

## PAYNE SCOUTS "SCOUT FOR FOOD!"



Scout Christian Raab gives a Scouting for Food bag to one of our neighbors.

Payne Boy Scout Troop 137 spent the morning of Saturday, 1 March, "Scouting for Food." It was the first day of the program in which the community helps the Scouts gather food for local people in need.

It began as Scouts divided Payne into five areas. Then, taking an area, the Scouts walked from house

to house placing bright, yellow bags on our neighbors front doors - 530 bags, to 530 doors.

The bags came printed with a plea, asking our neighbors to help by donating non-perishable food items. They should place the items in the bag. Then on Saturday, 8 March, before 9:00 a.m.; they should place

the bag out where Scouts can see it from the street.

Next Saturday, the Scouts will again, fan out across Payne. This time they will gather the bags containing the food items our neighbors donated.

Scouts will take the food to a partner church. The church then assists the Scouts by distributing the food to our neighbors in need, right here in Payne.

Payne Scouts wish to thank all our neighbors of Payne who will donate to the Scouting for Food program.

Sometimes in our excitement, we miss seeing donated items. If we missed picking up your donation, or if you have a large non-perishable food donation (taking more than three bags) don't worry. Feel free to call Assistant Scoutmaster Kip Long at 419-263-3822. Leave your address and phone number, and Kip will call to arrange pick-up.

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

## WAYNE TRACE RAIDERS WIN BIG AT DISTRICTS



The Wayne Trace Raiders went Friday night as Sectional winners and came home as District Champions. The Raiders played Kalida at Elida. The first

half was tied 22-22. The Raiders came out for the second half and showed no mercy to the Wildcats. They ended up winning by 20 points. They played Ay-

ersville last night at Bowling Green in the first round of Regionals. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)

## TRAFFIC FATALITY IN PAULDING COUNTY

On Monday evening, February 25, 2008 at 11:05 p.m. the Sheriff's Office received a report of a motor vehicle crash on US 24 near Carryall Township Road 51. This would be approximately one

mile east of Antwerp on US 24. The crash involved a semi-truck and pick-up truck. Operating the pick-up and killed was Anthony Q. Bernard, age 37, of Antwerp, OH. The operator of the semi, Oleg Bursov of Fort Wayne, IN was not injured. Assisting at the scene were the Antwerp Fire and

EMS, Cecil Fire, Antwerp Police Dept., and the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

The crash remains under investigation but it appears the pick-up went left of center and the weather may have been a factor in the crash.

—David I. Harrow, Paulding County Sheriff

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**Harvey E. Clemens**, 91 of Paulding died Saturday, February 23 at Defiance Inpatient Hospice, Defiance, OH.

He was born January 29, 1917 in Paulding County the son of Peter Burr and Martha Jane (Myers) Clemens. He was a lifelong farmer.

He is survived by three sons: Donald (Shirley) Clemens, Tom (Karen) Clemens, and Harvey C. (Susan) Clemens all of Paulding; two daughters: Martha Baughman of Paulding and Barbara (John) Peck of Continental; a brother, Alva Clemens of Defiance; a sister, Violet Andrist of Jacksonville, FL; fourteen grandchildren; and twenty-two great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brothers: Peter, James, Joe, George, Ward, and William; a sister, Maude Tuohy; and a grandson, Jack A. Clemens.

Funeral services were February 27 at Den Herder Funeral Home, with Eileen Kochensparger officiating. Burial was in Hedges Cemetery, Paulding.

Donations may be made to Paulding County Home Health Care or Defiance Inpatient Hospice.

**Carlton L. Miller**, 83, of Hicksville passed away Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville, OH.

He was born August 20, 1924 at Hicksville, Ohio the son of Hollis and Mabel (Getrost) Miller.

He was a 1942 graduate of Hicksville High School. He was a fireman for the United States Navy during WWII. He was united in marriage on March 26, 1955 to Gwendolyn Boren, who survives.

He retired from Scott Paper Co. - Foam Division, Ft. Wayne, Indiana in 1983 and enjoyed gardening and yard work.

He is survived by his wife, Gwendolyn; and a son, Kevin of Maumee, OH.

He was preceded in death by two brothers: John and Virgil; and a sister, Grace Overman.

The funeral service was on February 29 at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville with his nephew, Richard Miller officiating. Burial was at Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Memorials to Crippled Children & Adult Society or Hicksville Senior Center.

**Rena N. Quisno**, 95, of Antwerp, passed away Thursday, February 28, 2008 at Convoy Care Center, Convoy, Ohio.

She was born in Antwerp, Ohio on December 15, 1912, the daughter of the late Ralph and Bessie (Overmeyer) Tracy.

Rena was a homemaker and a member of the Antwerp United Methodist Church and the Order of the Eastern Star. On November 8, 1930 Rena married Clarence Quisno, who died October 24, 1998.

She will be sadly missed by her daughters: Barbara (Howard) Presar of Van Wert and Ruth Snyder of Antwerp; sister, Doris Toth of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death are a brother, Jack Tracy; and grandson, Dan Snyder.

Funeral services were at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, on March 4, with Rev. Michael Schneider officiating. She will be laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp.

The family requests donations to the church. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at [www.dooleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.dooleyfuneralhome.com).

**Anthony Quinn Bernard**, 37, of Antwerp, passed away Monday, February 25, 2008 suddenly in a semi vs. pickup truck accident on US 24, near Antwerp.

Anthony was born in Hicksville, Ohio on June 7, 1970, the son of Charles and Bonnie (Walters) Bernard. He was a member of Boilermakers Local Union #549.

He will be sadly missed by his father, Charles of Antwerp; mother, Bonnie of Paulding; daughter, Brittney of Fort Wayne; sisters: Toni Katschke of Hicksville, Tina Neer of Paulding and Cheryl Kelly of Fort Wayne; brothers: Chuck of Cecil, Randy of Arthur, Shawn of Florida and Bobby of Massachusetts.

Preceding him in death are his sister, Tammy Thompson; and brothers: Greg Bernard and William Gaskill.

Funeral services were at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, on March 1, with Rev. Scott Marsee officiating.

He was laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp.

The family requests donations to the charity of your choice. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at [www.dooleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.dooleyfuneralhome.com)



**Mrs. Wanda Sheets**, 95, of Antwerp, passed away at 6:00 p.m., Friday, February 29, 2008 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Wanda was born in Van Wert, Ohio on January 25, 1913, the daughter of the late Rollie and Goldie (Thomas) Springer.

She was a former Rockford resident, where she was a member of the Methodist Church, but spent the last three wonderful years at the Country Inn, Paulding. She was the head bookkeeper for Mercer & Rockford Landmark & Farmers Grain Elevator

from 1958 to 1967, but retired in 1975 as personnel secretary at Kroger, Fort Wayne and division distributor for Luzier Cosmetic Company. Wanda was President of Celina Business & Professional Women's Club, OSU Agricultural Extension Service for Van Wert and Mercer counties for 18 years, Eastern Star Worthy Matron of Rockford Chapter #152, 4-H leader and Van Wert and Mercer counties fair board member. She also had her own band of twin accordions with Gertude McCain called the Rhythm Dots, sung in the Berne, Indiana Menno-nite Choir and enjoyed painting, for which she received honors at the Van Wert Art Show in 1989.

On April 12, 1936, she married Glenn Sherman Sheets, who died June 10, 1995.

She will be sadly missed by her daughter and son-in-law, Renee and Kevin West of Antwerp; brother and sister-in-law, Meredith and Ernestine Springer of Van Wert; two grandchildren: Chad (Mandie) West of Hull, GA and Candace West of Warren, MI.

You are invited to participate in her funeral service at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 6, with Rev. Mike Schneider officiating.

You may call Wednesday, 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Thursday, 1 hour prior to the service. She will be laid to rest at Woodland Cemetery, Van Wert.

The family requests donations to The Country Inn Activity Fund. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at [www.dooleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.dooleyfuneralhome.com)

**John Baksa**, 85, of Paulding died Friday, February 29, 2008 at Dallas Lamb Foundation Home, Payne.

He was born November 1, 1922 in Henry County, OH (near Okolona) the son of Steve and Maggie (Kaptain) Baksa. On February 5, 1944 he married Theresa Feffer, who preceded him in death on May 26, 1982. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and a grain and dairy farmer.

He is survived by a son, Gene Baksa of Toledo; and a daughter, Linda (Robert) Vance of Antwerp; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; wife; a brother, Steve Jr.; and an infant brother.

A Mass of Christian Burial was conducted March 3 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Paulding with Rev. G. Allan Fillman officiating. Burial was in Hedges Cemetery.

Donations may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital or Paulding County Animal Shelter. Arrangements were handled by Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding.

**A. Tyrone Homer**, 67, of Payne died Wednesday,

February 27, 2008 at his residence.

He was born March 30, 1940 in Van Wert County, OH, the son of Walter and Georgia (Custer) Homer. He was a U.S. Army veteran. He was employed by the former Sims Cab, Payne. He was an avid Ham and C.B. radio enthusiast and a gun collector.

He is survived by a sister, Connie Polanco of Payne; a brother, Donald (Joyce) Homer of Waynedale, IN; three nieces; and four nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; and a sister, Lelah Elliott.

Graveside services will be conducted at a later date at Wiltsie Cemetery, Payne.

Handling funeral arrangements is Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding.



**K. Lucille Overmyer**, 89, of Payne, died Saturday, March 1, 2008 at the Paulding County Hospital, Paulding.

She was born December 26, 1918 in Allen County, Indiana, the daughter of George and Gertrude (Diver) Laker. On January 28, 1943 she married Richard E. Overmyer Sr., who preceded her in death on May 18, 1999. She was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Payne, and the Altar Rosary Society, Payne Grange.

She is survived by four sons: Richard E. (Ann) Overmyer Jr. Lt. IN (Ret.) of Woodbridge, VA, Larry L. (Marti) Overmyer and Terry L. (Terri) Overmyer both of Payne; a daughter, Pamela Proxmire of Payne; a brother, Roman "Bud" (Christine) Laker of Cecil; two sisters: Pauline Swary of Santa Barbara, CA, and Leona Molitor

of Payne; nine grandchildren: Lindley Ann Overmyer, Sarah Katherine Overmyer, Meredith Leigh Overmyer, Leslie L. Overmyer, Tyler A. Overmyer, Rodney W. Overmyer, Nathan C. Overmyer, Mick L. (Laura) Proxmire, William W. (Kim) Proxmire; five great-grandchildren: Luke M., Jarod, Garret, Gabriella, and Mason Proxmire.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, daughter, Patricia; two brothers: Theodore and Dean Laker; and two sisters: Beatrice Johanns and Betty Swary.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 5 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Payne, with Rev. G. Allan Fillman officiating. Burial will be in Wiltsie Cemetery, Payne.

Donations may be made to Dallas Lamb Foundation Home Activity Fund; Masses; or St. John the Baptist Catholic Church School.

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 2/27 - Anna Bussing, Paulding  
 2/28 - Lillian Friend, Antwerp; Lucille Overmyer, Payne  
 2/29 - Larry Gerken, Paulding  
 Dismissals:  
 2/25 - Bernetia Verfallie, Paulding  
 2/26 - Ruth Ann Zigovits, Paulding  
 2/27 - Daniel Rojas, Payne; Anthony Zuver, Payne; Doris Kohart, Payne  
 2/29 - Gary Bowers, Paulding  
 3/2 - Anna Bussing, Paulding; Lillian Friend, Antwerp

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 Paulding County Recorder

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

**"Pledge of Allegiance"**

"I pledge allegiance to my Flag, and to the Republic for which it stands: one Nation indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all."

Most folks don't know that this is the original Pledge of Allegiance written by a fellow named Francis Bellamy on September 7, 1892. Once a Baptist minister, he was a member of the Christian Socialist Movement and a Freemason. He began writing for a magazine "Youth" who asked him to write a pledge as part of their campaign: one, to celebrate the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Columbus' arrival to the Americas; and two, a way to call for national unity after the Civil War (A promise or oath to the U.S. and the National Flag). Mr. Bellamy said

that the purpose was intended to teach obedience to the state as a virtue. Public Schools began using it on October 12, 1892.

Against Mr. Bellamy's wishes, in 1923 the Daughters of the American Revolution and the American Legion pressured to replace the words "my flag" with "the Flag of the United States of America" to ensure that immigrants knew which flag to pledge the oath. In 1924 the change was finally made and a year after this "America" was added. In 1931, before his death Mr. Bellamy stated that the pledge "was born out of my own love of the flag and for all the lofty Americanism [it] represented." It wasn't until December 28, 1945 that The United States Congress officially recognized the Pledge as the official national pledge.

An organization called the Knights of Columbus, out of New York City, believed that the pledge was incomplete without the reference to a deity. Referring to a term from President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address the term "Under God" the KOC's felt it appropriate to adapt it to the national pledge and on April 22, 1951 they adopted it as their new pledge. On September 24, 1952 the National Fraternal Congress adopted a similar resolution.

Many attempts were made to amend the official national pledge but it wasn't until a minister, George Macpherson Docherty, pastor to the NY Ave Presbyterian Church near the White House, began a campaign to change the Pledge. With sermon in hand, the then President D. Eisenhower on the pew, focused on the Gettysburg Address

and Lincoln's termed phrase "Under God" stating "that a pledge without reference to a deity is just another nation." June 14, 1954, President Eisenhower signed into law the new Pledge that included the words "Under God." And as Paul Harvey generally ends his comments, "and now you know the rest of the story..." but do we?

Most of us don't know or remember these events simply because we were too young, too old, didn't care, or if you didn't and agreed to keep quiet for fear of being accused of being a communist. But patriotism is not an excuse to overlook rationalism! Immanuel Kant, a 16<sup>th</sup> century philosopher and who was highly regarded as one of the most influential thinkers of his time, developed the schematic for moral philosophy; "what is, what isn't, what might be," which is still treasured and used today.

Mr. Kant based this theory on the knowledge of reason and experience. For example: An idea is merely a thought, a conceived notion of the mind, but it does not exist physically like a book or a rock, yet it doesn't make it less real. In other words, "Pure Reason" must take into account that which we know to be true (the physical world) in combination with our knowledge based on experience (our senses; time and space - a form of perceiving), to fully understand or to conclude an answer. One of Mr. Kant's quests was to prove that even though God was not of our physical world that he had proven, based off his theory, that for those who did believed in Him He was not less

real or didn't exist. So what's "reasonable" in terms of our Pledge of Allegiance? Mr. Bellamy, an ordain minister, member of a Christian Movement, and writer, said that the oath was to show love for the flag and Americanism, which is more defined as "patriotism." He had every opportunity to include "God" into the Pledge but choose not to because he was trying to relay patriotism not religion.

Thomas Jefferson, a Founding Father of this country, said, "Say nothing of my religion, It is known to God and myself alone. Its evidence before the world is to be sought in my life: if it has been honest and dutiful to society the religion which has regulated it cannot be a bad one." Jefferson and many others of that time believed in that so much that the very fundamental stones of our democracy were established with that as the cornerstone.

The Constitution of the United States of America begins as:

We the People of The United States in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of American."

"[We] do ordain" to mean that the American People blessed or approved this document and creed to form our government and as a way to establish and govern our laws. Not as some might suggest that is was ordained by God.

Objecting to the term "In God We Trust," Theodore Roosevelt was quoted saying, "In all my life I have never heard any human being speak reverently of this motto on the coins or show any sign of it's having appealed to any high emotion in him. The existence of this motto on the coins was a constant source of jest and ridicule." And further said: "It was not constitutional, it was aesthetic. It cheapened and trivialized the trust in God it was intended to promote."

A 1947 a landmark case of The Supreme Court, Everson v. Board of Education, which clearly stated an opinion on the "wall of separation" between church and state: "Neither a state nor the federal government can setup a church. Neither can pass laws which aid one religion, aid all religions, or prefer one religion over another. Neither can force nor influence a person to go to or to remain away from church against his will, or force him to profess a belief or disbelief in any religion..." The very word, God, implies and signifies a religion or a belief thereof.

In 2004 The Supreme Court criticized the addition [Under God], that the original supporters were quoting Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, but to Lincoln and his contemporaries, "Under God" meant "God willing" and found its use in the Pledge to be grammatically incorrect.

Although religious institutions serve a sector of the American community (prayer, education, some community entities) they are done so out a certain belief or commitment towards a deity. If our government supported

such programs, directly or indirectly, the "wall of separation" would then be breached. [Public] is a term meant "for all," it's very existence cannot be described for the mere-fact that it encompasses all American citizens - men, women, old, young, races of all kind. The Constitution further solidifies this by continuously and consistently repeating, "We the People", "Public", or "Citizens."

I can't speak for God, but I can only "assume" that He gave [Us] freewill and a little commonsense to pick and choose what [We] know and feel to be fair and just for [All]. That the founding of this country was more than a coincidence, it was an opportunity to demonstrate to the world that America is about tolerance, acceptance, understanding, giving, caring, sharing, and human kindness. Our values arise from the stones of our foundation; (Freedom) Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness are our endowed Right. Just because I or you have done something repeatedly surely doesn't mean that that is the proper way or the just way, and as I get older I've learned that truth, well, has a way to prevail. Truth will not be whether the American People believe in a Supreme Being, rather, that the Founders, The U.S. Constitution, and The People themselves wanted the free will to choose - "a fundamental right."

What is my point? The Pledge of Allegiance should be reinstated as it was intended, an allegiance to our flag and our country. That interference should not have been allowed anymore than, say, Bush was permitted to go to war in Iraq. But what is done is done and [we] need to go on from here.

This election and the implications extend much farther than the polls; it's a way to send a message to those who serve all Americans. We want our representatives to serve our nation with honor, dignity, integrity, and honesty, defending our rights as they were originally established foregoing personal

biases that might interject or interfere. As I have stated before, "you hold office to serve all the people not your church; a leader's character is not judged by his faith, but rather by faith in a leader."

Our nation is in crisis and until we can elect a person, whether that be a Democrat or Republican, a man or woman, black or white; none will matter until the axis of this economy, our nation, and our leaders are re-aligned with its People.

*Be sure of this: The wicked will not go unpunished, but those who are righteous will go free. Proverbs 11:21*

Most Humbly,  
—Christina L. West

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

The Knights of Columbus of St. John's Catholic Church in Payne has offered all-you-can eat fish fries during lent for several years now. Last Friday we stopped for carry-out dinners and what a delicious meal! Fish that was hot and not a bit greasy with all the fixings. You should stop and support a local organization this Friday.

—Ellen Williams, Payne

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

I have been asked, "You're the new mayor, are you going to clean up the town?" I wish I could say I am, but my husband says I shouldn't make promises I might not be able to keep. I do take pride in our town; and so do a lot of other people. So if you see someone who doesn't take pride, you should take a picture and bring it to the Council with a letter telling what you'd like to see done. If you can't come up to the Council Meeting, then send it to the Village of Melrose, send it to Box 101. Then we, as the Council, can address what can be done. I can't do it by myself, I need your help too. If I get no response, I guess you as citizens don't want it cleaned up after all.

—Janet Stroup, Mayor of Melrose

**Paulding County Hospital Specialty Clinic Spotlight**

**Cardiology / Echocardiograms**

**Outpatient Clinic Schedule**

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

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

**Wednesday**  
Andrew O'Shaughnessy, M.D., Nephrology  
(every other Wed.)  
**\*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.)

**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

**Friday**  
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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

I am writing in reference to Brad Dysinger's long stream of letters and editorials.

Normally, locally elected officials do not get involved in dueling letters to the editor. Their work is conducted in public with elaborate written and financial records also available to the public.

The Commissioners did respond once to his grossly incorrect information about the jail. Mr. Dysinger completely ignored the correction, refusing to be accountable for his error and responded instead with more wild accusations. Mr. Dysinger's response, that was so off the point, is another reason for elected officials to not respond.

Mr. Dysinger also wanders so far in any one letter or editorial that it is unreasonable to attempt to correct his numerous misleading comments, accusations and incorrect information.

I would ask interested residents with questions to honor the precious American freedom of approaching their elected officials, attending meetings or reviewing records. You may or may not agree with the answers to your questions but please do not become guilty of reacting to rumor.

It has been my privilege to serve Paulding County as a school superintendent and the County Administrator. I continue to serve as a volunteer in many organizations and our church. During the years it has been a wonderful experience to serve with many other residents and to work with elected officials and public employees dedicated to solving problems, ethical behavior and public accountability. The many school board members and the six County Commissioners I served are to be commended for tending to routine business and the difficult decisions they often face. Each one approached issues in a rational manner, respected different points

of view and provided good stewardship of public funds.

Barb and I are proud to call Paulding County home. Given the many positive attributes of Paulding County and the real problems that need attention, it does sadden me that Mr. Dysinger has chosen to spread accusations and incorrect information. I suspect that Mr. Dysinger will eventually be held accountable for his actions even if he refuses to accept personal responsibility for his accusations.

—Stan Searing

**THE BRIDE OF CHRIST**

**By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ**

"Do you promise to love, honor, obey, and absolutely forsaking all others, keep thyself only to him and be to him in all things a faithful and true wife, for richer or for poorer, for better or for worse, in sickness and in health, 'til death do you part?"

For most of us, these words bring to mind the relationship between a husband and a wife, perhaps even your own relationship with your spouse. But these words could just as easily bring to mind the church's relationship with Christ. There are a number of passages in the Bible that depict the church as the bride of Christ. Paul wrote, "For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ." (II Corinthians 11:2)

On obvious parallel that can be drawn between our marriage relationships and the church's relationship as the bride of Christ is that love must be present in order for the relationship to continue. Paul wrote that husbands are to love their wives as Christ loved the church and gave himself for it (Ephesians 5:25). The older women are to teach the younger women to love their husbands (Titus 2:4). I learn from this that loving your spouse entails more than having a "warm feeling" for one another. Love

necessitates a particular type of behavior toward one another. It was God's love for us that made the church possible (John 3:16, Ephesians 5:25). We ought to love Christ because of what he has done for us (I John 4:19).

Our lives should be reflections of our love for Christ. While many people verbally profess to love Christ, Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15). Loving Christ also includes loving our brother. If a man says he loves God but does not love his brother, he is a liar (I John 4:20).

From the church's relationship as the bride of Christ, we can make and application for each of us as individuals. We ought to love the church because it is the bride of Christ. We should never forget that when we hurt Christ's church we hurt Christ (Acts 8:1-3, 9:3-5)

**CHRIST IN THE PASSOVER**

What do the Jewish Passover and Jesus' last supper have in common? Shaun Backholder, with Jews for Jesus, will answer that question as he presents, "Christ in the Passover" at the Harvestfield Church located at 13625 Rd. 12, Scott, OH on the 12th day of March at 7:00 p.m. You'll gain wonderful insights on how the pieces of God's plan of salvation fit together, and you'll remember this visual display of the Passover pageantry for years to come. Join us for Christ in the Passover from Egypt to Calvary to what it means for us today. For information call Harvestfield at 419-622-2026.

—Pastor Terry Martin



**"THE KING OF THE JUNGLE"**

A musical performed by grades K-8 of Woodburn Lutheran School will take place on Friday, March 7. The title of the production is "The King of the Jungle". Performance times are 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Woodburn Lutheran School.

"King of the Jungle" is a

musical production that takes place at an Animal Kingdom Zoo. A class, led by their teacher, is on a field trip to a wonderful zoo. As they travel on a tram to view the wonders of God's creation in the zoo, they learn that they can trust God for everything. The students (and a frazzled father serving as a chaperone) are reminded of God's great love for the world.

God sent His Son to save the world from sin. The teacher, Jungle Jean, serves as a guide for the zoo and she helps the class remember what is really important in life.

Through dialogue and 10 lively songs, students in grades K-8 lead the audience on a wonderful adventure to see who really is King of the Jungle.

**PHS DRAMA DEPARTMENT TO PRESENT "STATE FAIR"**

The drama department of Paulding High School is excited to present "State Fair", a musical production from Rodgers and Hammerstein. It is set against the colorful backdrop of American heartland tradition; "State Fair" travels with the Frake family as they leave behind the routine of the farm for three days of adventure at the annual Iowa State Fair. Mom and pop have their hearts set on blue ribbons while their daughter and son find romance and heartbreak on the midway.

Cast members include Ryan Lumpkins as Abel

Frake, Stacy Gallegos as Melissa Frake, Brittnei Bechtol as Margy Frake, Spencer Wilhelm as Wayne Frake, Logan Sunday as Dave Miller, Audrey Nice as Eleanor, Jared Ross as Harry, Kim Cline as Emily Arden, Jarrett Carr as The Fair Announcer, Jon Ross as The Hoop-La Barker, Samantha Habern as Balloon Vendor, Alex Knodel as the Shooting Gallery Barker, Audrey Smiley as Vivian, Olivia Arend as Jeanne, Isaac Porter as Pat Gilbert, Jacob Farr as Charlie, Chase Burnett as Lem, Jack Meriwether as Clay, Bell Leong as Violet, Alyssa St. John as Hayley McClellan as the Fairtones, Jared Renollet as Judge Heppenstahl,

Liz Bradford as Mrs. Metcalf, Amanda Porter as Mrs. Metcalf's friend and Danielle Smith and Rachael Manz are among the Fairgoers. State Fair is under the direction of Ruby Crossland, Sandy Dobbelaere and Jayne Smiley.

The dates of the production are March 7 and 8, 2008 in the Middle School Auditoria at 8:00 p.m. There will be reserved seating and general admission tickets. Advanced tickets may be purchased by calling the Paulding High School office, 419-399-4656 or from any cast member. Tickets are available beginning February 29.

**JUMPING ROPE FOR HEART HEALTH**



Pictured above are 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders from Woodburn Lutheran School who Jumped Rope for Heart Health on Friday, February 15. All of the K-8 students participated

and many of them brought in pledges for jumping. A total of \$1,316.00 was collected to give to the American Heart Association.

**TEAM XTREME COMING TO NORTHWEST OHIO**

TEAM XTREME from Impact World Tour is returning to Northwest Ohio for a Mini-Power Event on Monday, March 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the Payne Elementary Gym on West Townline Street. They have been to over 500 cities across the USA, and to five different continents around the world. Almost two years ago TEAM XTREME performed at the Wayne Trace High School and more than 1,600 excited people enjoyed an awesome evening of amazing feats of strengths and sharing of positive life transforming testimonies. We are very excited to bring them back to Paulding County again. This event

is free to all. The evening will be a positive time for the whole family. Come early for a good seat, doors will open at 6:30. For more information call Pastor Paul Hamrick with Mercy Missions at {260} 312-4444.

**JAMES WRIGHT TO SPEAK AT LENTEN SERVICE AT TWIN OAKS UMC**

Join us at Twin Oaks United Methodist Church, corner of Second and Harmon St., Oakwood, as we continue our annual Lenten Services. James Wright, Former Pastor of Junction Bible Christian Church will be finishing up the series on March 11. Invite a friend and receive a blessing from God during these special services.

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**ANTWERP HISTORY**

**By: Stan Jordan**

This picture was loaned to me by Barbara Reeb Cleland. As I understand this picture was taken in Guadalcanal in the Southwest Pacific after the hostilities were over in that area.

second man is my brother Jim Jordan. The third man is Rex Billman. The fourth man is Max Seslar. The next two men, we don't know and they probably are officers.

The next man in the squatting position is Woody Friend. After Woody is Ronnie Savage. I am pleased to

first man. The second man is Speck Rife. That next tall fellow - we don't know him. Next to him is Glenn Delong. Some people call him 'Banty'. Next to him is Charles Thomas. I got that from an interview with his nephew, Harry Thomas, who lives over on the Jericho Road.

The next three boys we don't know and we need help with them. The very last man is Gerald Cavander.

If you can help us with any of this, e-mail the paper or call me. If we can name all these boys we will turn it over to the Library.

All these men are heroes just for putting up with the heat, the insects, the snakes, the rain, the 'wait a minute' vines and a multitude of oth-



**STAN & SUE ON THE ROAD**

**By: Stan Jordan & Sue Knapp**

On February 21, Pauline, Sue and I ventured down to St. Mary's, OH to visit with Ronnie Savage.

Ronnie was born on April 14, 1916 in Carryall Township in Paulding County. He spent his first two years of schooling at the Link Co. School and finished up at Antwerp School where he graduated in 1933.

After graduation he worked on the farm with his dad, Harry Savage, until he was 22 years old. He then worked at the chair factory in Antwerp.

Ronnie went to Camp Shelby, Mississippi with Co. A (National Guard). He then went to Indian Town Gap in Pennsylvania. He was then transferred to San Francisco and then over to the Fiji Islands.

His company went through a lot of training over in Fiji including a lot of jungle training. Their mission was to protect the shipping route to Australia.

New Georgia Island, which is part of the Solomon Islands in the Guadalcanal, was the first Island to be taken by the U.S.

Ronnie was in the heavy weapons platoon which had 60mm mortar. The Japanese were 150 feet away and ready to attack so it was a challenge for the U.S. to be able to hit the enemy. The U. S. had to shoot the mortar straight up to be able to hit their target. They were successful and medals were won.

Ronnie was discharged in October of 1944 after serving almost five years - he then transferred to the Air Force.

He married Wilma Miller in 1947 and they have two children. They have lived in St. Mary's all their married life. Ronnie retired from New Idea.

See, Ya!



**STAN & SUE ON THE ROAD**

**By: Stan Jordan & Sue Knapp**

Stan: We visited the Manor House and interviewed Eloise Langham Hopkins. This was indeed a treat for me as we are old school chums and life long friends.

Eloise was born in Antwerp in 1924. The daughter of Carl Langham and Eva Wilson Langham. Carl, at that time was a mechanic for

J. B. Johnson Furniture Co. Then in later years he and Wilbur Langham were the owners of Langham Chrysler and Plymouth Dealership here in Antwerp.

Eloise graduated in 1942. She and Rex Hopkins got married later in 1942. She and Rex had two children, Kirk and Karlann. Kirk has three children and Karlann has two. So Eloise has five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Rex farmed and worked at Weatherhead. They moved to town about 1958. Eloise had about 25 years at Weatherhead and they both retired out of there.

Carl passed away in 1949. Wilber Langham operated the Dealership until his heart attack, then he sold out and just operated the body shop.

Eloise and Lois Fleck traveled to Florida in the winter for seven years to North Port as a rule. Eloise had a couple leg surgeries but she still couldn't travel much anymore.

Eloise likes to crochet as a hobby. Rex liked to fish and they used to camp a lot and they had their own camper.

She moved to the Manor House on February 7 of this year. She likes it very well, the staff, the food and the atmosphere. She even has her cat, Josie, with her. Josie is a long-haired calico with blue eyes.

This following story about my two school chums, I have told before, but we now have over 1,400 new readers in the Woodburn area and they have not heard this.

When we were in the eighth grade, Eloise asked Mr. Burnett, the teacher, if Rotterdam was a swear word. He said, "Oh my no, that is a rich industrial capitol city of one of the richest countries of the world. Why do you ask?" Eloise said, "Well, if Lois Anderson don't stop chewing gum, she is going to Rotterdam teeth."

Eloise, I hope we're still friends.

See, Ya!

Sue: I visited with Mickie Farnsworth at the Manor House. Mickie was born in Bluffton in 1923 where she grew up. Her parents were Marion and Martha Lee.



She had two older sisters.

Marion and Martha worked at whatever they could during the depression with Martha working as a mid-wife, and Marion eventually retiring from the Caylor-Nickel Clinic in Bluffton.

After high school, Mickie, took secretarial classes. She then worked at Tokheim in Fort Wayne. She eventually retired from GE.

She met her future husband, Clyde (Curly) at the school where he was taking machine training classes.

He then went to work at Bowser's and they were married before he left for WWII. After he got home he worked again at Bowser's. He then worked at Weatherhead for nine years before he passed away at age 49 after being married for 30 years.

After living in Monroeville, Clyde and Mickie moved to Antwerp where Mickie has been now for 60 years.

They have five children: Marsha, Jim, Steve, Ron and Don. All the children have graduated from Antwerp High School and are doing well. Mickie has 15 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Mickie lived in the North Garden Apartments where she would ride around on her 3-wheeled bicycle.

She moved into the Manor House at the end of November 2007. She really likes it there, thinks it's very nice, enjoys the activities and is glad she is still able to get out and about. The Manor House is much more than she thought it would be, there is always someone to talk to and all of her needs are taken care of. She is really glad to be in Antwerp.



Between Barb and I we can identify some of these men and I hope someone can identify some more. All of the men would be over 85 years old and maybe they are deceased. If you can help us with some names please notify The West Bend News or my phone at 419-506-1924. Barb thinks the first man left to right in the first row is Art Muir. I don't think it is, but I might be wrong. The


say that he is alive and well and lives in St. Mary's, Ohio. We went down to interview him which is also in this issue and he helped us with two more names.

We don't know the Staff Sergeant next to the end, but Ronnie said the last man in the first row is Dan Anderson, but I'm not to sure about that.

In the back row, left to right we don't know the

er inconveniences. Besides, most of them won awards and ribbons for fighting all night against a Jap attack with hand to hand combat. I don't know the words to give those boys, the accolades that they deserve.

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**PAULDING COUNTY YOUTH LEADERSHIP CENTER: WHAT IS IT FOR?**

By: Sue Knapp

The primary purpose of the Paulding County Youth Leadership Center is to provide centralized location for various youth leadership programs. The building provides a good place to meet with no financial monies coming from the different youth groups. Youth Leadership Center is owned by the Paulding County Agriculture Society and is operated by the Building for Character Council.

The building is centrally located at the Paulding County Fairgrounds and has a conference room that seats 25 and a character hall

that seats 80 with tables and chairs. There is also a kitchenette and sound equipment available. The building is handicapped accessible with a stage and ample parking.

The support, maintenance and upkeep of this building comes from donations and rental of the building.

The next project for the building is to install acoustic panels.

The Boy and Girl Scouts, Christian Home Educators, 4-H, Youth for Christ and the Christian Dance Group, YADAH-CHUWL, and the Dancing Ambassadors are just a few of the groups that use the building. For rental information call 419-399-8225.

**WESTERN BUCKEYE GOVERNING BOARD ACTS ON PERSONNEL RETIREMENTS**

The Western Buckeye ESC Governing Board held their regular monthly Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 21, 2008 in the Van Wert ESC Board office. Board President Mr. William Poe II welcomed Board members and school personnel to the meeting.

The Board members approved the agenda for the evening, which included a resolution to accept the retirement resignation of Mrs. Claudie Elliott after 35 years as an Intervention Specialist at the Western Buckeye ESC assigned to the Wayne Trace District. The Board also accepted the retirement resignation of Mrs. Darlene Billman after five years as Health Coordinator assigned to the Antwerp School District. The Board thanked both employees for their dedication and commitment to the students in their respective school districts.

The Board also recognized the winners of the Paulding and Van Wert County spelling bee contests. The Paulding County winner was Blair Baumele, a sixth grader at Payne Elementary School and the daughter of Pat and Wendy Baumele. The Van Wert County winner was Alex Bair, a seventh grader at Van Wert Middle School and the son of Phil and Shelly Bair.

Superintendent John Basinger updated the Board on the progress regarding a comprehensive review of the Governing Board policies. The Board hopefully will see a rough draft of the new policies at their March meeting with final approval of the revised policies sometime in late spring, at either the May or June Governing Board meeting. Basinger also reviewed recent Western Buckeye activities and personnel issues. Treasurer Linda Clark detailed the impact of the 10% state funding cuts to Educational Service Centers that were announced recently by the State. The long term effects include potential staff reductions and reduction in services to students.

In the business portion of the meeting, the Board:

\*\*Approved the minutes from the regular January 10, 2008 meeting.

\*\*Approved the current financial reports as presented by Treasurer Mrs. Linda Clark.

\*\*Accepted the resignation of Elizabeth Myers as a NOACSC employee effective 11/2/07.

\*\*Employed Jennifer Schwarth for the NOACSC position of Secretary/Receptionist, effective 11/28/07 - 1 year contract as per NOACSC salary schedule.

\*\*Employed Devin Lauder for the NOACSC position of DASL Student Services Liaison, effective 12/17/07 - 1 year contract as per NOACSC salary schedule.

\*\*Approved a budget revision to the FY08 Consolidated Application of the CCIP (Early Childhood Grant) and accept an additional award of \$1450 (ECO Training) for the Early Childhood Grant and approved its appropriations.

\*\*Approved purchase service contracts with Marilyn Link, Becky Link, Jack

Albers and Yvonne Arling for CORE Grant instructor services for the FY08 CORE Grant project year.

\*\*Approved a purchase service contract with Michael Traugh to provide evaluation services for the FY08 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant.

\*\*Approved a purchase service contract with Barbara Pemberton to provide required evaluator coordination services for ACE Academy effective 1/29/08.

\*\*Approved purchase service contracts with Kelly Jones and Kim Hohman to provide dance/music instruction as part of the Van Wert Foundation "Start With The Arts" award.

The Board meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. with no additional Board action. The next regularly scheduled Governing Board meeting of the Western Buckeye Educational Service Center is on March 13, 2008 starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Paulding ESC Office.

**CURVES SUPPORTS COMMUNITIES NATIONWIDE WITH 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE**

HICKSVILLE & PAULDING—Curves of Hicksville and Paulding will be participating in the Curves Food Drive to benefit local food banks.

Last year, the Curves Food Drive collected almost 11 million pounds of food for local communities all over the world. This year, Curves has set a goal to collect 15 million pounds to help even more people in need of healthy food.

To celebrate the generosity of the community, Curves is offering a discounted service fee for any new member who brings in a bag of non-perishable groceries and commits to a 12-month CD membership between March 3 and March 15. Last year, a quarter of a million new members joined Curves during the food drive.

Others wishing to donate may drop off non-perishable food items at Curves Monday through Friday during business hours through the month of March.

This year's food drive includes a twist: a weekly theme that gives people fun options and helps them pick healthy foods to donate. The schedule includes: Week 1 - Empty Your Pantry of Healthy Staples; Week 2 - Foods From Around the World; Week 3 - Souper Suppers; Week 4 - Family Friendly items including healthy snacks for kids and baby necessities.

"The Curves Food Drive promotion is always exciting," said Jerrica Steffens, the owner of the Hicksville club. "We have a chance to help so many people at a time when the food banks are lowest. It's a win-win situation for everyone, and we're very proud to participate." "The Curves Food Drive promotion is always exciting," said Glenda Ferris, the owner of the Paulding club. "We have a chance to help so many people at a time when the food banks are lowest. It's a win-win situation for everyone, and we're very proud to participate."

For more information, contact Glenda Ferris (Paulding) at 419-399-9229 or pauldingcurves@hotmail.com or Jerrica Steffens (Hicksville) at 419-542-7400 or hicksvillecturves@yahoo.com.



Katrin Wochele (right), a sophomore from Antwerp, pays close attention to Chelsea Foster, a senior from Crestview in the Vantage Cosmetology program, as she explains how to apply a foil treatment to a mannequin in the Cosmetology lab on Sophomore Visitation Day at Vantage.

**"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": FINALLY - SOPHOMORES VISIT VANTAGE!**

After being postponed for several days due to bad weather, Vantage Career Center hosted "Sophomore Visitation Day" on Thursday, February 14, 2008. Nearly 700 sophomores from the participating home schools spent two hours in the Vantage building. They had the opportunity to investigate and explore two different career technical programs of interest to them. During each one-hour visit, there were hands-on demonstrations and presentations prepared especially for the sophomores. Selected Vantage students were available to talk to the 10<sup>th</sup> graders, answer any questions they had and tell them what it's really like to take career-technical classes. This was a terrific opportunity for 10<sup>th</sup> graders to think about the different career fields available to them!

Below are a few frequently asked questions - and answers - about coming to Vantage.

Q: Can I go to college after Vantage?

A: About 30-40% of Vantage graduates continue their education immediately after high school graduation at a two or four year college. Students are urged to check

with their guidance counselor to be sure that all requirements are met.

Q: Can I participate in home school sports and activities?

A: YES! Students are encouraged to stay involved in extracurricular activities at their home school, such as sports, drama, etc. Vantage has very active student organizations - BPA (Business Professionals of America), FFA, FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America), and SkillsUSA, along with the Interact Club and Student Ambassadors.

Q: When are applications due at Vantage?

A: Sophomore and junior students who are considering attending Vantage should be sure to check with their home school counselors for the Vantage enrollment deadline. Applications are due at Vantage on March 5, 2008. Students may continue to enroll throughout the spring and summer, however, their first choice program may already be filled.

Vantage Career Center offers 18 different career-technical programs to choose from. If you have any questions, please talk to your home school counselor or call Student Services at Vantage at 1-800-686-3944 ext. 140.



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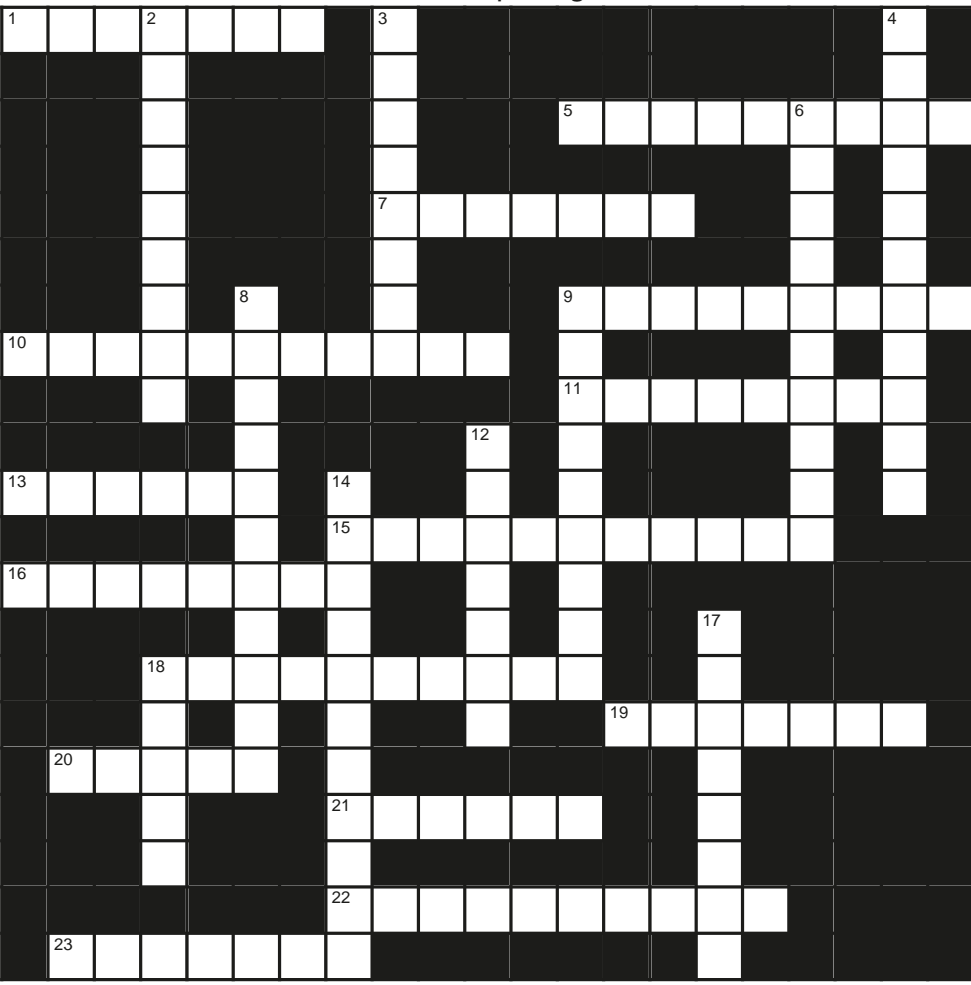
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Directions: Fill in the blanks with the name of an occupation that fits the description given.



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**Down**

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| 1. Old _____ never die, they just get the brush off.   | 2. Old _____ never die, they just roll over.                                 |
| 5. Old _____ never die, they just get pitched.         | 3. Old _____ never die, they just rattle.                                    |
| 7. Old _____ never die, they just lose their appeal.   | 4. Old _____ never die, they just get higher & higher.                       |
| 9. Old _____ never die, they just disappear.           | 6. Old _____ never die, they just lose their structures.                     |
| 10. Old _____ never die, they just get depressed.      | 8. Old _____ never die, they just get weeded out.                            |
| 11. Old _____ never die, they just check out.          | 9. Old _____ never die, they just retire.                                    |
| 13. Old _____ never die, they just get the boot.       | 12. Old _____ never die, they just fade away.                                |
| 15. Old _____ never die, they just lose their balance. | 14. Old _____ never die, they just go on dribbling.                          |
| 16. Old _____ never die they just steal away.          | 17. Old _____ never die, they just get fried.                                |
| 18. Old _____ never die, they just buzz off.           | 18. Old _____ players never die, they just wait until their number comes up. |
| 19. Old _____ never die, they just rewrite the text.   |  |
| 20. Old _____ never die, they just get throne away.    |  |
| 21. Old _____ never die, they just drop a part.        |  |
| 22. Old _____ never die, they just close the book.     |  |
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By: Chelsea Vail

V-I-C-T-O-R-Y, that's the Archer battle cry! Though met with solid competition, our war whoop did not go unacknowledged at the GMC Cheerleading Competition last Saturday. With the help of an enthusiastic representation of the student body, the varsity squad was able to bring home the Spirit Award in addition to placing third in the conference! Additionally, the JV team placed second in their division! Dare I say, three cheers for their success?

In other GMC news, the Quiz Bowl team will be traveling to Northwest State Community College on Friday to compete for the title of 2008 GMC Champions. The team is currently ranked first in the league with a considerable lead in total earned points. To win, or not to win? That answer lies in the questions.

*Word of the Week*

**Ebullient** \ih-BUL-yuhnt\ **adjective**

1. Overflowing with enthusiasm or excitement; high spirited

2. Boiling up or over  
Example: "Of all the fans at the GMC Cheerleading Competition, the Archers were the most engaged and ebullient."

A last piece of information the student body will surely be enthusiastic about: there will be a two-hour early dismissal this Friday. Y-I-P-P-E-E, that's the way to end a week!

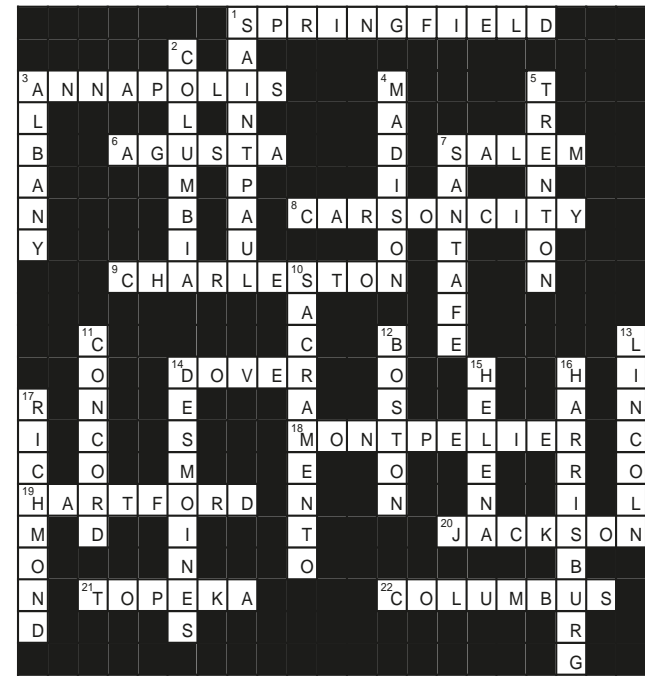
**30<sup>TH</sup> BASKETBALL MARATHON DEADLINE THIS WEEK**

Yes, it is already that time of the year for Paulding County's greatest sports spectacular. This year the charity basketball marathon has a much earlier date due to the Easter holiday. Due to the early date our deadline was March 3<sup>rd</sup>, but we will still be taking teams until this coming weekend.

The basketball marathon will be held in the Payne Elementary gym March 21 and 22. This year's marathon will boast a new t-shirt design on the front of the shirt to give this thirty-year event a new face to symbolize three decades of charitable support from the Paulding County area. The Paulding County Crippled Children & Adults Society is grateful for the generous support of the Paulding area businesses and people who help to make the past thirty years so great and also for helping the society help disabled Paulding residents.

Marathon entries are available from Payne and Paulding Maramarts and from H&H Cleaners in Antwerp. You may also contact Chad Benschneider 263-2277 or 419-769-4708 for an entry form. Please do not mail entries after today, March 5, call a committee person on the back of the entry form to hand in the form personally.

Last Week's answers to "Fractured State Capitols"



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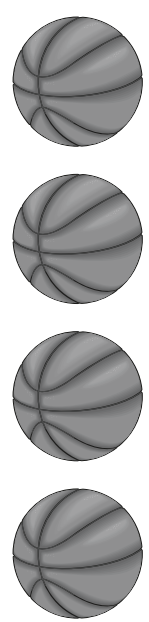
2007-2008 GMC Champions: Record 7-0 — Total Record 17 wins - 5 losses



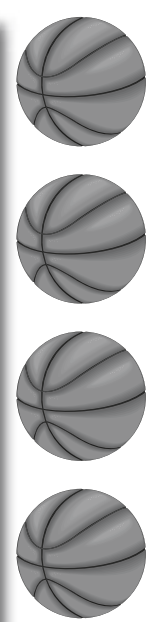
This excellent team achieved what most teams only dream of

Pictured L-R Back: Assistant Coach Chris Rosswurm; JoEllen Fickle (9); Sara Priest (11); Elyse Myers (11); Kacee Hockenberry (9); Marla Sinn (11); Jenna Stoller (10); Rylee Ulm (10); Varsity Coach Gus Davis  
 Front: Janelle Davis (9); Renee Bidlack (11); Becky Hicks (12); Becky Ruble (12); Chelsea Miller (10)

## Individual Points:



Becky Hicks	72
Becky Ruble	216
Sara Priest	214
Elyse Myers	225
Renee Bidlack	259
Marla Sinn	4
Jenna Stoller	3
Chelsea Miller	23
Rylee Ulm	6
Kacee Hockenberry	155
Janelle Davis	30
JoEllen Fickle	112



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**REVERSE RAFFLE BENEFIT AT ANTWERP SCHOOL**

**By: Stan Jordan**  
Saturday night we attended the fund raiser at the Antwerp High School for the All-Weather Track. I understand the track, as it is now, does not meet the rules and regulations put forth by the Ohio High School Athletic Association. So our team cannot have a meet that would be official.

As they mentioned Saturday night, it will take around \$200,000 to do the job and we stood at around \$80,000 at the start of the evening. It was a reverse raffle, with the auctioning off of some products, a little bit of 50/50 and bingo. Cindy Schlatter was in charge of the evening and this year was organized like the first benefit last year. Rick Small from 98.1 was the emcee and he was top notch.

The meal was furnished by Carla Sensabaugh and it too was top shelf. They had two serving lines at the buffet and it moved right along. The servers were students in the Varsity "A" Club. There were servers all around. They would help carry your food, refill your drinks, get you dessert and then ask if they could help you in any way.

At our table was Terry and Cindy Bowers, Pauline and I, Helen Livingston, Dick Smith, Marcellean Noll, and Deanie Donat. Now those people are not hardly middle age anymore and the Varsity "A" students really looked after us. They even bought us some chairs as those little round seats at the tables were made for skinny school kids. What I'm saying is, it was a joyous atmosphere and everyone had a ball.

The third prize of \$200 was donated by Floyd Ramsier and won by Lee Zuber. The second prize of \$500 was donated by Dan and Sue Fowler and won by Sherry Rouch. The first prize of \$1,000 was won by Tiffany Bennet of Harlan, IN. This benefit was a great boost for the All-Weather Track, the tickets all sold and the evening was a great success.

I am certainly proud to be a part of a community that backs endeavors like this. I'm looking forward to our next night out.

**PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEAR FROM ODOT, COUNTY ENGINEER AND THE DEPARTMENT OF JOB & FAMILY SERVICES**

Kirk Slusser from the Ohio Department of Transportation met with Commissioners to begin discussion on the disposition of the Rochester Park roadside rest area. When the new US 24 is complete, the old US 24 will become a County road. Once that occurs, the roadside rest will revert to County property. Commissioners are requesting public input for possible future uses.

Paulding County Engineer, Travis McGarvey briefed Commissioners on the completion of the annual bridge inspection results. The document is available at the Commissioners' office for review. Travis discussed the proposed shifting of responsibility with Defiance County for the maintenance of a portion of County Road 143 and a section of the County Line Road. The alignment of new US 24 would impact the current arrangement with Defiance County for these sections and the new proposal would provide a better alternative.

Commissioner Marty Harmon attended the District 5 Integrating Committee meeting which met in the Wood County Commissioners' office in Bowling Green. As a member of this committee, Commissioner Harmon heard discussion and voted on projects involving the nine northwest Ohio counties in District 5. These projects are listed as State Capitol Improvement Projects (SCIP) or Local Transportation Improvement Projects (LTIP). Paulding County projects receiving enough points to qualify for partial funding are; Paulding Village-\$325,000 for the water treatment plant; Paulding County-\$163,969 for 2008 bridge and road improvements; and Latty, Emerald, Washington, Auglaize, and Harrison Townships-\$174,988 for 2008 road improvements.

Other meetings included discussion with the Election Board concerning the upcoming March 4 election and some minor budget item changes. Attended the Family and Children First Counsel meeting. Attended the OSU Extension Advisory Board meeting with information provided to the board regarding the 2009 projected budget shortfall. Attended the Household Sewage and On-site Sewage Treatment Committee in Columbus. Input was presented to the committee about impact on Paulding County by the rules implemented by the State Health Department. Corey Walker from the Department of Job & Family Services requested that his department enter into Purchase of Social Services contracts with Paulding Exempted Village Schools in the amount of \$20,177.58 and Western Buckeye Education Service Center in the amount of \$14,634.42. Commissioners approved this request.

Citizens with questions are encouraged to contact the appropriate office for information. The Commissioners' Office is available for assistance in helping you determine which county office to contact with questions.

**NEWS TO NOTE FROM WOODBURN**

**By: Laura Wegmann**  
In the hot July of 1965, Woodburn celebrated its hundred year anniversary. In a publication commemorating the centennial, Herbert Roemer, then Mayor of Woodburn, wrote these words: "Our city has progressed much since its pioneer days. The future of Woodburn is in the hands of the people who live here. It was the people who made the city what it is today, and what ever happens in the future also will depend on them, with the burden resting just as much on the average citizen as it does on the leaders. Our citizens understand and appreciate their city, its problems, its aspirations, and its ideals. God has been good to Woodburn. With this in mind I predict a bright future for the City of Woodburn and accept the challenge of our citizens to improve our city in every way possible."

The words of Mayor Roemer still ring true. Of Woodburn's many active citizens, I would like to highlight two men who have linked their aspirations and ideals to our community: Norm Brenneke and Jim Milliman. In 1912 Norm's father, Henry Brenneke, opened the H.H. Brenneke General Store, at the corner of Bull Rapids Road and Main Street. When Henry passed away in 1925, his wife, Carolyn and their four young children managed to run the store until Norm was able to take over in 1937. Almost everyone in Woodburn can remember shopping at Norm's. The cleanly kept isles



and Norm's friendly voice are just a few of the many cherished memories. Like so many others, Mr. Brenneke and his family, invested time and money not merely into a grocery shop but into Woodburn. Likewise, in 2002, Jim Milliman recognized the shop's importance. After taking ownership, the Milliman family decided to change the name to Woodburn Fresh Foods, in order to highlight its significance in the community. Though the landscape has changed, the Millimans and the employees of Woodburn Fresh Foods remain optimistic.

Both the Brenneke and Milliman family always strived to make friendly service and timely sales, their goal. Unlike the major grocery chains, customer satisfaction and the viability of Woodburn Fresh Foods are intertwined. Just as Mayor Roemer expressed, forty-three years ago, the future of Woodburn rests in the hand of those who live here, of those who invest here; it rests in the hands of those individuals such as Norm Brenneke and Jim Milliman. I too, expect a bright future for Woodburn, thanks to the leaders of our community both past and present.

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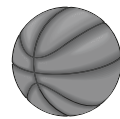
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# 2007-2008 Basketball



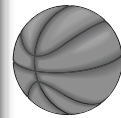
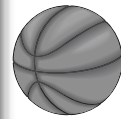
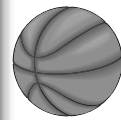
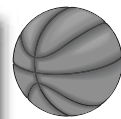
Quinn Tempel (11), Anthony Smith (12), Boston Hormann (12), Jared Delong (12), Nate Ganger (12), TJ Short (10), Adam Taylor (11), Tim Ryan (12), Bob Bragg (12), *Coaches:* Jon Short, Jason Hormann, Tim Copsey, Scott McMichael. *Managers:* Trey Mills, Eric Miesle & Gaige McMichael

**This team has the third best record in Antwerp's history.  
Record: 19-4 Individual Season and Career scores:**



## Individual Varsity Points:

Jared Delong	41
Boston Hormann	199
Tim Ryan	147
Nate Ganger	69
Anthony Smith	125
Bob Bragg	203
Adam Taylor	209
T.J. Short	215
John Rindahl	13
Travis Woodard	5
Bryson North	1



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**WINTER SPORTS AWARDS CEREMONY AT PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Paulding Middle School held their winter sports awards ceremony on Monday, February 25, 2008. Teams recognized were Boys and Girls 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball cheerleading, and 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade wrestling.

Receiving Northwest Conference Scholar Athlete certificates for maintaining a 3.0 or better Grade Point Average while participating in their activity were the following:

**7<sup>th</sup> grade Girl's Basketball** - Abbey Edwards, Samantha Martinez, Sarah Nardone, Marlee Pease, Alexis Rue, Breana Schmidt, Jacey Schroeder, Courtney St. John, Maggie Wilhelm

**8<sup>th</sup> grade Girl's Basketball** - Kristen Beck, Jessica Farr, Alissa LaFountain, Kayla Owens, Jade Vogel

**7<sup>th</sup> grade Boy's Basketball** - Michael Bauer, D'Angelo Bevely, Trey Schroeder, Neil Roehrig, Steven Strayer, Logan Doster

**8<sup>th</sup> grade Boys' Basketball** - Anthony Arellano, Kyle Mohr, Jason Koenn, Spencer Hatcher, Steven Heilman, Drew Burnett, Sean McMichael

**7<sup>th</sup> grade Basketball Cheerleading** - Mackenzie Hanenkratt, Kaytie Mason, Amanda Carlisle

**8<sup>th</sup> grade Basketball Cheerleading** - Brandy Beard, Tyne Schlegel, Derrick Echols

**7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Wrestling** - Chance Robinson, J.D. Nathan, Ben Woodruff

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

**FEBRUARY 2008**

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!



Tiffany Copsey was chosen to be Student of the month for Antwerp High School. Tiffany is the daughter of Tim and Brenda Copsey and Missy Copsey. She has 2 younger brothers. Tiffany is a Senior this year and is planning to attend International Business College in Indianapolis to major in medical assisting.

She is active in church with the youth group. She has worked at the Hicksville and Paulding pools in the summer. She also keeps busy with sports, friends and music. Tiffany is in the Varsity 'A' Club and has been a cheerleader and in track since the 7th grade.

Her cheerleader team had a competition at Holgate March 1st and Tiffany and the team came in third and won the Spirit Award.

*Congratulations Tiffany*

Jacob Sukup has been chosen as the Student of the month for February. He is a 4th grader at Antwerp Elementary and has had all A's for the nine weeks.

His favorite subject is Social Studies and he loves Farming & Basketball. Like others in the area, he likes the Ohio State Buckeyes. And of course pizza is a treat for him. Jacob's favorite TV show is the Dukes of Hazzard.

He was asked what he likes the best about school. What do you think? Recess, of course. He loves being around his friends and classmates too. Favorite books are the "BoxCar" Series. In the future, after he graduates, he wants to become a farmer. (no picture)

*Keep up the good work Jacob!*

The student of the month for Paulding Elementary is Cade McGarvey. Cade is a second grader in Mrs. Allen's class. Cade's parents are Travis and Stacy McGarvey.

Cade was selected for the student of the month because of his outstanding performance in our Positive Behavior Support Program. Cade received 12 PAWS Cards during the past month. Students receive (P)ride (A)ttitude

(W)ork habits (S)elf control Cards from staff members for demonstrating a positive character trait.

Cade is pictured with his Paulding Panther Book Bag that he earned as part of his award for Student of the Month.

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**3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL APPRECIATION DINNER FOR CARDIAC REHABILITATION PATIENTS**

It has been 15 years, 452 patients, and 16,272 procedures since the Cardiac Rehabilitation Program at Community Memorial Hospital began. On Tuesday, February 26, 2008 Community Memorial Hospital hosted the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Appreciation Dinner for past and present cardiac rehabilitation patients. The dinner was arranged by Clay Keeley, Exercise Physiologist and Athletic Trainer.

The dinner was attended by 47 people and included a video "Heartfelt for Life" by Dr. Mehmet Oz and celebrity fitness trainer Bob Greene. The program focused on providing individuals, who have a history of heart attacks, with information about cardiovascular disease and lifestyle modifications that can be incorporated in their daily routine to stay "heart healthy". For more information on the Cardiac Rehabilitation Program at Community Memorial Hospital call 419-542-5680.

**PAULDING-PUTNAM ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ANNUAL MEETING**

Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative, Inc. will hold their annual meeting on Saturday, March 15, 2008 at the Paulding High School gymnasium. The business meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. If you are unable to attend listen to a broadcast on [wpaulive.com](http://wpaulive.com) or [wpnmlive.com](http://wpnmlive.com) or if you are in Paulding 1620AM or 98.5FM.

**SCRAPBOOKERS GATHERING AT COOPER LIBRARY**

The Oakwood Community Scrapbookers will have a gathering on Saturday, March 8, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the community room of the Cooper Community Library, Branch of Paulding County Carnegie Library system. We welcome all scrapbookers to come and join us as we share ideas. Contact Sue at the Cooper Community Library at 419-594-3337.

**PAULDING ELEMENTARY RECEIVE NEW PHYSICAL EDUCATION EQUIPMENT**

Paulding Elementary 5th grade students recently received new Physical Educa-

tion equipment. Paulding Elementary School was chosen as a recipient of the Action For Healthy Kids Physical Education Equipment Grant through the Anthem Foundation.



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**Tryouts will be held at the Huber Opera House, downtown Hicksville**  
**Friday, March 7 and 14, 7-9 pm,**  
**Saturday & Sunday, March 8, 9, 15 & 16, 5-7 pm**  
Needed: 5 men, 3 women - adult cast  
If you cannot make the above tryout dates or have other questions, contact director Mary Schaufelberger at 419-487-3030

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Woodburn

### Student of the Month

Victoria (Torie) Moore is the student of the month for Woodburn Lutheran School.

Torie is a 4th grader at WLS and she is active in volleyball at the school. She also enjoys the time she gets to read quietly. Her favorite book so far has been Michelle Kwan: Heart of a Champion. Torie is also involved in 4-H, where she shows rabbits, lambs, horses, and does crafts.

In her free time, Torie enjoys swimming in her pool, reading and practicing volleyball outside. During the summer, she also plays softball. Torie's teacher, Mrs. Karen Hoepfner, says that Torie is very considerate of others and helpful in the classroom. She is also very conscientious when it comes to her school work, and is a joy to have in the classroom!

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### AREA YOUTH TO PARTICIPATE IN JR. OLYMPIC SKILLS COMPETITION

Local youngsters between the ages of 8 and 13 have the opportunity to participate in the Jr. Olympic Skills Competition. This free grassroots youth participation program allows boys and girls, competing separately, the opportunity to showcase their athletic abilities in four athletic events - basketball, soccer, tennis and track & field. The program is designed to encourage youth participation in sport while promoting sportsmanship.

All portions of the Jr. Olympic Skills Competition will be hosted by Paulding High School on Saturday, March 8 at 10:00 a.m. at the school. Participants may register the day of the event.

Champions from this Local Qualifying Event will advance to one of the Regional Competitions across the country in hopes of advancing to the National finals.

For more information please contact Robert or Marsha Bland at 419-594-3188 or [mjbland@hotmail.com](mailto:mjbland@hotmail.com)

### OAKWOOD LIBRARY NEWS

The Oakwood Library Association met recently at the Cooper Community Library, branch of the Paulding Carnegie Library. Members were brought up to date on the progress of the new Community Room which is near completion. A note of appreciation goes to all the local craftsmen who have so generously donated their time.

A committee report was given with recommendations that the community room rent for one hundred dollars with proof of insurance liability. The first event open to the public and sponsored by the Association will be the Chocolate Extravaganza III on March 27 and 28 at 7:00. The March 27 date sold out quickly and there is a limited number of tickets available for March 28. All ticket sales are made at the library during business hours, or by calling 594-3337.

A used Book Sale is being planned for March 12-15 during library business hours. If you would like to donate books, please drop them off at the Oakwood branch.

Several ladies have graciously agreed to hostess a table at the popular Spring Tea. The event will take place

May 10 and once again feature a Style Show. New this year is the addition of an evening meal to which the men are also invited. Hostesses have until April 15 to fill their tables, and then the tickets will go on sale to the public. Those interested in attending either event should call the library where names are being taken.

The first winners of the 300 club were drawn with \$50 each going to Jack Staugler and Henry Dobbelaere, and \$100 to Pat Buchman and Jane Trocha. The next drawing will be at the Chocolate Extravaganza.

### MAKE DR. SEUSS PROUD: READ ACROSS AMERICA ON MARCH 3

Research has shown a link between a child's academic success and his or her reading experience at home. To get students excited about reading and encourage more adults to spend time reading with children, Sylvan Learning Center is partnered with the National Education Association (NEA) to celebrate the 11th anniversary of Read Across America Day and the 104th birthday of the late Dr. Seuss on March 3, 2008.

"The more children read, the more they'll enjoy reading and the better readers they're likely to become," said Richard E. Bavaria, PhD. and vice president of education for Sylvan Learning Center, the nation's leading provider of supplemental assistance for children in grades pre-K through 12. "Read Across America Day is a day to celebrate the joy of reading and recognize reading's importance in school and throughout life. We love reading. And, as educational partners, the NEA and Sylvan Learning Center want all children to love reading as well."

Encouraging children to read helps transform reading from a basic skill to a learned behavior and an intellectual habit. The National Assess-

ment of Educational Progress (NAEP) 2004 national reading assessment of fourth-grade students found that reading for fun had a positive relationship to performance on NAEP reading scores. The 87 percent of students who reported reading for fun on their own time once a month or more performed at the proficient level, while students who never or hardly ever read for fun performed at the basic level. Students who read for fun every day scored the highest.

From coast to coast, Sylvan educators joined with teachers, students, and parents to encourage a love of reading in our local communities by creating reading events to literally read across North America! Here in Bowling Green, Defiance, and Lima, Sylvan created a friendly competition among schools in Northwest Ohio to see which school could read the most books/pages during the period of February 29 through March 3, 2008. The teacher/classroom with highest number of pages from the school with the highest number of pages won a pizza party. To encourage a love of reading, Sylvan offers a variety of tools for parents. For additional information visit the "Resources for Parents" section of [www.educate.com](http://www.educate.com) or call 1-800-31-SUCCESS.

### PCAF ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS

Paulding County Area Foundation (PCAF) is taking applications from Paulding County non-profit organizations for grants for the year 2008. Grant instructions and applications forms are available by contacting the PCAF office at 101 East Perry St., Paulding, OH 45879; telephone 419-399-8282.

Funds are limited and applications will be received until 12:00 PM, Monday, March 31, 2008. Grants will be awarded in June, 2008.

### STUDENTS SUBMIT LETTERS OF SUGGESTION TO PEVS BOARD MEMBERS



caption: standing (l-r), Stephanie Edwards, Cain Deming, Cody Crumrine, Rob Giesige and Tim Bush. Seated (l-r), Sam Froelich, Anna Rickels and Zach Ball.

All students are required to be tested each year as to their grade-level achievement according to the academic content standards set by the state. In accordance with this requirement, there are several versions as to how these tests can be administered.

One group of students took this to a different level by submitting letters to the PEVS school board as part of their requirement to submit 12 pieces of evidence per student, for alternate assessment, showing accomplishments in areas such as math, reading, science and social studies. Their letters contained suggestions for the school board to consider, such as seat belts

on school buses and orange juice offered as a drink choice for school lunches. Just as each student's letter was unique, so were the responses to their letters from School Board President, Tam Stoller, who wrote a personal reply back to each student.

This was much appreciated by Mrs. Mohley and Mrs. Pease, Teacher and Intervention aide, at PEVS Middle School, but more importantly, the students appreciated the personal touch and consideration given to them by Mrs. Stoller, School Board President and Mr. Rob Giesige, School Treasurer, and the entire PEVS School Board.



Woodlan's Senior Josh Gorrell scores against his opponent in the Sectionals against Bishop Luers. The Warriors came up short though, when time ran out. The score was 65-54 giving Luers the win. Bishop Luers ended up beating Bluffton in the Sectional Championship on Saturday night 66-64. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)

### THANK YOU

The family of Pauline Hale would like to thank family, friends and neighbors for the cards, flowers, plants, memorials and food. We would also like to thank Den Herder Funeral Home, Pastor Mary Beth Smith-Webb, the ladies of St. Paul Lutheran Church for the meal, the pall bearers and Harborside Nursing Home for the wonderful care Pauline received. We thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers.

—Joe Hale,  
Steve & Nancy Hale & family,  
Kirk & Kelly Hale & family,  
Jim & Karen Hale & family

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Corbin Michael and Colten Daniel Sargent were born on February 21, 2008 at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville. Corbin was born at 8:53 a.m. weighed 5lb. 12oz. and was 17 3/4 inches long. Colten was born at 8:54 a.m., weighed 5lb., and was 18 inches long. Their proud parents are Corey and Laural Sargent of Briceton. Corbin and Colten were welcomed home by siblings Kristen and Keria.

Proud grandparents are Harry and Deb Harrmann of Antwerp and Donnette and Dan Dugan of Briceton; great-grandparents are Phil and Lori Kitson of Celina and Marty and Norman Rugar of Payne.

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Antwerp made the trip to Lima Wednesday after the previous night had been postponed due to inclement weather. Sophomore TJ Short shown above scoring for Antwerp against Kalida at Districts. Antwerp struggled the last quarter and couldn't quite recover. Kalida won 38-34 going on to play Wayne Trace Friday evening for the District Championship. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)

**ARCHERS LOSE IN ROUND OF DISTRICTS**

The AHS Boys played their hearts out Wednesday February 27 At Lima Senior High School versus the Kalida Wildcats. It just wasn't enough to claim an Archer victory.  
Scoring by Quarters:  
1st - 12-9, Kalida  
2nd - 26-22, Antwerp

3rd - 31-31, Tie  
Final - 38-34, Kalida  
Scoring for the Archers - Boston Hormann 7 points, 7 rebounds; Bob Bragg 7 points; Anthony Smith 2 points; TJ Short 12 points; Adam Taylor 6 points.  
The Archer's finishing record for the season is 19-4—that's the third best record in the school's history. Way to go Archers!

**WAYNE TRACE WRESTLING CLUB COMPETES AT THE DELTA DUALS**

32 members of the Wayne Trace Wrestling Club competed at the Delta Duals that were held on 02/24/08. The Raiders defeated Patrick Henry, Evergreen, and Anthony Wayne. The team suffered two losses - one to Delta and the other to Perrysburg, and placed Fifth. All members of the team were awarded medals for their efforts. The wrestlers that participated are:

Mason Elliott, Gage Waltmire, Kameron Bevis, Cale Crosby, Worth Clark, Nate Showalter, Dylan Laney, Austin Smith, Grant Baumle, Trevor Dominia, Wyatt Stabler, Reese Etzler, Max Rassman, Brandon Laney, Hunter Showalter, Austin Young, Anthony Rooks, Jarod Galloway, Brendan Dingus, Quiton Stabler, Zaine Cotterman, Christopher Galloway, Kati Stahl, James Coyne, Tyler Showalter, Aaron Miller, Jacob Dingus, Shane Stahl, Nick Blair, Henry Merriman, and Jacob Blair.

**HOCKENBERRY SCORES 1,000<sup>TH</sup> POINT OF HIGH SCHOOL CAREER**

Wayne Trace senior guard Aaron Hockenberry scored the 1,000<sup>th</sup> point of his high school career in Wednesday's 58-46 district semi-final victory over Fort Jennings.

Hockenberry connected on a trey with 2:34 remaining in the second quarter to hit the century mark in a Raider uniform. Hockenberry now stands at 1,010 points for his career after scoring 18 in the Raider victory.

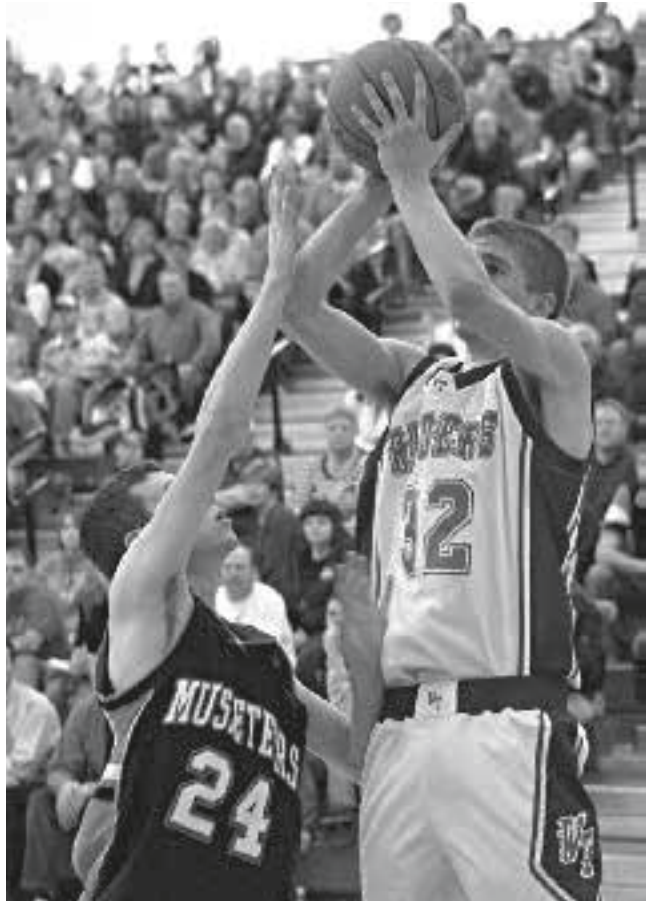
The final score was Wayne Trace 57, Fort Jennings 46.

Records - Wayne Trace 18-4, Fort Jennings 13-10

Top Players:

Wayne Trace - Aaron Hockenberry 18 points, 5 assists, 4 rebounds; Alex LaBounty 12 points; Riley Linder 12 points

Fort Jennings - Derek Geise 12 points, 9 rebounds; Troy Warnecke 11 points, 8 rebounds



Wayne Trace opposed Fort Jennings Wednesday night before the Antwerp/Kalida match. Senior Dane Treece shoots against a Musketeers guard. The Raiders won 57-46 to go to Districts Championship Friday night opposing Kalida. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)

**PAULDING WRESTLER GOES TO THE STATE WRESTLING TOURNAMENT**



Dustin Carnahan recently participated in the State Wrestling Tournament. Dustin finished 7<sup>th</sup>. Nice work!

**ARCHER WRESTLING CLUB GOES TO NAPOLEON**

On Sunday, February 17, 2008 the Archer Wrestling Club traveled to Napoleon High School to compete. The Archer wrestling club had nine participants and placed four. The kids took the mat with intensity and sportsmanship. Keep your eyes open for more Archer Wrestling news.

**ANTWERP BALL ASSOCIATION SUMMER BALL REGISTRATION**

The Antwerp Ball Association will hold sign-ups for summer ball at the Antwerp School by the auditoria on March 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



Wayne Trace's Ryan Davis along with the rest of the team shined in the last half as the Raiders played Kalida at Elida. The first half was tied 22-22. The Raiders won 56-36 by the end of the game. This brings Wayne Trace's record to 19-4. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)

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**YOUTH LEADERSHIP CENTER GETS NEW TILE!**

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- Latty Homemakers & Gents 4-H Club
- Friends & Neighbors 4-H Club
- The Out of Towners 4-H Club



Archer Wrestling Club Napoleon tournament winners - Coach Robert Kennedy with Justin Bute, 2<sup>nd</sup> place; Jordan Laker, 3<sup>rd</sup> place; Dallas Smallwood, 2<sup>nd</sup> place; Corie Wilson, 3<sup>rd</sup> place; and Coach Jake Reuille.



back row - Coach Robert Kennedy, Corie Wilson, Dallas Smallwood, Justin Bute, and Jordan Laker. front row - Jake Pratt, Chase & Mason Gerken, Jon Hudson, Trey Mills, and Coach Brian Yenser.

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**FROM THE DOG WARDEN'S DESK**

**By: Mandy Lichty Paulding  
County Dog Warden**

Meet Max. He is a 5 year old neutered male beagle hound mix. Max is just one of the many dogs from the shelter that have been given a second chance by the group "Friends of the Paulding County Dog Shelter".

When Max came into the shelter he was suffering from heartworms, a mosquito carried parasite that infects the heart tissue of its victim. Left untreated heartworm infection will lead to coughing, fatigue, weight loss and eventual death.

Due to the great efforts of the Friends of the Shelter and the generous donations of concerned dog lovers, Max was successfully treated for his condition and is now looking for his forever home. Max is a quiet fellow and he does like kids and he loves to go for a ride in the car.

If you would like to meet Max the shelter is open on Fridays from 2:00-6:00 p.m. for visitors and adoptions. Save a life opt-to-adopt!

**LATTA VOTES AGAINST TAX INCREASE: CONGRESSMAN ENCOURAGES PRESIDENT BUSH TO VETO H.R. 5131**

WASHINGTON—Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) made the following statement after voting against H.R. 5131, The Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Tax Act on Wednesday February 27.

"The last thing my constituents and the rest of America needs right now is a \$17.7 billion tax increase. With energy prices already sky-high, this bill targets certain energy producers with an additional tax burden that would almost be guaranteed to be passed along to consumers. While there are certain provisions within this bill that invest in alternative energy, the tax increase provisions within this bill cannot be justified. Furthermore, this bill discourages domestic energy production that will only increase our reliance on Middle-Eastern oil, which will be counter-productive to reducing energy costs across the board."

**WEIGHTS AND MEASURES WEEK - MARCH 1-7**

National Conference on Weights and Measures (NCWM) has proclaimed March 1-7, 2008 as Weights and Measures Week. The theme this year is, "Weights & Measures: Balancing the Marketplace". Weights and measures professionals' nationwide work together to create confidence in the marketplace, resulting in consumers getting what they pay for and businesses competing fairly.

Congress was given the power to "fix weights and measures standards" in Article 8 of the Constitution and the first federal weights and measures law was passed when President John Adams signed it into law on March 2, 1799.

County Auditor Susan K. Simpson wants to inform county residents that the purpose of the Paulding County Auditor's weights and measures program is to assure that equity prevails in the marketplace for both buyer and seller. The weights and measures inspector for Paulding County is responsible for inspecting and measuring all devices throughout the county on an annual basis.

All weights and measures inspectors are required by law to receive training and certification from the Ohio Department of Agriculture, Division of Weights and Measures. Inspectors must pass a series of 20 lessons and two extensive exams, as well as attend 18 hours of continuing education class per year to maintain their certification.

How many times do you encounter the use of a scale when purchasing grocery items in your local supermarket? Was the scale weighing accurately? Did the store attendant weigh your purchase properly? Alert consumers often ask these and other questions relating to this subject. There are several things to know and remember when purchasing over the counter grocery items.

1. All commodities must be sold by definite units of measurement: by weight, by measure or by count.

2. Net weight does not include the weight of the bag, wrapper, container or other packaging material. For example: when purchasing deli products, produce, meat or other items by the pound, be sure the person weighing your purchase makes allowances for the weight of the packaging material (tare).

3. When buying by count, check to be sure you have received the correct amount.

4. Learn to read the scale indicators and observe the weighing of your purchase. The scales and their quantity

value indicators must be visible to the consumer.

5. Check to see that the net weight, total price indicators read zero and the correct price per pound is entered before the product is weighed.

6. Look for the green and white approval seal with the county auditor's name on all scales in the county. This seal indicates the scale has been inspected by a weights and measures official.

7. Question the merchant if you are in doubt about a transaction. If you suspect short weight, it could be the result of an error that could easily be corrected.

8. If a problem arises that is not corrected by the merchant, take note of the location of the scale and an identifying number (such as the checkout lane) before contacting the Paulding County Auditor's office.

Every consumer should expect accurate weights and measures in their purchases just as they would expect accurate change from a cashier. Reliable merchants want to know that their customers are receiving full measure for the dollars they spend.

Merchants and consumers should be aware that weighing and measuring devices are delicate mechanisms and can become inaccurate through the wear and tear of constant use. Whether buyer or seller, be aware of your rights and responsibilities and if you have any questions or concerns you can contact your local weights and measures inspector through the Paulding County Auditor's office.

"Weights and Measures may be ranked among the necessities of life to every individual of human society."  
—John Quincy Adams, 1821

—Susan Simpson,  
Paulding County Auditor



**PRESCHOOLERS LEARN ABOUT THE LETTER "K"**

Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschoolers in the 4's and young 5's class were recently visited by Mrs. Stacy McGarvey on "K" day. We made kites and then we enjoyed

Stacy's Kindermusik instruments. Shown here with Stacy are from the left: Nolan Johanns, Quintin Gonzales, Morgan Iler and Blake McGarvey. These children are in the morning class with Mrs. Chris Adams and Mrs. Ann Miller.

**NEW STONE WORK REVEALED AT MASONIC LODGE**

James Kline opened the Lodge in due form and harmony and the Pledge was given. The first order of business was to drape the altar in memory of the passing of our honorary member George T. Rosendaul. The funeral service for RWB George Rosendaul at Burr Funeral Home in Bryan was well represented by Hicksville members. It was estimated that there were over 300 Masons from the Tri-State area at this service.

There were a total of 18 members and one candidate for a grand total of 19 present at Wednesday's stated meeting. There were 14 Past Master's. The 50-year members included Charles Carey, Derrill Kline, Estel Cottrell and Wayne Carr. Others on the side line were Jim Kline, Joe Stotler, Ron Farnsworth, Walter Schilb, Tim Betts, Bill Metz, Scott Ruppert, Mark Leavell, Dick "Diamond" Savage, Randy Brooks Sr. and Lee

Kallsen, Byron Rasey, Justin Krohn and Brandon Wobler.

A sympathy card was signed and sent to Esther Rosendaul and family in the passing of their loved one. Get well cards were sent to Norm Byers and Jim Wonderly. The Insurance committee gave an initial report on increasing our contents value. Further investigation will be needed.

The new stone work was revealed and was discussed. It was decided to continue this project to the east and west walls. A new light was used for the first time during the degree work. Walter Schilb gave another flawless lecture to the candidate. Jim Kline delivered the impressive charge.

The next inspection will be at Edon Saturday, March 1 at 9:00 a.m. The Napoleon Lodge has built up a substantial lead in the Traveling Trophy; therefore Hicksville needs to increase members at the Inspections. The next stated meeting will be March 12 and degree work will be exemplified.

**PAYNE BALL ASSOCIATION FINAL SIGN UP DATES**

The final two sign up dates for the Payne Ball Association will be held on Wednesday, March 5, and Saturday, March 8, 2008. Sign up times will be from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on March 5 and from 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. on March 8. Both sign-up times will be held at the Payne Elementary Cafeteria.

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**CONGRESSMAN BOB LATTA ANNOUNCES DISTRICT OFFICE LOCATIONS**

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) today announced the locations of three district offices in the 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional district. The offices, located in Bowling Green, Defiance, and Norwalk provide constituents with easy access to Congressman Latta and his district staff.

"I am excited to announce the opening of my district offices. With three locations throughout the 5<sup>th</sup> district, I will be even more accessible to constituents to provide assistance with federal agencies, military academy appointments, and casework," Latta said.

Congressman Robert E. Latta, district office information:

**Bowling Green office** - 1045 North Main Street, Suite 6, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402, (419) 354-8700 (phone), (419) 354-8702 (fax)

**Defiance Office** - 101 Clinton Street, Suite 1200, Defiance, Ohio 43512, (419) 782-1996

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3/10 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk  
3/11 - Sausage biscuit, tator tots, juice, milk
- MS/HS - Lunch*  
3/5 - Stuffed crust pizza, corn, or ham chef salad, garlic toast, fruit, milk  
3/6 - Breaded chicken on a bun, green beans, assorted fruit, milk  
3/7 - Fish & shrimp, spiral fries, dinner roll, assorted fruit, milk  
3/10 - Chicken tender wrap, baked beans or sub sandwich, carrots & celery, chips, assorted fruit, milk  
3/11 - Cavatini, green beans, bread stick, assorted fruit, milk
- Paulding Elementary - Lunch*  
3/5 - Ham deli, mini carrots, fruit cup, milk  
3/6 - Sloppy joe on a bun, tator tots, fruit cup, milk  
3/7 - Cheese pizza, corn, fruit cup, milk  
3/10 - Pizzaburger on a bun, vegetable, fruit cup, milk  
3/11 - Vegetable beef soup w/crackers, bread, fruit cup, milk
- Oakwood Elementary - Lunch*  
3/5 - Taco in a bag, lettuce & cheese, fruit, milk  
3/6 - Popcorn chicken, whipped potatoes w/gravy, bread, fruit, milk  
3/7 - Cheese cup, tortilla chips, green beans, fruit, milk  
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**WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 3/5 THROUGH 3/11**

- Breakfast:*  
3/5 - Pancakes or waffles, sausages, milk  
3/6 - Egg/cheese omelet, toast/jelly, milk  
3/7 - Turnover, milk  
3/10 - Pizza, milk  
3/11 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, milk
- Lunch:*  
3/5 - Chicken noodle soup, crackers, peanut butter sandwich, carrot sticks, mandarin oranges, milk  
3/6 - Corn dog, tator tots, green beans, mixed fruit, milk; WT: chili soup, toasted cheese sandwich, green beans, milk  
3/7 - Cheese quesadilla, corn, sherbet, milk  
3/10 - Cheeseburger sandwich, potato wedges, trail mix, milk  
3/11 - Nacho chips, meat/cheese/salsa/sour cream, corn, pineapple, milk

**PUBLIC MEETING OF CRANE TOWNSHIP ZONING**

Crane Township Zoning Commission & Board of Appeals will meet on Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Crane Township Hall in Cecil. This meeting will consist of the yearly reorganization of both committee boards. Discussion will also take place about future outdoor billboard issues due to the US 24 realignment project within the township.

—Karen M. Sanders, Secretary Crane Township Zoning Commission

**ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOLS LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 3/5 THROUGH 3/11**

- 3/5 - Tex Mex chili or piz- zaburger on bun, peas, peach crisp, milk; PLUS: salad bar or chips & cheese  
3/6 - Smokies or ham- burger on bun, dill spear, warm cinnamon apples, po- tatoes au gratin, milk; PLUS: salad bar or jello cubes  
3/7 - Cheese pizza or egg salad sandwich, celery & car- rods, fruit cup, milk; PLUS: salad bar or pudding cup  
3/10 - Meatball on bun or chicken strips, baked beans, peaches, milk; PLUS: salad bar or pie  
3/11 - Ham & cheese or sloppy joe on bun, french fries, jello w/fruit, milk; PLUS: salad bar or peanut butter bar

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**BOY SCOUTS VISIT WEST BEND PRINTING**

Tiger Cubs Pack 317 visited West Bend Printing & Publishing on Saturday, March 1. Owners Steve Knapp and Bryce Steiner gave the kids a tour of the place explaining about the different tasks that

take place at West Bend.

Pictured here are Ethan Matty, Cory Adams, Scott Keeran Jr., and Heather Keeran - Den leader.

Not pictured were Dylan Shawver, Ray Kupfersmith, Chad Carper, Dustin McCloud, and Vicki Shawver - Den leader.

**BASIL AND COMPOSTING HIGHLIGHT THE HICKSVILLE COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER'S MARCH GARDENING PROGRAMS**

HICKSVILLE—Do you enjoy growing and cooking with herbs? Want to learn more about basil? Or do you want to learn how to improve your garden through composting? Then consider attending one of the Hicksville Community Service Center's March gardening programs.

On Tuesday March 11 at 6:30 p.m., Master Gardener and Herb Society Member Janice Kline will present Basil-Grow, Cook and Enjoy It at the Johnson Memorial Library while on Thursday, March 13 at 6:30 p.m., Master

Gardener Mark Bok will present Composting—A Really Rottin' Idea. Both programs are free and are open to both children and adults.

Kline will share how to grow, cook, and enjoy basil as an herb while Bok will share his years of experience with composting—both wets and dries and browns and greens.

Monthly herb and gardening classes are scheduled at the Johnson Memorial Library on the second Tuesday and second Thursday of each month respectively. For more information on the Basil Program, the Composting Class, or any of the other upcoming gardening programs, or to register for any of them, call the Hicksville Community Service Center at 419-542-7173.

**TINY'S BURGERS & MORE**

By: Stan Jordan

There is a new restaurant opening in Antwerp. It is called Tiny's Burgers & More.

The proprietor is Jeff Buntain. He was born in Bryan in 1966. He graduated from Bryan High School in 1985. He was an over the road trucker for twelve years and then went into the restaurant business for about 10 years. He is not married and has moved to Antwerp.

His specialty is service, homemade pies and home cooked meals. Absolutely no instant potatoes and if your meal comes to \$4.00 or more your coffee is free. Tiny's will be open daily from 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Tiny's will offer nightly specials are Monday nights - spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread and salad; Tuesday night - pan fried chicken, mashed potatoes and salad; Wednesday night - barbecue ribs; Thursday night - swiss steak with mashed potatoes and salad; Friday night - AYCE fish with fries and slaw; Saturday night - surf & turf includes a 10 oz. New York Strip Steak, six shrimp, baked potatoes, salad and drink. There will be lunch specials every day as well. Tiny's accept cash and checks, but no credit or debit cards.

The waitress will be Tonya Thompson; Laura Coy is head cook and Kathy Iler is cook and baker. These ladies have many years in the restaurant business.

See, Ya!

**CURVES JOINS OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN TO "GET PHYSICAL AND FIGHT CANCER"**

HICKSVILLE & PAULDING—Curves International, Inc., the world's largest fitness club franchisor, announced that it is joining Australian superstar Olivia Newton-John in the fight against cancer as a presenting sponsor of The Great Walk to Beijing 2008. Curves has pledged a minimum \$1 million contribution toward the Walk—a fundraiser that will benefit the Olivia Newton-John Cancer Centre Appeal. Curves founder Diane Heavin will join Olivia on the three-week Walk.

Olivia and Diane will be joined by other celebrities, sports heroes, business leaders, corporate partners and cancer survivors as they trek 142 miles (228 km) over some of the oldest and steepest portions of the Great Wall of China. The Walk begins April 7 and ends with a triumphal entry into Beijing on April 29.

Curves clubs around the world, including its location in Hicksville, OH, will participate in the Walk through an in-club fundraiser in April, adding to the funds pledged by Curves International.

"We're thrilled to join Olivia in the fight against all types of cancer," said Glenda Ferris, owner of Curves of Paulding. "We help women get strong and healthy and fight deadly diseases on a daily basis -- from diabetes and heart disease to hypertension and more. This is a chance for us to fight cancer worldwide, and to have fun and get fit doing it."

Curves of Paulding will promote the event throughout April with posters, con-

tests and special events. Curves members can "get on the Wall" with an initial donation and earn "kilometers" that will propel them toward "Beijing" through additional donations, workouts and other fun activities. Curves members who complete all 228 kilometers will be entered in a drawing to win a share in thousands of dollars in prizes from Curves International and Curves Travel.

Curves members who've battled cancer will be honored and remembered on the Walk. "I've seen what cancer can do to individuals and their families," said Heavin. "So I'm walking in honor of every Curves member who has had to deal with the devastating effects of cancer, and in memory of every Curves member who has lost her life to it. To make that a reality, I'll be reading the names of those Curves members daily during the Walk." Members can submit their names or the names of other Curves members on the Curves members-only Web site, MyCurves.com.

All walkers' progress can be tracked at www.greatwalktobeijing.com, where anyone can sponsor walkers to help raise funds for the fight against cancer.



**CULTURAL HOMESTAY INTERNATIONAL LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER HOST FAMILIES**

Cultural Homestay International will be bringing a group of 30 middle school and high school age students to the Paulding area for 3-4 weeks this summer for an intensive English program. Tara Miller, Area Coordinator/Teacher Coordinator for our organization will be looking for volunteer host families for these students. If you would like to open your home to one of these students, please call Tara at 419-594-3516 or Sue at the regional office at 419-594-3851 or 800-210-6080. The

students will attend school during the day but will be with their host families in the evening and on weekends.

CHI is a non-profit educational program that brings students from all over the world to North American for high school and group homestays. CHI host families are the foundation of the CHI program. By volunteering to open your homes and hearts to the world's young people you are donating to them an uncommon gift: an offer of friendship, a willingness to share yourselves and your way of life. It is a wonderful way to learn about other cultures and customs. We are very excited about having the opportunity to host this group of Chinese students and their accompanying teacher.

Tara is also looking for homes for the Academic year students that will be coming for the 2008-2009 school year. If you would be interested in volunteering to host a student for the duration of the school year please call Tara or Sue.



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