

REMEMBER TO VOTE ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2007

The Board of Elections of Paulding County, Ohio, wishes to remind voters that a special congressional general election will be held on Tuesday, the 11th day of December 2007, at the following locations:

Auglaize Twp. - Fire House, Corner of SR 637 and RD 169

Benton Twp. - Township House at SR 500 and RD 33

Blue Creek Twp - Haviland Community Center, 201 Vine St.

Brown East and Oakwood and Brown West and Melrose - Oakwood Legion Hall, 112 N First St.

Antwerp Village and Carryall Twp. - St Mary's Center, 303 W Daggett St.

Crane Twp & Cecil - Cecil Fire House, 301 Third St.

Emerald Twp - Township House, RD 133 and RD 218

Harrison Twp. And Payne Village - Payne Legion Hall, 229 N Main St.

Jackson Twp. and Broughton - Township House RD 126 and RD 131

Paulding Village 1, 2 and 3 - Co. Extension Bldg Fair-

grounds

Latty Twp. And Grover Hill - Latty Twp. House, 204 E Jackson St. at Grover Hill

Paulding Twp. And Latty Village - Twp. House, SR 500 and RD 87

Washington Twp. - Twp. House, SR 114 and RD 177

The special congressional general election to elect: Representative to Congress (5th District), (to fill the seat formerly held by the Honorable Paul Gillmor)

The Polls for the Election will open at 6:30 a.m., and remain open until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 11, 2007.

Paulding County was one of the counties with the highest percentage of voters in Ohio in the November 6th, Special Election. Vote on December 11 and we can do it again.

Feel free to contact the office with any questions that you may have, the phone number is 419-399-8230 and the address is 105 East Perry Street, Paulding, OH 45879.

PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS GETS 15 POINT BUCK



Nick Dangler of Paulding and his grandfather, Collie Lamb of Payne.

Nick Dangler, 11 years old, a sixth grader of Paulding Middle School shot his first 15 point buck on the second day of "Youth" gun hunting season, November 18, 2007 with his grandfather by his

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If you are at least 17 years of age, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and are in good general health, you may be eligible to donate blood. All donors need to present positive identification. For more information or to schedule your blood donation appointment, please call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-3543)

NOTICE TO READERS OF THE WEST BEND NEWS

The last issue for 2007, #51 will arrive in mail boxes on December 19, 2007. This will be the Christmas/Holiday issue.

The first issue of 2008, #1, will have a changed deadline due to the holidays, but will have the same publish date of Wednesday, January 2, 2008.

The deadline is Friday, December 28, 2007 at 12 noon for ADS and classifieds.

NOTICE TO THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP

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OBITUARIES



James A. Noneman, 90, of Paulding, peacefully passed away Saturday, December 1, 2007 at his residence.

He was born in Paulding, Ohio on October 12, 1917 the son of Charles F. and Rose (Carrier) Noneman. On February 25, 1941, James married Violet M. (Jackson) Noneman who died June 22, 2002.

He was a lifelong member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Paulding, Ohio.

Jim graduated from Paulding High School in 1935. Prior to being drafted into the Army in 1943, and for two years during his hitch in the Army, Jim and Violet owned and operated a small tavern in Paulding known as Jim's Lunch. It was this little

restaurant that gave Jim his real start in business that would develop and evolve into a myriad of different businesses over his lifetime. These include hauling coal, raising honey bees, building over 500 new homes in and around Paulding County, developing subdivisions, owning Noneman Lumber Company, farming, raising livestock, buying and selling all types of real estate, and operating a hotel and restaurant. He was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the National Bank of Paulding from 1973 to 1979 and was also President of Utility Center, Inc. of Ft. Wayne, Indiana. He was actively involved in business until his death.

Surviving are four daughters and three sons: Kay F. (Tony) Langham of Paulding, Rita A. Baughman of Round Rock, TX, Nancy E. (Richard) Zink, of New Haven, IN and Helen L. Noneman of Pflugerville, TX, Robert P. (Gretchen) Noneman of Paulding, Dennis J. Noneman of Toledo, OH, and Alan R. (Lee) Noneman of Paducah, KY.

Also surviving are 17 grandchildren: Susan Umbach, Michael Miller, Angela (Mark) King, Deborah (Ronald) Riggenbach, Myra

(Scott) Cummings, Kristin Noneman, Linda (Jonas) Westrin, Steve Baughman, James (Rana) Baughman, Jody Zink, Andrew (Ana) Meadows, Stacey (Jason) Kerr, Nicole (Dylan) Howard, Kylee Noneman, and Eli, Carter, and Caroline Emmons-Noneman.

Surviving also are 25 great-grandchildren: Eric and Scott Buchman; Holly, Christopher, Alex, and Ashton Miller; Erica and Jaime King; Kyle Mohr; Ivy Riggenbach; Taylor, Dallas and Danielle Cummings; Jakob, Johanna, and Isaac Westrin; Cameron, Courtney, Chloe and Abby Baughman; Callie and Ana Violet Howard; Katherine and Jacquelyn Meadows; and Grayson Kerr.

He is preceded in death by his mother and father; his wife; and all of his siblings including six brothers and five sisters: Arthur, Charles E., Frank, Ernest, Willard, and Bernard Noneman, Leona Berg, Mary Daeger, Mildred Seibenick, Agnes Heimann, and Genevieve R. Rife.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, December 6, 2007 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Paulding, Ohio. Rev. G. Allan Fillman will officiate. Burial will be in Paulding Memorial Cemetery, Paulding, Ohio with military honors accord by Paulding V.F.W. Post #587. Visitation will be on Wednesday, December 5, 2007 from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, Ohio. A Rosary service will be conducted at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday night. Friends may call at the church on Thursday morning one hour before services from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Preferred memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

James E. Williamson, Sr., 68, of Antwerp, passed away Wednesday, November 28, 2007 at his residence.

Jim was born in Hilliard, Ohio on April 26, 1939, the son of the late Paul and Ruth (Sparks) Williamson.

He worked at Uniroyal Goodrich, Woodburn, and then as a security guard at Glenbrook Mall, Fort Wayne.

On August 16, 1958, Jim married Irene Rader, who survives.

He will be sadly missed by his wife, Irene; daughters: Deborah (Mark) Altic of Antwerp and Lou Ann (Tim) Shull of Cecil; son, James, Jr. of Antwerp; sisters: Mary (Bob) Millington, Marge (Jim) Sidenstricker both of Plain City, OH, Carol (Frank) Henry of Marysville, OH, Linda (Carl) Bollack of Clearwater, FL and Chris (John) Kinney of West Liberty, OH; brothers: Clarence (Sharon) of Plain City, OH and Jack (Ann) of Bellevue, OH; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

There are no services or visitation.

The family requests donations to Paulding Area Visiting Nurses, American Lung Association or American Heart Association.

Arrangements by Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Florence E. Tracy, 86, of Coldwater, MI, formerly

of Hicksville died at Maple Lawn Medical Care Facility on Friday, November 30, 2007.

She was born on August 21, 1921 in Defiance County, Ohio the daughter of Charles and Goldie (Evans) Conley.

She was married to Jack Tracy. He preceded her in death in 1982.

She was employed by Weatherhead/Dana, Antwerp; Syncro, Hicksville and as a cook at Hicksville Elementary School.

She is survived by three daughters: Arlene Fickle of Quincy, MI; Barbara (Dave) Kemp of Horseshoe Bay, TX; Roxanne (Bill) Metcalfe of Coldwater, MI; and a son, Rocky (Charlene) Arnold of Hicksville; five grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a sister, Alta Jones; two brothers: Ray and Virgil Conley; a granddaughter, Tami Fickle-Sparks; and a son-in-law, Loran Fickle.

Funeral services were on December 3 at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville with Rev. Clarence Zimmerman officiating. Burial was in Six Corners Cemetery, Hicksville.

Memorials can be made to The Kidney Foundation or The Heart Foundation.

Glenn E. Hanna, 86, of Hicksville, died Tuesday, November 27, 2007 at his home.

He was born on January 18, 1921 in Mark Township, Ohio the son of Harry and Luella (Voght) Hanna.

On August 10, 1941 he was united in marriage to Rosa Hissong. She survives. He was a WWII veteran serving in the U.S. Army. He worked as an electrician, a welder, and was a farmer. He also retired from Landmark, Hicksville. He attended Farmer United Methodist Church, and was a life member of Farmer American Legion Post 137.

He is survived by his wife, Rosa; a son, Clarence (Jane) of Marion, OH; a daughter, Kay (Michael) Cleland of Hicksville; eight grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren; a daughter-in-law, Kathy Hanna of Hicksville.

He was preceded in death by a son, James; two brothers: Howard and Ralph; and a sister, Velma Shettel.

Funeral services were on December 1, 2007 at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville with Ted Mathes officiating. Burial was at Lost Creek Cemetery with Military Honors accorded by Farmer American Legion Post 137.

Preferred memorials to Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers Hospice, Bryan.

LIVE NATIVITY AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN PAULDING

A Live Nativity celebrating "The Greatest Gift of All" will take place on December 9, 2007 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 1233 Emerald Road, Paulding.

This event is one night only. It is an outside, drive-through presentation. Refreshments and music will be in the fellowship hall of the church building. Donations of canned goods will be collected for the food bank and any monetary offerings will go to support the nativity program.

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The Cooper Community Library, branch of the Paulding County Carnegie Library, will be joining Oakwood village in celebrating Santa's arrival on Thursday, December 6 at the Fire Station. Take a sleigh ride from the Fire Station to the library and enjoy a magical evening with magician Doug Keesberry. Georgia Kohart will be signing her new books from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Be sure and get your copy that night. Santa's elves have been busy decorating for this special event and things have gone awry. See how many things you can find wrong in the library. Refreshments will be served and the children will get a "magical" wand to take home with them. Join us for a fun evening at the Fire Station and the Cooper Community Library!

"She will give birth to a son and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

- Matthew 1:21



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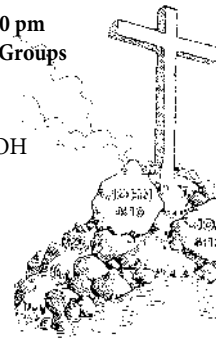
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THE HIGH COST OF FORGIVENESS

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

Forgiveness is an amazing thing. The following true story is one I ran across awhile back that illustrates this so well. It is told by a gentleman by the name of Omer McKinney, who lived in West Palm Beach, Florida. See if it speaks to your heart as it did to mine.

"In West Virginia where I grew up there lived a very godly couple. Their next door neighbor was an unbeliever who was just plain mean. He was cantankerous, hostile, vile, and downright belligerent.

"It seems that the couple's chickens would often amble over into the neighbor's land which would make him seething mad. He would rant and rave, cuss and snort, calling them every name in the book.

One Sunday while the couple was at church, their chickens got out and onto their neighbor's property. When they came home, they found every chicken dead. The neighbor had rung their necks and thrown them back over the fence into the couple's front yard.

Later that day there was a knock on the mean-spirited neighbor's door and the couple stood there with a large plate of beautiful fried chicken. The wife said to the neighbor man, "We had more chicken today than we could use and we thought you might like some."

Is that pretty incredible or not?! The Bible says in Ro-

mans 12, "If your enemy is hungry, feed him. If he is thirsty, give him something to drink. Do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good." Part of the process of forgiveness is taking practical steps of kindness toward the person who has wronged you.

By serving the one who has hurt us, we not only allow forgiveness to work its way deeper into our own hearts, we also allow God to impact the person we are seeking to forgive. May each of us truly seek to not only forgive others, but also show our forgiveness to them in practical ways. It will release God's grace in our lives as well and in the lives of others.

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND DISMISSALS

Admissions:

11/26 - Louis Miller, Defiance; Linda Akers, Paulding; Vera Gray, Paulding

11/27 - Phyllis Mohr, Oakwood; Mary Lou Gibson, Cecil

11/28 - Elizabeth Bessette, Antwerp

11/29 - Steven Mohr, Oakwood; Lucile Coe, Paulding

12/1 - Charles Bair, Paulding; Martha Stumphy, Antwerp

Dismissals:

11/28 - Mary Lou Gibson, Cecil

11/29 - Vera Gray, Paulding; Elizabeth Bessette, Antwerp

11/30 - Louis Miller, Defiance

12/1 - Steven Mohr, Oakwood

12/2 - Charles Bair, Paulding; Linda Akers, Paulding

DINGER - RANDO



Ted and Julie Dinger of Payne would like to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Janell Marie to Roberto Antonio Rando son of Roberto Sr. and Ana Rando of Caracas, Venezuela.

The bride elect is a 2001 graduate of Wayne Trace High School and a 2005 graduate of Ohio University, where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Hearing, Speech and Language Sciences. She is currently pursuing her Master's Degree in Speech Therapy at Bowling Green State Univer-

sity.

Her fiance is a graduate of V.E. Instituto Escuela High School and a University of Santa Maria Graduate with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration. He is currently seeking his Master's Degree in Information Systems from Central Michigan University. He is employed by Central Michigan University and Steel Case, Inc. in Grand Rapids, MI.

The couple is planning a December wedding in Orlando, Florida.

HICKSVILLE MASONIC LODGE TO HOLD PAST MASTER'S CONVOCATION

Last Wednesday Hicksville members first met at Hickory Creek (formerly Fountain Manor) to present member Bob Cleland his 60-year pin and certificate. Bob's entire family was there for the presentation. Bob was raised January 30, 1948 and graduated from Hicksville High School in 1942.

Later at the Lodge, WM Jim Kline opened the Lodge in due form and the pledge was given. The fifty year members in attendance included Doyle Johnson, Derrell Kline, Elmer Woodcox, and Estel Cottrell. Others in attendance were Russell St. John, Ron Farnsworth, Walter Schilb, George Underwood, Randy Brooks Sr., Hanson Lilly, Robert Stotler Jr., Lee Kallsen, Scott Ruppert, Norman Byers, Jim Kline, Bill Metz, and John Gordon.

The first item on the agenda was the Thanksgiv-

ing Breakfast. There were over 100 people that signed the register. All had a good time and experienced some excellent degree work. A letter was read from Cuyahoga Community Memorial Lodge informing the Lodge that a Masonic Service was held in Parma, OH for Hicksville's fifty-year member Ted Karageorge that had passed away.

The Past Master's Convocation and LEO Conference will be held at Hicksville Saturday, December 8. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. with the welcome starting promptly at 9:00 a.m. A light lunch will be served at 12:00 noon followed by election of District Officers and the Past Master's Degree. All Past Masters are encouraged to attend.

Hicksville's pre-inspection will be held at our next stated meeting December 12. RWB Dominique will be at the Lodge early to meet with the Secretary, Treasurer, and LEO. The annual inspection has been scheduled for January 4, 2008.

THANK YOU

His spirit lives on and always will. Times he laughed, told stories, gave advice, or just listened echo in the memories of those whose lives he touched. And in being so remembered, his legacy will live on. Thank you for being a part of his life and in his death a great comfort to us.

—Mary & Megan Leinard, Mike, Lidia & Justin Johnson, Charlie, Toni & Carlie Hanes, Mike & Carole Zedaker & families, Lyle & Karen Leinard & families

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Greetings from the John Paulding Historical Society,

I want to let you know that the committee for the 2008 Festival of Trees has chosen a theme and knowing that you will want to begin pondering what you will be doing next year we wanted to let you know that it will be:

"A Season To Sparkle" Good luck decorators as you plan for next year. I can picture all kinds of sparkly things on the trees and lots of lights. Can't you?

Also it was brought to my attention that in my last article I missed a very important group that decorated a tree for the first time this year.

Credit goes to The Oakwood Arbor Group under the auspices of the Gleaners Insurance group.

This group of active members from the Oakwood area do volunteer work and receive credit for all they do.

I hope I didn't miss anyone

else. Have a safe and Happy Holiday and remember to keep Christ in your Christmas celebration.

—Eileen Kochensparger

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am sending the following letter in response to a letter published November 21 by Mr. Timothy Dooley.

Have you received any of the mass e-mails warning against the supposed anti-Christian movie, The Golden Compass? Mr. Timothy L. Dooley shared some points stated in those e-mails in his letter published the week of November 18. The e-mails warn parents that the Golden Compass movie, based on the first book in the "His Dark Materials" series by Phillip Pullman, is targeting children with damaging concepts. I wish to make two points concerning the book and movie.

First, having personally read each of the books in the series and having read interviews with the Phillip Pullman, I feel confident stating that, while the author is atheist and critical of organized religion, the writing is critical of government based on theocracy, or government whose leaders are thought to rule by divine guidance.

The setting of The Golden Compass takes place in a world the government of the land is ruled by such leaders. Readers quickly see that this theocracy is deceptive and evil—it's leaders are responsible for severing the souls of children in order to keep them as ideological slaves. It is up to a brave girl (Continued on Page 4)

Because the world hasn't seen your face
And no one's cradled you in their arms
You are thought of as merely a choice, not a life
So it's legal to bring you harm
You have no name, no one knows who you are
Though your heart is beating strong
You live in an age where many people here
Don't think that ending your life is wrong
They can't see your eyes and your hands and your feet,
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(Continued from Page 3)
 named Lyra to save the children. She endures great adventures and displays courage not because she is made to, but because it is what she feels is the right and moral thing to do. I want to make clear that the theme is the danger of ideological tyranny and lack of critically thinking.

Second, if these themes are in opposition to your family's belief system, then the hype surrounding The Golden Compass movie provides an excellent opportunity for you to discuss your beliefs with your children. Communication between family members is an excellent way to impart values and explore answers to questions that could otherwise be answered by the media.

In closing, please resist the urge to make decisions based on mass-forwarded e-mails. The Golden Compass is a beautiful work of fiction that creates stunning imagery, high adventure and classic good versus evil drama. It would be a shame to miss out on this book based on skewed facts.

—Carla K. Bauman-Franks

LOCAL SCOUTS EARN CITIZENSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY MERIT BADGE

Scouts from Payne Boy Scout Troop 137 attended a seminar to earn the Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge. This Merit Badge focused the Scouts on their community of Paulding County. They discussed the state and local governments; mapped out the location of service facilities; and spoke with Sheriff Dave Harrow.

The Scouts were to ask Sheriff Dave Harrow about local crime; what is being done to stop local crime; and what youth can do to help. Sheriff Harrow noted that one direct action youth can take to reduce crime is to become active in church, school, sports, and Scouting programs.

Next, the Payne Troop is planning for a trip to the Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, and the Klondike Derby winter camp and sled race. If you would like to know more about Payne Boy Scouts, contact Scoutmaster Angie Gordon at (419) 399-2725, or email Asst. Scoutmaster Kip Long at rev.long@yahoo.com.

PAULDING COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL CHARGES FORWARD IN SEASON



Paulding Senior Jacob Perl puts a lay-up in the basket at Saturday night's game against the Raiders. More pics at www.westbendnews.net

PAULDING COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL CHARGES FORWARD IN SEASON

On Tuesday, November 27, 2007 the Antwerp Lady Archers traveled to Edon, Ohio to face off against the Edon Lady Bombers. In the varsity game the final score was 50-37 with the Lady Archers boasting a victory.

The 7th grade Panthers defeated the Lincolnview Lancers 30-18 on Tuesday, November 27, 2007. In the season opener, Neal Roehrig led the Panthers with 10 points, 6 blocks and 5 rebounds Lance Four chipped in with 6 points and 4 steals. Their record now stands at 1-0.

The 8th grade was defeated by the Lancers 32-22, Kyle Mohr led the way with 7 points and 6 rebounds. Eric Adams also scored 4 points and collected 5 rebounds for the Panthers. Their record now stands at 0-1.

On Thursday, November 29, the Antwerp Lady Archers played host to the Kalida Lady Wildcats in JV and Varsity basketball.

In JV: the Wildcats pounced enough for a victory in a final score of 29-22.

In Varsity: the Wildcats

were ferocious in claiming victory again over the Lady Archers with a final score of 45-32.

On Friday, November 30 Antwerp Archers headed to Fort Jennings for JV and varsity play.

In JV the Archers lost to the Musketeers in a score of 31-25. JV's record now stands at 0-2.

Scoring for the JV Archers were: Bryson North 2, Travis Woodard 14, Beau Kobee 4, Justin Johnson 3, and Hayden Krick 2.

In varsity play the Archers fell short in a final score of 56-47. The varsity now has a record of 1-1.

Scoring for the varsity game against the Musketeers were Boston Hormann 4, Bob Bragg 14, Tim Ryan 10, Anthony Smith 2, Adam Taylor 10, TJ Short 5, Jared DeLong 2.

On Saturday, December 1, 2007 the Fayette Eagles traveled to Archer country for some basketball.

In JV: the Archers lost in a final score of 44-35, with a record standing of 0-3.

Scoring for the JV against the Eagles were: Issac Yenser 6, Bryson North 9, Travis Woodard 7, John Rindahl 3, Jus-

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Antwerp Senior Boston Hormann scores against the Eagles on Saturday, December 1st. More pics at www.westbendnews.net



Archers Amanda Riebersal (12) and Bryn Schlatter (11) work to keep the ball away from the Kalida Wildcats in their November 29th game. More pics at www.westbendnews.net

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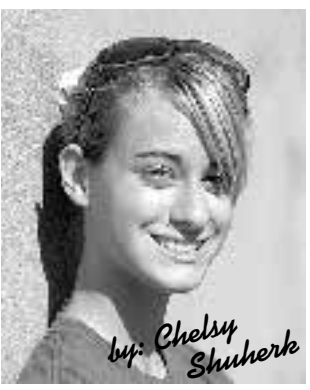
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RAIDER REPORT



reality is that the people you love the most are the people that hurt you the most. So, when they hurt you it cuts deep because they are suppose to be your shoulder to cry on, and not the thing that makes you cry. You do not want to forgive them for hurting you, but you have to and that's a fact. Why do you need to forgive them though?

I do not like to forgive people because I fear they will hurt me again. Forgiving is necessary though because if you do not you will lose a lot of friendships throughout your life. Friends are not something that you should let slip through your fingers. So, forgive people for their mistakes because you would want them to do the same for you.

Lastly, move on because if you spend too much time dwelling on the bad things then you will miss out on a lot in life. Life is too short to miss out on a single moment in life. So, readers go forgive someone, or ask for their forgiveness and remember that friends will never give up on you no matter what you do to them.

CLASSIC COUNTRY HOLIDAY HORSE DRAWN RIDES

By: Sue Knapp

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Bring your cameras to take a picture of your children talking to Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus. The children will also receive a treat.

This is a good way for you and your family to experience an old fashioned experience that will create a new holiday tradition.

Call for an appointment, bring your holiday spirits and enjoy the nostalgia.

Look for more information in the ad in this week's WBN.

NEW PHONE NUMBER FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

At the recent meeting of the Habitat for Humanity of Paulding County it was decided that we will be using a different phone number for applicants and for people who are interested in our organization who wish to contact us. From now on please contact the secretary Eileen Kochensparger at 419-399-5818 or by snail mail at 15261 SR 613, Paulding, Ohio.

It is hoped that we can begin building the fourth house really soon if the weather cooperates with us. It will be located on West Jackson Street next to the first house in Paulding. Ground breaking was in October and will be owned by Marla Hershberger and her children. You can drive by and see the big Habitat for Humanity sign out in front.

To refresh your memories, a Habitat house is owned by our committee until the mortgage is paid which is usually a 20 year mortgage. The mortgage is interest free but payments are due each month by the family. The cost of the house depends on how many volunteer workers we can bring in and also how much the building supplies will cost us. The more we can get donated, including the labor, the cheaper the house. We are hoping to have lots of volunteers to help with this house since it is in Paulding this time.

The Hershberger family will be expected to put in 250 hours of sweat equity hours. Marla has already completed her required hours at NO-CAC, Northwest Ohio Community Action Committee, out of Defiance, where she joined a money management course. When an applicant does this, they are required to start a savings account with NOCAC and when the house is completely finished and all papers are signed, then NO-CAC will match the funds invested by Marla and this will go back to Habitat to cover any closing costs, or if there should be a down payment needed on the property that the house would be built on.

Marla received credit towards her sweat equity hours by going to the classes and also she and the children helped at the Guyton home in Melrose.

The property for the first house and this fourth house were donated by a generous

person, who remains anonymous. What a difference it makes to the cost of the new home. If anyone within Paulding County has property they would like to donate to Habitat we would be so grateful. We would prefer in town where we have water and sewer. Again this keeps the cost of the home down considerably. That is our goal to build a house that is very nice but still reasonably priced.

Habitat for Humanity is going to expand our operations and take on remodeling or rehabilitation of homes within our county. Should you feel you might have a home that we could either remodel or repair for a family let us know. The house would have to be owned by Habitat until the cost is received from the work that we would put in it but then it would be the owners free and clear.

We see a great need to put families in homes that would replace the ones they are living in at the present time that are not worthy of them. This new endeavor would get families into homes much quicker than building a brand new one.

We have revised the income guidelines for the Habitat application in hopes that we will be able to help more people in our county. To apply for a home, an applicant must have earned income. Child support and food stamps are not earned income. Monthly income must be a least \$1000.00 a month. We are finding that families who need our assistance are those who receive only SSI which does not meet the minimum criteria. Thus we are considering the remodeling or repair of a home should we feel that it would be acceptable to the Habitat rules.

We are in need of members on the board. We are in the process at this time of looking for anyone within the community or in the county who would be willing to come to our meetings and help with the work of Habitat for Humanity. We meet once a month as a board and on occasion as a committee. At the present time we have several who are not able to be on the board because they have fulfilled their three year term but still kept their committee position. You can only be on the board six years and then you must go off for a year.

Members of the board are: Keith Klopfenstein, Roger Gasser, Eileen Kochensparger (Max), Lisa McClure (Terry), Karen Fetter (Jack), Mary Clark (Steve), Chris Corwin (Gerald), Donna Miller, Paul Stabler, Candy Hawk (Paul), Jane Gray (Tony), Jan Commers. Committee members are Evelyn Goings (Robert), Al Leininger, Keith Wiesehan, Tom Diaz, Paul Hawk and Amy Haines (Ken).

Please feel free to contact any member and we will be glad to talk to you. We are also open to coming to a meeting that you might need a speaker for.

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tin Johnson 5, Hayden Krick 2, and Shaile Chamberlain 3.

In the varsity game the Archers came out on top of the Eagles in a final score of 62-30, giving the varsity Archers a record of 2-1.

Scoring in the varsity game against the Fayette Eagles were Boston Hormann 4, Bob Bragg 22 (6 scored were

3-pointers), TJ Short 4, Tim Ryan 4, Anthony Smith 12, Nate Ganger 5, Jared DeLong 9, and Travis Woodard 2.

The Lady Archers and Lady Eagles also took it to the net on December 1.

In JV the Lady Archers came out on top with a final score of 32-19.

In Varsity action the Lady Archers pulled off a victory over the Fayette Lady Eagles in a final score of 45-29.

The Paulding Panthers and Wayne Trace Raiders battled in basketball action in Panther country on December 1 as well.

The varsity game was hard fought and ended with a score of 60-36, the Raiders victorious.

Editor's note: We, at West Bend News, do our best to serve all of Paulding County including the schools. We,

unfortunately, are not always able to personally cover all the sports happenings in the area. If you do not see your school's coverage in The West Bend News please, contact your school and ask them to get the information to us. They can e-mail it at www.westbend@verizon.net or fax it at 419-258-1313 or drop it by the office in Antwerp between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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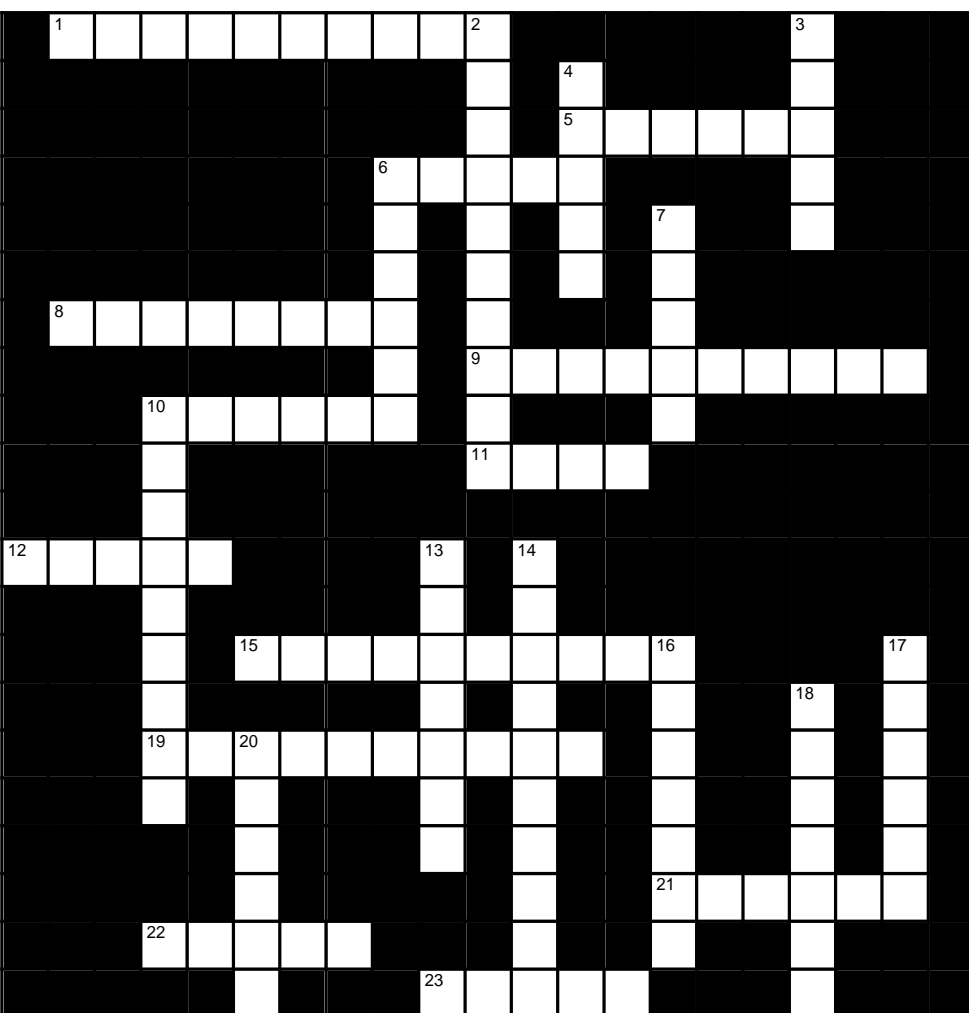
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Crossword Puzzle



Across

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5. These glittery bits of metal are hung on a Christmas tree.
6. The name of the little girl in "The Nutcracker".
8. This is Scrooge's first name?
9. This person lost \$8,000 in "It's A Wonderful Life".
10. His eyes were made of coal.
11. This snowflake tells you she's in town by "tap, tappin' at your windowpane".
12. The author of "The Night Before Christmas" compares St. Nick's cheeks to these flowers.
15. In the song, "Grandma Got Run Over By A Reindeer", Grandma went to get this.
19. This popular Christmas toy is based on a 1903 political caricature.
21. Brenda Lee was doing this "Around the Christmas Tree."
22. The color of the Grinch.
23. One of the three gifts given to the child Jesus.

Down

2. Visions of these danced in the children's heads.
3. Most elves wear these on the tips of their shoes.
4. This country is attributed to starting the traditions of Christmas gifts.
6. The fruit that St. Nick's nose is like.
7. Put this on top of the tree if you don't have a star.
10. This is how much Lucy charges for her psychiatric services in "A Charlie Brown Christmas."
13. This man wrote "A Christmas Carol."
14. This is the name of the most famous Christmas ballet.
16. This is the city where "Miracle on 34th Street" took place.
17. Frosty's nose was made of this.
18. This type of canned pie filling is a big seller at Christmas.
20. The name of the first reindeer Santa calls in "The Night Before Christmas".



By: Chelsea Vail

Oh, the weather outside is frightful... Just as some would deem the upcoming ASVAB test. An assessment required of all eleventh graders, the ASVAB will be administered this Wednesday. Take heart, though, juniors. Formal testing procedures being conducted by a man or woman in uniform at least makes for an interesting atmosphere.

But the fire (in the Archers' basketball performances) is so delightful...

JH Boys Basketball: December 6, 4:45, @ Holgate; December 11, 5:00, Hicksville

Freshman Boys Basketball: December 8, 10:00, Holgate; December 10, 5:00, @ Crestview

Varsity Girls Basketball: December 6, 6:00, Continental

Varsity Boys Basketball: December 8, 6:30, Continental; December 11, 6:00, Ottoville

And since we've no place to go (that could possibly be more amusing than this)... The third and fourth grade classes will present a Winter Choral Concert next Monday, December 10. Their noteworthy (pun intended!) performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the auditoria. Come and enjoy one of the few instances in which the little darlings are actually encouraged to be louder and more energetic (insert knowing grin here).

Word of the Week:
Yen (YEN \ noun/verb
1. A strong desire or inclination; a longing
2. To have a strong desire or inclination; to long
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Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow... Early dismissal, anyone?

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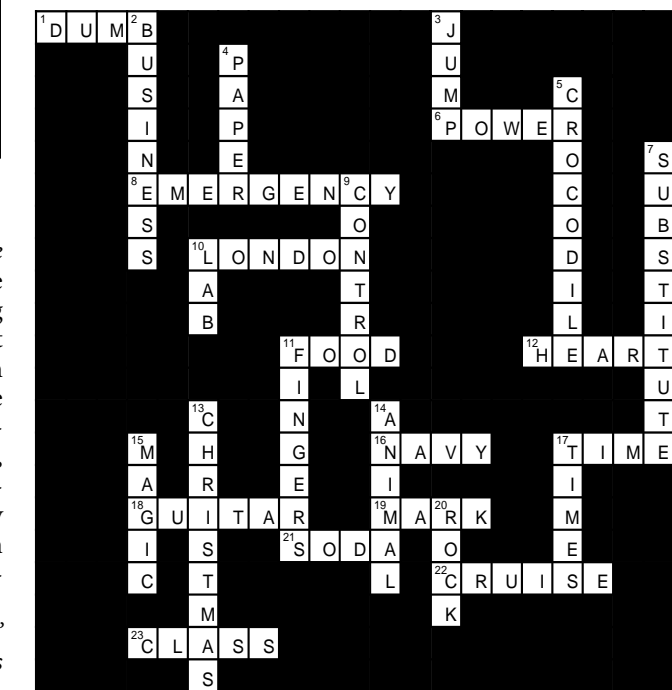
The Payne St. Paul United Methodist Church is once again holding their Holiday Dinner. This event will be held on Saturday, December 8, in the church fellowship hall. Serving will be from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

There will be door prizes given throughout the evening.

Following the swiss steak meal everyone is invited to enjoy Christmas music and carols led by David Snyder, church organist. Music will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will last approximately a half hour.

Come out and enjoy a home-cooked swiss steak dinner, fellowship and music during the busy holiday season. You may purchase tickets in advance or at the door. For information or tickets please call 419-258-3494, 419-258-2248 or 419-263-2418. Everyone welcome.

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NOW READ THIS

By: Stan Jordan

I read a letter from a good friend of mine over in Bluffton. She had gotten notice that she must go to a funeral in Maryland.

When they left Bluffton it was January 10 and a cold, bristly day in the 30's. When they arrived in Annapolis it was 71 degrees. It was a beautiful day, even flowers blooming in protected places. They felt strange wearing winter clothes and the weather so nice.

Bill's funeral service was in a beautiful, strange little church that had been built in the mid 1700's.

Burial was in a huge cemetery that looked strange also, because there were no tombstones only a rectangular brass marker set down even in the grass with the inscription there on.

As Bill was a serviceman from 1947-1954, it was a military funeral. As the men fold-

ed the flag, the only sounds heard were from the birds in that big oak.

As I looked around, I knew if I closed my eyes I could imagine that I was in the Antwerp Cemetery, she writes.

Except for the tombstones and American Flags, Antwerp Cemetery was just as well kept and as beautiful. I think the flags on the veteran's graves in Antwerp makes the scene so much more meaningful.

There is the centuries old thoughts or quotation, "I want to be buried at my old hometown". I remember my father singing two songs back in the 1930's about this same situation: "As I Walked out in the Streets of Loradeo" and "Oh Bury Me Not on the Lone Prairie". They paid no heed to his dying prayer.

After much thinking the lady wrote the following poem:

Why do all men think their hometown is the best?

And when they pass the Golden Strand,

it's where they want to rest.

The grass is short and well-mowed, the weeds are all gone.

Not a voice is raised in laughter,

everyone sleeps alone.

Every cemetery is still except for the birds.

Why does it make a difference?

It really seems absurd.

Cold, dry, hard dirt is all the same

the Universe around.

So, why do I want to go back home and lay in Antwerp's ground?

This poem was written by Rubie Meredith, my sister.

See, Ya!

ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

I had a very interesting talk with Jim Pendergrast the other day about our eagles.

The other morning I finally saw one of the eagles that frequent our area. About ¼ of a mile north of the river bridge on the east side is where that old brick house used to sit. Well, it has been torn down now for years, but a couple of good sized trees are still there.

Up in the very top I saw this huge bird. He was no less than three feet from his head to his feet and it looked like he was 8 or 9 inches through, he wasn't fat like a buzzard. That was my first eagle sighting.

So I was telling Harry Cottrell about it and he said that he has seen that bird in the same tree a couple times and it is an eagle.

Jim Pendergrast says they will eat anything, it doesn't have to be alive. They will also eat carrion like buzzards will. He says from about SR 49 then on east past the Power Dam he sees them quite regularly as he is working out around a ditch or woods.

He says there is a large nest right outside the Defiance Power Dam and those adults have two birds about half grown. They don't have the bald head affect yet.

Gale's mother-in-law, Mrs. Barbara Girlie, lives two miles south of Power Dam and all those people in that area see the eagles occasionally. I know that on

down east to Florida, Ohio, they have nested in that area for years. I am very happy to see them work their way up to our area. I knew Ray Gross has seen them around the river and Cindy and Terry Bowers have watched them also.

Right in the area we have a lot of wild life. We also have deer, fox, coyote, Canadian Honkers, mallards, ducks, pheasants, wild turkeys and all the smaller rodents and pests. John Potter, who lives south of Sherwood on US 127, says he has more wild turkeys than he does sparrows.

In the winter when Gale drives the Vantage school bus, he says south of Payne when the deer bunch up, it is common to see 80 in a group. Other people say the same. Bob Lichty, the barber, has seen them.

Back in the late 1940's and into the 1950's, Paulding County was the Pheasant Capitol of Ohio. We had pheasants all over, sometimes you had to slow your car down to let them cross the road. Well, after a few years of heavy hunting and the farms using insecticide, the pheasants just disappeared. As I understand, the insecticide would kill the embryo in the eggs and the hen could not raise a live chick. Well, that soon done away with the pheasant population. But now here, 40 years later, we are getting some pheasants back. A few of the people and the Conservation Club has released some partly grown birds and we are having some around now. But they are still scarce. It's a sudden pleasure to see one along the road and you can out north around the Conservation Club.

Quail have been gone from here for over 50 years. For some reason or other, they won't stay in the area anymore. A couple years ago my neighbor, Ray Pier turned loose about 32 quail. My wife heard one that night, but we have never seen or heard one since. They completely left the area.

Yes, this story started out about eagles, under the heading of "Antwerp's History". But wildlife is part of Antwerp's history. We have quite a bit of wildlife now and always have. I can remember back in the early 1930's, everybody hunted and ate the game they got. Nothing was wasted. Like I said, the pheasants dwindled out in a few years. Then the white tailed deer moved in from the north. Now we have way too many of them. They eat the corn and smash the wheat down and are a terrible risk on the highway. I like to see them around but there are so many of them they are a problem. But we are a nature loving people, nearly everybody has a bird feeder or bird bath. We have watched the wildlife over the years and we want our children and grandchildren on down the line to have the same privileges.

It is guys like Jim Pendergrast, the Antwerp Conservation Club and all the other clubs in Paulding County and the bird watchers and all of us who love the wild life we will help see that this dream comes true.

See, Ya!



STAN AND PAULINE ON THE ROAD

By: Stan Jordan

The story this week is not of Antwerp History, but of Payne History. We made a couple trips to Payne to see Jeff Temple's memorabilia collection and I became acquainted with Don Kelble and his sister Sue Baumle. They had numerous pictures of the old timers cutting ice out of the Flat Rock Creek and storing it until it was used the following summer.

First we'll talk about Don Kelble. He was born in Payne in July of 1950. He attended St. John's Catholic School and then finished and graduated at Payne High School in 1969. He is semi-retired now.

The Kelbles came from the Baden-Baden area in Germany and settled around Blakeslee in Williams County, Ohio. Don's grandfather, Nickolas Kelble, the main person in the column today, was born there on February 4, 1868. The family came south to Payne in later years. Nickolas operated a meat market in Payne (around 1900) for many years. It was the need of ice to chill his meat and products in the hot weather that inspired him to cut the ice in the winter and store it until needed in summer.

He had about a 12x38 building. It was located a little behind what is now the Payne Masonic Temple. It was close to the river's edge so

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DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of the Paulding Exempted Village Schools,

We have decided to try a new method of newsletter distribution this month. In an effort to cut costs and reach more people, we have decided to put our district newsletter in the West Bend News. This method of distribution will save money and also let our neighbors around the county know what is happening in the Paulding Exempted Village School District.

Have you visited our newly designed district webpage at pvhs.noacsc.org? If not, I invite you to explore this webpage for the latest information about the district. The webpage includes calendars, lunch menus, links to student grades and lunch accounts, as well as the latest school delay or closing information. We have also started putting the high school daily announcements on the webpage. This is an excellent link if you have a student in high school and want to know what is going on in the building. The announcements include important information the students get each day such as scholarship deadlines, meetings, concerts, etc. If you do not have internet access at home, I invite you to visit the Paulding County Carnegie Library or one of its branches. The library offers free internet access and has very knowledgeable staff members who can help you get started.

The Paulding Exempted Village Schools Board of Education meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month. I invite each of you to attend meetings and learn more about what is happening in the school district. As always, I welcome any questions or comments you may have about our district.

Pat Ross
Superintendent

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPALS

Paulding Elementary-Martin Miller
Paulding Elementary students and staff are looking forward to the month of December with great anticipation of the holiday season and the completion of the 1st semester. Highlights of the month include the elementary musical December 6 featuring music teacher Mrs. Sloan and our grade 3 students. Santa will visit the elementary December 21.

Prior to the Thanksgiving holiday, kindergarten and grade 2 students visited the John Paulding Historical Museum and had the opportunity to chat with the "Talking Tree".

During the past month, the following students were recognized for their outstanding Positive Behavior:

Kindergarten: Ti Steele, Jacob Deisler, Dustin Keeran; **Grade 1:** Macy Iler, Eugene Hemmenway, Kamdyn Etzler; **Grade 2:** Hannah Vance, Felipe Rios, Austin Howell; **Grade 3:** Dustin Jackson, Hannah Farr, Laramie Patrick; **Grade 4:** Drayson Wenzlick, Sierra Bullard, Darren Manz; **Grade 5:** Ron Craig, Hannah English, Kaytlynn Puckett; Most PAWS Cards: **Grade 2** student Libby Mobley

In addition, the following staff members were nominated by students for their outstanding efforts toward creating a positive learning environment:

Kindergarten-Mrs. Agler-nominated by Megan Todd; **Grade 4-**Mrs. Walker-nominated by Megan Reineck; **Grade 1-**Mrs. Wunderle-nominated by Courtnie Laney

Oakwood Elementary-Jennifer Manz

Hello from Oakwood Elementary! This is a busy time of year for many of you, and it certainly is for us here at Oakwood. Each day, our teachers and students work very hard toward mastery of the academic content standards set by the State of Ohio. We also have many other activities taking place that promote citizenship and enhance our classroom activities. Our Student Council recently wrapped up its annual penny pitch; and I am so proud to announce my students and their families donated \$928 to help their neighbors during the Christmas season. The check, to the Christmas Elf Collection, was presented to Joe Snyder during a WDFM

broadcast on November 28. All of our students, Pre-K through 6, are participating in the Reading-Is-A-Sport program during the month of December. On December 13, at 7:00 pm, we look forward to a performance by our 5th and 6th grade choir and our 6th grade band. On December 18, at 7:00 pm, our fifth grade will be presenting "Santa's Rockin' Christmas Eve." We welcome you to join us for these spirited performances! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Middle School-David Stallkamp

The middle school will be participating in the "Christmas For Kids" collection from November 26-December 7. Mrs. Sue Helle and Mrs. Sonya Altenburger have organized a Personal Finance morning for all 8th graders and will feature speakers and displays to help the kids understand finance. The 7th graders have finished their unit on Egypt. This was a two week unit taught cross-curricular on the area in the middle east. It was a fun project to watch come together.

Thank you to the following who donated items for the 6th grade hog roast that was held at Paulding Middle School on November 16. Your generosity and support of the students is greatly appreciated.

Hog donation - ACE Hardware and Hollywood and Vine

Paper products, beans, potatoes, film development, scrapbooking supplies - The Turning Point

1/2 cost of the hog roast tee shirts - Red Owl, Barb's Embroidery, Hair Off The Square, Ace hardware, Turning Point, Curves

Jodi Herbert - leg work on the tee shirts

High School-Todd Harmon

With the help of the Paulding Athletic Boosters, Jon Snodgrass, Chris Etzler and many community businesses, "School Pride" carpets, banners with the Alma Mater and School Fight Song, and a new scoreboard have been purchased. We anticipate the arrival of the new scoreboard during Christmas break. (A special recognition program will be held at the January 4 basketball game.) Please come check it out. We believe pride in our facilities will translate to pride by those who use it, our kids!

Our teachers and Student Council have been brainstorming on ways to improve the school culture with programs such as the "Canned Food Drive" where the goal is to fill a bus! Donations will be made to good will to help those in need, which teaches our students valuable lessons about community service and reaching out to others to make a difference. Thanks for your support of our kids and the activities in which they participate.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

There are many Christmas programs planned for the season. Check the calendar at the right side of this page for dates and times.

What a wonderful way to celebrate the season. The last day of school before Christmas break is December 21, 2007. Classes resume January 3, 2008.

SENIOR CITIZEN CHRISTMAS

The annual Senior Citizen Breakfast will be on December 12. All district residents 60 years and older are invited to join us at 8:00 for a great breakfast, fellowship and entertainment. We will be showcasing the talents of our students in each building. Please send the registration form that was in the last newsletter to the district administration office or call the school at 419-399-4656.

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Paulding High School will be receiving nominations for the Paulding High School Athletic Hall of Fame. A nominee must be a graduate of Paulding or Oakwood, a past coach or administrator or a community member that has contributed to the Athletic Department.

A graduate will be considered ten years after graduation. A coach or administrator will be

considered five years after completion of employment.

Nomination forms can be picked up at athletic events, the athletic director's office, the high school office or the administration office. Those forms must be returned to any of those offices by December 12.

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

American Education Week was a great week for our students and staff. Paulding Exempted Village Schools would like to thank our school community for its support and help. The partnership of students, parents, teachers, staff and community helps PEVS reach its goal of providing students with a quality education so they can grow, prosper and achieve in the 21st century. Again, thanks to everyone in the Paulding Exempted Village Schools District for all you do to make our school a great place for students to learn.

WINTER SPORTS

Good luck to our athletes and coaches as their seasons begin. The scheduled activities will provide an opportunity for students to participate and for fans to enjoy the events. The National Federation of State High School Athletic Association advises the following for parents and other fans:

- Realize that a ticket is a privilege to observe a contest and support school activities, not a license to verbally assault others or be generally obnoxious.
- Respect decisions made by contest officials.
- Be an exemplary role model by positively supporting teams in every manner possible, including content of cheers and signs.
- Respect fans, coaches and participants.
- BE A FAN...NOT A FANATIC

All students are to remain seated once the game starts until half time. Once the second half starts, students are to remain seated until the end of the game, even if they are seated with parents.

LIVE BROADCAST OF GAMES

Corbin Vance, Kameron Owens and Paul Webb will be broadcasting all of the home boys' basketball games and some of the girls' home basketball games on radio station 1620 AM. The games can also be heard live on wpaulive.com.

WALKING FOR EXERCISE

Walkers may use the buildings according to the following schedule:

Oakwood Elementary: Monday-Thursday from 6:45 a.m.-8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Please use the Third Street entrance behind the school.

Paulding High School: Monday-Thursday from 6:00 a.m.-7:30 a.m. on the balcony and 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. on the ramp.

MEDIA CENTER NEWS

PEVS students and their families have free access to the INFOhio Electronic Databases. The **Parent Resource** page at <http://www.infohio.org/parent/> will help you become familiar with the products offered. Usernames and passwords are available in your child's Media Center. Please contact Mrs. Williams in the library for help.

FCCLA PROJECTS

The FCCLA members are working on a State Education project called POWER, which stands for Preserving Our World's Environmental Resources. The FCCLA will be collecting plastic bottles for recycling during lunches. A can has been placed in the building, which may be used any time someone has a bottle to discard. Everyone is encouraged to help out.

The FCCLA is also working on a "Cinderella Project" to collect gently used prom dresses

and accessories. Items needed besides gowns include evening bags, jewelry, shoes, sparkly hair accessories, perfume, nail polish and hairspray. The FCCLA would like most of the items collected by Christmas, but items will be accepted after that. Please contact Samantha Fulmer at school or by phone (419)399-4276, or see Mrs. Foltz.

DELAY/CLOSING INFORMATION

Remember to check the school website for the most accurate and timely delay and closing announcements. Announcements are also put on the switchboard answering machine and/or area radio and television stations.

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

JH Wrestling

Dec. 8	Bryan Inv.-T	9:00
Dec. 10	Lincolnview Quad-T	5:00
Dec. 17	Tinora@Edgerton	4:30
Dec. 18	Fairview-H	4:30

Varsity Wrestling

Dec. 14	North Coast Classic-T	4:00
Dec. 15	North Coast Classic-T	9:00
Dec. 18	Grove@Ayersville-T	6:30
Dec. 22	Edgerton Tourney-T	11:00
Dec. 27	Tippecoee Holiday-T	9:30

JH Boys Basketball

Dec. 6	Tinora-H	4:30
Dec. 10	Bryan-H	4:30
Dec. 11	Spencerville-T	5:00
Dec. 17	Wayne Trace-T	4:30

Freshman Basketball

Dec. 6	Bluffton-T	5:00
Dec. 10	Van Wert-H	5:00
Dec. 13	Columbus Grove-H	5:00
Dec. 20	Crestview-T	5:00

Boys JV/Varsity Basketball

Dec. 7	Hicksville-H	6:30
Dec. 8	Fairview-T	6:00
Dec. 11	Van Wert-T	6:00
Dec. 14	Columbus Grove-H	6:30
Dec. 21	Crestview-T	6:30
Dec. 22	Ayersville-T	6:00

JH Girls Basketball

Dec. 10	Bryan-T	4:30
Dec. 11	Spencerville-H	5:00
Dec. 13	Wayne Trace-T	4:30
Dec. 20	Napoleon-H	4:30

Girls JV/Varsity Basketball

Dec. 6	Bluffton-H	6:00
Dec. 13	Columbus Grove-T	6:00
Dec. 17	Edgerton-T	6:00
Dec. 20	Crestview-H	6:00
Dec. 27	Bryan Inv.-T	TBA
Dec. 28	Bryan Inv.-T	TBA

DISTRICT CALENDAR EVENTS

Dec. 5-6	Oakwood PTO Santa's Secret Shop
Dec. 5	7:00 pm Athletic Booster Meeting
Dec. 6	2:30 & 7:30 Paulding Elementary Christmas Musical-Auditeria
Dec. 7	FFA Fruit Pick-up Day
Dec. 8	ACT Test
Dec. 10	7:00 pm FFA Chapter Meeting
Dec. 12	8:00 am Senior Citizens' Christmas Breakfast
Dec. 12	Oakwood Student/Month Lunch
Dec. 13	7:00 pm Oakwood Elementary 5th/6th grade Band/Choir Concert
Dec. 15	H.S. Quiz Bowl Competition-LCC
Dec. 15	7:00 pm High School Band Concert
Dec. 16	3:00 pm Middle School Gr. 5-8 Band Concert-Auditeria
Dec. 17	8:00 pm Choir Concert-Auditeria
Dec. 17	FFA Fruit Money Due
Dec. 18	7:00 pm Oakwood Elementary 5th Grade Christmas Program
Dec. 18	7:30 pm Board Meeting-Adm. Bldg.
Dec. 19-21	High School Exams
Dec. 20	7:00 pm Oakwood Elementary Christmas Program Make-up Date if needed
Dec. 21	End of Second Nine Weeks
Dec. 24-Jan. 2	CHRISTMAS BREAK

The switchboard and administrative offices are open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on school days, and 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. every weekday when school is not in session.



Cutting ice out of Flat Rock Creek

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they didn't have to move the ice too far.

This one picture shows Nick with his ice saw. It had a powerful gasoline engine that operated a saw blade that was about three feet from side to side. They would take a line and mark out a section about 18 inches each way, something like a checkerboard and as deep as the water was frozen. They would cut the ice as close to the lines as possible.

After being cut, the 18 inch pieces would be lifted by those pliers type ice tongs at that time. Once they got this piece of ice on top of the surface of the river it was fairly easy to slide them over to the elevator that lifted them up to the storage barn. They had a pole that they could push the ice chunks easily along.

This picture shows the elevator with a large gasoline engine that furnished the power to operate the elevator.

The storage building had a complete inside wall and that was filled with saw dust, this being a very good insulation material. Even the ceiling was insulated. Nick used the ice for his meat market and also

sold some to his friends who had an ice box.

Nickolas Kelble had six children, four boys and two girls. His one son, Nick, operated the Dew Drop Inn, a bar and grill in Payne for over 40 years. Joseph was Don's father. He was an employee of the Paulding County R.E.A. and later on was an electrician for Dana in Fort Wayne. He later retired there.

Nickolas died on February 14, 1940 and is buried in St. John's Cemetery in Payne.

At the time of his death, Nick owned quite a bit of land east of Payne, that is still under the family name and is likely to stay there.

Don has a sister, Sue Kelble Baumle, who was very helpful with this report. She has two boys and a girl and lives in the Payne area.

See, Ya!

PAULDING BASEBALL COMPLEX LAND ACQUISITION AND GRANT FUNDING

This project has been made possible from funds available from the Lela McGuire Jeffery Trust. These funds shall be used for Construction only

which shall not include the cost of land acquisition.

The following minutes are from the committee meeting that was held to discuss the construction of four ball fields, concession stand, rest rooms and a 200 space parking facility and storage room. The Village Recreation Committee and Parks Board and representatives of the Paulding Ball Association met on November 26, 2007 at the village council chambers. Also, in attendance were Mayor Greg White, Tony Hoeffle and Todd Roth of Hoeffle Engineering, Bryan, Ohio and Dennis Miller of Maumee Valley Planning.

There were 15 members present.

Chairman Randy Daeger opened the meeting with the Paulding Ball Association presenting an update on the 10 possible locations for the 30 acres needed for the complex.

It was decided that the locations be prioritized for appraisals when needed.

Dennis Miller will be working on grant funding for the purchase of the land. Dennis explained two grants that are available. Land and Water Conservation Fund, which has a 50% assistance program.

Nature Works Grant, with a 75% assistance.

It was noted that the program has only \$7,500.00 for Paulding County at the present time. Grant deadline is February 1, 2008 for Natures Work Grant.

Tony Hoeffle will check on the Major League Baseball of Tomorrow Grant deadline January 1, 2008 or April 1, 2008.

Roger Sierer informed the

committee that any project that exceeds a cost of over \$45,000.00 will be required by State law to advertise for "Request for Qualification" from any engineering firm interested in this project.

Travis McGarvey will prepare an add to be published in area newspaper for the R.F.Q.'s.

Toney Hoeffel will have the actual acreage needed for the next meeting.

The committee recommends not to downsize the project.

In all probability this will become a village park.

The extra land can be used for future park expansion, such as tennis courts, shelter house, picnic and playground area.

Travis will contact the committee for the next meeting when the Ball Association has narrowed down the land location and Grant information.

JIM DOUGHTY UPDATE AND JEWELRY SALE

Jim Doughty is preparing for his bone marrow transplant which is scheduled for December 6 (which is also Sera's birthday). Jim is the son-in-law of Don and Rebekah Smith of Antwerp. For five days prior to the transplant, he will receive another regiment of out-patient high-dose chemotherapy and then will be hospitalized for the transplant itself. Providing he does not have any reactions or fevers, they will let him go "home" that same day. They would continue their normal "everyday visit to the clinic" routine for 60 to 100 days.

Their new address is Jim

and Sera Doughty, 5385 Peachtree Dunwoody Road, Apartment 520, Atlanta, GA 30342.

To help with daily expenses Sera continues to make her jewelry to sell. She uses quality stones and sterling silver accessories. The jewelry continues to be sold at the Tips-N-Tan Day Spa in Antwerp and also will be featured at the Huber Opera House in Hicksville on Saturday, December 1 beginning at 10:00 a.m. or on Sunday, December 2 beginning at 1:00 p.m. The Huber is allowing this sale, since Jim has been one of their sound technicians in the past.

Gifts to the Jim Doughty Foundation can be made at St John Lutheran Church, 812 E. High Street, Hicksville or at the Antwerp Exchange Bank, Antwerp.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Mrs. Kochensparger and committee went "over and above" in putting on this year's Festival of Trees at the John Paulding Historical Society Museum. I am at a loss for words to express just how much time and effort it took on the part of everyone involved, but it was well worth it! Donors of silent-auction items were very generous again this year, and I hope readers will patronize their establishments. Without faithful donors and generous members, the Museum couldn't serve Paulding County as it does at the present time.

I have read both of her interesting reports on the Festival; however, as an officer at the Museum, I felt I should clarify the statement concerning the closing of the

Museum for the winter. It is not closed the entire month of January (even though it will probably be a cold, cold month). JPHS will begin 2008 with its annual meeting on Sunday, January 20, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. There has been discussion about having a "mini antique road show-type program" in conjunction with that meeting. This is subject to change, but please watch your West Bend News for more information.

Regular Tuesday open-to-the-public days begin January 22, 2008 (10-4). If you have "cabin fever" by the middle of January, please come out to Fairground Drive in Paulding and see what the Museum has to offer!

—Cara Lou Strahley, JPHS Secretary

PAULDING COUNTY ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

The Paulding County annual financial report is now completed and is available for inspection at the office of the County Auditor.

—Susan K. Simpson, Paulding County Auditor

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Paulding County Commissioners will meet in special session to discuss the Paulding County Jail Construction on Thursday, December 13, at 1:30 p.m. at the Nature Center located across from Parc Lane School on Fairground Drive.

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WEST BEND NEWS

Paulding County's Students of the Month

NOVEMBER 2007

Paulding County has great students and we want to recognize them and their achievements. Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative, Inc. has teamed up with the West Bend News to bring you this information. We will be delivering different schools' students each month (2 elementary and 1 High School) from OUR county. Congratulations to these young people!

Antwerp High School's Student of the Month for November is Lynn Haller. Lynn is a senior this year and is the daughter of Robert and Diane Haller. She has one sibling, Wade, who is a sophomore.

Lynn keeps very busy with her part time job in the bakery at Kammeyer's located in Antwerp. She also volunteers at the Manor House Assisted Living Facility on the weekends helping with activities and lunch. At school, she is a teacher's aid and a member of FTA (Future Teachers of America). She is in Art Club, National Honor Society, Quiz Bowl and choir. She has also tutored and she helps with the food pantry in Paulding. As you can see, Lynn loves to serve others in the community.

She loves math and wants to be a CPA. She is not quite certain which college she will attend, but she is ready to be independent.

Lynn and her family love their pets. They have a black lab mixed named Bubba, who came to them as a stray, fish and birds, Pauly and Sonny. Her hobbies include listening to music and reading.

Last but not least, Lynn is very thankful to her parents for all their help and encouragement they have given her. *We are proud to name Lynn Student of the Month!*

St. John the Baptist Catholic School's Student of the Month for November is Libby Stabler. She is in 6th grade and Mrs. Harp is her teacher

Libby is the daughter of Kenny and Rhonda Stabler of Payne. She is an outstanding honor roll student. Her favorite subject is math. Libby is a very active participant St. John's Church. She has been a server, lector, and plays the piano during Mass. Her hobbies include summer softball and playing basketball for St. John's School. Libby's favorite sports team is Ohio State. Congratulations Libby! Paulding County is proud of you!



Nathan Zuber has been chosen as Antwerp Elementary's Student of the Month for November. Nathan is a 6th grader who has outstanding grades for the first 9 weeks. His parents, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Zuber, are very proud of his accomplishments.

His favorite subject of study is Social Studies and he is definitely cheering for the OSU Buckeyes in their next game. He loves corn on the cob. He also enjoys hunting, farming and sports. He also thinks his friends are pretty cool in school! The T.V. show "Mail Call" on the History Channel is tops too.

One would think that with all he enjoys doing he wouldn't have time for anything else, but he does. He likes to read and his favorite book is the Red Badge of Courage. *Keep up the good work Nathan!*



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"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": HEALTH CAREERS AT VANTAGE

What are the first few jobs that come to mind when someone talks about a career in the field of healthcare? You're probably thinking doctors, dentists and nurses. But those are only three of more than a hundred different health care professions. Health care professions are jobs that maintain the health and condition of the human body. Those include athletic trainers, physician assistants, pharmacy technicians, radiology technologists, respiratory therapists, surgical technologists and emergency medical technicians just to name a few!

The Vantage Health Careers program prepares students for entry-level positions in the field of health. In this two-year program, students are taught a wide variety of patient health care skills. The junior Health Careers class has already learned about hospital bed making, feeding patients, giving a bed shampoo and shave, teeth and nail care for patients and the importance of hand washing.

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

Students have started a new unit on CPR using the "Heartsaver CPR in Schools" program provided by the American Heart Association. In addition to CPR certification, they will also be certified in the use of the Automated External Defibrillator (AED).

In December, students will begin their clinical skills practice. Each student is required to spend 16 hours in a long term care facility with a clinical instructor. Vantage students go to VanCrest HealthCare Center in Van Wert and are instructed by Fran White, RN. During clinicals, students perform skills that they've been taught at Vantage. This 16 hour clinical experience completes the 75 hour state mandated Nurse Aid Training Program. Upon completion, students are eligible to take the two part State Nurse Aid test. The Nurse Aid Training Program is now an entry-level requirement for most college health career programs. Vantage Health Careers students get a jump start on their future plans by receiving this certification during their junior year.

Dustin Geckle, a junior from Continental and one of five young men in the program is happy with his choice. "I want to be a pediatrician, so coming to the Health Careers program at Vantage helps me learn and experience what it will be like to work with patients of all different ages." Michele Foertch, a Van Wert junior said, "I really hadn't planned on coming to Vantage. When I came for Sophomore Day and visited Health Careers, I realized how much I wanted to care for people and make a difference in their lives. My plan is to become an OB nurse." CJ King, another Van Wert junior chose Health Careers "because I like a challenge. I want to be an RN and this class gives me good experience."

"There are so many career options for students interest-



Dustin Geckle, a junior from Continental in the Vantage Health Careers program, uses a microscope to identify pathogens on a slide during lab.

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

During the senior year, Health Careers is a Co-op program. Students attend

Vantage for their academic classes and then work in a health care setting, under close supervision of a participating employer and senior Health Careers instructor Mrs. Shirley Jarvis. In addition to receiving lab credits for their job, they also earn a paycheck.

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OHIO FARM BUREAU HONORS GILLMOR

COLUMBUS, OH—A crowded room of over 800 people watched Thursday night as the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation (OFBF) honored the late Congressman Paul Gillmor (R-Tiffin) for his commitment to agriculture in the state. Gillmor was honored with four additional agricultural leaders who received the OFBF's Distinguished Service Award at its annual meeting in Columbus. Accepting his award was the late Congressman's wife, Dr. Karen Gillmor, a former two-term Ohio State Senator.

Congressman Gillmor was serving in his tenth term as a member of the United States House of Representatives when he passed away in September. During his long career in Congress, Gillmor held numerous leadership roles including serving as the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials and as Vice President of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. Prior to his election to Congress, Gillmor served in the Ohio Senate for twenty-two years. As a State Senator, he was unanimously elected Republican leader five times, and he served as President of the Senate for three General Assemblies.

The Paul and Karen Gillmor family has been a member of Seneca County Farm Bureau since 1973. The Gillmor family farms more than 800 acres in Seneca and Sandusky counties. Among the many initiatives Congressman Gillmor championed in the House, he was recently successful as the only Ohioan named to the Energy Confer-

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On behalf of the Paulding Education Association, Adam Renollet and Michelle Vorst presented \$2,000.00 to Brett Kauser to benefit the Wellness/Fitness Center that is to be built at Paulding Schools.

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ence which created the first comprehensive energy policy in more than 30 years. The Energy Bill which Gillmor helped craft increased energy exploration and production, improved efficiency; and, most importantly, developed renewable fuels. Prior to the 2005 bill Congressman Gillmor passed, there were no ethanol plants operating in the State of Ohio. Today, there are eight planned in the Fifth District alone, some of which have already broken ground.

"Farming was always at the heart of Paul's Congres-

sional district. But it is more than just an important industry to so many of our family, friends, and neighbors; it is in fact a way of life," said Karen Gillmor. "Elections are about connecting with people and Paul would not have been as successful for four decades if he did not share in the hopes and dreams of his friends and neighbors. Paul truly believed in the values of people of Northwest Ohio and the people of Northwest Ohio believed in Paul's values. My husband would have been proud to accept this award today because the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation stands for our way of life and the hopes and dreams of so many across Northwest Ohio."

"Ohio Farm Bureau is pleased to recognize these five individuals for their passion and commitment. Their contributions to Ohio agriculture are admirable," said John C. (Jack) Fisher, executive vice president of OFBF.

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LOCAL STUDENTS RECEIVED NATIONAL DEGREE

By: Ashley Yant, Paulding FFA Reporter

INDIANAPOLIS, IN—Chelsie Goyings, Tara Spangler, Evan Schlatter and Travis Schlatter received the American Degree at the 80th National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN on Saturday, October 27, 2007. The American Degree is the highest degree awarded by the National FFA Organization and recognizes Chelsie, Travis, Tara and Evan's demonstrated leadership abilities and outstanding achievements in agricultural business, production, processing and service programs. To be eligible, members must have earned and productively invested \$7500 through a supervised agricultural experi-

gricultural program included helping families in the South rebuild after Hurricane Katrina, selling sweet corn and mums, raising dairy feeders and working on his families 2,200-head hog farm. He is the son of Ed and Cheryl Schlatter.

Travis's agricultural experience ... overseeing the feeding, managing the heifers, caring for the calves and helping with milking on his family's dairy farm ... has been so satisfying that he's now studying business management at Northwest State Community College and making plans to start a dairy farm of his own. His off-the-farm jobs include extracting honey and raising turkeys



ence (SAE) program.

Less than one in 156 FFA members advance through their local, chapter and state degree programs to earn this national degree. Chelsie has conquered her fear of speaking in front of a group by serving as a chapter officer and entering in the Creed, Prepared, Advanced Prepared and Extemporaneous Public Speaking Career Development Events (CDEs). In fact she has been a semi finalist in three state level public speaking contests. Besides growing mums and raising chickens, turkeys and ducks for the fair, this Miami of Ohio microbiology student has also worked on her family's 2,700 acre grain farm. Chelsie is the daughter of Doug and Diane Goyings is planning on becoming a pediatrician and working in a small local clinic.

Although Tara grew up raising beef cattle and showing them at the state and county fairs, she's now charting a new course. She's already working as a state-tested nurse's aide at a nursing facility in Payne, where she helps the residents with their meals and personal needs. Tara intends to begin working as a radiologist after completing her training in radiology and licensed practical nursing at Rhodes State College in Lima. Tara is the daughter of Jeff and Melinda Spangler.

Whether he's working on his family farm, with his co-workers at a paving company or at an FFA activity, Evan ... who recently completed his training in diesel mechanics ... is finding that good communication is the key to preventing problems and solving existing ones. His ag-

and he earned his chapter's DeKalb Award. Travis is the son of Denny and Laurie Schlatter.

They are all members of the Paulding FFA Chapter and their agricultural education instructor and FFA Advisor is Sarah Noggle.

Tara, Chelsie, Evan and Travis received a gold American Degree key and certificate in a blue leatherette frame to commemorate the achievement, one of only 3,168 to be recognized in 2007. The recognition program is sponsored by Case IH, The Farm Credit System, Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. and Syngenta, as a special project of the National FFA Foundation. The National FFA Convention is the nation's largest annual youth gathering, welcoming students, parents and educators from all over the United States.

The National FFA Organization, formerly known as the Future Farmers of America, is a national youth organization of 495,046 student members all preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture as part of 7,242 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The National FFA Organization changed its present name in 1988, in recognition of the growth and diversity of agriculture and agricultural education. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of the student by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

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