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GILLMOR SWORN IN AS 110TH CONGRESS BEGINS

Congressman Paul Gillmor (R-Tiffin) was sworn in to the United States House of Representatives today for his 10th term representing the Fifth Congressional District of Ohio. Rep. Gillmor released the following statement after being sworn in by Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi (D-San Francisco) at the start of the 110th Congress:

"For 220 years, the American people have entrusted a great responsibility to their representatives in Congress. Today is no different. I am looking forward to the new Congress and continuing to work hard for my constituents on the issues important to Northwest Ohio," said Congressman Gillmor after being sworn in.

"I am proud of the many successes of the 109th Congress and especially the signing into law of legislation I sponsored to create a national sex offender database, a national sex offender classification system, clean coal tax-credits for Ohio, and discount prescription drugs for Children's Hospitals. In the 110th Congress, I will work to ensure fiscal responsibility in

the federal budget, continue the successes of the War on Terror, protect the tax cuts which have greatly strengthened our national economy, and preserve the values of Northwest Ohio."

"For the first time in 12 years, my party will be in the minority of the House of Representatives. The new Democrat leadership will bring new priorities and expectations to Congress and I look forward to working with my colleagues, on both sides of the aisle, to ensure Congress continues to help move America forward."

THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone for the numerous cards, visits, balloons, flowers, fruit baskets, and prayers during my stay in the Lutheran and Hicksville Hospitals. Your generosity and kindness was very much appreciated.

Special thank you to the nursing and physical therapy staff at Lutheran and Hicksville Hospital for their excellent care.

—Tim and Julie Barker

MR. AND MRS. JOHN A. MEYER MARK 40TH ANNIVERSARY



Mr. and Mrs. John A. Meyer of Antwerp will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary in January. John and Catherine (Bott) were married January 28th, 1967 at St. John's Catholic Church, Defiance, Ohio, by the Rev. Albert C. Miorin.

They are the parents of three children: Mrs. Todd (Sara) Green of Hicksville;

Mike (Tomi) Meyer of Antwerp; and Mrs. Steve (Cheryl) Pomesky of Waynesburg, Ohio. They have eight grandchildren.

The Meyers will celebrate their anniversary with a blessing of the couple at St. Mary's Catholic Church on Saturday, January 20th at 3:00 p.m. with a reception to follow in the church hall.

COMMUNITY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL TO OFFER COMPREHENSIVE DIABETES EDUCATION PROGRAM

Starting in January 2007, Community Memorial Hospital will provide a comprehensive outpatient diabetes self-management training program through collaboration with the Diabetes Treatment Center at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana, a program recognized by the American Diabetes Association for meeting the National Standards for excellence in diabetes education. "There will be a multi-disciplinary team, consisting of a nurse and dietitian who are Certified Diabetes Educators, specially trained in the area of diabetes education and management. This same team approach to diabetes treatment is recommended by the National Institutes of Health (NIH)", explained Sheryl Scott, Senior Program Director. "We are pleased to be able to bring this standard of care to Hicksville and surrounding communities."

In 1992 the NIH released the results of a landmark 10-year study called the Diabetes Control and Complications Trial (DCCT). The DCCT found that keeping blood glucose levels as close to normal as possible can significantly

reduce long-term complications of diabetes. "The DCCT also found that patients who worked with a comprehensive treatment team, like the one at Community Memorial Hospital, were able to achieve more normal blood glucose levels consistently over a long period of time", according to Scott.

Diabetes is chronic disease resulting in increased levels of glucose (sugar) in the blood. This high blood glucose level is caused either by a lack of insulin or an inability to use the insulin, which is produced by the pancreas. Diabetes is the nation's sixth leading cause of death by disease. "It is estimated that over one million people in Ohio have diabetes", said Scott. "Tragically, one-third of them have not been diagnosed. Diabetes symptoms can be so subtle at first that it is very difficult for some to realize the magnitude of their condition."

For more information about diabetes or services offered at Community Memorial Hospital call Gregg Harpel, Director of Ancillary Services at 419-542-5585.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS FROM OSU EXTENSION

What's harder than being a teenager? Trying to raise a teenager in today's society. Every day, teens must face decisions regarding such critical issues as drug and alcohol use, sexuality, and violence. Parents of today's teenagers need more resources and skills than ever before to help their children develop into responsible adults.

The Ohio State University Extension Office of Paulding County is offering a five-session workshop to assist parents of teenagers called Active Parenting of Teens. Participants will learn techniques to help them communicate, gain cooperation, and solve problems together with their teenagers. They will also learn how to build essential qualities in their children such as responsibility, self-esteem and courage. The Thursday evening programs will be held January 25 through February 22 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

For more information or to register, contact Cheryl Farley at 399-8225. These classes are sponsored by the Paulding County Department of Job and Family Services and there is no fee to attend.

News items are free, but pictures cost only \$4.00 per column. What a Deal!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I just finished reading the article "the changes we have seen" in your paper. My comment on that article is, in the 1950's, we had God and prayer in our schools and we lived by the Bible teachings about how to raise our children. If you look at what's happening in the world and specifically the United States today, we have taken God out of everything. No more Merry Christmas, spelled by some as Xmas. No, "In God we Trust" and "Under God" taken out of the Pledge of Allegiance and etc. If you read your Bible, you'll see once you take God out of your lives, the world will take over and that's exactly what's happening, starting with Congress on down. I'm sure there will be some rebuttal and hopefully some positive comments on this. Wake up people before it's too late.

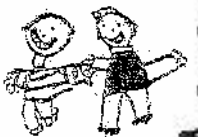
—P. J. Scarpelli

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OBITUARIES



Everett R. Miller, 70, of Paulding, died January 4, 2007 at the Hawthorn Court Nursing Home, Paulding.

He was born in Brown Township, Paulding County, Ohio on April 17, 1936 the son of Ralph T. and Avis M. (Horner) Miller. On June 21, 1959 he married Donna J. Pease who survives. He was employed by Johns Manville Corporation, retiring in 1998 after 39½ years. He was a member of the Junction Methodist Church, Junction, OH, AMVETS Post 1991, Defiance, and Glass, Molders, Pottery, Plastics & Allied Workers.

He is survived by his wife, Donna J. Miller; his mother, Avis Miller; a daughter, Karen (Denny) McVay all of Paulding; two sons: Roger (Shelly) Miller of Convoy, and David (Janice) Miller of Bryan; six grandchildren: Jason (Kristi) Miller of Delphos, Jennifer and Jordan Miller both of Convoy, Courtney Miller of Bryan, Joseph and Marcus McVay of Paulding; and a great-granddaughter, McKenna Miller of Delphos.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Funeral services were conducted January 8, 2007 at the Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding with Reverend Pat Shepard, and Rev. Michael Saylor officiating.

Burial was in Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Paulding.

Donations may be made to Hawthorn Court Nursing Home Activity Fund or the Junction Methodist Church.

Delores M. Baumle, 81, of Payne, died January 2, 2007 at Paulding County Hospital, Paulding.

She was born in Paulding County, on October 24, 1925, the daughter of Raymond and Edith (Papenbrock) King. On May 4, 1946 she married John P. Baumle, who survives. She was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Payne, where she was a member of the Altar Rosary Society. She was formerly Benton Township Clerk and was employed as a BMV Clerk in Payne. She was also a member of the American Legion Auxiliary #297, Payne.

She is survived by her husband, John Baumle of Payne; a son, Kevin Baumle of Payne; two daughters: Diane (Warren) Bissell Jr. of Payne; and Lisa (Nick) Burgei of Ottoville, OH; a brother, Leroy "Bud" King of Payne; six grandchildren, and a great grandchild.

She is preceded in death by her parents; a son, Michael Baumle; a brother, Robert King; and a sister, Ruth Batt.

Funeral services were conducted January 6 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Payne with Rev. G. Allan Fillman officiating. Burial was in St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery, Payne.

Donations may be made to donor's choice.

Glenn Howard Thiele, 55, of Antwerp, passed away at 8:20 AM, Tuesday, January 2nd, 2007 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on July 19, 1951, he was the son of the late Walter and Dorothy (Kubacki) Thiele.

On October 20, 2002 Glenn married Rinda King, who survives.

He was the Lead electrician at Parkview Hospital Fort Wayne. Glenn enjoyed fishing and smoking a pipe.

Glenn will be sadly missed by his wife, Rinda; sister, Sandra DeVaux of Sherwood; half sister, Doreen Zielinski of Almond, WI and half brother, Gene Thiele of Harlan, IN.

At the request of the family there will be no service or visitation.

In his memory contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.

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

Lawrence R. Bidlack, 81, of Hilliard, passed away January 3, 2007 in the Mill Run Care Center, Hilliard, after an extended illness.

He was born in Oakwood, on December 18, 1925 son of Lawrence L. and Alice P. (Gettal) Bidlack. He formerly lived in Paulding and Pandora, OH.

He served in the Navy at the close of World War II. He married Patricia Lee December 10, 1949. After Pat's death in 1982, in 1984 he married Evelyn Gene George. Larry worked at the Lima Ford Plant as a Maintenance Electrical Engineer until retirement and then made his home in and around Columbus.

He was a member of the Bluffton United Presbyterian Church. Lawrence is survived by his wife Gene; sons: Mark of Lima, John (Sharma) of Ft. Jennings; brother, William of Oakwood; sisters: Jean Winners of Fort Wayne, and Margaret (Fred) Friess of Sylvania; and four granddaughters.

Preceded in death by sisters: Mable Robinson, Kathryn Reimschuessel, and Melva Mumma; his parents; and an infant brother Paul.

Graveside services will be at 1:00 p.m. Monday, January 8 at the Maple Grove Cemetery, Bluffton, Ohio. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Bluffton Presbyterian Church, 112 N. Main St., Bluffton, OH 45817.

Arrangements are by Tidd Funeral Home, Hilliard.

ANTWERP ROTARY NEWS

The Antwerp Rotary Club is sponsoring a Mexican Night. This will be held at the school before the basketball games on January 18th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The games that night will be Antwerp Jr. High Girls vs. Crestview at 5:00 p.m.; Archer Freshman Boys vs. Freshman Panthers of Paulding at 5:00 p.m. and Antwerp High School Boys vs. Wayne Trace Raiders at 6:00 p.m.

Rotary will be selling hard and soft Tacos, Nachos with cheese and Nachos Deluxe with meat. Proceeds will benefit Antwerp Rotary's Community Service Projects.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

By: Rose Kever

About twenty years ago, when my boys were very young, we had decided to get them a very special gift for Christmas.

They had been begging for a pet of some kind, since the dog we had, at that time, had died. He was a stray that came to us before we moved from uptown. A beauty, but very sick, so we kept him outside. He didn't have any nasty disease that we could pinpoint, we thought it was from lack of proper veterinary care. He was practically skin and bones when he adopted us. We named him Shawn and he looked to be an Irish Setter. We would feed and water him, at least three times a day, trying to fatten him up, but he never did gain enough to do him much good. He died over the winter that year, and we didn't get interested in another pet for quite some time.

Well, by the time the next winter rolled around, the kids were asking for a pet again. Gary and I started searching the papers for puppies and kittens. We couldn't find any puppy that would fit into our family. They were either going to be huge dogs, or of questionable temperament or too hairy. There always seemed to be something stopping us from bringing one home.

Then, we looked at kittens! Well, it seemed liked everyone in the county had kittens to give away, but the kids wanted a "white-haired" one. Do you know how hard it is to find a white cat that isn't a pure-breed?! Well, it just so happened that my cousin, "Lyle" had a white kitten he wanted to get rid of. I don't remember why he didn't want it, but he brought it out and we kept him. This cat we named "Fluffy", but don't let the name fool you. He was the terror of the neighborhood. He stalked any woman who came into the house, except for Pat, next door. For some reason, he really liked her and if she was out in her garden, he'd go over and visit with her.

The boys still wanted a dog, so we continued our search. We decided to try the animal shelters. It was getting close to Christmas, so we decided a puppy would be the "surprise" gift. We found a little "white bundle of joy" and adopted him. He was so cute! When the boys saw him you'd have thought he was the greatest dog on earth. (of course, he was to them).

Then came the time to name our little new addition. You can imagine the quarrels that went on. None of the names they came up with either fit or there was someone who didn't like it, so I said to my crew of little troupers, He was a special Christmas gift to you, so let's name him 'Merry Christmas'. They all agreed to that name, but we needed a nickname. After all, who would want to be out in the middle of July yelling 'Merry Christmas'?? (that would be totally embarrassing). They agreed that we also couldn't call him 'Merry'—he's a boy dog!! We finally decided that 'Chris' would fit him fine, and that's how the Kever's had their own little "Merry Christmas"!

Build A Better Burger

(NAPSA)—The traditional hamburger will always have a special place on America's plate, but as people seek new flavor options and continue to discover the nutritional benefits of veggie patties, taste buds are embracing a whole new definition of "burger."

Many restaurants that offer burgers on their menus now also offer veggie alternatives, and the frozen food aisles in grocery stores are stocked with an increasing array of options. From black bean burgers to cheddar burgers, these veggie creations come in a variety of flavors and can be conveniently cooked in the microwave, conventional oven or toaster oven.

"The great thing about today's veggie burgers is that you can reap the benefits of veggie foods and still satisfy your burger craving, beyond the typical burger on a bun," said Regina Ragone, R.D. "Substituting a veggie burger for a regular hamburger usually helps you cut your saturated fat intake, which is really important for a healthy heart."

Typically, veggie burgers are made with soy, which means they usually have fewer calories and almost half the fat of a traditional hamburger, while providing veggie protein. Some burgers also offer a refreshing taste of garden vegetables, using ingredients such as carrots, broccoli, mushrooms, zucchini or peppers, making it even easier to eat your veggies.

To help create a better burger, the veggie burger experts at *Morningstar Farms*® offer the following tips:

- Jump-start your lunch with veggie burger salad. Toss strips of veggie burger with leafy greens, dried cranberries, Brie cheese, walnuts, and balsamic vinaigrette.
- Spice things up and create a "South of the Border" burrito dinner. Cut a black bean veggie burger into strips and add shredded cheese, sautéed peppers and onions, lettuce, and diced tomatoes into a whole-wheat tortilla. Top with salsa, guacamole and/or low-fat sour cream.

Savor the rich flavors of mushroom with this recipe from



Roxanne Chan of Albany, N.Y., winner of the first *Morningstar Farms Better Burger Challenge*. The whole family will enjoy this creative and nutritious twist on the traditional hamburger.

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- 4 large Portobello mushrooms, stems removed, cleaned
 - 2 tablespoons Italian dressing
 - 1 package of *Morningstar Farms® Mushroom Lover's Burger*
 - 4 tablespoons prepared pesto sauce
 - 4 slices tomato
 - 4 slices mozzarella cheese
 - Basil sprigs for garnish

Directions:

1. Brush the mushrooms with dressing. Place on boiler rack 6 inches from heat source and cook 10 minutes or until tender, turning once. Place mushrooms on baking sheet.
 2. Prepare burgers according to package directions and place on top of mushrooms.
 3. Spread pesto over burgers, then top with tomato slices and cheese.
 4. Place baking sheet under broiler and broil 1-2 minutes or until cheese melts and is bubbly. Serve garnished with basil.
- Note:** Instead of using the broiler, the grill can be used to prepare these melts.
Makes 4 servings.
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ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

On North Main Street where Wilcox Street runs off to the east is where we start with this week's column.

That big house on the west side of North Main is where Mick Whitehouse and family now live. For many years that was home to Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Elsworth.

The next house to the north was where Benny Rhors lived. He was called Hy-Pockets because he was at least 6 feet 6 inches. They lived there quite a spell and later Howard and Dorothy Monroe lived there. They had two boys. They moved to New Haven and Dorothy still lives there.

The next house had a number of residents, but I can't remember any before Ralph Laisure. The Ralph Laisure Family lived there for many years. They had a son, Romny. He married Barbara McCalla and they had a dandy family, all went to bowling Green state University. They live up on Road 250.

The next house was home to the Larry McCalla family for many years. The Village has a tract of land and then we come to the house where Guy and Nora Jump lived as early as I can remember.

The Jumps had two children, Doris who married Bob Ely and Marilyn who married Earl Utterback. I talked to Marilyn not long ago and she knows quite a bit about basketball in Antwerp years ago as her dad was on the high school team.

What is now the North Garden Place Apartments was formerly a lumber yard. Back in 1903, B.A. Smith and his son, Arlie, started a lumber yard. After Mr. Smith's death Greg Jump took over the operation and had a successful business for many years.

The lumber yard was go-

ing out of business when it was destroyed by fire in the 1970's. Later on, the present day apartments were built there.

There was another dwelling in that area that has been torn down to make room for the apartments. Mr. and Mrs. Cloise Seslar lived there. He was a real nice gentleman and worked as a set-up man for Smith Hardware. They had three children: Gerald, who married Lucille Horn and they lived around Antwerp. They had a daughter Evelyn, she married Orest Coles and lived in the south mostly. A son, Bernard, lived in Paulding.

The next house was home to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Friend, Delia was one of Fred Pefley's girls. They had a big family, Durwood, Robert, Woody, Acey, Betty, Budd, Janet, Dick and Jim. They had a daughter who was born in 1930. She was playing in the yard as a little girl and chased a bouncing ball into the street and a truck driver didn't see her. It was a fatal accident and it happened in 1935. It saddened the whole town. Four of those Friend boys served their country in WWII.

Across the driveway was the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Reeb. They had three boys: Richard, John and Hilton. Ray was in the grocery business with his father, Frank, for many years where the Bee-Argus is now.

Back in the late 1940's I was at the American Legion meeting when Johnny Reeb was ordered the Silver Star by some Army Officers for outstanding Bravery in Combat in the European Theater. It was a very moving ceremony.

The next house, where Larry Smith lives, was not there at that time. Another house was there and it was the home of Gilbert Seslar, better known as "Gibby". That house was destroyed by fire



8th Grade Class taken May 19, 1936. First Row (l to r): Bob Hawkins, Dan Anderson, Cletus Delong, Betty Laney, Dora Miller, Mariah McCreery, Katie Childs, Ruth Parrett, Vesta Leaman, Lyle Van Buskirk, Jack Carr, Virgil Terrell, Ralph Taylor, Denzil Webber, Fred Kraly, unable to identify this last person.

Second Row (l to r): Max Daub, Don Enderle, Bob Knight, Eunice Rhoads, Marjorie Putman, Ruth Tracy, Fairy Boesch, Phyliss Guysinger, Lena Yearling, Anna Meyers,

Jack Jordan, Homer Wilson, Budd Friend, Robert Phillips, Carl Delong.

Third Row (l to r): Fern Matzen, Edith Mercer, Dorothy Donnat, Madeline Simms, Dorothy Quaintance, Violet Ours, Caroline Harris, Robert Culler, Stanley Smitley, Bill Caine.

Fourth Row (l to r): Anna Belle Hoover, Dora Hinch, Mary Avery, Julia Sigler, Ines Fett, Walter Burnett-teacher, Fores Weller, Bob West, Norm Culler, George Hartmann.

and a small girl was lost. Later the house was demolished and Bob Armstrong built the house that is there now. Later Bob moved to Defiance.

Mr. and Mrs. Rohrs' new house is next, but years ago there was a house in there that was the home of the Johnny Franklin's. They had one girl and four boys. Treva Lou, Floyd, Vaughn, Larry and Rex.

The last house on that side of the street before WWII was home to the Joe Zuber's. They had one boy, Kenneth. In the 1940's they moved to the farm east of the Grange Hall and Myron Zimmermann and family lived there for a long time.

If we came back up town on the east side of North

Main Street we will start at the Town Hall. It is 100 years old now, it was built in 1907 when Mr. Lundenmuth was Mayor.

Like I said last week, nearly all the people on the west side of North Main Street were early business men in Antwerp and certainly part of Antwerp's history.

See, Ya!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I enjoyed Caroline Zimmerman's article about the reservoir war. O.S. Applegate was my great-great-granddad. It's good to read about our country's history. Please keep up the good work.

—Brad Dysinger

BOYS BASKETBALL AT VAL-UE CITY ARENA - JEROME SCHOTTENSTEIN CENTER @ OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

The Boys Basketball teams of Van Wert and Wayne Trace High School tried their talents at Ohio State University. The final score between the two teams was Van Wert 55, Wayne Trace 38.

Score by Quarters:
Wayne Trace 17 8 8 5=38
Van Wert 16 4 14 21=55
Leading Scorers:
Wayne Trace - Aaron Hockenberry 12, Dane Treece 8.

Van Wert - Jared Myers 21, Bret Leon 9, Chris Morrow 9.

Turnovers - Wayne Trace 23, Van Wert 18.

VARSITY AND JV BOYS BASKETBALL AT HICKSVILLE

On Thursday, January 4, the boys of Hicksville and Wayne Trace took their aggression to the net in basketball action.

The final score for the Varsity game was Wayne Trace 49, Hicksville 34.

Leading Scorers:
Wayne Trace - Riley Linder 13; Aaron Hockenberry 10.

Hicksville - Jordan Gertbers 7; Josh Vandemark 7; Stuart Turnbull 7.

Turnovers - Wayne Trace 14, Hicksville 18.

Junior Varsity Score - Wayne Trace 43, Hicksville 37.

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VANTAGE BOARD HOLDS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Prior to the regular Vantage monthly board meeting, the board held a tax budget hearing and an organizational meeting. President Pro-Tem Don Arend called the organizational meeting to order and the oath of office was administered to five returning board members beginning new two year terms. They are Bob Herber from Antwerp, Lonnie Nedderman from Crestview, Brian Laudick from Kalida, Dana Smith from Parkway and Les Hockenberry from Wayne Trace.

Elections were held and Don Arend of Paulding was elected President and Sally Snyder of Lincolnview, Vice-President. Kevin Landin of Ottoville was appointed Legislative Liaison and Karen Donaldson of Continental, Student Achievement Liaison. Regular monthly meetings were scheduled for the first Thursday of each month. Lori Davis was appointed as

Treasurer for Vantage Career Center and was authorized to request tax advances from appropriate county auditors, pay outstanding bills, make general fund transfers and invest active, inactive and interim funds.

The Vantage superintendent was appointed Chief Executive Officer of Vantage Career Center, Purchasing Agent, Signatory for salary notices and contracts and the official to review and approve student activity budgets. The superintendent was authorized to extend employment contracts between regularly scheduled board meetings when necessary for the efficient operation of the school. The Van Wert Times Bulletin was designated as the official school newspaper.

At the regular board meeting, the minutes from the December 7, 2006 meeting were approved along with financial statements for the month of November. The 2008 Vantage Career Center Tax Budget was approved as presented at the Bud-

get Hearing and the board passed a resolution to amend and approve appropriations and revenues for FY07. Funds were advanced into the Tech Prep Grant account until funds are received from Rhodes State College.

Principal Keith Rydell updated the board on new software teachers are using called Moodle Tools, an on-line system to submit and receive assignments. He also reported on a presentation that he and English teacher Beth Evans made on the Senior Project at Fort Recovery. Adult Education Director Jim Grant presented a review of the fall adult classes and upcoming winter class offerings and the presentation of Best Practices at the Paulding One Stop at the Job and Family Services meeting in Delaware, Ohio.

In new business, the board:

—Accepted the resignation of Shirley May, Adult Education Health Careers Coordinator effective January 2, 2007;

—Approved the following list of contract services for "Step Into Your Future" workshop: Christi Klinger Bockey, Jenifer Call and Jessi Harman;

—Approved supplemental contracts for the following participants for "Step Into Your Future" workshop: MaryJo Wilhelm, Tammy Deitsch, Nancy Keith, Roger Ruen, Jerry Robinson, Rachael Harpel, Nancy Moore, Linda McCann and Michele Prichard;

—Approved supplemental contract for Jo Mohr, Fruit Coordinator;

—Employed the following as Adult Education instructors, all as needed, as scheduled: Sheila Temple, Health Careers Coordinator and Theresa Schuette, Kelly Loll and Barbara Verhoff, all Health Careers;

—Authorized the Superintendent to enter into a sales agreement for the 06-07 carpentry house should an acceptable offer be made;

—Approved the contract with NOACSC for internet

access service agreement;

—Accepted with thanks monetary donations to the Haiti Interact Club from K & L Ready Mix and Sarka Electric Ltd;

—Accepted a grant from the Van Wert County Foundation in the amount of \$30,000 for the purchase of electronic related items through the Rothaker/Lampe bequest;

—Approved the NEOLA new, revised or replacement policies distributed at the December board meeting.

An executive session was called for the purpose of discussing the search for a new Vantage superintendent. No action was taken following the executive session.

The next board meeting will be held on Thursday, February 1, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at Vantage.

HICKSVILLE MASONIC LODGE HOLDS INSPECTION

Hicksville held its annual inspection last Wednesday and exemplified the 3rd Degree. According to the figures there were 55 Masons in attendance. There were ten 50-year members sitting on the sidelines. Nine from Hicksville and Liberty Center's Ralph Creager making the tenth.

Kenny Crouch of Bryan represented the 33rd degree members. The KYCH members counted four. Ron Keller, Jerry Richardson, Calvin Worden, Rick McKibben and Walter Schilb represented the Past District Deputies.

The Grand Master's Reception will be Friday March 30th at Northwest State Community College. Social at 6:30 p.m. and meal served at 7:00 p.m. RWB Trent Dominique was the inspecting officer with help from RWB Richard Coffman. RWB Coffman reminded the group that the All-Degree day was to be held in Defiance on Saturday March 31st.

Napoleon Lodge under the capable leadership of WM Dave Gunn ran away with the Traveling Trophy. WB Lee Kallsen has again fashioned a Trophy after the Grand Master's theme "Lighting the Way". After some "smokey" confusion on which trophy would be presented, this prize was finally placed in the hands of Napoleon for them to take back to #256.

There were nine Fifty-Year members from Hicksville that included Estell Cottrell, Fred Shaffer, Wayne Carr, Gene McClellan, Wm. Kenny Wonderly, Charles Carey, Doyle Johnson, Elmer Woodcox and Derrill Kline. Other present included Walter Schilb, Ron Farnsworth, Jim Kline, Tim Betts, Bill Metz, Gerry Shidler, Scott Ruppert, Dick Savage, Jim Miller, Norm Byers, Jim Wonderly, Russell St. Johns, Calvin Worden, Lee Kallsen, Grover Blalock, Carl Clark, Terry Ayers, Joe Stotler, Greg Headley, George Underwood.

This Wednesday, January 10 at the stated meeting, Hicksville will once again be conferring the 3rd Degree. The meeting will start at the regular time of 7:30 p.m. To finish the evening RWB Trent Dominique gave an inspirational talk on what makes a successful Lodge. These Lodges have many on the sidelines during meetings, conduct fellowship meetings, and be active in the community.

TOP SELLERS AT ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS



Top sellers for a fundraiser held at Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschool were Fernando Garcia (left) and Darrick Bowersox. They are shown with our Home Interiors consultant, Mrs. Patsy Bland. The boys each received a Wal-Mart gift card for their efforts.

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Opinion Column

VIEWS FROM THE OUTSIDE

by Brad Dysinger

SCRAMBLED EGGS



Can you believe it's 2007? It certainly is true the older you get the faster time goes. I wanted to write a cheerful, inspiring new year's opinion column but my brain is mostly like scrambled eggs today. I'm afraid that your going to get a lot of random, incoherent thoughts that have no real connection to one another or to anything in particular, kind of like dealing with a government official or one of those people you get on the phone that's from Bangladesh or India or one of those other countries where they speak a form of English I can't understand.

First, I want to thank all who called about the smoking ban opinion column. I enjoyed talking to each of you. People from Paulding, Defiance, Van Wert, Putman, Auglaize, Darke, and Mercer Counties called or talked with me in person and expressed there concerns about the freedom of choice lost. Most were non smokers like me, they ranged in age from 86 to 26, about evenly split between men and women. The irony of this taking effect on December 7th was not lost on any caller. Talking with you I could hear the frustration we share about what is going on in the United States today. I think the best thing we can do is voice our opinion. Write letters to the editor. Send a fax, an e-mail, or make a phone call to your state representative or senator. If it bothers you, you should bother them.

There are several things that I'm thinking about and plan to write about in the New Year. What's the plan if the jail levy fails again, or is there a plan? With a shrinking population can we afford all the government we are saddled with? What's-the-odds on there being a new bath room at the fair grounds before the next Flat Rock Festival? Is there a plan for Paulding schools? What's the two year plan, the five year plan, the ten year plan for Paulding County? Where are we headed? I hope to explore these issues and others that pop into my head in '07.

In my opinion the biggest thing facing Paulding County is the new septic regulations, and the new system that is being mandated state wide as of January 1st, 2007. I've talked to many smarter people than me who install septic systems, and to a man, they all say this new system won't work in our soils. It costs 2 to 3 times as much to install and to top that off it doesn't work well or at all in Paulding County Clays. The state health department mandates that all Ohio is the same, and all Ohio soils work the same, they should have spoken with a few Paulding County farmers about that first.

The real reason this is being pushed is the Ohio health department wants all counties to have county wide sewer systems. Does anyone at the state level know or care how much money this will cost us here in Paulding County? We have less than 20,000 residents. It takes at least 10 homes per mile to even make a sewer line feasible, plus you have to have a sewer system like one's Paulding or Payne or Antwerp have to hook into. If there is a county wide sewer you have to pay for it even if you're not hooked up to it, so all people who live in the country will have to pay the sewer district, plus pay for there own septic system. We ain't Cleveland or Columbus, and thank God for it. I'll be sure to have more on this in the coming year.

Something else that some of us concerned citizens are planning for this year is to get together to brain storm about the issues we see facing Paulding County. Not an organized political party but just people looking for answers outside the box, or inside the box for that matter. So if this interests you give me a call.

I'd also like to know what's on your mind for the coming year. Is there something you would like looked at about county government, do you have an opinion on something?

In closing I'll tell you a true Christmas story. Jeff Rhees from Oakwood told me that his dad had something for me to write about. He wanted me to write about there being no Christmas lights at Baughman's anymore. I think that most people from Paulding, County are familiar with the story. Someone from out of county rented a limo, came to Baughman's to enjoy the lights, a drunk driver hit the limo, a passenger was injured and who did the injured person's lawyer hold liable? Not the limo driver, or the drunk driver, Baughman's of course. Jeff's dad wanted me to express my opinion about this, so here it is. This true Christmas story says it all ...

A couple of days after Christmas there was a family at the Melrose store who came all the way from Bluffton, Ohio. They were looking for directions to Baughman's. They came all this way because they had seen the lights a few years back and wanted to show them to their kids again. They thought that now that they were a little older their kids would enjoy and remember the light show better. The husband and wife may have been looking to start one of those Christmas traditions that families do at Christmas time. They didn't think it felt so much like Christmas after they were told that the Baughman's no longer did Christmas lights. The fact that a drunk driver had hit and injured a person riding in another car and that some lawyer wanted to sue the Baughman's because of it didn't impress our out of county visitors. The man stated, "D*mn lawyers," then he wished everyone a "Merry Christmas." He got back in his car and he and his family headed back to Bluffton.

Like I said at the beginning of this column my brain today is like scrambled eggs and toast, a little unfocused but my sentiments are with the man from Bluffton, Ohio...and also a happy New Year to each of you. Call me 419-587-3557

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS FOR THE WEEK OF 1/10 THROUGH 1/16

- Panther Paw Cafe - Breakfast
 1/10 - Ham, egg & cheese croissant, juice, milk
 1/11 - Mini pancakes, sausage links, juice, milk
 1/12 - Sausage gravy w/ biscuits, juice, milk
 1/15 - no school, Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 1/16 - Breakfast hot pocket, juice, milk

- Panther Paw Cafe - Lunch
 1/10 - Pepperoni pizza or grilled chicken on a bun, corn, assorted fruit, milk
 1/11 - Creamed turkey noodles, whipped potatoes, bread, assorted fruit, milk
 1/12 - Bacon cheeseburger on a bun, spiral potatoes, assorted fruit, milk
 1/15 - no school, Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 1/16 - Chili cheese hot dog, tator tots, assorted fruit, milk

- Paulding Elementary - Lunch
 1/10 - Chili soup w/ crackers, bread w/margarine or peanut butter, fruit cup, milk
 1/11 - Chicken strips, whipped potatoes w/gravy, bread, fruit cup, milk
 1/12 - Rib-E-Que on a bun, vegetable, fruit cup, milk
 1/15 - no school, Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 1/16 - Meat 'n Cheese Taco, lettuce, fruit cup, milk

- Oakwood Elementary - Lunch
 1/10 - Walking taco w/ lettuce & cheese, fruit, milk
 1/11 - Salisbury steak, baked potato, bread, fruit, milk
 1/12 - Burrito, corn, fruit, milk
 1/15 - no school, Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 1/16 - Chicken strip wrap, peas, fruit, milk

FUN IN THE "SUN" AT RENEWED IMAGE



Cynthia Hickok, Phyllis Robbins & Angel Steiner. Cynthia and Angel enjoyed a spray tan by Phyllis.

By: Sue Knapp
 Renewed Image is a new business in Antwerp, Ohio that provides an alternative to the tanning bed. Phyllis Robbins has had several bouts with skin cancer and she needed to stay out of the sun but she still wanted a tan. She enrolled in a course and earned certification to do spray tanning. The spray, which is natural and derived from apples, will last around 14 days with the cost comparable to using a tanning bed. When you are sprayed, you get the results of a tan right away.

Phyllis offers different solutions for different skin tones. She uses an air gun and it takes about 15 minutes. The tan needs then to "set" for 6 to 8 hours. The spray will not stain clothes and it will come out in the wash in case you do get over sprayed. Phyllis also does body waxing: facial, bikini, leg, men's chest and back hair. She also sells skin products and offers a unique line of gifts including inspirational. Phyllis's shop is located at 3262 Rd. 204, outside of Antwerp.

HEALTH AWARENESS

This Is Your Brain On Nicotine: How Your Brain Reacts To Cigarettes

(NAPSA)—Public smoking bans. Smoke-free workplaces. Cigarette taxes and price hikes. Warnings about cancer and heart disease. There are a lot of reasons to quit smoking. Approximately 70 percent of smokers want to quit. And, the average smoker has tried to quit six to nine times. Still, there are 45 million smokers in the U.S. There are 388 billion cigarettes smoked each year. What is it about cigarettes that keeps smokers hooked? Health experts say that nicotine, one of the main chemicals in cigarettes and tobacco, causes addiction. It affects the brain in a unique way. It makes people want to smoke. "When you smoke, nicotine binds to certain parts of your brain. This causes a good feeling," says Dr. Robert Anthenelli, associate professor of Psychiatry at the

University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. "When you stop smoking, your brain no longer gets nicotine. Then you have craving and withdrawal symptoms." Many smokers who try to quit find the craving for cigarettes too hard to control. The withdrawal symptoms are hard to live with. Smokers may feel moody or have trouble sleeping. They seek relief by going back to cigarettes. "Craving or withdrawal symptoms make you want cigarettes. You smoke, you feel better. The cycle of nicotine addiction starts again," says Dr. Anthenelli. "We need to treat smoking as a medical condition. It's important to use medication and lifestyle changes to stay on track." If you want to quit smoking, talk to your doctor about the best way for you to quit.

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Women's Health Update

Be Inspired To Get Healthy

(NAPSA)—Many people may be surprised at just what it takes to inspire them to begin taking better care of themselves. It could be a comment from your loved one, a health scare, even an important reunion. The answers come in many forms, but the most important thing is to just get started. "While women are busy making everyone else's life a little easier, they tend to lose track of caring for themselves," says Dr. Pamela Peeke, author of "Body for Life for Women." "Women often make excuses for not getting healthy because of daily obstacles. From the laundry not getting done to not having dinner on the table, women are hard pressed to find time for themselves." To encourage women to reform this aspect of their lives, Wal-Mart SuperCenters and Sam's Club have teamed up with Speaking of Women's Health to host Get Started Today, a nationwide in-store event to motivate women to live well. The event, free to everyone, takes place on January 20. Women can go to a Wal-Mart SuperCenter or Sam's Club to pick up Dr. Peeke's Power Mind Principles in a motivational calendar, as well as a helpful book with tips and recipes to stay healthy and motivated.

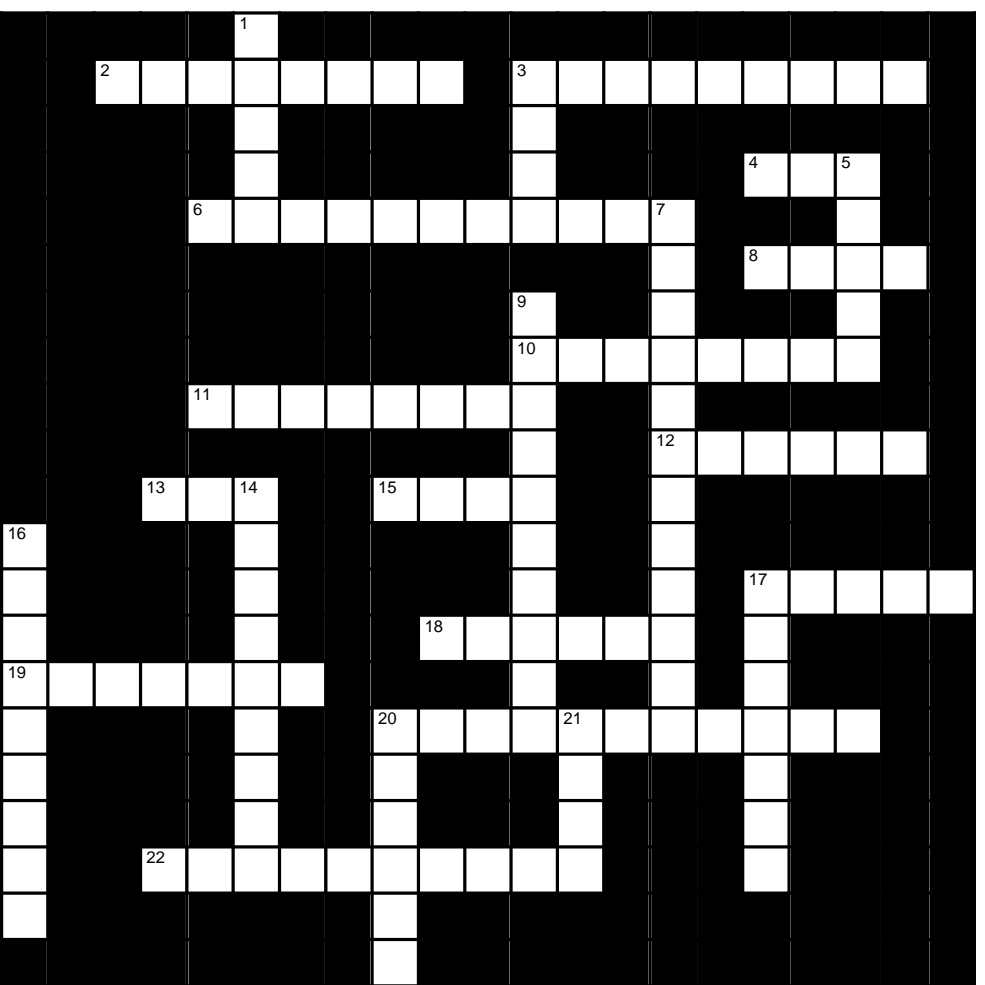


Dr. Pamela Peeke says more women should stand up for their health.

To help you get started, here are a few tips from Dr. Peeke:
 • Curb the carbs: Instead of turning to food, relax or call a friend when you feel stressed.
 • Find your motivation: Keep a picture handy of a loved one to remind you to stay on track.
 • Progress, not perfection: Throw perfectionism to the wind

and instead aim to make any progress you can, every day of your life.
 • Whine some: When faced with the work of self-care, it's perfectly fine to whine a bit. But remember to move on and refocus that energy to your nutrition, exercise and stress management.
 • You are important: Set a time just for yourself where no one can bother you. Stand up for your right to self-care.
 For more information and tips on women's health, visit www.walmart.com/getstartedtoday.

Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 2. I will exercise mentally by doing THIS.
- 3. I will not feed my animals THIS anymore.
- 4. I will find a better one of THESE this year.
- 6. I will buy one of THESE for cooking meat.
- 8. I will do THIS for others more this year.
- 10. I will increase my heart rate more with THIS.
- 11. I will quit "happy hour" by stopping THIS habit.
- 12. I will not defrost my turkey where I keep my car.
- 13. I will not leave food set out for more than THESE many hours.
- 15. I will get out of THIS this year.
- 17. I will not eat food that feels and looks like THIS.
- 18. I will always wear THIS while on a bike.
- 19. I will quit being a chimney by quitting THIS.
- 20. I will make sure my babies always ride in one of THESE.
- 22. I will spend less time playing THESE.

Down

- 1. I will do THIS to my teeth twice a day.
- 3. I will enjoy THIS more.
- 5. I will tame the -----.
- 7. I will keep a thermometer in my -----.
- 9. I will eat fruits and THESE every day.
- 14. I will put my life in order by being more of THIS.
- 16. I will remember to apply THIS before going out in the sun.
- 17. Spend more time with family and with THESE people too.
- 20. I'm going to stick to THIS to help with my finances.
- 21. I will clean up THESE everyday.

AHS Angle



By: Chelsea Vail

Ursprache \oor-shprah-KHuh\; eh, what? It's the winning word of the 2006 Scripps National Spelling Bee, a noun meaning a hypothetically reconstructed ancestor language. Uh huh. Someone really did spell it correctly, in the allotted time, having heard the above shown pronunciation. If the last round of Antwerp's upcoming junior high Spelling Bee is going to provide the same caliber of challenge, it's something you won't want to miss! Budding word nerds from the 7th and 8th grades will compete for the first place honor in this Friday's Spelling Bee. As I recall, there have been some interesting spellings in the past, and there is typically a high percentage of participation. Something about getting out of class...

If you're interested in being a part of the project to obtain an all-weather track, there will be an Athletic Boosters meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 10 in the AD Office during which further plans for it will be discussed. It's a cause worth checking out; I myself have had some rather unfortunate experiences running on the current track due to its less-than-tractiony nature, and so I'll speak for klutzes everywhere when I say that an all-weather track would be a much welcomed feature.

This week's athletic events:

JH Girls Basketball: Thursday, January 11th, 5:00, @ Wayne Trace; Tuesday, January 16th, 5:00, Hicksville.

JH Boys Basketball: Saturday, January 13th, TBA, @ Wayne Trace (7th Grade Tournament); Tuesday, January 16th, 4:30, @ Edgerton

Freshman Boys Basketball: Thursday, January 11th, 5:00, @ Fairview.

Varsity Girls Basketball: Friday, January 12th, 6:00, Fairview; Tuesday, January 16th, 6:00, @ Lincolnview.

Varsity Boys Basketball: Thursday, January 11th, 6:00, @ Fairview.

Word of the Week:

Erudite (er-yoo-dahyt\ adjective

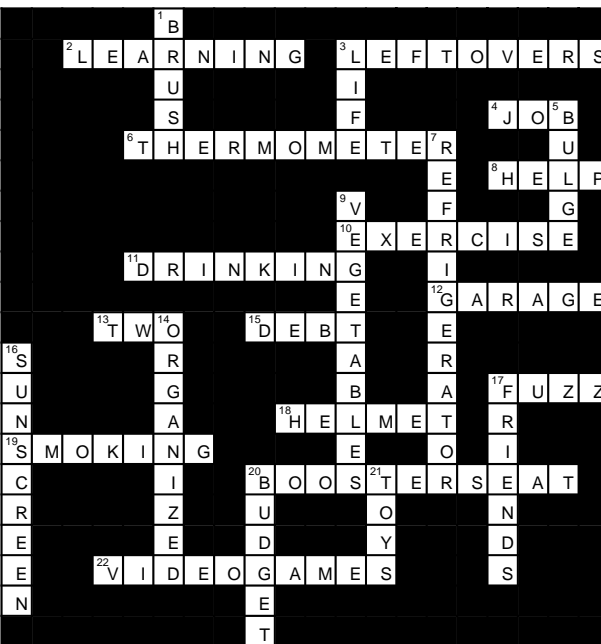
1.Characterized by great knowledge

2.Learned or scholarly

Example: "The winner of the National Spelling Bee must have had an immense, erudite sort of knowledge about the English language in order to have correctly spelled such a word as Ursprache."

I can't think of many situations in which you'd be able to make use of the word Ursprache, unless you're attending a National Spelling Bee party and wish to make

Last Week's answers to "Resolutions"



WAYNE TRACE JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL GIRLS AT WOODLAN

On Tuesday, January 2 the junior high girls of Wayne Trace and Woodlan (IN) showed off their basketball talents.

In the eighth grade game the final score was Wayne Trace 34, Woodlan (IN) 30.

some erudite small talk about 2006's winning word. If you can manage to throw it into a conversation outside of that context, give yourself a pat on the back and tell me how you did it!

Quarter Scores:
1st - Woodlan 14, Wayne Trace 13.

2nd - Wayne Trace 21, Woodlan 14.

3rd - Wayne Trace 29, Woodlan 25.

Leading Scorers:
Wayne Trace - Taylor Baumle 10; Woodlan - Keller 10.

Wayne Trace is now 10-0 on the season.

In the seventh grade game the final score was Wayne Trace 28, Woodlan (IN) 12.

Top WT Scorer:
Sarah Feasby - 8 points.

Wayne Trace is now 8-4 on the season.

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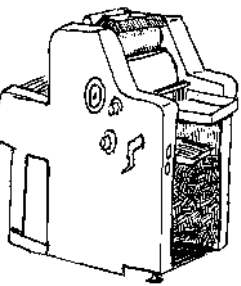
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HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

How To Know And Lower Your Risk For Flood Loss

(NAPSA)—Learning more about your home's flood risk can help you protect your most important investment—and the risk may be higher than you imagine.

Quickly rising water and rain from heavy storms can turn dry creek beds and low-lying areas into raging waterways—putting thousands of homes and businesses in harm's way.

Nearly 8 million structures across the country are located in high-risk flood areas, and yet more than half of homeowners living in these areas (known as Special Flood Hazard Areas, or SFHAs) are in considerable financial jeopardy because they aren't covered by flood insurance.

"An SFHA home has a 26 percent chance of being flooded over a 30-year period, as compared to a 9 percent chance of suffering a fire. Flooding in these high-risk areas could, has and will occur. Please, talk to your insurance agent and take the necessary steps to financially protect your home—your most important investment—with flood insurance," said David I. Maurstad, FEMA's Mitigation Director and Federal Insurance Administrator.

Flood insurance is available in more than 21,000 communities across the country. Residents who live in an SFHA are required to purchase flood insurance if they have a loan from a federally regulated lender. Property owners without mortgages, and also renters, may not be affected by this regulation, but are just as much at risk of flooding and need to consider financial protection through flood insurance.

Do You Know These Facts About Flood Insurance?

- Homeowners insurance typically does not cover flood damage.



Federally backed flood insurance can protect your most important investment—your home.

• The average premium for a residential flood insurance policy is approximately \$500 a year.

• You can purchase federally backed flood insurance in amounts up to \$250,000 for a structure and \$100,000 for its contents. Contents coverage is not automatically included in a flood policy.

• The National Flood Insurance Program has paid more than \$32 billion in claims since 1978.

• Floodwaters don't stop at a line on a flood map. Even if you live outside of an SFHA, you are still at risk. Outside of high-risk areas, coverage can start as low as \$112 a year.

How Can You Determine Your Flood Risk?

You can find your relative flood risk online at FloodSmart.gov. From there, click on "What's Your Risk" and simply enter your property address to see your risk and find links to area flood maps and other flood insurance community resources. To learn how to purchase a National Flood Insurance Policy, and the benefits of protecting your home and property against flooding, visit www.FloodSmart.gov or call (800) 427-2419.

NEXT YEAR'S GIFT WRAPPING TIPS FOR MEN

This is the time of year when we think back to the very first Christmas, when the Three Wise Men — Gaspar, Balthazar, and Herb — went to see the baby Jesus and, according to the Book of Matthew, "presented unto Him gifts; gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

These are simple words, but if we analyze them carefully, we discover an important, yet often overlooked, theological fact: there is no mention of wrapping paper.

If there had been wrapping paper, Matthew would have said so: "And lo, the gifts were inside 600 square cubits of paper. And the paper was festooned with pictures of Frosty the Snowman. And Joseph was going to throw it away, but Mary saideth unto him, she saideth, 'Holdeth it! That is nice paper! Saveth it for next year!' And Joseph did rolleth his eyeballs. And the baby Jesus was more interested in the paper than the frankincense."

But these words do not appear in the Bible, which means that the very first Christmas gifts were NOT wrapped. This is because the people giving those gifts had two important characteristics:

1. They were wise.
2. They were men.

Men are not big gift wrappers. Men do not understand the point of putting paper on a gift just so somebody else can tear it off. This is not just my opinion, this is a scientific fact based on a statistical survey of two guys I know. One is Rob, who said the only time he ever wraps a gift is "if it's such a poor gift that I don't want to be there when the person opens it." The other is Gene, who told me he does wrap gifts, but as a matter of principle never takes more than 15 seconds per gift. "No one ever had to wonder which presents daddy wrapped at Christmas," Gene said. "They were the ones that looked like enormous spitballs."

I also wrap gifts, but because of some defect in my motor skills, I can never completely wrap them. I can take a gift the size of a deck of cards and put it the exact center of a piece of wrapping

paper the size of a regulation volleyball court, but when I am done folding and taping, you can still see a sector of the gift peeking out. (Sometimes I camouflage this sector with a marking pen.) If I had been an ancient Egyptian in the field of mummies, the lower half of the Pharaoh's body would be covered only by Scotch tape.

On the other hand, if you give my wife a 12-inch square of wrapping paper, she can wrap a C-130 cargo plane. My wife, like many women, actually likes wrapping things. If she gives you a gift that requires batteries, she wraps the batteries separately, which to me is very close to being a symptom of mental illness. If it were possible, my wife would wrap each individual volt.

My point is that gift-wrapping is one of those skills like having babies that come more naturally to women than to men. That is why today I am presenting:

Gift Wrapping Tips for Men:

• Whenever possible, buy gifts that are already wrapped. If, when the recipient opens the gift, neither one of you recognizes it, you can claim that it's myrrh.

• The editors of Woman's Day magazine recently ran an item on how to make your own wrapping paper by printing a design on it with an apple sliced in half horizontally and dipped in a mixture of food coloring and liquid starch. They must be smoking crack. If you're giving a hard-to-wrap gift, skip the wrapping paper! Just put it inside a bag and stick one of those little adhesive bows on it. This creates a festive visual effect that is sure to delight the lucky recipient on Christmas morning:

YOUR WIFE: Why is there a Hefty trash bag under the tree?

YOU: It's a gift! See? It has a bow!

YOUR WIFE (peering into the trash bag): It's a leaf blower.

YOU: Gas-powered! Five horsepower!

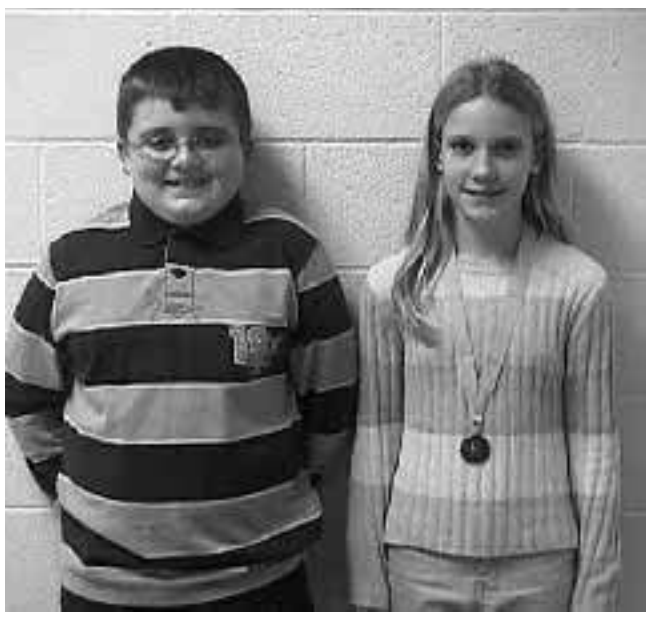
YOUR WIFE: I want a divorce.

YOU: I also got you some myrrh.

In conclusion, remember that the important thing is not what you give, or how you wrap it. The important thing, during this very special time of year, is that you save the receipt.

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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF GEOGRAPHY BEE



Grades 4, 5 and 6 held a Geography Bee on January 4th and 5th.

The 10 finalist were: (back row) Kyle Recker, Emilie Linder, Zach Tumbleson, Dale Young, Krystal Wannemacher. (front row) Nick Glass, Jacob Hoising-

ton, Makenna Worman, Addison Baumle, Libby Stabler.

The winner of the Geography Bee was Emilie Linder. The runner-up was Kyle Recker. Congratulations!

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A DOG'S STORY



Jean Wappas & Buster



Jean Schweller & Sugar

By: Sue Knapp
 This article includes two stories about two beautiful creatures: Sugar and Buster. Look at the end of the story for information on how you can become involved.
 In the summer of 2004 Buster found his new home. Jean Wappas, formerly of Antwerp, adopted this four year old Chocolate lab from the Paulding County Humane Shelter. Buster is playful, well-loved and very obedient. In response to the process of adopting a dog through the shelter, Jean had this to say, "It is alot easier than what I heard from others. It was

a fairly easy process. Lynne Mansfield is doing a really good job. Her helping makes it alot better for families to adopt dogs. It also helps out with the dog population. She bathes them and helps with the adoption costs."
 Sugar started out with a family that had multiple dogs. The family decided they couldn't care for Sugar anymore so they took her to the shelter.
 Enter Jean Schweller who had just put her 17 year old dog, Gracie, to sleep for health reasons. Jean made the comment so many of us makes, "I won't have another dog right

PAULDING YOUTH BALL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The Paulding Youth Ball Organization (little league summer baseball and softball) will be holding their January meeting on January 14, 2007. This meeting will take place at the Youth Leadership Building at the Fairgrounds at 2:00 p.m. Important Agenda items include finalizing registration information and palling a timeline of activities for the coming season. Please plan on attending this very important planning meeting. For further information about being added to the membership roster/mailling list or concerning the meeting, please email Susan Farr, Secretary at susan-farr5@yahoo.com.

GIRLS BASKETBALL AT WAYNE TRACE

The Varsity and JV Girls Basketball teams of Wayne Trace and Hicksville battled for the ball recently.
 The final score for the varsity players was Wayne Trace 40, Hicksville 30.
 Score by Quarters:
 Hicksville (6-3 overall, 0-1 GMC) 6 6 12 6=30
 Wayne Trace (5-3 overall, 1-0 GMC) 4 11 11 14=40
 Leading Scorers:
 Hicksville - Kendra Katschke 9, Kara Johns 8.
 Wayne Trace - Sara Priest 13, Becky Ruble 11.
 Turnovers - Hicksville 19, Wayne Trace 16.
 Junior Varsity Score - Hicksville 18, Wayne Trace 13.

now."
 Don, Jean's husband, had a stroke and Jean was taking care of him at home along with the help of Visiting Nurses. One of the nurses, Mrs. Cline, went out to see Don and asked Jean where Gracie was.

Mrs. Cline then proceeded to tell Jean about Sugar, what a nice dog she was and the fact that her husband, Dog Warden, Dave Cline, loved her. Sugar had been in the shelter for three months and they would have to euthanize her.
 Needless to say, Jean went over to the shelter that afternoon, was introduced to Sugar and brought her home that afternoon. Sugar, a mixed border collie, became a great companion to Don and Jean. She has a big yard to run in and loves the grandchildren. Sugar has called the Schweller residence home for around 4 four years now.

Sugar, who has become well filled out, loves attention and gives lots of affection. She is very much a part of Jean's life.

The moral of this is "don't ever say never", you never know when something good is in store for you.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A well-known poet on RFD TV (Baxter Black) gave a year's end message recently which inspired me to borrow some of his sentiments and pen the following.
 As I write this on my front porch, I appreciate the sunlight streaming through the windows and the lovely blue sky nature has provided. The squirrels are sunning themselves on a high tree branch after a busy time of gathering nuts. This has been a good year for them as they are nice and plump.

The New Year has caused me to ponder the thought that this is a good place to live; and I have made a resolution to take time each day to remember that I have it pretty good here in America.

I've been lucky enough to be born in a country where I am free to worship, free to better myself as best I am able . . . lucky enough to be born in a time when the knowledge of humankind is expanding at an astounding pace in all areas, and improving and extending lives.

America, though being tested, still stands proud and continues to shine as a ray of hope for the less fortunate, world-wide.

My good fortune, in reality, is due to a debt I can never repay and which is featured every day in local newspapers wherein those killed in the war on terror are listed. Every one of them is directly responsible for the freedoms I, and others, enjoy. Each one, from whatever walk of life, has sacrificed, toiled, sweated and believed in what America stands for; and have not hesitated to "put their money where their mouths are", so to speak, whether it is by carrying a weapon, a stethoscope, or flowers to a nursing home.

I owe George Washington, Bill Gates, Lewis & Clark, Cochise, Thomas Edison, Martin Luther King, just to name a few. 220-some odd years ago a group of citizens, as different as Bush and Gore, conspired to declare our independence and to invent a country. They did just that - like none on earth!

That I was so lucky to be blessed to be born here is a miracle I do not take for granted. I hope others reading this feel the same.

As I and others are free to recite at meetings or elsewhere:

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

—Cara Lou Strahley, Secretary of the John Paulding Historical Society, member of the General Horatio N. Curtis Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution

HARRISON TOWNSHIP FLAG ADOPTED



Gary Benschneider-trustee, Jim Overmyer-trustee, Pat Linder-Fiscal officer, Lanny Stabler-trustee.

In the early summer of 2006, Harrison Township Trustees Lanny Stabler, Jim Overmyer, Gary Benschneider, and Township Fiscal Officer Pat Linder adopted their official township flag (created by the son Pat Linder, Michael Linder), this being the second township to be reviewed in my 8 township flag series.

Highlights of this township flag include the township name (Harrison), year organized (1844) as well as featuring a tractor and ears of corn to represent the agricultural aspect of the township, and a picture of a deer to denote the wildlife populating the early township.

Harrison Township history begins with a puzzle for history lovers: where did it get its name? The atlas doesn't state the origin of the name, so students reading this have some research to do if they are curious. (If you find out, let the editor know) The first settler of the township is given as Thomas Wentworth, who is credited with erecting a cabin in Section 36 in the year 1837,

to house his family and himself; which was located about 2 miles west of what is now the Village of Payne, Ohio (known as "Malottville" until 1881). His closest neighbor at that time was living 10 miles away; but because of the trail Mr. Wentworth had cleared to his property, he and his family were soon joined by others building close to his home in what came to be known as "Flat Rock Settlement".

In 1843, the first white child was born in the township and was named John Russell. Other "firsts" include the first couple married (John Lincoln and Harriet Wentworth), first step toward education (teacher Mrs. Caroline Merchant, in her home with approximately 15 students attending).

Harrison Township's history and other historical events can be found in the 1892 Paulding County Atlas (copies available at the Paulding County Library and branches and at the John

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OPTICAL WONDER OF THE NIGHT SKY



On Tuesday night January 2nd one may have felt a heavenly presence as you gazed at the night sky. The moon, which was one day shy of being full, had a hazy ring around it. One of the wonder- ing marvels in the heavens.

The moon can produce in- teresting optical effects when conditions are right. The most common of which are moon rings, moon bows (which are

similar to rainbows), moon dogs and moon pillars.

The ring around the Moon is caused by the refracting of Moonlight (which of course is reflected sunlight) from ice crystals in the upper atmo- sphere. The shape of the ice crystals results in a focusing of the light into a ring. Since the ice crystals typically have the same shape, namely a hexagonal shape, the Moon ring is almost always the same size.

Less typical are the halos that may be produced by dif- ferent angles in the crystals. They can create halos with an angle of 46 degrees.

Folklore has it that a ring around the moon signifies bad weather is coming, and in many cases this may be true. So how can rings around the moon be a predictor of weather to come? The ice crystals that cover that halo signify high altitude, thin cir- rus clouds that normally pre- cede a warm front by one or two days. Typically, a warm front will be associated with a low pressure system which

is commonly referred to as a storm.

It is believed that the num- ber of stars within a moon halo indicate the number of days before bad weather will arrive.

The ring that appears around the moon arises from light passing through six-sid- ed ice crystals high in the at- mosphere. These ice crystals refract, or bend, light in the same manner that a camera lens bends light. The ring has a diameter of 22°, and some- times, if you are lucky, it is also possible to detect a sec- ond ring, 44° diameter. Thin high cirrus clouds lofting at 20,000 feet or more contain tiny ice crystals that originate from the freezing of super cooled water droplets. These crystals behave like jewels re- fracting and reflecting in dif- ferent directions.

A moon corona is another interesting effect caused by moon light. Just like lunar ha- los, coronas are produced by high thin clouds. But unlike halos coronas are very small in size.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL HONOR ROLL FOR 2ND QUARTER 2006/07 SCHOOL YEAR

Honor Roll:

4th Grade: Jacob Arend, Addison Baumle, Preston Gross, Mackenzie Swary, Makenna Worman

5th Grade: Amber Combs, Kyle Recker, Matt Reinhart, Libby Stabler

6th Grade: Lyndsay Combs, Jess Wilson, Kaleigh Young

Perfect Attendance for 2nd Quarter:

Kindergarten: Korbin Slade, Seth Rister, Grant Baumle

1st Grade: Jacob Kuhn, Jacquelyn LeMieux, Noah Toppe

2nd Grade: Natalie Kuhn, 3rd Grade: Connor Arend, Austin Kuhn, Noah Stoller, Hollie Wannemacher

4th Grade: Samantha Van- Vlerah

5th Grade: Alec Kuhn, Kyle Recker, Libby Stabler, Aaron Stoller

6th Grade: Ed Reinhart, Krystal Wannemacher

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPI- TAL LOWEST COST PRO- VIDER

Chief financial officer Rob Goshia presented a report by one of Paulding County Hospital's managed care pro- viders to the board of trustees at their recent meeting. The report was a study of the cost of in-patient care in five area hospitals. PCH was the low- est cost provider.

Hospital CEO Gary Ad- kins said, "The core of Paul- ding County Hospital's vision statement is to provide local access to high quality, afford- able healthcare services. It is heartening to have an outside, objective source affirm that the 'affordable' element of that vision is being fulfilled."

"It is particularly gratify- ing that this report comes so soon after PCH achieved the Joint Commission on Accred- itation of Healthcare Organi- zation's Gold Seal of Approv- al" again," Adkins continued. "Because JCAHO's standards set the performance expecta- tions for activities that affect the safety and quality of pa- tient care, we can be confident of the quality of our services as well as the affordability."

In his financial report, Goshia told the board that the hospital had a net profit of \$25,136 for November and a year to date net profit of \$10,316. "November's profit reflects increased volumes in outpatient surgeries and the oncology clinic," said Goshia.

Chief operating officer Randy Ruge reported that he is in the process of creating new educational/marketing material regarding PCH's transitional care and rehabil- itation program. "There are many advantages that PCH can offer those in our com- munity that have recently suffered an acute injury, sur- gery, or illness and just need a little assistance to be able to go home. The new educa- tion/marketing materials are designed to make individu- als and other healthcare pro- fessionals aware of our pro- gram."

Ruge also reported to the board that the Ohio Depart- ment of Health had surveyed the OB department and con- firmed it was complying with the regulations regarding hearing screening for new- borns.

Hospital CEO Gary Ad- kins reported that a commit- tee was formed to determine the best way to make the en- tire Paulding County Hos- pital campus smoke free by May 31.

Adkins also updated the board on Ohio Senate Bill 126. The bill instituted some changes in operational laws regarding county hospitals. None of the changes affect PCH negatively.

Understanding And Improving Your Credit Score

(NAPSA)—Have you made your New Year's resolution yet? If you're like many Americans, you want to get a handle on your finances in 2007. It's time to get out of debt, stick to a budget and know your credit score. That's right—your credit score affects virtually every major financial transaction you make, from buy- ing a house or car to purchasing insurance or applying for a credit card. The score can influence what interest rate you receive or whether you are approved at all.

Every person who has ever bor- rowed money or used credit has a score that reflects how well he or she has handled that credit in the past. It comes in an approximate range of 300 (poor credit) to 850 (excellent credit) and is based on factors such as how much credit you have, how much money you owe and if you have made past payments on time.

"Today, one-third of people who seek automotive financing have some blemishes on their credit records," says Steve Bowman, Chief Credit Officer at Ameri- Credit, one of the nation's leading independent automobile financing companies. "Any time you open a new credit card, apply for a loan or fail to make a payment on time, that information is reported to the bureaus and affects your score."

But it's never too late to improve your credit. When it comes to raising your credit score, the sooner you take action, the better. That's because events on your credit record that occurred during the last two years weigh more heavily than events further in the past. After seven to 10 years (depending on the type of event), the information is dropped from your credit record altogether. Here are some tips for under- standing and improving your score:

- **Make sure your credit report is accurate.** Visit www.annualcreditreport.com to get one free credit report per year from each of the three credit bureaus—TransUnion, Equifax and Experian. The report shows all your accounts, their balances and if you're behind on payments.



Your credit score is based on a number of factors, such as how much credit you have, how much money you owe and if you have made past payments on time.

Report any errors immediately because they will affect your score. For an extra fee, you may order your credit score. To get the most accurate picture of your credit, you may want to order your score from each bureau. The scores may be different because some finance companies do not report your account information to all three bureaus.

- **Pay your bills on time.** If you have missed payments, get current on your bills and stay current. Delinquent payments have an extremely negative impact on your score. Remember, you can usually ask your creditor to move the due date of your bills to a different time of the month.

- **If you can't pay off the balances of your credit cards each month, meet the minimum monthly payments.** Paying the minimums consistently and on time will help improve your score.

- **Don't hit all your credit limits.** Some experts recommend that you should keep your bal- ances at 50 percent of your credit limit or less.

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The PSAs encourage viewers to visit a new Web site, www.keepoceansclean.org, to learn how to protect the oceans.

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"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": TAKING THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED - NONTRADITIONAL CAREERS



Breaking the stereotypes - These Vantage students have chosen some not-so-traditional career programs for men and women. Above: Junior Health Career students Kevin Hale and Aaron Nuestr, both from Wayne Trace. Below: Junior Auto Body Repair students Toni Doster from Paulding, Brandy Corwin from Continental and Catherine Hargreave from Van Wert.



Man's work. Woman's work. Have you heard that before? This statement presents one of the greatest problems in gender stereotyping - the notion that only certain jobs are for men and others are just for women. Sometimes, this notion discourages students from following their dreams because their career path does not fit with traditional gender roles. Students, regardless of gender, should be encouraged to take into account their interests and skills - and what will make them happy - when considering a career choice.

Several high school students have done just that at Vantage this year. There are male students in Culinary Arts, Food Careers, Cosmetology and Health Careers and female students in Industrial Mechanics, Carpentry, Auto Technology, Auto Body, Network Systems and Welding. These students are bold, daring even. They are not afraid to try something new and different. And they know what they want to do. So what if they're the only guy in Culinary Arts or the only girl in Auto Tech?

What exactly is a nontraditional career? A nontraditional career is one in which fewer than 25% of the workforce is of one gender. At Vantage, a program is considered nontraditional if less than 25% of the students enrolled are of one gender.

Ashley McElwain, a 2005 graduate of Kalida and the Vantage welding program,

is bucking the "traditional" tendency. She stopped in for a visit over Christmas break to talk about how things were going. Ashley is a sophomore at Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Michigan, majoring in Welding Engineering. She is one of just five young women in the class of 2009 pursuing a bachelor's degree in Welding Engineering at Ferris State. "I'm proud to be one of those five women. The education I received at Vantage made it an easy transition to college. My professors expect me to be able to do the same exact thing as the men in the program - and I can." Ashley comes from a family of welders - it was always her dream to be educated in welding. Ultimately, Ashley would like to work for a heavy construction company in the welding engineering department. She also plans on pursuing certification to become an AWS (American Welding Society) certified welding inspector. This specialized certification will enable her to oversee a variety of welding projects.

Many occupations need highly skilled workers. More and more, gender doesn't matter as long as an individual has the skills. Men and women who pursue nontraditional careers provide our society with role models and serve as agents for change in the way people think about gender bias and career stereotyping. Think about following your dream. Think Vantage.

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Essen House Staff: Stacy Brandenburg, Doug Williamson, Tom McLaughlin, Jr., Andrew Kahn, Theresa Frain, Becky Goudy

By: Sue Knapp
 The Ohio, IN Development Co. has taken over the Essen House with a lease-to-own agreement.
 Tom McLaughlin IV has taken over as manager.
 The Essen House, located in Antwerp, OH at the old school location, has a comfortable country atmosphere with three different rooms to

dine in. It offers daily specials and an all-you-can-eat Sunday Breakfast. It also offers a soup and salad bar with a buffet. They are able to work with large groups, and truckers are welcome.
 Tom has worked in the restaurant business for eight years, he started as a bus boy and has had assistant manager experience. He has lots

of ideas for promotions, coupons, specials and employee contests, etc.
 Tom is also interested in working with the businesses in town and being part of the Antwerp Community.
 He feels he has a good solid staff and is very appreciative of them.

REPRESENTATIVE LYNN WACHTMANN SWORN IN TO THE OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

State Representative Lynn Wachtmann (R- Napoleon) of the 75th District was sworn in to the Ohio House of Representatives, marking the first official session of the 127th General Assembly. Wachtmann, along with 98 other House members, was sworn in during opening day ceremonies today in Columbus.
 "I am truly grateful and honored to represent the 75th District in the Ohio House of Representatives," said Wachtmann. "I am dedicated to serving the needs of rural Northwest Ohio and pledge to continue to work hard for our community."

Wachtmann, a small business owner, is president of Maumee Valley Bottlers, Inc., and a partner of Culligan Water Conditioning.
 Wachtmann previously served in the Ohio House from 1985 to 1998 and in the Ohio Senate from 1999 to 2006. During his service to Ohio, he received numerous awards including the United Conservatives of Ohio-Watchdog of the Treasury Award (9 terms), the Outstanding Freshman Legislator of the Year (2000), the Defender of Life Award from the Ohio Right to Life Society (1997), and the American Legislative Exchange Council-National Legislator of the Year Award (1994).

health hints

Myth Busting For A Healthier Cold And Flu Season

(NAPSA)—When you get the sniffles, you want to get better. A recent study confirms that Americans can't afford the lost days of work or family time from being sick. That's why it's important to pin down what you have—for example, cold or flu—so you don't treat the wrong ailment and find the treatment is ineffective.
 "Severity is really what makes the difference," said Neil Schachter, M.D., author of "The Good Doctor's Guide to Colds and Flu," professor of medicine and community medicine and medical director of respiratory care at the Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York City. "With a cold, people think about whether they're well enough to go to work or school. With the flu, there's usually no question, you're down and out and in bed."



Not every ailment is flu; make sure you know what you have before you start treating it.

There are countless myths circulating the globe ranging from how one acquires a cold or the flu to how it can spread. Dr. Schachter reveals some of these common myths about colds and flu and provides some truth to clarify what one should do to defend him or herself from viruses this winter season.
 According to Dr. Schachter, the most prevalent myth is that you can catch the flu from a flu shot. He points out that the actual flu-like symptoms a person feels from receiving this vaccine is the immune system's response. These symptoms should not last for more than 24 hours.
 Another interesting myth is that kissing spreads colds. It may be surprising, but saliva is actually the safest way to have contact with a person during a cold because it does not contain any viral particles. Secretions from the eyes and nose contain the highest proximity of the cold virus.
 We often hear that we should avoid cold weather to prevent ourselves from getting a cold or the flu. However, these conditions are caused by a virus and have nothing to do with the temperature outside.
 You can protect yourself by boosting your immunity. Dr. Schachter suggests doing so by using a natural dietary supplement that helps keep immunity high, such as Cold-fx™. Just now coming to drugstores in the US, it is the top-selling product in Canada and has good science behind it.
 He also suggests lifestyle modifications:
 • **Quit Smoking:** smoking paralyzes the cilia in airways, altering mucus production and damaging the cell's ability to destroy bacteria.
 • **Control Weight:** excess weight has been found to lower immunity, which makes an overweight person more susceptible to colds and the flu.
 • **Drink in Moderation:** an excess amount of alcohol consumption paralyzes the cilia and also increases the production of mucus.
 • **Control Stress:** stressful events have been shown to lower immunity. People should take at least a 30-minute break each day and do something specific that they enjoy.
 This advice can help you stay healthy this season and all-year long. For more information on how to stay healthy, pick up a copy of "The Good Doctor's Guide to Colds and Flu."

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Wedding Tips

The Cost Of Getting Married

(NAPSA)—Even if you don't have cold feet about marriage, odds are you're a little nervous about the cost of your wedding.
 The average ceremony costs between \$20,000 and \$25,000—up about 70 percent from 15 years ago, with nearly half of all couples spending more than they originally planned.
 And as Echo Boomers—the demanding children of Baby Boomers—get ready to walk down the aisle, that price tag is expected to keep growing. (A sure sign that they're savvy shoppers who want the best: Echo couples now spend a total of \$4 billion annually on furniture, \$3 billion on housewares and \$400 million on tableware alone in preparation for their new lives together.)
 So how could anyone drop \$20,000 on a wedding, you wonder?
 Well, little things do add up. As in: \$1,000 and more for the bride's gown; \$500 for the groom's rented tuxedo; \$900 to \$1,500 for music; \$800 for flowers, \$350 to \$500 for invitations.
 But prioritizing is important, and there's nothing more key than the three rings: the bride's engagement ring (signifying the promise) and his and her wedding bands (signifying commitment).
 Men usually spend about two months salary on the engagement ring alone, with the general rule of thumb for the engagement ring being 80 percent going towards the diamond and 20 percent on the setting.
 That's a big investment, but—unlike most wedding expenses—the right ring tends to be one of the best long-term investments you can make. And if you opt for Platinum rings and bands—and about 81 percent of brides do prefer it, according to Condé Nast Bridal—your certainly know you're getting value from a precious metal that will hold a diamond securely forever, no matter which of a variety of styles you choose.
 The best news for would-be buyers may be that even the upscale Cartier affords at a relatively affordable Platinum engagement ring for \$4,200, while prices on the popular Web site BlueNile.com are as affordable as \$1,000.
 "Platinum rings range in style from the sleek and shiny to the textured and funky," says jewelry and style expert Michael O'Connor. "Designers such as Gumuchian boast non-traditional, diamond-intensive Platinum bands, while other designers—such as Jeff Cooper and Novell Design Studio—jazz up their Platinum designs by creating a multitextured appearance."
 But whatever ring you choose and whatever you end up spending, take heart: There will always be one wedding that costs more. Indian steel magnate Lakshmi Mittal recently dropped about \$60 million dollars on his daughter's wedding, making it the most expensive ever.
 For more information, visit www.engagementguide.com.

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 Paulding Historical Society). Each school library has an atlas as well, having been given a copy at the inception of this township flag project.
 —Les Weidenhamer, President, John Paulding Historical Society

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