is your reminder that students will be dismissed two hours early this Friday. Yes, it's highly unlikely that anyone forgot, but now you can't say you weren't fairly warned. In addition, an extra day has been tacked onto the break. Students will resume classes on the 4th instead of the originally scheduled date of January 3 due to a teacher in-service moved from its initial spring date. Much gratitude to whoever made that switch!

Word of the Week: Alacrity \uh-LAK-ri-tee\ noun

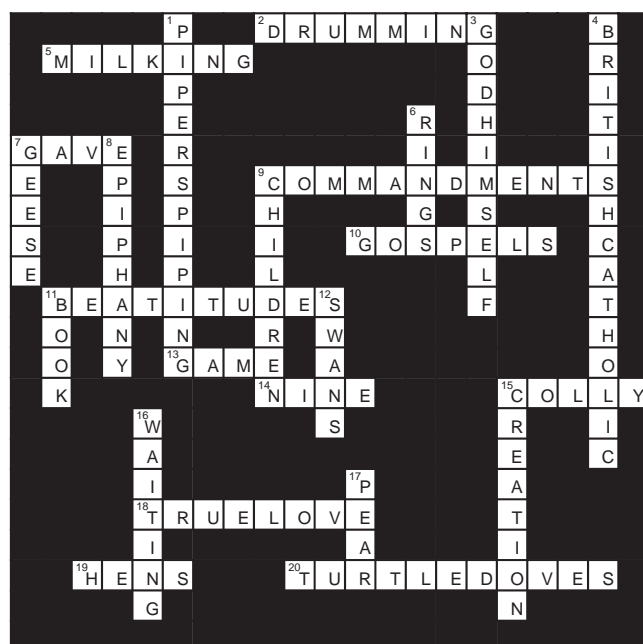
1. Cheerful readiness, promptness, or willingness  
2. Liveliness; briskness

Example: "Youngsters the world over anticipate with much alacrity Santa's impending annual visit to their homes."

He'll spring to his sleigh, to his team give a whistle, and they'll fly away like the down of a thistle. You'll hear him exclaim, as he drives out of sight, "Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night!" That is, if you're on the Nice List. Good luck!

Be sure to tell the businesses you patronize, that you saw their ad in the West Bend News.

Last Week's answers to "12 Days of Christmas"



**BOYS BASKETBALL: COLDWATER AT WAYNE TRACE**

On Saturday, December 16 Wayne Trace and Coldwater clashed for Boys Basketball.

The final score was Wayne Trace 54, Coldwater 49.

Leading scorers: Wayne Trace - Aaron Hockenberry 17; Lance Sinn 11; Dane Treece 10.

Coldwater - Cory Klenke 16; Kurt Riethman 10;

Statistics: Turnovers - Coldwater 19, Wayne Trace 15.

Rebounds - Coldwater 21 (Kahle 4, Geier 4, Klenke 4); Wayne Trace 22 (Litzenberg 6, Shugars 5).

Assists - Coldwater 13 (Geier 5); Wayne Trace 15 (Linder 3, Treece 3, Litzenberg 3).

Steals - Coldwater 4 (Klenke 3); Wayne Trace 7 (Hockenberry 2).

Junior Varsity - Coldwater 42, Wayne Trace 30.

**GIRLS BASKETBALL AT WAYNE TRACE**

December 12 Wayne Trace and Paulding faced off in Girls High School basketball.

The final score of the evening was Wayne Trace 39, Paulding 36.

Leading scorers: Paulding - Julie Koenn 10, Abby Gross 10.

Wayne Trace - Renee Bidlack 12, Brandi Bradtmueller 8.

Turnovers - Paulding 19, Wayne Trace 19.

Rebounds - Paulding 41 (Koenn 14, Razo 7); Wayne Trace 40 (Bidlack 9, Bradtmueller 9).

Assists - Paulding 9 (Carnahan 3, Hornish 3); Wayne Trace 9 (Priest 5).

Steals - Paulding 10 (Hornish 5); Wayne Trace 9 (Priest 4).

Junior Varsity Score - Paulding 31, Wayne Trace 28.

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ODOT will be looking for projects that encompass engineering, education, enforcement, encouragement and evaluation of programs that encourage children to walk or ride their bikes to school. The funding available through this round can be used immediately if the project is ready. There will be a second round of funding available for 2007 beginning in April, with applications being due in September.

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aid in the accomplishment of many goals I have set for myself in life.

I would like to stress to other young women, that winning isn't everything. How you present yourself to others, and treat other people in your family and community will take you a long way through life. Set your goals high, and don't let fear stand in the way of trying your best to achieve your goals.

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**Love is blind; friendship tries not to notice.**  
—Otto von Bismarck  
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**Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant.**  
—Robert Louis Stevenson  
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**Curiosity is, in great and generous minds, the first passion and the last.**  
—Samuel Johnson  
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### Remembering The Holidays

(NAPSA)—Like a whirlwind, the holiday season flies by in a sea of chaos filled with family, friends, food, shopping and gifts. Before people know it, the holidays are over until the following year. Families are left asking themselves where the time went and how the holidays were spent. As time passes, many people find it hard to distinguish the events that happened and the family members who were present from one year to the next.

Discover some ways to preserve your holiday memories this year and in the future. These ideas will help many families remember what happened in years past.

- Take pictures during dinners, parties, shopping, decorating, and gift exchanging.
- Create scrapbooks using photos and memorabilia collected over the holiday season.
- Compose a journal that includes events and memories from each day leading up to the New Year.
- Record special moments on video.
- Save cards and thoughtful tokens from friends and family.

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Maggie Kraly and Benjamin Payne were united in marriage on September 30, 2006 at the Antwerp Community Church. A reception followed at the Catholic Hall in Payne, OH.

Parents of the bride are Dan and Jeanie Kraly of Antwerp. Parents of the groom are Jacky and Lori Payne of Hartland, MN. Grandmothers of the bride are Emma Kraly, Antwerp, and Hazel Cummins, Grabbill, IN. Grandmother of the groom is Georgia Braulick, Northfield, MN.

The matron of honor was Abigail Kraly, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids included Jessica Barker and Michal Trausch, friends of the bride along with Emma and Anna Payne, sisters of the groom. The flower girl was Jenna

Cummins, cousin of the bride.

The best man was Aren Payne, brother of the groom. The groomsmen were Matthew Kraly, brother of the bride and Matthew Haugen, Daniel Reis and Richard Nielsen, friends of the groom. The ring bearer was Michael Myers, cousin of the bride. David Trausch, friend of the bride, served as usher.

The bride is a graduate of NW State College with a degree in Computer Networking. The groom is finishing his degree in Computer Science at the College of St. Scholastica, Duluth, MN.

The couple honeymooned in the Dominican Republic and now reside in Duluth, MN.

**LEGISLATION WORKS TO PROVIDE TAX RELIEF TO SOLDIERS AND SENIORS**

Weekly column by: State Senator Lynn Wachtmann

For every major conflict in which the United States has been involved, Ohioans have been there to answer the call to duty. These brave men and women come from all walks of life and all different parts of the state, but when their services are called upon, they have stood united under one goal—to defend this country's freedoms and protect its way of life. While we can never fully repay these people for the sacrifices they have made, I think we can all agree that everything possible should be done to make sure they are taken care of during and after their service.

Over the last several years, from scholarship programs to tax relief to protecting the families of those fighting overseas, the Ohio General Assembly has worked hard to provide needed benefits to our military personnel. In fact, just recently, the General Assembly passed legislation that looks to correct a longstanding unfairness in Ohio law that requires Ohio soldiers stationed outside Ohio to pay state and school district income taxes, despite the fact that they don't currently benefit from the government services those tax dollars support. The problem is that under current Ohio law, military pay is taxed for individuals who show Ohio as their last state of civilian residency.

While existing law does provide income tax exemptions to Ohio soldiers stationed in a combat zone, it does not extend this benefit to men and women stationed elsewhere.

House Bill 73, legislation sponsored by Representative James Trakas (R-Independence) extending this tax ben-

efit to all military personnel, ensuring that Ohio's servicemen and women aren't under a stricter residency standard for tax purposes than the rest of Ohioans who earn income outside the state. Specifically, the bill provides an income tax exemption for military pay and allowances received for active duty outside of Ohio. In addition, the measure would restrict the taxation of this income by school districts. Not only is this the right thing to do for our soldiers, it is a common-sense tax policy that will hopefully encourage many of our active duty military personnel to keep homes here without the fear that they will have to pay more in income taxes because of it.

HB 73 also looks to discourage the exodus of semi-retired and retired Ohioans who live out of state for parts of the year. Most of us know an older resident in our communities—perhaps a neighbor, parent, grandparent, etc.—who has chosen to spend a portion of their retirement in Florida or some other warm weather climate. It is difficult to blame these folks for wanting to escape the cold weather, unfortunately, many native Ohioans purposely spend more time out of the state than they normally would to avoid paying income taxes in Ohio. HB 73 loosens the time frames on residency requirements that require them to pay these taxes. The idea is that these changes will encourage individuals to spend more time with their families in Ohio, thereby contributing to local communities, charitable organizations, and the economy.

Throughout the 126th General Assembly, we have worked to move our state forward economically. Through tax reform and other incentives to attract businesses and create jobs, we have laid a foundation for success. House Bill 73 is another important piece of this economic recovery puzzle, because keeping people living and working in the here is what will help our communities prosper and grow.

As always, I welcome your views on state issues. If you have any questions, thoughts or concerns, or if you need assistance working with a state government agency, please write to me: Senator Lynn Wachtmann, Ohio Senate, Statehouse, Columbus, Ohio 43215, or call my office at (614) 466-8150.

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- Visit a home improvement center to find out how much insulation is recommended for homes in your area, then check the insulation in your attic to be sure it's adequate.
- Prepare your home heating system by changing or cleaning your furnace filter, clearing debris away from intake and exhaust vents and making an appointment with a service technician to inspect your system.
- Minimize the use of ventilation fans, which can quickly suck heated air out of your house.
- Check the temperature of your hot water heater to be certain it isn't set too high, and wrap your water heater in an insulated blanket to prevent heat loss.
- Open curtains and blinds on the sunny side of your house when the sun is shining, and close them when the sun sets.
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**VANTAGE INDUCTS 18 STUDENTS IN NATIONAL TECHNICAL HONOR SOCIETY**



Vantage 2006-2007 National Technical Honor Society inductees pictured are: (front row) Chazz Roger, Kylee Laukhauf, Andrea Van Oss, Kayla Wells and Janae Sinn. (row 2) Mike Recker, Bryce Sinn, Melissa Figert, Shellie Rhodes, Carissa Holm, Zach Horstman. (back row) Dustin Bidlack, Dustin Ladd, Colin Harting, Cain Warthman, Nathan Shobe, Brian Paige and Anthony Bradtmueller.

Eighteen Vantage seniors from ten different home schools were selected as members of the Vantage Chapter of the National Technical Honor Society. They were introduced and inducted at the annual NTHS banquet on December 12, 2006, held in the Cup and Saucer restaurant. Guests in attendance at the banquet to recognize this elite group of students included parents, home school principals and counselors and Vantage teachers and administrators.

The main purpose of the National Technical Honor Society is to reward scholastic achievement in occupa-

tional and career technical education. The NTHS assists members in their pursuit of career and educational goals. Membership also encourages skill development, honesty, service, leadership, citizenship, and individual responsibility. In addition, students are selected for membership in NTHS as a reward for excellence in workforce education; to develop self-esteem, pride and encourage students to reach for higher levels of achievement; and to promote business and industry's critical work-place values - honesty, responsibility, initiative, teamwork, productivity, leadership, and citizenship.

NTHS membership is the highest award for excellence in career technical education and is one of the most reliable indicators of performance and leadership in the American workplace. Students who achieved a 3.5 grade point average or better, while maintaining a 95% attendance rate at Vantage, were eligible to apply for membership. In addition to submitting a resume and writing a paragraph stating why they would like to be a part of the NTHS, the students also were required to obtain three teacher recommendations.

Students selected for membership in the National



Vantage Network Systems senior Anthony Bradtmueller with Antwerp High School principal Mr. Steve Arnold at the Vantage National Technical Honor Society Induction ceremony and banquet.

Technical Honor Society for the 2006 school year are Dustin Bidlack-Wayne Trace (Auto Body), Anthony Bradtmueller-Antwerp (Network Systems), Melissa Figert-Paulding (Interactive Media), Colin Harting-Crestview (Industrial Mechanics), Carissa Holm-Wayne Trace (Health Careers), Zachary Horstman-Ottoville (Industrial Mechanics), Dustin Ladd-Continental (Industrial Mechanics), Kylee Laukhuf-Van Wert (Cosmetology), Brian Paige-Van Wert (Auto Technology), Michael Recker-Kalida (Industrial Mechanics), Shellie Rhodes-Lincolnview (Cosmetology), Chazz Rog-

er-Van Wert (Interactive Media), Nathan Shobe-Delphos St. Johns (Electricity), Bryce Sinn-Crestview (Industrial Mechanics), Janae Sinn-Wayne Trace (Health Careers), Andrea Van Oss-Kalida (Cosmetology), Cain Warthman-Crestview (Industrial Mechanics) and Kayla Wells-Lincolnview (Medical Office Management).

Congratulations to these National Technical Honor Society members!

**WAYNE TRACE AT PAULDING FOR FRESHMAN BASKETBALL**

On Tuesday, December 12 the final score for the boys freshman basketball game was Wayne Trace 30, Paulding 23.

Wayne Trace is now 1-0. Leading Scorers: Wayne Trace - Derrick Baksa 8, Jason Gordon 8. Paulding - Jesse Bollenbacher 8.

**"BLUE CHRISTMAS" SERVICE TO BE HELD AT ANTWERP UMC**

The Christmas carol says, "Joy to the World." But for many at this time of year, joy seems very far away. In the stores, the Christmas carols are blaring over the sound systems, but the happiness that is advertised is not there.

For many, Christmas is a difficult time. There is an empty place at the table this year because someone in the family is missing. A son or father serving in the military 1000's of miles away. The death of a loved one in the family. Or a divorce has left the table looking and feeling awkward.

For others, Christmas is hard this year because of the loss of a job or a change in job situation that has left finances tight. Or there are other unseen stresses that make the season difficult to endure.

If you are feeling overwhelmed and "blue," we want to invite you to our "Blue Christmas" Service Thursday evening, December 21 at 7:00 p.m. at Antwerp United Methodist Church at 202 E. River St. in Antwerp. This will be a time of quiet reflection and healing as we give to God all the things that make this season a difficult experience. Also, invite others whom you know are having a difficult time to join us as well. Join us as we seek God's peace and grace that comes through the Christ child.

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12/22 - Christmas break begins!

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Della Franks  
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Gordon Erter  
Howard Campton

**ANTWERP HISTORY**

By: Stan Jordan

The above picture is the centerfold of a booklet given to each of those students when they closed the Erter School on April 22, 1927.

This picture was loaned to us by Leroy Slattery as he attended this school also. But we need to start a little earlier here in Leroy's case.

Leroy was born in 1917, son of Frank and Katheryn Slattery, there in the home place or as it was called. The Slattery's had lived there well over 100 years.

Leroy went to the Henpeck School for the first two grades. Neola Gordon was the teacher there. That school was closed in 1924 and all of the students were transferred to the Erter School. That was up on the corner of CR 230 and Road 53, about a mile and a half walk each way.

He went to the Erter School three years: 1925, 1926 and 1927. He relates

that at that time Wilber Hopkins bought a new 1927 Chevrolet School Bus and carried all these pupils to Antwerp Grade School. Leroy started in the second grade and Mrs. Secrist was the teacher.

You see on that list was Robert and Charles Dangler. They lived across from the school on Road 230 where Duane Gordon lives now. Years later, Robert Dangler was killed in a farm tractor accident. Charles lived most of his later life in the Bryan area. Herman Gordon graduated from Antwerp and settled down and was a farmer in the same area at the Erter School.

There were three Campton children: Lucille, Leonard and Howard—they moved to Van Wert about that time.

Marjorie Evans married Robert Armstrong and they lived in Defiance. One of their children is now Mayor of that city.

Ronald Miller, he was married and lived in the Edgerton area.

Alice Erter graduated and later on was married to Eli Knapp.

Lois Morhart married Eddie Reeb and for years lived east of Hicksville on SR 18. I understand she lives with her son Jim in the Ney area. Jim is a minister there.

Chester Franks is gone now but he lived northeast of Hicksville most of his life.

Leroy Slattery is next on the list, but we will talk more about him later.

Paul Evans graduated from Antwerp and went on to be an undertaker. He was in business in Hicksville and

Payne.

Isabelle Hopkins later on married Harry Parent and moved to the New Haven area, he was a Chevrolet car dealer. One of their children is J. Rex Parent and he is the noted owner of Fort Wayne Ophthalmology.

Ralph Morhart was a farmer and lived most of his life on the County Line Road. Later on they moved to Hicksville.

Gerald Miller was married to Ruth Tracy and lived in Hicksville. He was a pretty good Ford mechanic.

There was a Roy Johnson and a Goldie Johnson and I think they moved away in the summer of 1927.

Della Franks later on married Clarence Copsey and they lived for years at the east end of the "Henpeck Road".

Anna Franks was a sister to Chester and Della Franks, but I couldn't find out anything about her.

Eleanor Evans was a sister to Margery and Paul, she married Bob Zuber and lived in Defiance. They also had a sister, Nina. They were the children of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Evans and lived where Neil Ramsier lives.

Gordon Erter married Lillian Wentworth and lived east of the Grange Hall about where Gilda Culler lives now. Later on they moved to the Hicksville area.

You can see that Gladys Boylan was the teacher for many years.

These country schools were under the supervision of the Antwerp School Board.

Sharold Ehrhart Jailor tells me that her mother lived in that area. She was born in 1923 and started at the Forder School. That was just across the road to the west from the Bethel Church. She said that school was closed in 1928 or 1929 after which her mother attended Antwerp School.

Leroy Slattery married Francis Drexler in 1943. Francis graduated with me back in 1942. They have been married 63 years. They have two boys: Ronald and Lynn.

Leroy retired last month at the age of 89. For the last 20 years he had been furnishing transportation for the Amish. That man has been exceedingly busy all his life.

He has spent all his life in that area, so I asked him how did the name "Henpeck Road" come about? He said there was an old man and

woman who lived on that road and she was overbearing, on his back and bossing him all the time. The man was so "henpecked" that the neighbors called it "The Henpecked Road". I have always heard it referred to as that and it could be right.

Well, I wondered when the "Old One Room Schools" were closed, so I see it was not all at once. They closed 3 in this area in four years and some had been closed already for 9-10 years. So I guess it was all the way from 1919 to 1929.

In last week's article, there was a couple of errors. It should have read 1844, where it read 1944. In another place it mentioned "Luther" had four children. That should have read "Leota" had four children. Luther and Nina had a daughter, Charmaine, but she and her husband are gone now. (I apologize for the errors in Stan's article last week—Sue). But the big error in last week's article, I made. I wrote that Ruth Meely had two boys, well she had three boys, Bruce, Jerry and Jack. One is an undertaker in Ada, Ohio, one is a doctor and ophthalmologist in Fairborn and the other is an optometrist in Newark, Ohio. I get to visit with Ruth pretty often and I hope when I get to be 91 years of age that I will be as sharp and alert as she is.

Well, friends and readers, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year's.

I have been writing this column for 16 months and I enjoy going back into the 1920's and 1930's. I have heard from a lot of old friends and a lot of new ones also. I keep all their letters and notes. Sometimes while I'm writing at the kitchen table the enjoyable nostalgia runs pretty deep.

See, Ya!!

P.S. A couple of weeks ago when we showed the 1908 picture of the Stinger School House it showed two students, Joe and Francis Cook and I stated that we couldn't find out anything about those two. Well, Elmer Woodcox tells me that they grew up and moved in Antwerp on East Canal Street. Then they opened a bakery, what is now the first building north of Antwerp Ford Sales. This was in the late 1920's. Later on this became Seeley's Bakery and after that Ralph Schooley operated the bakery until around WWII.

On reflecting, I know Elmer is right because around the fourth or fifth grade we had a Basil Cook in our class and he lived on West Canal street.

Elmer is a descendant of Isaac Woodcox, who was already settled here in 1833 on a farm northeast of town. Then in 1840 he moved to town and built a hotel at the south end of Main Street. He helped survey and plot the town out in 1841. He helped with about every important phase of setting Antwerp and to help move it ahead. Isaac Woodcox was born in 1803. In 1833 he already had a farm here. He died in 1868 at the age of 66. He is buried here in the old cemetery uptown with a huge marble monument.

Thanks, again, Elmer.

**Holiday Hints**

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Among the great food gift ideas, here is a recipe that is ideal for parties and when packaged with an excellent blue cheese, a bottled vinaigrette dressing and fresh pears is the start of a spectacular salad. All that's needed is the greens.

medium bowl, mix egg white and pecan halves until pecans are coated and sticky.

2. In small bowl, mix sugar and cardamom; sprinkle over pecans. Stir until pecans are completely coated. Spread pecans in a single layer in pan.

3. Bake about 30 minutes or until toasted. Cool completely or serve slightly warm. Store tightly covered up to 3 weeks.

New twist: Ground cinnamon can be substituted for the cardamom; both spices are perfect for the holidays.

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# SOME "ACTION UNDER THE BASKET"



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# AUGLAIZE TOWNSHIP FLAG ADOPTED



Aug. Twp. Flag adopted in 2006. L to R Gene Weidenhamer, Bill Wiles, Mike Weible.

In early 2006, the Auglaize Township Trustees (Gene Weidenhamer, Bill Wiles, Mike Weible) adopted a flag to represent Auglaize Township.

Along with the Township Name and Year founded (1840), the design features Shadrack Hudson's log house (first house built in Paulding County in either 1822 or 1823), the stone aqueduct (the township contains two), a waterway representing the Auglaize River, a tractor, animals and grain (depicting the agricultural heritage of the township), the Aug. Twp. Fire Department seal, and a star surrounding "2006", the year adopted.

With only 22 sections, Auglaize Township is the smallest county township due to the top half of the section being given to Defiance

County in 1845 (year Defiance County founded), leaving Auglaize Township with only 18 sections, to which four additional sections were taken from the east side of Emerald Township, which left that township with 32 sections.

Much more interesting history of the township formations may be found in the re-print of the 1892 Atlas, available at the Paulding County Library and its branches. Students may find this fascinating history in their school library because each school was given a copy to aid in the creation by the students of the individual township flags. The Atlas may also be purchased at the John Paulding Historical Society Museum on Fairground Drive in Paulding.

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# Fueling Automobiles Without Gasoline

## What's Down The Road For Motorists? Biofuels!

(NAPSA)—Biofuels, short for "biomass fuel," is a near-term solution for motorists worried about gas prices and dwindling energy supplies. Biomass is any sort of vegetation—trees, grasses, plant parts, grain crops and woody crops. From it we can extract a wealth of stored energy. Biofuels significantly reduce net emissions of greenhouse gases compared to petroleum-based fuels. Plants grown for biofuels production also store carbon, which acts to mitigate the impacts of the carbon produced during fuel production.

### Biomass—A Huge Renewable Energy Source

Biomass can produce electricity, heat, liquid fuels, gaseous fuels and a variety of useful chemicals, including those currently manufactured from fossil fuels.

Whether cultivated or growing wild, biomass represents a huge renewable energy source. Worldwide it is the fourth-largest energy resource after coal, oil and natural gas.

### Ethanol And Beyond

Ethanol is the most widely used biofuel today. In 2004, production of ethanol from biomass (primarily corn grain) reached 3.8 billion gallons. All vehicles can run on E10, a blend of 10 percent ethanol and 90 percent gasoline. In fact, most people do not realize they are filling up their cars with E10.

### Ethanol From Switchgrass

In the 2006 State of the Union address, the president, as part of the Advanced Energy Initiative announced, "We'll also fund additional research in cutting-edge methods of producing ethanol, not just from corn, but from wood



**FUELING A DREAM—We're coming nearer to the day when ethanol made from the stalks of prairie grass could replace gasoline.**

chips and stalks, or switchgrass."

But what is switchgrass? Switchgrass is a perennial prairie grass growing naturally throughout the country, except in the far Western states. Since it is a native plant, switchgrass is resistant to many pests and diseases and can produce high yields with very low applications of fertilizers.

Since switchgrass grows well under a wide range of conditions, it has one of the highest potentials for use as a biofuel crop in the United States. Though ethanol from switchgrass is produced from cellulose in the stalks, it is identical to the ethanol currently produced from corn and has properties making it more attractive than corn ethanol.

Recent technological developments are not only improving yields, but are also driving down production costs, bringing us nearer to the day when cellulosic ethanol could significantly add to U.S. transportation fuel supply. For more information, visit [www.eere.energy.gov/biomass](http://www.eere.energy.gov/biomass).

## TEN THINGS YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

1) Don't fight Mother Nature this holiday season. Stay inside where it's nice and warm and let the Postal Service do what it does best – pick up and deliver mail. Free package pickup is available from home or office, regardless of the weather. Unlike other shipping companies, there is no fee for the service. Go to [www.usps.com/pick-up](http://www.usps.com/pick-up).

2) The Postal Service will deliver more than 10.5 million pounds of mail to military installations around the world, including war zones in Iraq and Afghanistan.

3) Greeting cards, postcards, gift cards from more than 20 national retailers, even year-end letters to family and friends can be created, packaged and mailed through the NetPost suite of services. Hassle free shopping at a time that's convenient to you at [www.usps.com/cardstore](http://www.usps.com/cardstore).

4) Santa isn't the only one working on Christmas. The Postal Service will deliver Express Mail in most major cities on December 24 and December 25.

5) Going away for the holidays? Don't worry. Premium Forwarding Service allows you to have all your mail sent to you at your temporary location. Most mail is forwarded once a week by Priority Mail. Visit [www.usps.com/premiumforwarding](http://www.usps.com/premiumforwarding).

6) Whether its shipping labels or shipping overseas, the U.S. Postal Service has a solution. And most can be found in the 2006 Holiday Shipping and Mailing Guide,

sent to 110 million residential households in America. The guide provides clear, concise information on services, shipping options and Postal Service products, with an emphasis on customer convenience.

7) The Postal Service will deliver 20 billion cards, letters and packages between Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve. On average, the Postal Service processes 670 million pieces of mail every day. On the peak holiday mailing day, December 18, that volume will increase to 900 million pieces of mail on that day alone.

8) To move all this mail the Postal Service will increase air cargo lift of mail by almost 40%, hire about 10,000 seasonal workers, and place 210,000 delivery vehicles on roadways. By December 9, the National Operations Center will be staffed around the clock, seven days a week, to monitor and coordinate mail transportation nationwide.

9) More than 4 billion holiday stamps were printed this year. Stamps recognizing Kwanzaa, Hanukkah and Eid, as well as Madonna and Child and Snowflakes, are available during the holiday season.

10) Log on to [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com) and step into a Post Office. Ship a package, arrange a free package pickup, purchase stamps, design and print holiday cards, print postage and shipping labels and order specialty philatelic gift products.

—Merry Christmas from all the employees at the Paulding Post Office, Marilyn Mulholland, Acting Postmaster, Paulding Ohio 45879

# The Active Consumer

## America's Appetite For Natural Products Grows Stronger

(NAPSA)—More than ever, consumers are informing themselves about what's in the items they're buying. According to a recent study, 57 percent of consumers now purchase natural products.

To meet this growing demand, manufacturers are producing a greater variety of minimally processed products.

According to Philip Jones, president, Jones Dairy Farm, consumers purchase natural food products to maintain or develop a more healthful lifestyle and because products without fillers and preservatives tend to taste better. That's why his family-owned business recently reformulated its popular precooked breakfast sausage to make it all natural.

"With more consumers reading labels because of concerns over food allergies and intolerances, it was important to produce a product made without artificial ingredients, preservatives, gluten and allergens that people would still enjoy eating," said Jones.

According to the USDA, foods can only be labeled "natural" if they contain no artificial flavor or flavorings, coloring ingredients, or chemical preservatives. Products also should be minimally processed. As more grocery aisles are dedicated to natural products, incorporating them into your daily diet is simple. Jones offers the following recipe that uses natural sausage and other minimally processed ingredients. Additional recipes are available



at www.jonesdairyfarm.com.  
**Italian Ravioli & Sausage Stew**

- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 1 red bell pepper, cut into chunks
- 1 green bell pepper, cut into chunks
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 14 ounces reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 9 ounces refrigerated cheese-filled ravioli
- 14½ ounces canned diced tomatoes, undrained
- 6 Jones All Natural Golden Brown breakfast sausage patties, coarsely chopped
- ¼ cup Parmesan cheese, grated
- ¼ cup fresh basil or parsley

Heat oil in large, deep skillet over medium-high heat. Add bell peppers and garlic; cook and stir 2 minutes. Add broth; simmer. Add ravioli; cover, simmer 5 minutes. Stir in tomatoes and sausage; simmer uncovered 5 minutes or until ravioli and vegetables are tender. Ladle into 4 bowls; top with cheese

# WAYNE TRACE GEOGRAPHY BEE WINNERS ANNOUNCED



Wayne Trace Junior High students participated in the annual National Geographic Geography Bee on December 9. Approximately 60 seventh and eighth graders participated. Students had to answer questions on US Geography, State Geographic Compari-

sons, US Cities, Continents and World Geography. The final two contestants were Taylor Baumle and Cody Stahl. Taylor Baumle was the winner while Cody Stahl was the runner up for this year's event.

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# MAKING LIFE MORE FUN

## Crime-Fighting Kim Gets In The Game

(NAPSA)—If you thought saving the world was impossible, you've never met Kim Possible. A new game offers fans a way to save the world with this favorite crime-fighting TV character.

Since debuting on the Disney Channel in 2002, "Disney's Kim Possible" has developed a global fan base from the hit show, two TV movies, a soundtrack and, of course, handheld video games.

Until now, the spunky redhead has never made an appearance on a video game console.

"Disney's Kim Possible: What's the Switch?," however, finally brings Kim Possible to the PlayStation 2 computer entertainment system.

That's good news for the owners of the more than 100 million PlayStation 2 systems in homes worldwide. Both the Sony console and Kim Possible have so many fans worldwide that it's only natural the character would appear in a PlayStation 2 system game.

"Now those fans have the opportunity to save the world in an all-new Kim Possible adventure—for the first time on a game console," said Craig Relyea, vice president of marketing, Buena Vista Games, publishers of the new game.



Kim Possible can now fight crime on a popular entertainment console. That's good news for the character's many fans.

In the new game, Kim teams up with her nemesis, Shego, to restore normalcy after the minds of Ron Stoppable and Dr. Drakken are switched.

Playing as either Kim or Shego, players will defeat enemies and use a variety of gadgets throughout 11 action-packed missions. Rufus, the naked mole rat, will also be playable in specific levels.

For more information on this game, please visit www.bvg.com.

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