

ANTWERP'S NEW MAYOR AND TWO COUNCIL MEMBERS SWORN IN



By: Sue Knapp

December 31 at 4:45 Margaret Womack swore in Ray DeLong as new Mayor. She also swore in Mike Rhoads and Jan Reeb reelected council members.

After being sworn in Mayor DeLong and the Council had a special meeting to pass two emergency ordinances.

Dan Gordon turned in a resignation as a council member. The new council member will finish his term which has two years left.

Mayor DeLong is a life-long resident of Antwerp, with the exception of the three years he spent in the Army Airborne. He has two children, Andrew and Anthony, and has three grandchildren.

Mayor DeLong wants to help Antwerp in creating industrial and residential growth. He will continue with the sidewalk project and he wants to work with the A.C.D.C. and the Community Improvement Corporation for the betterment of Antwerp.

Ordinance #2007-41: An ordinance authorizing the Village Clerk/Treasurer to transfer funds to the EMS fund in the amount of \$11,131.67 and declare the same to be an emergency.

Ordinance # 2007-42 An Ordinance authorizing the Village Clerk/Treasurer to transfer funds to the Wastewater Fund in the amount of \$739.85 and declare the same to be an emergency.

THE TOP 7 REASONS TO SPAY & NEUTER YOUR LAB

Black dogs are often the last to be adopted from an animal shelter. The general public is likely not aware of how doomed black dogs are when they are brought to the average animal shelter. Black dogs, particularly large black dogs like Labradors or Lab mixes, have a very difficult time getting adopted, and are euthanized at a staggering rate at many animal control facilities throughout the country. The sad truth is, they are overlooked in favor of lighter-colored dogs.

I get calls every week from people who need to get rid of their dog. Some we can help and others we can't. It's always a shock to people when I tell them the number one dog we can't help or have an extremely difficult time placing to a rescue group—meet the adult lab or adult lab mix. Also meet the number one dog picked up as a stray or left at the shelter. This is the breed of dog that I see every week at our local shelter and I always think, "oh please not another one!" Meet the Paulding County adult lab who needs a new home.

The year of 2007 we have saved 181 homeless dogs from euthanasia. Out of those 181 dogs only 7 were black lab adult dogs.

Two of those adult black labs were in such pathetic condition they got the "sympathy vote." Offers for fully sponsored vetting and volunteer transporters lined up to drive those dogs to a sanctuary in Ohio.

Three more Paulding County black labs ended up in Canada. A transport relay of 16—all volunteer drivers—drove those dogs to a no kill shelter.

Another Paulding County adult black lab went by rail car (yes, train) all the way to North Dakota.

Why do they have to go so far away? Apparently nobody wants them. Pure-bred labs and lab mixes are a dime a dozen in every color—black, yellow and chocolate. Those seven labs were the lucky ones.

—Lynne Mansfield, Friends of the Paulding County Shelter, 419 258-1442

THE PAULDING COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE OFFICE ANNOUNCES MEETING DATES

The 2008 dates for the Paulding County Veterans' Service Commission Board Meetings are January 28, February 25, March 31, April 28, May 19, June 30, July 28, August 25, September 29, October 27, November 24, and December 15. For more information, please call 419-399-8285.

MEETING CHANGE IN VILLAGE OF ANTWERP

Antwerp Village Council has changed their meetings from the second Monday of each month to the third Monday of each month. The January meeting will be on January 21 at 6:00 p.m.

THANK YOU

All the families of the 300 block of West Woodcox St., Antwerp, would like to give a big Thank You to Mike Renno, Antwerp Hardware, for furnishing the sacks for our Luminaries on Christmas Eve. He does this every year and this year the weather cooperated making the scene a lovely sight. Thanks again, Mike.

—Families of West Woodcox St.

MANOR HOUSE ASSISTED LIVING

THANK YOU

On behalf of the residents and staff of the Manor House Assisted Living we would like to say "thank you" for the wonderful gifts that have been given to us this past year. Your creative talents, beautiful singing voices, and gifts of food have been greatly appreciated. We have enjoyed each and every one of your visits, and we thank you all.

—Manor House Residents and staff

GROVER HILL'S NEW MAYOR SWORN IN



By: Sue Knapp

Wesley Foust, newly elected mayor of Grover Hill was sworn in on December 31 at 1:00 p.m. After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and reading the Certificate of Oath, his wife, Notary Public, Bethany Foust swore him in. Solicitor, Scott Gordon provided all the paper work.

Mr. Foust grew up in Haviland and is a supervisor at Haviland Drainage. He

has lived in Grover Hill with his wife and child, Brittney, since 1992. His wife, Bethany runs Foust Properties and Brittney, their daughter is 10 years old and is in the fifth grade at Grover Hill Elementary.

This is Wesley's first term as Mayor. He has served on the council and served as President of the Council.

Grover Hill residents are proud of their town and

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OBITUARIES

Esther Irene Mott Bashore, 96, of Paulding died December 30 at Dallas Lamb Foundation Home, Payne.

She was born May 13, 1911 in Paulding County, the daughter of Elmer and Estella (Keck) Devers. In 1929, she married Gordon Mott, who preceded her in death in 1973. In 1975 she married Brooks Bashore, who preceded her in death in 1983. She was a member of Paulding United Methodist Church and a Charter Member of Professional Business Women Association. She was previously employed by Gertrude Gamble Dress Shop and Thelma Hill's Dress Shop.

She is survived by a daughter, Florence E. (Richard) Windsor of Paulding; two stepsons: Bob (Barbara) Bashore of Florida, and Bill (Rowena) Bashore of Paulding; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; three brothers: Herbert Devers of Florida, Richard Devers of South Carolina, and Glenn Devers of Piqua, OH; and three sisters: Edith Grimes of Defiance, Dean Wilson of Florida, and Norma Jean "Peg" Brown of Washington.

She is preceded in death by her parents; two husbands; a great grandchild; five brothers: Ronald "Roy" Devers, Paul "Ray" Devers, Charles Devers, James "Pete" Devers, and Robert Devers; three sisters: Ruby Zartman, Helen Bissell; and infant Donna Lillian.

Funeral Services were conducted January 3, 2008 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with Rev. Ben Lowell officiating. Burial was in Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding.

Donations may be made to Dallas Lamb Founda-

tion Home Activity Fund or Paulding United Methodist Church.

Leona "Tannie" Rothgeb, 63, of Antwerp, passed away January 2, 2008 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Leona was born in Hicksville, Ohio on November 5, 1944, the daughter of the late Vernon W. and Julia E. (Sigler) Morris.

She was a member of the Antwerp Church of Christ, a lifetime member of Antwerp VFW Post 5087 Auxiliary. Leona loved bluegrass music and playing cards on Friday night at Ida Stiner's.

She will be sadly missed by her daughter and son-in-law, Tannie "Ree" and Justin Tate of Spring City, TN; and son and daughter-in-law, James and Karrie Rothgeb of Akron, OH; sister, Nancy Howard of Hicksville; and brother, Glenn "Butch" Morris.

Her sister, Sharon McClish, has passed away.

Her memorial service was at the Antwerp Church of Christ on January 5, 2008, with Sam Steiner officiating.

Memorials are to the family. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Dennis B. Saylor, 63, of Payne, died December 29, 2007 at his residence after an extended illness.

He was born in Middlesboro, Kentucky on January 5, 1944 the son of Rev. Arthur and Mary (Edes) Saylor. On July 14, 1986 he married Penny (Conley) Saylor, who survives.

He was presently employed as a Supervisor for Triple Crown Rail Transportation Systems of Fort Wayne, Indiana. He previously was employed by B.F. Goodrich Tire Manufac-

turing Plant of Woodburn, Indiana for 25 years. He was a member of the Payne Church of the Nazarene, Payne. He was a member of the Paulding Gun Club.

Surviving are his wife, Penny of Payne; two sons: Brian (Marian) Saylor and Zachary Saylor both of Payne; three daughters: Christina (Scott) Kushion of Laingsburg, MI, Nicole (Eddie) Worrell of Fort Wayne, IN and Jenelle Wagaman of Payne; son-in-law, Curt Hershburger of Grover Hill; four grandchildren: Blake, Paige, Hunter and Jaxon; two brothers: Leman (Freddie) Saylor and Lennis (Lula) Saylor both of Payne; three sisters: Lois (Donald) Greninger of Payne; Vivian (Duane) Copsey of Iola, KS and June (Karl) Bredemeyer of Fort Wayne, IN.

He is preceded in death by his parents; a son, Anthony Saylor in 2005; and a grandson, Chase Kushion.

Funeral services were January 3, 2008 at the Payne Church of the Nazarene, Payne. Pastor Mike Harper officiated. Burial was in Wiltzie Cemetery, Payne.

Memorials donations to Dennis B. Saylor Family.

Wayne Richard Sowers, 53, of Hicksville, died on January 1, 2008 at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville.

He was born on September 7, 1954 in Defiance the son of Richard and Donna (Kittridge) Sowers. He was a 1971 graduate of Fairview High School. He married Laura Crabill on October 24, 1997. She survives.

He was a truck driver for 5C's Farm, Hicksville and enjoyed fishing.

He is survived by his wife, Laura; three daughters: Tina Holman of Paulding, Sara (Paul) Prescott of Hicksville, and Nina Sowers of Butler, IN; three step-children: Tina Leverton of Hicksville, Michael and Melissa Leverton of Garrett, IN; seven grandchildren; two brothers: Paul (Linda) of Defiance, and Ed (Claudia) of Hicksville.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sons: Richie and Ryan; and a wife, Kay Sowers.

Funeral services were January 6, 2008 at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville with Larry Weller officiating. Burial was in Farmer Cemetery, Farmer, OH. Memorials may be made to Smith & Brown Funeral Home or American Heart Association.

TURNING ON THE LIGHTS

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

During World War II there were so many unsung heroes. Bold decisions were often made which seldom made the headlines. One such decision was made in the Pacific Theater late in the war by Admiral Marc Mitscher during the Battle of the Philippine Sea in mid-1944.

Late in the afternoon of June 20, Mitscher sent out a number of bombers on a mission. Their instructions were to bomb a Japanese naval fleet and then return to their carriers. However, because of the weather and the length of the mission, it was pitch dark when the bombers turned around and began the trip

back to their carriers.

The U.S. fleet was under strict wartime blackout during the time. Consequently, the flyers had difficulty locating their home fleet. Furthermore, the bombers' fuel supplies were running dangerously low.

And so Admiral Mitscher took a calculated risk. He decided to turn on the lights. That entire area of the Pacific lit up so the flyers could locate their carriers. By doing so, he let the Japanese know the exact location of their fleet, but he also showed his own pilots where their home ships were located.

One returning pilot described the scene as a "Hollywood premier", Chinese New Years, and Fourth of July all rolled into one!"

For two hours planes landed. Nearly 80 pilots, weary and out of gas, ditched in the sea but relatively few were actually lost. Lives were saved, at a great risk, because an Admiral chose to "turn on the lights."

We live in a country of spiritual darkness. People around us are unaware or unconcerned about Christ's love, grace, and forgiveness. Many folks today see Christianity as irrelevant or unnecessary.

Those of us who are believers in the Lord Jesus Christ have a responsibility to "turn on the lights." We have the biblical mandate to show them the saving light of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Yes, it will come at great risk. The world today isn't particularly friendly toward Christians. To take a stand for the Savior and maintain biblical convictions is costly.

But though there is great risk, there is also great reward. And who knows... perhaps by "turning on the lights", some might be saved who would otherwise die in the darkness.

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Mayor Foust wants to clean up what's needed to clean up and make it a nicer place to live. Grant money has been approved and is waiting for the Commissioner's signatures to tear down the old grocery store beside the VFW with the intent of creating a pavilion. Wes is responsible for writing many grants to help Grover Hill. He also wants to improve the park as one of many other projects he and the council will strive to complete for the betterment of the town.

Right now the council will have to fill the seat if the President and elect a new council member.

The council meetings are the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Men Treat Common Condition—Without Drugs

(NAPSA)—Treating a common condition in men could be easier than you might think.

Many men begin to notice the problem in their 60s. They wake more frequently during the night, and even during the day experience an increased urge to urinate—and often have difficulty postponing it.

When they mention it to a doctor, they are diagnosed with benign prostatic hyperplasia, or BPH, more commonly known as an enlarged prostate. More than half of all men over age 60 have an enlarged prostate. The condition is not cancerous, but if left untreated, can cause permanent urinary problems.

Symptoms of BPH include:

- Frequent or sudden need to urinate;
- Interrupted sleep due to need to urinate at night;
- Weak, variable or dribbling stream;
- Feeling of not completely emptying the bladder.

An enlarged prostate can also reduce a man's quality of life by causing discomfort and embarrassment.

Treating BPH

There are a variety of effective BPH treatment options, including medication or surgery. But men looking for an alternative—especially those who experience side effects from medication or who are being treated for other conditions and can't tolerate an addition to their drug regimen—may be interested in a minimally invasive treatment called TherMatrix.

It is a form of transurethral microwave therapy (TUMT), commonly called thermotherapy, that works by applying gentle heat to a very precise area of the prostate,



There may be a simple way to treat a condition affecting more than half of men over 60.

resulting in long-term symptomatic relief of urinary constriction without ongoing drugs or invasive surgery.

It is the most widely used BPH thermotherapy treatment in the U.S. and is an in-office treatment that requires no general anesthesia. According to clinical research results, most patients experience quick recovery and resume normal activities the next day—plus a single treatment can provide long-lasting symptom relief.

One typical patient had been dealing with an enlarged prostate for more than 10 years, and was tired of the side effects from his medication. He liked the fact that the thermotherapy procedure was performed right in his doctor's office. No hospital stays. No extended recovery time.

"I tried medication, vitamin supplements, watched my liquids before bed and reduced my caffeine intake," he said. "When I learned about TherMatrix, I thought that finally this could be a real solution. And it was. What a relief."

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\$2500.00 REWARD A \$2500.00 cash reward is being offered for information on who was behind the destruction of my political statement on January 1st at 303 W. River St. The reward is being offered to the perpetrators themselves, if they were paid or promised something to tear down and steal the sign. Immunity from prosecution will be assured. This reward is being offered on a 1st come 1st serve basis. Contact Mike Wilhelm at 419-506-0541

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NOW READ THIS

By: Stan Jordan

"Mr. Jordan, I must say you have done it again! Another great story in The West Bend News on Antwerp History (12-05-07). I have been reading your articles from day one. You have taught me many things on the history of our great town. I think back to a few of your mail route stories where you wrote about my grandfather, Francis Gordon. My grandmother, Bealuh, told me once that Grandpa passed away in his favorite chair reading the paper. After that article you wrote about that day I now know that you were one of the last persons he had spoke with. You really help complete that day in history for me, Thank You!"

"You have also brought back some great memories for me. Such as the story of Mom, Emily Jo Bromagen Gillespie leaving cookies for you at Christmas time. Benny really missed out there, ha, ha."

"Anyhow, back to this week's article. Dad was never much of a hunter, but he did deer hunt every year. I can remember waiting to hear from Dad (Ray Gillespie) say, OK, your old enough to hunt with us and ever since then I have been hooked. I have permission from several land owners in the area to hunt their property. I also put out several acres of food plots every year to help the

wildlife. Kevin Countryman has taught me a lot about game management over the years. I'm not sure if you know him or not but he is the son of Lloyd and Ann Countryman from Hicksville. He is quite the outdoorsman. I had the privilege of going to British Columbia with him on an Elk hunt for ten days of roughing it in the Parcell Mountain Range of the Rockies. Ok, well, I have rambled enough now. I just wanted to say thank you for all the great stories. Eric Gillespie"

The above letter was given to me by Eric Gillespie. He was talking about the 12-05-07 issue. He wrote about me being one of the last people to have spoken with his grandpa, Francis Gordon. I wrote about this before but I'm going to do it again as I will never forget that day.

These people lived on the Defiance-Paulding County Line and I just got there about 10:00. Usually The Breakfast Club with Don McNeil was just coming over the radio from Chicago. That was one of my favorite radio programs and I would have the radio turned on, but maybe a little low.

It was a nice warm day. As I approached the mail box, I could see the flag was not up and I saw Francis walking up to the east end of the barn and leaned his hoe with the metal end up, up against the barn. As this was not a heavily traveled road and no car

coming from either direction, I pulled over to the left side of the road where he was walking towards my car.

Francis received the Fort Wayne Journal Gazette through the mail every day. So I always stopped at his mail box. I handed him his paper and said, "That's all you got today, Francis." After a minute of pleasantries, I drove away and looked in my rear view mirror and saw Francis heading into the house to read the Journal.

I went on to finish my route and about 1:00 p.m. I returned to the Post Office. I turned all my collections over to Mike Hertel, the postmaster, and he said, "Did you hear about Francis Gordon?" I said, "What are you talking about?" Then he told me that Francis had passed away this morning.

I was dumbfounded. After a bit, I told Mike that I just talked to him about 10:00 a.m. I guess he had sat down in his favorite chair to read the paper and just passed away. I will never forget him leaning that hoe against the barn and walking over to my car. Yes, he was a fine fellow and belonged to my group of "good old boys."

All the fellows who lived along there were into conservation and wildlife.

Eric, in his letter, talks about a big hunting trip in British Columbia. He showed me a lot of pictures of that excursion. He told me those boys left the wilds, just like they found them and that is what conservation is all about.

Eric, I thank you for that nice letter. It was one of the neatest letters that I ever received. It speaks well of your training and schooling at AHS.

Good luck on your next big hunting trip. See, Ya!

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL BOARD APPROVES PURCHASE OF COMMUNICATIONS TOWER

At Paulding County Hospital's recent board of trustees meeting a capital expenditure for a 60 foot communications tower was approved. The cost of the tower will be approximately \$17,466. This tower will provide enhanced ability to communicate with EMS squads and other authorities.

CEO Gary Adkins updated members on physician relations. Dr. Mahtab Ahmed has begun his family practice on December 17, 2007 in the Medical Office Building located adjacent to the hospital. "Dr. Ahmed's new practice is off to a good start and he is taking new patient appointments," Adkins stated. The number to call for an appointment is 419-399-1745.

Adkin's report included that he is presently renegotiating our contract with the current radiology group and all is going well.

Chief Operating Officer, Randy Ruge reported that he is conducting a feasibility study concerning on-site MRI. Ruge also reported that the Ohio Department of Health conducted a survey of the radiology department and the staff is to be commended for the excellent job they do in assuring standards are met.



KIM KEMERER OF ANTWERP JOINS THE HEALTH FIT TEAM

HICKSVILLE—The team at Community Memorial Hospital's Health Fit Rehabilitation and Wellness Center is pleased to welcome Antwerp area fitness instructor Kim Kemerer. Kim is a veteran fitness instructor and has taught a variety of classes in the Antwerp area.

Kim will be staffing the fitness center in the morning and will be offering her muscle toning class on Monday evenings from 7:00-8:00 p.m. and Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. for Health Fit members. This class works all muscle groups, with each group being worked to a three-minute song. Anyone 12 and over, or fitness level is welcome to attend. She recommends bringing three and/or five pound weights and a mat along with a water bottle to keep hydrated. Some weights and mats will be available for those who do not have their own.

The fitness center provides a variety of classes to meet the needs of people of all levels of fitness. This class is in addition to our current schedule of body sculpting, step and tone, full body circuit training, body recall, yoga and gentle yoga. Class participants are also welcome to use the full line of cardio and weight training equipment in the fitness center. For more information about Kim's class or Health Fit Rehabilitation and Wellness membership call 419-542-5680 or stop in for a complimentary tour. Health Fit is located at the northwest corner of Community Memorial Hospital in Hicksville.

Tips To Keep Schools Safe In A Crisis

(NAPSA)—The best way to cope with a crisis may be to prepare for the worst.

Fortunately, a free new guide that helps schools prepare for the worst is now available online from the National Education Association Health Information Network (NEA HIN), the health and safety nonprofit arm of NEA, which represents 3.2 million educators.

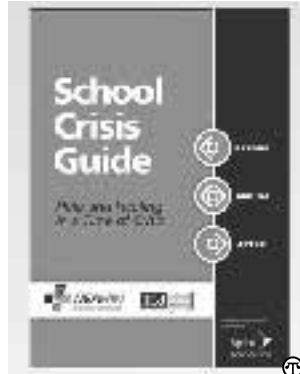
Developed with a grant from the Sprint Foundation, "School Crisis Guide: Help and Healing in a Time of Crisis" provides step-by-step advice for schools and districts to use before, during and after a crisis.

The new guide comes at a time when schools and college campuses nationwide are revamping their emergency response systems and updating safety preparedness practices.

"No one wants to think of the worst-case scenario, but knowing what to do in an emergency situation can be the difference between stability and upheaval," said NEA HIN Executive Director Jerald Newberry. "Schools increasingly understand that strong safety plans are a result of having everyone at the table together—including school employees, administrators, parents, students and first responders."

Here's how parents can prepare for a school crisis:

- Be informed. Learn about the prevention programs your school offers and how you can reinforce those teachings at home.
- Be aware. Teach your child the difference between tattling and reporting dangerous situations, and encourage your child to immediately share safety concerns with an adult.



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Preparing for a school crisis is now easier with a free new guide filled with step-by-step advice from the experts.

- Be prepared. Develop a family plan for responding to crises such as fires, floods, tornadoes and hurricanes, or a medical emergency.
- Be a listener. Keep communication lines open with your child by asking questions like "What do you know?", "What have you heard?" and "What are your concerns?"
- Be educated. Find out about local, state and national tip lines where safety concerns can be shared anonymously.

"Whether it's a natural or human disaster, every school should have a crisis plan," said Newberry. "Parents, principals and students can take comfort in knowing that the answers to those questions are now just a click away."

Visit www.neahin.org for more tips, resources and emergency response information to help keep your child safe at school.

Tempting Tactile Knitwear Tops Trend List

(NAPSA)—If you think this season is all about the cover-up, you may be right.

Tempting, tactile knitwear is seen everywhere—from multicolor to monochromatic, chunky cable-knit to sheer cashmere—making it much easier to be a sweater girl with style.

Here are a few tips on how to wear this touchable trend from the fashion experts at Figure magazine:

- Pair a knee-length sweater dress with thick-heeled or wedge leather boots or opaque tights and suede shoes.
- Pile on thin, sumptuous layers of knits all in one color to get a monochromatic look that also elongates your frame.
- Add yummy knit casual tops to flannel pajama bottoms for lounging.
- Go modern preppy and mix your patterns with an argyle vest over a striped oxford shirt.
- Wear a chic cropped cardigan over a hip-grazing feminine blouse for demure style with flattering proportions.
- Give new life to a tired ensemble with a long, colorful scarf.
- Mix elbow-length knit gloves with a knee-length sleeveless cardigan.
- Create an unexpected combination of fabrics: a black chunky sweater over a white chiffon skirt.
- Top off any outfit with chapeaus, from close-cropped to flirty.



Knit Wit: The sweater girl is back and better than ever as the season goes soft for tempting, tactile knitwear.

- Throw a luxurious, calf-length sweater coat with oversize collar over anything—and everything.
- When layering, remember that opposites attract. Top a long tank with a cropped sweater. Team a bare cami with spaghetti straps with a sweater tunic.

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ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

This picture we are going back to Antwerp History. This picture was loaned to us by Barbara Reeb Cleland. Let's start at the extreme south end of the Main Street business district. In fact, let's go a little farther south there just south of the bank was built for Hattie Yager in the 1920's. She lived there a few years and then moved uptown to where she and her husband Joe operated the Yager's Restaurant and they lived above the restaurant. After she moved up town a number of people rented and lived in that corner house. It has always been a beautiful home.

Now let's go across the street to the east to where Mr. and Mrs. John Chilcote live. That big house was built for Mr. L. Smith by the C.A. Quisno Construction Crew, about 1930. Lewis Smith and his daughters, Minnie and Abbie, lived there for many years.

Just to the north of that house was sort of an alley that lead off to that pasture field in the east. A number of times in the 1930's the Harry Shannon Theater Co. would hold plays in a tent back there. I remember going to one 'meller-drama' play there and you would hiss and growl at the vil-

lain. Big time stuff in a small town theater.

Now look at the picture, that wooden two story building is where the Card Room sits now. If you look close you can see that the sign says Johnson's. Well,



Charlie Johnson operated a used furniture business there. I can remember that place pretty well. On nice days he would sit some of his wares outdoors.

In the back of that building was Antwerp's first body and fender repair shop. I'm not sure, but I think it was operated by two young men and one was named Lucas. Anyhow, that place caught

on fire one night and burned the whole two story building down. It must have destroyed that next small building also because I don't remember it and I talked to Leota Davis and she doesn't remember that one either.

That next little building with the sign above the door was the blacksmith shop of Mr. Dave Johnson. I can remember all the action there. You can see a farm wagon sitting out front. He probably was making a repair part for the wagon.

Mr. Dave Johnson lived across the street to the west where the Antwerp Exchange Bank now sits (the Antwerp Exchange Bank was established in 1893). That house was moved up on

and the Antwerp Insurance Agency for years held a large outdoor sign and I remember they used to feature Diamond "T" Trucks and sometimes REO Trucks as well as Coca-Cola and Wrigley's Gum. I know that there was more products, but those still stand out in my mind.

The next building was the Masonic Temple. As I understand, those two buildings was called the Opera House Block. I know the temple was an Opera House at one time. Some years the Antwerp High School basketball team (in the early to mid 1900's) played their home games on the second floor. The lodge was chartered in 1861, but I don't know where they help their meetings. I know that

Wentworth Road. There was another house to the rear of that block and it was moved over on West Canal Street and is owned by Harry Cottrell. All of this action was done to make room for the Antwerp Bank Complex, a really nice appealing area. Then later the Antwerp Post Office was built on another lot owned by Dave Johnson. My friend, Leota, tells me that Dave and Charlie Johnson were not father and son. There were a large number of Johnson's around this area at that time.

Then in that area in the 1950's, Jake Tracey had the insurance building built as part of the area between Dave Johnson's Repair Shop and that vacant lot that you see there. Right there is where our big town Christmas Tree stands. Later, L.S. Sidenbender had his insurance office there. Now Randy Derck has owned the building for close to 40 years.

That large vacant lot between the Masonic Temple

Warren Seslar had a garage in that building until 1912. That's where he built his new garage. I think the Temple renovated that building and moved in there in the 1920's.

The next building, where Papa Oley's Pizza is was also part of what was called "The Opera Block". This corner has had a lot of different businesses. A man named Dave Zuber had a grocery store then on that lot in a frame building. Later on the I.O.O.F. (the International Order of Odd Fellows) built a new brick building and that is the one occupied by Papa Oley's Pizza.

But from the time of about 1912, J.P. Bakle had a grocery store there and I know of a garage for auto repair.

Then in the late 1930's a man operated a locker store. He would process your meat and keep it in his locker for you. That was big business in those years.

That next east and west street is Daggett Street. A man with that name laid out a large addition of lots off to the east and that was called Daggett's Addition. He is therefore revered among our early settlers and pioneers.

Just off to the west of Papa Oley's Pizza, what is now the Ford Sales Car Lot, Joe Barber had a shoe repair shop and in the 1950's, it was torn down and used by Antwerp Sales.

Just west of that was the Antwerp Hatchery. The owner also bought poultry eggs and cream. They also sold ice and dressed poultry. Harry DeLong and his wife, Eliza, were fine people and known by everyone.

We are going to stop here on Daggett Street. Next week we'll go on north on both sides of Main Street. See, Ya!

WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 1/9 THROUGH 1/15

- Breakfast:*
 1/9 - Pancakes or waffles, sausage, milk
 1/10 - Egg/cheese omelet, toast/jelly, milk
 1/11 - Turnover, milk
 1/14 - Pizza, milk
 1/15 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, milk
- Lunch:*
 1/9 - Hot dog/bun, corn, applesauce, milk; WT: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, milk
 1/10 - Fiestado, tossed salad, mandarin oranges, cookie, milk
 1/11 - Mac/cheese, peanut butter sandwich, green beans, pineapple, milk
 1/14 - Breadsticks, cheese, broccoli/cheese, sherbet, milk
 1/15 - Fried chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, peaches, milk

- 1/15 - Corn dog, celery & carrots w/dip, chips, assorted fruit, milk
Paulding Elementary
 - *Lunch:*
 1/9 - Chicken strips, whipped potatoes w/gravy, bread, fruit cup, milk
 1/10 - French toast, sausage, hashbrown, fruit cup, milk
 1/11 - Cheese bread stick w/marinara sauce, green beans, fruit cup, milk
 1/14 - Chicken fajita wrap, lettuce, fruit cup, milk
 1/15 - Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes w/gravy, bread, fruit cup, milk
Oakwood Elementary
 - *Lunch:*
 1/9 - Soft taco, lettuce w/cheese, fruit, milk
 1/10 - Potato & ham soup, crackers, apple pie, milk
 1/11 - Toasted cheese, vegetable, fruit, milk
 1/14 - Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes w/gravy, bread, fruit, milk
 1/15 - Cheese bread sticks w/sauce, corn, fruit, milk

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS FOR THE WEEK OF 1/9 THROUGH 1/15

- MS/HS - Breakfast:*
 1/9 - Ham, egg & cheese croissant, juice, milk
 1/10 - Mini pancakes, sausage, juice, milk
 1/11 - Sausage gravy w/biscuit, juice, milk
 1/14 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk
 1/15 - Fruit turnover, juice, milk
- MS/HS - Lunch:*
 1/9 - Taco salad or grilled chicken on a bun, corn, assorted fruit, milk
 1/10 - Ham & cheese, stromboli, potato soup, assorted fruit, milk
 1/11 - Turkey club sandwich, crosstrax potatoes, assorted fruit, milk
 1/14 - Chicken fajita, lettuce or pepperoni pizza, corn, assorted fruit, milk

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOLS LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 1/9 THROUGH 1/15

- 1/9 - Sloppy joe on bun or deli wrap, green beans, applesauce cup, milk; PLUS: salad bar or pudding cup
 1/10 - Spaghetti & meat sauce or chicken nuggets, lettuce salad, yellow cake w/cherries, milk; PLUS: salad bar or veggie basket
 1/11 - Pizza bagels or egg salad on bun, celery sticks, chips, mixed fruit w/marshmallows, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cottage cheese cup
 1/14 - Popcorn chicken or pork fritters on bun, pineapple, diced potatoes, pretzels, milk; PLUS: salad bar or pudding cup
 1/15 - Fish sandwich or grilled chicken on bun, french fries, pears, milk; PLUS: salad bar or jello cup

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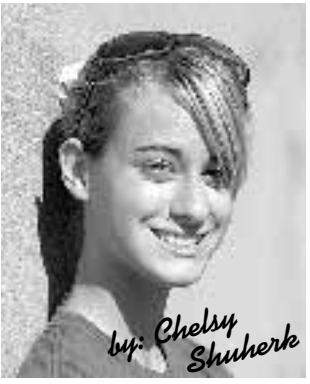
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RAIDER REPORT



It's a bird, it's a plane, no it's Superman. This week I am not talking about superheroes, but I am talking about something even better. I am talking about moms. We all have a mother and at times we hate to love them, and we love to hate them. No matter what, they are still our moms. Mothers seem to have super powers because they do so much. But what all do they do? I will elaborate on some of the things moms do and also tell you about my amazing mom.

I do not know how mothers can do all they do in 24 hours, but they do. Moms take us to everything we need to go to, and they take our siblings to all of their things too. Plus, they help us with our lives, whether it is stuff at school or our social lives. It does not matter what it is, they always seem to be able to help us. They do all that and have jobs, cook and take care of other household things. Then, when they have time they catch up on the things that they like to do. With all that put together, they make a superhero look pretty much like a normal person.

Emily Dickinson once said, "[A] mother is one to whom you hurry to when you are troubled."

That is exactly what I do with my mom. Whenever I have any problem, I go straight to my mom because I know she will have a solution. As I have told you before, my parents are divorced so my mom has basically been a single mom most of my life. Let me tell you, that she is better than having a million parents because she does everything for me. My mom takes care of me, supports me, cares for me, and she is my cheerleader in everything that I do. She is literally my best friend in the world because we do everything together, and we can talk about anything. Those are just a few reasons why my mom is so amazing. So, mom thanks for being so amazing.

PAULDING JR PANTHERS LOSE TWO TO BEARCATS

By: Ron Riegenbach

Paulding Jr. Panthers traveled to Spencerville for a make up game on Thursday January 3, 2008.

In the 7th grade game the Panthers led for three quarters before dropping a hard fought battle.

Score by quarters: Paulding led 13-8 1q, 19-14 half, 27-25 and the final 40-33 Spencerville.

Neil Roehrig led the way with 12 points and 10 rebounds; Lance Foor added 10 points and 4 steals.

In the 8th grade game, the Bearcats press caused the Panthers into 24 turnovers.

Spencerville led after the 1q, 12-6. Paulding rallied to tie the score at the half 20-20. The second half belonged to the Bearcats as they pulled away for a 46-33 victory.

Anthony Arellano led the Panthers with 13 points and 7 rebounds, Jason Koenn added 5 Points. Their record now stands at 1-5.

GMC SCHOLASTIC LEAGUE RESULTS

The results from the GMC Scholastic League from matches taking place on Thursday, January 3, 2008.

At Hicksville - Hicksville 47, Ayersville 48; Hicksville 44, Ayersville 30

At Antwerp - Antwerp 41, Fairview 40; Antwerp 34, Fairview 30

Holgate and Edgerton will make up their matches—date to be determined.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Paulding County Election Board met with Commissioners and discussed the changes proposed by Jennifer Brunner, Ohio Secretary of State. Ms. Brunner is proposing to discontinue the use of the touch screen voting machines currently being used by Paulding County and many other counties in the State. Both boards know that resources are not available at the local level and that the proposed changes by the Secretary of State could cause a possible mandated hardship. Current voting requirements have put a strain on County finances. The Commissioners thanked the Election Board and their staff for making adjustments to the seemingly endless changes coming down from the State level.

County Auditor, Susan Simpson has been answering questions concerning the Property Tax Statements mailed recently. Susan's office recently converted the tax information to an improved computer system. If you have any questions about your recent tax bill

Susan would encourage you to contact her office. Citizens have expressed that the new look of their tax bill is more user friendly. The additional information provided has been well received. The Commissioners thanked County Treasurer, Lou Ann Wannemacher for this improvement and Susan for proving the information in a seamless transition.

County Engineer Travis McGarvey gave an update on the condition of the bridge on County Road 133 in Emerald Township. The bridge will be rehabbed with new beams and wood deck. Travis also informed the Commissioners that the Emerald Township Trustees will be using a TIF (Tax Increment Financing) to make improvements to Township Road 135. Commissioners approved the Engineer's office to use Force Account for 2008. This is the use of County Engineer's employees to work on various projects throughout the County. The Flat Rock Creek Log Jam Removal Petition 1st Hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, January 16, at 10:00 a.m. at the OSU Extension Building. This meeting will also be extended to an evening meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. the same day.

Les Weidenhamer from the John Paulding Historical Society shared with Commissioners the progress being made on the Buckeye Trail in Paulding County. The Buckeye Trail is a hiking and biking trail that follows old canal towpaths, abandoned railroad right of way, rivers, and lakeshores in Ohio. Work done and future improvements in Paulding County were recently featured in the North Star and Trail Blazer magazines. Several miles have been cleared along the old Miami Erie canal towpath with the help of volunteers and donations from local businesses. Baughman Tile has donated culvert tile that was placed at various spots. Donations of water and food by other area businesses have helped the volunteers with the work. Future projects include a 180 foot swing bridge that will be placed along the Miami Erie Canal where it crosses Blue Creek. The Ohio Northern University engineering department has selected the swing bridge as a school project for the 2007-2008 academic school year. Ohio Northern will be taking core soil samples and doing the engineering work. They will also be applying for a grant to help fund the project. Volunteers would be appreciated and you can contact Les Weidenhamer for scheduled work dates.

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

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am writing in response to the sign that greeted me when I came into Antwerp from the west on December 31, 2007. I wonder what our local World War II veterans felt, especially those who fought in Europe, when they read that sign. I don't know what the author's issue is with department or departments of Antwerp but I feel the sign wording could have been less insulting to our veterans. These men and women fought and many died to preserve America's freedom. When you were putting your sign in place, I hope you were silently thanking our veterans for your right of freedom of speech. I am exercising my freedom of speech in writing this letter to thank again every person past and present who has worn a military uniform to ensure our freedom.

—Sharold Jailor

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

If you were driving down US 24 on River St. in Antwerp on Monday, December 31 or Tuesday, January 1, you may have noticed a 6x10 ft. billboard with Nazi Swastikas on it. Yes, it was me, Mike Wilhelm, and yes, I am protesting what I believe to be a fascist presence in our Antwerp government. Now somewhere else in this newspaper there will probably be a separate article or opinion proclaiming patriotism and declaring how terrible it is of me to be displaying something as ghastly as a Nazi Swastika, that I've soiled Antwerp's image, that if I don't like the way things are in Antwerp I should move away, go straight to hell, cease to exist or some other alternative.

Now, of course, I don't agree with you, but I fully respect your opinion. After all, you are probably a U.S. citizen like I am, and you should be able to enjoy your freedom of speech and expression protected by the 1st amendment of our Constitu-

tion. The day your voice is silenced, mine will be also, and there will be no freedoms for anyone to enjoy. I do feel bad if there were some people offended by my sign but, I make no apologies. After all I went to school in Antwerp. Every morning we said the pledge of allegiance. In first grade, we were marched up and down the hallways to the tune of patriotic music. We were taught American history and government by men like Delmar Brown and Charles Foster.

Freedom isn't a gift. You have to fight for it. My sign wasn't up 37 hours when it was torn down and stolen. Apparently the first amendment doesn't apply in Antwerp. In the daylight hours of January 1, an Antwerp council person was told that the sign would not be there in the morning. Either someone within the Antwerp government has E.S.P. or the crime was perpetrated within the government itself. Not surprising, that's what the sign was proclaiming while the conversation took place.

I am surprised that I haven't received any negative comments or correspondence. In fact, most people I have spoken to are upset that my property was destroyed and my rights were trampled on. Your support is appreciated. For those of you out there that don't like me or what I stand for, brace yourselves. If you didn't like my New Year's message, you're certainly not going to like what's coming next.

—Mike Wilhelm

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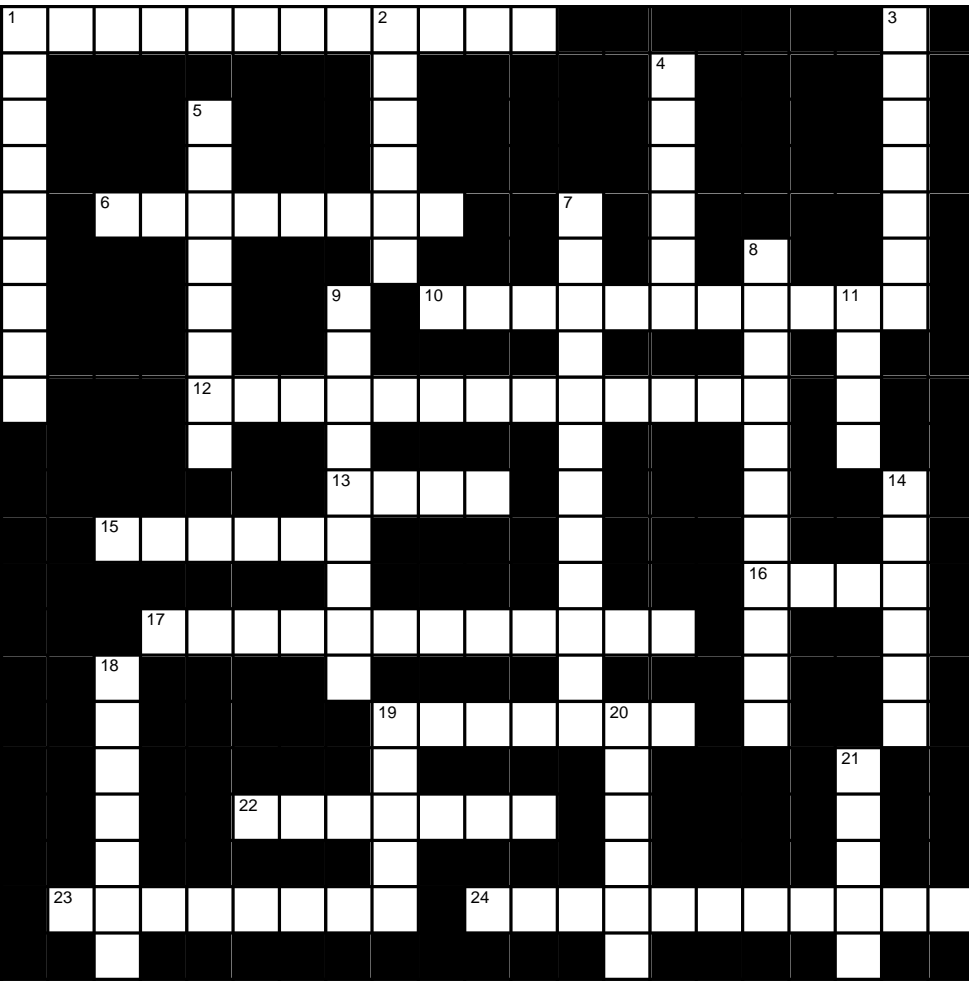
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Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1. The 9th state in the U.S. that has the nickname 'Granite State' and is in the New England region.
- 6. The Sears Tower is in this state.
- 10. This state is one of the six New England states and the 5th state in the U.S.
- 12. This state is known as the 'Bay State'.
- 13. When the word 'Miami' is said, this state comes to mind. (other than Florida)
- 15. This state has more ghost towns than any other.
- 16. Dubuque is this state's oldest city.
- 17. The site of the first U.S. planned city.
- 19. Glacier National Park reaches the boundary between Canada and this state.
- 22. You would find Tippecanoe in this state.
- 23. This state has five nicknames and is the first official state in the U.S.
- 24. The smallest U.S. state.

Down

- 1. This state is known as the 'Garden State'.
- 2. This is the only U.S. state that grows coffee.
- 3. The motto of this state is 'Freedom & Unity' and is the 14th state.
- 4. Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and part of New York border which Canadian province.
- 5. In 1907, this state was set aside as Indian territory.
- 7. New York, New Jersey, and THIS state are the three mid-Atlantic states.
- 8. 'Old Man River' is located in this state.
- 9. The dairy capital of the U.S.
- 11. This state got its name from the Ute Indian tribe.
- 14. This state has the highest mountain.
- 18. Purcell, Bighorn and Medicine Bow are ranges that are a part of which mountain range.
- 19. 'The Pine Tree State' is this state's nickname.
- 20. This is where the Hoover Dam is located.
- 21. This state is known for the Cowboys and the Astros.



By: Chelsea Vail

Author's note: An error on my part regarding last week's deadline resulted in the second printing of a week-old article. Essentially, the real news for the January 2 "AHS Angle" was omitted. I apologize for any inconvenience, mishap, or general perturbation this may have caused.

"When I wake up in the morning and the clock lets out a warning, I don't think I'll ever make it on time..." But it's all right, guys, 'cause I'm saved by the bell! Ah, the bell. Argh, the bell. Ding, dong. School is back—and in a big way. Many a basketball game will be played this week, and a Quiz Bowl match against Wayne Trace will be battled out on Wayne Trace Raider turf this Thursday. Check the "Word of the Week" section for a fresh way to convey all the excitement of winning these upcoming competitions. Additionally, a PTO Bingo Night is scheduled for this coming Monday at 5:00 p.m. Yes, it's going to be an intense week.

JH Girls Basketball: January 10, 5:00, @ Crestview; January 12, TBA, @ Wayne Trace (GMC Tournament); January 14, TBA, @ Wayne Trace (GMC Tournament)

JH Boys Basketball: January 10, 5:00, Crestview; January 12, TBA, @ Wayne Trace (7th grade tournament) January 15, 5:00, @ Wayne Trace

Freshman Boys Basketball: January 10, 4:30, @ Wayne Trace

Varsity Girls Basketball: January 11, 6:30, Wayne Trace (Post-game dance sponsored by Athletic Boosters)

Varsity Boys Basketball: January 12, 6:00, Lincolnview

Word of the Week: **Woot interjection**

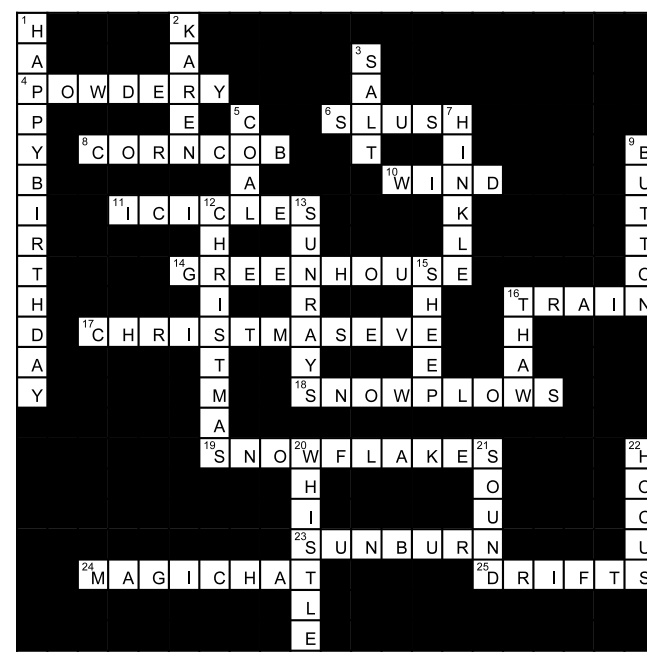
1. An expression of joy (after triumph, or for no particular reason); similar to "yay"

Example: "Woot! We won the game!"

Really and truly, Merriam-Webster has named "woot" its "#1 Word of the Year for 2007." Of humble beginnings in a type of internet gaming lingo, the burgeoning use of "woot" to articulate delight propelled it to the top of the most coveted list for slang terms attempting to become official. It isn't in a Merriam-Webster lexicon yet, but it has VIW status and attention-worthy potential. Woot for woot!

If you mailed 11,500 Postcards (circulation of West Bend News) it would cost \$2760 not including printing cost. A postcard size ad only cost \$72

Last week's answers to "Let it Snow"



AREA HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL RESULTS



Senior Tim Ryan of the Archers scores against the Fairview Apaches in the game on January 4th. The Archers racked up another victory.

Friday Night the Archers played Edon and won 58-37 scoring for the Archers were:

Jared Delong 2, TJ Short 14, Tim Ryan 4, Boston Hormann 6, Adam Taylor 6, Nate Ganger 6, Anthony Smith 7, Bob Bragg 13.

That win advanced the Archers to the championship game on Saturday vs. Hicksville. A Team, that coming into the game was undefeated, were stomped on by the Archers on Saturday with a final score of 50-43! Scoring for the Archers were:

TJ Short 7, Boston Hormann 15, Tim Ryan 8, Adam Taylor 16, Bob Bragg 4.

The Archers placed three players on the All-Tournament Team: Boston Hormann, TJ Short, and Adam Taylor. Hicksville placed two players on the All-Tournament Team: Aus-

tin Kemerer and Josh Van Demark. Nate Aeschliman from Edon was also placed on the team.

So the Archers are now 7-1 and 1-0 in the GMC.

The final score for the Antwerp JV game vs. Fairview on January 5 was 27-44. This makes their record 3-6 and 1-1 in the GMC.

In Varsity action, the Archers won 53-44 against the Apaches making their record 8-1 and 2-0 in the GMC.

Scoring for the Archers were:

TJ Short 16, Boston Hormann 10, Tim Ryan 3, Adam Taylor 11, Nate Ganger 2, Anthony Smith 3, Bob Bragg 8.

In girls varsity basketball, the Raiders pounced on the Rams in overtime on January 4, 2008.

Final score was Wayne (Continued on Page 7)

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Wayne Trace's Elyse Myers has her shot blocked by Tinora defense January 4th. Wayne Trace had a tough fight and won in overtime. Lady Panthers lost to Delphos Jefferson 58-59. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



Paulding boys dealt Delphos-Jefferson a blow January 4th. The game was close, but Paulding did very well. Senior Jacob Perl scores another basket in the photo. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



Nate Ganger attempts a shot against Edon in the Route 49 Tourney. Hicksville beat Edgerton and Antwerp won out against Edon. The Archers took the trophy with a win against the previous undefeated Aces. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

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Trace 73, Tinora 67 (OT)

Records - Wayne Trace 6-3 overall, 2-0 GMC; Tinora 9-2 overall, 1-1 GMC

Leading Scorers: Wayne Trace - Renee Bidlack 21, Sara Priest 20, Becky Ruble 19

Tinora - Mallory Eberle 13, Kristina Shawley 10

In boys varsity, on January 3, the Raiders played a hard tough game against the Rams. The final score was Wayne Trace 74, Tinora 71 (OT).

Top Scorers: Wayne Trace - Aaron Hockenberry 26, Alex LaBounty 16, Dane Treece 15, Riley Linder 13.

Tinora - Brad Cary 16, Jon Gerken 14

The Paulding Panthers and the Delphos Jefferson Wildcats faced off in a roar of a game on January 4, 2008. The final score ended in a Panther victory, 45-41.

The Woodlan Warriors and Leo Lions played JV and varsity basketball on January 4.

The JV score was a Lions victory 34-21. The Lions were on fire, attaining not only a JV win, but also a Varsity win. The final score for varsity was 50-41.

HICKSVILLE MASONS HAVE INSPECTION

WM Jim Kline opened the Lodge and the Inspection began. District Deputy Trent Dominique was in charge as 25 Hicksville members and 23 visitors looked on. The fifty-year members from Hicksville present included Doyle Johnson, Gene McClellan, Derrill Kline, Estel Cottrell, Wayne Carr, Elmer Woodcox, and Charles Carey.

Other members attending included Jim Kline, Robert Stotler Jr., Ron Farnsworth, Tim Betts, Bill Metz, Scott Ruppert, Lee Kallsen, Dick Savage, Randy Brooks Sr., Norm Byers, George Underwood, Grover Blalock, Russell St. John, Dave Metz, Ralph Brown, Dick Wann, and Brandon Wobler.

A sympathy card was signed and sent to Rowena Holt. Hicksville Lodge expressed its sympathy in the loss of her son, Robert Blaine Holt, who was a 25-year member of Lodge #478.

The Traveling Trophy, which goes to the Lodge with the most members in attendance, went to Napoleon Lodge.

The Founder's Day Dinner was discussed in detail. This year will be the 200th Anniversary of Masonry in Ohio. To celebrate this event, the 5th Masonic District is planning a Dinner for all Masons and their wives to be held at Northwest State Community College in Archbold on January 26. Reservations can be made through the Masters of each Lodge.

It was also announced that Hicksville Lodge has a new website: www.hicksville-masoniclodge.blogspot.com. This new site will announce those events of Hicksville Lodge as well as the happenings in the Fifth District.

RWB Dominique finished the night by reading the "History of Hicksville Masonic Lodge". Everyone then retired to the dining room for Suzy Kline's famous "Roasted Venison".

HICKSVILLE BRANCH JOHNSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

The Johnson Memorial Library is kicking off the new year with new, extended library hours. The library will now be open Monday through Thursday until 8:00 p.m.

"The Defiance Public Library made this change to better meet the needs of our patrons," explained Branch Manager Amy Murphy. "After the passage of the library levy, the Defiance Public Library reinstated our Saturday hours. In addition to that, the Defiance Public Library Board surveyed the community as to its needs for library services and hours. The results of the survey showed the need for additional evening hours in Hicksville."

The Johnson Memorial Library had been open until 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Beginning the week of January 7th, the library will now be open until 8:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

The library's new operating hours are—Monday—Noon-8:00 p.m., Tuesday—Noon-8:00 p.m., Wednesday—9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m., Thursday—Noon-8:00 p.m., Friday—Noon-6:00 p.m., and Saturday—9:00 a.m.-Noon.

The Johnson Memorial Library will be hosting a Role Playing Game Group meeting on Friday, January 11 at 4:00 p.m.

The Role Playing Game Group is free and is open to teens and young adults, who are interested twice monthly role playing game days. The group will meet the second and fourth Friday's of each month at 4:00 p.m. The group is facilitated by Youth Services' Librarian Dustin Harris.

For more information on the Role Playing Game Group, please call the Johnson Memorial Library.

The Johnson Memorial Library is sponsoring a Teen Soap Making Night on Thursday, January 10 at 6:30 p.m. The Teen Night is free and is open to all fifth through twelfth graders. Snacks and soap making supplies will be provided by the Friends of the Hicksville Library.

"Get a jump on Valentine's Day," explained Youth Services' Librarian Dustin Harris. "Come on out and make your own soaps and lotions. They'll make great Valentine's Day gifts for friends and families."

If you have any questions or would like additional information about the Teen Soap Making Night, please call Youth Services' Librarian Dustin Harris at the Johnson Memorial Library.

Explore The Space Between Us by Thrity Umigar on Thursday, January 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Johnson Memorial Library's monthly book discussion group.

The discussion is free and is open to everyone. It will be facilitated by library volunteer Collette Knight. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Hicksville Library.

The novel is set in modern day India and follows the lives of two women from very different worlds and how their lives intersect. "When we first meet Bhima, she is sharing a thin mattress with Maya, the granddaughter upon whom

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WOODLAN HIGH SCHOOL BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL HAPPENINGS



Lady Warriors opposed the Leo Lions on January 4th. Both JV and Varsity lost. Freshman Taylor Carver taking a jump shot against the Lions.

More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

The Allen County Athletic Conference basketball tournament began on Tuesday evening, January 8 at four conference schools with the semi-finals and the finals taking the court at the Ft. Wayne Memorial Coliseum on Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday. The boys basketball tournament, the longest running tournament in the state of Indiana, will be the 85th edition. The girls' tournament will be the 34th edition.

ACAC Schedule: Tuesday, January 8, 2008 - girls' games at 6:00 p.m. and boys' games at 7:30 p.m.

Bluffton at Southern Wells; Woodlan at Heritage; Adams Central at Leo; Garrett at South Adams

Wednesday, January 9, 2008 - Girls' Semi-Finals at Memorial Coliseum, 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 10, 2008 - Boys' Semi-Finals at Memorial Coliseum, 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 12, 2008 - Girls' Championship Game 10:00 a.m.; Boys' Championship Game 12:00 noon.

Cindi Miller pumped in 29 points to help the Belmont Squaws to a 58-49 win over Woodlan in girls basketball at the Warriors' gym. The game had just 1 tie and 1 lead change as the Squaws moved steadily away from the Warriors. Belmont led 16-10 after the first period

and had built the lead to 43-26 at halftime. Taylor Carver scored 16 points to lead Woodlan scoring

Bellmont 16 27 6 9 - 58
Woodlan 10 16 9 14 - 49
Bellmont - Miller 29, Ehram 10, Fuelling 6, Colclasure 6, Hutker 3, Hakes 3, Baker 2

Woodlan - Carver 16, H Koeneman 10, Lengacher 7, Yoder 6, S Koeneman 6, Bontrager 3, Kayser 1

Bellmont downed Woodlan 35-26 in the reserve game. Amy Numbers had 10 points for Woodlan.

Josh Gorrell scored 9 of his game high in the final period as the Warriors pulled away from Churubusco for a 55-44 win over the Eagles in boys basketball play. Woodlan and Churubusco were tied at 36-36 heading into the final stanza, but Gorrell hit for 4 field goals including a three-pointer to help the Warriors outscore the Eagles 19-8 in the period.

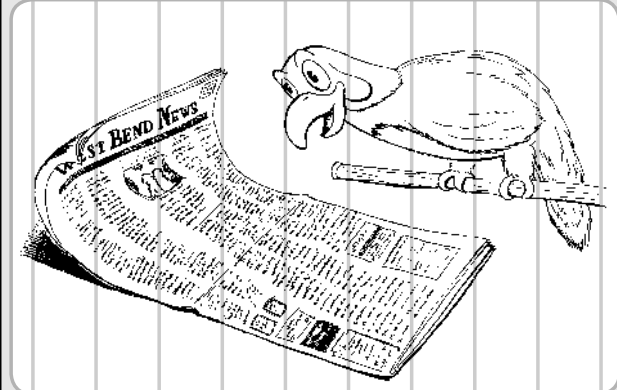
Churubusco 12 14 10 8 - 44

Woodlan 17 8 9 19 - 55
Churubusco - Tartaglia 10, Zumbrun 9, Trump 8, Amber 7, Gross 7, Tomei 2, Oler 1

Woodlan - J Gorrell 18, Spindler 14, Hines 13, Lortie 2, Abbott 2, Kayser 2, T Gorrell 2, Malfait 2

Luke Schwartz had 16 points including 3 three-pointers as the Warriors downed the Eagles 48-33 in the reserve game. Corbin Bell had 10 for Woodlan.

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The Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, Indiana will host the Fort Wayne Farm Show on January 15,16,17, 2008.

Show Dates and Hours:
January 15, Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
January 16, Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
January 17, Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Admission is free!
Returning to Fort Wayne for the 19th year this show has established itself as one of the most respected Farm Shows in the upper midwest.

Over 35,000 farmers attend the show annually to view the latest farm technology the industry has to offer along with the area's largest variety of farm machinery and equipment. Educational seminars are presented daily by the northeastern Indiana soil & water conservation district and Purdue Cooperative Extension service. The wheels of yesteryear collection of antique tractors will again be displayed. This year's grand prize drawing will be for a Kawasaki 600 Mule® courtesy of Woodson Motorsports located at 436 East Washington Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN.

In support of Indiana's FFA Scholarship Foundation, a fund-raising auction will be held at 1:00 p.m. both Tuesday and Wednesday featuring a variety of donated items.

In addition to the Fort Wayne Farm Show, Tradexpos produces the North American Farm & Power Show in Owatonna, MN, the

Wichita Farm & Ranch Show along with the Topeka Farm Show, both in Kansas.

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND DISMISSALS

Admissions:
12/25 - Waneta Sanders, Payne
12/28 - Hobart Kuhn, Payne
1/3 - Trilby Fultz, Oakwood
Dismissals:
12/24 - Michael Zuber, Payne
12/25 - Donna Miller, Latty
12/29 - Waneta Sanders, Payne
1/2 - Hobart Kuhn, Payne

ANTWERP NATIVE, RACHEL SCHUTT, MAKES DEAN'S LIST AT CCAD

Rachel Schutt, a sophomore majoring in fine arts at Columbus College of Art & Design, achieved Dean's List (GPA 3.0 - 3.39) for fall semester 2007.

Rachel, a 2006 graduate of Antwerp High School, is the daughter of Becky and Dan Schutt of Antwerp.

GRANT AWARDED TO CONSERVATION CLUB



The Paulding County Area Foundation has granted \$500.00 to the Antwerp Conservation Club.

Pictured (l to r) are: Byron Rasey, Dick Smith, of the Antwerp Conservation Club and Myrna Cook, Treasurer of the Foundation.

The Antwerp Conservation Club will use the money

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Paulding County Commissioners meet in regular public session in the Paulding County Courthouse. The scheduled agendas are provided to area news outlets. To be on the agenda contact the Commissioners' Office at 419-399-8215.

The Commissioners appointed Carol Temple as the Interim Paulding County Recorder until the Democratic Central Committee makes its appointment to complete Susie Thrasher's term as she enters into retirement on January 1, 2008. Temple is the Chief Deputy Recorder and has served in the Recorder's Office for over 19 years. The Democratic Central Committee appointment will then complete Thrasher's term, which runs through the end of 2008.

Although the 2008 budget has been approved, discussions about what is in the budget continue. Most parts of a county general fund budget are mandatory. Those core functions of County Government take priority when Commissioners look to the future in the distribution of available money. It is the job of the County Commissioners to allocate money from the general fund to pay for these and other basic services. The problem for many counties, especially those with a small population, is that the county general fund is limited and has to be stretched thin to cover these needs.

County elected officials held their monthly meeting and reviewed general fund revenue and expenditure patterns for the past several years. General fund revenue continues to hold steady with initial

estimates except that sales tax revenue is lower than anticipated and investment revenue slightly higher than anticipated. The Commissioners have estimated that the 2008 revenue will continue at the same level with no known increases to offset new costs.

Commissioners recently conducted interviews to fill the position of Dog Warden. This opening occurred when the previous Dog Warden, Dave Cline, accepted the operations jail commander position. Commissioners thanked Dave for this service as he takes over for the previous jail commander. Assistant Dog Warden Mandy Lichty accepted the position effective January 1, 2008. Mandy's experience and her help during the interim period have been appreciated by the Commissioners. The quality and experience of the applicants made for a tough decision.

Dog Warden Mandy Lichty reviewed with Commissioners a website she will be using. Petfinder.com will have information regarding the shelter and dogs that are up for adoption.

Paulding County Treasurer Lou Ann Wannemacher reviewed with the Commissioners her investment portfolio. Receipts for 2007 were \$427,970.00. Estimates for 2007 were \$340,000.00. The Commissioners congratulated Lou Ann for achieving above estimates. This was appreciated given the lower than expected sales tax revenue for the year.

Citizens with questions are encouraged to contact the appropriate office for information. The Commissioner's Office is available for assistance in deciding which county office to contact with questions.

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high hopes and dreams were placed, only to be shattered by an unexpected pregnancy and its disastrous consequences. As time goes on, we learn that Sera and her family have used their power and money time and time again to influence the lives of Bhima and Maya, from caring for Bhima's estranged husband after a workplace accident, to providing the funds for Maya's college education. We also learn that Sera's seemingly privileged life is not as it appears; after enduring years of cruelty under her mother-in-law's roof, she faced physical and emotional abuse at the hands of her husband, pain that only Bhima could see and alleviate. Yet through the triumphs and tragedies, Sera and Bhima always shared a bond that transcended class and race; a bond shared by two women whose fate always seemed to rest in the hands of others, just outside their control."

The library has ordered copies of the book for the discussion, so each group member may have a copy. Please stop by the library and pick up your copy today. Please call the library for additional information.

Come monkey around with the full-length Curious George movie at the Johnson Memorial Library on January 14 at 6:30 p.m.

The Curious George Movie Night is free and is open to everyone, both the young and the young at heart.

"Popcorn and pop provided by the Friends of the Hicksville Library will round out the movie," shared Branch Manager Amy Murphy. "So if the winter blahs are getting you down, come on out and monkey around with Curious George the Movie."

If you have any questions or would like additional information about the Curious George Movie Night, please call the Johnson Memorial Library at (419) 542-6200.

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High-Tech Connections For Rural America

(NAPSA)—Folks across rural America are increasingly gaining access to the latest in advanced telecommunications services from a local provider they know and trust—their local electric and telephone utilities.

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Thanks to efforts by electric and telephone utilities, this situation is changing. Internet services, satellite broadband, consumer wireless and a full menu of high-quality television services—often bundled into one bill—are increasingly being made available in rural communities. In some areas, rural customers will soon receive IPTV—digital television delivered over a broadband network.

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Artist Jake Bailey's favorite new mascara is MAX Factor Vivid Impact Highlighting Mascara. He loves the new double-ended mascara because it adds "volume, length and a hint of shimmer" that make any ordinary eye look "pop."

"Brazil offers a wide range of activities for all types of travelers," said Jeanine Pires, president of the Brazilian Tourist Board. "Brazil has something for everybody, from sports to history to ecotourism to sunbathing along our coastlines." For information, visit www.braziltour.com.

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ANTWERP'S ALL-WEATHER TRACK PROJECT MAKES STEADY PROGRESS TOWARD GOAL



The Antwerp Athletic Booster Club, under the direction of Mrs. Cindy Schlatter, has made another \$10,000 contribution to the Antwerp All-Weather Track Committee, headed up by high school principal Steve Arnold. With this contribution, total money raised is now well over \$50,000.

Those people interested in helping bring an all-weather track to Antwerp should mark their calendars for

March 1, 2008, when the Antwerp Athletic Boosters host the second annual reverse raffle in the school auditoria. Tickets for this event will include food, various forms of entertainment, and a chance to win several prizes, including a grand prize of \$1,000. Rick Small from WDFM 98.1 will once again be the MC that evening. Tickets will go on sale soon. The goal is to sell 300 tickets.

CURVES® OF HICKSVILLE IS GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY®

Hicksville, Ohio—To celebrate the holidays the Hicksville Curves is giving back to the community. "Although we are a smaller club we are mighty in giving. Our ladies here have very generous hearts! The last two years we have adopted the local Nursing Home at Christmas. Last year we had 36 residents in which we made stockings for. This year the resident count was up to 51. Our ladies gobbled up the names immediately. They stuffed the stockings to the max and then some. We delivered the stocking on Friday, December 21 so the residents had time to enjoy them before Christmas. The nursing home showed up here the very day we took them. With a thank-you! What was awesome every member that was working out when they came had made a stocking," said Jerrica Steffens, Hicksville Curves franchise owner.

On top of the stockings the Hicksville Curves also adopted a local family. "Once again our ladies jumped on board and bought many gifts for the children and their mother. We also had taken a monetary donation to be able to buy them Christmas dinner. The left over money was put in cards and given as a gift also," said Steffens.

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Curves offers a 30-minute workout that combines strength training and sustained cardiovascular activity through safe and effective hydraulic resistance. Curves also offers a weight management program featuring a groundbreaking, scientifically proven method to raise metabolic rate and end the need for perpetual dieting. Gary Heavin, Curves' Founder and CEO, is the author of several books, including The New York Times Best-Sellers "Curves: Permanent Results Without Permanent Dieting" and "Curves On the Go." With more than 8,400 locations and 4 million members worldwide, Curves is the world's largest fitness center franchise. For more information, please visit: www.curvesinternational.com.

JAMES DOUGHTY UPDATE

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a great New Year's! I am pleased to say that everything is going well on this end! After battling fevers and mouth sores for a week and a half at the hospital, Jim was discharged on Saturday so we have been back at the apartment since then. This is day 22 and we are moving right along. We are still coming to clinic everyday for about 7-8 hours but at day 28 they start looking at giving some days off, so we are looking forward to that VERY much! Providing Jim is still doing well, we should go to every other day for a couple of weeks, then every couple of days, then a couple times a week and so on. He will get another bone marrow biopsy around day 30 to check to see what the percentage is for donor cells vs. his cells. We have been told to count on being here up to 200 days post-transplant, so hopefully this time will go by quickly!

We have also been told to watch for Graph vs. Host disease which is when the two immune systems battle it out (so to speak), and they want him to catch a little, but not too much! It usually affects the GI tract and can cause severe vomiting and diarrhea so hopefully Jim will get a very mild case of that!

He has swollen feet and ankles and has neuropathy in his feet and fingers and is extremely weak and tired, but overall is doing great! He is eating a little more and continues to feel a little bit better w/each day that passes. Getting out of the hospital definitely helped!

God Bless,

—Sera & Jim

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(NAPSA)—Here's news that may help you breathe easier: You don't have to use a household cleanser that leaves unhealthy compounds in the air.

That's because you can join the recent green movement in helping eliminate these volatile villains by reverting to all-natural solutions, saving the environment outdoors as well as indoors. Here are some tips:

All-Over Odors

Opening the windows is a good first step to freshen a home, but on cold days that may not be possible, and it's often not enough. A better idea would be to use an all-natural device that traps and eliminates stale air and unpleasant smells through vortex cleaning action technology. The device, called HoMedics breathe air revitalizer, uses the power of water and natural botanicals. Products such as these are as close as you can get to "washing" your air without exposing pets or children to harmful chemicals.

Kitchen

Though many are not aware, kitchens surpass every room in the house in terms of germs. But before you turn to chemical cleansers, remember, natural products are just as effective. A solution of equal parts vinegar and water cleans germs and grease that collect on counters, stoves and other appliances and is safe to use inside refrigerators.

Baking soda eliminates pesky odors in spaces we often forget.

Storing an open box in the fridge and replacing every three months keeps foods fresh and minimizes the scent of spoilage. Running the dishwasher on the rinse cycle with 1 cup of baking soda eliminates the stains and odors that hide inside.

Bathroom

Clean your shower as well as it cleans you, without resorting to harsh chemicals. Cut a lemon in half, sprinkle it with baking soda and use it like a sponge to clean and shine showerheads, faucets and other brass or copper bathroom fixtures. For toilet bowls, use pure vinegar to scrub away stains and germs.

Bedroom

The bedroom should be a safe haven from toxins and pollutants. A mix of equal parts water and lemon juice cleans mirrors with a streak-free shine. For green-friendly furniture polish, combine 2 cups of olive oil with 1 cup of pulp-free lemon juice.

It's easy to maintain a fresh environment with an au naturel arsenal, so don't be afraid to revamp your cleaning repository.



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just couldn't miss our party. Shown here from the left with bright shining faces are: Adela Foltz, Hailey Weidenhamer, Santa and Kaeli Bustos. These children are in the morning class of 4 and 5 year olds with Mrs. Ann Miller and Mrs. Chris Adams.

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New Breast Cancer Treatment Guidelines Recommend Test To Personalize Treatment

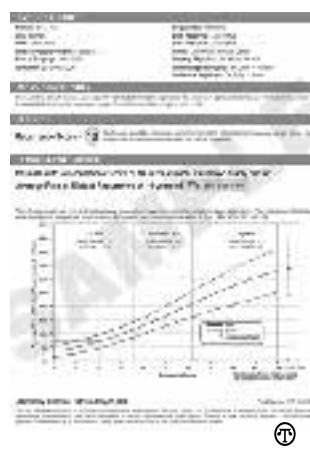
(NAPSA)—When faced with the diagnosis of breast cancer, many women will undergo chemotherapy following surgery to reduce the chance of cancer returning. For those women, the dilemma of facing chemotherapy or dealing with the possibility that their cancer could return is overwhelming, even with a doctor's help.

Many women believe that chemotherapy is a required element of treatment. But research shows that only four out of every 100 women with Stage 1 breast cancer actually benefit from chemotherapy.

Now, the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO), the world's leading professional organization representing physicians who treat cancer patients, has issued new Clinical Practice Guidelines that for the first time include molecular diagnostics in treatment planning to help make these difficult decisions easier. ASCO's updated guidelines, which outline appropriate cancer treatment methods, recommend a breast cancer test called Oncotype DX[™] to calculate the likelihood that cancer could return and the benefit of using chemotherapy for a large portion of early-stage breast cancer patients. By using this test, women and their doctors can make a more informed decision about whether the potential benefit of chemotherapy outweighs the side effects.

"ASCO's new guidelines include only markers based on proven clinical decision-making impact and high levels of clinical validation," said Dr. Gabriel N. Hortobagyi, FACP, professor and chairman, Department of Breast Medical Oncology, The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. "While exciting research and multiple prognostic tools are available today, Oncotype DX is the only genomic test with sufficient clinical evidence to support its use in clinical practice."

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Oncotype DX analyzes a specific set of genes within a woman's individual tumor to measure whether her cancer will return following treatment, as well as her response to chemotherapy.

in a woman's tumor tissue to calculate a Recurrence Score[™], an individualized number between 0 and 100. The lower the score, the lower the chances are that a woman's breast cancer will come back, and the less likely that she will benefit from chemotherapy.

"I felt confident in Oncotype DX because the result was based on 21 genes from my tumor," said Penny Smith, a breast cancer patient who decided against chemotherapy after receiving a low Recurrence Score. "I felt that I was getting good information and it was going to give me back control over fighting my cancer."

Oncotype DX is used for patients with estrogen receptor-positive, node-negative, early-stage breast cancer—approximately half of newly diagnosed cases. It is the only test with extensive clinical evidence demonstrating the ability to identify patients who will benefit from chemotherapy.

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Rebekah Dingal really did win the spelling bee. We made a mistake. Good job Rebekah!!!

CORRECTION

In last week's paper a wrong picture was put in of Rebekah Dingal, this year's Spelling

Bee winner from Woodburn Elementary School. We're very sorry for inconvenience this has caused.

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VANTAGE BOARD HOLDS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Prior to the regular Vantage monthly board meeting on Thursday, January 3, 2008, the board held a tax budget hearing and an organizational meeting. President Pro-Tem Brian Laudick called the organizational meeting to order and the oath of office was administered. Returning board members beginning new two year terms are Kevin Landin (Ottoville) and Brian Ricker (Ft. Jennings), and new board members are Ken Markward (Van Wert), Vicki Profit (Lincolnvew), Dan Straley (Paulding) and Ron Bradford (Continental).

Elections were held and Brian Laudick from Kalida was elected President and Lonnie Nedderman from Crestview, Vice-President. Kevin Landin from Ottoville was appointed Legislative Liaison and Ken Markward from Van Wert, Student Achievement Liaison. Regular monthly meetings were scheduled for the first Thursday of each month. Lori Davis was appointed as Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer for Vantage Career Center and was authorized to request tax advances from appropriate county auditors, pay outstanding bills, make general fund transfers and invest active, inactive and interim funds.

The Vantage superintendent Staci Kaufman, was appointed Chief Executive Officer of Vantage Career Center, Purchasing Agent, Signatory for salary notices and contracts and the official to review and approve student activity budgets. The superintendent was authorized to extend employment contracts as well as accept resignations between regularly scheduled board meetings when necessary for the efficient operation of the school. The Van Wert Times Bulletin was designated as the official school newspaper.

At the regular board meeting, the minutes from the December 6, 2007 meeting were approved along with financial statements for the month of November. The 2009 Vantage Career Center Tax Budget was approved as presented at the Budget Hearing and the board passed a resolution to amend and approve appropriations and revenues for FY08. Funds were advanced into the Tech Prep Grant account until funds are received from Rhodes State College. Resolutions reaffirming and approving pick-up of STRS/SERS contributions were also approved.

Superintendent Staci Kaufman introduced new science instructor, Jonathan Pickett, who replaces Tony Francis. She also reported on the upcoming meeting with Tools for Schools. Principal Keith Rydell updated the board on the completion of the FFA fruit fundraising project, the Culinary Arts Christmas buffet lunch and dinner and GOALS activities.

He also reported highlights from academic and Trade and Industry programs. The director's report was provided by Bob Vennekotter. Vantage Career Center has taken all five of the allowable calamity days. Make-up days are identified on the school calendar as February 18, May 22, 23, 27 and 28, if necessary. Friday, January 18 is the last day of the first semester. Competition season for career technical student organizations begin in January. Tom Mersham and MaryJo Wilhelm will visit each associate school in January to meet with sophomores in preparation for Sophomore Visitation Day which is Tuesday, February 5. "Step Into Your Future", a workshop for 7th and 8th grade girls to explore nontraditional careers will be held Saturday, January 26. Adult Education Director Jim Grant presented a review of the fall adult classes, which showed an increase over last year. He also reported on upcoming winter class enrollment. The Paulding County One-Stop will be relocating to 250 Dooley Drive, Suite B later this month. The location is in north Paulding and has more space.

In new business, the board:

—Approved the following list of contract services for "Step Into Your Future" workshop: Christi Klinger Bok, Sheila Hoskins, Mandy Hoaglin, Linda McCann, Karen Pierstorff;

—Approved supplemental contracts for the following participants for "Step Into Your Future" workshop: MaryJo Wilhelm, Michele Prichard, Nancy Keith, Jerry Robinson, Diane Mercer, Pat Winicker, Kent Taylor, Brent Wright;

—Approved supplemental contract for Jo Mohr, Fruit Sales Coordinator;

—Employed the following as Adult Education instructors, all as needed, as scheduled: Ted Tumbleson, EMT Training, Cary Hengstler, Health Careers;

—Accepted a grant from the Van Wert County Foundation in the amount of \$30,000 for the purchase of electronic related items through the Rothaker/Lampe bequest;

—Accepted a grant from the Van Wert County Foundation in the amount of \$1,000 to teach youth how to foster healthy relationships and avoid risky behaviors through the John D. and Nellie S. Ault fund;

—Approved the updated Employee Handbook and Student Handbook.

The Superintendent requested an executive session for the purpose of discipline of personnel.

The next board meeting will be held on Thursday, February 7, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at Vantage.

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