

GILLMOR FAMILY RECEIVES LIFE-TIME PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

The Ohio Bankers League, a non-profit association representing Ohio's FDIC-insured banks, has awarded its Lifetime Public Service Award to Congressman Paul Gillmor who died earlier this year. The honor, renamed The Paul E. Gillmor Lifetime Public Service Award in memory of the Ohio legislator, recognizes exemplary achievement in public service and an individual's service to community, state, and country.

OBL Chairman Robert F. Smith, president and CEO of Advantage Bank, Portsmouth, commented, "Ohio and the nation lost a very special man this year. Paul Gillmor was very effective but worked quietly, never playing to the camera or microphone. Not only did his constituents love him, so did his colleagues in Congress - Republican and Democrat alike."

He added, "Paul was a banker's son and a community banker himself. He brought the insights of a banker into the economic and social needs of the communities he served to Congress. He was interested in progress,

not credit, thus he was very effective in bridging partnership in Congress."

The award was presented to Gillmor's widow, Karen Gillmor, at the recent OBL Annual Meeting. On presenting the award, former President of the Ohio Senate Doug White commented, "There are work horses - those that handle 90 percent of the work; and show horses - those that spend 90 percent of their time trying to take credit for the work that was done. Paul Gillmor was a work horse. He was a great spokesman for the Ohio banking industry both in Columbus and Washington D.C."

The Paul E. Gillmor Lifetime Public Service Award

The Ohio Bankers League's Paul E. Gillmor Lifetime Public Service Award is given annually to an individual whose achievement in public service and service to his or her community, state, and country has been exemplary. The award was established in 2006. The first recipient was former Ohio Congressman and Chairman of the U.S. House

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FREE - BARNES



Newlyweds residing in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Elizabeth Rose Free and Sgt. Mark Stephen Barnes were married at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 8, 2007,

in St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Paulding, by Very Rev. G. Allan Fillman. Parents of the couple are Alan and Anna Free of Paulding

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STUDENTS LINK EDUCATION TO FUTURE LIFESTYLE AT REAL MONEY REAL WORLD

Sue Helle from Paulding Middle School has partnered with Sylvia Altenburger from OSU Extension in introducing students from the personal finance class to the Real Money Real World program to be presented on December 6, 2007.

As adults, each of us works hard to make our monthly income cover the necessities and still have a little left over at the end of the month. Wouldn't it be great if we could have had a "trial run" at adult spending decisions while we were still young and able to choose our future career?

That's the idea behind Real Money, Real World, a program supported by OSU Extension that allows middle school students to get a taste of adult life. "Real Money, Real World helps youth realize that career choice, education, and potential lifestyle are related," said Sylvia Altenburger, Paulding County 4-H Youth Development Educator. "It's a way for students to see firsthand how expenses for necessities, as well as luxuries, must be balanced with the reality of monthly income.

Here's how Real Money, Real World works: School officials and the local Extension invite community business representatives and volunteers to set up booths at the school. The booths provide various services such as

banking, housing, groceries, transportation, child care, and utilities, along with flexible spending categories. Students are offered career choices based on their educational aspirations. With their monthly "paychecks" in hand, students are required to visit each station to purchase goods and services.

Mrs. Helle has covered all these topics in her semester long Personal Finance class. Also covered were the topics of careers and education and how these two directly affect personal income and spending power. The Family & Consumer Science curriculum has always included family finance education which in today's society has become increasingly important. "The Real Money, Real World" activity will allow students to "put into practice" the topics discussed with professionals working in the field.

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OBITUARIES

Levon G. "Bud" Cline, 78, of Mark Center, OH died November 19, 2007 at Community Hospital and Wellness Center, Bryan, OH.

He was born in Lansing, MI on September 7, 1929 the son of Elmer and Mary Edith (Fields) Cline.

He graduated from Mark Center High School in 1947. He married Ruby Alice Polter in 1950. She survives.

He was a lifelong farmer in Mark Center, owned a greenhouse, and worked at Johns-Manville, Defiance. He was an avid woodworker, hunter, and fisherman. He also enjoyed camping at Harrison Lake.

He is survived by his wife, Ruby; two sons: Robert (Diane) of West Unity, OH and Ronald (Kathleen) of Hicksville; a daughter, Sandra (Joseph) Borton of Fayette, OH; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; a brother, Richard (Kathrine) of Defiance.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Owen; a sister, Janet Boehm; and a granddaughter, Angela.

Funeral services were November 24 at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville with Rev. Tom Graves officiating. Burial was at Sherwood Cemetery, Sherwood, OH.

Memorials may be made to Mark Center United Methodist Church or Hospice of Community Hospitals & Wellness Centers, Bryan.

Lorenz H. Joost, 90, of Sherwood, died November 22, 2007 at Community Hospital and Wellness Center, Bryan, OH.

He was born on October 22, 1917 in Mark Township the son of Otto and Mathilda (Miller) Joost. On April 15, 1945 he was united in marriage to Gladys Fittje. She survives.

He was a WWII veteran serving in the U.S. Army Air Corp. He was a lifelong farmer near Sherwood; lifelong member of St. John Lutheran Church, Sherwood holding several offices; a Charter member of Sherwood VFW Post 5665.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Gladys; a son, Larry (Sandy) of Mark Center; a daughter-in-law, Brenda Joost of Sherwood; a son-in-law, Robert Davis of Sherwood; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Jean Davis; a son, Jim Joost, Sr.; and his parents.

Funeral services were on November 26 at St. John Lutheran Church, Sherwood with Rev. Robert Eble officiating. Burial was at St. John Lutheran Church cemetery. Preferred memorials to the church. Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville handled arrangements.

Elmer William Beer, 91, of North Webster, IN died November 18, 2007 at Millers

Merry Manor, Syracuse, IN.

He was born on August 15, 1916 in Milford, IN the son of Frank S. and Matilda (Ashelman) Beer.

He married Martha Mishler on December 9, 1936. She preceded him in death on February 14, 2003.

He lived in Bakersfield, CA moving to Antwerp in 1956 and then to North Webster in 1991.

He was a building contractor and retired from Weatherhead Corp., Antwerp. He was a member of North Webster Church of the Brethren, WWII Navy veteran, member of the American Legion in Antwerp and North Webster, and D.A.V. in Defiance, OH.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Donald (Dawn Ann) Meyer of North Webster, IN; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death are his wife; one son, Dane Beer; three sisters; and five brothers.

Services will be private. Burial will be in Milford Cemetery. Memorials to North Webster Community Center.

The Mishler-Eastland Funeral Home, Harris Chapel in Syracuse is assisting the family with arrangements. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.mishlerfuneralhomes.com.

Harold Edward Lyons, 84, of Fort Wayne, IN, died on November 22, 2007 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, IN.

He was born on June 12, 1923 in Payne the son of William Edward and Grace (Nesbit) Lyons. He graduated from Payne High School in 1941 and attended Tri-State College in Angola, IN. He was a WWII veteran serving in the U.S. Army. He was a machinist retiring from ITT, Fort Wayne, IN.

He is survived by two sons: Harold Edward Jr. (Judy) of Owantanna, MN and Richard of Fort Wayne, IN; a daughter, Susan (Ed) Johnson of Woodburn, IN; eight grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and a brother, James of

Fort Wayne, IN.

He was preceded in death by three brothers: Bill, Ganell, and Don; three sisters: Marie, Seslar, Dorothy and an infant sister.

Graveside services were at Lehman Cemetery, Payne on November 26, 2007. Rev. Clarence Zimmerman officiated and Payne American Legion Post 297 accorded military honors. Preferred memorials to the American Lung Association.

Arrangements were handled by Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

CMH AUXILIARY PRESENTS HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA

This is a calendar of events for the Holiday Extravaganza that is being sponsored by CMH's Auxiliary.

Saturday, December 1, 2007:

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Festival of Trees, Silent Auction, Books-Are-Fun Book Fair

9:00 a.m.-until gone — Cookie Walk/Bake Sale

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Toy & Train Display and Cookie Decorating for kids (presented by Kiwanis)

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Crafts for kids (presented by Christ's Cupboard, donate food items and your child can do a craft)

1:00 p.m. — Santa Arrives at the Hospital via the Fire Department

1:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. — Christmas Walk

7:00 p.m., Lighting of the Memory Tree & Raffle Drawing

Sunday, December 2, 2007:

1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., Festival of Trees, Silent Auction

1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., Christmas Walk

Letters to Santa may be dropped in the North Pole Mail Box located outside the front entrance at Community Memorial Hospital. Santa's mail box ends November 28, so return letters are ready for pick up during December 1 and 2 festivities.

Please join us for all of these festivities at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville.

MESSIAH QUARTET AT PAULDING UMC



The Messiah Quartet, a Christian quartet from Findlay, will present a message with music this Sunday, December 2, at 10:00 a.m. at the Paulding United Methodist Church. The group will bring music with a

Christmas theme. "To Us A Child Is Born!" Members of the quartet are Karyn Schneider, Terry Emrick, Janie Emrick and Mark Simons. The church is located at 321 North Williams St.

(Continued from Page 1) and Stephen Barnes, Oakwood, and Karen Barnes, Cecil. Nuptial music was performed by Diane Goyings, Janet Miller, Stephanie Schweller and Roseann Laker all of St. Joseph Catholic Church Choir.

The bride chose a white satin strapless gown. The gown was gathered at the side and had a slight mermaid shape. The back was laced with satin ribbon. The bodice was accented with pearl and crystal beading along the hemline. She wore a single layer white veil that was calf length and carried a bouquet of red roses and white calla lilies.

Attending the bride as maid of honor was Brigette Kimpel, friend of the bride, of Oakwood. Bridesmaids were Laura Arend, friend of the bride, of Paulding and Alissa Howard, cousin of the bride, of Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Flower girls were Courtney and Cassy Mullen, nieces of the groom, of Oakwood.

Serving the groom as best man was CM Matthew Barnes, brother of the groom, United States Navy. Groomsmen were Sgt. Richard Vergara, friend of the groom, Long Island, New York, United States Marine Corps and Cpl. Philip Hart, friend of the groom, Celina, Ohio, United States Marine Corps. Ring bearer was Alex Dean, cousin of the bride, of Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

The bride is a 2003 graduate of Paulding High School and 2007 graduate of Defiance College with a bachelor's degree in science. She is attending Palmer College of Chiropractic, Davenport, Iowa. The groom is a 1999 graduate of Paulding High School and is currently a Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps. He is stationed in the Cedar Rapids, Iowa area as a recruiter for the United States Marine Corps.

The newlyweds enjoyed a week in Jamaica for their honeymoon and are residing in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

YOU'RE INVITED
Payne Knights of Columbus
FISH FRY
 (All you can eat)
 St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Hall, Payne, Ohio
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2007
 Sponsored by the Payne Knights of Columbus Council #3617
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- Home Tours
- Complimentary Refreshments
- String Quintet Music
- Holiday Craft Bazaar

Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
 —Luke 2:14

BILL ZARTMAN CELEBRATES 80 YEARS OF LIFE



On May 19, 2007 a surprise 80th birthday party was held for Bill Zartman of Antwerp at the VFW Post #5087.

Family and friends came from near and far to help celebrate this special day.

Pictured here is Bill with his sisters and brothers. First row, Edie (Pearly Gate) Mills

and Ginny (Cecil) Hoagland. Middle row, Katie (Katy-did) Fegley, Deneen (Muscles) Yenser, Hilda (Minervie) Lyons and Olive (Flora) Dinger all from Payne, OH. Back row, Lenny Zartman of Latty, OH. Bud Zartman of Payne, OH, "Birthday Boy" Bill and Larry (Hoot) Zartman of

Sherwood, OH.

With us in memory were mother, wife, grandmother, and friend, Edie Zartman, John Zartman from Payne, OH and Wesley (Jake) Zartman of Antwerp.

A great time was had by all.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Paulding County Commissioners meet in regular session on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

David Cline, Paulding County Dog Warden, submitted a letter of resignation to the County Commissioners. Cline, who has served in his position for thirteen

years, has accepted the position of jail commander with the Paulding County Sheriff's Office. The Commissioners accepted the resignation with regret. Cline's service has included construction of the current shelter on 127 north of Paulding. Cline has been responsible for working with county residents to dramatically increase the adoption rate for dogs, and thus reduce those that must be destroyed.

The Commissioners congratulated Cline on the new position and expressed their appreciation for the work he performed on behalf of Paulding County residents.

Lou Ann Wannemacher, Paulding County Treasurer, reported to the Commissioners on the finances of the county partially self-insured health insurance program. Initiated in June on the recommendation of a county

advisory committee, the plan allows for management information about the total costs of medical bills and the costs of administering the plan. The advisory committee determined that having this data would allow them to better manage the plan and to discuss premium costs.

Becky Suvar, the county recycling manager, met with the Commissioners to share various posters made by area school fourth graders promoting recycling. Four winning posters will be enlarged to billboards seen throughout the county. Ms. Suvar also reported tire and appliance recycling is twice a year, usually in the spring and again in the fall. She is currently working in conjunction with a company from Cleveland, Ohio, on television recycling.

The Commissioners are continuing discussions about the 2008 and 2009 general fund budget, especially in light of the failure of the jail-operating levy. Necessary reductions will not be limited to the jail and will have to occur in other areas as well.

Citizens with questions are encouraged to contact the appropriate office for information. The Commissioner's Office is available for assistance in deciding which county office to contact with questions.

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Financial Services Committee Michael G. Oxley.

About the Ohio Bankers League

The Ohio Bankers League combines the vision, excellence and experience of the former Ohio Bankers Association and the Ohio League of Financial Institutions, bringing together the best of two previously 100-year-old-plus organizations. The 250-member association is comprised of financial institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. including commercial banks, savings banks, and savings and loan associations. The OBL provides professional education, collective buying, communications, and governmental services to its members. Among its membership are more than 80 percent of the state's 275 commercial and savings banks.

GOBLIN' GOOD PRESCHOOLERS



Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschoolers in the 3's and young 4's class celebrated the Thanksgiving holiday by making our very own gobbling turkey hats! Don't we look festive?! Shown here

from the left are Ryan Rupp, Hailey Stallard and Taylor Lucas. These children are in the morning class with Mrs. Ann Miller and Mrs. Carrie Myers.

Paulding County Hospital Specialty Clinic Spotlight

Podiatry

Dr. Sam Neuschwanger



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- Common conditions treated: bunions, hammer-toes, heel pain, infections, skin and nail disorders, arthritis, tendonitis, sprains, strains, diabetic ulcers, neuroma, fractures, flat feet, drop feet and tendon ruptures.

Outpatient Clinic Schedule

Monday
William Strawter, M.D., General Surgeon/Wound-Care
Robert Moore, D.O., Orthopedics

Tuesday
Richard G. Smith, M.D., Ear, Nose and Throat
The Medical Group of Ft Wayne, Cardiology/
Echocardiograms, (The Heart Center)
Kim Molitor, Audiologist

Wednesday
Andrew O'Shaughnessy, M.D., Nephrology
(every other Wed.) (see spotlight on left)
Ft. Wayne Cardiology, Cardiology/Echocardiograms
(every other Wed.)

Sleep Clinic, James Gray, D.O. (every other Wed.)
Craig Hanson, M.D., OB/Gynecology (every Wed.)
William Strawter, M.D., General Surgeon/Wound-Care

Thursday
The Medical Group of Ft. Wayne, Cardiology/
Echocardiograms (The Heart Center)
Ft. Wayne Neurological Center, Neurosurgery
*Samuel Neuschwanger, D.P.M., Podiatry
Kim Molitor, Audiologist
William Strawter, M.D., General Surgeon/Wound-Care

Friday
William Strawter, M.D., General Surgery/Wound Care
Henry Gerad, M.D., Oncology/Hematology

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For more information call 419-232-3322.

TGIF IS SET FOR DECEMBER 1

The Paulding United Methodist Church and the First Presbyterian Church of Paulding will be sponsoring TGIF (Thank God It's Free) on Saturday, December 1. Items will be available at both the First Presbyterian Church and the Paulding County Extension Building. Schedules are as follows:

Items may be dropped off to - First Presbyterian Church, November 26 through 29, 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Paulding County Extension Office, November 26 through November 29, 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

The giveaway will be from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 1. No entry will be allowed until 9:00 a.m.

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The youth of the First Christian Church in Paulding will be presenting "The Christmas Musical" on December 3, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited to enjoy this festive event.

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND DISMISSALS

Admissions:
11/23 - George Bright, De-fiance

Dismissals:
11/24 - George Bright, De-fiance

THE HIGH COST OF COMPROMISE

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

It seemed that winter was coming on and a hunter went out into the forest to shoot a bear. He intended to make a bear skin coat to keep him warm and toasty throughout the long, cold winter season.

As he trudged through the autumn woods he eventually saw a big grizzly bear coming toward him. The hunter raised his shotgun and took aim, preparing to shoot.

"Wait!" cried out the bear. "Why do you want to shoot me?"

The hunter lowered his shotgun and replied, "Because I am cold and I need a coat."

"But I am hungry," said the bear. "Maybe if we could just talk this thing over a little bit, we could come to some sort of compromise."

So the hunter sat down beside the bear and began to discuss all the pros and cons. In the end, a compromise WAS reached: the hunter was well enveloped with the bear's fur and the bear had eaten his dinner.

What a perfect illustration of what occurs when we try to compromise with sin. Once we begin to think about it, discuss it, and analyze the pros and cons, it's often too late.

That was the trouble that Eve got into in the garden of Eden. She should never have been hanging around the fruit tree, much less engage

in a dangerous conversation with the serpent. In the end, Eve compromised and fell to the temptation.

The Bible tells us in II Timothy 2:22, "Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart."

When it comes to dealing with temptation, the scriptural response is to flee. Avoid the situation and, if you find yourself caught in the middle of it, flee!

Notice that there needs to be a running FROM and running TOWARD. According to Paul's instructions, we are to run away from the temptation and run after proper virtues.

It requires both: avoiding and escaping temptation and pursuing biblical actions, attitudes, and patterns in our lives.

Don't fall prey to this idea of "discussing" how you can compromise in areas of morality. You'll lose. You'll lose big. The story of the hunter and the bear serves as a vivid reminder, doesn't it?

WCCH CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

You are invited to a Christmas Open House at the Woodburn Christian Children's Home. Bring your family, bring your friends or just come by yourself. There will be tours and refreshments served. The Open House is scheduled for Saturday, December 1, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 2 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. All of the children and staff from the Woodburn Christian Children's Home hope to see you there. WCCH is located at 24902 Notestine Road, two miles east of State Road 101.

The Woodburn Christian Children's home is a ministry of Christian Churches and Churches of Christ. Since 1972, this special home has provided a Christian environment for children who are homeless or who have other special needs. Throughout these years about 150 young people (ages 6-21) have been a part of our family. Some of these young people have been reunited with their families, some are in college and others have Christian families of their own.

The Woodburn Christian Children's Home is supported entirely by voluntary contribution. We receive no federal, state or county support. We are entirely dependent upon our private contributions whose strong support enables this ministry to operate on a cash basis.

WCCH operates very efficiently. Our cost of caring for a child is about half the average cost of similar child-care throughout the tri-state area. Children are evaluated for placement on a needs basis. Family participation is on a sliding scale. Over the years, numerous children have been accepted for placement even though their parents had little or no ability to pay.

—Daniel Grant, WCCH Ministry Coordinator

AN IMPRESSION OF A THANKSGIVING MORN

By: Angel Steiner

The crackling music of the fireplace greeted my ears when I entered the house. Harvest greens, oranges, and browns decorated the walls and tables. Smiling faces and excited chatter filled the rooms. My nose enjoyed the aromas of the feast to come, with my stomach churning in anticipation.

"Happy Thanksgivings" emitted from everyone as they came in hand in hand with hugs and handshakes.

A skinny copper-headed boy slouched on the couch watching the Macy's Parade on TV. He teased the cat with a twinkle of mischief in his eyes. His dimpled smile expressed his contentment.

Some friends, including a blonde girl, joins the boy on the couch. His chest lifted inconspicuously so as to impress her with his boyish manhood. He followed her admiringly with his eyes. Their playfulness fed off one another as they planned their next mission—teasing his aunt.

Relaxing in front of the fire the tunes flowed from the piano, holiday melodies that cause the heart to flutter with whimsical cheer.

The pianist expressed her passion with her fingers and it extended throughout the whole room.

A tall boyishly handsome man walked in out of the cold. The pianist's eyes and fingers brightened as she continued to play. He grabbed her for a hug and she kissed his cheek. She marveled at the ring on her finger as she stretched her arms around his neck.

The feeling of warmth and love, and comforts of home was in the air. What more could someone ask for on a Thanksgiving morn.

MARBLED EGGS

By: Rose Kever

(This is the story I promised to Sue Dodane)

Many years ago, my father-in-law made some colored eggs for Easter like I had never seen before. They actually looked like those "Faberge" eggs that are sold in the expensive shops.

I asked him how he made them, and he told me the story behind it all.

His grandmother handed the directions down to his mother, and he passed it to me. His own daughters (four of them) thought it was too much trouble to fix. Well, not me! In fact, I'd rather do these eggs than mess with egg dye and get messy. I've been making these eggs for 36 years, and my boys still think they're neat.

I'll tell you how to do it, and it's really pretty simple.

You'll need an old cotton t-shirt, cut it into circles that will fit around the egg. You'll also need string to tie the ends up. Save as many

dried onion hulls as you can. (We try not to break them up into a million pieces). Use clean, uncooked eggs, wrap the onion hulls around them, wrap in the cloth and tie it up. Put the wrapped eggs in a pan of cold water along with 1/2 cup of vinegar (white or dark). Heat to boiling, turn heat down some and cook for 15 minutes. Allow the eggs to cool before taking off the wrapping. The many shades of onion hulls makes for some very interesting design. I used a three quart pot and it should hold 12 eggs.

This is probably one of those "old" recipes that was used before egg coloring was available.

I remember using beet juice, too, and Gary said someone in his family boiled black walnut shells. I suppose you would need to use salt or vinegar in the water for the best color.

I'm sure there is "someone" in our reading audience who has heard of this and probably other methods to color eggs out of natural ingredients.

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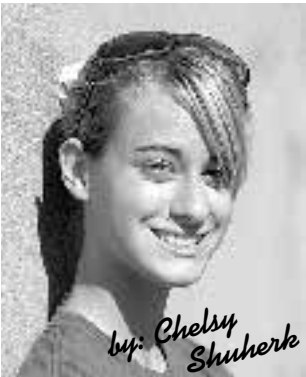
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I will come up short. There are times I think to myself, why do I live my life with fears?

When you live your life in fear, that fear is in a way preventing you from success. I know getting over your fears is hard because I have not yet overcome my fear, and I am not sure I ever will. One thing I do know for sure is that I will never let my fears get in the way of my dreams. That is what I want you to do too. Throughout your life never let your fears get in your way. I found a quote by Dorothy Thompson, that I hope you like.

Dorothy said, "Fear grows in darkness, if you think there's a bogeyman around, turn on the light."

This quote is saying that you should not cover away from your fears, but instead confront them and move on. So, readers go forth with your dreams and jump over the obstacles in your way.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank the Antwerp EMS, and Dooley's Funeral Home and to Pastor Edwards for all your kindness during this very difficult time. A special thank you to Joe Smalley for always being there for Larry, everyone needs a friend like you. God bless you. Also thank you to all of our family and friends for all of your thoughts, prayers and kindness. It's good to know Larry had so many wonderful friends and that he will never be forgotten.

—The family of Larry Ray Dunderman

SANTA CLAUS CAME TO TOWN



Santa Claus entertains youngsters with the opening of the Christmas season in Paulding County.

By: Sue Knapp

Kids, kids and more kids plus adults were on hand Saturday night in Antwerp to watch the lighted parade and to see and talk to Santa Claus.

The parade was a sight to see with all the pretty lights while the Antwerp High School Band played Christmas Carols throughout the route.

The parade ended at the "Town Christmas Tree" by the Masonic building. The lights were turned on and Santa began to talk to the children as his "Elves" (Santa's granddaughters) passed out the goodie bags.

The American Heritage Girls had a big hand in this year's events. They sold hot chocolate, made popcorn balls and baked the treats.

The VFW provided a soup and sandwich supper for the Holiday event.

A lot of activity has been going on at the Riverside Park for the Holiday season as well. Karen Sanders and Mary Pierce and many other

volunteers took it upon themselves to repair and repaint the stone entrances on US 24. They then asked for donations of outdoor Christmas decorations and lights to decorate the park.

Droves of donated items came in and many volunteers helped to put up the decorations and light up the park. The Red Hat group even put up a Red Hat tree.

This is another example of community working together. Kudos go to all who volunteered and gave decorations to make this possible. You know who you are. The park looks gorgeous.

If and when you come through Antwerp make sure you go through the park and notice the decorations downtown. Go through the additions and see how the different houses are decorated.

If you still have outside decorations sitting around you don't want to use, you can bring them to the West Bend News and we'll make sure they get to the proper place.

THANK YOU

I would like to personally thank Officer Smiddy of the Antwerp Police Department. While on patrol he noticed my dome light in my car was on. He was very thoughtful in coming up to my house and letting me know. It is this kind of thoughtfulness that makes it nice living in a small town. Thank you again Officer Smiddy.

—Mike Knapp

WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 11/28 THROUGH 12/4

- Breakfast:**
 11/28 - Pancakes or waffles, sausage, milk
 11/29 - Egg/cheese omelet, toast/jelly, milk
 11/30 - Turnover, milk
 12/3 - Pizza, milk
 12/4 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, milk
- Lunch:**
 11/28 - Cheeseburger sandwich, fries, grapes/oranges, milk
 11/29 - Cheese quesadilla, tossed salad, sherbet, milk
 11/30 - Rotini/meat, breadstick, cheese stick, mandarin oranges, milk
 12/3 - Chicken nuggets, french fries, mandarin oranges, milk
 12/4 - Pizza (cheese or pepperoni), green beans, p.b. fudge, applesauce, milk

PAULDING AFTER PROM SOUP & SANDWICH SUPPER

The Paulding Junior Class After Prom Parents are sponsoring a Soup & Sandwich Supper on Saturday, December 1, 2007 from 4:30 p.m. until game time in the Paulding High School Auditoria. It is to take place right before the Paulding/Wayne Trace Basketball game.

Internet In Our Lives

Web Entertainment For The Whole Family

(NAPSA)—It's a widely held belief that for those born after 1982, navigating the Internet is a piece of cake. But what about the rest of us?

Recent research indicates that nearly one in four (24 percent) Web users watch online video at least once a week; over two-thirds (69 percent) watch at least once a month. Unfortunately, if questioned, the majority of our population would probably tell you that entertainment comes out of the black box in their living room, not from the Internet. The general perception is that the Internet remains a minefield of entertainment choices and varying risks probably too vast to get your arms around in one lifetime.

From online video to radio to games, movies, news and live streaming bonus material and bloopers that don't make the cut on TV, there's something out there for everybody. Netflix now offers movies on demand, while Yahoo! Music, Rhapsody, Metacafe and Shockwave are great resources for music, video or online games. But what if you want a little bit of everything in one spot?

A good place to start would be to look for entertainment packages online that offer top picks in the most popular entertainment categories. To suit your entertainment needs, look for packages that include movies, videos and hard-to-find content that you might otherwise have to pay a premium, or worse still, spend hours looking for.

Not Just for Teenagers

Sites such as SuperPass (www.real.com/superpass) offer comprehensive entertainment options with music, radio, games, movies and TV all in one.

Digital Music? Movies? Online games? Is this really a site for the entire family? Most of these

options, and especially online gaming, might seem to appeal mostly to teenagers. However, an interesting trend revealed by the Casual Games Association shows that the leading gaming demographic is women—making up nearly 74 percent of all paying players online. In addition, a PEW Internet study reported that nearly 33 percent of Americans over the age of 65 and 70 percent between 50 and 64 are surfing online for information on health, gaming and entertainment.

Every family member can find a hobby or use for the site—whether it's building a music and video library with songs and videos or watching indie movies online. Sharpen your poker skills by drawing from two-time World Poker Tour Champion and five-time WSOP Final Table Phil Gordon, explore the infamous MIT Blackjack Team featured in "Bringing Down the House" or lean on World No. 2 Jim Furyk and Fred Funk for tips to improve your golf game.

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Crossword Puzzle

Directions: Remember the category on Wheel of Fortune, Before & After?



By: Chelsea Vail

Heigh-Ho, Heigh-Ho, it's off to school we go! Yes, school is back in session and (nearly) all of us seem to have survived parent-teacher conferences. From what I hear, most parents came home Happy. Could that be because we've all worked on being less Dopey? Kids, don't be Bashful if your mom and pops came home Grumpy, there's still time left in the grading period to turn around your Sleepy 'tudes. Just don't forget to whistle while you work, it's good for the mind and body. I don't want you to end up all Sneezzy and have to visit the Doc.

Forgive me for going a little bonkers with the Snow White references. It's really just the product of a rather pitiable connection I noticed between the fairest of them all and the recent flurries, which are - you guessed it - comprised of white snow. Yes, really.

Mirror, mirror, on the wall, which school has the fairest hoopsters of all? Oh, that's right, Antwerp!

JH Girls Basketball: November 29, 5:00, @ Wayne Trace; December 4, 5:00, Fairview

JH Boys Basketball: December 1, 1:00, Tinora @ Fairview; December 4, 5:00, @ Ottoville

Freshman Boys Basketball: November 29, 6:00, @ Woodlan; December 3, 5:00, Hicksville

Varsity Girls Basketball: November 29, 6:00, Kalida; December 1, 1:00, Fayette; December 4, 6:00, North Central

Varsity Boys Basketball: November 30, 6:00, @ Fort Jennings; December 1, 6:00, Fayette

Word of the Week:
Recumbent \rih-KUM-bunt\ adjective

1. Reclining; lying down
2. Resting; inactive; idle
Example: "Saddened at the sight of such a fair maiden lying dead in the middle of her cottage, the prince was overjoyed when Snow White stirred from her recumbent state in response to his kiss."

As a parting gift, the dwarves and I would like to leave you with this bit of advice: buy your own apples!

Last week's answers to "Thanksgiving Trivia"

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| Across | Down |
| 1. Playing ____ Blonde | 2. Monkey _____ Meeting |
| 6. Girl ____ Plant | 3. Long ____ Rope |
| 8. Fashion _____ Exit | 4. Construction ____ Route |
| 10. Jack ____ Bridge | 5. Saltwater _____ Tears |
| 11. Fast ____ Fight | 7. Sugar _____ Teacher |
| 12. Broken ____ Beat | 9. Poison ____ Panel |
| 16. Old ____ Blue | 10. Science ____ Rat |
| 17. Bed ____ Capsule | 11. Butter _____ Crossed |
| 18. Air _____ Pick | 13. White _____ Miracle |
| 19. Check ____ Twain | 14. Party _____ Shelter |
| 21. Diet ____ Pop | 15. Black ____ Lamp |
| 22. Tom ____ Ship | 17. Medieval ____ Square |
| 23. First ____ Clown | 20. Soft ____ Candy |



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Steve Sukup, (right) Chairman of the Paulding Soil and Water Conservation District at its 2007 Annual Banquet. Ditch Maintenance Supervisor Tim Franklin (left) selects a farmer or landowner each year for the award for what he sees as superior care of the county's streams and waterways.

Marvin Thompson (center) of Payne is recognized as one of Paulding County's leading caretakers of land and water resources. The award was presented by

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ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan
 This picture is of the School Board in 1937. It was loaned to us by Clay Coleman. I knew all these gentlemen and they were some of Antwerp's pioneers and businessmen. The first man on the left is Joseph Barker. I will call him Joe #1, as there are three more Joes and I would like to call them "Good Joes". Mr. Barker was a leading farmer and land owner. He was born in 1866 and passed away in 1948. His wife Mary Ellen was born in 1876 and passed away in 1951. The next man is Dewey Byers. At this time he was the accountant at J.B. Johnson Furniture Co. In later years he moved to Paulding and

started his own business. He lived on West Daggett Street on the left side. That house is gone now. They had two daughters. The next man is H.K. Harris. He was cashier of the Antwerp Exchange Bank. He lived on the northwest corner of Woodcox and North Main. At this time the bank was on the north side of the Oasis. Mr. Harris was nicknamed Pat. He and Mrs. Harris had three daughters. Harriet married William Horney, the school principal. Ruth married Mr. Medaugh and lived in Paulding. Dorothy married Ed Hooker and lived in Payne. Pat Harris was born in 1878 and died in 1942. Eva Harris born in 1884 and died in 1971. The next man is C.A. Bis-

sell. He was the clerk of the School Board and a very busy and prominent man in Antwerp's history. I'm going to go on now, but we will come back to "Charlie Bissell" later on. The next man is Harry T. Snook. He was a prominent farmer and land owner. They lived across the river and back in the bottom where Junior Snook had a race track. They soon moved to town and lived just north of the north corporation sign on the west side. He was quite active in Antwerp affairs. Harry was born in 1875 and passed away in 1956. His wife Pearl C. was born in 1878 and died in 1955. The next man is D.C. Bickhard. He and his family came to Antwerp in 1914. I think they came from Markle, IN. They took charge of the Antwerp Bee-Argus, a weekly paper, and the print shop. He purchased the paper from North Osborne, the former publisher. A son, Ed, was a veteran of WWI and after his return he and Edith managed the Bee-Argus. Daniel C. Bickhard was born in 1863 and passed away in 1949. His wife, Drusella A. was born in 1869 and passed away in 1928.



The 1937 Antwerp High School Board. L to R: Joseph Barker, Dewey Byers, H.K. Harris, C.A. Bissell (School Board Clerk), H.T. Snook, D.C. Bickhard

Charles A. Bissell, in my estimation was a mid-years pioneer for Antwerp. He was born in 1859 in New York State. His mother and his two brothers and he came to Paulding County in 1863 by Canal Boat. They landed at Hutchins Lock, that is east on the Canal Road at Kenneth Klender's place. Their father had been here for sometime and had built a two room log cabin over by the Maumee River. He had an ox cart and it held all of their belongings, that was the mode of transportation in those years. He married Rosetta Tryon and in 1880 moved into Antwerp. He taught school for several terms and then

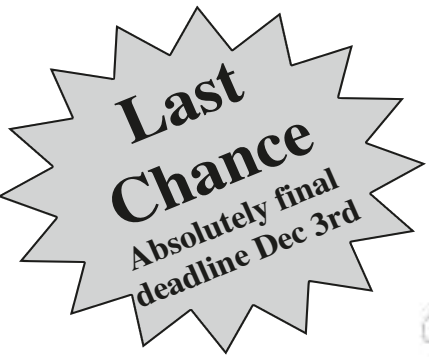
became bookkeeper for the Antwerp Stave Co. until 1885. He then went into the elevator business. He and Bruce Ely operated the Ely and Bissell Elevator until 1900 then for a number of years he traveled for a grain company. In 1907 he bought out Ed Lacy's Insurance Co. I know he was still in that business in 1942, I don't know how much longer. All in all, Mr. Bissell served five terms as Antwerp Mayor. Up until 1941, that was a record. From what I can remember and find out, he was one of the best mayors we ever had. In 1936, I delivered the News-Sentinel newspaper. He lived in the last block of West Washington Street, the second house on the left side. I can remember him when the WWII started. He was a distinguished looking fellow, always wore a suit. He had snow white hair and a white mustache. Mr. Bissell also served a number of terms as City Clerk as well as the Clerk of the School Board. The ten years of his terms as Mayor were varied to say the least. He served during the Great Depression when no one had any money. Then in the mid-30's things started to improve and the town had some money to work with. This was about the time that we built the 1936 addition to the school. Then the Washington Street sewer was built and is still one of our best sewers. All the sewers were extended and worked well for years. All in all, Mr. Bissell's ten years as mayor was a big surge in progress toward the "fine city" that it is now. Mr. Bissell retired in 1939 and Charles Ellsworth was elected. Mr. Ellsworth lived on the west side of North Main at the west end of Wilcox Street. The WWII started on December 7, 1941, and I don't remember who followed Mr. Ellsworth as Mayor. Like I said, Mr. Bissell, was born in New York State in 1859. He passed away in the mid 1940's. A good long life of 80 some years. He certainly was an asset to Antwerp's progress. See, Ya!

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- 11/28 - Bacon, egg & cheese english muffin, juice, milk
- 11/29 - Mini pancakes, ham slice, juice, milk
- 11/30 - Sausage gravy w/ biscuits, juice, milk
- 12/3 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk
- 12/4 - Sausage biscuit, tator tots, juice, milk
- MS/HS - Lunch
- 11/28 - Taco salad or sausage pizza, corn, assorted fruit, milk
- 11/29 - Italian dunkers, green beans, assorted fruit, milk
- 11/30 - Turkey club sandwich, crosstrax potatoes, assorted fruit, milk
- 12/3 - Chicken tenders/ gravy, tator wedges, garlic toast or sandwich & vegetable, assorted fruit, milk
- 12/4 - Stuffed crust pizza, corn, assorted fruit, milk
- Paulding Elementary - Lunch
- 11/28 - Chicken fajita wrap, lettuce/salsa, fruit cup, milk
- 11/29 - French toast stix, hashbrowns, sausage, fruit cup, milk
- 11/30 - Pizza, peas, fruit cup, milk
- 12/3 - Rib-e-que on a bun, au gratin potatoes, fruit cup, milk
- 12/4 - Ravioli, green beans, bread, fruit cup, milk
- Oakwood Elementary - Lunch
- 11/28 - Popcorn chicken, whipped potatoes, bread, fruit, milk
- 11/29 - Soft taco, lettuce & cheese, fruit, milk
- 11/30 - Ravioli, vegetable, bread, fruit, milk
- 12/3 - Bar-b-que pork on a bun, corn, fruit cup, milk
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A number of Web sites now let you shop online and then go into a store to pick up your purchase. It's a great way to quickly comparison shop and also a good quick fix for last-minute shoppers who can't wait for an online purchase to be delivered.

Make A List

Santa does it and you should, too. Lists can keep you organized during holiday rushes and help you feel more relaxed and in control. Have a list of things to do, a list of appointments to keep and—of course—a shopping list.

Keep Meals Simple

Stick with one-pot dishes as much as possible to make cooking time shorter and easier. Also, consider having a sandwich night from time to time. Let kids make their own sandwiches, serve with some carrot sticks and you've got a fast, healthy meal.

Take Work Out Of Chores

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NOW READ THIS

By: Stan Jordan

In last week's column in this paper, I talked about seeing surface water run across Canal Street down under the caution light on Erie and Canal Street.

Well, Andy Panico read this column and gave us this picture to use. He said he and Barbara lived there awhile.

When Andy took this picture (this was the flood of February 1959), he was standing on SR 49 and looking northwest. If you look close you will see that the water has completely filled that partial basement and it would circle the house and run across Canal Street and then off to the river.

If you will look between Denny Brinkman's and Red Plumb's houses you can see how low the bottom of that ravine was. I'm sure it went all the way north at one time because just north of East Washington you can see how that ravine went on across East Daggett Street and then on across East Stone, under the railroad and then north under US 24, east of the Unit-

ed Methodist Church and on north to the river.

Now let's go back to this picture of the house. You see when this picture was taken there were no houses built to our left here on Buffalo Street and that being low there, just let the surface water come right on through. Well, now those houses being built in there and all the lawns filled in the water doesn't run off like it did for years.

I must change that, there was one house on Buffalo Street, a man named Willie Reeb lived there and later on that house was torn down and Wilbur Langham had a house built on that lot. Then over the years, all those houses were built, plus the ones on the west side of South Erie Street.

This house has had a number of renters and businesses over the years. Now it has had extensive remodeling and is now a beautiful home and corner and no more water problems.

Andy, I sure appreciate your letting us use this picture, like the old folks used to say, "Obliged"!

See, Ya!

CHRISTMAS TIME

By: Tommi Stahl

Have you ever thought of what people with not a lot of money do for Christmas if they have kids? Everybody should take the time to think that there are people out in the world that way, maybe even next door to you. There may even be people that you live next door to and they are lonely on Christmas and have no one to share it with. Try to take the time to go to their house for at least five minutes just to say, "Hi" and "Merry Christmas". Try to think of the less fortunate than you and love your life while you live it. Just think, you could be one of the people that are lonely or do not



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Ashley Burt (11) from Melrose was presented with a proclamation by Paulding County Commissioner Tony Burkley for her accomplishments in the sport of BMX motocross for bicycles. She will be traveling to China to represent the USA at the 2008 BMX World Championship. From left: Commissioner Edward Straley, Ashley Burt, Commissioner Tony Burkley, and Commissioner Martin Harmon.

ASHLEY BURT RECEIVES PROCLAMATION FROM PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

On Wednesday November 21, Ashley Burt was presented a proclamation by the Paulding County Commissioners commending Ashley for her accomplishments in the sport of BMX (motocross for bicycles). Ashley qualified for Team USA this past summer and hopes to raise enough money to compete in Taiyuan, China in May 2008 at the BMX World Championships. Ashley will race against other 12 year old girls from over 40 nations. She's the 2007 Mid-

west Regional Champion. The region includes 9 states. The Paulding County resident finished the year 12th in National points and had a personal best of 28 straight moto wins. The 2008 National season has started indoors and Ashley is currently 8th in points.

Ashley is in the 5th grade at Wayne Trace/Grover Hill Elementary and finds time to balance racing, studies and training. When she returns from the 2008 World Championships, she wants to share about her experience and travels with other school children and organizations in Paulding County and surrounding area.

HOW TO CHOOSE THE BEST TOYS FOR CHILDREN THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Defiance, OH, November 2007—It's that time of year again, and many parents will soon find themselves in the same dilemma – do they buy their children the most popular toys or the toys that can help their children learn. Fortunately, the wide variety of toys available creates a number of options that enable parents to buy their children toys that are both fun and educational.

Children use toys to experiment and increase their knowledge base. In fact, playing is an effective way of introducing and mastering educational concepts. By introducing children to quality toys, learning is encouraged and expanded as they play.

"A well-chosen toy can greatly benefit your child. Good toys nurture your child's ideas and imagination, while growing with your child's changing interests," explains Craig Beckett, Executive Director of Sylvan Learning Center in Defiance.

"Knowing how to buy the right toys for your children is a skill that can be learned. Look for toys that are challenging, but allow for success and also leave room for a variety of play. It's easy to be a good judge of the play value of any toy, if you know the skills that each toy can teach," says Beckett.

Sylvan Learning Center, the leading provider of in-center and live, online tutoring at home to students of all ages and skill levels, offers parents the following suggestions to keep in mind when shopping for toys that are fun and educational.

1. Building Toys. To most parents, LEGO's[®] Bionicle and Bob the Builder were the must-have toys of last year's holiday season. Popular building toys like these can actually help children more quickly acquire the reasoning skills necessary for mathematics.

2. Computer Games. Last year, Microsoft's Xbox, Sony's Playstation 2 and Nintendo's GameCube were the hot games with older kids. While video games are not often thought of as educational, they do help build reasoning skills and logic as children navigate the different levels of each game.

3. Games. Games can be a fun way to encourage math discovery in children. In fact, many popular board games, such as Monopoly[®], reinforce

basic math skills. While children roll the dice and buy real estate, they also develop number sense and practice their basic math skills (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). Even classic games like Connect Four[®] and Yahtzee[®] help with problem solving skills and computational speed and accuracy.

4. Projects. Project-based toys, such as model airplanes, cars, ships and rockets, are good for older children (ages 9-14). They help children build motor skills and teach them how to follow directions as well. Science kits, chemistry sets and ant farms also enhance reading comprehension (instructions) and critical thinking skills. While popular Harry Potter Snape's Potion Lab looks like just another toy, in order to make the potion, children practice following directions, measuring, mixing and analyzing the results through taste and consistency.

5. Pretend Games. Young children love to pretend, especially with child-size versions of everyday adult objects. Pretending can be both fun and informative for your child. For example, the ever-popular Easy Bake Oven introduces children to basic food preparation skills, how to follow a recipe and may help ease them into helping with kitchen chores. A toy cash register helps children understand math and making change with money.

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WINTER SPORTS TIP OFF IN PAULDING COUNTY



Antwerp's Senior Bob Bragg scores against Paulding in Saturday night's varsity game. Archers beat the Panthers 59-38. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



Panther's Sophomore Justin Riley scores to help the JV win against Antwerp in Saturday's game. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

The Paulding County High School kicked off winter sports season with a heavy basketball schedule. These are the scores for last week's games.

11/20 - Girls Varsity: Wayne Trace vs. Parkway, 71-45, Wayne Trace won, Becky Ruble 18 pts. & 13 rebounds; Parkway, 53-23, Wayne Trace won; Girls Varsity: Antwerp vs. Paulding, 55-54 OT, Paulding won, Jen Womack 17 pts., Bryn Schlatter 10 rebounds

11/23 - Boys Varsity:

Wayne Trace vs. Crestview, 52-43, Wayne Trace won, Riley Linder 13 pts., Alex LaBounty 5 rebounds; Paulding vs. Continental, 54-33, Paulding won;

11/24 - Boys JV: Wayne Trace vs. Crestview, 46-31, Crestview won, Tevin Hale 20 pts.; Antwerp vs. Paulding, 33-26, Paulding won; Boys Varsity: Van Wert Tip Off Classic, Wayne Trace vs. Van Wert, 49-36, Wayne Trace won, Aaron Hockenberry 24 pts., Riley Linder 10 rebounds; Antwerp vs. Paulding, 59-38, Antwerp won.

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The couple had five children: Wendy, Joshua and

Kimberly all of Antwerp and Scott and Charlie both deceased. They have seven grandchildren. They will be celebrating their special occasion on December 8 with an open house at the Antwerp United Methodist Church from 2:00-5:00 p.m.

OVER 1,000 PEOPLE ENJOY THE FESTIVAL OF TREES

And the winners are... After the closing of the doors at this year's annual Festival of Trees, the committee members sat down and began to count the money in each of the cans that sat in front of the trees for the Peoples Choice Award. You should have seen all of that change! And the winner is Ann's Bright Beginning. Congratulations, Ann, and your team, for a fantastic tree with all of the children's pictures on it. They could be the next generation to put up the trees for JPHS. Several other trees came in very close to the amount of Ann's donations.

The winning tree receives half of the money donated in the jars and the remaining goes to JPHS.

I'm sure you would all agree that it would be very hard to just pick one winning tree. Because they were all so unique and original. Paulding County decorators you do good work!

We are also announcing the winners of the silent auction items. We had an excellent year for these. Winners were:

Dolores Riggenbach—a lamp donated by Don and Perry's of Paulding and the Ohio State Afghan donated by Luella Thomas.

Kathy Denny—load of stone donated by Kauser's Trucking of Paulding, Ohio State Wreath donated by the Village Apothecary of Paulding.

Aryn Denny—the Dairy Queen Certificate from the Dairy Queen of Paulding and the Ohio State Sweat shirt donated by Hawthorn Court of Paulding.

Heather Miller—dog boarding donated by Lynn Mansfield Boarding and Grooming of Antwerp.

Dave and Nancy Laukhuf—Subway certificate donated by Paulding Subway, baby afghan donated by Luella Thomas, floral arrangement donated by Rent-to Own of Paulding and the gift basket

donated by Pam's Prime Cut of Antwerp.

Mary Mansfield—groceries donated by Chiefs in Paulding.

Angie Pollock—certificate donated by Signature Embroidery, and the Air Bear donated by Jane Stouffer.

Kristy and Mike Stuart—the Christmas Dog donated by Alco Department Store of Paulding.

Tina Grunden—the Ohio State Tree donated by Bill and Martha Strahley.

Apache Etter—the chalk line donated by Eileen Kochensparger.

Lynn Siebeneck—the tool set donated by Paulding Ace Hardware.

Ann Plummer—gift package of canned meat donated by Cooper Farms of Oakwood.

Joan Mapes—cookware donated by True Value Hardware of Paulding.

Janet Goyings—Christmas wreath donated by Eileen Kochensparger.

Dan and Darla Smith—portrait donated by Sylvia's Country Portrait of Antwerp.

Diana Harmon—Floral arrangement donated by Rent to Own of Paulding.

Loren Thomas—gift package of canned meat donated by Cooper farms of Oakwood.

Theresa Dorman—Panini Grill donated by the State Bank of Paulding.

Matt Reineck—the print donated by Anna Kauser.

Paula Kochensparger—Lunch to Go donated by the State Bank of Paulding.

We had a very active four days at the Festival of Trees. Thursday and Friday we entertained over 300 students from the Paulding and Oakwood schools, the Head Start, and from the Good Sam school in Defiance. Along with these special guests we also had over 700 visitors who came during the four day event. Some children brought Mom and Dad back just so they could visit again with the Talking Tree.

For those of you who missed the entertainment, the Oakwood Alumni Band entertained on Friday Evening, Jared Ross entertained with luncheon music during the noon hour on Saturday, and barbershop quartets from the Paulding School and the Color 4 Tunes entertained

on Sunday afternoon. This is the exhaustive list of decorators for this year's Festival of Trees:

Red Owl Inn, Luella Thomas, Hawthorn Court, National Honor Society—Paulding, Paulding Senior Center, Master Gardeners—Paulding, Paulding Hospital Home Health and Nursing Services, Paulding Garden Club, Payne St. Joseph Catholic Church Youth Group—Payne, OSU Extension—Paulding, Signature Embroidery—Paulding, Rister Law Office—Antwerp, Janice and Bob Merriman—Oakwood, Ace Academy—Paulding, Deb Plummer—Paulding, Paulding Preschool and Little Blessings Day Care, Betty Bland—Paulding, Girl Scout Troop 515—Antwerp, Ila Rush—Cecil, Sandy Weidenhamer—Paulding, Paulding County Litter and Recycling, Kauser Trucking, Habitat for Humanity—Paulding, Mary and Pam Friend—Antwerp, Cub Scout Pack #417—Paulding, Jane Stouffer, Ann's Bright Beginning Preschool, Paulding and Oakwood 2nd graders, Paulding Co. Cancer Research Center, Linda Gerken—Paulding, Paulding County Republican Women, Kammeyers IGA—Antwerp, Grover Hill Cub Scouts, Paul Harr, DDS—Paulding, Rose Munger, Caring and Sharing Food Pantry—Paulding, Styles Unlimited—Paulding, Ritzy Buckeyes—Paulding and Antwerp, First Christian Church—Paulding, Paulding 7th graders, Eileen Kochensparger, Paulding County Carnegie Library, Paulding United Methodist Church, Erika Pease, Out of Towners 4-H Club, and Head Start of Paulding.

Displays were done by: Kathy Denny—Grover Hill, Deb Plummer of Paulding, Bob and Janice Merrimann—Oakwood, and Eileen Kochensparger—Paulding and Luella Thomas.

Committee members were: Anna Kauser, Luella Thomas, Eileen Kochensparger, Becky Beech, Diane Stouffer and Rose Munger.

A reminder that all of the money and food items donated in our county stays in Paulding county.

More information has come to me about the replica of the Court House. A family member of J.W. Smith came into the Historical Society on Tuesday and said that LaFarge

11 YEAR OLD SHOOTS 11 POINT BUCK



Colby Speice shot this 11 point buck late Saturday afternoon, November 17 near Payne, Ohio during Ohio's two day youth hunt. Colby is eleven years old and in the sixth grade at Wayne Trace Payne Elementary. This was his third deer hunting season,

with this being his first buck. Each of his two previous years he took a doe. Colby is the son of Mike and Kathy Speice of Paulding, the grandson of Ray and Nancy Speice of Payne, and Ron and Linda Reno of Convoy.

had sponsored a float in 1979 for the John Paulding Days Parade. Her father and several others were the ones who built the Court house and the LaFarge replica. She had pictures and a news article that she left at the Historical Society.

So, the Historical Society will soon be back to its old

self, patiently waiting for the next shindig to happen. Plans are already under way for the summer dinner theatre. It sounds exciting! Good night little museum mouse. Enjoy your quiet time until we meet again.

—Eileen Kochensparger

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“Youth sports are a great opportunity to teach many of life’s lessons to children,” says Jim Thompson, founder and director of Positive Coaching Alliance. “While we celebrate the success of parents and coaches who excel at this, we should also help adults who need advice on making a positive impact in the lives of these young athletes.”

Youth Soccer, points to the Responsible Sports Web site for the following tips on youth sport parenting:

- Learn to communicate effectively with coaches by making positive contact early in the season and always let coaches know when they are doing something right.

- Observe a 24-hour “cooling off” period before talking to a coach or referee about something that upset you.

For coaches, USA Football executive director Scott Hallenbeck refers to the following advice, also found on the Web site, for youth sport coaching:

- Maximize teachable moments in a game to demonstrate life lessons and responsible behavior to young athletes.
- Strike a balance between truthful praise and constructive criticism to foster an ideal learning environment.

Tips like these are an excellent start for giving young athletes a positive example they can apply to Saturday’s game, Monday’s classroom and the rest of their life.

Nominations are now being accepted for football and soccer coaches who succeed by using a responsible approach to mentoring young athletes.

Additionally, \$2,500 grants will be awarded to 20 organizations across the country that get the most community members to complete the Responsible Sports curriculum on www.responsible-sports.com by the end of 2007.

For moms and dads, Jim Cosgrove, executive director of US

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