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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2007

MR. AND MRS. KEVIN WEST CELEBRATE 35 YEARS OF MARRIAGE



Kevin and Renee (Sheets) West will celebrate 35 years of marriage on December 16, 2007. The couple resides in Antwerp and have two children, Chad (Mandi) West living in Hull, Georgia, and

Candace West residing in Warren, Michigan.

Kevin recently retired from B.F. Goodrich after 37 years and Renee plans to retire from Antwerp Local School after 28 years.

OHIO RECORDERS' ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Dan Crank, President of the Ohio Recorders' Association, announces the appointment of Sue Thrasher of Paulding County as their Executive Assistant, effective January 1, 2008.

Sue will be retiring as Paulding County Recorder after serving twenty-three years as an elected official.

Sue has served the Ohio Recorders Association in all capacities as officer of the State association. She was elected Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President and President of the State Association, and served as Chairperson of the Legislative Committee for many years. Since 2003, Sue has been the recorder who fielded questions from the recorders throughout the state at all conferences and continuing education sessions held by the Ohio Recorders' Association. She has represented the Ohio Recorders Association at the International Association of Clerks, Recorders, Election Officials and Treasurers (IACREOT) conferences throughout the country. Sue has also served as the Ohio Recorders' delegate to OCCO, the Ohio

Council of County Officials, a council representing all elected officials throughout Ohio which meets bymonthly, addressing legislation affecting county government.

As Executive Assistant of the Ohio Recorders' Association, she will be working closely with the officers of the O.R.A., assisting with conferences, district meetings, and continuing education sessions.

The Ohio Recorders' Association is proud of Sue's service to Paulding County and to the O.R.A. for the past 23 years, always the advocate for small counties and local government throughout Ohio.

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.

BUSCH - BRIGGS



Amanda Busch of Oakwood and Drew Briggs of Scunthorpe, England were married on October 27, 2007 in St. John United Church of Christ, Defiance, by Rev. Dr. William R. Nirote. Parents of the couple are Bret and Theresa Busch, Oakwood; Michele Briggs, Grimsby, England; and Russell Briggs, Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

In attendance at the wedding were Amber Busch, maid of honor; Dan Myers, best man; Kris Zeller, brides-

maid; Jill Busch, bridesmaid; Eric Busch, groomsman; Tom Arend, usher; and Brian Slack, usher. The couple spent four days in Hocking Hills for their honeymoon.

The bride is a 2003 graduate of Paulding High School and a 2007 graduate of Bowling Green State University, with a BA in English. The groom is an employee of KestrelBCE in Scunthorpe.

The couple currently live together in Scunthorpe, England.

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OBITUARIES

Charlene M. Schlegel, 66, of Paulding died Thursday, December 6, 2007 at the Osceola Regional Medical Center, Kissimmee, FL.

She was born April 22, 1941 in Defiance County, OH, the daughter of Wilbur and Kathryn (Feeney) Baldwin. On October 22, 1960 she married Vaughn Kenneth Schlegel, who survives. She was employed by Teleflex, Van Wert, retiring in 1999. She was a member of Paulding Church of the Nazarene, and president of the Paulding County Hospital Auxiliary.

She is survived by her husband, Vaughn Schlegel of Paulding; three sons: Kent (Marcia) Schlegel of Wapakoneta, OH, Kevin Schlegel of Lagrange, IN, and Seth Schlegel of Florida; two daughters: Lori (Jeff) Densmore of Kissimmee, FL and Donna (Jason) Wiseman of Melrose, OH; two brothers: M.E. "Gene" (Donna) Baldwin of Defiance, and Guy (Shirley) Baldwin of Paulding; three sisters: Ellen (Dana) Reed and Mary (Bill) Ellison both of Defiance, and Linda (Ricky) Spears of Oakwood; and 10 grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. Friday, December 14, at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding with Rev. Kim Semran officiating. Burial will be in Hedges Cemetery, Paulding.

Visitation will be 2:00 - 8:00 p.m. Thursday, December 13 and one hour prior to services on Friday at

Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding.

Donations may be made to Paulding Church of the Nazarene, Paulding County Senior Center, or Paulding Area Visiting Nurses & Hospice.

Vernon M. Johnson, 90, of Hicksville died December 8, 2007 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, IN.

He was born September 30, 1917 the son of Russell V. and Carmen (Bunting) Johnson at Hicksville, OH. He was united in marriage to Ruth Margaret Baxter on November 30, 1939.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy serving in WWII. He was a lifelong member of St. John Lutheran Church in Sherwood, and retired from Dana/Weatherhead, Antwerp after 30 years of employment. He was a member of the Pioneer Club and the UAW; and a member of American Legion Post 223, Hicksville.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth; a daughter, Julia "Elaine" (Darrell) Brown of Hicksville; two sons: Bill (Judy) Johnson of Hicksville and Ed (Susan) Johnson of Woodburn, IN; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by an infant son; a brother, LaVon; and a sister Juanita Nardecchi.

The funeral service was on December 11 at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville with Rev. Robert Eble officiating. Burial was at Forest Home Cemetery with military honors accorded by American Legion Post 223, Hicksville.

Memorials may be made

to Crippled Children and Adult Society or St. John Lutheran Church Building Fund.

June Grandey, 87, of Hicksville died on December 4, 2007 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, IN.

She was born on June 27, 1920 in Washington Township, Defiance County, Ohio the daughter of Otis and Fern (Sell) Moog. She graduated from Farmer High School in 1938; Defiance College with a BS in Education; Indiana University, Bloomington, IN with a MS in Education.

She was united in marriage to L.D. Grandey on April 26, 1941 by Rev. Paul D. Chiles at the United Methodist Church in Hicksville. She was an elementary school teacher and mentor in Edgerton, Edon, Bryan, Montpelier, and Harlan, IN for a total of 30 years.

She was a member of Grace United Methodist Church, Hicksville; the Top of Ohio Doll Club; United Federation of Doll Clubs, Inc.; Antique Auto Club of America, Adrian Michigan Region; Ohio Education Association and Indiana Education Association.

She is survived by her husband; two daughters: Mrs. Joe (Nancy) Noene of Bryan and Ms. Myra English of Cecil; a son, Larry D. (Kay) Grandey of Mt. Vernon, OH; 11 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; two sisters: Mrs. Eva Smith of Bryan and Mrs. Ivan (Betty) Arend of Dunedin, FL.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a sister, Mrs. Eugene (Irene) Miller.

Funeral services were December 8 at Grace United Methodist Church, Hicksville with Rev. Greg Wack officiating. Burial was at Lost Creek Cemetery, Farmer Twp., OH.

Memorials may be made to Grace United Methodist Church or donor's choice. Arrangements were handled by Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Dian Kay Smith, 64, of Harlan, IN died on December 4 at Regency Place of Fort Wayne.

She was born in Hicksville, OH and was a self-employed childcare provider.

She was a member of the Harlan United Methodist Church, and the VFW Auxiliary.

She is survived by her mother, Peggy J. Smith of Harlan, IN; a sister, Sheila J. (Rick) Lothamer of Antwerp; a brother, Dale L. (Cindy) Smith of New Haven, IN; a niece, Tracey (Jared) Mull of New Haven, IN; two nephews: Dustin (Brenda) Smith of Grabill, IN and Roland (Tiffeny) Lothamer of Fort Wayne, IN; and three great-nieces.

She was preceded in death by her father, Dale R. Smith.

Funeral services were December 7 at Harlan United Methodist Church. Burial was in Highland Park, Fort Wayne, IN.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Harlan United Methodist Church or Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana. Arrangements were handled by Hockemeyer Funeral Home, Harlan, IN.

DONORAMA BLOOD DRIVE COMING TO ANTWERP

The American Red Cross will be holding a Donorama Blood Drive hosted by St. Mary's Catholic Church in Antwerp on December 18, 2007. This blood drive will be from 1:00 p.m. till 7:00 p.m.

Each presenting donor at this blood drive will receive a gift and can enter a region-wide drawing for a \$1,000 shopping spree.

For more information please call the Red Cross at 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.

A LIVING NATIVITY PRESENTED BY NEY CHURCH OF GOD

The Living Nativity will be presented by the Ney Church of God on December 16, 2007. There will be two presentations only.

Times will be 6:00 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. The production will be outdoors and free to all. Warm drinks, cookies, caroling and Christmas fellowship will be provided inside following each program.

Ney Church of God is located on SR 15 north of Ney, Ohio. "The Church with the sign." For more information you may call 419-658-2813 or 419-899-4334.

ANNUAL COOKIE WALK FUNDRAISER AT PAULDING UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The aroma will make your taste buds come to life. The sights will put a smile on your face and cause your eyes to twinkle. It's the Annual Cookie Walk at the Paulding United Methodist Church.

There will be so many homemade confections that it will be difficult to choose which ones to take home with you. There will be cookies of all kinds, too many to count. The candy will tempt you as well.

The church is located north of the square at 321 North Williams Street in Paulding. The cookies and candies will be displayed in the lower Fellowship Hall (elevator available), sales will be from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

This is a fund raiser for the WWW.COM, ladies in mission and profits go toward their mission projects.

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PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD: ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS!



For the second year in a row, Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschoolers won the People's Choice Award at the Festival of Trees at the John Paulding Historical Museum. Their tree was themed with the children's pictures in a Christmas gift entitled "Children are Precious Gifts". Standing in front of the winning tree from the left are: Lucy Shuherk, Emma Shuherk, Hailey Stallard, Ethan Herman, Madison Farquhar and Logan Vance. These children are in the 3's and young 4's classes with Mrs. Carrie Myers and Mrs. Ann Miller.

A TRIBUTE TO SAM AND ANN

By: Rose Kever

I met Sam Smith many years ago. He married my high school friend, Ann Cottrell. Ann went to school here only part-time, as her grandparents stayed in the Florida Keys most of the time. Ann was very shy. So to my surprise, when she told me she met Sam and was going to get married I think I was in shock. My friend Ann didn't date when she was here.

The next time I saw Ann, was in her home on Daggett Street and she was pregnant for Mike. I don't think I was living in Antwerp when Mike was born, but I remember coming back and visiting with her and Sam after Mike was about two or three years old.

Sam was very good to Ann and their son. In fact, he was one of the most friendly people that I had the pleasure of knowing.

It's been about two years ago that I called Sam and asked him if my grandson's Logan and Alex could get a kitten from the farm. He gave me directions and we set a time to meet out there. Most of the cats out there are wild (even the babies), but they don't run from Sam. He had a 30 gallon trash can in the garage of the farm that was chocked full of cat food. He would go out every day or two and feed and water the animals. He and Ann are definitely animal lovers.

Well, we got out there and started looking at kittens. The only one that would come to us was sickly little thing that

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 10:30am Worship/Children's Church
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Winter Sports Spirit Day at Vantage – These Vantage students and staff members all participate in a Winter sports-related activity at their home schools – basketball players, wrestlers, swimmers, bowlers, cheerleaders, wrestling stat scorers, pep band members and a coach. Winter Sports Spirit Day was celebrated at school on Friday, November 30.

MEMORIES OF AN-TWERP ORNAMENT SALE

The new Memories of Antwerp Christmas ornament, 7th in a series, is now on sale in Antwerp businesses. This year's ornament has the image of the local attraction, the A&W Drive-In. The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce realizes that there are few people in northwest Ohio who have not been a customer of this popular drive-in restaurant, and many will want to purchase this striking addition to the series that many people are collecting. They will make great gifts for family and friends.

The limited edition ornaments are on sale at the Antwerp Exchange Bank, Antwerp Pharmacy, and Marilyn's Petals and Vines.

WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR 12/12 THROUGH 12/21

- Breakfast:**
 12/12 – Pancakes or waffles, sausage, milk
 12/13 – Egg/cheese omelet, toast/jelly, milk
 12/14 – Turnover, milk
 12/17 – Pizza, milk
 12/18 – Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, milk
 12/19 – Pancakes or waffles, sausage, milk
 12/20 – Egg/cheese omelet, toast/jelly, milk
 12/21 – Turnover, milk
- Lunch:**
 12/12 – Walking taco, meat/cheese/lettuce/salsa, corn, pineapple, milk
 12/13 – Mac/cheese, peanut butter sandwich, fruited jello w/topping or trail mix, milk
 12/14 – Corn dog, french fries, mandarin oranges, milk; WT: fajitas
 12/17 – Nacho chips, meat/cheese, salsa, corn, pears, milk
 12/18 – Rotini/meat, cheese stick, garlic toast, peaches, milk
 12/19 – Turkey roast, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, yum yum cake w/topping, milk
 12/20 – Chicken nuggets, french fries, cookie, pineapple, milk
 12/21 – Pizza, tossed salad, peaches, milk

OAKWOOD ARBOR MEETING MINUTES

The Oakwood Arbor #759 recently enjoyed a Christmas Dinner at Uncle Fudd's in Melrose, OH. Their were 24 present. They enjoyed a white elephant gift exchange after hearing a story about Mr. and Mrs. Right. The two persons to receive Community Service Recognition Activity awards were Youth from the Brown Betty and Buster Brown 4-H Club was Mara Kesler and Adult was D. Allen Hornish from Oakwood for all the community work he has done at the UM Churches, Paulding Hospital Board, Oakwood Development Board, Oakwood EMS, and many more.

A meeting was held for the upcoming activities. The rest of our Samaritan Fund giving was decided. Next meeting will be Thursday, January 3, 2008 at the Twin Oaks UMC Fellowship Hall, 7:00 p.m. for our matching funds for 4-H Clubs. Hope to see you there.

UPCOMING CHRISTMAS CONCERT GIVEN BY AN-TWERP COMMUNITY BAND

Take a break from the Christmas rush! You are invited to the Antwerp Community Band's Annual Christmas Concert. This year, our program offers something for everyone. Not only traditional and Victorian seasonal favorites, but "A Charlie Brown Christmas" and music from the "Polar Express".

Sunday, December 16, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. in the auditoria, Antwerp Local School; Antwerp Community Band full concert

Monday, December 17, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the auditoria, Antwerp Local School; joint concert with the AHS band and chorus

Thursday, December 20, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at Huber Opera House, Hicksville; Antwerp Community Band full concert, encore performance.

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 probably would have croaked in a few days, so he said he'd try to catch one and bring it to us. Before we even got into the truck, here he came with a little yellow fluff ball. He said, "Hey boys, how about this one?" The boys were ecstatic. They gave Sam a big hug and said they would name him Petey Potter. Petey has long hair on his head and tail, and short hair on his body. He kind of looks weird but the boys love him.

When I told them about the accident that took Sam and the other people, Logan cried. Alex handles things better than his brother. When they were here earlier this summer they wanted to ask Sam if they could go out to visit with the cats. I told them not to bother Sam, since Ann is in bad health. Now I wish I would have said, "Yes."

Sam was everyone's friend, and an asset to our EMS and to our town.

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DECEMBER PAULDING LIBRARY BOARD MEETING CHANGED

The Board of Trustees will meet at 6:00 on Tuesday, December 18 at the John Paulding Historical Museum. The entire Paulding County Carnegie Library system will close on the 18th at 5:00 so that the staff and their families might attend the library Christmas Dinner immediately following the board meeting at 6:30, also at the historical museum. For more information call 419-399-2032.

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FAMILY PRACTICE PHYSICIAN JOINS STAFF AT PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL

Mahtab U. Ahmed M.D., a board certified Family Physician has joined the staff of Paulding County Hospital. Dr. Ahmed will be starting his full time family practice without obstetrics in the Medical Office Building at Paulding County Hospital on December 17, 2007.

Dr. Ahmed, originally from Bangladesh, finished his graduate studies at Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio and the Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. He completed his residency from Good Samaritan Family Practice in Dayton in 1995. He was chief resident of the residency program. He worked as a family physician in various settings in St. Mary's, Ada, Troy and Defiance. He was also medical director of Urgent Care in Troy, Ohio for two years.

Dr. Ahmed is involved with research and presentations. His publications and presentations involve skin disease, strep throat, muscle disorder, rhabdomyolysis, cholesterol abnormality, reflux disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, dysmetabolic syndrome, obesity, hypertension, cardiovascular disease and anxiety.

When questioned about the reason for choosing Family Medicine as a specialty, Dr. Ahmed stated "the reason I went into family medicine is for the opportunity for a holistic approach to take care of individuals "as a whole". Family Medicine is the only specialty which incorporates physical, psychological, spiritual and social aspects of life from "womb to tomb". The preventive and curative aspect not only helps the individual and family, it has a significant role in the overall health status of our society."

A void appeared in the family practice arena when long time Paulding physician, Dr. Larry Fishbaugh retired after many years of devoted family practice. Dr. Ahmed welcomes all of Dr. Fishbaugh's former patients if they have not already made other arrangements.

Dr. Ahmed and his wife, Jennifer Schweitzer-Ahmed, M.D. currently live in Defiance with their three daughters. The family decided to move to this area because of family ties. His hobbies include gardening, tennis and music.

"I am excited to start in Paulding because I know there is a need for a family physician," he said. "I also feel confident that I can utilize my expertise better to build a modern "user friendly" family medicine office in Paulding. In spite of tremendous advances in medicine, our family medicine service has to be individualized, logical and feasible for each specific situation." He continued, "I plan to see patients in the office, nursing home and in the hospital when needed. I am an old-fashioned family doc with some new ideas."

SANTA COMES TO ANTWERP FIRE HOUSE

Santa Claus will be at the Antwerp Fire House on Saturday, December 15 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. He will have a treat for all the children. Doughnuts and coffee for all the adults. The firemen say that everyone is welcome.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR PAULDING EMPLOYED VILLAGE SCHOOLS FOR 12/12 THROUGH 12/21

MS/HS - Breakfast

12/12 - Ham, egg & cheese croissant, juice, milk

12/13 - Pancakes, sausage patty, juice, milk

12/14 - Sausage gravy w/ biscuits, juice, milk

12/17 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk

12/18 - Tator tots w/ cheese sauce, sausage links, juice, milk

12/19 - Ham, egg & cheese croissant, juice, milk

12/20 - French toast, sausage, juice, milk

12/21 - Sausage gravy w/ biscuits, juice, milk

HS/MS - Lunch

12/12 - Taco salad or grilled chicken on a bun, assorted fruit, milk

12/13 - Cincinnati chili, green beans, bread stick, assorted fruit, milk

12/14 - Foot long chili dog, crossstrax potatoes, assorted fruit, milk

12/17 - Chicken fajita, cheddar munchers or cheese pizza, corn, assorted fruit, milk

12/18 - Italian dunkers, green beans, assorted fruit, milk

12/19 - Sliced turkey & dressing, whipped potatoes/gravy, warm apple dessert or corn dog & potatoes, assorted fruit, milk

12/20 - Cook's choice, milk

12/21 - Bacon cheeseburger on a bun, spiral fries, assorted fruit, milk

Paulding Elementary - Lunch

12/12 - Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes w/gravy, bread, fruit cup, milk

12/13 - Nachos w/cheese cup, vegetable, fruit cup, milk

12/14 - Pizza, corn, fruit cup, milk

12/17 - Taco salad, lettuce, crackers, fruit cup, milk

12/18 - Chicken fajita wrap, lettuce, fruit cup, milk

12/19 - Corn dog, baked beans, fruit cup, milk

12/20 - Ham deli on a bun, carrots, cake, fruit cup, milk

12/21 - Turkey gravy, whipped potatoes, bread, fruit cup, milk

Oakwood Elementary - Lunch

12/12 - Chicken strip wrap, oven potatoes, fruit, milk

12/13 - Toasted cheese, corn, fruit, milk

12/14 - Pepperoni bread stick w/sauce, vegetable, fruit, milk

12/17 - Ham & cheese stromboli, oven potatoes, fruit, milk

12/18 - Hot dog on a bun or chili dog, corn, fruit, milk

12/19 - Breaded mozzarella sticks w/pizza sauce, green beans, fruit, milk

12/20 - Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes w/gravy, bread, sherbet, milk

12/21 - Cheese pizza, vegetable fruit, milk

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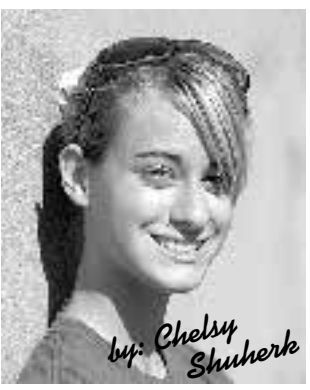
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Thanks to all who contributed to the PCH Foundation's Bright Lights Program.

Listed below are the individuals honored

- Betty Myers 5 tributes in honor of Gannon Wayne Myers; in memory of Iva Adkins, Ernest Adkins, Charlie Hobe Adkins, and John Willis Smith.
- Bob and Cindy Iler 5 tributes in honor of our grandchildren; in memory of Bob Snodgrass, Rita Snodgrass, John Iler, Mildred Iler.
- Carla Yoh 5 tributes in honor of mother, Mildred Zielke: children, Rick Miller, Wanda Ziegler: grandchildren, Sarah & Paul Miller, Jamie Lammers, Lindsey Lassiter & Hannah Tunis: great-grandchildren, Taylor Kochenour & Greg Lammers, Jr.; in memory of husband, George W. Yoh
- Jane Elston 1 tribute in memory of Harold Elston.
- Dorothy Flaugh 1 tribute in honor of Paulding County Hospital Physical Therapy Department.
- Jerry & Dorothy Flaugh 3 tributes in memory of John L. Keeler, Elenore Flaugh, and Julia O. Julian.
- Keith Klopfenstein Family 3 tributes in memory of Jaymee Leigh Klopfenstein.
- An anonymous 5 tributes in memory of Kelly Rager.
- Jerry and Rosie Sholl 1 tribute in memory of Kurt Sholl.
- Ray & Carole Keesbury 5 tributes in honor of Bill & Luella Huff and Bob & Phyllis Keesbury; in memory of Sally Grosenbacher, Hope Garcia, and Barb Erford.
- Joe, Mandy, Sam & Jack Woods 5 tributes in honor of Kim Horstman, Evelyn Wannemacher, Louise Dull, Jim & Pam Wallick and Pete & Joyce Woods; in memory of Harold Wannemacher, Robert Dull, Clayton & Juanita Woods and Carl & Jenny Weible.
- Gene Olwin 5 tributes in honor of granddaughter, Ailsa Doctor: mother, Georgia Olwin; in memory of father, Francis Olwin, son, Scott Francis Olwin, and brother, John Fred Olwin.
- Dale Parrish 5 tributes in honor of Bernese Speiser; in memory of Harold Parrish, Jackie Parrish, Lloyd Speiser, and Angela Viers.
- Richard & Betty Garver 5 tributes in memory of Robert Grunden Sr., Ned Garver, Craig Bauer, Dawn Aldred, Cathy Casper, and Marie Grunden.
- Marsha Kinder 3 tributes in memory of Mr. & Mrs. George Bitler, parents and Jo Lynn Saxton, daughter.
- Elaine Litzenberg 3 tributes in memory of John & Vivian Bonner, Dale Litzenberg, and David Lee Litzenberg-Loftin.
- Barb Agness 3 tributes in memory of Nolan Agness, Mable Agness and Bill Miller.
- Mary Keller 1 tribute in memory of Donald Keller.
- Margaret Womack 3 tributes in memory of Erwin Eaken, Harriet Eaken and Tim Eaken.
- Nick & Jo Doster 5 tributes in honor of U.S. Veterans: grandchildren, Tyler & Trevor Brecht and Emma, Ava, & Eli Doster; in memory of Lawrence & Betty Doster, Walter Fitzwater and U. S. Veterans.
- Sid & Michelle Buehrer 5 tributes in honor of Brett & Breanna Fulk, Johnathon & Allie Bueher and J.T. Furko; in memory of Randy Buehrer and Elizabeth Loughran.
- Georgia Olwin 5 tributes in memory of a special husband, Francis Olwin: John Olwin, first born son: grandson, Scott Francis Olwin and Ila Overmyer.
- West Bend News 5 tributes in honor of Stan Jordan, Pauline Jordan, Chelsea Vail, Chelsy Shuherk, and Sue Knapp.
- Robert Simpson 5 tributes in memory of Mable I. Simpson, Sophia Hartwick, William Hartwick, Floyd E. Simpson & Maple M. Simpson.
- Gail Stout 5 tributes in memory of Jeff Stout.
- Dan & Susan Arend 5 tributes in memory of Stephen Michael Jones and Carol Sue Parrett II.
- Marty Harman 3 tributes in memory of Martin (Bill) Harmon, Ervin Tracy and Dave Kohart.
- Lou & Rene' Levy 5 tributes in honor of Jane Taft; in memory of Louis Levy Sr., Emma Levy, Frances Dotterer, and Isaac Dotterer.
- Ralph & Joyce Wyatt 6 tributes in honor of Rev. Ben & Judy Lowell.
- Anna & Cecil Brewster 3 tributes in memory of George & Amanda Lambert, George & Dan Brewster, and William Doan
- Patricia Copey 5 tributes in honor of Rosene Martin (mother), Todd Copey & Family (step-son); in memory of Dick Copey (husband), Fred Martin (father), and Dorothy Copey (mother-in-law).
- Donna Pieper 3 tributes in memory of Oscar I. Pieper, William & Mary Goyings, & Auntie Ilo.
- Mel & Jennifer White & daughters 5 tributes in memory of Ansel & Mildred Grove, Charles (Bud) White, Theresa Rezin, Liza Clady and Michael White.
- Herbert Monroe 3 tributes for Mildred (wife), Dan (son) and Lewis (brother).
- Bob & Gloria Craig 1 tribute in memory of Joan Strable (mother).
- David Rigenbach 3 tributes in honor of Ray Rigenbach (father); in memory of Dean Rigenbach (mother), and Carie Lynn Rigenbach (wife).
- Rick & Wendy Clemens 5 tributes in honor of Kylee, Kaleb Clemens & Julian Rider, Rose, Darlene, & Anita; in memory of Bobbie McVay, Charles & Rita McGrath and Betty Link.
- Paul Perl 5 tributes in memory of Willard C. Perl, Philip L. Perl, Phyllis J. Perl and Richard R. Perl.
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- Mike Priest 1 tribute in honor of Jay & Sara Priest, Matt & Mandy Larimore.
- Jeanise Denning 3 tributes in honor of Aiden Denning; in memory of Jack Amstutz and Bertha & Du-ward Wilson.
- Mark & Amy Rager 3 tributes in honor of Kaylyn Rager; in memory of Kevin Howell Sr. and Kelly Rager.
- Brenda Wieland 3 tributes in honor of Matthew Bendele, Jen Foust and Austin Morrison.
- James & Carolyn Spangler 3 tributes in honor of Jonathan Reinhard -grandson, Emily Reinhard granddaughter & Samuel Reinhard -grandson.
- Evelyn Goings 1 tribute in memory of Robert Goings.
- The Todd Family 3 tributes in honor of Cpl. Zachery Orth -U. S. Marines; in memory of Roy E. Glass and Lydia Seiders.
- Bernadine Rodriguez 3 tributes in honor of Jerald Rodriguez Scholarship Committee and Volunteers; in memory of Jerald Rodriguez & Bias Ruiz.
- Larry & Barb Grant 3 tributes in memory of Thomas L. Zuber, Charles Grant and Marvel McDougal.
- Jon Stokely 5 tributes in memory of Paul & Shirley Stokely, Eugene & An-nibel Loomis and Ken & Betty Armstrong.
- Helen Williams 5 tributes in memory of Jr. Williams, Bill Williams, Glen Williams, Grace Thrasher and Mary Copey (all brothers and sisters).
- Mr. & Mrs. Norman Heck Family 5 tributes in memory of Debra A. Heck.
- Brent & Cheryl Saylor 3 tributes in memory of Benjamin L. Saylor, Jack Ashba and Mark Ashba.
- J. David & Kathy Webb 5 tributes in memory of Arthur Kaufman, Anna Kaufman, Janice Stechschulte, Ellsworth Webb and Thomas Webb.
- Robert A. Glancy 5 tributes in honor of Laura G. Glancy, Dr. & Mrs. William Strawter & Beth Scheiner; in memory of Curtis & Milta Crone, Clinton & Phyllis Glancy.
- Tony & Kay Langham 5 tributes in memory of James A. Noneman, Violet M. Noneman, Wilbur Langham, Isabel Langham and Alice C. Miller.
- Denis and Paulette Shaner 5 tributes in memory of Paiden C. Shaner, Ralph (Tuffy) Shaner, Lenore Shaner, Samuel Osborne, Glenora Bakke.
- Don K. Snyder 5 tributes in memory of Katherine Evans Snyder, Gerald Austin Snyder Sr., Marcell C. Gaut, Suzette Rene' Snyder and Gerald Austin Snyder Jr. (Gerry).
- Andy & Barb Panico 3 tributes in honor of Judy Panico -Daughter-in-law, Andrea Panico -Daughter; in memory of James E. Panico -Son.
- Kay Beregszazi 5 tributes in honor of 2nd shift medical staff @PCH -Thanks!; in memory of Nick Fleming, DVM, Joseph & Julia Szabo, Arden & Helen Hedrick, Julius Beregszazi Sr.
- Dr. Joseph & Evelyn Kuhn 5 tributes in memory of Mary Ann Kuhn.
- Betty Stoller 3 tributes in memory of sister -Dorothy J. Hall, husband -Dallas Stoller and daughter Cindy Stoller.
- Margaret Sunday 5 tributes in honor of all Military Personnel in Iraq; in memory of Richard Sunday, Hannah Seider, Mr. Don Evers and Darlene Cottrell.
- Tim & Rae Ann Pieper 5 tributes in honor of Ray Keck and Donna Pieper; in memory of Carrie Keck, Oscar Pieper and our grandparents.
- Karen Dangler 1 tribute in memory of Bradley Bennett Dangler.
- Linda McCain 3 tributes in memory of Joe & Bette Bennett by Luke & Linda McCain; in memory of John & Lessie McCain by Luke and Linda McCain; in memory of Larry Bassett by Megan & Logan Tope.
- Kim Phlipot 1 tribute in memory of my dad -Paul Strahley.
- Cheryl Shobe 5 tributes in memory of Pat McIntire.
- Stephanie Young 1 tribute in memory of Roy E. Cluts, grandfather.
- Pamela Young 1 tribute in memory of Roy E. Cluts, father.
- Maxine Cluts 1 tribute in memory of Roy E. Cluts, husband.
- Mary King 4 tributes in memory of William King, Robert King, Diane King, & Shirley Killian.
- Sally Davis 5 tributes in memory Dean Davis, Marie Ahr, Fred Ahr, Mom Davis, & Pop Davis.
- Randy & Jeanette Brooks 5 tributes in honor of EMS Squad 41, our military men and women and their families; in memory of Robert Sliger, Gerry Snyder & Paul Ringler.
- Wayne & Beulah Adkins 5 tributes in honor of Vicki (Adkins) Taber, Gary Adkins & Family; in memory of Mr. & Mrs. James E. Adkins, Mr. & Mrs. Edward M Coble & Mark W. Adkins.
- Gary Adkins 9 tributes in memory of Marguerite Adkins, James Adkins, Leatha Williamson, Ralph (Bus) Williamson, Bessie Coble, Edward Coble, Hank Doster, Gladys Doster & Clyde Adkins.
- Chris Clevenger 3 tributes in memory of Frank Gonzalez, Jerald Rodriguez, & Tony Parsons.
- Shawn & Cindy Brewer 5 tributes in honor of our children: Luke Brewer, Lydia Brewer, & Landon Brewer; in honor of our parents: C.W. & Sandra Harper, Lonnie & Linda Bostelman.
- Denise & Dennis Arend 5 tributes in honor of our grandchildren: Blayze Vance & Natalie Tessler; in memory of our grandparents: Vic & Mary Bercau, & Grace Teusch.
- Darlene Herber 5 tributes in honor of Mike & Rose Bowers, Mike & Mark Herber, Adam, Janelle, Nikki & Ryan, Roger & Marlene Pier; in memory of Charles & Rita McGrath.
- James & Lillian Genero 5 tributes in memory of Pascual M. Barajas, Sr., Antonia O. Barajas, Augustine O. Barajas, James V. Genero Sr., & Trinidad (Gonzales) Tapia.
- Mary Davis 5 tributes in honor of Paulding County Hospital Volunteers, all Paulding County Hospital Employees, Employees of Paulding Visiting Nurse & Hospice, Paulding County First Responders; in memory of lost members of Squad 41.
- Sue A. Beck 3 tributes in honor of my sons Todd, Con & Chad Shuherk and their families; in honor of my sisters: Grace Jailor & Kay Bromagem; in memory of my sister: Jo Gillespie; in honor and memory of U.S. Military sons & daughters.
- Wilma Pepper 1 tribute in memory of Charles J. Pepper
- Bill & Julie Childs & Family 3 tributes in memory of Shelly A. Litzenberg, William & Pearl Childs, & Louis (Louie) Karolyi.
- Laura Cottrell 3 tributes in honor of Sally Davis; in memory of Dean Davis.
- Deanna Grindstaff 3 tributes in memory of Heman Arend Jr., Eloise Arend, & Zachary H. Arend.
- Amy Kutzli 3 tributes in memory of Ronald (Ronnie) Kutzli -father and Nora Nulf -grandma.
- Sherie -Debra 5 tributes in memory of Larry Dean English, Brandon Bermejo, Baby Boy Bassler, Carl Bok and Dave Larry Jr.
- Marty & Jane Jones 3 tributes in memory of Bob & Rita Snodgrass, Clifford & Myrtle Jones and Derek Gebhart.
- Marge Roughton 1 tribute in memory of Dale L. Roughton.
- Sherry & Terry Wilhelm 3 tributes in honor of Joe Wilhelm, Sgt. Trent Wilhelm -U.S. Army and Cpl. Troy Wilhelm -U.S. Marines.
- Rob & Lanetta Goshia 6 tributes in honor of our children, Kaleb & Kalyon: Kenny & Marsha Adkins, Ray & Vandetta Smith, Freeland & Pauline Adkins; in memory of Bob & Janice Goshia, Lelia Adkins & Della Buell.
- Kim Bowers 5 tributes in honor of Donna Parrish -my mom; in memory of Joe Crabill -my dad, Ira & Helen Watson -my grandparents, Judson & Naomi Crabill -my grandparents, Howard Carr -my granddad -in -law.
- Jeam Foor 11 tributes in honor of Kenny & Jackie (Ames) Foor, Chuck & Gayle (Foor) Corkwell, Dr. Joseph M. Kuhn & staff, Saint Paul United Methodist Church of Payne; in memory of Herb Foor.
- Mr. & Mrs. James W. Johnson 5 tributes in honor of Hayden Gill & John Thomas; in memory of Larry R. Dunderman, Ottie Lee Dunderman, and O. Frank Leinard.
- Angela Slade 3 tributes in memory of Ronald E. Gebers, George W. Slade and Truxton & Helen Hoover.

RAIDER REPORT



get along with. I like people that make me laugh, and people that I always have fun with. I surround myself with people that have the similar goal of success as me. Everyone is different, so each person has different types of people that work with them. Throughout life, you will find the right type of person.

If you have good friends, then you will easily achieve many things. Good friends will support you, and they will want you to succeed. You will also do the same for them. I am not saying, that you will always be happy and cheery with them at all times. True friends stick together through anything though, and they will always be friends. That is why you want to surround yourself with good people.

Friends are great and that is the simplest way to say it. I want to thank all of my friends because they help me through everything. No matter what I need them for, they are always there. I try to do the same for them, but I do not always do the best. So, to my friends you are amazing, and I could not ask for more. I know I do not always tell them that, but seriously you guys are the best. Readers go and tell one of your friends how much they mean to you.

This is in dedication to all my friends, and I know you know who you are.

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND DISMISSALS

- Admissions:*
 12/4 - Ava Foltz, Paulding; Doris Kohart, Payne; Anna Gillet, Oakwood
 12/6 - Shelly Kessler, Paulding
 12/9 - Renee Dickey, Paulding
- Dismissals:*
 12/6 - Ava Foltz, Paulding; Anna Gillet, Oakwood

OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY TEACHERS RECEIVE COOPER EDUCATION GRANTS



Ten teachers at Oakwood Elementary received Cooper Education Grants for the 2007-2008 school year. The grants were written and awarded for a variety of materials to be used to enhance learning in the classrooms; and our students are taking advantage of new trade books, learning kits, musical instruments, digital cameras, and much more.

Pictured in the front row are: Paige Branham, Dustin Taylor, and Megan Weller on the granite blocks; Chandler Bullinger displaying a butterfly pavilion; and Stephanie Powell, Logan Bradford, and Nicholas Brown with extreme readers. Pictured in the second row: Dianne Cooper, Corporate Secretary; teachers: Diane Erford, and Beth Kelly.

REFLECTING ON THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE: A GUEST COLUMN FROM ABBY DAUBENMIRE, SENATOR BUEHRER'S LEGISLATIVE AIDE

Senator Steve Buehrer Capitol Letters Weekly Column

"Many of you know that I began my career in state service as a Legislative Service Commission (LSC) Intern. Over the past year, I have been blessed to work with another great LSC intern in my office who will be staying on in a permanent position. I have asked her to write about some of her reflections as an intern in the Statehouse."

—Sen. Steve Buehrer

This past year I have had the opportunity to serve in the Ohio Senate as a participant in the Legislative Service Commission Internship Program. The LSC Internship is a 13 month program designed to provide college graduates who have an interest in government and public service an opportunity to gain practical experience in the legislative process. I began the internship wide-eyed and full of anticipation. Now, a year later, I like to think I am a little wiser in the ways of the political world. As my internship draws to an end, I have found a permanent home as the legislative aide in Senator Buehrer's office, and he has asked me to share what I have learned throughout my first year of state service.

I have learned that nothing beats experience. Experience is one of the most valuable assets a person can have around the Statehouse. It pays to know who people are, who to go to when you need a question answered, and what issues have helped influence the way our laws are written. However, I also learned that more important than knowing what took place in the 124th General Assembly or who voted against which budget, is knowing the events that transpired at the Battle of Yorktown or what happened

during those tragic, frantic hours on the morning of September 11th. In other words, I learned that what happened in 1776 matters to what happens in 2007. Everyday, I walk through the Statehouse Rotunda where President Lincoln's body once lay-in-state. To me, that is powerful. Men and women before us made sacrifices so that we may have freedom today, and I am careful not to forget such a thing. The freedoms that we enjoy in this nation are a result of the faithful stewardship of those before us. We are standing on their shoulders.

Over the summer, I attended a luncheon where the featured speaker was David McCullough, the famous historian and author of 1776. He warned of America's current plight. We are living in a time in which the text of the Constitution is no longer common knowledge and the Bill of Rights is as obsolete as the 10 Commandments seem to have become. "We hold these truths to be self evident," is no longer held in such high esteem. Mr. McCullough traced our nation's downfall to the general disregard for the sacrifices our forefathers made to preserve our freedom. Unfortunately, the average person in my generation does not know the significance of December 7, 1941, the day thousands of Americans died at Pearl Harbor. McCullough admonished, "History is a guide to navigation in perilous times. History is who we are and why we are the way we are." My year as an intern has convinced me that we cannot get an idea of where we are going without having an understanding of where we have been. A wise man said, "Those who forget the past are condemned to repeat it." America has forgotten her roots.

As important as it is to remember the past, my internship experience dealt with the here and now, and Senator Buehrer has been a tremendous mentor, teaching me to focus on the task at hand.

The first time I met Senator Buehrer was when he spoke to my class of interns during our first few days on the job. A former intern himself, his task was to encourage and motivate this next generation of public servants as we embarked upon our first year of public service. He passionately encouraged the group of twenty-something's to take advantage of every opportunity presented to us over the next year. We were going to work on issues, meet people and have experiences, all of which would forge a pathway to our future. We had been given a "golden egg," and it was up to us to show responsible stewardship of that gift.

Throughout my time at the Statehouse, I have reflected on this lesson and have tried to make the most of the opportunities before me. Government is a fast-paced world, one in which it is all too easy to lose your place, but I have come through my year as an LSC intern determined to transform the lessons of today into a brighter tomorrow. One truism I learned along the way is that there are three things that can never be taken back—time once spent, a word once spoken and an opportunity once lost. What I learn, say and do today will reverberate into tomorrow.

I have spent the last year responding to letters and e-mails, holding meetings and attending committee hearings. Not one letter we received or one person who came into Senator Buehrer's office for a meeting wanted to talk about what we could do to change the past; it was all about how we could affect the future. The reason Senator Buehrer serves, and many other legislators serve, is to influence the future. Senator Buehrer has a quotation framed on his desk; it reads, "My interest is in the future because I am going to spend the rest of my life there." In

the same way that what happened in the past affects the present, what happens in the present affects the future.

My dad was a high school football coach for 25 years, and in that time, he dealt with his fair share of "Monday-morning quarterbacks." Through the lens of a football coach's daughter, I learned what little good it did to complain after the fact. As my father always commented, "When I called a bad play I knew it long before the guys in the stands. Thank God that in football, as in life, there is always another play to run." If you care about the future and your children's future, can you afford not to get involved? As Edmund Burke said, "The only thing necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing."

I feel blessed to have an opportunity to come to work at the Statehouse everyday, and I am especially fortunate to have Senator Buehrer as a mentor. He believes in and holds to the principles of limited government and personal responsibility. I am also grateful to the citizens of the 1st Senate District for the many invaluable lessons they have enabled me to learn.

My first year serving in state government has taught me that we have a responsibility to protect what others have sacrificed to give us and do all we can to transform those standards and values into the future. No man is an island. What we do today echoes into tomorrow.

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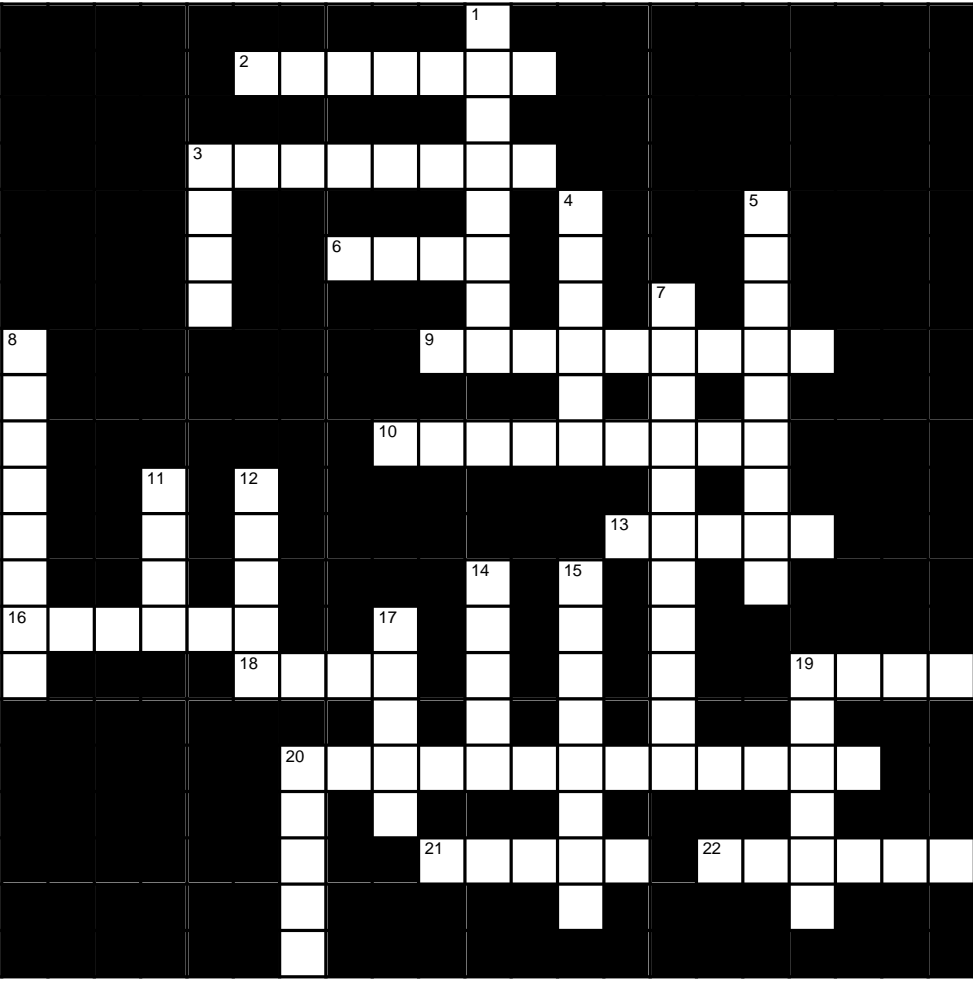
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Crossword Puzzle

Directions: Fill in the blanks to guess the following words connected with Christmas.



Across

- 2. C _ _ M _ _ Y
- 3. _ T _ C _ _ N G
- 6. C _ K _
- 9. O _ _ A M _ _ T _
- 10. _ O R _ _ P _ L _ (2 words)
- 13. C _ _ O L
- 16. _ I _ S _ L
- 18. Y _ _ E
- 19. S A _ _
- 20. C _ _ I S _ _ _ S T _ _ E (2 words)
- 21. _ _ G _ L
- 22. _ _ G H _ S

Down

- 1. _ _ I N _ _ E R
- 3. S _ _ W
- 4. W _ E _ T _
- 5. M _ S _ _ E _ O E
- 7. D _ _ O R _ _ I _ N _
- 8. _ _ E _ _ N T _
- 11. T _ _ S
- 12. J _ _ _ Y
- 14. _ L V _ _
- 15. D _ _ E M _ _ R
- 17. _ E R _ Y
- 19. S _ _ _ G H
- 20. C _ _ _ Y



By: Chelsea Vail

I have one word for you: exams. Okay, so there are more words. "Exams" is the most central, however. They have crept up on us ever so sneakily, laying readily in wait until next week when they will step down from their menacing posts and become an even more frightening reality. The jury is still out on the exact schedule, so to protect against any sort of cruel fate, I plan to employ a full security detail (in the form of a study group!). On the bright side, exams will be finished before Christmas and thus will not grinch away our free time during break. As with backhanded compliments, all we can really do with exams is grin and bear them.

For a more sincere smile, one might try attending the JH/HS band and choir concert this coming Monday evening. The performance begins at 7:30 in the auditoria, and will (hopefully) be one of the bookend bright spots during the dim exam week.

Other sunny-side-up portions of the week:

JH Girls Basketball: December 13, 5:00, Woodlan; December 17, 5:00, @ Bryan; December 18, 4:30, @ Fairview

JH Boys Basketball: December 13, 5:00, Hicksville; December 18, 5:00, Fairview

Varsity Girls Basketball: December 14, 6:30, Edgerton

Varsity Boys Basketball: December 15, 6:00, Stryker

Word of the Week: Kvetch \KVECH \ verb/noun

- 1. To complain habitually (v.)
- 2. A complaint (n.)
- 3. A habitual complainer (n.)

"It is too bad a good kvetch is not enough to persuade our teachers to abolish exams; all mine would have been canceled by now."

Exams: We will survive! Probably.

KNITTING & CROCHETING GROUP AT THE LIBRARY

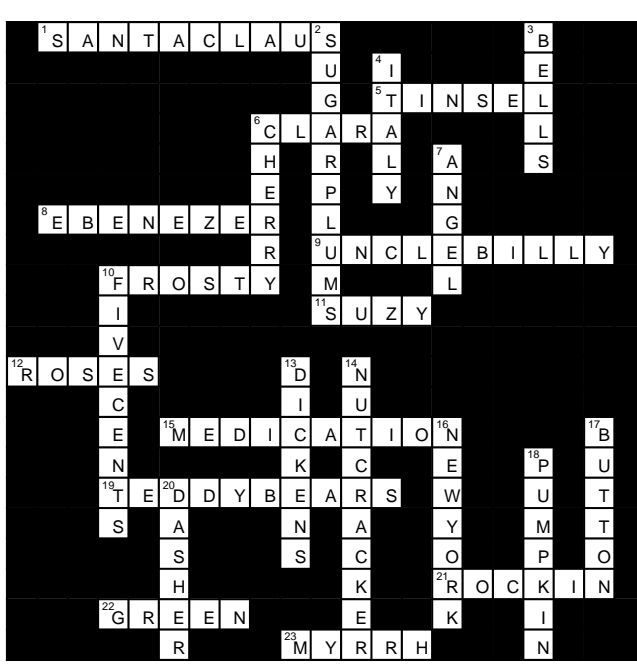
HICKSVILLE — The Johnson Memorial Library will be hosting its monthly Knitting & Crocheting Group on Tuesday, December 18 at 6:30 p.m.

The Knitting & Crocheting Group is free and is open to everyone interested in knitting or crocheting or anyone who is interested in learning the two crafts.

Group members are encouraged to bring along the knitting or crocheting project that they are currently working on or a project that they would like to begin. The group will be facilitated by Teen Advisory Group Members and library volunteers Naomi Barkman and Natasha Tonneas.

For more information on the monthly Knitting & Crocheting Group, please call the Johnson Memorial Library at 419-542-6200.

Last week's answers to "Christmas Trivia"



NEW FAMILY PRACTICE PHYSICIAN JOINS STAFF AT PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL

At Paulding County Hospital's recent board of trustees meeting CEO Gary Adkins updated members on physician relations. Dr. Mahtab Ahmed will be beginning his family practice on December 17, 2007 and appointments are already being scheduled. "We're very pleased to bring Dr. Ahmed to the community," Adkins stated, "He is a very pleasant man and we feel that citizens of Paulding County will appreciate him. Dr. Ahmed's new practice will help to fill the void left by Dr. Fishbaugh's retirement." Dr. Ahmed's practice will be located in the Medical Office Building, adjacent to the hospital and the number to call for an appointment is 419-399-1745. Adkins also reported Dr. Rim Kreit has renewed her agreement with Paulding County Hospital. "We are very happy to have her in the Oakwood community and she is certainly doing an outstanding job in Oakwood," Adkins stated.

Chief Financial Officer, Rob Goshia presented the financial report with a November net profit of \$205,354, primarily due to cost report recoveries from 2005. "The hospital is still experiencing operational losses for 2007 but financial statements are stabilizing and a plan has been put into place for a profitable 2008," Goshia said. Paulding Hospital Auxiliary presented the hospital with \$13,217 for the wish list campaign. This money is much appreciated and will be used to make improvements in patient care.

The board reviewed 2007 third quarter:

- Quality improvement report and performance improvement plans.
- Legal compliance audits
- Most recent Press Ganey customer relations reports

The board heard and approved the human resources committee recommendations on health insurance renewal and the wage scale proposal for 2008 for employees.

Chief Operating Officer, Randy Ruge reported that he is working with a vendor concerning a computed radiography system that will allow for the capability to perform digital mammography. Ruge is currently checking to see if this will be compatible with current equipment and hopes to have a proposal before the end of the year.

Adkin's report included:

—He is working with legislators concerning the 340B drug purchasing program which will allow for substantial discounted purchasing of drugs for the hospital. Two bills are pending, HR2606 in the House and S1376 in the Senate. These bills are concerned with allowing Critical Access hospitals access to this pricing. He has been working with Senator Sharrod Brown who has agreed to co-sponsor the bill in the Senate. Hospital administration will be monitoring the progress of this bill very closely.

—Adkins has been appointed as an officer on the Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio (HCNO) and as an officer on the Northwest Ohio Shared Services Board, a group purchasing arm of HCNO.

—Adkins conducted board education on the Five Million Lives campaign. This program, offered by the Institute on Healthcare Improvement is an initiative which challenges hospitals to make changes to save lives and reduce patient injuries. The hospital will be working in three areas in regards to this campaign:

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ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

Let's look at this top picture. First I'm going to guess and say this picture was taken before the first World War. When I worked with Mary E. Bakle, Postmaster, in 1946, she often talked about people coming down to the Depot to watch the trains come in. Now some of these people were leaving on the train, some were waiting for some friends who were passengers and some were just watching. There probably wasn't anything else to do so they were just killing time. There were a number of trains each day and the shoppers rode the train to and from Ft. Wayne or Defiance or even Toledo. Times were pretty good then and people did have a little money.

It is summertime and nice weather, but you don't see any shorts or tee shirts or tank tops or flip-flops. Nearly everyone has a hat on.

The first building you see there on the right is not the Oasis. That building was built around 1870 by a man named Henry George. If you look over the depot roof that tall building is now the Video Junction. This building was built in 1866 by Mr. Shirley. Mr. Robert Shirley was one of Antwerp's first pioneers. He also earlier had helped plot out the city of Woodburn. For years it was called Shirley City. Mr. Shirley died in 1868.

Now let's move down to the bottom picture. I have no idea where this picture was taken. In the background

the Presbyterian Church was erected by 1907. The old high school in the background was remodeled to look like that in 1911.

So that is no help. There is a horse and wagon on the west wide of the depot and no automobiles or trucks in the picture, so I figure it was taken before 1920.

Look at that big barn at the left end of the depot. I can remember back to the late 1920's and I don't remember that barn being there.

That house to the left of that barn and across the street is now the beauty salon of Lois Klender's.

There was another house to the south of that. A man named Charlie DeLong lived there and later it was torn down. Like I said, I don't remember that big barn so let's move up to that middle picture.

The house you see there, that lot now holds Oley's Laundry. I can remember quite a bit about this big house. I think when it was first built it was a hotel. It was used by Doctor Brattian or an office. That was in the southern most rooms on the bottom floor. After Dr. Brattian retired, Dr. Spragens used those rooms for his office. Then about the time it started to look like war and America was organizing, Dr. Spragens was called off to the service. That left us with Dr. Caine whose office was over on Main Street. Later on, Dr. Bazali used those same rooms for his office. Then later on he moved by the east red light.

There was always lady school teachers rooming in that house. After the war and the apartments were built



in that three story building some of the ladies moved up there.

In the early 1960's, Tommy Schilb bought that corner lot and had that big house torn down. Then he had the building that sits there now built and he sold television sets and service there. Later on, Terry Bowers managed that store from 1970-1975. Then later on a Jim Waldman operated that Store.

Then it was renovated and became the Snow-Clean

Laundry. Later on it was sold to Oley McMichael and he owns it now. There is also a nice apartment on the second floor.

Years ago, just to the east of the laundry was the Lamb Hotel. It was torn down and is now a parking lot. But that hotel is part of Antwerp's History and Mr. Frank Lamb was certainly a pioneer of Antwerp. I think down the road I will do a column on Mr. Lamb.

See, Ya!

NOW READ THIS

By: Stan Jordan

This picture of some of "A" Co. of the 148th Infantry was loaned to me by Lois Anderson Fleck. Her father and brother are in the picture. This picture was taken at Camp Shelby, Mississippi in January of 1941 at the boys leisure moments as WWII had not started yet.

The 37th Division of the Ohio National Guard was mobilized in 1940. There was a Company or Contingent in about every county in Ohio. I imagine an Infantry Division would number over 10,000 troops. "A" Co. was comprised of men

The next man is James Jordan. He made all the campaigns in the South Pacific as Platoon Sgt. of the Heavy Weapons Platoon. After the war he lived in Antwerp and worked at Weatherhead. He later retired from Phelps Dodge in Ft. Wayne.

The last man in that row is Woody Friend. After the war he lived in Antwerp and had two boys. Later on he retired from Weatherhead.

The man in the back row is Joe Matycka. I don't know much about him. I think he lived around Paulding.

The next man is Max Seslar. Later on he became an officer and was the Commanding Officer of "B" Co.



from every town in Paulding County and some more boys from Hicksville.

In the above picture, the first man in the first row is Carrol Harris. After the war he lived in Fort Wayne and was in the carpet business.

The first Sergeant there next is Sam Anderson, a little later he was sent home because he was over age.

The next man is Gerald Putman. He served well in WWII and then won some decorations in the Korean War. He was a career soldier.

The person in the front is Daniel Anderson. He served in the South Pacific and returned home and lived in Paulding.

Sam and Dan both perished in an accident on the highway between an auto and some farm equipment.

He was killed in the battle of Manila.

The next fellow is Arthur Thomas. I didn't know him and I couldn't find out much about him.

Lester Wilder is the next man. I remember he went to school here in Antwerp but he left when "A" Co. mobilized.

Vernon Clinton is next. After the war, he lived here in Antwerp and raised a fine family.

The last man is Dale Wort. I think he came from Hicksville but I don't know much more about him.

The 37th Division made a good name for itself. They fought all the way from Guadalcanal, up through the Philippines Campaign. They lost a lot of good men, but they done their job.

See, Ya!

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—Leota Davis

CIRCLE OF LIFE

By: Kayla Emerson, age 15, grade 9 at Hicksville High School

*Begins with a loud cry
She's never going to quit
Doctors and nurses passing by.
She bellows out a loud sigh
and says we did it.
Now is the time they play all day with toys,
The boy's best friend is, of course, dad
Then the girls start liking boys
But now they walk with great poise
Now the time has come for moving out,
everyone looks so sad
All grown up now is what she is
This new life makes me want to break down and cry
It's hard making it in the work biz
What's his is hers and hers is his
We're barely getting by
In the hospital, oh so quick I'm going in with pride and class
Can't you see that I'm sick
It's useless now to try and look slick
I knew the day was coming when my life would pass
My life passed away
It sure went fast
but one thing I learned was to take it day by day
I wish I could stay
But this day has to come at last
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That's where I'm headed
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PAYNE COMMUNITY MEMBERS RAISE MONEY FOR STUDENTS AND NEIGHBORS



Rick Burkley, Gary Bennett, Sarah Deatrick Principal of Payne Elementary, Pat Linder Representative of The Rock, and Ray Speice.

Rick Burkley, Gary Bennett and Ray Speice held the Annual Payne Car Show at Wayne Trace Payne Elementary on October 21, 2007. There were a total of 94 cars that were in attendance that day. The money raised dur-

ing this event was donated to Payne Elementary for school field trips, the community youth center in Payne, The Rock, and also to a local family in need of assistance to help with medical expenses.

DISCOVER A WINTER WONDERLAND OF READING

HICKSVILLE—Discover a winter wonderland of reading at the Johnson Memorial Library's Snowman Story Times on December 12 at 10:00 a.m. and on December 13th at 6:30 p.m.

The Snowman Story Times are free and are open to everyone, both the young and the young at heart. There will be snowmen stories, movies, songs, activities, and a snowman craft.

"With all of the snow and ice we've had recently, what better way to appreciate the

positives of winter than through a Winter Wonderland of Reading," explained Branch Manager Amy Murphy. "Not only will we read about snowflakes and snowmen, we'll be playing with our own snowmen blocks and making our own indoor snowman craft. So come discover the wonders of reading and snowmen at our winter story times."

If you have any questions or would like additional information about the Snowmen Story Times, please call the Johnson Memorial Library at (419) 542-6200.

ODOT'S 2008-2009 BUSINESS PLAN

COLUMBUS—Calling for a new dialogue on how best to determine Ohio's transportation priorities and identify the fairest ways to finance them, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) unveiled its 2008-2009 Business Plan, highlighted by a commitment to fully fund the preservation of Ohio's current highways and bridges, and creation of a statewide 21st Century Transportation Priorities Task Force to identify priority transportation improvements to move the state forward and innovative new ways to finance them.

The ODOT Business Plan, required every two years under Ohio law, also details the department's new mission which emphasizes a multi-modal approach to modernizing the state's transportation system.

"Ohio cannot simply build its way out of congestion. We must fully embrace a multi-modal approach—with an integrated network of highway, rail, transit, aviation, and waterway," said Director James Beasley, PE/PS. "Our transportation infrastructure also contributes to job creation, so we must broaden our criteria for project selection to better understand the impacts to economic development and urban revitalization."

Used also as a forecasting tool, the ODOT 2008-2009 Business Plan gives the department and its transportation partners a better perspective on the state's long-term capital improvement program. ODOT must plan 6-7 years ahead, as transportation projects take years to plan and tens-to-hundreds of millions of dollars to build.

The plan also describes how ODOT must contend with several key challenges, including the devastating impact of construction cost inflation on ODOT's purchasing power and the flattening of state revenues.

"Over the past four years, ODOT's construction costs have seen a compounded inflation increase of nearly 41%," said Director Beasley, pointing to hyper-inflation caused by the rising cost of oil, increased demand for raw materials in the global economy, and lingering effects of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

"As inflation has been driving construction costs up, the state revenues to pay for it have been flattening. Revenues from the state motor fuel tax have been leveling over the past three years, due in large part to the escalation of fuel prices, a slow-to-no growth in Ohio's population, and the availability of more fuel efficient vehicles," continued Director Beasley.

Another key challenge is an over-commitment by the department to Major New Construction projects in 2006 - at 47% above funding levels - and a planned shortfall of more than a billion dollars in the department's roadway and bridge preservation programs. When combined, the cumulative effects of high construction cost inflation, flat state revenue, and budget adjustments needed for past program decisions create a shortfall of \$3.5 billion using financial forecasts projected for the department through 2015, starting with an estimated \$114 million shortfall

in Major New Construction in 2009.

"In these difficult financial times, we must be good stewards of the public trust and adjust the department's financial outlook to match realistic trends in revenue and construction costs," said Director Beasley. "It is also important to have reliable and realistic project scope and cost information prior to the advancement of Major New Construction projects. ODOT will simplify its financial forecast and TRAC estimates to one, 'clear-to-understand' page."

ODOT will assemble a statewide Ohio 21st Century Transportation Priorities Task Force to lead a frank discussion on how best to position Ohio's transportation spending to balance the movement of people and freight, promote safety and reduce congestion, create jobs, encourage responsible growth, and help build sustainable communities. As the Task Force determines these priorities, it will also be asked to identify the fairest ways to finance them, including the identification of new tools for state and local governments to partner with the private sector.

Other highlights of the 2008-2009 Business Plan include the implementation of newer technologies to improve traffic flow and make the state's current transportation system work "smarter". Low-cost signal upgrades and coordination, remote traffic monitoring, and enhanced online applications for travel information are examples.

ODOT also commits to working toward a 'better than before' environmental policy, by improving efforts to recycle or "re-use" products and materials at ODOT facilities, and promote purchasing and use of recyclable, environmentally-cleaner products in construction and maintenance projects.

A full copy of ODOT's 2008-2009 Business Plan can be found online at www.dot.state.oh.us/2008-2009BusinessPlan/

PAST OHIO COMMANDER ELECTED BOARD PRESIDENT: ROGER TAYLOR TO SERVE THE NATIONAL HOME BOARD OF TRUSTEES

EATON RAPIDS, MI—Comrade Roger Taylor of Grover Hill, Ohio has been elected President of the VFW National Home for Children Board of Trustees. Taylor's election was confirmed during the Annual meeting of Life Members on October 27.

Taylor will be assisted by 2007-2008 Board Vice President Ronald Stensland of Lebanon, PA in duties of oversight and policy guidance for the National Home's Board of Trustees. Taylor is the Trustee for District 4 and represents the Departments of Ohio, West Virginia and Maryland.

Comrade Taylor is a Navy veteran who served with the Navy Seabees, MCB-5 in South Vietnam in 1965-1966. He is a charter member of Grover Hill Post #2873 and served as the first Post Commander in 1968. Taylor served as District #1 Commander in 1987-1988 and Department Commander in 1997-1998. A Life Member of the National Home since 1990, he also

served as the National Home Chairman for the Department of Ohio.

National committees he has served on include Resolutions, Security & Foreign Affairs and Youth Activities committees. He was Chairman of Military Affairs in 2001-2002. He is a Life Member of Navy Seabee Veterans of America and Dads of Foreign Service Veterans.

He also belongs to the American Legion and Military Order of the Cootie Pup Tent #20.

Taylor is a self-employed carpenter and partner in Taylor Bros. & Associates.

"It is a pleasure to be serving the Board as President," Taylor said. "The National Home is headed in a good direction and I am honored to be a leader during this wonderful time."

Since 1925 the VFW National Home for Children has been providing for the children and families of our nation's veterans, while at the same time serving as a living memorial to our nation's heroes. For more information on the National Home, please call (517) 663-1521, toll-free at (800) 424-8360 or visit www.vfwnationalhome.org.



FURNITURE

By: Tommi Stahl

Do you have a favorite piece of furniture? I don't but my mom and dad do. My dad loves his recliner that he got for his birthday. My mom loves her bed because she works all day and then comes home and goes to bed. My cat, Traveler, doesn't like furniture but she loves boxes. I don't have a favorite piece of furniture because I cannot feel affection for a thing that is not living.

I can say that I do like to sit on my bed and read and write for the paper. I may not like a piece of furniture, but I do like to chill in my room after a long day at school or work. I turn up the tunes and relax and maybe even take a nap with my cat.

If you have any ideas for this column e-mail me at thomasstahl@tds.net

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ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH IN ANTWERP SHOW CHRISTMAS HOSPITALITY



By: Sue Knapp

For about the last 20 years the ladies of the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Antwerp have been giving the ladies of the Antwerp Churches a Christmas present.

The first Tuesday of each December the St. Mary's ladies host a Christmas banquet. They provide everything—the community ladies just show up and are blessed with an evening of food, entertainment, fellowship and door prizes.

Nancy Woodring welcomed the ladies and after a blessing we ate a delicious meal. The entertainment this year was by vocalist Audrey Bissell from Antwerp. Audrey started her program by singing the Lord's Prayer and then went on to Christmas songs. She also sings at weddings, churches and other events. Audrey attends Ravenscroft Beauty College and works at Pit Stop.

Nancy then went back up to the microphone and advised us on Holiday Eating Tips. No carrot sticks and no

exercise is what I got out of it. Then a very moving poem about a deployed soldier at Christmas time was read.

Recognition of churches and drawing for the door prizes ended the program.

The Antwerp ladies look forward to this event every year and we all want to say a huge resounding "thank you St. Mary's ladies for all your work and your willingness to provide us with a night to get away and enjoy a much needed relaxing time during this holiday season."

remember the gift that was given for you when that baby was born of a Virgin and a carpenter. They held the greatest of treasures in their arms, God's son.

Yes, the Holiday season has become very commercialized, but remember there are people who rely on our buying of gifts and decorations in order to put food on their tables and to pay the expenses of high utility bills and fuel for their cars. We truly need each other, just as we need to be reminded of the birth of a baby born in Bethlehem and to accept him into our hearts as our Lord and Savior.

We give gifts to our loved ones. We enjoy seeing the excitement on their faces as they open their gifts.

We fill our homes with the aromas of fresh baked cookies, and candies and all of the trimmings of a delicious Christmas meal and go to parties, but nothing takes away from the wonderment of the birth of the Christ Child born in a manger, who grew to be the greatest preacher and then to go to the cross for you and for me.

Remember to keep Christ in your Christmas. Don't let yourself use the term Xmas. And when someone says Happy Holidays to you, answer back with a Very Merry Christmas. I can see God smiling a big smile over that one. Can't you????

—Eileen Kochensparger

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Family Tree or Christmas Tree??

Recently in a conversation, a friend of mine made the statement that she had heard of a business that was promoting the term "Family tree" and NOT "Christmas tree". Maybe some of you have also heard of this.

Thus far, I have not come up on anything that says this but it wouldn't surprise me in the least. Last year we heard where large stores were advertising and telling their clerks to use the term Happy Holidays and NOT Merry Christmas.

We live in the United States of America, which was built on the phrase "In God We Trust". But there are people who are doing their best to get this removed from our currency and any where else it might be written. Have you seen one of the \$1.00 coins that was recently put on the market? Look for the term "In God we Trust". You need a magnifying glass because it is printed around the edge. Now how sneaky is that!

We aren't allowed to pray in school anymore, we aren't suppose to have a Nativity Scene on any government lawn, the 10 Commandments have been banned from all government buildings and the list goes on. Oh, and let's not forget the newspapers who do not allow any reference to God in their articles. Thank you, West Bend News for being one that we can express our views as Christians.

And now someone is trying to do away with the term Christmas Tree. I went into my archives and found that the Christmas tree dates back to the 7th century. A monk was going around with a small fir tree, which was in a triangular shape, and was using it as an example for the Trinity—God the Father, God the Son and God The Holy Spirit. It became known as a God tree and was hung upside down. In 1535 Martin Luther began decorating a tree with lights to show the children how pretty it looked with the glow and glimmer.

If it was good enough for Martin Luther, it should be good enough for us.

Down through the years the Christmas tree has changed with the centuries, but the meaning is still there. It is put up in honor of the Christmas season and the birth of our Lord and Savior. If it weren't for the holidays between Thanksgiving and New Year's, there would be people in our world who would never experience what the birth of a baby born some 2,000 years ago means to the Christian believer. You heard it said that more people are in church on a Christmas Sunday than any other. Where are they the other 51 Sundays?

There is a children's story that tells of three trees. I think it should be a story of four trees. They were all standing in a forest with big dreams. One wanted to be a chest that held a great treasure, the second one wanted to be a fine boat to carry people across the waters, the third tree wanted to be the tallest tree and people would look up to him. I would like to add a fourth that would sparkle and shine and hold a star that would guide people.

The first tree became a feeding trough for the animals in the stall. He realized that he was holding the greatest of treasures, a beautiful baby boy. The second tree did become a boat but it was a small boat, crudely made and was used to carry men across a wild rolling sea. One of the men woke from his sleep and calmed the waters, the third tree was cut into two sections and was tied together to look like a cross and was put on a hill for all to look up at as a man hung from the cross arms. And I would like to think that the fourth tree actually got his wish and was the one chosen to display the star that led the shepherds and the wisemen to the place where the Christ child was born and who became the Savior of the world.

Although we know that the star was in the sky, how many of us today put a star on the tree top in honor of the star that shown so bright the night that Jesus was born and led the wisemen to the home of Mary and Joseph to warn them to flee to Egypt.

This Christmas season,

DOMERSVILLE ROAD INTERCHANGE TO OPEN: US 24 CONSTRUCTION SUCCESSFUL IN 2007

LIMA—A new interchange at Domersville Road which was constructed as part of the expansion of US 24 between Defiance and Napoleon opened to traffic on December 6, said Tim Burkepile, Ohio Department of Transportation District 1 deputy officer.

Work on the interchange began in April and was completed on schedule.

Also on December 6 traffic on US 24 was switched into the new westbound lanes between Defiance and Napoleon to allow work to begin on the reconstruction of the existing US 24 lanes which will become the new eastbound lanes of four-lane US 24. Traffic will be crossed over into the new lanes just east of the Domersville Road interchange and be redirected back to the existing lanes at the bypass around Napoleon, he said.

The posted speed limit through the work zone from Defiance to Napoleon will be 55 miles per hour.

In addition, the ramp from US 24 eastbound to US 6 westbound closed December 6 during the reconstruction of the eastbound lanes. The ramp will remain closed until next fall. Traffic will be detoured onto US 6/US 24 eastbound to Industrial Drive, and west to US 6 westbound. The ramp from US 6 eastbound to US 24 westbound, which has been closed since April, reopened on December 6.

Once traffic is switched into the new lanes, Adams Ridge Road, Egler Road and 17C will be permanently closed on both the north and south approaches to US 24. Carpenter Road on both the north and south approaches

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PAULDING EAGLES DONATE TO JOHN PAULDING HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Pictured presenting the check to John Paulding Historical Society President, Les Weidenhamer is Eagles member, Russ Rager.

Since 1976, the John Paulding Historical Society have made it their mission to provide a location where children, students and adults can learn about the past and the skills needed and methods employed to survive before modern times.

Due to popular demand, and through the vision and energy of volunteers who are willing to start new projects, the historical society board has decided to reproduce, in Barn No. 2, an old barn scene complete with milking stanchions, stalls and hay loft.

Recently, the Paulding Eagles Aerie 2405 donated

\$4,000 to fund the project.

The museum is in demand each and every year to host school field trips, senior citizen groups and alumni associations, to name a few, as well as to host the casual visitor. With the help of this donation along with volunteer labor, the project in Barn No. 2 will make visits to the site even more enjoyable and educational.

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"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": PAULDING SENIOR CENTER VISITS VANTAGE CAREER CENTER



Guests from the Paulding Senior Center are seated in the Business Information Technology lab at Vantage, eager to "surf the net".

Several guests from the Paulding Senior Center visited Vantage Career Center on November 29. "Be Our Guest" day began with a delicious lunch prepared and served in the Vantage Cup & Saucer Restaurant by the Food Careers class under the direction of Mrs. Robin Burns.

Each guest had a Student Ambassador "buddy" who ate lunch with them and took them to different labs throughout the afternoon. New Vantage superintendent, Ms. Staci Kaufman, addressed the group and thanked them for coming to see the school. Student Ambassador Jeremy Ewing, a senior from Van

Wert in the Precision Machining program, welcomed the guests and explained why he chose to come to Vantage. "I wanted a jumpstart on my career and I hope to become a Tool & Die maker," he said.

Everyone started the afternoon by going to the Business Information Technology lab, where Mrs. Linda McKitterick explained and demonstrated how the "SmartBoard" is used and how it replaced the traditional "blackboard" that was used for so long. Then they "surf the net" for a while and experimented with some of the technology that Vantage students use every day! Some guests proceeded



Paulding County Commissioner Ed Straley (center) and Dave Bakle (left) talk with senior Electricity instructor Mel White during their visit to the Vantage Electricity lab during "Be Our Guest" day.



Gladys Utterback (left) and her granddaughter, Tricia Utterback (center) along with Ann May (right) join in the fun with the Vantage preschoolers in the Early Childhood Education lab. Tricia is a senior at Vantage in the Business Information Technology program.

to Mr. Lee's Military History class, while others visited the Cosmetology lab and Early Childhood Education lab and preschool. Later on, several guests saw demonstrations in Electricity, Industrial Mechanics and Ag Diesel Mechanics.

Those visiting Vantage were Ed Straley, Jo Reyes, Hazel Hamrick, Bob Simpson, Ann May, Norma Jacobs, Tom Clark, Mary Carder, Dave Bakle, and Gladys Utterback.

It was a treat to host these special guests!

PAULDING VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Paulding Village Council met in Regular Session on November 19, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. Mayor Greg White called the meeting to order.

Finance Director Tope called roll call with the following members present: Randy Daeger, Roger Sierer, Ronnie Breedlove, Sam Jeffery, and Kim Sutton. Administrator Wiebe and Solicitor Jones were also present. Councilwoman Barb Rife was absent.

Daeger motioned to approve the minutes of the November 5th meeting, seconded by Breedlove. Vote: all yea.

Resolution 1209-07 re: Authorizing the Purchase of Supplies for the Year 2008, was read for the first time.

Resolution 1210-07 re: A Resolution Estimating Active, Inactive and Interim Deposits to be Awarded, and Declaring an Emergency, was read for the first time. Tope informed Council that similar legislation (Resolution 1207-07) had been passed in October, but because no bids were submitted the depository must be rebid. Jeffery motioned to suspend the rules and declare an emergency for the legislation, seconded by Daeger. Vote: all yea. Sierer motioned to approve to the legislation, seconded by Breedlove. Vote: all yea.

Ordinance 1368-07 re: An Ordinance Amending and Increasing Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the Village of Paulding, Ohio, during the

Year Ending December 31, 2007, was read for the second time.

Ordinance 1369-07 re: An Ordinance Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the Village of Paulding, State of Ohio, during the Year Ending December 31, 2008, was read for the second time.

Resolution 1208-07 re: A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor of the Village of Paulding to Enter into a Cooperative Fishing Agreement with the State of Ohio, was read for the second time.

Jeffery presented the Utility Committee's November 13th minutes. Solicitor Jones requested the minutes be amended to reflect Mike Winners' and Marvin Gnagy's presence. The Committee discussed the possibility of providing water to several outlying entities in the future, along with recommending "Scheme-F" be approved as the new water plant's floor plan. Jeffery also noted the Committee has opted to hire one contractor to perform the pilot study. The study is scheduled to begin sometime within the first or second week of December. Construction of the new plant will begin in August 2008.

Mike Winners, Water Plant Superintendent, was present to discuss the Utility Committee's recommended floor plan for the new water plant ("Scheme-F"). He noted that URS Corporation had consulted with the Village's water plant employees regarding the most efficient layout for the plant. Winners relayed the "Main

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Office” of the new plant will be located in the current location of the Administration and Filtration Building. The Chemical Building, the only existing structure that will be retained, will be converted into a Maintenance Shop. Winners requested Council’s approval of “Scheme-F” so the engineers may proceed to drafting the actual rendering of the building. He noted he will also consult with the engineers about the possibility of erecting an angled wall in the northeast corner of the building (the current floor plan has this area cut out to accommodate a clear line of sight along the driveway) to capture additional space for the water plant. Daeger motioned to approve the Utility Committee’s report, seconded by Sierer. Vote: all yea.

Daeger presented the November 12th minutes of the Recreation Committee and Park Board. The following items were discussed:

Elaine Sierer proposed purchasing new umbrellas for the Water Park. The quotes she provided seemed high; therefore, it was decided to receive quotes from other suppliers.

Ronnie Breedlove was present representing the Buildings & Grounds Committee. He requested the Committee approve expending \$5,500 from the Parks Capital Improvement Fund (#507) to pay for the installation of a parking lot at the Paulding Ponds (old Stokley ponds). This request was tabled until the next meeting.

Members of the Paulding Ball Association were present to discuss the new baseball complex. It was decided that the Ball Association look for grant writers and make contacts with property owners for the purchase of land to build the fields.

Wiebe presented Council with a copy of Poggemeyer Design Group’s letter recommending the Flat Rock Drive & Garfield Avenue Waterline Replacement be awarded to Chuck Samples. Jeffery motioned to award the Flat Rock Drive & Garfield Avenue Waterline Replacement project to Chuck Samples in the amount of \$119,646.65 contingent upon receiving and executing the Ohio Public Works Commission Grant

Agreement and Request to Proceed, seconded by Daeger. Vote: all yea.

Wiebe informed Council he had contacted the Paulding County Economic Development office regarding their request for the Village to receive and maintain monies generated from its Enterprise Zone Compensation Agreements. The Economic Development Office reported the monies, approximately \$8,842, may be used to fund infrastructure projects such as water, sewer, or streets. Tope noted she will contact the Auditor of State’s office for their recommendation.

Breedlove inquired if the broken windows in the mausoleum have been temporarily repaired. Wiebe noted the Utility Department has been extremely busy lately and have not gotten to them yet.

Daeger motioned for Council to move into Executive Session for legal matters, seconded by Breedlove. Vote: all yea. Council returned to Regular Session.

Sutton motioned to approve Solicitor Jones send a letter to Poggemeyer Design Group to notify Maguire Iron that the Village intends to collect for liquidated damages, seconded by Daeger. Vote: all yea.

The following Committee meetings were scheduled: Recreation Committee & Parks Board - Monday, November 26th at 4:30 p.m.

Finance Committee - Tuesday, November 28th at 5:30 p.m.

Daeger motioned to pay the bills, seconded by Sutton. Vote: all yea.

Daeger motioned to adjourn, seconded by Breedlove. Vote: all yea.

PAULDING JR. PANTHERS LOSE TO THE RAMS

Tinora took two from the Paulding Jr. Panthers on December 5 at Paulding.

The Rams took advantage of their size and quickness to dominate the 7th grade Panthers, 33-25. Paulding was led by Neal Roehrig with 13 points and 7 rebounds; also Vince Reinhart had 4 points and 4 rebounds. Their record now stands at 1-2.

In the second contest, the Rams took advantage of too many Paulding turnovers in defeating the Panthers 31-27

in a close battle. Paulding was led by Kyle Mohr with 10 points and 8 rebounds. Zach Gawronski chipped in with 7 points and Eric Adams with 4 points. Their record is now 0-3.

JR. RAIDERS COURT AYERSVILLE JR. PILOTS

On December 6, the Wayne Trace Jr. Raiders and the Ayersville Jr. Pilots faced off in JH boys basketball.

In 7th grade: Final score was WT 48, Ayersville 9.

Leading for the Jr. Raiders were Wannemacher 11, Gudakunst 6, McClain 5, Langmeyer 4, D. Sinn 4, Myers 4, Moore 4, Mead 2, Childs 2, Hermiller 2, Eklund 1.

For the Pilots leading was Flory with 8 points.

The 7th grade Jr. Raiders record is 3-0.

In 8th grade: final score was WT 35, Ayersville 41.

Leading for Wayne Trace was Olwin 16, Bickford 9, Klopfenstein 3, Hibbard 2, Speice 2, McClain 1.

Ayersville leading scorer: Florence 13.

8th grade record now stands at 0-3.

ROLE PLAYING GAME GROUP FORMING

HICKSVILLE—The Johnson Memorial Library will be forming a monthly Role Playing Game Group on Friday, December 14 at 3:30 p.m.

The Role Playing Game Group is free and is open to teens and young adults, who are interested in a monthly role playing game day. At this Friday’s formation meeting, the group will discuss the interests of its members to help select the right role playing game for the group.

The group is tentatively scheduled to the second Friday of every month at 3:30 p.m. The final scheduling will depend upon the availability of its members. The group will be facilitated by Youth Services’ Librarian Dustin Harris.

For more information on the monthly Role Playing Game Group, please call the Johnson Memorial Library at 419-542-6200.

PAULDING COUNTY HIGH SCHOOLS WORK THE COURT IN ANOTHER WEEK OF BASKETBALL

The Lady Panthers played host to the Wayne Trace Lady Raiders on Tuesday, December 4. Raider reigned victorious throughout the game with a final score coming to 68-57.

The Paulding Panthers fought against the Hicksville Aces on Friday night, December 7. The games were a hard fight for the Panthers—both the JV and the Varsity.

Both teams worked to secure the game, but it ended up the clock controlling the game. The Panthers looked to have the game wrapped up in the last minute, but it was quite a last minute. I don’t believe that I have seen this close of a game this year yet. The score ended up as 54-56 with the Aces winning. The Paulding team did the best I have seen yet this year. They really worked as a team!

The JV game was also very close. The final score was 35-38 with the Aces pulling out the victory.

At Lincolnview High School on Friday, December 7, the Raiders crossed paths with the Lancers.

The final score came down in overtime at Wayne Trace 78, Lincolnview 70 (OT)

Wayne Trace is now 4-0, Lincolnview falls to 1-3

Leading Players:

WT - Riley Linder 22 points, 8 rebounds; Aaron Hockenberry 16 points, 8 assists; Ryan Davis 12 points

Lincolnview - Kaleb Baucum 17 points, 16 rebounds, Corey Wolters 14 points, Kyle Thatcher 12 points, Ryan Frey 10 points, 10 rebounds

On Saturday, December 8, the Antwerp Archers traveled to Pirate country. The Archers speared victories over the Continental Pirates in both JV and Varsity action.

Archer JV record now stands at 1-3. The JV final score was 30-17.

Leading scorers for JV - Issac Yenser 3, Bryson North 2, Travis Woodard 7, John Rindahl 4, Beau Kobbie 2, Justin Johnson 4, Hayden Krick 6, Jordan Koppenhofer 2

The Archer Varsity record now stands at 3-1. The final score for Varsity play was 56-30.

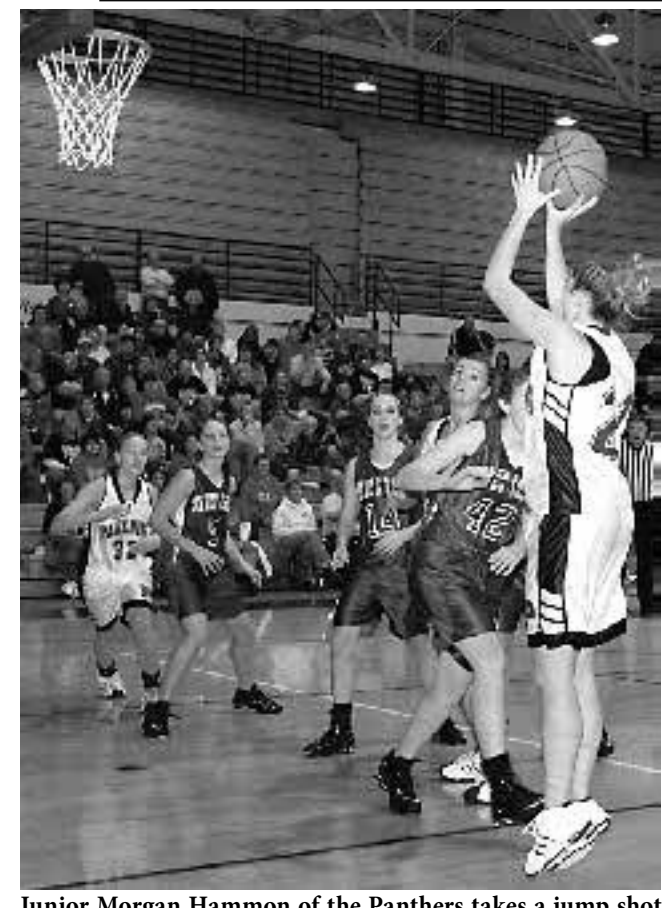
Leading scorers for Varsity - Boston Hormann 14, Bob Bragg 10, TJ Short 7, Tim Ryan 9, Anthony Smith 1, Adam Taylor 4, Nate Ganger 4, Jared Delong 5, John Rindahl 2

PAULDING JR PANTHERS HOSTS CRESTVIEW ON DECEMBER 3RD

The 7th grade Panthers played hard but came up a little short losing to the Crestview Jr. Knights 38-24. Neal Roehrig led the Panthers with 10 points and 6 rebounds and Steven Strayer chipped in with 6 points.

Their record now stands at 1-1.

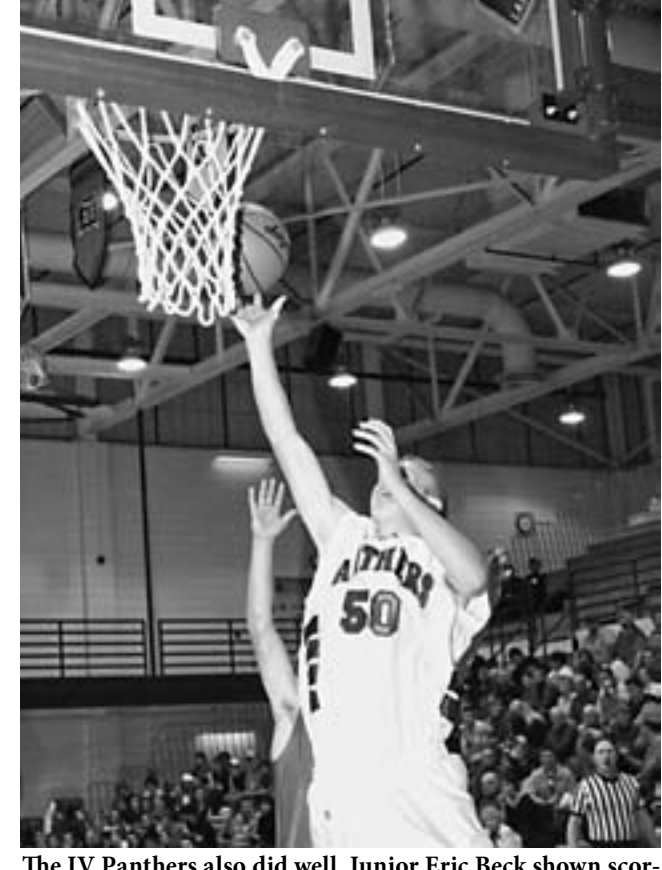
In the nightcap, the Paulding 8th graders were defeated by a score of 42-29. The Panthers could not overcome a cold night from the field. They were led by Jason Koenn 7 points, Kyle Mohr 7 points and Zack Gawronski also bucketed 7 points. Their record now stands at 0-2.



Junior Morgan Hammon of the Panthers takes a jump shot against the Raiders Tuesday night. More pics at www.westbendnews.net



The Panthers put up a good game against the Hicksville Aces. They barely lost in the final seconds. Senior Jacob Pearl shown here scoring against the Aces. More pics at www.westbendnews.net



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BOARD RECOGNIZES LONG-TIME MEMBERS



Vantage Superintendent Staci Kaufman (left), stands with long time board members Don Arend from Paulding Exempted Village Schools, Sally Snyder from Lincolnview Local Schools, and Karen Donaldson from Continental Local Schools as they were honored for their years of service on the Vantage board.

Three long-term members of the Vantage Board of Education were recognized for their many years of service at the holiday dinner following the regular Vantage Career Center board of education meeting on Thursday, December 6, 2007. Don Arend, Paulding Exempted Village Schools board representative has served on the Vantage board for 16 years, the last four as President. Lincolnview's representative, Sally Snyder, has 9 years of service on the Vantage board and currently is Vice-President. Karen Donaldson representing Continental, has served on the Vantage board for 8 years.

The treasurer's report included the approval of the November 1, 2007 regular board meeting minutes and the financial statements for the month of October, 2007.

Kaufman provided a progress report on the OSFC needs assessment. She also indicated that board members from Continental, Paulding, Ottoville, Van Wert, Ft. Jennings and Lincolnview will be starting new two year terms. She discussed the appointment of President Pro-Tem for the January organizational meeting and information regarding the OSBA legal assistance fund. Director Bob Vennekotter recognized the 10 students who attained Blue Chipper status for the first grading period. He announced that 25 students will be inducted into the National Technical Honor Society on December 11. He also reported on the landscaping project in the front of the school and the WLIO-TV35 news story about the Building & Grounds renovation project. Principal Keith Rydell reported on successful parent/teacher conferences

in late November, the English department's pilot on-line classroom management program, Moodle, the Student Ambassadors "Be Our Guest Day" and the upcoming DARE presentation on December 13. Adult Director Jim Grant reported on the Fire and EMT Advisory Committee meeting and changes at the state level. He provided an update on the Paulding One-Stop and informed the board that the state veterans approved our current veteran programs and that four additional programs were submitted for review, which would bring the overall veteran approved programs to eleven.

In new business, the board:

—Approved employment of Cindy Klinger, Cafeteria Cook; Jonathon Pickett, Science Instructor effective 12-1-07;

—Approved supplemental contracts as needed, as scheduled for Penny Baucom, cafeteria special events;

—Offered the following extended days for the 2007-2008 school year: Jerry Robinson, 3 ½ days for the 07-08 Carpentry House project;

—Adult Education instructors, as needed, as scheduled: Sue Castle, Paulding Youth Program, Janelle Dull, Health Careers, James Haggerty and Kevin Taylor, Police Academy, Andrew Berelsman and Brian Stahl, Fire Protection.

—Approved a resolution to hire youth as needed for the Paulding County Youth Employment program at the state minimum hourly rate for the 2007-2008 school year;

—Approved a resolution to appoint Brian Laudick as President Pro-Tem for the January, 2008 Organizational

Meeting; —Accepted the resignation of Tony Francis, Science instructor, effective November 30, 2007;

—Approve submission of equipment list to the Rothacker/Lampe bequest handled by the Van Wert County Foundation;

—Approve new job descriptions for ABLE Instructor and ABLE Coordinator/Director;

—Adopted a Public Records mission statement;

—Approved the contract with NOACSC for our internet access service agreement effective July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009;

—Entered into a contractual agreement with Transworld Systems, Inc. for the purpose of debt collection;

—Approved a resolution to join the OSBA Legal Assistance Fund for calendar year 2008;

—Approved NEOLA new, revised and replacement policies as submitted at the November meeting.

The next regular board meeting will be held on Thursday, January 3, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Vantage Cup and Saucer restaurant following the Tax Budget Hearing and the Organizational Meeting.

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will be permitted to turn right only until next spring when work on an overhead which will carry Carpenter Road over US 24 begins, said Burkepile.

In Paulding County where US 24 is undergoing expansion and relocation, Krouse Road between Kiser Road and US 24 is now closed during daytime hours only for approximately one month to allow for bridge construction. Only local and emergency traffic is permitted on Krouse Road. Work will take place on days when weather permits. On those days when work is not able to occur the road will be fully open to traffic.

The expansion and relocation of US 24 is under way throughout Paulding and Defiance counties. A section between Ohio 424 and Ohio 15 began in April of 2006 and is on schedule to be completed in fall 2008. Two additional sections are under construction between the Indiana line and US 127 in Paulding County, and from US 127 to Ohio 424 in Paulding and Defiance counties. Construction on these sections began in 2007 and will continue until 2009.

"It's been a great year for construction," said Bruce Merry, Ohio Department of Transportation District 1 construction engineer. Merry estimates construction on US 24 from Ohio 424 to Ohio 15 and from Defiance to Napoleon to be approximately 65 percent completed. The western sections from the Indiana line to Ohio 424 are approximately 30 percent completed.

"We accomplished what we intended to this year," said Merry. Work on bridge structures and drainage will continue over the winter on all sections of the US 24 project with little or no effect on traffic, he said.

For information on additional lane and road closures caused by construction, accidents, flooding or other related traffic events visit buckeyetraffic.org

WORKING TO KEEP OHIO STUDENTS, FACULTY SAFE IN THE CLASSROOM

Capitol Letters Weekly Column by: Senator Steve Buehrer

We find it hard to forget the tragic images that came out of Blacksburg, Virginia this past April, when 32 students and faculty on the campus of Virginia Tech were gunned down by a crazed, emotionally-disturbed student weeks before classes let out for the summer. Sadly, this incident was just one of several shootings at schools across the country in recent years, including a shocking incident at a Cleveland academy just last month, when a student wounded two teachers and two classmates before turning the gun on himself. These are events that will be etched in the hearts and minds of those who live in these communities and who knew the victims. These tragedies should also serve as an important reminder to us all that in a day and age when our students face dangers far greater than the penalty for failing a test or the occasional playground fight, efforts to beef-up security in our schools and on our college campuses should be a top priority.

While improving safety in Ohio's schools will take a collective effort among parents, teachers, students, coaches, administrators and many more, state government leaders have begun to take positive steps to provide a more secure, welcoming educational environment for our children. For instance, in the days following the shootings at Virginia Tech, the Governor commissioned dozens of state leaders, college and university representatives, law enforcement, mental health advocates and public safety and communication experts to review the state of campus safety and security in Ohio and make recommendations as to how it can be improved. In September, a bill was introduced in the Senate that seeks to implement a few of the group's key proposals.

Senate Bill 222 would require that a representative from the Ohio Campus Law Enforcement Association, a non profit group dedicated to improving law enforcement efforts on Ohio's college campuses, be a member of the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission. The Peace Officer Training Commission, which was created by the General Assembly in 1965, is housed in the Ohio Attorney General's Office and provides oversight of law enforcement training across the state. In addition, the Peace Officer Training Academy would be asked to develop specific training for higher education settings.

Establishing a trained, organized law enforcement effort is vital to combating security threats on Ohio's campuses. However, as we saw at Virginia Tech and other school shootings over the past decade, those people who commit these terrible acts are often emotionally-troubled, and, in many cases, show warning signs of future violent behavior. In an effort to identify these warning signs, help troubled students and encourage people to report potential threats before a tragedy occurs, SB 222 also would grant immunity to employees of the university acting in good faith to report risks to campus safety.

Protecting our kids from violence at school is paramount, therefore, we cannot take any risk to student safety lightly. Unfortunately, Ohio's schools are the target of hundreds of false bomb scares and other threats every year, undermining security efforts, costing local governments thousands of dollars on law enforcement and other resources to respond to these warnings and disrupting valuable classroom hours. In fact, during the 2005-2006 academic year, there were 158 school districts that reported more than 400 incidents of phony threats to the safety of students, teachers and administrators, according to the Educational Management

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Looking to deter those who brazenly target our students with false threats, the Senate recently passed House Bill 142, which would increase the punishment for inducing panic in Ohio's schools to a second degree felony. Importantly, the law applies to all levels of Ohio's educational system, including threats to our colleges and universities.

School should be a safe, positive, comfortable experience for every student. Ohio's schools have a lot to offer, and for the most part, have proven to be a safe place for our kids. However, in the wake of some horrible tragedies in our nation's schools,

it would be foolish not to act now to strengthen security at all levels of Ohio's education system. State government has taken some positive steps to reach this goal, and going forward, we must all chip in to ensure Ohio students walking into their classroom are not worried about their safety, but furthering their education.

I encourage all residents of the 1st Senate District to contact me with any questions, thoughts or concerns, or if you need assistance working with a state government agency. You can write me, Senator Steve Buehrer, Ohio Senate, Statehouse, Columbus, Ohio, 43215, or contact me by phone at (614) 466-8150. In addition, I can be reached by e-mail at SD01@mailr.sen.state.oh.us.

Holiday Decorating Ideas

Tips On Caring For Your Holiday Poinsettias

(NAPSA)—If there is one flower that's recognized as a sign of the holidays, it's the poinsettia. In addition to their role as traditional Christmas decorations, poinsettias can serve as tokens of goodwill, friendship and joy during the season and beyond. More than 50 million Americans will purchase a poinsettia plant this holiday season.

While 75 percent of consumers are said to prefer the familiar red version, there are currently more than 100 varieties available. White, pink, yellow and even variegated poinsettias are gradually gaining popularity.

Named after Joel Poinsett, who introduced this indigenous Mexican plant to the United States during the 1800s while he served as the nation's U.S. ambassador, poinsettias have become America's best-selling potted plant. More than 85 percent of all potted plants sold annually are poinsettias.

Here are some care and handling tips for your own holiday classic from the floral experts at 1-800-FLOWERS.COM:

• When purchasing your plant, select a poinsettia with dark green foliage, strong, stiff stems and completely colored flowers. Make sure your plant has no fallen or yellow leaves and that it is fully balanced and attractive from all sides.

• Poinsettias thrive on bright, sunny natural daylight. Place your plant in indirect sunlight for at least six hours per day. Keep



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your room temperature between 68 and 70 degrees. Do not place your plant near drafts, heating vents, or appliances.

• Water the plant when the soil surface feels dry to a light touch. It's very important not to allow your plant to sit in standing water.

• It is not necessary to fertilize your poinsettias when they are in bloom. However, after the holidays, a balanced, all-purpose household plant fertilizer will help maintain the rich, green foliage color and promote new growth.

• Do not place your poinsettia outside, as the plant is sensitive to chilling temperatures.

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Christmas Flowers

Flowers Add Cheer And Flair To Holidays

(NAPSA)—You can make your holiday spirits bloom by decking your home with flowers—especially if you feel a little low in the morning hours.

Participants in a Harvard study confirmed they feel least positive in the early hours but reported being happier and more energetic after looking at flowers first thing in the morning.

"The morning blahs, it turns out, is a real phenomenon," says lead researcher Nancy Etcoff, Ph.D. "Interestingly, when we placed a small bouquet of flowers into their morning routine, people perked up."

Festive Flowers

According to Jill Slater, designer for flowerpossibilities.com, adding flowers all around the home this season is simple. She offers the following festive flower recipe and suggests placing flowers in the kitchen and other areas of the home where they can be enjoyed by everyone first thing in the morning and throughout the day.

Ornamental Overture

Ball ornaments fill a bowl of greenery, pinecones and berries. Fill some of the ornaments with flowers, too!

Materials

- 1 shallow bowl, 10 inches in diameter
- 10 to 15 round Christmas balls of varying sizes and color
- 3 to 4 Rubrum lilies, or substitute with white Casa Blanca or pink lilies
- 5 to 7 stems of Christmas greens (if necessary, cut them from the back of the tree)



Ornaments added to festive, seasonal flowers can add holiday cheer to any room in the house.

- 3 to 5 pinecones and/or 3 to 5 sprigs of holly
- Bubble gum, Play-Doh or floral clay
- Flower food/preservative
- Floral clippers

Directions

1. Fill the bowl with ornaments.
2. Slip greens, pines and/or holly between the ornaments.
3. Remove the cap from 3 to 4 of the ornaments that are on top and dispersed throughout the bowl and fill them with water that has been treated with flower food/preservative.
4. Cut the stems of the lilies very short and insert them into the ornaments.
5. Use gum, Play-Doh or floral clay to secure floral ornaments in the arrangement.

For more information and suggestions, visit www.flowerpossibilities.com.

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Cabbage Patch, Junction; Payne Automotive, Payne; Morningstar, Melrose; Charloe Store, Charloe; Grover Hill Hardware, Grover Hill, Ace Hardware, Paulding; Antwerp Hardware, Antwerp; County Auditor's Office, Court House

2008 dog tags are on sale at the above places through Jan. 31, 2008 without penalty. All dogs three months old or older are required to have a license, (State Law Sec. 955.01)

A fifteen dollar (\$15.00) penalty will be added for each license issued after January 31, 2008.

To avoid penalty, save time and gas, clip and mail this application blank with \$15.00 for each dog license fee plus a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Paulding County Auditor's Office, Court House, 115 North Williams St., Paulding, OH 45879

License fee for each dog - \$15.00;
Kennel License \$75.00

Owner _____
Address _____
Phone Number _____
Yrs. _____ Mos. _____ Sex _____
Color _____ Hair _____ Breed _____
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