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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2008

MR. AND MRS. JAMES BOWERS CELEBRATE 40 YEARS OF MARRIAGE



Jim and Sandy Bowers of Antwerp are celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary. There were married on January 27, 1968 in the Antwerp United Methodist Church by Rev. Miller.

The couple have two children: Amy (Jon) McCreery of

Antwerp and Brian (Danielle) Bowers of Brownsburg, Indiana. They have five grandchildren and expecting the sixth in April.

The Bowers will celebrate their special occasion at a family dinner

STROKE AND OSTEOPOROSIS SCREENING COMING TO ANTWERP FEBRUARY 1ST

TOLEDO—Residents living in and around the Antwerp, Ohio community can be screened to reduce their risk of having a stroke or a serious bone fracture. Life Line Screening will be at St. Mary's Catholic Church on February 1st. The site is located at 303 S. Monroe St. in Antwerp. Appointments will begin at 9:00 a.m.

A stroke, also known as a "brain attack", is ranked as the third leading killer in the world, and the leading cause of nursing home admissions. Stroke often occurs without warning. The good news is that painless screening can help identify problems that can lead to stroke before it is too late.

Screenings are fast, painless and low cost. They test for blocked carotid arteries, abdominal aortic aneurysms, and hardening of the arteries in the legs. Bone density screening is also offered to assess the risk of osteoporosis.

These screenings are important because of the silent and often debilitating nature of the conditions. The majority of strokes are caused by plaque build up in the carotid arteries. The abdominal aorta is the largest artery in the body, and a weakness in the walls of the artery can cause a ballooning called an aneurysm, which can rupture. A ruptured aneurysm is generally fatal. Peripheral arterial disease or PAD is also known as "hardening of the arteries." Sufferers have

a 4-6 fold increased risk of cardiovascular disease. Risk is evaluated through a measurement called the "Ankle-Brachial Index", which is obtained by reading the systolic pressure in the ankle and arm. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.

Life Line Screening was established in 1993, and has since become the nation's leading provider of vascular screenings. Over 85 ultrasound teams are on staff to travel to local communities, bringing the screenings to residents. These non-invasive, inexpensive and painless, ultrasound tests help people identify their risk for stroke, vascular diseases or osteoporosis early enough for their physician to begin preventive procedures.

For more information regarding the screenings or to schedule an appointment call 1-877-237-1287 or visit us on the web at www.lifelinescreening.com. Pre-registration is required.

NOTICE TO SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior lunches will continue at the VFW hall in Antwerp the first Wednesday of the month, weather permitting. If the roads are bad or if it's severely cold, it will be cancelled. These lunches are open to all seniors.

—Nila Dunderman, Chairman



FLAT ROCK CREEK LOG JAM REMOVAL DENIED

By: Sue Knapp

On January 16 two public hearings were held to discuss the petition for the Flat Rock Creek Log Jam Removal. Around 150 people attended the morning meeting with many stating their opinions about the project. The biggest being the cost of the project and the fact that it would show up on their Real Estate Tax Bills. There were those that were worried about flooding and the fact that the creek had been cleaned out except in the Payne area.

Jason Kissel, Executive Director of the Acres Land Trust, commented on the environmental issue. He also was concerned that there was endangered species in the creek.

Dr. Don Snyder spoke about his part and his reason of starting this project along with the Village of Payne. He sees the flood plain increasing and endangering Payne and the residents along the creek. He remarked that the channel wouldn't be changed, just the logs removed. He knowingly built in a flood zone

and commented every year it got worse. He built a dike and now water comes up to it. He remarked that the other ditches in the county get cleaned regularly and this ditch also needs cleaned for water to flow well.

The last time the log jams were removed was in 2004 by a private group, the Flat Rock Creek Society.

Travis McGarvey, County Engineer, visited the area and compiled an estimate of the improvements. The estimate totaled, at landowners expense, \$953,677.23. He advised that the cost of the project outweighed the benefits. His advise was to withdraw the project.

At the end of the meeting on Wednesday night it was decided to follow McGarvey's advise not to go through with the project.

Benefit Chili Supper for Ashley Burt

Friday, January 25th

4-6pm Wayne Trace High School Cafeteria

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Ashley is a student at Wayne Trace/Grover Hill and in May she will be competing against other 12 year old girls from 42 nations in Taiyuan, China at the 2008 World BMX Championships.

We invite you to come and meet Ashley.

This benefit will help with Ashley's expenses when she travels to China. Thank you for your support and consideration.

Ashley Burt - 2007 Midwest Regional Champion, 2007 Team USA, 2007 NBL National #12, 2007 State Champion

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OBITUARIES

Mark D. Altic, 49, of Antwerp, passed away Tuesday, January 15, 2008 at Paulding County Hospital.

Mark was born in Fort Wayne on July 12, 1958, the son of the late William and Betty L. (Brown) Altic.

He was employed at Sims, Payne, Ohio.

On October 16, 1983 he married Deborah Williamson.

He will be sadly missed by his wife Deb; his sons: Kyle (Hollie) and Bradley; his brothers: Michael of Antwerp, Stephen and Shawn of Fort Wayne, Shane and Greg of Antwerp; sisters: Ruth Kaufman, Deborah Ricard, Vicki Vachon, Traci O'Donnell all of Antwerp, and Tina Galbreath; and several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; and three brothers: Bill, Jeff and Chris.

Funeral services were at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, on January 21, with Rev Jim Edwards officiating.

He was laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp.

Memorials are to the family in care of Dooley Funeral Home, PO Box 452, Antwerp, OH 45813. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com.

Rosalie E. Koenn, 83 of Cecil died Thursday, January 17, 2008 at Harborside Healthcare, Bryan, OH.

She was born October 19, 1924 in Huntington, Indiana the daughter of Jess and Grace (Johnson) Tobias. On April 23, 1949 she married Virgil Koenn, who preceded her in death on July 4, 1987.

She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Paulding County Hospital Benevolent Society; and a volunteer at the Bargain Bin, Paulding. She was a member of the former Immaculate Conception Church, Cecil and the Altar Rosary Society.

She is survived by a daughter, Barbara (John) Wappes of Antwerp; a son, Phillip Koenn of Cecil; grandchildren: Joann and Alyssa Wappes of Pineville, NC, Jean Wappes of Charlotte, NC, Scott and Tiffany Pease of Paulding, Kellen and Tricia Koenn of Sunbury, OH, Andy and Andrea Manor of Ft. Wayne, IN, and Ashley Koenn of Bryan, OH; a great-grandson, Trevor Manor of Ft. Wayne; and two sisters: Wanda Wannemacher of Payne, and Doris Heckelmann of Antwerp.

She is preceded in death by her parents; a step-father, Perry Jackson; husband; a son, Ted; a daughter, Beverly; and an infant brother.

A Mass of Christian Burial was conducted January 21, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Paulding, with Rev. G. Allan Fillman officiating. Burial was in the Immaculate Conception Church Cemetery, Cecil.

Donations may be made to Masses; Make a Wish Foundation; or Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding handled arrangements.

Maxine Cornely, 87, formerly of Akron, died Thursday, January 17, 2008 in Defiance Area Inpatient Hospice Center.

She was born September 11, 1920. Maxine was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, Jack.

Surviving are two children: Ralph of Decatur, Indiana and Laura (John) Rindahl of Antwerp; two sisters: Barbara Grand of Warren, Ohio and Mary Menhorn; two grandchildren: Melissa and John Rindahl; a great-grandchild, Chase; and many nieces and nephews.

She was a devoted wife, wonderful mother and friend to many. She will be dearly missed.

Burial was along side her husband at Arlington National Cemetery. Private family services were held.

Arrangements by Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com



Charles Richard Carr, 86, of Antwerp, passed away Monday, January 14, 2008 at his residence.

Dick was born in Antwerp on July 16, 1921, the son of the late Thomas and Phoebe (Smith) Carr.

He served in the U.S. Army as a 2nd Lt. in WWII. Dick spent summers traveling to learn more about computers, consequently introducing computers at Indiana Institute of Technology, where he was the chairman of the Math & Computer Science Department. While there he received the honorary title "Faculty Emeritus of Indiana Institute of Technology" as a tribute to his 35 years of dedicated service. Dick was a kind, reserved and dignified gentleman, who enjoyed gardening, designing and carpentry.

He was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Antwerp, where he had been the clerk and treasurer.

On April 14, 1943 he married Marie Slusher, who survives.

Dick will be sadly missed by his wife, Marie; daughter, Christal Gibson of Antwerp; son, Richard Gregory (Barbara) Carr of Warren, NJ; three grandchildren: Jason Gibson of Antwerp and Amanda and Cory Gibson of Orlando, FL.

Dick is preceded in death by his sister, Maxine Fart;

and brother, Lyle.

Funeral service was at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, on Saturday, January 19, with Rev. Ralph Klinker officiating. He was laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp.

The family requests donations to Paulding County Hospital Home Health Care. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Raymond E. Delgado, 85 of Paulding died Sunday, January 13 at Brookview Healthcare Center, Defiance.

He was born May 22, 1922 in Waelder, Texas the son of Pablo and Maria DeJesus (Ibarra) Delgado. In 1948 he married Mary A. Almaraz, who preceded him in death on April 3, 1992. He was a WWII Navy veteran serving on the U.S.S. Raleigh. He retired from G.M. Powertrain in 1982. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Paulding, United Auto Workers, V.F.W. Post #587, and a member of the Corsillo Movement.

He is survived by five children: Rosa (James) Orthman of Ft. Wayne; Mary (Charles) Bruce of Rome City, IN, Gloria (Donald) Highwarden of Paulding, Ofelia Morr of Kendallville, IN and Sylvia (Mark) Delgado Stickroth of Oro Valley, AZ; two brothers: John (Mollie) Delgado of Holland, MI, and Abdon Joe (Chena) Delgado of Waelder, TX; four sisters: Dora (Pedro) Gonzales of Defiance, Delfina Nunez of Austin, TX, Angie (Joe) Leija of Denver City, TX, and Aurora (Jim) Saldana of San Marcos, TX; seven grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; wife; brothers: Marcos, Ascension, and Filipe; sisters: Paula Rodriguez, and Ninia Delgado; a grandchild; and a great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 18 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Paulding, with Rev. G. Allan Fillman officiating. Burial was in Paulding Memorial Cemetery with military graveside rites by V.F.W. Post #587.

Donations may be made to Masses or St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Anita A. Schilb, 102, of Hicksville died on Sunday January 20, 2008 at Hawthorn Court Nursing Home - Paulding, Ohio.

She was born on January 12, 1906 in Paulding County, Ohio the daughter of Emmet and Alberta (McConnell) Barnes.

She graduated from Paulding High School and attended Defiance College.

She married J. Ray "Bud" Schilb in 1925. He preceded her in death in 1971.

She was a homemaker and a bookkeeper for their family-owned businesses in Hicksville—Schilb Funeral Home and Ray's Furniture Store.

She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Hicksville; an 80 year member of the Eastern Star, Paulding; several card clubs; and enjoyed baking cookies.

She is survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband; three brothers: Burl Barnes, Sr., Lyle Barnes, Herbert Barnes; three sisters: Lietha Thompson, Vernice Jackson Kincade, Gail McMichael.

Funeral services will be

on Wednesday, January 23 at 11:00 a.m. at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, with Rev. Tom Graves officiating. Visitation will be after 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday.

Burial will be at Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp, Ohio.

Memorials may be made to: Hawthorn Court Activity Fund or Donor's Choice.

THE BATTLES IN YOUR BRAIN

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

One of the most difficult energies to harness is the energy of your mind. Controlling your thoughts, disciplining your mind, monitoring your brain—all are essential ingredients to successful Christian living, an a formidable challenge! The difficulty of controlling the mind is underscored by Lanny Bassham, an Olympic gold medalist in shooting the small-bore rifle. He wrote, "Our sport is controlled non-movement. We are shooting from 50 meters—over half a football field—at a bull's eye three quarters the size of a dime. If the angle of error at the point of the barrel is more than .005 of a millimeter (that is 5 one-thousandths), you drop into the next circle and lose a point. So we have to learn how to make everything stop. I stop my breathing. I stop my digestion by not eating for 12 hours before the competition. I train by running to keep my pulse around 60, so I have a full second between beats... You do all of this and you have the technical control.

But you have to have some years of experience in reading conditions: the wind, the mirage. Then you have the other 80 percent of the problem—the mind!"

How easy it is to fail in that critical area! Like iron filings drawn to a magnet, our thoughts tend to drift into old patterns of worry, negativism, complaining, lust, guilt, and a host of other joy-killing habits. They not only drain the vitality out of our life, but they also neutralize our effectiveness in reflecting Jesus Christ.

It is the Apostle Paul who tells us that part of God's "remodeling process" when we come to faith in Christ is the renewing of our mind. God is able to renew our minds as we ask Him to help us focus our thoughts on the RIGHT things, rather than fall back into our old thought patterns. The more we fill our minds with God's Word, God's thoughts and God's praises we can slowly have our thinking turned.

As with most aspects of the Christian life, change in my life takes both God AND me working together. God has promised to change and transform me; however, I must put forth effort, diligence, perseverance, and self-discipline. Finding that balance and continuing in the process is a life-long journey.

If you struggle with destructive, impure, or displeasing thought patterns you are not alone. Welcome to the human race. But as you partner with the Lord and determine to do your part, you can begin to overcome the "battles in the brain."

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ANSWERS TO "WHAT AM I?"

These are the answers to last week's riddle, "What Am I?" For these answers to make sense, you must read from the King James Version of the Bible.

"Whale" - Genesis 1:21, Ezekiel 32:2, Job 7:12, Matthew 12:40

"Leviathan" (and whale center column) - Job 41:1

"Dragon" (and whale center column) - Psalms 74:13

"Leviathan" (and whale center column) - Psalms 7:14

—Submitted by Pastor Dale T. Bass

DEATH

A sad, lonely look fell over his face as the old man left his wife, a hollow voice, gazing eyes, and a mind-remembering life.

Long, drawn steps were part of his walk. As the old man left her side, he looked back once, saw her still, said her name; then cried.

"Oh God," we ask, "why must this be. With the old man and his bride? If they're to go, why can't it be together—side by side?"

But God answered, "Son, remember now. That she had fulfilled her task, and when he's done, he'll meet her again, and this time life will last."

by: Ramona Ann Price,

—submitted by: Pastor Dale T. Bass, Springboro Nazarene Church

Opinions, Opinions ...

Editor's Note: We here at the West Bend News print all "Letters to the Editor" because we believe that everyone has a Constitutional right to freedom of the press. In saying that, we do not necessarily agree with the content that is printed. We are just the messengers. The name of the person who wrote the letter is placed at the end of each article. You can respond or submit a new letter by email, USPS or fax.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I just wondered if you and your readers ever heard of the Hegelian dialectic. It goes like this: Thesis/anti thesis/synthesis. What that means is: create a problem—demonstrate reaction to the problem—introduce a solution to the problem. An example would be: (thesis) Leave our nations borders wide open to unlimited illegal immigration. (anti-thesis) Demonstrate in the news media the problems associated with illegal immigration. (synthesis) Require all to have a national I.D.

In the month of May '08 all Americans will be required to have a national I.D. thanks to the wide open borders that the federal government is

tasked to defend in the first place. You will not be able to enter a federal building (your local post office) or board a plane etc. without your federal I.D., comrade! In the land of the FREE, you, whose ancestors settled this land, must now prove to the feds that you belong here. Have a nice day.

—Phillip Piersma

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Mr. Dysinger, Obviously you do not come from Mars. However, your recent letter seems to have come straight from Uranus (seventh planet from the sun, of course).

Once again, in an effort to inform others you have charged ahead with a slew of erroneous "facts" before you properly educated yourself.

I'm sure it is with the best of intentions that you tear others down, so with that in mind, I have decided to give you a helping hand with your research.

You compared Paulding County Sheriff's budget to that of Defiance County's, and came up with some staggering numbers to send chills through our spines. However, you happened to miss a monumental difference in the two. Paulding County includes jail expenses in the sheriff's general fund budget. Defiance County does not.

Theirs is an entirely separate line item, but don't worry little buddy, that's only a couple million dollar mistake.

You also attempt to compare general funds, although you fail to mention Defiance County collects over \$11 mil-

lion of taxpayer money compared to just over \$4 million for Paulding County. Hey, what's \$7 million between friends, huh?

In yet another paragraph you quote Mr. Lane on buying the AEP building for 25 cents on the dollar. Unfortunately you've missed the topic of discussion altogether. The point Mr. Lane aptly made is that it was 25% of the cost to renovate an existing structure as opposed to buying land and developing a new facility.

In light of this new information, I'm sure a reasonable man could re-evaluate the accusations and insinuations he's made and possibly even apologize for hurtful remarks made from ignorance.

Don't worry about crunching any numbers this time, Brad, my analysis of your article is free, and if you need any further assistance with your homework, don't hesitate to give me a call. I'm in the book.

—Jon McCreery

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Your piece about the Bragg's retiring from the Oasis was well written except for one thing. Someone forgot to mention Doug Bragg's daughter, Alecia Bragg. Everyone else in the family was named except her. So I would like to ask the Bragg's: Isn't she a part of your family?

—Bev Stevenson editor's note: Alecia was not omitted on purpose. Please accept our apologies for the misunderstanding this has caused.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

We would like to clarify a few points in a recent letter to the editor entitled "Mars Attack." The reference to the Sheriff's budget being the "least affected" by the 2008 county budget meant that we will continue to be burdened with providing incarceration for our prisoners with or without passage of the Levy.

The full impact of the loss of the revenue from the Levy will not be realized until 2009. This will continue unless corrective action takes place. The Sheriff's budget was reduced in 2008 but not to the extent it will be in 2009, along with other County offices. It was suggested that we would put pressure on other agencies and squeeze them financially to get the public to vote for the Levy. If we didn't find value in those agencies, we wouldn't have helped them financially to begin with. There is no pleasure in making cuts that will cost our county jobs and services.

It was mentioned that our Sheriff's budget was about the same as the Defiance County Sheriff. On the surface it might appear that way, but with a little research you will see that the Defiance County Jail expenses are not included in their Sheriff's budget. The Defiance County Sheriff's budget in 2007 was \$1,497,916; and \$1,538,049 in 2008, an increase of over \$40,000.

The Paulding County Sheriff's budget in 2007 was \$1,427,954, and \$1,370,548 in 2008, a decrease of over \$57,000. Adding to our Sheriff's budget the "soon to expire" Levy money of \$483,000, you get a total of around \$1,911,000. The Defiance County Commissioners have jail expenses appropri-

ated at over \$3,500,000. Adding this to the 2008 Defiance County Sheriff's budget, it totals over \$5,000,000. Trying to compare different county budgets can be misleading. Remember Defiance County has a general fund of over \$11,000,000, and Paulding County provides the same required services with a general fund of just over \$4,000,000. It is a constant struggle to provide our citizens with the same level of services with our limited resources.

The issue of not having a building permit for the new jail can be easily explained if asked. Once the property was purchased by the County, it became the jurisdiction of the County. The Village does not get a permit from themselves, nor do the Townships get a permit from themselves. To infer that the Village was kept out of the process could not have been further from the truth. We commend the Village and their staff for the cooperation on this project. The Village has worked well with us in this project and others, as we attempt to make Paulding County a better place to live. The County and Village know quite well that if we don't work together we all suffer.

To our amazement, the issue of the new jail building being located in the floodplain continues to be brought up. A survey was completed by the County Engineer office and it was found that the building was not in the floodplain.

Some of the land is, but not the building itself. A guarantee that any area in Paulding County will not have water damage is unrealistic. We live in a swamp.

We feel we have a new jail at the most economical price. If you think the State was going to allow us to continue operating in the old jail, you are mistaken. The fact remains that we were left with limited choices. Some of these choices were to join with Putnam County in a new jail, taking all our prisoners to other counties or to build our own jail. The choice to build our own jail was made only after careful consideration of all the issues and expenses associated with each option.

There was some question about an interview conducted many years ago concerning the collection of the jail levy money. If you have ever been interviewed you will realize that what you said, and what the interviewer thinks they heard may not always be the same. No deception was intended and if there was a misunderstanding, that was unfortunate. What we can tell you is that the record shows that every penny collected for the jail levy went to the operation and maintenance of the new jail. To insinuate otherwise would only serve to mislead the public into thinking the money was not used for its intended purpose.

It was mentioned that one person can make a difference. (Continued on Page 4)

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Robert Moore, D.O., Orthopedics

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

Wednesday
Andrew O'Shaughnessy, M.D., Nephrology
(every other Wed.)
Ft. Wayne Cardiology, Cardiology/Echocardiograms
(every other Wed.)
Sleep Clinic, James Gray, D.O. (every other Wed.)
Craig Hanson, M.D., OB/Gynecology (every Wed.)

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

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The Warriors took on Heritage January 18 at Woodlan. Senior Jason Spindler dunks the ball to get Woodlan on the board. More pix at www.westbendnews.net



Panthers' Senior Chris Britt shoots a basket while a player from the Big Green hits him over the back. Saturday night Paulding beat Ottoville 64-56. More pix at www.westbendnews.net



Senior Jared Delong gets hands laid on him by an opponent from North Central as he scores. The Panthers lost to the Archers Saturday night 50-33. More pix at www.westbendnews.net

ACAC BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT RESULTS - BOYS

Opening Round: Bluffton 45, Southern Wells 25; Woodlan 41, Heritage 35 (overtime); Leo 55, Adams Central 42; South Adams 47, Garrett 46

Semi-Finals: Bluffton 68, Woodlan 43; South Adams 47, Leo 46

Championship: Bluffton 68, South Adams 46

Brock Woodward scored 24 points in the championship game to lead the undefeated, senior-less Tigers to the championship. Woodward had 56 points in the three tournament games to grab the Hillard Gates MVP trophy. South Adams won the Allen County Sherriff's sportsmanship trophy

HARDING VS. WOODLAN - GIRLS

Harding got 33 points from MyQueisha Bratton including 10 for 10 from the charity strip to lead the Lady Hawks to a 62-57 win over Woodlan in girls basketball. The Lady Hawks trailed by 4 points after the first quartet and by 1 point at halftime. Jasmine Yarbrough came off the Harding bench to pitch in 14 points. Danae Lengacher led Woodlan scoring with 20 points.

Harding 9 17 21 15 - 62
Woodlan 13 14 16 14 - 57

Harding - Bratton 33, Yarbrough 14, V Jordan 5, Burney 4, Page 4, O Jordan 2

Woodlan - Lengacher 20, Carver 14, S Koeneman 8, Hogue 7, H Koeneman 7, Kayser 2, Neal 2

Haley Emehiser had 11 points in the 42-37 win over Harding in the reserve game

COACHES VS. CANCER AT WOODLAN

Woodlan girls' and boys' basketball teams, their coaching staffs, and the basketball booster programs participated in the Coaches vs Cancer programs at their January 4 and January 18 games. The IBCA (Indiana Basketball Coaches Association) and the IHSAA (Indiana High School Athletic Association) to voluntarily raise funds to help in cancer research. Special games balls were given away each night with the winner participating in a ceremonial jump ball at the start of the varsity game. Freewill donations were also collected by members of the basketball teams each night. Over \$1300 was collected by Woodlan High School and the athletic donated 10% of the gate receipts each night as well.

WOODLAN VS. HERITAGE IN ACAC

Heritage led all the way at Woodlan and beat the Warriors 50-36 in boys ACAC basketball in the Warrior gym. Heritage led 14-7 after the first period and kept expanding the lead over the Warriors as the game went on. Woodlan got 13 points from Josh Gorrell.

Heritage 14 10 12 14 - 50
Woodlan 7 6 10 13 - 36

Heritage - Snider 14, Gilreath 13, Mills 10, Ervins 7, Axt 6

Woodlan - Gorrell 13, Spindler 11, Hines 10, Lortie 2

Heritage beat Woodlan 39-30 in the reserve game with Luke Schwartz the high scorer for the Warriors with 9 points.

AREA HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS RESULTS

Basketball, wrestlers, basketball—basketballs and wrestlers were flying all over the area gyms this week. It started on Tuesday, January 15 where The Paulding Lady Panthers were defeated by the Tinora Lady Rams, 63-57.

Another match up on the 15th was Wayne Trace Lady Raiders against the Delphos Jefferson Lady Wildcats. Their final score was a Raider victory, 70-54. Records stand at WT 8-3, Delphos Jefferson 5-7.

Leading players:
WT - Becky Ruble 31 pts., 7 treys; Sara Priest 12 pts., 9 assists

Delphos Jefferson - Jenna Miller 23 pts., 6 treys, 4 steals; Stephanie Blockberger 10 pts.

Thursday, January 17 saw the Antwerp Lady Archers against the Ayresville Lady Pilots. The Lady Pilots dunked a win with a final score of 37-27.

The Lady Raiders faced off with the Edgerton Lady Bulldogs also on Wednesday. The final score was Wayne Trace 67, Edgerton 47.

Records - Wayne Trace (9-3 overall, 4-0 GMC); Edgerton (5-9 overall, 0-4 GMC)

Top Players:
Wayne Trace - Renee Bidlack 25 points, 4 steals; Elyse Myers 13 points, 6 rebounds; Sara Priest 12 points, 10 assists, 6 steals, 6 rebounds

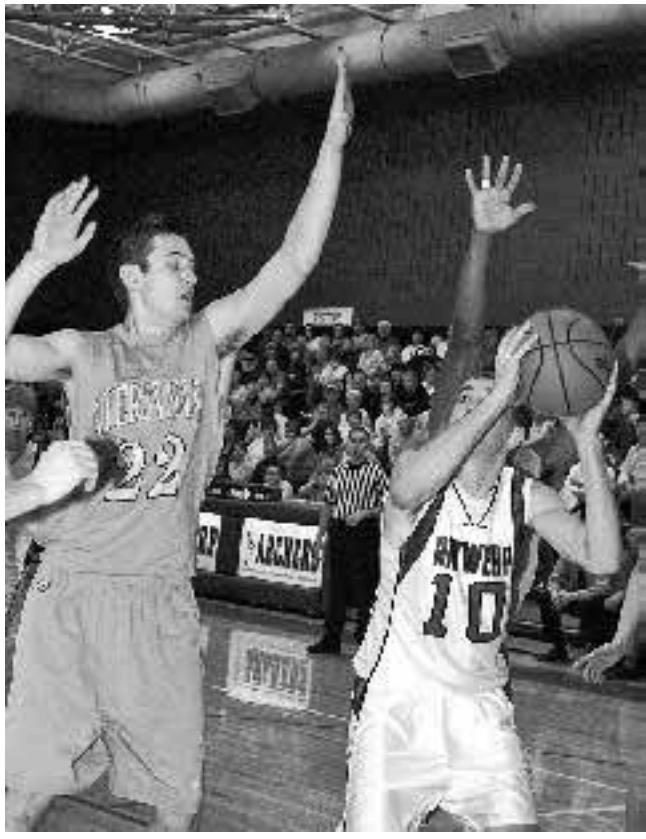
Edgerton - Paige Cole 10 points, 8 rebounds; Cassie Fitzcharles 9 points, 6 rebounds

Paulding Lady Panthers were stomped out by the Lincolnview Lady Lancers, 64-55.

Moving onto Friday, January 18, the Antwerp



Junior Bryant Troyer of Paulding scores a 3-point bucket Friday night against the Lincolnview Lancers. The Panthers won 60-50. More pix at www.westbendnews.net



The Archers hosted Ayresville Friday, January 18. Antwerp Senior Boston Hormann is under the basket working to score a point. Both sides of the crowd were cheering (screaming?) for their side as the Archers lost in a low scoring game 27-31. Could there be any more hands? More pix at www.westbendnews.net

Archers charged against the Ayresville Pilots. The Pilots flew away with a 31-27 victory.

The Paulding Panthers clawed out a win against the Lincolnview Lancers, 60-50.

The Wayne Trace Raiders played a victorious game against the Edgerton Bulldogs giving the Raiders a win for the night. Final score was Wayne Trace 52, Edgerton 42.

Records - Wayne Trace (9-2 overall, 3-1 GMC); Edgerton (1-11 overall, 0-4 GMC)

Top Players:
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WOODLAN WARRIORS TAKE 5TH IN ACAC



Woodlan hosted the ACAC wrestling tournament. Shown here is Warrior Aury Keller in the 160 weight class. He won against his opponent in a 5-3 decision.



The Raiders played the Edgerton January 17 at home. Junior Renee Bidlack wasted no time this game. She scored 24 points. With Kacee Hockenberry injured, the first half was close. But the team pulled together for the second half and proved they could still win 67-47. More pix at www.westbendnews.net

On Saturday, the Woodlan Warriors participated in the ACAC Wrestling tournament at Woodlan.

Woodlan took 5th place as a team in ACAC with 145 points. South Adams took 1st, Leo 2nd, Bluffton 3rd, and Adams Central 4th.

Taking Second Place from Woodlan: in 140lb weight class, Blake Weil; in the 152lb. weight class, Jayme Schwartz; in 160lb weight class, Aury Keller; in 285lb. weight class, Joe Grueb.

PAULDING JUNIOR PANTHERS SPLIT WITH LANCERS

The Panthers hosted Lincolnview Tuesday 1/15. In the 7th grade game Paulding dominated the Lancers with an aggressive defense pulling away with a 32-15 victory. Lance Foor led the Panthers with 13 points, 6 rebounds and 5 steals; Jacob Philpot chipped in with 6 points and 4 steals. Record 3-5.

In the 8th grade game the Lancers came up with a hard fought win over Paulding 40-37. The Panthers led the whole way until 18 seconds left. The Lancers scored and held on for the victory. Anthony Arellano and Zach Gawronski led the way with 12 points each and Dillon Lawson added 7 points. Record 2-6.

PAULDING JUNIOR PANTHERS SPLIT WITH ARCHERS

The Panthers hosted Antwerp Thursday 1/19. In the 7th grade game Paulding controlled the game with a strong inside game and tough defense before heading off an Antwerp rally at the end, winning 32-28. Neil Roehrig led the Panthers with 12 points and 6 rebounds, and Lance Foor added 10 points.

Their record now stands at 4-5.

In the 8th grade contest the Archers Tim Taylor hit a shot at the buzzer to defeat the Panthers 42-40, Paulding led the whole way until the final shot. 11-8 after 1st quarter, 25-19 at the half, and 31-29 after 3rd quarter. Zach Garonski led the Panthers with 12 points and 4 assists, Kyle Mohr and Anthony Arellano each added 9 points and 6 rebounds each.

Record now stands at 2-7.

ACAC BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT RESULTS - GIRLS

Girls ACAC took place the week of January 7. Opening Round: Bluffton 50, Southern Wells 38; Heritage 50, Woodlan 36; Leo 39, Adams Central 17; Garrett 61, South Adams 45

Semi-Finals: Bluffton 47, Heritage 43; Garrett 53, Leo 51

Championship Game: Garrett 65, Bluffton 57

Lady Raiders place 4 in scoring and Garrett won their first ever Girls Tournament Championship. Lindsey Yarde was voted as the Hillard Gates MVP winner for the tournament, scoring 42 points over 3 games and had 12 steals and 16 rebounds. Leo won the Allen County Sherriff's sportsmanship award

WAYNE TRACE JUNIOR HIGH WRESTLING

The Wayne Trace Jr. High Wrestling team placed in the 4th spot out of a 12 team tournament held at Ayersville on Saturday, January 12.

The young grapplers scored 129 points behind third place. Hicksville 154 points, second place Woodmore with 159 points and first place Edgerton with 164 points.

Other teams rounding out the tournament roster were Tinora with 78 ½ points, Fairview with 57 points, Patrick Henry with 52 points, Ayersville with 49 points, McComb with 48 points, Stryker with 45 points, and Paulding with 33 points.

Wayne Trace crowned three individual champions. Joe Stahl, 104 lbs., Tyler Arnett, 152 lbs., and Aaron Harris, 160 lbs. Tyler Arnett is the only Raider wrestler that remains undefeated for the season.

The Raider squad had two more wrestlers that were going for the championship also, but each had a little bit of bad luck. Kameran Clemens, 98 lbs, was forced to default in the first period of wrestling due to a knee injury. Myranda Stahl was defeated in double overtime by a close decision of 2-1. Each wound up with a second place finish.

Another Raider grappler, Lindsay Matthews, placed third.



The Lady Warriors took on Harding Wednesday, January 16 at Woodlan. The last minute was close, but Woodlan lost 57-62. Senior Hannah Koeneman holds a rival while Senior Danae Lengacher attempts a basket with a minute left. More pix at www.westbendnews.net

WAYNE TRACE WRESTLING AT WOODLAN INVITATIONAL



The Wayne Trace Wrestling team recently competed in the Woodlan Invitational in Woodburn, IN.

For Wayne Trace, placing 6th was: 103, Katie Clemens; 145, Angelo Harris; 160, Zack West; and 215, Bill Cass. Placing 3rd for Wayne Trace was 130, Cody Stahl, and 2nd was Jake Reuille.

The Wayne Trace Wrestling club competed in its first tournament of the season at the Archbold tournament

this past weekend. The kids did an outstanding job.

Placing Fourth: Max Rasmann, Jarod Galloway, Henry Merriman, and Jacob Blair.

Placing Third: Austin Smith, Nate Showalter, Anthony Rooks, Christopher Galloway, and Nick Blair.

Placing Second: Kameran Bevis, Gage Waltmire, George Clemens, James Coyne, Tyler Showalter, and Aaron Miller.

Placing First: Trevor Dommia, Zaine Cotterman

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WT - Aaron Hockenberry 22 points

Edgerton - D.J. Zippay 11 points, Ethan Schroeder 10 points

To Round out the Basketball weekend, on Saturday, January 19 the Archers beat the North Central Panthers with a score of 50-33. The Paulding Panthers beat the Ottoville Big Green with a score of 64-56.

The Raiders charged away with another victory on Saturday as well against the Spencerville Bearcats. The final score was 71-55. Records now stand at WT 10-2, Spencerville 4-10. Top players for the Raiders were Riley Linder 28 pts., 6 rebounds, 3 assists; Alex LaBounty 13 pts., 9 rebounds; Nathan Jewell 10 pts., 4 rebounds. Spencerville had Tyler Keyser with 21 pts., and 6 rebounds.



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ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

This picture is of Main and River Streets. You can see that this is the three story building that is now The Video Junction. The sign says Graves and Doering. I knew both those men when I was a little fellow, in the early 1930's, but by then that sign would read Doering & Long.

This three story building was erected by Robert Shirley. He passed away in 1866, just a few months before it was finished.

The first business in this building of record was of a Caroline Harris and T.B. Harris and they purchased this building from the Shirley Es-



ate and moved in and it was known as Harris & Graves. About 1910, Charles Doering purchased an interest and the name was changed to Graves & Doering, just like it shows on the sign. This had to be in the early 1920's.

This was Sam Graves and he lived where Marjorie Leinard used to live. I knew them pretty well. They had a daughter named Eula. Sam had snow white hair and always wore a business suit. I think by my time, Joe Doering took over from his father, Charles Doering.

In 1928, Sam Graves sold this interest to J.L. Doering and Taylor Long and the business was changed to Doering and Long. Taylor Long had married Lucille Doering and this became a family business and was very successful up

into the 1950's.

I worked for Mr. Long in 1941 and into 1942. Also working there was Gerald Hawkins, Mildred McLaughlin, Bertha Chaney Hemenover, Helen Hartman Slesman, sometimes Jane Long and Bob McCreery. I really enjoyed working there. I worked each morning before school, after school, Thursday nights and all day Saturday and Saturday night for \$6.00. Taylor allowed me time off to play basketball for Antwerp High School.

After WWII ended and the boys came home, the city needed housing. Mr. Long built apartments on the second and third floor of that building. Paulene and I had

the first one to the east on the top floor.

It had a range and fridge for \$30.00 a month. The Dick Schilb family, Woody Friend family, and Robert Wycoff family lived on the top floor and some school teacher on the middle floor.

After Mr. Long retired he sold that business to Jim Panico, his son-in-law. Then later on Jim built part of the building over on US 24 known as Kammeyer's.

Mr. Long had served in WWI as an officer. They had two daughters, Joan and Jane. Jane lives in Florida in retirement. Lucille lived to be over one hundred years old, but is gone now.

The next building south, what is now The Village Hardware, was in mid-1930's The Kroger Store. It had

moved from south of the railroad about 1935. A Mr. Berrie was the manager. Bill Carr worked there as well as Alvin Fett, Leota Davis, Bob Smithey and a couple other boys on Saturdays. By now, it was about 1940 or 1941. Employment was pretty good, most fellows who worked in Ft. Wayne brought home \$18.00 - \$19.00 each week. At that time that money would go a long way.

The next building south, which is now the center part of the drugstore and hardware complex, was J. Haddock Clothing Store. I think Mr. Berg was a partner there. I always liked to go in there because of all the nice aromas from the shoes, boots and clothing. After these two men retired they closed the shop and sold out.

The next building was the William C. Pate Drug Store. He had taken over ownership from his father John Pate. Most people referred to the druggist as "Billy". He was certainly one of Antwerp's characters. When he retired, he sold out and Frank Smith was the town druggist.

The last building on that side is The Oasis. Henry George built that building about 1870. He operated a grocery store there for awhile. Then later in was owned by Shaffer Brothers. It was very successful for many years as a department store. As early as I can remember The Hertel Brothers had a jewelry and drug store in that building. Then in the middle 1930's, Frank Knight moved The Oak in to that building. Albert Guysinger became the owner and changed the name to The Oasis. It too has become a successful venture.

See, Ya!

STAN & SUE ON THE ROAD

By: Stan Jordan & Sue Knapp



This nice lady in today's picture is Alice "Ronnie" Shipman. She was born Alice Kallsen in Mark Center, Ohio in 1930. There was 2 boys and 2 girls in that family. The family moved

to Cumberland, Wisconsin and she attended a one room school there for about three years. They moved back to Hicksville and she went to school there and graduated in 1948.

She met Carl Shipman and was married in 1950. At this time, they were living in Paulding. Carl got in at Weatherhead so they moved to the Antwerp area.

They have three children. Keith in 1952, Stephanie in 1955 and Robin in 1961. She now has five grandchildren.

She lived on East Daggett for many years. Just recently, she moved in to the Manor House. She likes it very much and she says the staff could not be any better to her.

She is proud of her family and I am too. I know them pretty well.

Thanks for the interview, Ronnie.

See, Ya!



Carolyn Irelan was born in Wabash, IN in 1926 to Vera Stone and Carl Irelan. After two girls (Marcile, 12 years older and Lois, 8 years older) the parents thought they would try one more time for a boy. They decided to name their new little girl Carolyn after her dad.

Raised in Wabash, Carolyn went to school at Miami Grade School and Wabash High School.

Carolyn and her family lived there when Modoc the elephant was made famous by escaping from the circus and wondering around the area for five days. He even paid a visit to the drug store there.

In high school, Carolyn worked at Woolworth's. Her dad had a service, fuel and supply company. He passed away when Carolyn was eight years old. Her mom then ran the business with her brother-in-law for 17 years. Mom then retired and sold the property.

Carolyn and her husband, James R. Watson were in kindergarten together. James lived on the south side of Wabash and Carolyn lived on the north side so they attended different schools. While in high school his family had moved to the north side and lived two houses down from her. James belonged to an organization called Hi-Y. It held a best girl banquet every year and he asked Carolyn to the banquet. They have been a couple ever since.

She went to college at DePaw University and James went to IU, they saw each other on weekends. In order to avoid being drafted into the army, James joined the Navy where he was a radar instructor.

When he got back he was

behind her in college, but they both went on to graduate before getting married.

After Carolyn graduated she taught grade school at Miami where she had attended. James graduated and taught school for a year after which they got married. She taught school for six years until she became pregnant with Christine, she then retired to raise her children.

They had two children Christine and Jeff. Christine lives in Antwerp and works in the school system. Her two daughters, Haley and Katie go to school at Antwerp. Jeff lives in Noblesville and is a CPA. He has four daughters Erica, Stephanie, Hannah and Meredith.

James and Carolyn

moved to Illinois where he was a school superintendent. They then moved to Auburn in 1960 where he was a superintendent for 25 years.

After James retired they stayed in Florida from 1-3 months each winter. They also took small trips. James loved to golf and Carolyn loved to needlepoint, sew, knit, crochet and her latest hobby is quilting.

After James passed away, Carolyn stayed in Auburn then decided she wanted to be near her daughter and granddaughters. She then moved into the Manor House.

She really appreciates the Manor House because of the independence, good food and great staff.

NOW READ THIS



The Bowling League champions of 1960 (photo by Ehrhardt Studio)



(l-r) Marilyn (Garman) Reeb, Ruth Mary (Hallock) York, Violet (Stevenson) Hughes, Vanice (Hagerman) Guthrie, Mettie (Spindler) Monroe.

By: Stan Jordan

This picture of the Leinard Chevrolet Bowling Team was loaned to me by Violet Hughes. She wanted to show the young people how long the skirts were at that time. Nowadays most all girls wear slacks.

This picture was taken back in 1958, that's fifty years ago. The bowling alley was called Pin-A-Rama Lanes and was owned by Virgil Meyers and Bob Johnson. The bowling alley was built in 1953.

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3.50-3.99 - Trenton Bradford, Joe Buchman, Hayley Clellan, Jacob Farr, Nicole Gebers, Ashley Hahn, Kassandra Hammon, Elise Hartzell, Treslynn Laney, Jack Meriwether, Derrick Pease, Amber Plotts, Breck Ripke, Danielle Smith, Alex Snyder, Kaelyn Snyder, Alyssa St. John, Levi VanVlerah, Wesley Zeller

3.0-3.49 - Cameron Aldrich, Ashlee Beck, Addi Bergalowski, Devan Bermejo, Jeff Budd, Ryan Doan, Andy Favorito, Sara Gardner, Jacob

Gideon, Jesse Glass, Spencer Gross, Grant Harder, Sam Heilshorn, Sara Koenig, Corey Miller, Brooke Otto, Patty Shaffer, Danielle Stokes, Logan Stoller, Jessica Vance, Bradley Wilcox

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THIRD GRADE
 All A's - Emma Butzin, Mariah Elkins, Jaime Ryan, Jarrison Steiner, Maggie Wilson

All A's & B's - Ashley Bowers, Matthew Dooley, Joshua Ehlinger, Marissa Elkins, Tayton Hathaway, Evan Hilton, Becca Johanns, Eden Kilcoin, Clayre Manella, Zachary McDaniels, Erica Meyer, Olivia Miller, Trey Mills, Brandon Pendergrast, Emilee Phillips, Derek Reeb, Hanna Richey, Kaylee Schroeder, Sydney Sheedy, Peyton Short, Hayden Spryn, Michael Taylor, McKenzie Turpening

FOURTH GRADE
 All A's - Domino Daugherty, Joshua Longardner, Aaron O'Donnell, Iann Roebel, Allison Taylor, Sam Williamson, Jenna Wilson

All A's & B's - Erik Buchan, Joshua Buerkle, Cainan Carlisle, Justice Clark, Emily Derck, Serena Drake, Tyler

Edgar, Chase Gerken, Beth Hawley, Dylan Kitzmiller, Audrie Longardner, Chase Marroquin, Anne Miesle, Aqiyl Moore, Drake Neace, JoAnne Powers, Kayle Roddy, Brittany Smith, Jacob Sukup, Cayla Woodcox

FIFTH GRADE
 All A's - Steven Bowers, Nicole Hughes, Sarah Neace, Jacob O'Donnell, Joshua Steiner, Parker Swenson, Olivia Tempel, Alex Vail

All A's & B's - Julia Balser, Nick Barnhouse, Elizabeth Bond, Maria Bradbury, Dionicia Burk, Michaela Burns, Jarett Bute, Lydia Carr, Trenton Copsey, Alston Doctor, John Huss, Rebecca Major, Hannah Mills, Collin Perry, Samantha Provines, Maggie Reinhart, Alisha Schroeder, Bailey Sigman, Kelsey Titus, Claire Van Vlerah

SIXTH GRADE
 All A's - Brock Taylor, Nathan Zuber

All A's & B's - Alex Booher, Thomas Brown, Kaden Brummett, Madison DeLong, Zach DeLong, Jenna Hankinson, Nathan Hawley, Katie Hunt, Garrett Jones, Justin Langham, Erik Miesle, Maddie Reinhart, Matthew Reinhart, David Sarsfield, Megan Slattman, Derek Smalley
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3.66-3.33 - Delaine Adams, Jill Banks, Kucera Hull, Megan Koppenhofer, Bryson North, Jessica Smith, Sara Trauterman

3.32-3.0 - Steven Ankney, Rose Doctor, Wade Haller, Botir Hawley, Brennan Huss, Casey Schaefer, Charles Shid-er

Freshman

4.0-3.67 - Jessie Arnold, Rachel Banks, Tyler Bok, Shaile Chamberlain, Vanessa Gordon, Logan Lucas, Kaleb O'Donnell, Anthony Reid, Sierra Short, Taylor Vail, Alaine Wetli

3.66-3.33 - Brandi Aldrich, Nicholas Berry, Jacob Bond, John Brown, Desiree Delgado, Andrew Ehlinger, Joshua Hilton, Jordan Koppenhofer, Cody Mabis, Anthony Reid, Toni Winslow, Katrin Wochele

3.32-3.0 - Mitchel Buchan, Tanner Copsey, Leah Dolin-

ski, Zachary Kimmel, Haili Knepper, Breanne Murlin, Bethany Reinhart, Charles Sarsfield, Paula Slattman, Adam Smazenko, Nicholas Stevenson, Loni Walk, Audrey Winhover

Grade Eight

4.0-3.67 - Kelsea Burns, Jayla Chamberlain, Brandon Dunderman, Zach Dunlap, Hayley Feichter, Cassandra Harter, Joseph Hilton, Jessica Langham, Ty Lee, Jessica Marlin, Bryant Miesle, Alex North, Ann Reinhart, Kyle Reinhart, Tayler Shaffer, Dalton Skeens, Tricia Smalley, Alysha Taylor, Drew Taylor, Thomas Taylor, Hannah Tempel, Ellise Wetli

3.66-3.33 - Austin Bowers, Karli Brumett, Morgan Cramer, Katelyn English, Samantha Foreman, Nicholas Herndon, Nicole Hughes, Corbin Jones, Jessica McCreery, Jacob Shook, Ashlee Smith, Troy Womack, Amanda Zielke

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Grade Seven

4.0-3.67 - David Altic, Katlyn Bissell, Nicholas Bragg, Kacy Brumett, Shawn Dooley, Ryan Girardot, Braeden Hormann, Cameron Huss, Marissa Kitzmiller, Rachel Stewart, *Morgan Williamson, Jesse Wilson

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PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL 2007-08 SECOND NINE WEEKS

Grade 6

All A's - Andrew Layman, Brad Matson, Sierra McCullough, Kaylyn Rager

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Julia Stuck, Emily Thielbar, Patrick Troyer, Kayla Warnimont, Maggie Wilhelm

Grade 8

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All A's and B's - Anthony Arellano, Kristen Beck, Cody Bradford, Justin Burkhart, Jill Busch, Tanya Collins, Logan Englehart, Jessica Farr, Jenna Gasser, Spencer Hatcher, Jason Koenn, Eric Krick, Allissa LaFountain, Austin Land, Kyle Mohr, Kelli Schlatter Jade Vogel

PAULDING ELEMENTARY HONOR ROLL 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR SECOND NINE WEEKS

*Denotes all A's

3-1 Mrs. Doster - Leona Aldred, Robbie Bowers, *Hannah Farr, Isabel Hanekratt, James Mourey, Bailey Pieper, Cherish Porter, Simeon Shepherd

3-2 Mrs. Crossland - Dustin Jackson, Emily Knodel, *Skyler McCullough, Ava Moats, *Chantal Monnier, Ryan Nicelley, *Dayton Pracht, Cameron Strahley, *Joshua Webb, *Brooke Weidenhamer

3-4 Mrs. Karzynow - *Brittany Brown, Christine Clapsaddle, Brody Clemens, *William Deisler, Robert Deitrick, Kameron Echols, Katlynn Fuller, Preston Ingot, *Preston Johanns, Cassidy Jones, Taylor March, Caitlin Proxmire, Becca Rohrs, *Jellyn Salanis, Tiffany Schilt

4-2 Mrs. Walker - Lucas Arend, Kynsie Etzler, *Allison Harpel, Emily Moore, Johnathon Rose, *Taylor Schooley, *Jarret Sitton

4-4 Mrs. Jones - *Victoria Bradford, Zach Buchman, Damon Egnor, Lauren Johanns, Taylor Kochenour, *Sabrina Leaman, Lisa Lockhart, *Megan Reineck, Jordan Shull, Jacob Stoller, Cullen Wenzlick

4-5 Mrs. Tope - *Kelsey Beck, Breanna LaFountain, *Taylor Manz, *Matthew Martinez, Kim Matson, Victoria Meadows, Branson Minck, *Emilee Ringler, Chace Robinson, Brenna Schmidt, Drayson Wenzlick

5-1 Mrs. March - Jarrod Clark, Jacob Dye, Nelson Foster, Alexis Howell, Katrina Lusk, *Emily Pastor, Lorenzo Salinas, Derick Shawley, *Ashlyn Strahley

5-3 Mr. Manz - Taylor Ankney, Christian Burtch, Bailey Combs, Hannah English, Ben Heilshorn, Morgan Riley

5-4 Mrs. Bradford - *Kathryn Clapsaddle, Brooke Combs, Rachel Dooley, Mandi Fisher, Claudia Foltz, Sean Holman, *Erin Johanns, Abbi Miller, Isaac Nice, Konnor Owens, Jessica Schroeder

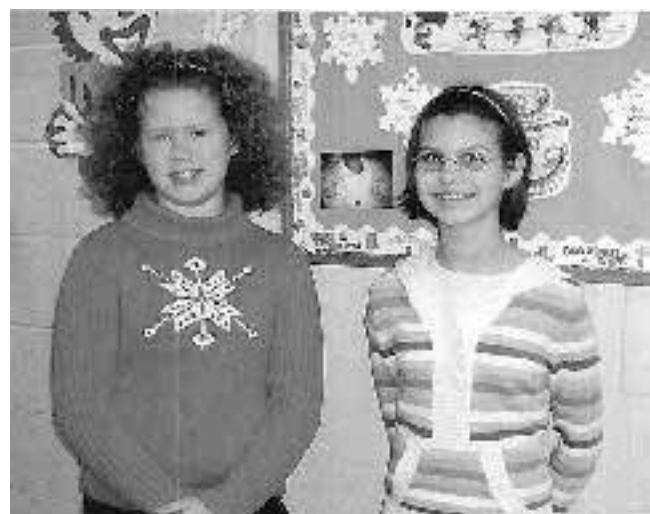
GMC SCHOLASTIC LEAGUE RESULTS

Results from the GMC Scholastic League which took place Thursday, January 17.

At Antwerp:
Antwerp 27, Ayersville 25; Antwerp 44, Ayersville 31
At Holgate:
Holgate 13, Fairview 28; Holgate 21, Fairview 37
At Edgerton:
Edgerton 22, Wayne Trace 21; Edgerton 37 Wayne Trace 22

At Tinora:
Hicksville 26, Tinora 36; Hicksville 29, Tinora 47

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL SPELLING BEE WINNERS



St. John the Baptist Catholic School held their annual Spelling Bee on Wednesday, January 9. After several rounds of competition, 5th grader Addison Baumle emerged as the champion. Addison is the daughter of Jack and Annette Baumle. 6th grader, Libby Stabler, daughter of Ken and Rhonda Stabler, was runner up. Addison will go to Oakwood Elementary School on February 11 to participate in the Paulding County Spelling Bee.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL GEOGRAPHY BEE WINNERS



St. John the Baptist Catholic School's 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students competed in our annual Geography Bee on Friday, January 11. Our winner this year, Libby Stabler, daughter of Ken and Rhonda Stabler. Our runner up is Emilie Linder, daughter of Mike and Peg Linder.

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years' service in Paulding law and courthouse offices, work in the offices of the H. E. Orr Company, and working in real estate in charge of closings and management accounting.

Paulding County has been her life-long home. She and her husband Tony have been married 22 years. Together they have four children and 11 grandchildren.

For many years, Kay has been active in the Paulding County Republican Party. Kay believes in the importance of community service, having served on the Paulding County MR/DD Board and the Paulding County Mental Health Board. She is, at present, a board member of Kiwanis of Paulding County. She is a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Paulding.

Kay became interested in the position of county commissioner in 2004 when she was appointed as interim commissioner upon the early retirement of Maurice Wannemacher.

Kay understands that Paulding County, like so many other small counties in Ohio, is facing big challenges in stretching the county general fund dollars with more unfunded mandates and less financial assistance coming

from the State. She believes that our county commissioners and all elected officials, working together as a team, are going to have to be innovative in maintaining essential services. Kay believes we need to keep taxes as low as possible and provide the most services we can with the money that is available.

In a statement, Kay said, "County government is business. I believe my business and accounting background would be most helpful in the decisions necessary in operating our county government. If given the opportunity, I would work hard as your commissioner to make our county an even better place to live, work, and raise our families. Your vote on March 4th would be sincerely appreciated."

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Commissioners held their annual organizational meeting. Tony Burkley was elected Board President with Ed Straley to serve as Vice President. Appointments to various committees were also assigned. Auditor Susan Simpson, Treasurer Lou Ann Wannemacher and Commissioner Tony Burkley will serve on the Board of Revision for 2008. This board hears testimony from landowners with documentation challenging their property tax assessments.

The E911 renewal levy that was scheduled to be on the ballot this spring will be withdrawn. This was as a result of being informed from the Election Board that it will not be eligible for renewal until this fall. We will address this issue at a later date.

Commissioners attended the First Hearing of the Flat Rock petition. There were many landowners present to express their opinion on the matter. The meeting was held in two sessions. One at 10:00 in the morning and then extended to a 7:00 evening meeting. County Engineer Travis McGarvey gave his report on the petition to the Board. It was the opinion of the Engineer that the costs for the project did out way the benefits for this petition. The Engineer's recommendation was to deny the petition. Serving on this Board were Commissioner Marty Harmon and temporary Commissioners Bud Henke and Doug Dunakin. After hearing all the evidence presented the board voted unanimously to deny the petition request.



ANTWERP EMS SQUAD 41 MONUMENT ARRIVES

The Antwerp EMS Squad 41 Monument has arrived in Antwerp. It is on the south side of the fire hall. There will be a dedication in the spring. Notices will be posted around Antwerp prior to the ceremony.



WHERE HAVE ALL THE CHILDREN GONE?

By: Sue Knapp

On the morning of January 20 two bus loads of people headed to Washington DC from St. Joseph Catholic Church in Paulding, Ohio. People from Illinois, Tennessee and Florida were also on the bus. They were headed for the annual National Prayer Vigil and March for Life. The bus trip took nine hours with an hour stop for lunch.

Liz Ankney, Chris Bercaw and Rita Diaz of Paulding St. Joseph Catholic Church originated the tour. This is the 13th year for Liz Ankney.

Nasser Gayed, Dr. of Internal Medicine in the V.A. Administration in Illionis, third year for him and his son, Simon to attend the march. This year his wife, Deborah and daughter, Mary also attended.

This march is not just for those from the Catholic Church in Paulding, many other churches are involved in this. They estimate the number of marchers to be in the six digits. Also at the march were members from Rachael's Vineyard, a group who has received abortions and has come to realize what abortion really means.

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NOCAC is a private non-profit, social service agency that serves predominantly low-income residents of Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Paulding and Williams counties. NOCAC provides preschool programs (Head Start), and Paulding County Senior Center, elderly and child nutrition, individual development accounts (IDAs), emergency services, energy assistance payments, Weatherization and home repair, temporary emergency and permanent housing for homeless and formerly homeless, a soup kitchen and case management services. The majority of the funding for these programs is Federal and State grants; however some local funds through United Ways and other organizations are also utilized.

For more information, please contact Deb Gerken, NOCAC Executive Director at 784-5136, ext. 1101 or email her at dgerken@nocac.org.



THE STABLEMATE 4-H CLUB: JADE VOGEL AND JARED DEATRICK

Jade Vogel is the daughter of Pat and Shelly Vogel. She is 14 years old and has been involved in 4-H for four years. Her hobbies are basketball.

The name of her project is Rabbits. Jade hopes to accomplish with her project this year how to show her rabbits even better in competition. Jade says about being a 4-H member, "It has made me a better person." Jared Deatrack is the son of Bill and Sue Deatrack. He is 16 years old and has been involved in 4-H for 10 years. Jared enjoys FFA, varsity wrestling, and Quarter Pony King. The name of Jared's project is Horses. He hopes to learn to become a better leader with this project and also to win a trophy. When asked what 4-H means to him, he had this to say, "A goal to look forward to in Equine Dentistry."

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The bride is a 2001 graduate of Paulding High School, a 2006 graduate of Ohio Northern University, with a BA in Early Childhood Education and is employed by Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschool. The groom is a 2001 graduate of Tri-Valley High School in Zanesville, OH and a 2006 graduate of Ohio Northern University, with a BS in Biology.

The couple currently resides in Paulding.

The Boy Scouts will have recycling set up on January 26, 2008. They take cardboard, glass, newspaper in brown bags, aluminum and steel cans. The scouts will be at the Antwerp Fire Hall from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

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Village of Antwerp Tax Notice

The Village of Antwerp adopted an income tax that became effective on September 12, 2006. The income tax rate for the Village of Antwerp is 1.0% (one percent) with up to a .50% (fifty percent) credit for residents paying a municipal income tax in their employer's municipality/county. (see tax return form to determine amount of credit)

The Antwerp Income Tax pertains to **ALL EARNED WAGES AND/OR LOTTERY WINNINGS.**

Please note for tax year 2007, ninety-percent (90%) of your estimated tax due must be paid by January 31, 2008 to avoid penalty and interest.

The Village contracts with the Central Collection Agency ("CCA"), 1701 Lakeside Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44114-1179 to administer the tax.

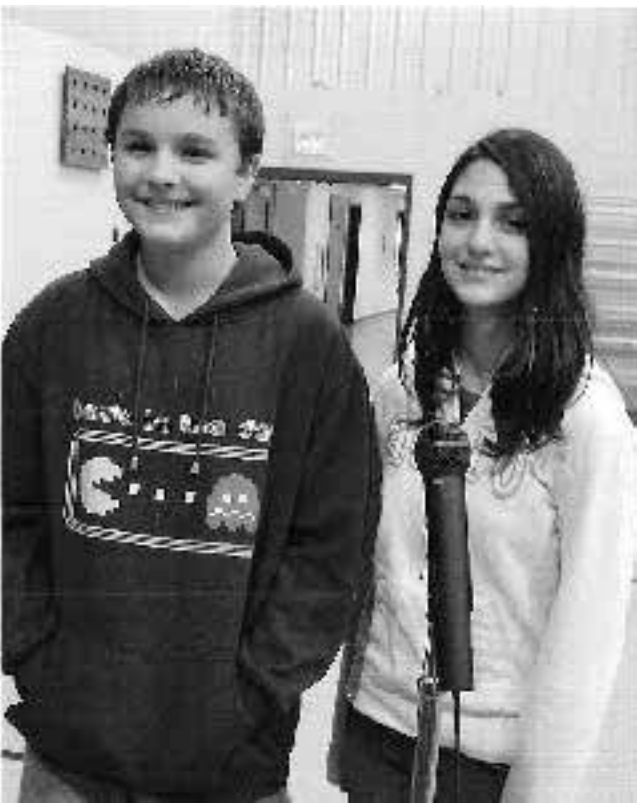
ALL RESIDENTS OVER THE AGE OF 18 are required to file the village tax form or file an exemption certificate. Municipal income tax forms have been mailed from CCA to Antwerp residents. If you do not receive a form by the end of January, tax forms may be obtained at the Village of Antwerp's town hall at

118 N. Main Street during regular working hours or at CCA's website
www.ccatx.ci.Cleveland.OH.us
CCA phone no.: 1-800-223-6317, ext. 1761

Also representatives of CCA will be at Antwerp Village Hall on Monday, March 3rd from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for taxpayer assistance in completing their 2007 village tax return, and again on Saturday, March 15th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

This is a free service - no appointment necessary. If you have any questions on the forgoing notice, please contact the village administrator at 419-258-2371

WLS SPELLING BEE WINNERS



Pictured above on the left is 7th grader Spencer Osborn, who is the Woodburn Lutheran School Annual Spelling Bee winner and on the right is 8th grader Elizabeth Burke, runner up.

Spencer, the son of Ryan and Jennifer Osborn, won with the words, "sequin" and "ominous". Elizabeth, daughter of Rob and Liza Burke, missed "toucan" to take the runner up spot.

Mrs. Ruth Schroeder was the coordinator of this year's Bee; Mr. Scott Staub read the words and definitions; and Mrs. Wendy Singer, Mrs. Karen Hoepfner, and Mr. Dexter Hoyer were the judges. Spencer will now represent WLS in the county Spelling Bee on February 9 at South Side High School. Spencer and Elizabeth will receive monetary gifts from the WLS PTL in honor of their achievement.

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 Than for you... to be my lifelong friend
 and Precious Mother.
 —From: Terrie Ehresman & family



JPHS ANTIQUES ROAD SHOW A SUCCESS

By: Sue Knapp

Kudos go to Paulding County Historical Museum for hosting the "Antique Road Show." There was such a turnout that they had to cut the 'antiquers' off at noon. The back room was full of people waiting to have their treasures appraised. Pat Landry and Marv Adams were the appraisers for the miscellaneous and they were kept very busy. There were well over 400 miscellaneous items that were appraised.

Tony Seslar had a toy circus ride which he guessed was from the late 1800's. It was on a flat bed trailer and it had wooden 'canoes' that you had to swing back and forth manually. It was estimated at \$300-\$500.

Danette Caryer had a small cast iron mule pulling a cart from the 1800's appraised for \$65 to \$180 and an old kit with a doll and clothes to make for it called Little Miss Seamstress Dress Outfit from early to mid '40's it was appraised for \$195.

Marilyn and Bob Ladd brought in a Japanese Vase she received from a friend back in the 60's. It was appraised to be from the late '30's or '40's and was valued at \$300. Bob had a portable Singer Sewing Machine from the late 1800's. It was appraised for \$85-\$150.

John McGrath had a silverware set for 12.
 Frank Tracy had pictures from WWI or WWII. He also had a view finder from that era.

All in all, most people just wanted to know what their treasure was worth and how old it was. The treasures would be handed down to the next generation to take care of.

Dick Parrish (joining member) and Bruce A. Fortier of Wooden Indian Pawn Shop of Defiance, Oh sat and conversed during a break. Dick went to talk to a lady about Indian Artifacts and Bruce (appraised jewelry) commented, "It is an honor to be invited and I can't believe the diversity of items that people have brought in." He also commented on how very nice the building was. He wants to come back and tour the whole museum.

The show was a great success and the comment around the building was, "They need to do this again."

CORRECTION

In last week's edition of the West Bend News, a mistake was caught in the Home Bible Study article. The date that the bible study will begin is on **January 30**, not January 23 as was stated. The Bible Study will then continue on the second and last Wednesdays of each month.

CALLING ALL VETERANS AND ANTWERP AREA RESIDENTS

There is an interest in building a Patriotic Memorial built to honor and recognize our Veterans who have any ties: past, present or future to the Antwerp Community.

This memorial would honor all Veterans associated with the Antwerp area for their service to our great nation. It would be a deserving tribute to those sacrifices made by the men and women who proudly served their county, in war or peace, regardless of rank or branch of service so we may all enjoy our freedom and security.

All Veterans with an honorable discharge, still living or deceased and in some way be associated to the Antwerp community at sometime during their lifetime would be eligible to have their name inscribed.

Our Veterans, a steering committee, along with a group of dedicated volunteers and the entire community's support would be needed to raise the funds to make this happen.

Antwerp's Veterans Memorial Park has a military statue that stands tall and proud, but it is not handicap accessible. This proposed memorial would be an addition to this area, include all Veterans of all war or conflicts known at present and on into the future. There is already a great need to address the parking issues and this would include a wide walking path to the statue area would be in the plans.

I visited my cousin in Hill-sboro, IL and he walked over to one of the three 6' tall black granite memorial stones with Vietnam at the top and he proudly showed me his name and his wife's name.

Veterans and Antwerp area residents: You are cordially invited to attend an informal gathering to view pictures and toss around some ideas. Neighbors, this is a way to offer a lasting celebration for the men and women of our community who answered the call, gave their lives and fought to keep America free and safe. Essen House: Saturday, January 26 at 3:00-4:30 p.m. and Tuesday, January 29 at 6:00-7:30 p.m.

—Karen Sanders

PAULDING ELEMENTARY SPELLING BEE WINNERS



Paulding Elementary held their school's Spelling Bee on January 11, 2008. Our runner

up was Lane Hunt (5th grade) and Champion was Kayleigh St. John (5th grade).

WAYNE TRACE PAYNE ELEMENTARY SPELLING BEE WINNERS

Wayne Trace Payne Elementary held their Spelling Bee on January 10. The fifth grade participants were Blair Baumle, Cassidy Hilkey, Hunter Martin, and Austin Zuver. The sixth grade participants were Jake Gerber, Jared Sherry, John Upole, and Devin Wenzlick. The WT Payne Elementary runner-up was Cassidy Hilkey son of James and Kimberly Crowley. And the Spelling Bee winner was Blair Baumle daughter of Patrick and Wendy Baumle.

The Paulding County Spelling Bee will be held February 11 at Oakwood Elementary.

FARM OUTLOOK & POLICY MEETING

OSU Extension is sponsoring a Farm Outlook and Policy meeting on Tuesday, January 29, 2008 from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, east of Ridgeville Corners, OH on U.S. 6, go south on Co. Rd 19. The event will feature grain marketing outlook, 2008 Farm Bill discussion, farm inputs and land values, and global trade.

Dr. Matt Roberts, OSU Associate Professor will discuss the grain commodity markets. Matt focuses on the supply and demand of grains that Ohio and U.S. farmers grow. The price "battle ground" between corn, soybeans and

wheat will be discussed and the impact to the end users of U.S. grain commodities.

Dr. Carl Zulauf, OSU Professor will provide his insight into the 2008 Farm Bill. The 2008 Farm Bill has not been made into law yet. The content will shape the U.S. farm policy for risk management, production programs, and conservation incentives.

Barry Ward, OSU Assistant Professor will present his research on current agriculture inputs for crop production and the current assessment of land values and cash rents. OSU crop budgets pinpoint the realistic profitability of the 2008 crop production year. Trends in U.S. and Ohio land values will be presented as well as the data describing the return on farmland investment.

Dr. Ian Sheldon, OSU Professor will discuss China and international trade. Consumer choices per capita in other nations can have a significant impact on U.S. commodity demand. China will be highlighted with a discussion of its political and economic climate.

There is a cost for the Farm Outlook & Policy which includes a fish dinner. Pre-registration deadline is January 22. You can also register at the door.

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