

## WELCOME WOODBURN



Woodburn Police Chief, Kyle Carpenter; Mayor, Richard Hoepfner; Fire Chief, Dennis Wiesehan

By: Sue Knapp

This marks the first week that The West Bend News has come to Woodburn. This also means that Steve and I will have ties in Woodburn once again.

Steve and his mom lived in Woodburn while he attended high school. They lived across the driveway from where Woodburn Diamond Die stood. The house has since been torn down and the die shop has a new location.

My family moved outside of Woodburn when I was a senior in high school. Since there was only about three months of school left, my parents transported me to North Side everyday where I graduated.

My mom and Steve's mom both worked at the Diamond Die and decided that Steve and I should get together. I thought he was a nerd and I was definitely a snob. As things progressed we did get married, and after 40 years, four children and 16 grandchildren, here we are back again through the newspaper.

Woodburn, like all of us, has changed in the last 40

years. Norm's was the name of the supermarket, owned by the Brenneke's, back then. We would get our hair cut at Straley's Barber Shop and Hair Salon which was in a big building where the retirement homes are now. There was a bakery behind the building. Fuelling's Drug Store was on the corner of Bull Rapids Rd. and Main Street. The Dairy Sweet, we knew very well, we ate a lot of Big Chief's with Cheese (it has since been bought and is now Woodburn's Corner Cafe—to be opened soon). Ft. Wayne National was the bank and Rack and Helen's was a good place to eat. Where Select Auto stood was a trucking company with offices across the street, I think, where Woodburn Outdoor Power now stands. It was these things I remember most, I know there have been many more changes.

We, at West Bend News, are excited to be able to work with Woodburn. Remember, if you have events or anything going on, we'll cover it, you just have to let us know.

Woodburn is safe in the hands of Richard Hoepfner,

## 2008 PAULDING COUNTY AGRONOMY DAY

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Agent

Managing insects, evaluating the economic impact for corn and soybean fungicides, and meeting the challenges of high soil fertility costs are the main topics to be featured during the Paulding County Agronomy Day program to be held on Thursday January 10 in the Paulding County Extension Center. The program will begin at 8:30 a.m. with registration and finish around 3:00 p.m.

The program will open with updates from the Paulding Farm Service Agency, the Paulding Soil and Water District Office and the Natural Resource Conservation Service. Next, the program will look at Farm Focus research on fungicide treatments for corn and soybeans by Farm Focus program manager Gary Prill. Bruce Eisley, OSU Extension entomologist, will follow with a review of insect problems from 2007 and what to expect for 2008. Just before lunch, we will look at the economic impact of disease management and the use of foliar fungicides on corn and soybeans by the Ohio Agricultural Research and

Development Center plant pathologist Dennis Mills. After lunch, Robert Mullen, the Ohio State University Extension soil fertility specialist, will discuss the challenges of high fertilizer prices.

Continuing educational credits are available for private and commercial pesticide applicators and certified crop advisors. For private and commercial pesticide applicators, 2.0 hours credit in agronomic crops and ½ hour credit in core will be available. For certified crop advisors, 1.0 hour credit in nutrient management and 2.5 hours credit in pest management are available.

For more information on this program or to register, contact the Paulding County Extension office at 419.399.8225 or by e-mail at lopshire.1@osu.edu. More detailed information on this and other winter agricultural programs is included in our winter newsletter. So mark your calendars for the Thursday January 10 and we will be looking forward to having you as our guest at the 2008 Paulding County Agronomy Day program.

2<sup>nd</sup> term as Mayor, Fire Chief Dennis Weisehan, and Police Chief, Kyle Carpenter.

Mr. Hoepfner is very excited for the US 24 project. He is looking forward to and working hard to take advantages of the clover leaves that will be built on SR 101 and US 24, and Webster Rd. and US 24 and use them for the benefit of Woodburn. Some of his goals are to incorporate a Chamber of Commerce and rejuvenate the downtown area. He also works closely with the police and fire departments to help things run smoothly.

Dennis Wiesehan, Fire Chief, heads the volunteer fire department. He reports that the EMS Department has about 30 members and 10 who are medics.

Police Chief, Kyle Carpenter and part-time officer, Brad Parker, keeps on top of things to keep the city safe. They work close with the county Sheriff and the State Police who fill in when P.C. Carpenter and officer Parker are off duty.

These men care about Woodburn, it's future and keeping it a safe and thriving community to live in.

## EXCITING CHANGES AT THE PAULDING COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE

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By: Lou Ann Wannemacher, Paulding County Treasurer

New and exciting changes are being made at the Paulding County Treasurer's Office. Over the past few months, County Treasurer, Lou Ann Wannemacher, along with the county Auditor have chosen to update the Tax and CAMA computer software. Along with the updates, comes exciting changes to your tax bill.

Wannemacher made the decision to have the tax bills printed through a printing company, SmartBill LTD. "I have completed a cost analysis, and through SmartBill, we are able to have our tax bills printed, stuffed and mailed for less than 41 cents" she said. "Along with change, comes learning curves, my staff has been working very

diligently on mailing addresses, so if you receive more than one envelope, we are asking that you give us a call or make a notation on your tax bill when you send in your payment, and we will get the changes made."

Your tax bill will contain the same information that you have received in the past, but will look very different. The bills are on a full 8½ by 11 size sheet of paper in which you will tear off the bottom portion and return with your payment.

Along with this article is the layout of what the new tax bill will look like. In the distribution area - answers the question "Where do my tax dollars go?" - It will show a breakout as far as Schools, County funds and Township/Villages.

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**VILLAGE OF PAULDING  
TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES  
- DECEMBER 3, 2007**

Paulding Village Council met in Regular Session on December 3, 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, Barb Rife, Sam Jeffery, and Kim Sutton. Administrator Wiebe and Solicitor Jones were also present.

Rife motioned to approve the minutes of the November 19th meeting, seconded by Breedlove. Vote: all yea. Resolution 1209-07 re: Authorizing the Purchase of Supplies for the Year 2008, was read for the second time.

Mayor White noted the third readings of 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, and Ordinance 1369-07 re: An Ordinance for Permanent Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the Village of Paulding, State of Ohio, during the Year Ending December 31, 2008, were held until the December 17th meeting.

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 third time. Sutton motioned to approve the legislation, seconded by Daeger. Vote: all yea.

Daeger presented the minutes of the Recreation Committee and Parks Board meeting that was held on November 26. Members of the Paulding Ball Association were present to discuss the proposed Ball Complex. Highlights from their minutes include:

The Ball Association presented an update on ten possible locations for the 30-acre complex. The locations will be prioritized for appraisals when needed.

Dennis Miller, Maumee Valley Planning, and Tony Hoeffel, Hoeffel Engineering, were present to discuss the complex and potential grants.

Travis McGarvey will prepare an ad to be published requesting engineering R.F.Q.'s (Request for Qualifications) for this project.

Mayor White relayed Mayor's Court collected \$2,921 for the month of November. He also reminded the public to use extra caution when driving on winter roadways.

Wiebe informed Council a pre-construction meeting has been scheduled with the contractor of the Garfield Avenue & Flat Rock Drive Waterline Replacement project for Tuesday, December 11th at 10:00 a.m.

Wiebe requested Council approve the Administrator's Agenda. The agenda requested approval to continue to appropriate to the Fund level, and to authorize a computer software and hardware upgrade be paid solely from the

Miscellaneous Operations account within the General Fund. Jeffery motioned to approve the Administrator's Agenda, seconded by Breedlove. Vote: all yea.

Solicitor Jones noted he sent a letter to Rick Weaver of Poggemeyer Design Group regarding the Village's request to collect liquidated damages from Maguire Iron for the Elevated Tank project in the amount of \$48,499.29. Rick Weaver informed the Solicitor that he has forwarded the request to Maguire Iron, but has not heard anything back from them.

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

The following Committee meetings were scheduled: Salary & Allowance Board - Monday, December 10 at 5:00 p.m.

Finance Committee - Tuesday, December 11 at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

**PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND DISMISSALS**

*Admissions:*  
12/22 - Donna Miller, Latty

*Dismissals:*  
12/17 - Debra Stallbaum, Paulding; Francis Fulk, Antwerp; Hobart Kuhn, Payne

12/18 - Joyce Miller, Antwerp

**GMC QUIZ LEAGUE SCHEDULE 2007-2008**

January 3 - Edgerton at Holgate; Ayersville at Hicksville; Fairview at Antwerp; Wayne Trace at Tinora

January 10 - Holgate at Hicksville; Fairview at Edgerton; Antwerp at Wayne Trace; Tinora at Ayersville

January 17 - Holgate at Fairview; Hicksville at Tinora; Wayne Trace at Edgerton; Ayersville at Antwerp

January 24 - Tinora at Holgate; Fairview at Wayne Trace; Antwerp at Hicksville; Edgerton at Ayersville

January 31 - Holgate at Wayne Trace; Tinora at Antwerp; Ayersville at Fairview; Hicksville at Edgerton

February 7 - Antwerp at Holgate; Wayne Trace at Ayersville; Edgerton at Tinora; Fairview at Hicksville

GMC Scholastic Bowl - Friday, March 7, 2008, Northwest State Community College, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**COMMUNITY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL RECEIVE FUNDING TO IMPLEMENT SAFETY INITIATIVES**

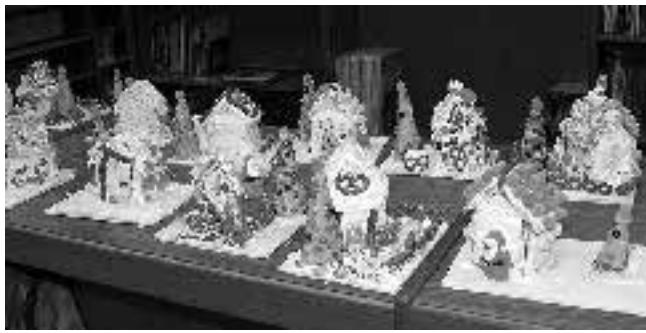
Hicksville, OH—Community Memorial Hospital received a \$15,000 grant from the Cardinal Health Foundation for the Institute for Healthcare Improvement's (IHI) 5 Million Lives Patient Safety Initiatives. The grant will be used to identify and implement process designed to keep our patients safe. Initiatives include a Rapid Response Team, Lift Team, prevent MRSA by implementing scientifically proven infection control practices, reduce harm from high-alert medications, reduce surgical complications prevent pressure ulcers and more.

"The Cardinal Health Foundation has once again made a wonderful contribution to American hospitals in their efforts to improve the quality and safety of the health care they provide," said Joe McCammon, Vice President and 5 million Lives campaign manager at the IHI. "This funding gives crucial energy and confidence to a new group of public and rural facilities, engaging them more deeply in their urgent work to reduce injury and connecting them to a vibrant network of hundreds - even thousands-of peer facilities across the nation."

"We believe it is vitally important to support health care initiatives and innovation aimed at improving patient safety and quality of care," said Jim Mazzola, vice president of Cardinal Health and the Cardinal Health Foundation. "The 5 Million Lives Campaign is an exemplary program with the noble mission of saving patient lives. We are proud to be one of its leading sponsors."

The goal of the 5 million lives campaign is aimed at protecting 5 million patients from incidents of medical harm over two years (December 2006 - December 2008). "Community Memorial Hospital is excited to be awarded this grant to assist us in our commitment to keep our patients safe while they are in our care" Jane Zachrich, Chief Nursing Officer.

**A "SWEET" SCHOOL PROJECT**



By: Sue Knapp

The first graders at Woodburn Elementary School had a Christmas Project this year. First the teachers read a gingerbread story to the children. Then they visited the Gingerbread Festival in Ft. Wayne, came back to school and designed their own gingerbread houses.

The parents brought the candy in and the teachers provided the icing. The teachers, Mrs. Pat Boicey and Mrs. Linda Moore, are very proud of the accomplishments made by the students on their gingerbread houses which were displayed in the school library.

**CHRISTMAS ... IT LINGERS**

By: Angel Steiner

They wait ever so quietly with baited breath. As they squirm uncontrollably on the sofa, their excitement is about to overflow. A giggle escapes followed by a hurried "Shh!" from a sibling.

There is nothing quite like Christmas morning. Just the feel of the air—warm and sweet (from the candy, cookies, and fruit bread aromas hovering). The groggy eyes of the adults as they feign vibrant enthusiasm when all they really want is to go back to bed.

As I sit here in a rocking chair by the fire, my heart feels like the Grinch's on that Christmas morning when "his heart grew three sizes." My chest is too full—my heart is complete.

The tinkling of children's laughter engulf my ears, the sparkle of holiday lights bring tears, the pungency of the evergreens tickle my

nostrils, and the warm coziness of the fireplace wraps around me like my favorite blanket.

Over 2,000 years ago the idea for this holiday first came into being. A little baby born in such awesome circumstances changed the course of traditions for all time. How much we owe Him, how undeserving we are of all we have. Yet He gave to us freely and unselfishly so we all—young and old—can have this innocent giddiness at the holidays.

Now, the money is spent, the presents unwrapped, the anticipation gone... yet that feeling in my chest remains. Christmas... it lingers.

Keep the news coming. News is always free. Let your friends, neighbors and community know what's going on!

Missing pictures? We have a stack of pictures here at West Bend News from previous publications.

**Paulding County Hospital  
Specialty Clinic Spotlight**

**Sleep Clinic**

**Dr. James Gray**



Sleep is not just a "time out" from daily life. It is a critical function for maintaining physical health each and every day. More than 70 million Americans have a sleep disorder - and many don't even know it. Do you have any of the following symptoms:

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Robert Moore, D.O., Orthopedics

**Tuesday**  
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The Medical Group of Ft Wayne, Cardiology/  
Echocardiograms, (The Heart Center)  
Kim Molitor, Audiologist

**Wednesday**  
Andrew O'Shaughnessy, M.D., Nephrology  
(every other Wed.) (see spotlight on left)  
Ft. Wayne Cardiology, Cardiology/Echocardiograms  
(every other Wed.)  
\*Sleep Clinic, James Gray, D.O. (every other Wed.)  
Craig Hanson, M.D., OB/Gynecology (every Wed.)  
William Strawter, M.D., General Surgeon/Wound-Care

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

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

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**PAYNE HISTORY**

**By: Stan Jordan**

These photos of the Payne Depot and locomotives were loaned to me by Don Kelble. I can't express the nostalgic feelings I get, just sitting here and going back 70-80 years, maybe more. The teenagers now would say, Awesome or Cool.

It shows the engine just pulling into the depot. I can smell the smoke, hear the steam escaping, hear the chugging and feel the ground shake. Yes, I'm an 83 year old kid again. I really don't know how many passenger trains ran on the Nickel Plate at that time, but it was extremely busy during WWII because nearly everything moved by train, especially the troops and then the war material.

At the time of this picture there was very few automobiles around, so I feel this picture of the smoke and snow on the ground was taken before the other one. I think it was taken around 1920.

The Nickel Plate Railroad was one of the major lines in the East-Central part of the nation, but the original railroad had a hard time getting started. I mean the original company trying to build a railroad through Payne went bankrupt three times. Then in the 1870's a new company started it again and succeeded this time.

I called Mr. Bill Neff and he gave me some information on the Nickel Plate, but I wasn't around when these pictures were taken.

Bill started working for the

Nickel Plate in 1945 when he was 17 years old. He retired in 1987 as General Supervisor of Signals. He was ready to talk railroad and I enjoyed talking to him.

He said there main line was Buffalo to Chicago. That line was in competition with the New York Central and who could run the fastest from New York to Chicago would get the most business.

The real name of that line was New York, Chicago and Saint Louis. The name of the Nickel Plate Line was at first a nickname. Some said it derived from the fact that it cost so much to lay the tracks, that it must be nickel plated. But, anyhow, later the home office used the Nickel Plate Hi-Speed Service Line.

Bill thinks that at the time of the photos there was probably four passenger trains a day going through Payne. He figured two each day were flag stops. Two trains stopped and left passengers off or on and mail and parcels. Then two of the mail trains used the catch and throw mail system.

The main office for the line was in Cleveland. Bill figured that about 30 freight trains blew through Payne each day.

The smoking engine at the depot is probably what they call Berkshire. Don Kelble tells me that the Nickel Plate had 80 of those engines, six and eight wheelers.

Let's assume that is a freight train. That box car at the left on the siding would hold about 3400 bushels of grain. Those new tanks at the Antwerp Elevator will each hold 100 of those box

cars, about 340,000 bushels each. The Antwerp Equity Exchange has two of those big units now and the grain moves pretty fast. My good friend, Susan Arend, can give you all kinds of numbers on their system.

Let's turn our attention to that passenger train sitting there. I would say this picture was taken in the 1930's because you can see the water tower in the back ground. It might be spring or fall because the people have coats and I'm not sure what kind of cars or trucks those are. They don't have tops or side curtains.

That small push cart on the left is the mail and parcels for the Post Office. It has already been unloaded from the front end of the mail car. As I understand, there were four passenger trains a day through Payne, two were catcher trains. I mean they just caught the mail on the fly. I think a mail and passenger train from each direction made a stop each day. I think the other trains could be flagged down if there was a passenger to get on.

I talked with Collie Lamb and Ray Flaugh and they say

eight foot long and as high as you could reach and had probably 4x6 inch pigeon holes. Full length across that embedded even with the front of the case was about a 1/2 inch slat that showed the name of the town for that pigeon hole. There was two of those large letter cases on each side and you could turn that slat and every pidgeon hole was different, up to four times. So you see it was a very efficient set up. Usually each turn was another State.

I'm going to tell you about a very busy night I had coming back east out of St. Louis. This was on the Wabash and I was working for the Railway Mail Service RMS. You left Ft. Wayne on The Express (probably a 4-6-4 engine) about 11:30 at night and thundered through the night across Indiana and Illinois and only made seven or eight stops and arrived into St. Louis about 8:00 a.m. I might add any mail we picked up in the drop box on the depot was delivered with the mail that morning in St. Louis. That was darn good service, it was called a "hold out". Then we unloaded the mail car and checked it out. Then we went about a

Anyhow, I stood at that case, even ate my ham sandwich there. We worked two of those bags which were loaded with thousands of checks. What we didn't get worked went on in to the transfer clerk in Detroit.

That was one big night for the two of us, but I really enjoyed it. We tied the case out and pulled into the Baker Street Station in Ft. Wayne on time around 5:30 a.m.

I learned that case well, but I never got to use it again. I was soon sent to Delphos and a one man run on the AK & DEL RPO. A freight train on the Akron, Canton and Youngstown Railroad.

You young folks born after 1950, don't know it, but those two pictures were everyday scenes at the Payne Depot. You see a lot of our soldier boys were coming home and the train was the main transportation at that time. Yes, sir, many people went down to welcome their sons and fathers home. It was a different time, a different era, but a big part of all our lives.

I want to thank Jeff Temple, Don Kelble, his sister, Sue Baumle, Bill Neff, Collie Lamb, Roy Flaugh and anyone else who helped me with this column. Maybe our tracks will cross again sometime. See, Ya!

**CLIFF & LINDA RETIRE FROM THE OASIS**

**By: Stan Jordan & Sue Knapp**

"Now I lay me down to sleep." That's what Cliff and Linda Bragg are going to do their first three days of retirement.

Cliff, Linda and their son, Doug have run the Oasis Bar & Grill in Antwerp for almost 20 years. Cliff and Linda decided to retire and Doug will be taking over.

Cliff was born in 1944 in Aflex, Kentucky. His dad worked in a coal mine until it shut down. He came to Ohio and got a job at GM in Defiance. He then brought his family up. Cliff is the oldest of nine children, he has four brothers and four sisters. He went to school in Continental. Cliff has worked since 14 years of age. He worked at a gas station and had his own car wash business, washing 100 cars a week.

Linda Beerman was born in 1945 in Venedocia in Van Wert County. She has two sisters. Linda and Cliff met in Continental in 1964 and married in 1965. She has worked seven days a week right alongside her husband at the Oasis. Along with her loyal help, ("Red" Lillian Scobey—start-

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the mail messengers, that's the guy who takes the push cart and contents to the Post Office, at first was Arnie Haddock, later on it was Oscar Nesbit. That other cart there with the high wheels was probably Railway Express. That was very big at that time.

If you use your magnifying glass, you can see the train conductor is standing just east of the railway Express Cart. Some people with their bags have just gotten off the train and are walking this way. Another man is standing with his suit case in his hand passing the time of day with those folks.

In the Postal Service that is called a 60 ft. mail car. You can see the mail bag catching operation is on the front door, on each side of the car. The front part of that car is made for working parcel post and mail bag racks. The last part has letter cases from top to bottom with a working table about knee high the full length of the letter case. That was where you put all the working mail plus you leaned your knees against this table to keep your balance while the train was moving.

The letter case was about

block to the Railroad YMCA, washed up and had supper at breakfast time. Then we went to bed and left a call for 3:15 p.m. Then we had breakfast and got a ham sandwich for lunch later on. We reported to the mail car ready for work at 4:00 p.m.

The Post Office brought us the usual mail for the east and then dropped a bomb on us. It was late in the month and we had all the Social Security Checks for Michigan, six mail pouches for Michigan and Detroit City and in addition to our other mail, we had six pouches of Social Security Checks. Those were in bundles of 50 with a rubber band around them and the bag was chucked full to the top. Social Security Checks are mailed early and are usually in said P.O. three days ahead of delivery date.

The clerk in charge was named Pete Smith. He set up the Michigan Case for me and then he did the other work and I started on the S.S. Checks. We had four hours of work time and then the train pulled out and headed east. I took about an hour to learn the location of certain pigeon holes in that case and pretty soon I was doing pretty good.

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# RAIDER REPORT



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ed working there in 1970, Susie Miller, and Susie Seacrest Bovine) Linda and the girls have put out the excellent food served there. Doug asked his mom for recipes but Linda has no recipes, she cooks from her heart. No fear though, the traditional food will continue to be excellent.

Cliff and Linda moved to Antwerp in 1972 to Rd. 230 then moved to Rd. 220 where they have lived for 30 years. Cliff and Linda have two boys, Doug and Chris. Chris is a chiropractor living in Atlanta, Georgia with his wife.

Cliff worked at Goodrich for 25 years in a salary position. Goodrich was laying off a lot of salary people at that time and Cliff got tired of waiting to be laid off so he bought the Oasis. He worked at Goodrich for six more months then quit. He, Linda and Doug have run the Oasis ever since.

Linda and Cliff have enjoyed working at the Oasis, but are looking forward to having their time their own.

They are going to travel and look for a place to hibernate in warm weather. They both plan to fish, ride motorcycles and Cliff likes to trap shoot.

Doug was born in 1967 in Van Wert. He graduated AHS in 1985. He married Lisa Nelms in 1989 and they have two boys, Nick and Bob. Doug worked at Goodrich for six years and when his parents purchased the Oasis, he helped run that. He quit Goodrich in 1992 to work at the Oasis full time plus work on his other ventures. He owns the River Bend Trailer Park in Antwerp. In Van Wert he has a business—D & L Properties—where he buys, sells, trades and renovates homes. Now, with his mom and dad retiring, he owns the Oasis.

There will be small changes made but will continue the tradition of excellent food and service. You can go and watch the Big 10 and NFL games on the TV's there, have a meal and good conversation with your friends and family while you watch the game.

I have two sisters who are twelve, one sister who is six, one brother who is two, and another brother that is one. Those are five people that I know look up to me, and those five people mean more than the world to me. So, I want them to grow up and be great individuals, which means I must show them how to do that. That is my main reason for wanting to be a good role model. Here is an idea for you to think about. If you are a bad role model to one person, then they will think that is how they should be. This, in return, could affect more people. On the other side, if you are a good role model then you could make a significant impact on a person's life, and they will, in return, thank you.

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## WOODBURN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SPELLING BEE



Spelling Bee: Rebekah Dignal, winner; Burgundy Price, runner-up

By: Sue Knapp

With the students and teachers looking on, Rebekah Dignal won the annual spelling bee with the word "crescent." Rebekah will participate in the Allen County Spelling Bee at South Side High School on February 9, 2008. The Antis Career Center will hold the Area Annual Spelling Bee on March 15, 2008.

Rebekah is a fifth grader in Mrs. Price's room. She likes soccer, softball and math. She is a member of the Doltac

Club. The Doltac Club meets once a week and the first six weeks the members read a book and gives a report on it, the second six weeks they have math games and teach them to the younger students and the third six weeks is always a surprise.

Rebekah has a sister, Sarah, who is married and a brother, Johnathon, who graduated from high school last year. She is the daughter of Dave and Stevie Dignal.



Dr. Geoff Randolph plays his guitar for the Woodburn Elementary first graders.

### DR. GEOFF RANDOLPH VISITS FIRST GRADERS AT WOODBURN ELEMENTARY

By: Sue Knapp

On December 14, 2007, Dr. Geoff Randolph, a plastic surgeon from Ft. Wayne, visited with the first graders from Woodburn Elementary School. This visit wasn't the typical "share your career" visit. He does this once a year when his schedule permits. He entertained the children with song and guitar.

Dr. Randolph started out writing songs when his own child was in kindergarten. He would make up songs about the alphabet letters. His songs are fast-paced containing lyrics and words that children love such as "The Great Green Gobbly Goo" for the letter G. His purpose is to help instill

children with literacy and values. He has made two CD's and has donated them to the school. The children look forward to this event and the teachers are very grateful that Dr. Randolph takes time out of his busy schedule to entertain the children.

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## GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S FIRST YEAR BROUGHT MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS, LAID FOUNDATION FOR FUTURE SUCCESS

Capitol Letters Weekly Column by: Senator Steve Buehrer

December 21, 2007—The past 12 months, and my first year in the Senate, has been a very hectic, but exciting and productive time in the General Assembly—a period that could impact the success of our state and local communities for generations to come. I have worked with my colleagues to improve Ohio's economic climate, ease the financial burden on Ohio families, build a stronger, more affordable education system for our children, and defend the values our region holds so dear.

By far, the Legislature's biggest accomplishment in 2007 was passage of House Bill 119, the state budget bill. Garnering overwhelming bipartisan support in both legislative chambers, this historic measure continued the implementation of tax reform from two years ago, while also providing a significant property tax cut for seniors, freezing tuition at all Ohio's public colleges and universities and making strategic investments in cutting edge industries to help attract development and jobs to the state.

However, HB 119 was just one of many economic development initiatives undertaken by the General Assembly in the past year. In March, legislators approved House Bill 67, the state transportation budget, which provides \$6.2 billion over the next two years to support important road and highway construction projects across the state. Well-maintained, easily-accessible roads and bridges are a key to attracting business investment to our local communities, particularly in Ohio's rural areas, and HB 67 should provide an

important boost to this effort. In addition, I fought to include an amendment to protect the Route 24 project and other priority highway projects across Ohio from being delayed or cancelled.

The Senate took another big step recently in not only positioning Ohio as an attractive destination for high-tech research and business growth, but also to protect Ohio consumers from crippling price spikes in their monthly electricity bill. In October, my colleagues and I approved Senate Bill 221, a comprehensive energy policy proposed by the governor, designed to address the pending deregulation of Ohio's electricity industry and lay out a plan for meeting our state's future energy needs. First, the bill works to maintain price stability in the state's electricity market to avoid the dramatic price hikes that other states have experienced, which could have a tremendous impact on the financial well-being of Ohio families, as well as the health of the state's business community. In addition, while working to keep rates in-check, SB 221 also helps stake Ohio's claim in the budding alternative energy industry, which could inject significant life into our economy.

The Senate moved several other bills in 2007 that could provide a spark to Ohio's economy, including Senate Bill 24, which expands the state's Job Ready Sites program to ensure all communities across Ohio have an equal opportunity to benefit from these funds, as well as an amendment to a separate bill that establishes a new job training program to provide grants to companies looking to locate here and help offset the cost of training workers to fill new positions. In addition, we recently passed House Bill 372, a comprehensive veterans' benefits package that not only seeks to recognize the contribution of our servicemen and

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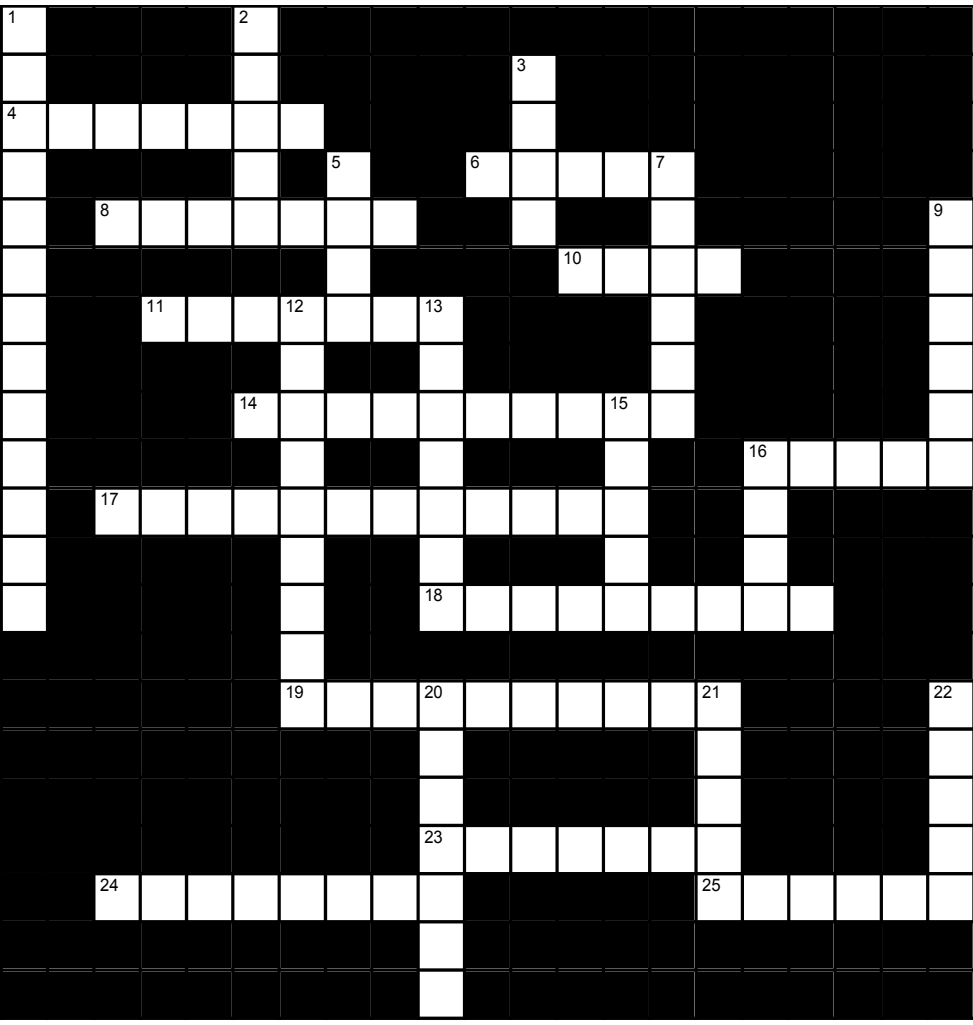
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# Crossword Puzzle



**Across**

- 4. If the air is cold and dry, this is the type of snow that will be made.
- 6. The name of wet snow that splashes and makes puddles.
- 8. Frosty had this kind of pipe (2 words).
- 10. Mix this with heavy snow to create a blizzard.
- 11. These are made when dripping water freezes.
- 14. Frosty takes Karen into one of these to help her warm up.
- 16. The way the children planned to get Frosty to the North Pole.
- 17. The story of Frosty the Snowman takes place on this day.
- 18. Heavy equipment that clears snow off roads.
- 19. As water droplets freeze, they grow into tiny snow crystals. These stick together to make these.
- 23. Even in cold weather, the sun reflecting on the snow can cause one of these.
- 24. The object that makes Frosty come to life (2 words).
- 25. Wind blowing the snow can form these.

**Down**

- 1. The first thing Frosty said when he came to life (2 words).
- 2. The girl's name in Frosty that went with him to the North Pole.
- 3. This substance helps to keep snow from turning to ice.
- 5. Frosty's eyes were made of this.
- 7. The name of the magician who wants his hat back in Frosty.
- 9. The kind of nose that Frosty had.
- 12. The kind of snow that Frosty is made of.
- 13. These bounce off the snow so it doesn't melt even when it's sunny (2 words).
- 15. This woolly animal can be buried under the snow.
- 16. This is what it is called when snow begins to melt at the end of winter.
- 20. The cop in "Frosty the Snowman" swallowed this when he yelled "Stop".
- 21. This is muffled when snow falls.
- 22. The name of the bunny in Frosty.



By: Chelsea Vail

Ah... The rush is over, and now we can all sit back, relax, and enjoy the company of family and friends. Soon we'll be singing "Auld Lang Syne" and making (and then breaking) our New Year's resolutions.

Meanwhile, the Archers hosted the Varsity Boys' Route 49 Classic last Friday and Saturday at The Range. The Lady Archers suffered a gut-wrenching two-point loss to the Hicksville Aces in the Varsity Girls' Route 49 Classic, but are looking forward to avenging the defeat in the regular season. That game, along with the varsity boys' contest against Hicksville, will play a part in the larger competition between the Archers and the Aces - the challenge of out-donating each other for the benefit of local food pantries. As the Christmas holiday essentially wipes out the stores of our food pantries, the Varsity A and Varsity H clubs have arranged to co-sponsor an event to fill them up again.

The details of this charitable cause are not yet entirely established, but I have it on high authority that the losing club will be subjected to an exceedingly embarrassing fate at the boys' game. Intrigued? I thought so. I'll have more specifics as soon as the information becomes available.

Varsity Boys Basketball: January 3, 6:00, Fairview

Word of the Week: Desuetude \DESS-wih-tood\ noun

1. The state of being no longer used or practiced; disuse

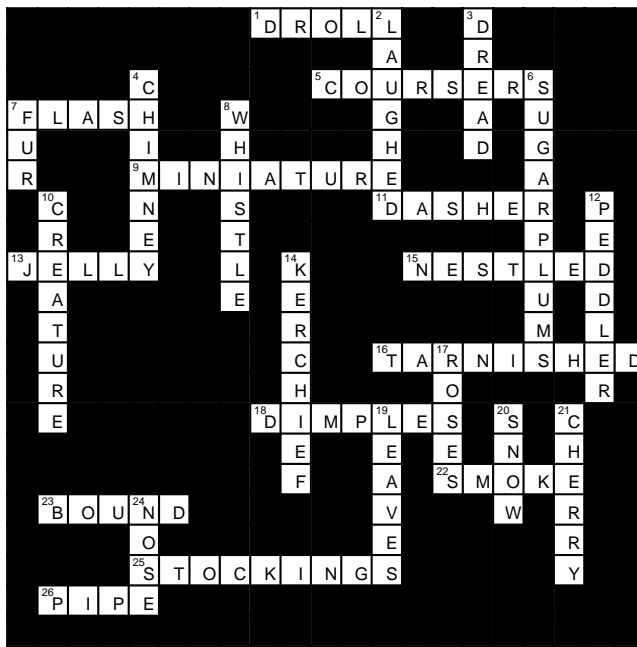
Example: "With the pace of new technology ever-quickenning, buying the latest device sometimes feels senseless as many fall into desuetude before purchasers can obtain a justifiable amount of use from them."

Remember this moment - these are last words written by yours truly that you will read in 2007. Now, get off your keester and start working on that resolution (insert a pathetic New Year's streamer whistle noise here). I wish you the best!

**BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS FOR THE WEEK OF 1/2 THROUGH 1/8**

- MS/HS - Breakfast
- 1/2 - No School, Winter break
- 1/3 - French toast stix, sausage, juice, milk
- 1/4 - Sausage gravy w/ biscuits, juice, milk
- 1/7 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk
- 1/8 - Tator tots w/cheese, sausage links, juice, milk
- MS/HS - Lunch
- 1/2 - No School, Winter break
- 1/3 - Stuff crust pizza, corn, assorted fruit, milk
- 1/4 - Fish & Shrimp, spiral fries, assorted fruit, milk

Last week's answers to " 'Twas The Night Before Christmas"



- 1/7 - Chicken nuggets, bread, whipped potatoes w/ gravy, or Cheeseburger, tator tots, assorted fruit, milk
- 1/8 - Italian dunkers, green beans, assorted fruit, milk

**Paulding Elementary - Lunch**

- 1/2 - No School, winter break
- 1/3 - Pizza patty on a bun, peas & carrots, fruit cup, milk

**Oakwood Elementary - Lunch**

- 1/2 - No School, Winter break
- 1/3 - Cheddar cheese cups, nacho chips, green beans, fruit, milk

**Antwerp Elementary - Lunch**

- 1/2 - No School, Winter break
- 1/3 - Hot dog on a bun, vegetable, fruit cup, milk

**Hicksville Elementary - Lunch**

- 1/2 - No School, Winter break
- 1/3 - Hamburger on a bun, pickle, cheese, vegetable, fruit, milk

**Wayne Trace Local Schools - Lunch**

- 1/2 - No School, Winter break
- 1/3 - Hot dog or chili dog on a bun, corn, fruit, milk

**Wayne Trace Local Schools - Lunch**

- 1/2 - No School, Winter break
- 1/3 - Hot dog on a bun, corn, fruit, milk

**Wayne Trace Local Schools - Lunch**

- 1/2 - No School, Winter break
- 1/3 - Hot dog on a bun, corn, fruit, milk

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**Wayne Trace Local Schools - Lunch**

- 1/2 - No School, Winter break
- 1/3 - Hot dog on a bun, corn, fruit, milk

**Wayne Trace Local Schools - Lunch**

- 1/2 - No School, Winter break
- 1/3 - Hot dog on a bun, corn, fruit, milk

- 1/7 - Chicken nuggets, grahams, milk; NO fries, NO salad bar
- 1/8 - Ham & cheese on bun or tex mex chili, peas, jello cup & fruit, dill slices, milk; PLUS: salad bar or breaded mozz cheese sticks

**WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 1/2 THROUGH 1/8**

**Breakfast:**

- 1/2-1/4 - No School, Winter break
- 1/7 - Pizza, milk
- 1/8 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, milk

**Lunch:**

- 1/2-1/4 - No School, Winter break
- 1/7 - Chicken nuggets, french fries, peaches, milk
- 1/8 - Cheeseburger sandwich, tator tots, pears, milk

**GMC SCHOLASTIC LEAGUE DECEMBER 20 MEET**

The GMC sprang into action with the quiz league as it got underway on December 20. The scores were:

At Ayersville - Ayersville 50 Holgate 33; Ayersville 40 Holgate 31

At Wayne Trace - WT 43 Hicksville 55; WT 24 Hicksville 53

At Tinora - Tinora 46 Fairview 49; Tinora 39 Fairview 45

At Edgerton - Antwerp 57 Edgerton 30; Antwerp 53 Edgerton 29

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# PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS

## JANUARY 2008 NEWSLETTER



### SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of the Paulding Exempted Village Schools,

December has been a busy month with Christmas programs, the Senior Citizen Breakfast, concerts, and numerous extracurricular events. The support you have shown our students with your attendance is greatly appreciated.

The decision to delay or cancel school is always difficult, but the determining factor will always be the safety of our students. With many more cold and snowy days before us, I would like to remind parents to have students dress warmly when waiting for the bus. If roads are in good condition, we will be having school, even with very cold temperatures. Student drivers should be reminded that road conditions change throughout the day and caution should always be used when driving in the winter. Delays and closings are on our website, the school telephone recording, and also on various television and radio stations. When school is not in session, cancellations for evening events will always be on our telephone recording.

January brings a new year and a renewed opportunity to work together for the benefit of our students. Community support is necessary for our district to continue to improve. We welcome volunteers and visitors to the building. Please call your building principal for volunteer opportunities and always check in at the office when visiting the school. Together we can make a difference in the lives of the children in our district.

Pat Ross

### NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPALS

**Paulding Elementary-Martin Miller**  
Paulding Elementary students and staff begin the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of classes January 3, 2008.

Highlights of the month include the "Reading Is A Sport" recognition programs. See the calendar for dates. Additional highlights include an assembly by "Jim Basketball Jones" January 10, a PTO family video night January 24 featuring Elementary Principal Mr. Miller's trip to Japan, and an assembly January 25 by COSI entitled "Super Structures".

Paulding Elementary students Drayson Wenzlick and Christine Clappsaddle will compete in the PEVS district Geography Bee competition January 8 at 12:30 p.m. in the Administrative Building conference room.

Grade 5 students will compete in our annual spelling bee January 11 at 2:30 p.m. in the elementary gym.

During the past month, the following students were recognized for their outstanding Positive Behavior: Kindergarten-Zoe Kochel, Tyler Snipes, Austin Dietrich; Grade 1-Adriana Gonzales, Gabrielle Steele, Zach Dye; Grade 2-Tristan Stacy, Noah Bland, Travis Coutts; Grade 3-Arianna Posey, Dayton Pracht, Julio Highwarden; Grade 4-Addison Hawn, Damon Egnor, Megan Fife; Grade 5-Mattaya Leatherman, Sam Froelich, Trisha Mullins; Most PAWS Cards: Grade 4-Kynsie Etzler.

In addition, the following staff members were nominated by students for their outstanding efforts toward creating a positive learning environment: Grade 3 teacher Mrs. Doster nominated by Logan Patrick, Music teacher Mrs. Sloan nominated by Chantal Monnier, Grade 3 teacher Mrs. Crossland-nominated by Megan Reineck.

**Oakwood Elementary-Jennifer Manz**

Hello from Oakwood Elementary! It is hard to believe we are entering the second semester of the 2007-08 school year. The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter awards program to be held in early January honors those students who have shown outstanding academic effort in the past nine weeks. Recognition will be given to students with perfect attendance, to those making the honor roll (all A's and all A's and B's), and to those joining our B.U.G. Club (Bringing Up Grades).

As always, our first order of business at Oakwood Elementary is to focus on academics. Along with regular classroom lessons, many of our students are also involved in a variety of special activities. Kasandra Cogswell, Jacob Dingus and Justin Carnahan will be participating in our district Geography Bee in Paulding. Fifty-three of our fifth and sixth graders have signed up to be in our building Spelling Bee. They are competing for the honor of representing Oakwood Elementary at the Paulding County Spelling Bee. All of our students, Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade, have had the opportunity to participate in the Reading-Is-A-Sport Program during the month of December. Those who completed the program will be featured at various athletic events. See calendar at right. It will be great to see many Oakwood Elementary students recognized at one of these events for their reading efforts! We have a lot of Panther Pride here, and we get the opportunity to show the Panther winter sports varsity athletes just how much spirit we have during a special pep rally on January 18. GO PANTHERS!!!

We wish you a Very Happy and Healthy New Year!

### Middle School-David Stallkamp

Happy New Year from Paulding Middle School! We hope that 2008 is a great year for everyone.

A big THANK YOU goes out to all middle school students and staff that helped with the Christmas for the Needy, "Stuff a Bus" contest. The middle school alone gathered over 1700 items and close to \$175 in cash for the less fortunate. The winning class was Ms. Singer's first period class that brought in 544 items. Mrs. Estle's class finished second with 407. Great job everyone.

The middle school SPELLING BEE will be held on January 10. The winner of our local bee will advance to the County Bee on February 11. Good luck to all of our spellers.

We welcome Mrs. Jill Hatcher back to the middle school and we THANK Mrs. Esther Dooley for filling in for her during her pregnancy leave. Sam and Jill Hatcher had a son, Nicholas Frederick, and Jill will be returning to the classroom second semester.

We are now in the process of ordering the 2007-08 Paulding Middle School yearbooks. Order forms have been passed out and they are due ASAP. Cost of the book is \$11.50.

We anxiously start our second semester and calendar year 2008. Hopefully this semester will bring one of great academic success to our students. Please continue studying for tests, finishing homework, getting it turned in on time and coming to school everyday ready to learn.

I wish all students much success and happiness the rest of this school year.

### High School-Todd Harmon

Due to inclement weather, the schedule for high school exams has been revised. See calendar at the right for exam dates. This will allow time for grades to be submitted and report cards to be handed out within a reasonable amount of time.

The new high school gym scoreboard will be presented January 4. Many businesses around the area will be recognized in between the JV and Varsity games for their donations. Science Olympiad will attend the Piqua Invitational on January 12 - we wish the best results for those students participating. The 26th of January is an opportunity for students planning on going to college to take the SAT test. Paulding High School will be hosting the Northwest Conference Scholastic Bowl on January 26. The Student Council is also planning to have a dance that Saturday night (26th) in the auditoria.

Congratulations to the following juniors and seniors who earned induction into the National Honor Society: Michelle Colley, Elizabeth Neer, Estee Arend, Peter Brown, Kelsie Carnahan, Allison Clevenger, Josh Duslak, Sara English, Christa Gasser, Kari Gibson, Staci Gunderman, Morgan Hammon, Katie Harmon, Cassandra Kauser, Britney King, Brenda Manz, Andrew Mott, Audrey

Nice, Briana Ripke, Eric Ross, Haden Sholl, Dalton Stallkamp, Logan Steele, Ashley Switzer, Selena Switzer, Spencer Wilhelm.

Earning American Degrees at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana were Chelsie Goyings, Evan Schlatter, Travis Schlatter and Tara Spangler. The American Degree is the highest honor an FFA member can receive and recognizes their leadership skills and outstanding achievements in agricultural business, production, processing and service programs.

### GIVE KIDS A SMILE DAY

The Henry County Health Department in Napoleon, Ohio will host "Give Kids A Smile Day" on February 1, 2008. Kids (18 years and younger) that are uninsured and can not afford the dental care they need can receive FREE dental care on that day. Services offered are cleanings, exams, fluoride, x-rays, restorations and extractions. Please call 419-591-3060 after January 2, 2008 and ask the receptionist to schedule your child for "Give Kids A Smile Day".

### OHIO MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Twenty-seven students from Paulding High School's Ohio Model United Nations debate classes attended OMUN in Columbus, Ohio December 9-11. This was the sixth time PHS students participated in this state wide competition. Sierra Kennedy received an "Outstanding Delegate Award." Only 25 students out of about 1,300 are chosen for this award that recognizes their outstanding speech making and leadership abilities. Our students always do an excellent job representing not only Paulding High School but also our community. Throughout the three-day competition the group received many compliments on appearance, participation and behavior.

It is only through the generosity of many local businesses, organizations and citizens that PHS is able to participate in this mock United Nations, which is an awesome educational opportunity. The OMUN students would like to sincerely thank the community and all of this year's sponsors for their financial support of this trip. Business and organization sponsors included Williamson Insurance, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Napa True Value, Harvest Farm Management, LaFarge, Eagles, VFW Ladies Auxiliary and the Lion's Club. Individual sponsors included Susan Pieper, Rob Giesige, J. David and Kathy Webb, Cheryl Farley, Tam Stoller and Don and Sue Arend

### SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION

Retiring Board member Don Arend was recognized for his 17 years of service to our district.

January is "School Board Recognition Month". The school board works closely with parents, education professionals and other community members to create the educational vision we want for our students. It then formulates goals, defines results and sets the course for an adequate and equitable education program for all our students. This is a time to show our appreciation for the leadership provided for our schools.

We welcome new board member Greg Reinhart in January, who joins returning members Cheryl Farley, Elizabeth Hunt, Tamara Stoller and Dan Straley.

### ATHLETIC CALENDAR

<b>JH Wrestling</b>		
Jan. 3	Spencerville@WayneTr	5:30
Jan. 7	Lincolnview-T	5:00
Jan. 10	Defiance-H	4:30
Jan. 12	Ayersville Inv-T	9:30
Jan. 15	Lima North-T	5:15
Jan. 21	Van Wert-T	4:30
Jan. 26	NWC@Delphos Jeff	10:00
Jan. 29	Edgerton@Wayne Trace	6:00
Jan. 31	Fairview-H	4:30
<b>Varsity Wrestling</b>		
Jan. 3	Spencerville@Wayne Tr	5:30

Jan. 8	Hicksville/Fairview-H	6:00
Jan. 12	Coldwater Duals-T	9:00
Jan. 19	Sparton Inv-T	9:00
Jan. 25	Division III Duals-T	2:00
Jan. 26	Division III Duals-T	10:00
Jan. 29	Edgerton@Wayne Trace	7:00

<b>JH Boys Basketball</b>		
Jan. 3	Spencerville-T	5:00
Jan. 7	Van Wert-T	5:00
Jan. 8	Delphos Jefferson-T	5:00
Jan. 15	Lincolnview-H	5:00
Jan. 17	Antwerp-H	4:30
Jan. 19	Bryan-T	1:00
Jan. 22	Crestview-T	5:00
Jan. 29	Spencerville-H	5:00
Jan. 31	Defiance-H	4:30

<b>Freshman Basketball</b>		
Jan. 3	Delphos Jefferson-H	5:00
Jan. 7	Fairview-H	4:30
Jan. 10	LCC-T	5:00
Jan. 14	Miller City-T	5:00
Jan. 17	Lincolnview-H	5:00
Jan. 21	Continental-H	5:00
Jan. 24	Ada-H	5:00
Jan. 29	Hicksville-T	5:00
Jan. 31	Spencerville-T	5:00

<b>Boys JV/Varsity Basketball</b>		
Jan. 4	Delphos Jefferson-H	6:30
Jan. 5	Parkway-T	6:30
Jan. 11	LCC-T	6:30
Jan. 18	Lincolnview-H	6:30
Jan. 19	Ottoville-H	6:30
Jan. 25	Ada-H	6:30

<b>JH Girls Basketball</b>		
Jan. 3	Spencerville-H	5:00
Jan. 8	Delphos Jefferson-H	5:00
Jan. 15	Lincolnview-T	5:00
Jan. 19	Bryan-T	1:00
Jan. 22	Crestview-H	5:00
Jan. 29	Spencerville-T	5:00
Jan. 31	Defiance-T	4:30

<b>Girls JV/Varsity Basketball</b>		
Jan. 3	Delphos Jefferson-T	6:00
Jan. 5	Van Wert-T	6:00
Jan. 10	LCC-H	6:00
Jan. 15	Tinora-T	6:00
Jan. 17	Lincolnview-T	6:00
Jan. 22	Fairview-H	6:00
Jan. 24	Ada-T	6:00
Jan. 26	Continental-T	1:00
Jan. 31	Spencerville-H	6:00

### DISTRICT CALENDAR EVENTS

Jan. 2	Athletic Booster Meeting	7:00
Jan. 3	Students Return to School	
Jan. 3	M.S. Yearbook Sale Begins	
Jan. 3	1st, 3rd, 5th Period H.S. Exams	
Jan. 4	2nd, 4th, 6th Period H.S. Exams	
Jan. 4	Reading is a Sport Recognition @ Boys' Bsktbl Game	
Jan. 7	Grade Cards Sent Home	
Jan. 7	College Financial Aid Meeting for Seniors/Parents-Auditeria	7:00
Jan. 7	Sci. Olym. Bstr Mtg-Aud	7:00
Jan. 8	Geography Bee-Adm Bldg	12:30
Jan. 8	P.E. Memory Book Sales Begin	
Jan. 8	Reading Is A Sport Recognition @ Wrestling Meet	
Jan. 9	Oak PTO Meeting	3:45
Jan. 10	Reading is a Sport Recognition @ Girls' Bsktbl Game	
Jan. 10	M.S. Spelling Bee-Aud	8:00
Jan. 11	P.E. Spelling Bee-Gr. 5-Elem Gym	
Jan. 12	Science Olympiad Piqua Inv.	
Jan. 14	FFA Chapter Mtg	7:00
Jan. 15	Oak 5th/6th Gr Spelling Bee-9:10	
Jan. 16	Sophomores Meet w/Vantage Rep-Auditeria	8:00 a.m.
Jan. 16	M.S. Yearbook Orders Due	
Jan. 18	Oak Elem Pep Rally	
Jan. 21	Martin Luther King Day-NO SCHOOL	
Jan. 23	FFA State Nursery/Landscape CDE	
Jan. 24	PTO/Principal Japan Presentation-P.E. Gym	7-8:30
Jan. 25	COSI-P.E. Gym	9:15-3:15
Jan. 26	H.S. Hosts NWC Scholastic Bowl	
Jan. 26	SAT Test	
Jan. 26	Student Council Hosts Dance-Aud	
Jan. 28	Band Booster Meeting	7:00
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The switchboard and administrative offices are open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on school days, and 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. every weekday when school is not in session.		
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**STAN AND SUE ON THE ROAD**

By: Stan Jordan

The nice lady in this picture is Viola Thompson. She was born Viola Sonius in Spencer, Iowa on May 15, 1917.

She went to school there and graduated from Spencer High School. She went on to college and received a teaching certificate. She taught in a one room school for a few years.

Her father had a good large farm in Spencer, Iowa but he owed \$300.00 on it. He went to the bank to get a loan and they just slammed the door his face. They wouldn't give him a loan so the bank owned his farm, that's what they wanted.



His uncle, who lived in Ft. Wayne, said, "If you will move here, I can get you a job." So, the whole family moved to Ft. Wayne.

Viola attended beauty school and became a teacher of hair dressing. In the meantime, she worked a full shift at Magnavox. This was before and during WWII. Now and then some girls named Thompson would come in the shop and be customers.

One of the Thompson girls attended that beauty college. Once in awhile they would invite Viola out to visit them in Scipio Township.

After WWII ended and the boys came home, Viola visited the Thompson's again and met Russell. But there were more people in that family. There was Charles, Robert, Max, Russell and James. There was also three girls, Pauline, Bonita and Betty along in there somewhere.

Viola and Russell hit it off pretty good and they were married in Auburn in 1947. They lived on the Scipio Rd. just north of the South Scipio Church. She and Russ had two girls and a boy. Nancy had two boys and lives in Woodburn.

Norman has three boys and lives in Angola, but he has taught school in Antwerp for many years. In fact, he plans on retiring next spring. I know that Russell was an avid fisherman and Norman is also. I get to see him once in a while at the Antwerp High School but he is always going to or from a class. I like to talk fishing with him, but we never have much time.

Viola's daughter, Joan, married Doug Nuenswander and lives in Berne, IN. I remember that Doug was a pitcher in the major league chain and had a record of 8 wins and no losses as a reliever. After he came home, he went back to college and taught for awhile. They have two boys.

Viola's husband, Russell Thompson, worked as a steel worker for Ruckman-Hanson for many years. He and the rest of that crew helped build the Maumee River Bridge on SR 49 north of Antwerp—that was in 1950 or 1951.

Russell died in 1982. After about a year or so, Viola moved to Woodburn and has a home of her own.

A nephew, Scott Thompson and his family live in that house on the Scipio Road where Russell and Viola lived. They have three children.

I was Russell and Viola's mailman for many years and they were first class people.

I met with Viola at the Clip and Tan Beauty Salon in Woodburn to do the interview. My granddaughter, Jessie Getrost works there and a number of other nice people.

Like I said, I have known Viola for many years and I enjoyed doing this interview. See, Ya!

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women, but works to create a friendly tax environment for these skilled individuals, so they will continue to live and work in the state after they retire.

While much of the Legislature's work in 2007 has been focused on growing the state's economy, we have also accomplished several other important goals this year. For example, at the beginning of the General Assembly, we identified 10 priority bills, and only a year into the two-year session, we have passed eight of the "top ten." These include Senate Bill 5 which not only expands access to home-based, long-term care options for our seniors but could help save the state millions in Medicaid costs; Senate Bill 7 which provides more protections for private property owners when it

**Paulding County's Students of the Month**

**DECEMBER 2007**

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



Kelsey Hughes attends Wayne Trace Jr./Sr. High School and is the daughter of Mr. Jammie Hughes and Ms. Joan Hughes.

School activities: Kelsey is involved in Band, Choir, and Bible Study. She is also the Secretary of the National Honor Society and of Student Council. Kelsey was a delegate this past summer at Buckeye Girl's State.

Other activities: Kelsey is involved in 4-H, Jr. Fair Board, and her church Fellowship Committee. At the Paulding County Fair she qualified for the State Fair, which allowed her to further her knowledge of horses. She has recently been accepted to the University of Findlay where she will be majoring in Western Equestrian Studies.

*Congratulations and Good luck Kelsey!*

Wayne Trace Payne Elementary's Student of the Month is Sylvia Young. Sylvia is the daughter of John and Patty Young of Payne. She is in the sixth grade and an honor roll student. Sylvia's favorite subject in school is math.

She likes to play sports including basketball, volleyball and softball. Sylvia loves playing with her dog, Buddy. Her favorite college football team is The Ohio State Buckeyes. *Great Job Sylvia!*



Janey Janka attends Grover Hill Elementary School. She is a sixth grader in Mrs. Peck's class. Janey is active in band, plays the guitar, and was very busy with her part in the Grover Hill Elementary annual Christmas musical. Janey is an honor roll student and involved in the school enrichment program. Here are some of her favorites:

- food - ham
- color - pink
- movie - Pirates of the Caribbean III
- movie star - Johnny Depp
- sport - volleyball
- team - OSU

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comes to government land-takings, in lieu of the U.S. Supreme Court ruling in Kelo v. New London; and two measures (Senate Bill 9 and 10) that work to further protect our children from dangerous sex predators.

In addition to these efforts to crack-down on sex offenders, the Senate has taken other steps to protect Ohio families from criminal activity. We have passed laws to target repeat DUI offenders, make our schools more secure and protect funding for Ohio's drug task forces.

In the wake of a high-profile government scandal in Columbus, the General Assembly worked with State Auditor Mary Taylor to pass House Bill 166, which establishes an independent auditing function in state government to ensure there is more accountability with the use of valuable taxpayer dollars.

I have also introduced several bills this year that will continue to be priority of mine as we head into 2008. Senate Bill 174 would ban the dangerous, unethical practice of human cloning in Ohio. Also, looking to ensure that every Ohioan has the right to defend themselves and their family against violent attack without the fear of legal recourse, I introduced Senate Bill 184, which makes needed reforms to Ohio's Castle Doctrine law. Most recently, in an effort to preserve the honor of our military men and women, I unveiled Senate Bill 263 to prohibit the unauthorized use of a fallen soldier's persona for commercial gain.

As you can see, the General Assembly has accomplished a great deal in 2007, however, we still have much more to address in the weeks and months ahead. As we

move forward, I will continue to fight for the interests of the 1st Senate District and do what's best for Ohio families and our economy. I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year.

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 email at SD01@mailr.sen.state.oh.us.

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**PAULDING JR. PANTHERS WIN**

Paulding traveled to Wayne Trace on December 20 for a make-up game. The Panthers defeated the Raiders 49 - 41.

The Panthers led the whole way 9-6 after the 1st quarter, 24-15 at the half, 38 - 27 3rd quarter.

Zach Gawronski led the Panthers with 15 points and Jason Koenn chipped in with 10 points, Kyle Mohr and Drew Burnett each had 7 points also. Their record now stands at 1-4 and Wayne Trace remains winless.

Next game: January 3rd at Spencerville.

**FRESHMAN BOYS BASKETBALL**

The Freshman Van Wert Cougars slashed the competition in their game against the Wayne Trace Raiders on December 18. The Cougars earned a nice victory over the Raiders with a score of 70-28.

Wayne Trace is now 0-5, Van Wert is 6-0

Leading Scorers:  
WT - Gage Critten 11,  
Ryne Jerome 8

VW - Wood 12, Doidge 10, Hood 10

**LINCOLNVIEW WRESTLING INVITATIONAL**

The Wayne Trace Varsity wrestling team competed in the Lincolnview Invitational on Saturday, December 15, 2007. The Raiders had only two wrestlers place at the Tournament. Katie Clemens placed third at the 103 pound weight class. Clemens was 3-2 for the day, Jake Reuille won the tournament with an impressive win over Toledo Christian's Zach White, a state qualifier from a year ago. Reuille went a perfect 5-0 for the day, pinning all of his opponents.

Team Final Scores: 1) T. Calvert 279.5, 2) Ayersville 214, 3) Covington 201.5, 4) Spencerville 145.5, 5) Lincolnview 140, 6) Coldwater 107, 7) Carey 95, 8) Fairview 90, 9) Columbus Grove 78, 10) Van Wert 72, 11) Delphos Jefferson 68.5, 12) Wayne Trace 65.5

**VARSITY BASKETBALL MAKE UP DATES**

The Wayne Trace boys varsity basketball game make up date with Miller City will be Wednesday, January 23, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

**HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS**



Woodlan hosted Wayne Trace December 27. Warrior Michael Lortie, Junior, shoots against Raider Blake Foust, Junior. Wayne Trace showed now mercy to the Woodlan. See the photo gallery at www.westbendnews.net



Wayne Trace's Nate Jewel shown here going for the goal again the Aces. The game was close and Wayne Trace was ahead the entire second half until the last minute. With all of the shots taken at the end, one would have thought there was a lid on the basket. See the photo gallery at www.westbendnews.net



Lady Warriors, both JV and Varsity, win against Lakewood Park Christian School December 20. Junior Sarah Koene-man takes a jump shot against the competition. See the photo gallery at www.westbendnews.net

**THE RAIDERS PUMMEL THE WARRIORS IN VARSITY BASKETBALL**

On Thursday, December 27, the Woodlan Warriors (IN) played host to the Wayne Trace Raiders in boys varsity basketball.

The Raiders were on fire and never gave the Warriors a chance with a final score of 77-37.

The score at half time was WT 38, Woodlan 11; after the 3rd quarter - WT 55, Woodlan 19.

Top Players:

Wayne Trace - Aaron Hockenberry 24 points, Tevin Hale 13 points, Alex LaBounty 10 points

Woodlan - Braden Hines 9 points

In JV action, a very close match up took place. Final score was Woodlan 39, Wayne Trace 37.

**BOYS BASKETBALL: HICKSVILLE VS. WAYNE TRACE**

The Aces and the Raiders battled to the end in varsity basketball on December 20 in Raider country.

The Aces scraped a narrow victory over the Raiders in a final score of 48-47. Records - Hicksville (6-0 overall, 1-0 GMC); Wayne Trace (4-1 overall, 0-1 GMC)

Leading Players:

Hicksville- Josh Vandemark 17 points, 10 rebounds; Taylor Klepper - 10 points, 10 rebounds

Wayne Trace - Alex LaBounty 13 points, 12 rebounds

**KALIDA OVERTHROWS WAYNE TRACE IN OVERTIME**

On December 21, the Kalida Wildcats pounced on the Wayne Trace raiders in boys varsity basketball play.

The final score for the evening was Kalida 66, Wayne Trace 63 (OT)

Kalida's Scott Schnipke hit a three-pointer at the buzzer in overtime to give the Wildcats the win.

Kalida is now 3-3 on the season, Wayne Trace falls to 4-2

Leading Players:

Kalida - Jordan Basinger - 16 points, 6 rebounds; Justin Kahle - 11 points, 5 assists; Matt Warnecke - 11 points; Preston Ellerbrock - 10 points, 8 rebounds

Wayne Trace - Aaron Hockenberry - 22 points, 5 assists, 4 steals, 8 rebounds; Riley Linder - 11 points, 5 rebounds, 3 assists, 3 steals; Nathan Jewell - 10 points, 6 rebounds

*If you don't see your school's sports highlights, it's because we didn't receive it. Send it to westbend@verizon.net or fax it to 419-258-1313. (we recommend photographs to be e-mailed.*

-WBN editors

**THE WAYNE TRACE WRESTLING CLUB**

The Wayne Trace Wrestling Club will be starting it's 8<sup>th</sup> season this year. The club is open to all students from Kindergarten to the eighth grade.

Sign up and the first practice is Wednesday, January 9, at 5:00 p.m. Practices there after will be on Mondays and Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.

All practices are held on the south Balcony of the Wayne Trace High School gymnasium. All participants should wear proper clothing. (Sweat pants or shorts and t-shirt).

If you have any questions, please contact Coach George Clemens at 419-258-1522 or 419-506-0062.

**LAWCA WRESTLING RANKINGS**

The rated schools for the Lima Area Wrestling Coaches Association (LAWCA): Allen East (AE), Bath (B), Bluffton (Bl), Celina (Cel), Coldwater (Cold), Columbus Grove (CG), Cory Rawson (CR), Defiance (D), Delphos Jefferson (DJ), Delphos St. John's (DSJ), Elida (E), Findlay (F), Lima Central Catholic (LCC), Lima Senior (LS), Lincolnview (Linc), McComb (McC), Paulding (P), Shawnee (Sh), Spencerville (Sp), St. Mary's (SM), Van Wert (VW), Wapakoneta (W), Wayne Trace (WT)

103 lbs. - 1. Jason Hunlock (E), 2. Ryan Johnston (Bl), 3. Katie Clemens (WT), 4. Doner (C), 5. Lance Baker (F)

112 lbs. - 1. Javon Wright (LS), 2. BJ Miller (D), 3. RJ Baskett (C), 4. Merschan (DSJ), 5. Chris Beck (Linc)

119 lbs. - 1. Jordan Gonzales (D), 2. Brian Merschman (DSJ), 3. Shawn Brunk (E), 4. Justin Caudil (Sp), 5. Zack Shindledecker (LCC)

125 lbs. - 1. Kyle Begg (Bl), 2. Garrett Freeman (AE), 3. Josh Beemer (B), 4. Shane Troyer (E)

130 lbs. - 1. Tyrel Nuzum (Bl), 2. Trey Fisher (AE), 3. Jay Siefker (DJ), 4. Menevdorning (C), 5. Caden Mauk (W)

135 lbs. - 1. Tyler Rayl (Bl), 2. Matt Heffner (B), 3. Mitchell Beemer (W), 4. Zack Hurst (D)

140 lbs. - 1. Zac Clum (Sp), 2. Lucas Freeman (Bl), 3. Wally McGinnis (B), 4. Nate Painter (E), 5. Ben Perrone (F)

145 lbs. - 1. Ryan Rider (Sh), 2. Tony Dewitt (DSJ), 3. Jon Carpenter (W), 4. Terry Wagenhouser (D), 5. tie, Andre Leis (E) & Massillo (VW)

152 lbs. - 1. Kyler Washam (Sh), 2. Kyle Caven (LS), 3. Logan Niese (CR), 4. Taylor Andrews (DJ)

160 lbs. - 1. Cody Green (E), 2. Scott Kayatin (LCC), 3. Thomas (VW), 4. Jessie Herr (Bl), 5. Wade Arredondo (F)

171 lbs. - 1. Tyler Kunk (Cold), 2. Tyler Shipp (W), 3. Spencer Ladd (E), 4. tie Mike Alexander (F) & Matt Noggle

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(VW)  
189 lbs. - 1. Matt Alexander (F), 2. Stuart Miller (DJ), 3. Matt Dues (AE), 4. Lucas Homan (Cold), 5. tie Jake Reuille (WT) & Jeremy Irons (Sh)

215 lbs. - 1. Cody Wittkamp (E), 2. Mirricle (C), 3. Logan Erb (W), 4. Nick Ullenhake (Cold), 5. David Seng (F)

285 lbs. - 1. Shane Binkley (Sp), 2. Preston Cunningham (Linc), 3. Scott Walter (CR), 4. Max Gladstone (F)

The LAWCA is a committee of area coaches who meet five times a season to vote on the area's top wrestlers and teams. The rankings are done with the available information the coaches are able to collect through the week leading to the meeting. As with all polls, these rankings will change as more wrestling is completed. If you feel there are wrestlers who have been overlooked or mistakes that have been made, the association encourages you to send any results or pertinent information to jinglis@limacitieschools.org.

**OUR TOWN**

By: **Rose Kever**

A long time ago (when I was young and cute—HA!), our little town of Antwerp was a very busy place.

I can remember a lot of the stores and businesses that Stan Jordan talks about in his column. I also remember a lot of the "sounds" and "smells" back then.

"Battershell's" 10 cent store— when the front door closed it kind of had a rattling thud, and it smelled like candy. Doc Caine's office smelled like alcohol (medicinal, not drinking!). "Billy Pate's" drugstore always smelled musty and old, and it was always dim in there. I remember he had glass cases with bottles and bottles of miracle remedies. Then there was "Quisno's". When the door closed it had the same rattling thud that it has yet today, except in the summer there was a big screen door on it.

I think "Adcock's" shoe

store was in there too, and it always smelled like shoe leather and shoe polish.

"Doehring and Long's" was a wonderland. It definitely smelled like a clothing store. I remember they had a machine that would sort of x-ray your feet in the new shoes you would try on, just to see if your toes were being crunched.

Down at "Smith's Hardware" next to the Buick Dealership another nice sound—the screen door. They had a hinge latch. It had two black wheels and when it caught the door it would hold it shut. Before the fancy latch they had a screen door spring with a knot in it because it stretched out and wouldn't keep the door closed.

"Abie Gaisford's" little restaurant always smelled like fried bologna!

"The Sugar Bowl" restaurant smelled like hamburgers and french fries.

"Schilb's Furniture" smelled like furniture polish, and the screen door on their front had the same sound that Smith's had. I think the screen that's on there now is the same one.

The "Bee-Argus" smelled like ink. It's a very distinct odor that one can't forget. And the clanking of the printing press—to a kid it was exciting to hear and imagine what the paper looked like.

"Kammeyer's IGA" always smelled like bread. The store wasn't very big then since they were in a small building back then. I remember seeing Fred stacking the shelves and carrying out groceries. He also delivered groceries in his own car. His wife, Ruth, was the check out girl and Dorothy Gruber (and I think Dorothy Monroe) was also a check out. Joe Lichty was the butcher.

Maybe I'll remember more smells and sounds from the past and do some more reminiscing!

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**NATIONAL CITY BANK HOSTS CANDY CANE AND SANTA CLAUS**



**Candy Cane and Santa Claus with Austin and Andrew Miller**

By: **Sue Knapp**

It was very busy at the bank on the afternoon of December 14, 2007 when National City Bank hosted Santa Claus and Candy Cane, the reindeer. Children came to say "hi" to Santa Claus, pet Candy Cane and have their picture taken by Brad Taylor of National City Bank.

Candy Cane came from North Manchester's Animal Grams owned by Joni Cripe. She has petting farms, furnishes pony rides and brings her animals to different events.

A lot was going on in Woodburn that day, Christmas was definitely in the air.

**ANTWERP VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING**

By: **Sue Knapp**

Antwerp Council met in a special session on December 26 for the third reading of Ordinance # 2007-30

An ordinance amending ordinance #2001-19 establishing a program to charge a user fee for the delivery of emergency medical rescue services provided by the Village of Antwerp EMS.

Ordinance #2007-40

An ordinance authorizing the Fiscal Officer to amend appropriation and declaring it an emergency.

A special meeting was held on December 31 to swear in new Mayor Ray DeLong and to pass two emergency ordinances.

In the December meeting the 2008 budget was discussed and approved: Funds; General - \$287,311.10; Streets - \$67,007.89; Storm - \$286,100.00; State Highway - \$6,000.00; Issue II/OPWC - \$275,091.07; Fed-Mayor's Court - \$3,498.14; Permis-

sive Tax - \$30,000.00; Fire - \$51,660.00; IND. Drivers Fund - 0; FOJ - 0; EMS - \$83,550.00; EMS Vehicle Replace - \$27,000.00; Capitol W. Tower - 0; Water Fund - \$369,533.25; Deposit Fund - \$600.00; Sewer - \$186,013.00; Cemetery - \$13,650.00; Police - \$198,518.35; Street Lighting - \$17,500.00; TOTAL - \$1,544,317.09. This is a decrease of \$440,092.41 from the 2007 budget.

**THE DECEMBER 21ST UPDATE ON JIM DOUGHTY**

After being out of the hospital for a week since transplant (today is day 8), Jim was re-admitted this past Wednesday due to fevers and mouth sores. He can barely swallow right now and has bad blisters and ulcers all in his mouth, tongue and throat. They have taken him off mostly all of his oral meds since he can't get them down and are giving them IV. The doctors keep saying that it will continue to get worse before it gets better, so yippee! His mouth looks like its very painful and sore and it hurts for him to even talk, I can't imagine how much worse it can get, but we will just take it as it comes. They put him on a PCA (pain med pump) so that is helping to keep the pain under control, but it's making him very loopy! I am sure he won't even remember being in here this time, but I am hearing some really great stories from him in the meantime! Once his counts start coming back up again, he will be able to be discharged and go back to the clinic on a daily basis, which is looking like another week or so. It always seems that the timing with all of this is impeccable! Spending Christmas at the hospital wasn't exactly our first choice, but at least we will be together.

—Sera Doughty

**CURRENT AGRICULTURAL USE VALUE (CAUV) CHANGES FOR PAULDING COUNTY**

Paulding County Auditor, Susan K. Simpson, wants to inform participants of changes for tax year 2007 (payable 2008) in Current Agricultural Use Value (CAUV). Paulding County is required to update its CAUV rates every three years by Ohio's Department of Taxation. Changes taking effect for 2008 in how participants' CAUV is calculated may increase land value, which, in turn, may raise property taxes for some land owners in 2008.

CAUV allows those who own "qualifying" agricultural land to pay taxes for values based on the land's agricultural value instead of market value, which can reduce landowners' property taxes. In Paulding County for tax year 2006 (payable in 2007), CAUV participants paid taxes on about 13 percent of their land's projected market value. In tax year 2007 (payable in 2008), CAUV participants will pay on about 16 percent of their land's projected market value.

The 2007 CAUV rates were restructured by updating crop yield numbers and increased soil values for the entire state, which will increase overall land value. These changes are reflected on the 2008 tax bills; therefore tax bills for those that own farmland will most likely increase.

Other tax breaks, like rollbacks and the Homestead Exemption program, will still apply. To benefit from CAUV, there are a few qualifications. For example, landowners must own 10 or more acres of tillable land, and the land must be used exclusively for agriculture. They must also send in annual renewal notices. CAUV does not include structural improvements on the land - those are assessed separately and could still increase the overall value of the property, along with the landowners' tax bills.

CAUV value is determined by the type of soil on the landowners' parcels. There are 64 different soil types in Paulding County. There are several factors used in calculating CAUV, all of which are dictated at the state level, including cropping patterns, what the crops are selling for and

production costs. The factors also include a seven-year average, which eliminates the highest and lowest numbers. That way when extreme conditions, such as flood affect crops, they shouldn't affect averages.

If you are currently participating in the CAUV program, a renewal application will be mailed to you and must be signed and returned to the County Auditor's office prior to March 3, 2008 to continue participation. Failure to file a renewal application with the County Auditor, will cause non-participation and may result in a tax increase and a recoupment charge. An additional change is the "new" CAUV renewal form, the new form looks much different than the previous form. The new form will be mailed in an envelope rather than the prior mailers used for past years. For a new application, such as with a change of ownership, you will need to come into the County Auditor's office and pay the application fee and fill out a new CAUV application form. For more information about the CAUV program, call the Paulding County Auditor's office at 419-399-8205.

**FROM THE DESK OF THE PAULDING COUNTY SHERIFF**

On December 18, 2007 the Defiance Police Department arrested Joshua L. Newsome, age 20, of Defiance. He was arrested on a warrant from Paulding County Court, charging him with robbery in connection with the robbery of the Charloe Store on the evening of December 15, 2007. He is currently in the Paulding County Jail awaiting his first Court appearance. Also charged in the same incident was Eugene Bartley, and he was arrested on December 17, 2007. The incident is still under investigation and the Sheriff's Office requests that any one with information contact them at 419-399-3791.

**Have Something to sell?**  
Classified ads are \$5.00 for 25 words or less and only \$.10 for each additional word.

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Air Conditioning • Brakes • Tune Ups • Alignment  
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Full Maintenance Service • All Makes All Models  
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## PAULDING COUNTY AREA FOUNDATION DONATES TO YOUTH GROUP



**Stan Searing (R), PCAF Trustee, handing James Sponseller (L), Christ's Community Center, Executive Director, a donation check.**

The Paulding County Area Foundation (PCAF) recently presented the Christ's Community Center of Payne, OH, a donation of \$500.00. The Youth Center reaches out to the children and youth of Payne at least three nights a week and is also available for

community use. The PCAF is a non-profit organization that administers grants provided from donor gifts to improve the quality of life in Paulding County. For more information on how you can be a part of PCAF, call 419-399-8282.

## M. ALAN KOHART EARNS PROMOTION AT PAULDING-PUTNAM

Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative recently announced that M. Alan Kohart has been promoted to the newly created position of Engineering & Operations Manager. Mr. Kohart previously served as Director of Engineering for the Cooperative. Alan, who is a Paulding County native, received his BSEE degree from Purdue University. Mr. Kohart began his career as a part-time employee before assuming full-time responsibilities in 1993. He was named Director of Engineering in 1997. His career at Paulding-Putnam has included time working in the Right-of-Way Clearing Department and the Operations (Line) Department. In 2006, Alan attended the NRECA MIP (Management Internship Program) training and is working to obtain his PE license.

Kohart and his wife, Becca, have two children and reside in the Paulding area. Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative, Inc. is an electric utility serving over 12,900 member consumers in Northwest Ohio and Northeast Indiana. Paulding-Putnam is a Touchstone Energy Cooperative.

## WOODBURN BRANCH OF THE ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

**Family Night at the Library** - Tuesdays, January 8, 15, 22, 29, 2008, 6:30 p.m. Bring the family and join us at the library for stories, games, and crafts.

**Mart Start Storytime** - Fridays, January 4, 11, 18, 25, 10:30 a.m. Each program features finger plays, songs, stories of various lengths and crafts. January is Mice Month

**PAWS to Read** - Thursdays, January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 6:30 p.m. Meet Wilson our trained and certified dog and his owner.

**Yarn Lovers Gathering** - Thursdays, January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 2008, 3:30 p.m. Do you knit or crochet? Do you want to learn one of these crafts? We have people that can get you started and people that can teach you new techniques. Crafting is more fun when you do it with friends.

Beginning Internet Instruction - By Appointment Only. Adults we will be glad to show you how our new online catalog works, along with ways to use the Internet. Call for an appointment.

**SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL businesses. Their advertising pays for your paper!**

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### ORDINANCE PROHIBITING SNOWMOBILES ON CITY PROPERTY AND PRIVATE PROPERTY

The Village of Antwerp will enforce Village Ordinance No. 79-07 pertaining to snowmobiles within the corporation limits of Antwerp. Pursuant to Ordinance 79-07. No person shall operate a snowmobile: (a) upon any property owned or leased by the Village of Antwerp; (b) upon or within ten feet of any public thoroughfare within the Village of Antwerp; (c) On private property within the Village of Antwerp without consent of the owner or lessee thereof. Any person operating a snowmobile upon lands of another shall stop and identify himself upon the request of the land owner or his duly authorized representative, and if request to do so by said land owner, shall promptly remove said snowmobile from the premises. The full text of the ordinance can be viewed or obtained at Village Hall, 118 N. Main Street, Antwerp, Ohio during regular office hours.

Whoever fails to comply with the notice shall be deemed to be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction hereof shall be fined not less than \$25.00 for the first offense and not less than \$50.00 for each subsequent offense.

Any questions on the foregoing public notice should be directed to the Village Administrator at 419-258-2371

## CLASSIFIED ADS

### Sell it in the Classifieds!

Classifieds are \$5.00 for 25 words or less and \$.10 for each additional word.

**Bold is \$1.00 additional.**

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**BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY:** Annual lease on US 24, Antwerp, Ohio. Currently established greenhouse business or you determine best use. 419-258-7985. 1-3p

**WILL PICK UP AND HAUL away any unwanted appliances, farm machinery, or any other kind of scrap metal or aluminum. Get cash for your scrap metal. Free pick up. 419-769-1636. 1-5p**

**HANDYMAN FOR HIRE:** 20+ yrs. experience; residential maintenance, woodworking, plumbing, electrical, painting, carpentry. Can handle those honey-do lists that have grown too big for honey to do. Call Robert Huss, 419-258-2510. tf

**CAN'T ESCAPE TO A tropical island? Relax with a massage!** Call 419-542-5678 for appointments & gift certificates. Julie Nickerson, Licensed Massage Therapist. Community Memorial Hospital, 208 N. Columbus St. Hicksville, OH 51-5

**LELAND SMITH INSURANCE SERVICES. We'll get you covered for less! Home, auto, life, health, farm, and business. Call Dan Fowler in Antwerp at 419-258-1363 or 877-258-1363. tf**

**LOTS FOR RENT, HOMES for sale in Leinard's Manufactured Homes Community in Antwerp, 419-258-2710. tf**

**FOR RENT IN PAULDING: Spacious 2 bedroom apt. Includes: stove, refrigerator, W/D hook up, basic cable TV and trash pick up. \$375 deposit due with a 12 month lease. No pets. Call 419-399-2419 M-F 8am-4pm. After 4pm. Call 419-399-3441. 51-1**

**WEST BEND PRINTING & Publishing can take care of all your printing needs! Call us today at 419-258-2000.**

**FOR RENT: 2 BEDROOM trailer in Grover Hill, \$375 month, plus deposit. 419-438-5850. 1-2**

**2001 MANSION 16x80 mobile home for SALE. Currently located in Leinard's Mobile Home Community. Comes with covered front porch and storage shed. Has 3 bdr. and 2 baths (including a Master bath). Call 419-258-1809.**

**FOR RENT: 3 BEDROOM mobile home in Leinard's Manufactured Home Community. \$425 a month includes sewer/water & garbage. Deposit required, no pets. Call 419-258-2710. tf**

**FOR SALE: GE DRYER, 30" electric stove white Westinghouse. 419-258-2201 or 419-506-2222. 51-1p**

**NEED ASSISTANCE WITH decorating your home? Call Judy McCalla, Hicksville. 419-542-6182. Window coverings, blinds, shades, etc. also available. tf**

**BAKER'S AUCTION HELD North of Antwerp, Ohio off of Hwy. 24—go north on 49, turn left on 192 to Baker's Farm, 14597 Rd. 31. Auctions first Sat. of every month, 6pm, Jan. 2. Auctions the third Tues. every month, 6pm, Jan. 15. A variety of used and new merchandise at each sale; used consignments accepted so call ahead to consign, 419-542-7530 or 419-258-5605.**

**NEED PHOTO PRINTS for those holiday gatherings? Bring in your CD, camera, or drive and we'll print them for you! Call West Bend Printing & Publishing! 419-258-2000.**

**DEADLINES FOR CLASSIFIEDS IN THE WEST BEND NEWS IS MONDAYS @12 NOON!**

## TOP SELLERS AT ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL



The top two sellers for the fund raiser this year at Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschool were from left: Karli Philpot, 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Braxton Goings,

1<sup>st</sup> place. They are shown with our Home Interiors Consultant, Patsy Bland. The two children received a Wal-Mart gift card for their efforts!

## INTRODUCING ED'S CAR CARE CENTER



**Ed & Brook Thrasher starts a new business in Paulding.**

**By: Sue Knapp**

Sometimes you have to have the patience to wait for the right time. Now is the right time so, Ed Thrasher bought the building behind the car wash on 127 N and opened Ed's Car Care Center. With his brother, Brook, as manager they make quite a team. Growing up in Paulding County these boys know the people and what they like.

Ed has been a mechanic for 25 years working at local Chevy dealers. His wife, Amy, works at Alex Products and they have four children: Nathan, Carrie, Ashley and Emily. They now live in Payne.

Brook is single with one child, Micha, and lives in Paulding. He went to Vantage

Vocational School for management. He now is the manager of the shop.

Ed's Car Care Center is a full service automotive shop working on both the inside and outside of cars. They also sell and repair tires including lawn mower tires. They opened on December 24, 2007 and are already busy. They claim the best deals in town and welcome everyone to stop in and see them.

They are in a great location (Dooley Drive behind the car wash 127 N) where you can shop or eat out while your car is being worked on.

See their ad in this week's paper, cut it out and put it on fridge or in your address book for reference.

**If you mailed 11,500 Postcards (circulation of West Bend News) it would cost \$2875 not including printing charges. A postcard size ad only cost \$72**

### FOR RENT: THIS SPACE

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**BOLLENBACHER – BOATMAN**

Dawn L. Bollenbacher and Marcus W. Boatman would like to announce their engagement and upcoming wedding.

The bride-elect of New Paris, IN is the daughter of Greg and Beth Bollenbacher of Payne. She is a 1994 graduate of Wayne Trace High School, Haviland, OH. She received her BA in 1998 from Anderson University, Anderson, IN. In 2003, she received a AAS from Ivy Tech State College.

**ULTIMATE WARRIOR**

Submitted by: Luray Riggle, Woodlan Jr./Sr. High School, Guidance Counselor

**W**—isdome: able to make sensible decisions and judgments on the basis of personal knowledge and experience.

**A**—mbition: having a strong desire to be successful in all that you do

**R**—espect: to show honor for the feelings and rights of yourself, others, and the world around you. Having a polite, well-mannered behavior toward others.

**R**—esponsibility: to carry out a duty or task carefully and thoroughly. To be able to count on, depend on, or trust.

**I**—ntegrity: a firm adherence to a code of especially high values. Being honest, trustworthy, and incorruptible.

**O**—bedience: a desire and willingness to cooperate with teachers, coaches, administrators, parents, or others in authority.

**R**—eliability: to be faithful to a person, team, school, community, or idea. To be depended upon to finish a task in a timely fashion.

**The Program**  
\*\*For students who are involved in extra-curricular and co-curricular activities at Woodlan

\*\*Designed to recognize and encourage outstanding "warrior" character in students grades 9-12

**Benefits**  
\*\*Eligible for \$500 scholarship

\*\*Award certificate  
\*\*Ultimate Warrior patch for letter jacket

\*\*School and community recognition

Ultimate Warriors So Far for 2007-08:

Chelsea Wahl, Sarah Potter, Cheri Knoblauch, Chris Malfait, Aury Keller, Hannah Koeneman

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

**WOODLAN JUNIOR HIGH HONOR ROLL FIRST TRIMESTER 2007-08**

*Woodlan Scholars – A average with no grade below a B-*

**Grade 9:**  
Bethany Carter, Cody Cashman, Kasey Dimke, Nicolas Drewery, Kristen Gerig, Dakota Gideon, Laura Good, Emily Gruber, Audrey James, Grace Keller, Denise Kinney, Alexandria Kizer, Alyson Knoblauch, Bethany Lawrence, Garrett Renbarger, Clint Romines, Jeremy Salmon, Jesse Schlie, Joseph Schlie, Payton Spencer, Anthony Stites, Emily Thomas, Nathan Wiedemann

**Grade 10:**  
Cortney Baker, Corbin Bell, Benjamin Dehr, Jenna Delagrang, Serena Fuelling, Erin Gruber, Miranda Haifley, Rebekah Jacobs, Brittney Kees, Michelle Kruse, Adrienne Lawson, Kaley Lengacher, Corey Lininger, Danielle Meyer, Brandon Moses, Cassandra Schlie, Tyler Schmidtke, Brittany Shinn, Alexandra Spindler

**Grade 11:**  
Alexandra Baumert, Nichole Beck, Richard Biddle II, Jordan Buuck, Cassandra Cashman, Tiffany Dimke, Kelly Dykes, Haley Emen-

hiser, Derek Fritz, Jazmyne Gideon, Rachel Hathaway, Aury Keller, Kearstyn Keller, Cheri Knoblauch, Autumn Lehman, Christopher Malfait, Rebekah Meyer, Ashley Pierce, Elizabeth Pollos, Benjamin Schlie, Tianna Stieglitz, Megan Stites, Rachel Strautman, Courtney Szajna, Kristen Unsicker, Kelly Wells, Stephanie Wendel, Zachary Werling, Lindsay Wheeler

**Grade 12:**  
Abby Applegate, Ronae Biddle, David Bixby, Elizabeth Brames, Brent Bremer, Emily Bremer, Logan Brenneke, Paul Conroy, Jennifer Delagrang, Courtney Foster, Amanda Gerig, Britny Guingrich, Andrew Henry, Felicia Hiatt, Braden Hines, Paul Hoffman IV, Devin Kees, Hannah Koeneman, Danae Lengacher, Shane Mataraza, Marc McMaken, David Meyer, Brittany Miller, Caitlyn Neal, Courtney Parker, Alexandria Pollos, Sarah Potter, Travis Preston, Brian Renner, Ashley Suder, Laura Treace, Sean Wagoner, Chelsea Wahl, Olivia Yoder, Jessica Zink

*Woodlan High Honors – B+ average with no grade below a B-*

**Grade 9:**  
Amber Badders, Jeb Berning, James Brames, Alexander Brenneke, Kyle Conroy, Paige

Conroy, Jenna Delagrang, Ethan Gessner, Bridget Hamilton, Zachary Helmke, Jared Huth, Camaron Kinsey, Cynthia Kreienbrink, Zachary McKay, Rachel Miller, Stephanie Oberlin, Amy Potter, Evan Powell, Brandi Rinehold, Jonathan Rogers, Patricia Sieger, Trisha Smeltzer, Ryan Spieth, Andrew Taft, Cameron Wahl, Chapin Wentz, Lydia Yoder, Alexander Zurbrugg

**Grade 10:**  
Winston Armbruster, Rebecca Berz, Elizabeth Dempsey, Trevor Faull, Cody Gerig, Celeste Grubaugh, Caleb Hazelett, Alycia Herson, Zachary Kern, Matthew Kurtz, Amanda Lawson, Trevor Nicholson, James Rye, Luke Schwartz, Jordan Sheely, Christopher Sprinkle, Brenda VanAlstine, Devon Waterman, Blake Weil, Charity Wendel, Brandon Woodcock, Nathan Yagodinski

**Grade 11:**  
Abbey Alvarez, Megan Chase, Jacob Coomer, Jessica Copeland, Taylor Gorrell, Karla Graber, Jared Haag, Trevor Kaiser, Cassandra Kayser, Joshua Kinsey, Nicole Landis, Nicholas Lawrence, Austin Lebamoff, Cody Linn, Josilyn McLean, Kyle Meadows, Lauren Nieuwlandt, Cameron Ruckman, Laura Spieth, Dreyer Wentz

**Grade 12:**  
Aaron Baumle, Emily Berz, Sabrina Bowser, Arin Gelbaugh, Allison Gibson, Chelsey Hazelett, Melissa Hoffman, Eric Komosinski, Kathy Kreienbrink, Miranda Leichy, Emily McConnell, Blane Newhard, Michelle Nott, Abbey Shaffer, Logan Sheely, Megan Sieger, Elizabeth Stroh, Michael Swann, Adam Thompson, Langleigh Wentz, Britney Wilson, Stephanie Woodring

*Woodlan Honors – B+ average with no grades below a B-*

**Grade 9:**  
Taylor Carver, Shannah Markley, Ashley Neuenchwander, Gabe Vondran

**Grade 10:**  
Andrew Collins, Kayla Haag, Michael Sumpter, Ryan Wells, Jenna Zink

**Grade 11:**  
Ryan Bridge, Bradley Grimm, Chelsea Masel, Courtney Neal, Jerrid Rydell

**Grade 12:**  
Cortney Carpenter, Derrick Haifley

Missing pictures? We have a stack of pictures here at West Bend News from previous publications.

# An Open Letter to the American People

In 1776 our Founding Fathers risked their "lives, fortunes, and sacred honor" to set up a free and prosperous nation. They warned us that it was our responsibility to keep it that way, but we didn't listen to their advice. As a service to America, they have come out of retirement to issue a final warning.

## We the Founders...

- ...warned you of the dangers of excessive taxation. Now you must labor nearly six months of the year to pay your taxes at all levels as the economy groans beneath the cruel burden.
- ...warned you of the dangers of foreign entanglements. Now thousands of your men and women suffer and die protecting and building foreign nations while your government plans a military draft.
- ...warned you of the dangers of government spending. Now your growing National Debt stands at nine trillion dollars and your children are debt slaves from the day they are born.
- ...warned you of the dangers of a Central Bank (Federal Reserve) and a debt-based, fiat monetary system. Now your government can borrow and spend endlessly while destroying the value of your savings.
- ...warned you to obey the Constitution because power corrupts. Now a secretive government can spy on you and detain you at will under the guise of "National Security."
- ...warned you of the dangers of political parties. Now you have two powerful parties that conspire against the people, plundering you while they pretend to oppose each other.
- ...warned you to keep your nation sovereign and independent. Now you submit to UN and NAFTA authority, as your border is deliberately left open to endless illegal immigration.
- ...warned you of the importance of an honest, independent and unbiased press. Now your centralized "Mainstream Media" is full of propaganda, distortions, and omissions.
- ...warned you that the price of liberty is eternal vigilance. While you were distracted the government stole your liberty and bankrupted your nation.
- ...warned you that a government big enough to give you everything you want is strong enough to take everything you have. Now you are servants to a government to which you've traded self-reliance and individual freedom, for entitlement programs and "free" handouts that steal your wages.

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