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The Basketball Marathon held at Payne Elementary had 104 teams participate this year around the clock starting at 4:00 pm Friday,

March 21st. The people had a great time helping this worthwhile cause. The results will be posted in next week's issue of the West

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CIRCUS CELEBRATES 70TH YEAR IN 2008

The Kelly Miller Circus, founded during the Depression, is marking another milestone this year as it celebrates its 70th anniversary. Founded in 1938 by Obert Miller and his sons, Kelly and Does, this traditional tented circus has seen the passing of over half of this century and still offers the same great family entertainment it presented in its humble beginnings.

Thanks to the sponsorship of the Paulding Lions Club, the all new 2008 edition of the Kelly Miller Circus will be in town on Saturday, May 10, 2008 for two performances at 2:00 and 5:30 p.m. at the Paulding County Fairgrounds. This year's show features elephants, horses and a cast of international circus stars under a beautiful circus big top. The tent raising itself is a great free show that will take place at about 8:30 a.m. and the public is invited.

Enjoying a day at the circus means a lot more than just old-fashioned family fun, you also will be helping out the Lion's Club.

A MAGICAL EXPERIENCE AT WAYNE TRACE

By: Sue Knapp

The Wayne Trace Junior Class will present Rob Pond, Master Magician, for a night of magic, mystery and illusion. This event is "appearing" on April 5 at 7:00 p.m. at the Wayne Trace High School. You need to reserve your tickets now as at the last event the tickets "disappeared" early and people were turned away. Only 500 tickets are available, so talk to a Junior class member or call 419-399-4100 ext. 209 from 7:30 a.m. - 2:40 p.m. or 419-622-3481 evenings. This event is a fund raiser for the Prom.

Rob Pond, is a senior at Wayne Trace High School. His interest in magic started about five years ago when his parents brought him back a deck of magic cards from vacation. Rob visited Stoner's in Fort Wayne, met and talked with the resident magician and with that got started in the right direction.

Rob started out with Close-Up or one on one magic which means takings coins out of ears, etc. At first he practiced quite a bit at school with his peers thinking it's neat and the teachers thought it was interesting. Nowadays, Rob does mostly Stage Magic



using props, doves and two assistants with comedy included. He eventually would like to work with animals.

Rob has been to the Magic Fest in Columbus, the third largest magic convention in the U.S. He won 1st in the stage division two years ago. This year he will be a paid

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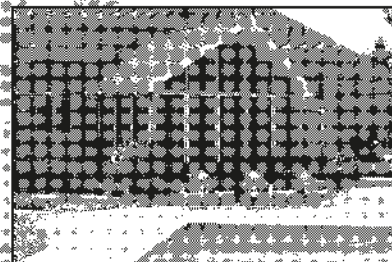
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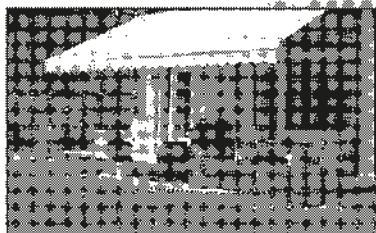
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Harold R. "Bud" Zartman, 84, of Payne, passed away Thursday, March 20, 2008 at his residence.

Bud was born in Payne on October 26, 1923, the son of the late Harold and Viola (Matthews) Zartman.

Bud served in the U.S. Army as a T SGT in WWII; worked at Midwest Rail for 12 years after 33½ years at Pan-handle Eastern Pipeline, was a member of the Edgerton Wesleyan Church and Payne American Legion Post 297.

On March 8, 1947, Bud married Marguerite Fullman, who survives.

Bud will be sadly missed by his wife; daughters: Margaret (Stephen) Zartman-Radlike of Fort Wayne and Geraldine Clester of Payne; son, Kenneth (Carolyn) Sauder of New Mexico; sisters: Katherine Fegley, Denene Yenser, Hilda Lyons, Olive Dinger, Genevieve Hoaglin and Edie Mills all of Payne; brothers: Lennis of Payne, Larry (Carol) of Sherwood and William of Antwerp; 11 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death are his son, Robert Sauder; and brothers: John and Wesley.

You are invited to participate in his service at Edgerton Wesleyan Church, Edgerton, Indiana, at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 27, with Revs. Dave Dignal and Mike Schoonover officiating.

You may call Wednesday, 2:00-4:00 and 6:00-8:00 p.m., at Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp. You may call Thursday, at the church. He will be laid to rest at Lehman Cemetery, Payne.

The family requests donations to the Blood Bank. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Nova L. Hasch, 86 of Cecil, died Tuesday, March 18 at the Meadows of Kalida, Kalida, OH.

She was born March 5, 1922 in Paulding County, Ohio, the daughter of Harry and Tina Johnston. On March 16, 1945 she married Harold Hasch, who survives.

She is survived by her husband, Harold Hasch of Kalida; two sons: Rex Hasch of Cecil, and Terry Hasch of Defiance; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; three brothers: Roth, Ralph, and Jim Johnston; and a sister, Thelma Gunder.

Funeral services were Tuesday, March 25 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Burial was in Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Paulding.

Donations may be made to Putnam County Hospice.

Paul B. Katschke, 74, of Hicksville, passed away Thursday, March 20, 2008 at Defiance Inpatient Hospice Center.

Paul was born in Denim, Indiana on May 9, 1933, the son of the late Alexander and Bessie (Pelsor) Katschke.

He served in the U.S. Army in the Korean War and retired from Borg-Warner, Chicago.

Paul is survived by daughters: Pamela Carr of Fremont, MI and Tracy Eitniew of Continental; sons: Paul of Butler, IN and William of Hicksville; sisters: Elaine Rowe of Kankakee, IL and Pauline Drager of Pinellas Park, FL; brother, Richard of Kankakee, IL; 14 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death are his daughter, Kathleen Manella; and son, John.

Funeral service was held at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, on March 25, with Rev. Gary Gates officiating. He was laid to rest at Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

The family requests donations to Defiance Inpatient Hospice Center. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Richard E. Foust, 65 of Oakwood died Wednesday, March 19 at Mercy Hospital of Defiance, Defiance, OH.

He was born July 11, 1942 in Paulding County, Ohio the son of Lloyd and Berneice (Knapp) Foust. On October 14, 1978 he married Sharon E. McVay, who survives. He was a supervisor for numerous glass companies in northwestern Ohio and a former life insurance agent for Western Southern Life Insurance. He was a member of the Auglaize Chapel Church of God, Oakwood, and a former church board member. He was also a member of the Kiwanis Club-Auglaize Valley, a member of the Oakwood Homecoming Committee and an avid Ohio State, Cleveland Indians and Cleveland Browns fan.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon Foust of Oakwood; three sons: Brad (Chris) Ripke of Woodburn, Bart (Karen) Ripke, and Brian (Tira) Ripke both of Oakwood; a daughter, Marsha (Phil) Wharry of Grover Hill; four sisters: LeAnn (George) Bowers of Grover Hill, Roosena (Roger) Aldrich of Paulding, Bonnie (Len) Brinkman of Ottawa, OH, and Kay (Eldon) Taylor of New Haven, IN; sixteen grandchildren: Chad, Chelsea, Andy, Amy, Amanda, Danelle, Dusty, Darcy, Brianna, Breck, Bailey, Caleb, Adriana, Tyler, Brenden, and Jacob; eight great-grandchildren: Carter, Riley, Jonathan, Alexis, Skylar, Martin, Alizae, and Braxton.

He is preceded in death by his parents; and a granddaughter, Deanna Ripke.

Funeral services were Monday, March 24 at the Auglaize Chapel Church of God, Oakwood, with Pastors Robert Merriman and Stan Harmon officiating. Burial was in Monroe Cemetery, Continental, OH.

Donations may be made to the Auglaize Chapel Church of God. Arrangements were handled by Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding.

Robert W. Scott, 53, of Fort Wayne, IN died Tuesday, March 18 at Parkview Whitley County, Columbia City, Indiana.

He was born December 18, 1954 in Adams County, Indiana the son of Ralph and Lena M. (Ramsay) Scott. He was an electrician for Superior Essex of Columbia City and formerly employed by Matter Manufacturing, Ft. Wayne, IN.

He is survived by a daughter, Aleasa (Adam) Friedley of Fort Wayne, IN; two sons: Troy W. Scott and Keith Scott both of Ft. Wayne; a brother, David (Laurie) Scott of Grover Hill; a sister, Judy (David) Scott of St. Mary's, OH; and three grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services were Saturday, March 22 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with Rev. Ben Lowell officiating. Burial was in Lehman Cemetery, Payne.

Donations may be made to United Steel Workers Union.

Ruth E. Rekeweg, 96 of Paulding died Monday, March 17, 2008 at the Van Wert County Hospital.

She was born on February 1, 1912 in Paulding County the daughter of Frank J. "Pop" and Anna M. (Hopt) Morisy. On June 29, 1941 she married Wilmer D. Rekeweg who died in 1986. She was a homemaker all her life as well as a beautician for many years and also worked at the Paulding County Title Office. She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Paulding.

She is survived by one daughter, Barbara Ann (Rekeweg) Thomas of Woodburn, Indiana; eight sisters: Lucille Vsetula of Fresno, CA; Rita Thompson of Delaware, OH; Theresa Thompson of Indianapolis, IN; Rose Marie Guinam of Silver Springs, MD; Alta (Don) Ebel of Las Vegas, NV; Margaret Ditto of Delphos, OH; Phyllis (Gordon) Porter of Long Island, NY, and Monica Brune of Van Wert, OH; one brother, James (Isabelle) Morisy of Paulding; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; sister, Jeanne Van Fleet; brother, Paul Morisy; and step-mother, Lola A. (Ragan) Morisy.

Funeral services were Friday, March 21, 2008 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding with burial in the Christ Lutheran Cemetery, Woodburn, Indiana.

The family suggests memorials be made to Masses or the St. Joseph Catholic Church, Paulding.

Irene E. Warner, 94, of Payne died Monday, March 17 at Lutheran Home, Ft.

Wayne, IN.

She was born December 4, 1913 in Allen County, Indiana, the daughter of Alfonso and Cora (Wade) Foust. In 1932 she married Carl W. Warner, who preceded her in death on March 25, 1981.

She is survived by a son, Gerald (Shirley) Warner of Fort Wayne, IN; a daughter, JoAnn Sheets of New Haven, IN; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers; and a sister.

Funeral services were March 22 at Payne Church of the Nazarene, Payne, with Pastor Michael Harper officiating. Burial was in Lehman Cemetery, Payne.

Donations may be made to Gideon's International. Den Herder funeral Home, Paulding, is handling arrangements.



Marlene (Kelsay) Due Beatty, 54 of Fort Wayne, IN passed away on March 17, 2008 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, IN after a long and valiant struggle with cancer. A long-time resident of Fort Wayne, Marlene funneled her passion for helping

OLDER THAN DIRT!

One day a group of scientists got together and decided that man had advanced in his knowledge to the place where he no longer needed God. So they picked one scientist to go and tell Him that they were done with Him.

The scientist approached God and said, "God, we've decided that we no longer need you. We have evolved to the point that we can now clone people and do many miraculous things on our own. So, thanks for everything, but we'll take it from here!"

God listened very patiently and kindly to the man and after the scientist had finished, God said, "Very well, how about this, let us have a man making contest." To which the scientist replied, "OK, great!" But God added, "Now, we're going to do this just like I did back in the old days with Adam."

The scientist said, "Sure, no problem" and bent down and grabbed himself a handful of dirt. God just looked at him and said, "No, no, no. . . Go get your OWN dirt!"

So, where DID dirt originate? How did the universe come into being?

It is an established law of science (first law of thermodynamics) that matter and energy can be neither created nor destroyed. Something cannot come from nothing; something can only come from something. That "Something" which created the universe is GOD! "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1). God said through the prophet Isaiah: "You forget the LORD your Maker, Who stretched out the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth" (Isaiah 51:13). "By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible" (Hebrews 11:3). God created "dirt" -- as well as ALL matter and ALL life!

When we accept by faith the fact that God created the universe, then we can also understand the purpose of life. Only the Creator of life understands the purpose of life, and the Creator has communicated life's purpose through His Word.

God the Creator has revealed through His Word that He desires that each of us be "re-created" in Christ. Our sin prevents us from fulfilling His will for our lives (Isaiah 59:1-2). But "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). Through Jesus, our sins can be forgiven (Ephesians 1:7).

WHEN WE: believe in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from our sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ (Acts 2:38; Galatians 3:27), THEN WE: become "new creatures" in Him

(2 Corinthians 5:17). NOW WE have forgiveness, joy, hope, and purpose! Our purpose is to live for the One who created us and gave His Son to die for us, that we might live with Him forever!

Have YOU realized the Creator's purpose for your life? Won't you submit to Him in trusting obedience?

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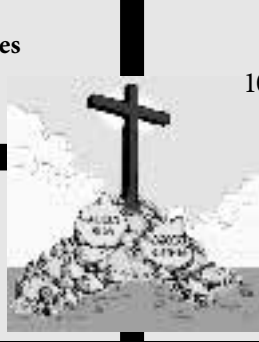
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people through her chosen professions, first as an interior designer and in later years as a licensed grief counselor and family therapist.

Born July 2, 1953 in Union City, IN to Robert and Ruth Ellen Kelsay, Marlene grew up on the Kelsay grain and livestock farm in Fairmount, IN, where 4-H figured prominently in her formative years. Marlene received her undergraduate degree from Purdue University in 1975 and her Masters of Social Work from Indiana University in 1992. She is the wife of Dr. David Beatty and a member of Paulding First Presbyterian Church (Ohio) where she served as an Elder, children's church teacher and member of the choir. Marlene co-designed two Fort Wayne "Parade of Homes" house interiors and was an accomplished seamstress and photographer. As a therapist, Marlene specialized in helping children and seniors gently navigate the bereavement process. Marlene was instrumental in forming numerous regional chapters of Rainbows International, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping children cope with the loss of a parent through death, divorce, separation or abandonment. She was a cat-

alyst for the formation of the Alzheimer's support group in Paulding. Marlene had a great appreciation for all aspects of nature and it's power to mend the human spirit.

Marlene is survived by her husband, David; siblings: Rodney W. Kelsay (Jeanne) of Indianapolis, IN, Nancy Kelsay Clark (Scott) of West Lebanon, IN, and Morris Kelsay of Fairmount, IN; aunts: Alberta Herron of Russia-ville, IN and Janet Kelsay of Bloomington, IN; an uncle, Joe Kelsay of Salome, AZ; sisters-in-law, Carol Cowell and Rosann Laker of Paulding; and many cherished nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and her first husband, Russell Due of South Whitley, IN.

Funeral services were March 22, 2008 at the First Presbyterian Church, Paulding. Rev. David R. Meriwether officiated. Graveside services were March 24, 2008 at Park Cemetery Fairmount, IN.

Memorial contributions may be made to Paulding First Presbyterian Church, Northwest Ohio Alzheimer's Association or Cancer Services of Fort Wayne. Arrangements were handled by Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding.

MEMORIES OF WATCHING HOME MOVIES

By: **Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church**

One of the most vivid memories I have growing up was watching home movies as a family. Nostalgia washes over me as I vividly recall the whirl of that old Bell & Howell projector and the dust-speckled images of 8mm movie film hitting the portable screen in our living room. We'd sit there and watch ourselves when we were 8 years old, blowing out the candles on a birthday cake. We'd see Christmas trees from 30 years ago, laden with packages yet to be opened up by three little kids anxious for dad to stop taking movies.

There would be pictures for posterity of my brother, sister, and me waving at mother and dad as we walked to school on the very first day of my third grade year. Family vacations and family reunions were all captured on reels and reels of movie film that has been lovingly labelled and kept through the years. The collection of home movies of my boyhood years is priceless.

One of the family rituals that was part of watching home movies was talking my dad into "freeze framing" the reel at different times that would capture one of us in a crazy pose. We'd laugh and howl at whoever was caught in an unbecoming position when the projector was paused. Occasionally to this day, we break out some of those old movies and show them to our children, nephews, and nieces. The funny thing was, once the movie-show was over, all would have this overwhelming sense that life has moved on. We were no longer the same people shown on that movie screen.

As I mused about that the other day, I realized how easy it is for parents to "freeze frame" our children. To label or peg our children according to a particular characteristic - this one's the funny one, this one's the quiet one, this one over here is the moody one, this one is the smart one, this one needs extra help.

Labelling our children is like pausing the 8mm movie film on one particular frame and using it to describe the still-pictured person for the

(Continued from Page 1) performer opening the show. He's also been named in several of the magic magazines.

Rob opens his show as a classic English gentleman wearing a tux. The show usually lasts around 1½ hours and interjects a lot of comedy in his show along with his two female assistants. One thing Rob is adamant about is that his act will be respectful.

He does have five doves that he has trained. They are trained to stay on their perch or on Rob. They only stay on him when he has his tux on.

Rob wants to go to Ohio State and major in theater. He eventually wants to be a full time pro-magician or do part-time magic and part-time technical director in theater.

His parents own Pond Seed Company where he farms and works when not doing magic. He also has lawns that he mows. His parents and older sister (at Ohio State in nursery and greenhouse) are very encouraging to Rob and are helping him plan his future.

rest of his or her life.

That can be both dangerous and destructive. Just as those freeze-frame movie shots were not accurate representations of who we actually were at that time of our lives, neither are some of the labels that we tend to place on our children.

Like with the old movies, time goes on. They mature. They grow. They mature. That is, if we as parents let them.

In what way have YOU pigeon-holed your kids and, in fact, locked them into a role or characteristic from which they are having an awful time trying to break out of?

Want to piece of advice? Give them some space. They'll change. They'll grow. They'll mature. You did. And I did. Maybe one of the best things we can do for our children is to give them the freedom to grow, change, and move through the various stages of development without mom and dad expecting them to be perfect.

After all, that's the way my heavenly Father treats me. I'm so glad that God doesn't look down on me and say to some of the angels in His company, "See that guy there?" That's Joel. He's the one who always fouls up. He's one of those who's constantly dropping the ball."

Rather, God the Father gives me room to grow, room to develop, and most importantly, room to make mistakes and fail. And He still accepting me, loves me, forgives me, and encourages me onward.

If that's the way GOD treats me as a parent, perhaps I can learn to give my children the same freedom.

BENEFIT TO BE HELD AT PAYNE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

A benefit breakfast, bake sale and garage sale will be held at the Payne Church of the Nazarene.

This benefit is being held for the Lockhart family whose two children have had major surgery at the Cleveland Clinic.

The date for this benefit is March 29, 2008 at the Church of the Nazarene building in Payne from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Donations may be made to the church which is located at 509 E. Orchard St., SR 500, Payne, Ohio 45880.

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH HOSTS GARAGE SALE FOR RELAY FOR LIFE

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 5. The St. James Lutheran Church in Paulding will be hosting a garage sale at 9:00 a.m. to raise money for the upcoming Relay Cancer Walk in Paulding on May 16-17 at the fairgrounds. If you have any questions about the sale or if you can't make it to the sale and wish to donate, contact Deb Baumert at 419-263-2587. Remember, if we all work together, we can help raise the funds needed for research.

CORN BREAD AND BEAN SUPPER AT MELROSE UMC

The Melrose United Methodist Church will be having a corn bread and bean supper on March the 26, 2008 from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the church in Melrose, Ohio.

The menu will consist of beans and corn bread, chicken noodle soup, sloppy joes, fried potatoes, hot dogs, two kinds of slaw and pie and dessert. There will be a free will offering.

We invite everyone to come and share the evening with us.

CHRIST CHURCH #4

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

In our previous study of Christ's church we saw that his church is built by Jesus Christ. The Bible also teaches that Jesus purchased the church by his blood (Acts 20:28). This verse establishes forever without being con-

tradictory that the Lord's church is extremely valuable to the father and his beloved son.

You and I determine the value of something by what others are willing to pay for it. Whether it is diamonds, gold or property, it has a price tag attached that someone must be willing, or gullible enough to pay. How much was Jesus willing to give for his church? The answer: his priceless blood. He gave his life to be able to build His church so that sinners like you and me might be saved. Read Isaiah 64:6 & 1:18.

Loved ones, Christ's blood is so precious, so priceless that its value is beyond what you and I would ever be able to afford. Read Ephesians 5:25-27; I Peter 1:18-19, also I Corinthians 6:19-20. With what the Bible is saying, how can anyone, including me, say that the church is not important and it doesn't make any difference which church you attend? I am here to tell you that it does make a difference to Christ whether or not we are in the right church. He purchased his church with His blood, and wants you and I to be in His church.

To continue, I Corinthians 3:11 teaches that Jesus is the only foundation. Also I Corinthians 1:12-13 tells us that the Church was not built on Peter, Paul or any other man. Also Acts 2:47 tells us that Christ's church is composed of the saved and they are only able to be added to it by the Lord.

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Ron Eschbach presents a check to AHS principal, Steve Arnold for Antwerp's All-Weather Track Fund.

ANTWERP EXCHANGE BANK DONATES TO AHS'S ALL WEATHER TRACK

By: Sue Knapp
Antwerp Exchange Bank's Board of Directors approved a \$5,000 donation for the All-Weather Track. Bank President Ron Eschbach handed over the check to High School Principal, Steve Arnold. Steve thanked Ron and the bank for the generous donation. Right now the monies collected for the track is \$77,000 or two fifths of the way. The Reverse Raffle made \$8,700, and at the end of June, a Golf Scrambled is planned plus a bicycle ride and a 5K Run is planned for Antwerp's festivities in the park on August 9. These are all Booster Club Events. The immediate goal is to

have the track blacktopped by this fall and hopefully in the near future be able to have the all-weather surface added.

There will be other improvements made to the stadium and field area after this first phase is done.

FORMER EXCHANGE STUDENT TO VISIT ANTWERP

Romero Dantas Maia of San Paulo, Brazil will be visiting the home of his American host parents, Larry and Lucille Elliott on April 5, 2008. Romero was a student in Antwerp High School from January 1981 to June 1981. If any of his former classmates and/or friends would like to renew friendships and catch up on the past 27 years, you are invited to the Elliott home, 11756 SR 49 South on the 5th of April from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. We are sure he would be very pleased to see you again.

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PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 3/26 THROUGH 4/1

- MS/HS - Breakfast*
- 3/26 - Ham, egg & cheese croissant, juice, milk
- 3/27 - French toast stix, sausage, juice, milk
- 3/28 - Sausage gravy w/ biscuits, juice, milk
- 3/31 - Breakfast hot pocket, juice, milk
- 4/1 - Tator tots & cheese, sausage links, juice, milk
- MS/HS - Lunch*
- 3/26 - Chicken fajita, lettuce or pizzaburger, tator wedges, assorted fruit, milk
- 3/27 - Southwest pizza, corn, assorted fruit, milk
- 3/28 - Bacon cheeseburger, spiral fries, assorted fruit, milk
- 3/31 - Popcorn chicken, broccoli w/cheese, roll or corn dog, baby carrots w/dip, assorted fruit, milk
- 4/1 - Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes w/gravy, bread, assorted fruit, milk
- Paulding Elementary - Lunch*
- 3/26 - French toast sausage, potatoes, fruit cup, milk
- 3/27 - Chicken strips, whipped potatoes w/gravy, bread, fruit cup, milk
- 3/28 - Pizza, corn, fruit cup, milk
- 3/31 - Chili soup w/crackers, bread w/margarine or peanut butter, fruit cup, milk
- 4/1 - Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes w/gravy, fruit cup, milk
- Oakwood Elementary - Lunch*
- 3/26 - Chicken noodles, peas, bread, fruit, milk
- 3/27 - Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes w/gravy,

SPOTS ARE FILLING UP FOR SOFTBALL CLINIC IN PAYNE

Limited spots remain for the 2008 Payne Ball Association softball clinic to be held March 28-30 at Wayne Trace High School. Mr. Bob Pelle, a nationally and internationally known softball instructor, will be the featured clinician at the camp. A coaches/parents clinic will be held on Friday, March 28, with beginning and intermediate clinics for pitching, hitting, fielding, catching, baserunning and bunting being held on Saturday, March 29. An advanced offering of the pitching and all skills will be held on Sunday, March 30.

For more information, please go to the website at www.payneball.com or e-mail to payneball@verizon.net. You can also contact Colleen Saylor (419-263-2541), Mike Krouse (419-263-1393) or Kevin Wannemacher (419-263-0805).

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS FOR THE WEEK OF 3/26 THROUGH 4/1

- Breakfast:*
- 3/26 - Pancakes or waffles, sausage, milk
- 3/27 - Egg/cheese omelet, toast/jelly, milk
- 3/28 - Turnover, milk
- 3/31 - Pizza, milk
- 4/1 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, milk
- Lunch:*
- 3/26 - Rotini/meat, green beans, garlic toast, peaches, milk
- 3/27 - Mac/cheese, peanut butter sandwich, carrot/celery sticks/dip, pears, milk
- 3/28 - Cheese or pepperoni pizza, tossed salad, peanut butter fudge, applesauce, milk
- 3/31 - Chicken nuggets, french fries, mandarin oranges, milk
- 4/1 - Cheeseburger or bacon cheeseburger sandwich, seasoned fries, applesauce, milk
- bread, fruit, milk
- 3/28 - Soft shell taco, lettuce & cheese, fruit, milk
- 3/31 - Hamburger on a bun, pickle, corn, fruit, milk
- 4/1 - Nacho chips w/cheddar, cheese cup, green beans, fruit, milk

DEFIANCE COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY SPONSORS 14TH ANNUAL MONTE CARLO NIGHT



Marianne and Dan Bohn bettin' at the Big 6 Wheel.

Supporters of the Justin F. Coressel Animal Shelter, rural Defiance, will get the chance to roll the dice at the 14th annual Monte Carlo Night is slated for Saturday, April 5. The casino night will run from 7:00 to 11:30 p.m. in the basement of VFW Post 3360, 201 Clinton Street, Defiance.

The Defiance County Humane Society is once again hosting the event to raise funds for the animal shelter. The fundraiser is expected to raise approximately \$5,000 to supplement the general fund. The shelter's annual budget is \$150,000.

Tickets may be purchased in advance or at the door the night of the fundraiser. Advance tickets are available at the shelter, located at the corner of State Route 15 and Trinity Road, Hilltop Printing, Deluxe Cleaners, Friends of Felines' Rescue Center, Lawson Printing and Mercury Cleaners in Defiance, the News Tribune in Hicksville, Marty's in Ney or from any board member.

Activities include blackjack, regular poker, show-down poker, 2 big money wheels, pot-o-gold, bingo, 50/50 drawings, 10 to 11 packages to raffle, a silent auction, and several door prizes will be given throughout the evening. The price of admission includes sandwiches, vegetables and dip, a variety of cheeses, chips, desserts and soft drinks and coffee. In 2007, nearly 2,300 animals entered the shelter. Of those, 629 were adopted, 184 were claimed and 265 were rescued. Anyone wishing to adopt an animal may visit the shelter or log on to defiancehumane.org and petfinder.com to see who we have available for adoption. The shelter is open seven days a week from noon to 5:00 p.m. The phone number is 419-658-2298.

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The dinner is your choice of Brisket or Pulled Pork sandwich. The dinner includes a baked potato, cole slaw, green beans, and a cookie. The dinners are carryout only and can be picked up at the Black Swamp Nature Center (across from Parc Lane School). The cost of the dinner is \$7.50.

Tickets for the dinner are prepurchased. They can be purchased from Sue Sitton, Paula Gutierrez, Stacy Butler, Sue Knapp and Annette Adkins at Chiefs or by phone call. We will also be taking orders from any businesses which will be working on Sat. and we will be glad to deliver them to their business. Proceeds will benefit Paulding Relay for Life.

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ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

This picture we are using today was loaned to us by Jean Derck Rinehart. I want you to look at it closely and then we will talk about it.

A few months ago I interviewed Paul Smith about the football team of 1935. As I left Paul that day he said, "you know they tore down a building there by the Reeb's Store." I said, "Well, that last building on the north end of the west side of North Main Street, that was always Frank and Ray Reeb's Grocery. I know before that it was Zigler & Derck. Paul said, "Well, I know they tore down the building that was on the north side of what is now The Bee

Argus." So, I bid Paul a good-bye and I drove back to Antwerp and told my wife I think Paul was wrong. But after we received the photo from Jean Rinehart it shows Paul is only half wrong because they tore down two buildings instead of one.

Now, you look close at the three round top windows in that third building from the right, then you look at the Bee Argus building and you will agree that they are one and the same. Those two buildings are not there anymore. If you figure those two buildings were about 30 feet each what is now Archer Drive didn't hardly exist at that time. That street was hardly anymore than a horse trail. I bet they just tore those stores down

and left it lay there for fill.

There was a big ravine that ran past the school from the west all the way to the east to the cemetery. The town filled in enough fill on Main and Oswalt to make those streets passable to traffic.

This picture was taken after 1900, because it shows the electric light poles. Now I just assume that after the Antwerp High School was built in 1912, Archer Drive was not near wide enough for traffic to the school so it was deemed necessary to tear those stores down to make a passable street. I have seen old pictures of that street and it showed a raised wooden sidewalk all the way to the west from Main Street to the high school. Because that was a ravine there and when it rained the water stood in the low ground.

That is still a low area on Archer Drive because a few years ago where we got that seven inches of rain, Chuck Wiedman's Ford Van got flooded out about halfway down that block.

Going back to the picture, the third building to the left with the three round top windows is now The Bee Argus. Then that next building to the left was Gaisford's Hardware



AHS girls softball team 2007. First row - Nit Major, Christy Kortokrax, Amanda Riebersal, Mindy DeLong, Bryn Schlatter, Whitney Bok. Second row - Ana Garcia, Ashley Carr, Darcie Reinhart, Kelsey Bashore, Kole Schlatter, Michele Stuart, Audra Woodcox.

that burned down about 1939 or 1940.

Then I think that next building was The Green Pantry Restaurant.

I just finished talking to Lucille Horn Seslar and she remembers just south of The Green Pantry was The Bee Argus on the first floor and Otto Ehrhart's Studio on the second floor.

This picture seems to show a little alley and the three businesses in that next building. I think the northern most was Harry Ely's store.

That picture had to be taken between 1900 and 1916, because I found out the Council voted in the money to pave all of Main Street from the north corporation limit south to Canal Street. It was to be paved with a special brick. I really don't remember when the bricks were covered over with blacktop, but they were very durable. Back then you didn't have as much traffic as the heavy traffic you have now.

Friends and readers, Bryce Steiner, the head honcho here at WBN and I have discussed this picture and this block and we are not sure of what was torn down. After the fire

it looks like the whole eastern facade of those buildings have been remodeled or rebuilt. In fact, we are not sure of any thing other than, like Paul Smith said, "there was one building torn down."

We are going to run this old picture and have everyone take a look at it. We say the one with the man standing there is now The Bee Argus, before that was Reeb's Grocery. Then to the left of that was Gordon's and later Gaisford's Hardware and it burned down in 1939 or 1940. So it shows the next building as a masonry but everyone says The Green Pantry Restaurant was made of wood. We know that wooden building with the little step in front was The Bee Argus and Ehrhart's Studio was on the second floor.

So, where was the Green Pantry and later the Pine Room? If they were not in that southern most masonry building we lost them. So, friends, if you remember some more of this give us a call. We would appreciate it as we're not sure of some of this.

Well, we just talked with Pinky Billman and he said The Green Pantry wasn't a wooden building. It was of

NOW READ THIS

By: Stan Jordan

This picture you see here is of the 2007 Antwerp High School Girls Softball Team, The Mighty Archers. I want to talk about this year's team, there's no photo yet of this year's team.

This team went 16-3 for the season. That is a whale of a record. They were 5-2 in the GMC, then they lost in the first game of the tournament.

We have eight returning lettermen from last year's team: Senior Bryn Schlatter, pitcher; Senior Amanda Riebersal, infielder; Senior Christy Kortakrax, catcher; Senior Nit Major, outfielder; Junior Kole Schlatter, infielder; Junior Audry Woodcox, outfielder; Senior Darcie Rinehart, infielder; Senior Kelsey Bashore, infielder.

We have these folks for newcomers to the team and they look pretty good: Junior Paige Shook, outfielder; Freshman Toni Winslow, outfielder; Freshman Alaine Wetli, outfielder; Freshman Jessi Arnold, outfielder; Freshman Loni Walk, pitcher, infielder; Freshman Vanessa Gordon, pitcher, infielder, outfielder and Freshman Paula Slattman, catcher.

These girls play good basic softball. The first game is March 31 at Edon, next is April 1 at Hicksville, April 3 here with Continental.

See ya at the games!

stone. He worked in it later when it was The Sugar Bowl and remembers it well.

Well, I'm sure I have you confused because we are. If you have any positive input about this block please let us know here at TWBN.

See, ya!

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOLS LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 3/26 THROUGH 4/1

3/26 - Goulash or cook's choice, green beans, apple-sauce, milk; PLUS: salad bar or deviled eggs

3/27 - Fish on bun or corn dog, scalloped potatoes, peaches, oatmeal, cookie, milk; PLUS: salad bar or spaghetti salad

3/28 - Pizza bagel or ham salad sandwich, creamy cole slaw, pears, chips, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cook's choice













3/31 - Mac & cheese or BBQ beef on bun, B&PB, carrots & celery, mixed fruit, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cottage cheese

4/1 - Chicken nuggets or ham deli wraps, corn, apple-sauce, milk; PLUS: salad bar or pickled eggs



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MARCH MADNESS AT WOODBURN ELEMENTARY

Fun and exciting things have been happening at Woodburn Elementary. The students celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday by participating in a Seuss character parade, a day of reading Seuss stories, and designing Seuss bookmarks. Students came to school dressed as some of their favorite Seuss characters such as: The Grinch, Go Dog Go, Thing 1 and Thing 2, and Fox in Sox, to name a few. There were also several "Cats" running around the halls.

A Seuss bookmark design contest was conducted and winners were chosen from all grade levels. The following

winners received a \$15.00 gift card from Meijer: Kindergarten - Katelyn Bertsche; 1st grade - Ashley Rose; 2nd grade - James Schwartz; 3rd grade - Alan Zehr; 4th grade - Jeremiah Cassell; 5th grade - Olivia Hostetler; and 6th grade - Cody Wood. The school librarian, Mrs. Jeanette Ritenour, the Woodburn Branch librarian, Mrs. Genie Bishop, and retired teacher, Dan Spangler teamed up to read a selection of Seuss stories to the students. Excitement and laughter filled the halls.

The school also recognized the annual Young Authors' Conference. Students



Bookmarks on display from the 'Seuss-ational' Bookmark contest.

have been working for several weeks to write and illustrate their own stories. Computers, printers, crayons, and glue sticks have been put to work as the students finished their books. Activities for the event included a skit performed by staff members

classroom.

The school library was set up as a campsite, complete with trees, a tent and campfire. Each class spent time at the campsite, reading quietly, by lantern, among the trees. The week ended with a recognition celebration for the completed books. The students and staff enjoyed a movie which was made by 3rd grade teacher, Wade Oliver. It included pictures of the activities and fun that took place during the "March Madness" events at the school.

Woodburn Elementary will be represented at the local Young Authors' Conference by the following students: Kindergarten - Kristina Graber, Erika Estell, Austin Snyder, and Katelyn Bertsche; 1st grade - Taylor Bodie, Paige Kinney, Dabrien Redmerski, Kayla Menshy, and Megan Miller; 2nd grade - Mollin Kindinger, Karissa Hoepfner, Tyler VanHorn, Cade Anderson, Lucas Bertsche, and Ethan Snyder. Alternates chosen



Mrs. Ritenour, our librarian, as The Cat in the Hat, reading to a group of 4th grade students.



OTTO E. EHRHART HISTORICAL SOCIETY TRANSFERS TITLE

By: Jena Pendergrast

Otto E. Ehrhart group transfers the title of the historic Norfolk & Western Rail Depot to the Village of Antwerp, in order to proceed with the restoration project through the Transportation Enhancement Program grant awarded to the village.

The Village of Antwerp has taken official ownership of the historic Norfolk & Western Rail Depot from the Otto E. Ehrhart Paulding County Historical Society. At the depot to acknowledge the transfer of title of the Norfolk & Western Rail Depot were: Sarah Kerran, Village Administrator, Dan Fowler, Antwerp Community Development Committee (ACDC) Vice-President, and Jim Pendergrast, Depot Committee Chair.

The Village obtained a Transportation Enhancement Program grant with federal funds to renovate Antwerp's historic depot. The Village along with fund-raising assistance through ACDC is currently pursuing matching state funds, donations from local organizations, and individuals to raise the resources needed to begin the depot restoration. The goal is to create a functional building the community can use while re-

taining it's historical significance.

On Saturday, March 29, 2008 at 8:00 a.m., ACDC along with local Boy Scouts will be cleaning out the depot. All community members are encouraged to come out that morning to assist with the clean-up. For more information on how you can help contact, Dan Fowler at (419) 258-1363.

Organizations and individuals wanting to donate are encouraged to make their tax-deductible donations to the ACDC Depot Restoration account at the The Antwerp Exchange Bank. All financial contributions will receive income tax receipts for their gifts.

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Mrs. Salzbrenner with her 5th grade students at the 'campsite' sharing stories.

to kick off this year's theme "Get Lost in Books."

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are: Kindergarten - Ethan Botts; 1st grade - Jack Stuckey and Jordan Lawson; 2nd grade - Brianna Carroll and Aaron Maska.

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Responses need to be received by Friday at 5:00 pm to be considered for the next publication. We reserve the right to edit for length, content and worthiness.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am writing in reference to Brad Dysinger's letter printed in the March 12, 2008 West Bend News.

I believe Mr. Dysinger's words in his March 12 letter gives us a clear idea of how he would handle the office of County Commissioner and those who would disagree with him. His letter attacks my personal and professional character. He tosses out countless unfounded accusations in an attempt to put me down. Note the use of the word "idiot", the phrase "maybe you had something

to hide," and "harassing your neighbor" as three examples. And all of these attacks because I had the audacity to question his positions!

I will not stoop to implying that either one of us is an idiot. Name calling is not worthy of public debate. I disagree with the points he attempts to make but that does not make him an idiot. Mr. Dysinger clearly wants to be a County Commissioner but I do not believe that name calling and demeaning others will advance his cause, as entertaining as that might be.

Mr. Dysinger received the entire budget, line item by line item, exactly as he requested. His inability to read it is the same as his gross error in comparing the Paulding County and Defiance County jail budgets. Readers may recall that he was off by millions of dollars in comparing the two budgets. And, if he received an answer to his first request, but was not satisfied, why did he not return and request more? Instead he chose to accuse me of having something to hide.

Readers may wish to check my previous letter. I did not say I had a position of not getting involved in dueling letters. In fact, I tend to enjoy the entertainment value of the letters although several people have mentioned to me how tired they are of the arguments.

Holding public office requires that one be prepared for attacks. But Mr. Dysinger

went further than singling me out. He wrote, "almost anyone born and raised in Paulding County knows our county offices don't always operate up to snuff." I am sure he meant to point out that I have only lived here for only a quarter of a century but his words include everyone who has chosen to move into Paulding County. Obviously he believes only native born citizens share his ability to identify problems.

—Stan Searing

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In the March 12 issue of the West Bend a comment was made about "under God" being left out of the Pledge of Allegiance. The comment said they were proud to be Americans and to be free to choose or not to choose a religion.

I just wanted to share with you how much freedom I have by including God in my life. You see, he died so I would be forgiven—that gives me freedom. He also is there for me to go to whenever I have a worry or concern—that gives me freedom.

This is a far more greater freedom than putting the words "under God" in a pledge, praying in schools, or even displaying the Ten Commandments.

Please give Him a chance in your life; you'll find the freedom I have is well worth it.

—Christa Schultz

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I would like to respond to Jon McCreery's letter on March 19, 2008.

I am curious to know, what is your motive for these attacks on Mr. Dysinger? Is one or more of our past or present, elected officials encouraging you to keep this rhetoric going? Not once have I read where Mr. Dysinger mentioned your name in any of his letters, or slandered you in any way. Not only are you guilty of what you accuse him of, now you include his "Kool Aid drinking" friends, and his family. Your letter was totally uncalled for and ridiculous.

I guess you could classify me as a "kool-aid drinker", because although I don't know Brad Dysinger personally, I do feel that this county needs a change, and that he could be a good person to begin that process. Mr. Dysinger has brought up several good points and has asked questions, which is his right as a citizen of this country, and of this county. Many residents of this county don't feel those questions have yet been sufficiently answered.

As far as the financial aspects of this ongoing battle, who knows if we will ever know how this county's money is being spent, but at least someone is trying to find out. And there is only one thing I can say about the jail issue—anyone with eyes can see that the new jail is in a floodplain, or at least on the edge of one, so can we please quit arguing that? Give your fellow county residents some credit. We are not stupid.

It's funny that anyone who might differ with Jon McCreery's esteemed and valuable opinion is thought of as a cult member... I also remember a comment Mr. McCreery made in a past issue... something about the criminals living at Mr. Dysinger's house

if he did not feel a new jail was needed. Having known Mr. McCreery for over a decade, that comment gave me a chuckle. I wonder, what is Mr. McCreery's definition of a criminal? Anyone who has spent time in the Paulding County Jail? Unfortunately, many residents of our county have spent time in it's jail, but you wouldn't consider all of them to be criminals, would you, Jon? I know several fine people that had to spend a night or two in jail because of youthful stupidity, and I would welcome any one of them to my house, and I'm sure Mr. Dysinger would too. "A man who lives in a glass house should not throw stones." Exactly, Jon. We all live in glass houses, but some of us have skeletons in our closets.

When you see sudden political interest from someone who never showed any before, it makes you wonder if someone isn't hoping for a career change in the future...

Now, how about we all go about our business and talk about something else?

—Robin Eagleson
Paulding, OH

UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS FOR PAULDING RELAY FOR LIFE

Paulding County Hospital is busy working on their Relay for Life fundraisers. Included in their fundraisers which are available to all is The Discount Card. Included on this card are discounts to area businesses. The discount that each business is providing is good thru December 31, 2008 and may be used repeatedly until then. If you have any questions on the card, please call 419-399-1160. The card may be purchased at the hospital switchboard.

The hospital is also sponsoring a garage sale of children's clothes and toys on Friday, May 16 (Paulding Community Garage Sale Week-end). This will be listed with the other community garage sales. Other upcoming activities include a bus trip to Chicago on April 19, Mother's Day bake sale on Friday, May 9 in the hospital lobby and health fair breakfast on Saturday, June 14.

Some of the hospital's other activities have included hospital luncheons, Christmas raffle, dessert bar, candy bar sales, and "Change for a Cure" containers located throughout the hospital.

The Paulding County Relay for Life is planned for May 16 and 17 at the fairgrounds.



By: Chelsea Vail

It's the moment we've all been waiting for - the last dance, the beginning of the end, the fourth quarter! High-fives and funky handshakes all around for making it this far, everyone. Give yourself a pat on the back. Yes, you did look ridiculous. But wasn't it fun?

Friends, Romans, countrymen, lend me your eyes; there are a few more days left to purchase reserved seating for Flowers for Algernon. The AHS Drama department will give Friday, Saturday, and Sunday performances at 7:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., and 2:30 p.m., respectively. Don't miss the heartrending performance to be given under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Jack and Roberta Schmidt.

Word of the Week
Halcyon (HAL-see-on)

adjective
1. Calm, peaceful; happy, golden; prosperous, affluent
Example: "The halcyon days of summer are fast approaching."

Okay, so summer days are rarely calm. They're certainly happy and golden, though, and possibly prosperous depending on where one's lemonade stand is located. Go ahead - close your eyes and envision streets sans snow. Now look outside. Yes, it is ridiculous. No, there's nothing we can do about it. Unless, of course, we speed up that global warming business. That'd be good.

A.N.D.Y. PROGRAM OFFERS STOP SMOKING CLASSES

The Turning Point, an organization promoting health and wellness, will offer smoking cessation classes starting in May on Wednesday nights to help adults reduce and eliminate tobacco use. Classes in Paulding, Ohio will start May 7 and will be held at The Turning Point.

The cessation classes will provide group/individual consultations and in-depth examination of the effects of tobacco use and ways to reduce and eliminate its intake.

Adults are encouraged to attend. There is a fee for the classes. Participants will also receive free childcare during the classes, free wellness program and a free 2-month supply of a stop smoking aid all for successful completion of the program.

"We're really excited to be offering these classes," says Cheryl Gasser, Project Director and Certified Tobacco Treatment Specialist for the Tri-County Tobacco Free Coalition. "We're hoping the prevalence of classes will encourage those interested in reducing their tobacco use to attend."

The classes will adopt a lecture/interactive format to further engage the participants in the classes.

"We don't just want people to attend these classes," says Gasser. "We want to involve them in the process so they can experience first-hand effective ways to reduce their tobacco use."

To learn more about The A.N.D.Y. Program, smoking cessation classes and to register for a class call 1-800-417-9295 or 419-238-9223.

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PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS

APRIL 2008 NEWSLETTER



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of the Paulding Exempted Village Schools,

March certainly "came in like a lion", so I am very hopeful it will "go out like a lamb". We have started extending our school days by 30 minutes in order to make up some of the instructional time lost due to calamity days. Thank you for the great cooperation as we implement this change. It is challenging to rearrange schedules, but will give us extra time with the students to prepare for the Ohio Achievement Tests at the end of this month.

April 22 is a date to mark on your calendar to attend our first annual Arts Showcase. We will be hosting an open house from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. with displays of work from our visual arts classes, performances by our talented music students, and examples of work from many clubs and academic areas. Watch your newspapers for more information.

Spring athletic competitions begin next week. I invite everyone to attend events and support our teams. There is no charge for admission to our spring athletic events and the athletes and coaches appreciate your support. We also extend thanks to the Paulding Eagles, VFW Post 587 Ladies Auxiliary, and the Paulding Athletic Boosters for donating money to purchase our new track tent. Speaking of donations, the music department is looking for donations of used instruments. If you have an instrument at home not being used, please consider donating it to the school to help our students who do not have their own instruments.

As always, thanks for your support of our school district. By working together, we can help students achieve.

Pat Ross

Paulding Elementary-Martin Miller

With the arrival of April, students and staff in Grades 3, 4 and 5 are making the final push toward preparation for the Ohio Achievement Tests beginning.

During the past month, the following students were recognized for their outstanding Positive Behavior: Kindergarten-Gage Smith, Brandon Jackson, Kaylie Tressler, Austin Dietrich; Grade 1-Dustyn McCloud, Emily Deatrick, Haylee Dominique, Gavin Winkler; Grade 2-Chloe Foltz, Jocelyn Camposano, Felipe Rios, Kaitlyn Helms; Grade 3-Isabel Hanenkratt, Sara Gebhart, Joshua Webb, JoEllyn Salinas; Grade 4-Brendon Good, Chace Robinson, Hayle Simonin, Daniel Krick; Grade 5-Kyle Gardner, Kaytlynn Puckett, Isaac Nice, Abbi Miller.

In addition, the following staff members were nominated by students for their outstanding efforts toward creating a positive learning environment: Grade 2 Teacher Mrs. Wiebe-nominated by Tristen Stacey; School Nurse Mrs. Stoller-nominated by Chella Vargas; Intervention Teacher Mrs. Young-nominated by Kacie Karlstadt; Physical Education Teacher Mr. Stuck-nominated by Alexis Schmidt

March Student of the Month was awarded to Brad Crawford. Brad earned 23 PAWS cards for demonstrating positive behavior in character trait word program.

Oakwood Elementary-Jennifer Manz

Hello from Oakwood Elementary! Third quarter grade cards have been sent home with our students, and we have made a good beginning to the final nine weeks of the 2007-2008 school year. For grades 3-6, the month of April is often full of review as we make our final preparations for the Ohio Achievement Tests which begin on April 28. Please encourage your child to take these reviews and the OAT tests seriously. As testing week approaches, we will be sending home information on how you can help your child be on top of his/her game while taking each OAT. These tests give our children a chance to shine!

After re-scheduling due to weather on March 14, nearly all of our students took a walking field trip to The Cooper Community Library in celebration of Dr. Suess' birthday. Our students enjoyed hearing stories read by local

celebrities, eating popcorn, entering door prize drawings, and exploring our town's library. We want to extend a big thank you to Sue Thomas, the library staff, and all the guest readers who worked to make this celebration of reading special for our students. The partnership between our school and our community is invaluable!

Speaking of reading, two teams of fifth graders and two teams of sixth graders have been reading from a special book list for several months now in preparation for our Battle of the Books competition on April 3. This program is sponsored by the Paulding County Carnegie Library to promote a love of reading and to encourage reading books of many different genres. Good Luck to all four teams as they work for the right to represent Oakwood Elementary at the Paulding County Battle of the Books finals on April 15.

April 25 is the date of the Oakwood Elementary Kindergarten Clinic. We look forward to meeting many new students!

Middle School-David Stallkamp

Hello from Paulding Middle School. We recently held our winter sports celebration and I would like to congratulate all of our teams, cheerleaders, fans, and parents for a successful year. Thirty-six student/athletes attained Northwest Conference Scholar Athlete status by maintaining at least a 3.0 or higher grade point average: Abbey Edwards, Samantha Martinez, Sarah Nardone, Marlee Pease, Alexis Rue, Breana Schmidt, Jacey Schroeder, Courtney St. John, Maggie Wilhelm, Kristen Beck, Jessica Farr, Alissa LaFountain, Kayla Owens, Jade Vogel, Michael Bauer, D'Angelo Bevely, Trey Schroeder, Neil Roehrig, Steven Strayer, Logan Doster, Anthony Arellano, Kyle Mohr, Jason Koenn, Spencer Hatcher, Steven Heilman, Drew Burnett, Sean McMichael, MacKenzie Hanenkratt, Kaytie Mason, Amanda Carlisle, Brandy Beard, Tyne Schlegel, Derrick Echols, Chance Robinson, J.D. Nathan, and Ben Woodruff.

Congratulations to the middle school Science Olympiad team for placing second in the regional competition. Individual GOLD MEDAL winners were Tanya Collins, Matthew Meriwether, Jill Busch and Sidney Salinas. Good luck at the state competition to be held in Columbus later this year.

Congratulations and thank you to Mrs. Favorito and the district Science Fair participants. The following students received excellent: Katie Kohart, Audra Phlipot, Tiffany Hahn, Jessica Harpel, Austin Miller, Catlyn Pavel, Abby Pease, Kelsi Manz, Jessica Manz, and Brooke Otto. Andy Favorito won best HS project in Behavioral Science and a superior which qualified him for the state Science Fair in May at OSU.

We are now into the 4th nine weeks grading period. We will be running a new program during the last 30 minutes of the day providing intervention to ALL students in preparation for the upcoming Ohio Achievement Tests scheduled for the week of April 28. We will be calling this extended period P.A.C.E. (Providing Academics for Continued Excellence). Each student will be assigned to a 30 minute, everyday class that will work on some skill needed to pass these tests. I am very excited about this program and hope that by giving the students these extra minutes of instruction, we can pass these tests with flying colors.

Spring pictures will be taken on March 28. All students will have their picture taken and then they may purchase whatever package they wish after they have seen the proofs. As a runner pushes hard to the finish line, please help your student make that strong, final sprint to the end of the academic year. Have a great April.

High School-Todd Harmon

The High School would like to thank Mr. Chesman and the band boosters for an enjoyable jazz night and dinner. The student performances demonstrated the level of musical ability that translated into a superior at large group contest. Thanks to those who contributed for the auction that helped raise funds for the band's trip to Florida. Mr. Clapsad-

dle and his choir received an excellent at large group competition where he lead a talented, hard working singing group.

Motivational speaker, Jim Wand, educated and entertained our students with hypnotism. Staff and student volunteers participated.

The message was clear for test week - concentrate and do not give up! OGT testing went well thanks to the efforts of our guidance department, Jim Miller, Karen Schlatter and Joanie Goyings. Thanks, also, to teachers who helped with testing and grading of freshman practice tests.

The high school was honored to again host the REA banquet on Saturday, March 15.

A special thanks to Mr. Gottke for his assistance in training and planning for some new technology in the classroom. Thanks to Mr. Gerber for being the pilot of this program as we expect the end result to produce more engaged students. Students will use a hand remote and vote for answers to questions as teachers implement a lesson, allowing for assistance with difficult concepts and mastery over OGT benchmark standards.

The Spanish teaching department invigorated their lessons with Spanish food, music and culture. Thanks to the parents and those involved with spicing up the occasion.

The Math department wished students HAPPY PI day (math term) and celebrated with round food.

The history club just returned from Washington, D.C., which was a positive learning experience. Special thanks to Mr. Hatcher for ALL the work and flexibility shown in preparation for this massive event.

PHS would also like to thank Ms. Williams and her students for all the hard work in Science Olympiad as the students placed 4th and advance to state competition.

The Student Council has forms available for a new extra-curricular program - intramural volleyball - please encourage your child to get involved in this positive opportunity.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The following juniors and seniors have earned induction into the National Honor Society: Estee Arend, Britney King, Peter Brown, Brenda Manz, Kelsie Carnahan, Andrew Mott, Allison Clevenger, Elizabeth Neer, Michelle Colley, Audrey Nice, Joshua Duslak, Briana Ripke, Sara English, Eric Ross, Christa Gasser, Haden Sholl, Kari Gibson, Dalton Stallkamp, Staci Gunderman, Logan Steele, Morgan Hammon, Ashley Switzer, Katie Harmon, Selena Switzer, Cassandra Kauser and Spencer Wilhelm.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

April 13-19 is National Volunteer Week, established in 1974 as a way to honor the service of people who volunteer. Paulding Exempted Village Schools wishes to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to everyone who gives of their time and talents to make a big difference in our schools.

KINDERGARTEN CLINIC

Remember to call and make an appointment if you are planning on attending kindergarten clinic. Please call Paulding Elementary at 419-399-4656, ext. 1312, or Oakwood Elementary at 419-594-3345, ext. 1412.

GRADUATION DATE REMINDER

The graduation ceremony for the class of 2008 will be May 25, 2008 at 2:30 p.m.

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

JH Boys/Girls Track

Apr 7	Shawnee@Spencerville	4:30
Apr 10	Hicksville@Bryan	4:30
Apr 15	Van Wert/WT@WT	4:30
Apr 17	Lincolnview/Crestview-H	4:30
Apr 22	Antwerp-H	4:30
Apr 24	Wayne Trace Inv-T	4:30
Apr 28	Fairview-T	4:30

HS Boys/Girls Track

Apr 3	Ottoville/Jennings-H	4:30
Apr 8	Defiance/VanWert@Def	4:30
Apr 10	Lima Bath Relays-T	TBA
Apr 12	Lima Bath Relays-T	TBA
Apr 15	Lincolnview-T	4:30
Apr 18	Columbus Grove Inv-T	4:30
Apr 22	Spencerville@Parkway	4:30
Apr 24	Napoleon-H	4:30

JV Baseball

Apr 1	Van Wert-H	4:30
Apr 3	Hicksville-T	4:30
Apr 4	Elida-T	5:00
Apr 5	Ottawa-Glandorf (DH)-H	11:00
Apr 7	Defiance-T	4:30
Apr 11	Lincolnview-T	5:00
Apr 14	Ayersville-H	4:30
Apr 15	Archbold-T	4:30
Apr 18	Ottoville-T	5:00
Apr 21	Delphos Jefferson-H	5:00
Apr 24	Napoleon-T	4:30
Apr 26	Celina (DH)-H	11:00

Varsity Baseball

Apr 1	Fairview-T	4:30
Apr 4	Elida-H	5:00
Apr 5	Ottawa-Glandorf (DH)-T	11:00
Apr 7	Defiance-H	4:30
Apr 10	Columbus Grove-H	5:00
Apr 14	Crestview-T	5:00
Apr 17	Delphos Jefferson-H	5:00
Apr 18	Tinora-H	4:30
Apr 21	LCC-T	5:00
Apr 22	Continental-T	4:30
Apr 24	Lincolnview-H	5:00
Apr 25	Wayne Trace-H	4:30
Apr 26	Celina (DH)-T	11:00
Apr 28	Ada-H	5:00
Apr 29	Archbold-T	4:30

JV Softball

Apr 4	Antwerp-T	4:30
Apr 5	Ottawa-Glandorf (DH)-H	11:00
Apr 7	Defiance-T	4:30
Apr 8	Parkway-T	5:00
Apr 11	Elida-H	5:00
Apr 12	Lima Bath (DH)-H	12:00
Apr 14	Crestview-H	5:00
Apr 17	Montpelier-H	4:30
Apr 19	Van Wert-H	12:00
Apr 22	Bryan-T	4:30
Apr 24	Defiance-H	4:30
Apr 26	Crestview (DH)-T	11:00
Apr 28	Ayersville-H	4:30
Apr 29	Wauseon-T	5:00

Varsity Softball

Apr 1	Bryan-H	4:30
Apr 3	Wayne Trace-T	4:30
Apr 4	Antwerp-H	4:30
Apr 5	Ottawa-Glandorf (DH)-T	11:00
Apr 8	Parkway-T	5:00
Apr 10	Columbus Grove-H	5:00
Apr 11	Elida-H	5:00
Apr 12	Lima Bath (DH)-H	12:00
Apr 14	Crestview-T	5:00
Apr 15	Montpelier-H	4:30
Apr 17	Delphos Jefferson-H	5:00
Apr 19	Van Wert-H	12:00
Apr 21	LCC-T	5:00
Apr 24	Lincolnview-H	5:00
Apr 26	Ottoville (DH)-H	11:00
Apr 28	Ada-H	5:00
Apr 29	Stryker-H	4:30

DISTRICT CALENDAR EVENTS

Apr 1-6	Band Trip to Florida	
Apr 1	FFA Qual Assur-Ext Cen	5:30-7:30
Apr 2	FFA Officer Meeting	7:00 a.m.
Apr 2	Athletic Booster Meeting	7:00
Apr 2	CHURCH NIGHT	
Apr 3	Oak Battle of the Books-Grade 5-6	
Apr 5	PE Spring Carnival	10:00-1:00
Apr 7	Sci. Olym. Bstr Mtg-Aud	7:00
Apr 9	PE Lifetouch Spring Picture Day	
Apr 9	Oak March Student/Month Lunch	
Apr 9	V.W. Found Rep.-HS Gym	11:00
Apr 9	CHURCH NIGHT	
Apr 10	Jostens Delivery/Sen.	11:20-12:30
Apr 12	JH Solo/Ensemble Contest	
Apr 12	FFA Banquet-Auditeria	5:00
Apr 13-18	PE "Coins for a Cure" Coin War	
Apr 15	PE Battle of the Books-Grade 5	
Apr 15	County Battle of the Books	
Apr 15	Progress Rep. Go Home w/Students	
Apr 15	Board Mtg-Oak Elem.	7:00
Apr 16	FFA Officer Meeting	7:00 a.m.
Apr 16	CHURCH NIGHT	
Apr 19	FFA Animal Tag/Weigh-In@Fairgr.	
Apr 21-22	Paulding Kindergarten Clinic	
Apr 22	Arts Showcase	6:30-8:30
Apr 23	CHURCH NIGHT	
Apr 24	FFA Chicken Pickup-Ext. Center	
Apr 25	Oakwood Kindergarten Clinic	
Apr 25	PE Popcorn Day	
Apr 28-May 2	Ohio Ach. Tests-Grades 3-8	
Apr 28-30	Oak DIBELS Testing	
Apr 28	Band Bstr Mtg-Band Room	7:00
Apr 30	CHURCH NIGHT	



RUSSELL R. HERMAN RUNS FOR PAULDING COUNTY PROSECUTOR

Attorney Russell R. Herman has announced that he has filed petitions as an Independent candidate with the Board of Elections for the position of Paulding County Prosecutor. Herman said he decided to pursue the position to better serve the citizens, law enforcement, and elected officials of his community. "A full-time prosecutor can better serve Paulding County by being there all the time, whenever needed, without the distractions and conflicts created by maintaining a private law practice at the same time."

Herman has been a full-time assistant prosecuting attorney since 1998, having worked in Paulding County from 1998-2002. During that period he had numerous responsibilities including County Court (criminal misdemeanor prosecution such as: Domestic Violence, DUI, Assault), Juvenile Court delinquency prosecution, Child & Adult Protective Services, Criminal Appeals, zoning training and enforcement, and legal representation of elected officials and public boards.

He has been practicing law with the Defiance County Prosecutor's Office since 2002, and has been involved in all aspects of the office,

with his major focus on providing legal representation and training to numerous elected officials and public boards. He has also prosecuted criminal appeals, felony criminal offenses (such as: Burglary, Drug Possession, and Trafficking), juvenile delinquency, and child protective services matters.

"I have found serving as an assistant prosecuting attorney to be very challenging and rewarding," said Herman. "I have been working in a highly respected prosecutor's office with one of the largest active caseloads in Northwest Ohio. Our office has provided high degrees of satisfaction to our clientele through aggressively prosecuting criminal defendants, advocating victims' rights, as well as providing legal representation to public officials, boards, and agencies at both county and township levels. I realize a need for all of them to have access to a full-time prosecutor, to assist them whenever they need help. I plan to bring those same levels of accessibility, accountability, integrity, reliability, and cooperation to Paulding County when elected."

"I am at the point of my career where I am looking forward to pursuing a new challenge and seeking to better serve my local community. The decision to seek election to Paulding County Prosecutor fulfills those goals," added Herman. "I have worked closely with Paulding County Law Enforcement for numerous years, including as an instructor in the Paulding Police Academy, and I consider it an honor and a privilege to seek election to this position."

Herman is a member of the Paulding County & Defiance County Bar Associations, and the Ohio State Bar Association. Locally, Herman has served as coach or assistant coach for various baseball

teams, is currently assistant cub master for the Paulding Cub Scouts, is solicitor for the Paulding Knights of Columbus, and is presently a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Paulding. He is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps Reserves, former volunteer firefighter and E.M.T., and is married to Paulding native Deborah (Elkins). Herman has resided in Paulding County for more than ten (10) years, and has three (3) sons: Brendon (9), Ethan (3), and Aiden (1). The general election will be held on November 4, 2008. The commencement date for the Prosecutor's new term is January 5, 2009. "I would appreciate your support and vote this Fall."

PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL THIRD NINE WEEKS

SENIORS:

4.0 - Tiffany Anderson, Michelle Colley, Amber Dohoney, Kayla Gawronski, Julie Koenn, Amber Manson, Jon Ross, Kara Suffel, Logan Sunday

3.50-3.99 - Chase Brooks, Kenneth Butler, Jessica Carnahan, Kim Cline, Tyler Crutchfield, Stacy Gallegos, Amber Gebers, Beth Gottke, Nicole Hicks, Kassi Kadesch, Jerrod Knodel, Toska Maliske, Kevin Mumma, Libby Neer, Tiffany Razo, Matt Rose, Brandon Schang, Megan Simpson, Staci Smalley, Jessica Strable, Troy Vance, Emily Weller

3.0-3.49 - Justis Barron, Chris Britt, Alisha Crutchfield, Jeanelle DeMuth, Abby Gross, Michael Halter, Ryan Jones, Sierra Kennedy, Derek Koch, Brandon Mericle, Cameron Owens, Jacob Perl, Chris Philipot, Jordan Philipot, Jarod Riley, Zach Stallkamp, Klint Svec, Seth Thomas, Sarah Tracy

JUNIORS:

4.0 - Peter Brown, Kelsie Carnahan, Alli Clevenger, Josh Duslak, Katherine Harmon, Britney King, Lillian Manz, Audrey Nice, Mercedes Rios, Haden Sholl, Logan Steele, Eric Ross, Spencer Wilhelm

3.50-3.99 - Estee Arend, Tyler Arend, Caitlin Blair, Brooke Bowers, Sara English, Christa Gasser, Kari Gibson, Staci Gunderman, Morgan Hammon, Heather Hemker, Rachel Hemker, Cassie Kausser, Ashley Koenn, Eve Kohart, Amanda Korney, Brenda Manz, Jessica Miller, Jeffrey Mobley, Andrew Mott, Jessica Nathan, Brian Porter, Isaac Porter, Briana Ripke,

Chris Rohrs, Garrett Stoller, Ashley Switzer, Selena Switzer, Breanna Wilder, Ashley Yant, Brandi Yoh

3.0-3.49 - Zach Dysinger, Tyler Fenter, Donna Highwarden, Eric Highwarden, Jessica Johnson, Amber Jones, Katie Keeran, Mara Kesler, Shane Lumpkins, Aric Mericle, Jennifer Nafziger, Michael Reinhart, Brady Schroeder, Zak Shafer, Melinda Slattman, Dalton Stallkamp, Remy Tope, Corbin Vance, Tess VanVlerah, Tisha West

SOPHOMORES:

4.0 - Angela Manz, Bryant Sheppard

3.50-3.99 - Maycee Adams, Elizabeth Bradford, Jamie Buchman, Chase Burnett, Jaclyn Carr, Gary DeVault, Stephanie Donaldson, Aaron Gross, Samantha Habern, Nathan Hancock, Bell Leong, Alisha Mays, Andrea Miller, Amanda Porter, Tyler Rohrs, Derek Schlatter, Dakota Vogel, William Wilhelm, Rachelle Woodring

3.0-3.49 - Lindsay Adkins, Jessica Adkins, Brittany Bail, Jacy Barnwell, Jesse Bollenbacher, Jeff Budd, Katarina Caryer, Elizabeth Cooper, Kelsie Deel, Ashley Fisher, Danielle Grindstaff, Taylor Hatcher, Brandi Kline, Staci Manz, Tyler Mason, Travis McPherson, Zach Miller, Audrey Smiley, Ariel Speelman, Haley Vorlicky, Ali Wayne, Ben Wiswell, Stephanie Yates

FRESHMEN:

4.0 - Joey Buchman, Nicholas Flint, Elise Hartzell, April Manz, Alex Mott

3.50-3.99 - Cameron Aldrich, Crystal Banet, Adi Bergalowski, Trenton Bradford, Haylee Clellan, Shauna Darriago, Jacob Farr, Nicole Gebers, Jesse Glass, Ashley Hahn, Cassandra Hammon, Grant Harder, Sam Heilshorn, Alex Knodel, Treslynn Laney, Jack Meriwether, Ashley Myers, Derrick Pease, Amber Plotts, Breck Ripke, Jared Ross, Patty Shaffer, Danielle Smith, Kaelyn Snyder, Alyssa St. John, Jessica Vance, Wesley Zeller

3.0-3.49 - Olivia Arend, Ashlee Beck, Ricky Bergalowski, Devan Bermejo, Taylor Dotson, Andy Favorito, Jacob Gideon, Nicholas Hanenkratt, Zach Hitchcock, Sarah Koenig, Jeremy Mobley, Emily Nardone, Brooke Otto, Alex Snyder, Brittni Stacy, Danielle Stokes, Natasha Stokes, Levi VanVlerah, Bradley Wilcox, Jared Yant



ROTARY DONATES EXERCISE EQUIPMENT

Hicksville—The Hicksville Rotarians have donated two innovative pieces of equipment to Health Fit at Community Memorial Hospital. The units are designed to serve members and patients with limited mobility or weight bearing issues.

The BioStep Recumbent Elliptical provides a smooth, continuous, zero joint impact workout, which strengthens muscles, improves cardiac function, and burns calories. It gives the arms and legs a workout with less fatigue and a lower incidence of joint pain. The SciFit Recumbent Bike is a step-through design with a movable seat, making

it easier for patients with limited mobility in their legs to get on the unit.

"It seems like much of the equipment available is designed for people that are already fit," says Gregg Harpel, Director of Ancillary Services at Community Memorial Hospital. "These units were made with the people who need it most in mind."

The fitness center serves a wide variety of clientele, from the fitness buff to the debilitated rehab patient. It is open to the public. Community Memorial Hospital would like to thank Rotary for providing these units, giving a better range of equipment while keeping the cost to the members as low as possible.

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ANTWERP WRESTLING CLUB SUCCESSFUL AT AYERSVILLE

Saturday, March 8, Antwerp Wrestling Club traveled to Ayersville to compete. Once again the Archers proved their dedication and

hard work paid off. Pictured are (back row) - Coach Brian Yenser, Jarrett Bute - 2nd place, Dallas Smallwood - 2nd place, Coach Robert Kennedy, (front row) - Jon Hudson - 3rd place, Trey Mills - 3rd place, and Chase Marroquin - 3rd place.

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND DISMISSALS

Admissions:
3/18 - Kathryn Golliver, Grover Hill; Joyce Russell, Defiance; Rex Russell, Defiance; Mary Pierce, Antwerp
3/19 - Juanita Hyman, Paulding
3/20 - Braeden Pease, Paulding
3/21 - Joseph Lyvers,

Payne
3/23 - Allyson Pogue, Paulding
Dismissals:
3/17 - Erma Pratt, Havi-land
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"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": VANTAGE STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN HIGH SCHOOL THAT WORKS WORKSHOP



The Vantage Science staff recently presented an inquiry-based learning unit to a group of area schools that attended a High School That Work (HSTW) workshop on Owens Technical College in Findlay. The staff demonstrated the 5E method, which involved creating lessons using engage-

ment, exploring, explaining, elaborating and evaluating. Lab technology is administered into each unit to insure students are using modern techniques of problem solving and critical thinking. Each unit written by the Vantage staff includes Ohio Academic Content Standards for

science and hands-on application to everyday life and requires students to collect and compare data using graphing analysis. Vantage Science staff members pictured are (clockwise) Rachael Harpel, Jon Pickett, Kevin Koesters and Duane Sheets.

COMMUNITY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL VIEWS PATIENT SAFETY AS TOP PRIORITY

HICKSVILLE—Community Memorial Hospital is joining other hospitals, nursing homes, ambulatory facilities and emergency medical services across the state in standardizing wristbands used to identify certain patient conditions, such as allergies or the risk for falls.

Hospitals and health care providers across the country received a wake up call in 2005 when a nurse in Pennsylvania incorrectly placed a yellow "do not resuscitate"

(DNR) wristband on a patient who later had a heart attack. Fortunately, another nurse caught the mistake just in time to resuscitate the patient.

The case focused national attention on a common problem. Many doctors, nurses and other practitioners work in more than one facility, each with their own set of wristband colors. In Ohio, health care providers are currently using 19 different colors with 28 different meanings, according to a survey of Ohio hospitals, home health agencies, nursing homes and ambulatory surgical centers con-

ducted in November 2006 by an OPSI-created task force.

To ensure patient safety in our community, Community Memorial Hospital is proud to join the Ohio Patient Safety Institute (OPSI) in implementing a statewide standardization of colored wristbands for Ohio hospitals, nursing homes, ambulatory facilities, home health and hospice.

The statewide standardization of colored wristbands reduces the colors down to four, with the ultimate goal of eliminating wristbands altogether in favor electronic tracking systems. In the interim, OPSI recommends that all Ohio health care providers adopt the following standard wristbands:

- White/Clear - Patient Identification
- Red - Allergy
- Yellow - Fall Risk
- Green - Blood Product

The statewide wristband standardization is endorsed by the Ohio Patient Safety Institute, Ohio Hospital Association, Ohio State Medical Association, Ohio Osteopathic Association and Ohio Board of Nursing, Ohio Academy of Nursing Homes and Association of Ohio Philanthropic Homes, Housing and Services for the Aging.

Community Memorial Hospital also holds a daily patient safety briefing to ensure that individuals involved in the patient's care are aware of the patient's status, limitations, etc. Also initiated a 2007 was a Rapid Response Team, Lift Team, and Ticket-to-Ride, a hand-off communication tool that provides ancillary departments with important patient information prior to testing.

ANTWERP HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA DEPARTMENT TO PRESENT FLOWERS FOR ALGERNON THIS WEEKEND

The Antwerp HS Drama department is delighted to present as its spring drama *Flowers for Algernon*, a touching account of Charlie Gordon's (Caleb Lee) transformation from a mentally retarded man into a genius and then back again. Along the way, he learns of both the harsh realities and wonderful experiences that come with the intelligence he is granted by Dr. Strauss (Cody Bok) and Professor Nemur (Dusty Woodcox), the brains behind the operation that revolutionizes Charlie's life. Alice Kinian (Christina Girardot), Charlie's teacher turned love interest, supports Charlie in his attempt to come to terms with his past even as she deals with the distressing aspects of their relationship herself.

Supporting cast members include Bo Hawley as Burt Seldon, Mariah Overmyer as Mrs. Donner, Chelsea Vail as Charlie's mother, Derek Demongeot as Charlie's father, Justin Johnson as Frank and Teenage Charlie, Blake Schuette as Little Charlie, Stepha Cass as Gina and Charlie's sister Norma, Beth Hawley as Little Norma, and Katie Feichter as Mrs. Mooney. The stage, sound, and lighting crews consist of student volunteers Zach Neace, Delaine Adams, Sarah Trauterman, Hannah Butcher, Zach Carr, Kole Schlatter, Mickae Schlatter, Casey Schaeffer, and Alaine Wetli. Mr. and Mrs. Jack and Roberta Schmidt direct; *Flowers for Algernon* is to be their final production.

Tickets are available both presale and at the door. The production will run through the weekend with 7:30 p.m. performances on Friday and Saturday and a matinee showing on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. To obtain reserved seating, call 419-258-5421 ext. 2113 or speak to a cast member.

PAULDING SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT ACCEPTING QUOTES

The Paulding Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors will be accepting quotes for summer mowing, trimming and weed control at the Black Swamp Nature Center. For more detailed information on the areas to be maintained please contact the Paulding SWCD at 419-399-4771. The District will be accepting quotes until 4:00 p.m. April 4, 2008 at the Paulding SWCD office located at 260 B. Dooley Drive, Paulding, Ohio.

HOMEPLACE PANTRY: HOMEMADE GOODNESS FROM A HOME



By: Sue Knapp

As I drive around Paulding County I find all kinds of interesting people and places.

One of these places is the Homeplace Pantry. It is located at 15297 on U.S. 127, 2 miles south of US 24.

The Homeplace Pantry is a family-owned business. Kevin and Janet Atkins along with their children operate and run the store.

Kevin and Janet always wanted to have a family-related business. They wanted the business to include the children (6 almost 7) to learn how to serve people and to teach them about running a business.

The business is three years old and they plan to expand in the near future.

Garrett, 13, and Hunter, 11, are involved in every aspect of the store. They have their own products or sections they are responsible for. They keep inventories, clean shelves, stock items, purchase the products and the monies made they reinvest and get to keep the profits. Cassidy, 9, helps Dad with the store on Saturdays, Stewart, 5, is also involved along with Adrienna, 7. Victoria, 3, likes to eat the profits. Garrett and Hunter have ordered chicks and will be raising the chickens to sell the eggs. Yes, they will be brown eggs. Hopefully, they will be ready to sell this fall.

The Homeplace Pantry is not an organic store, nor are they a total health food store. They do sell flours and meals in bulk, along with herbs, spices, candy, butter, produce, snacks, local raw honey, maple syrup, dried fruit, baking ingredients, dried beans, seeds, nuts, noodles, personal care, refrigerator items and paper products among other things.

They also feature a variety of cheeses sold in bulk or blocks. They are planning to provide cheese trays for your convenience in the near future.

The Homeplace Pantry has shelving and counter tops that were made from old barn material. That along with the soft music and the hospitality from the children and their mom, has a wonderful, warm and peaceful atmosphere that makes you glad to be there.

The children are learning responsibility, a sense of business along with work, and Mom and Dad are right there guiding them and working with them every step of the way.

You may call Homeplace Pantry at 567-235-4125. The store hours are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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 -Psalm 136:1

Reminder —
 The deadline for the Paulding County Hospital Foundation membership drive is Friday, April 4th.

Membership levels are:

- \$25 Social—recognition as a supporter of the foundation
- \$50 Supporting—recognition as a supporter and invited to the annual dinner
- \$100 Voting—entitles you to the above and voting privileges at board meetings
- \$5,000 Lifetime—special recognition including a mini-tree on the foundation's Tree of Celebration and all the above privileges (can be paid over a five-year period)

Yes, I want to become a member
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