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2008 PAULDING COUNTY SPELLING BEE

Sandra Freeman, Western Buckeye Coordinator of Gifted Education, cordially invites the public to attend the 2008 Paulding County Spelling Bee. The County Bee is scheduled for Monday, February 11, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Oakwood Elementary School.

Ten school champions, in grades five through eight, will compete for the honor of representing Paulding County at the Journal Gazette Area Spelling Bee in Fort Wayne, Indiana in March.

Individual school champions Nathanael Hawley, Antwerp Elementary; Jessica McCreery, Antwerp Jr. High; Dinah Pierce, Christian Home Educators of Paulding County; Rachael Kesler, Oakwood Elementary; Kayleigh St. John, Paulding Elementary; Audra Philipot, Paulding Middle School; Addison Baumle, St. John the Baptist Catholic School; Janey Janka, Wayne Trace-Grover Hill Elementary; Blair Baumle, Wayne Trace-Payne Elementary and Austin Scheiner, Wayne Trace Jr. High.

Paulding Middle School Principal, David Stallkamp, is the Pronouncer for the Spell-

ing Bee. Judges for the contest are: Ray Etzler, Principal, Antwerp Elementary, Jennifer Manz, Principal, Oakwood Elementary and Sarah Deatrick, Principal, Wayne Trace-Payne Elementary School.

Mr. Martin Miller, Principal, Paulding Elementary School, will preside as Master of Ceremonies. Jennifer Manz, Principal, Oakwood Elementary, is in charge of the physical set up of the competition.

The Antwerp Exchange Bank sponsors the awards for the County Spelling Bee, which include Savings Bonds and trophies for first and second place finishers, as well as medals and certificates for all of the school champions. Mrs. Sandra Freeman, Western Buckeye ESC, is the awards liaison.

Contestants are reminded to report to the Oakwood Elementary School at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 11, 2008.

For additional information, please contact Sandra Freeman, Western Buckeye Educational Service Center, 419-399-4711, ext. 33, sfreeman@wb.noacsc.org.

CASKIE - COTTRELL



Donald and Lorinda Cottrell of Antwerp wish to announce the engagement of their son, Paul Philip Cottrell, to Kendra Nicole Caskie, the daughter of Denny and Jayne Caskie of Bluffton, Ohio.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Bluffton High School

and Capital University. Kendra is employed as an intervention specialist at Reynoldsburg High School in Reynoldsburg.

Paul is a graduate of Antwerp High School and of Ohio Northern University; (Continued on Page 2)

2008 RELAY FOR LIFE RALLY/KICKOFF

This year's Paulding County Relay for Life will have a kickoff party held at the Paulding Eagles on Saturday, February 2 at 6:00 p.m. The Rally is a chance for teams to register and pick up their team packets to start fund raising. This year's rally is a complete different format than previous years. Teams are welcome to take part by setting up tables to kick start their fund raising. Events planned for the evening include a meal served from 6:00-8:00 p.m., DJ music by Mr. B, auction, 50/50's and a variety of team fund raisers to finish out the evening. The public is welcome to attend.

The 2008 Paulding County Relay For Life will take place at the fairgrounds on May 16-17. There is a Red, White and Blue theme this year. The committee has a goal of raising \$66,000 and recruiting 34 teams. One way to help the committee reach their goal this year is to take part in this years Daffodil Days which will be held March 10-15.

More information about this fund raiser and many others is forthcoming. For more information about the Rally, Daffodil Days, or the

PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST AT OAKWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Oakwood Fire Department has planned to host a Pancake & Sausage Breakfast at the Oakwood Fire Department on February 2, 7:00-11:00 a.m. Proceeds from this benefit will go to update equipment.

CORRECTION

In last week's paper, in the "Antique Road Show" article, the correct name of the museum in Paulding is the John Paulding Historical Society. We apologize for this error.

—WBN editors

2008 Relay, please contact co-chairs Karen Saxton at 419-399-3777 or Shannon Schilt at 419-399-5270.

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OBITUARIES

Marie E. Savage, 98, of Hicksville died Saturday January 26, 2008 at Harborside Healthcare, Bryan, Ohio.

She was born on November 1, 1909 in Harlan, Indiana the daughter of George and Ida (Darling) Guiff.

She married Leland "Ike" Savage on June 11, 1932. He preceded her in death in 1986.

She was an LPN at Community Memorial Hospital and Fountain Manor Nursing Home (Hickory Creek) both in Hicksville, Ohio.

She was a member of First Church of Christ, Hicksville; Order of the Eastern Star, Hicksville; Eagles Aerie 5665 Auxiliary, Hicksville.

She is survived by a daughter, Shirley (Gerald) Hinsch of Hicksville; two sons: Robert (Peggy) of Zephyrhills, FL and Richard (Barb) of Hicksville; nine grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; three step-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Marguerite Green of Altoona, FL.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Denny Hinsch; a great-grandson, Sammy Hinsch; two sisters: Irene Guilford and Esther Voril; and a brother, Lewis Guiff.

Funeral services will be on Wednesday, January 30 at 12:00 noon at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, Ohio with Ken Wellman officiating. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday. Burial will be at Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Memorials may be made to First Church of Christ.

Edna B. Price, 96, of Paulding died Thursday, January 24, 2008 at Convoy Care Center, Convoy, OH.

She was born July 25, 1911 in Paulding County, OH, the daughter of Charles and Christina (Swary) AuFrance. On July 12, 1929 she married Arthur C. "Bud" Price, who preceded her in death on March 21, 1989. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Paulding; the Altar Rosary Society; the Prayer

Chain; and the Paulding County Hospital Auxiliary. She was previously employed by the Paulding County Hospital for 22 years; the former Grizzly Manufacturing, Paulding; Fruehauf Trucking, Ft. Wayne; and was a home health care provider.

She is survived by a son, Arthur (Dorothy) "Bud" Price Jr. of Oakwood; a daughter, Ramona Jean (William) Winterhalter of Defiance; eight grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren; and eleven great-great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; grandson, Marty Winterhalter; a brother, Joe AuFrance; and four sisters: Elizabeth Parrish, Marie Devers, Catherine Price, and Frances Bullock.

Funeral services were January 29 at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Rev. David Tscherne officiating. Burial was in Live Oak Cemetery.

Donations may be made to Masses or a charity of the donor's choice.

Eleanor Marie Perriello, "Susie" to all who knew her, of Bowling Green, KY, an Antwerp, OH native died January 23, 2008 at Rosewood Health Care Center, Bowling Green KY, of cancer.

Born August 12, 1927 in Hicksville, OH to Gerald and Dorothy (Boyce) Fulmer, she moved to Chicago, IL when she was 16. She married Anthony Perriello in 1954 and gave birth to two sons there, later moving with him to Naugatuck, CT where she gave birth to their daughter.

They moved back to Antwerp in 1984. Not long afterwards, she began a 20+ year career working for the Antwerp Public Schools, an association which brought her great happiness.

Susie was a member of the First Baptist Church of Antwerp, and was active in the Antwerp posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. She was also a lifelong fan of the Chicago Cubs.

She is survived by her brother, Sam Fulmer and wife Marie, of Coleman, MI; half-sister Carolyn Peverill and husband Geoff of Malvern, England; son, Vincent Perriello and wife Christine, of Bowling Green, KY; son, Thomas Perriello and wife Linda, of Naugatuck CT; daughter, Susann Platt and husband Richard, of Naugatuck CT; grandchildren: Josephine Perriello, Christopher Perriello, Valerie Newcomb, Cassie Platt, Erin Per-

riello, Karl Platt and Rachael Perriello; three great-grandchildren; four nieces and four nephews.

Services were Monday, January 28, 7:30 p.m., at First Baptist Church of Antwerp, with Rev. Jim Edwards officiating. Interment was at Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne MA, with her beloved Anthony, who was laid to rest there after his death in 1989.

The family requests that memorial contributions be made in her name to the Kindergarten class at Antwerp Local School, c/o Antwerp PTO, 303 S. Harrmann Road, Antwerp OH 45813.

Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

ROE V. WADE ANNIVERSARY REMINDER THAT PRO-LIFE QUEST MUST CONTINUE

January 22, 2008 marked the 35th anniversary of Roe v. Wade—the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court case that recognized a woman's right to an abortion and sparked one of the most intense political and moral debates in our country's history. For abortion supporters, this case was a turning point in their efforts, but for those of us who believe in the value and sanctity of every human life, it is one of the darker days in recent memory.

Shockingly, between 1991 and 2006, there were nearly 600,000 innocent lives taken through abortion in this state, according to an analysis of statistics from the Ohio Department of Health. These lives are at the heart of the pro-life movement and the reason that more than 3,000 Ohioans were expected to turn-out for a national anti-abortion rally in Washington, D.C. last week.

While the state must still live with the effects of Roe v. Wade, the pro-life cause in Ohio is strong and has accomplished a great deal in recent years, particularly in the legislative arena. In 1999, the 123rd General Assembly passed House Bill 351, which banned partial birth abortions in the state unless the mother's life or health is in danger. Four years later, President Bush signed the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003, outlawing the procedure nationwide.

There have also been successful efforts to bar the use of state funds to support the taking of innocent lives. As part of the budget process during the 124th General Assembly, legislators included a provision that requires any entity that receives state money to be physically separated from a facility that provides abortion referrals or services. In addition, two years prior, legislation was passed that prohibited the state from paying for health insurance benefits that cover abortions.

In 1998, the Legislature passed House Bill 421 which seeks to protect minors from the life-altering decision of having an abortion. The bill requires parental consent before the procedure can be performed on underage patients. In addition, under the measure, physicians must meet with pregnant women at least 24 hours in advance of an abortion to review all the necessary information and give a patient sufficient time

to weigh their options.

More recently, two bills have been moving through the Senate that could represent important steps in the pro-life campaign. Senate Bill 230, which has already received multiple hearings in the Senate Health, Human Services and Aging Committee, would require that a woman who is planning to have an abortion be given the opportunity to view any available ultrasound image of the child. While ultrasounds are routinely performed prior to an abortion, women are rarely given the opportunity to view these images. By giving women access to thorough and accurate information before making this decision, more mothers will hopefully choose not to go through with the procedure, thus saving innocent lives.

In an effort to protect women from being coerced into having an abortion, SB 231 would require facilities that perform these procedures to clearly display signs stating that no one can force a woman to have an abortion unless she voluntarily consents. The bill just had its 4th hearing in the Senate Criminal Justice Committee this past week.

The pro-life cause in Ohio has also included efforts to curb unethical science practices. During the 126th General Assembly a bill was introduced in the Senate to prohibit the use of state dollars for embryonic stem cell research when it involves the killing of human life. Also, I recently introduced Senate Bill 174, which would ban human cloning in the state.

For those of us fighting for the protection of innocent lives, the anniversary of Roe v. Wade is a somber reminder that we have an uphill climb. However, instead of dwelling on this task, we should take this opportunity to refocus our goals and, in the next year, come out stronger to further the cause.

I encourage all residents of the 1st Senate District to contact me with any questions, thoughts or concerns, or if you need assistance working with a state government agency. You can write me, Senator Steve Buehrer, Ohio Senate, Statehouse, Columbus, Ohio, 43215, or contact me by phone at (614) 466-8150. In addition, I can be reached by email at SD01@mailr.sen.state.oh.us.

THANK YOU

We extend a heartfelt "Thank You" to all for the many acts of kindness during our time of sorrow. Each call, card, visit, and memorial will always be remembered and appreciated. We thank you for the prayers and kind remembrances. A very special thank you goes to the Heitmeyer Funeral Home for their caring service, and to our family, friends, St. Mary's Junction Parish family, and Fr. Dave Tscherne for making this very difficult time more bearable.

—Gerard Dobbelaere Family

(Continued from Page 1) he received his Master of Accounting Degree from the Ohio State University. Paul is employed as an accountant with Kimball-Midwest in Hilliard, Ohio.

The couple will exchange wedding vows at 3:30 p.m., August 9, 2008 at Emmanuel United Church of Christ in Bluffton, Ohio.

REGARDING USED TOMBSTONES

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

An ad appeared in the Madison, Wisconsin, CAPITOL TIMES. It read like this: For Sale: one used tombstone. Splendid opportunity for family named Dingle.

That ad certainly piqued my interest. Why would you no longer need a tombstone? What possible reasons could there be for a person to sell a used tombstone?

Maybe when the family had it made, the monument company misspelled their last name. Or possibly the monument wasn't exactly what the family wanted and they were trying to unload the thing. Perhaps they were wanting to replace the tombstone with a larger one.

But then I came up with another possibility for no longer wanting a tombstone—maybe the deceased person was no longer dead. Before I laughingly dismissed that idea I began to think about the implications of the thought.

There ought to be a row of used tombstones lining the altar of our church. Because there are scores of people in our church who once were dead but have found new life. Sound weird?

The Apostle Paul pretty much says it just like that. In Ephesians 2:1 he writes to the believers in the church at Ephesus, "You were once dead in your trespasses and sins."

In other words, Paul says that the person who has never placed his/her faith in Christ is spiritually dead. Until a person receives Christ's forgiveness, that individual is dead in a spiritual sense.

Yet, in verse 5, Paul continues by saying, "but now you are alive." Once a per-

son turns to Christ in faith and repentance, Jesus makes that individual alive. Just as Jesus physically raised Lazarus from the dead, He brings men and women, boys and girls, back from the "dead" in the spiritual realm when they place their faith in Him.

At that moment, in the words of Jesus, we pass from death into life (John 5:24). And we no longer need our "tombstones." Do you know what? Because we are no longer dead. And the wonder and glory of that truth is that you don't have to be named "Dingle" to take advantage of the splendid opportunity!

JOHN PAULDING HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

Officers elected to fill the expired Trustee positions on Sunday, January 20, 2008, are as follows:

Loren Thomas, Blue Creek; Dick Parrish, Brown; Jane Stouffer, Emerald; and Tim Pieper was elected to serve on the Endowment Committee.

Special recognition was given to attending Charter Members: Virginia Paulus, Leo Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Parrish, Leah Smith and Phyllis Bidlack.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Phlipot and Jane Stouffer displayed items brought for appraisal on Saturday, and told of the values given by the appraisers at the "Almost Antique Road Show". As this event was so well-received by the public, another is "in the works." Watch for news in West Bend.

The next General Meeting is scheduled for March 25, and the County Foreign Exchange Students will provide the program. This is open to the public and begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Museum on Fairground Drive in Paulding.

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PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners attended the quarterly Township Trustee meeting on Saturday, January 19. Items of discussion were the financial condition of the County and the challenges that the County faces in the future. Time was allowed to answer questions of concern and to share mutual difficulties with mandatory requirements.

County Treasurer Lou Ann Wannemacher met with Commissioners to discuss the investment report for the County. Lou Ann mentioned that the recent drop in the Fed Rate will impact the amount of return on her investments. When an investment comes due, new rates will not be as attractive. Lou Ann spreads the investments out over different periods of time to minimize the effects of short term fluctuations. A brochure has been developed by Lou Ann to help as a resource guide for those who are struggling with home mortgage payments. It lists the various agencies that can help to avoid foreclosure.

Bob Iler, the E911 coordinator for the County, discussed with Commissioners the activity on the communications tower across from the Fairgrounds. Efforts are being made to secure a cell phone provider for the tower. The revenue generated would help defray expenses in maintaining the tower.

Representatives from the OSU Extension, Soil & Water, Fairboard, Health Department, and Soil and Water Conservation District met with Commissioners to review the projected shortfall in the budget for 2009. Concern was expressed about the impact and their ability to function if the funding is not available from the County. This group will work together in an effort to review options that are available to the County.

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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CITY OF WOODBURN MINUTES FOR JANUARY 7, 2007

Meeting was called to order with the pledge and Mayor Hoepfner swore in Lesa Meadows as Clerk Treasurer. Lesa swore in Mayor Hoepfner and Councilmen Mason, Reichhart, Zimmerman, Norden and Clegg. Mayor Hoepfner stated Officer Parker was over paid, his pay was figured on 4 days a pay period and some periods he worked more. Council met and amended the pay ordinance on December 31, 2007. Mayor stated for 2008 should be \$16,900.00 divided by 122 days, equaling \$138.52 per day. Mayor and Councilman Reichhart will be attending a seminar in Bluffton on seeking federal dollars. Office Carpenter reported he and Officer Parker spoke with the semi drivers parking on Roemer Dr., Hickory St. and next to the carry out, they will park elsewhere. Kyle reported in 2003 there were 699 incidents and in 2007 there were 1258. Officer Caleb Anderson, who is a resident of Woodburn and a State Patrolman, may be patrolling for an hour after his shift, at no cost to the city. Mayor Hoepfner reported we received approval for the overpasses at 101 and Webster road. We will continue with the meeting on January 12th, the representatives coming will have an open forum for questions. Mayor stated we received, plans to construct, for the Corner Café. Councilmen made motions to accept plans, all agreed, motion passed. Councilmen want a letter to accept sent with agreement. Lesa reported, an invitation to a bridge fund task force meeting, Councilman Reichhart will go. Council received list of dates for council meetings for 2008. Warrants were presented for payment totaling \$20,692.43, check #5918-5942. Lesa went over payments above \$500.00. Verizon wireless is for air cards for police dept., this was not put into the budget; Council and Police Chief need to decide were to move funds from in police budget. Councilmen made motions to approve warrants, all agreed, motion passed. Lesa presented bill from Jeff Hornsby for income survey, in the amount of \$2250.00. The income survey shows the city falls below the 51% income level, qualifying us for grant monies. Councilmen made motions to add this to warrants, all agreed, motion passed. Lesa pre-

sented Schnellker engineering agreement for 2008, totaling \$2400.00 for year, paid quarterly. Councilmen made motions to accept agreement, all agreed, motion passed. Lesa presented, authorization to proceed, with the design for rerouting the effluent force main along Gustin Rd. for the new 24 project, totaling \$4000.00. Councilmen made motions to accept agreement, all agreed, motion passed. Council tabled agreement with Schnellker engineering for moving water and sewer distribution line on Woodburn road for phase 2 of the 24 projects. Lesa reported resident is asking for a discount to late fees on his utility bill. It did not get paid on time, by his own error. Councilmen made motions to deny request, all agreed, motion passed. Councilman Mason would like to have casing put under the new 24 for water and sewer lines. After discussion Councilman Mason made 1st motion to have Schnellker engineering design, motion is tabled. Resident requested the budget be printed in the courier; Lesa stated the budget was printed, according to state law, in the Journal and the Sentinel and it is very costly to print. She also ask what the council had decided about Brad taking the police car home. Mayor Hoepfner stated that if the police department needs officer Parker he is on call 24 hours a day and he will be taking the car home. When he is not on duty the car is to be kept in his garage. The police department furnace is not operating correctly, officer carpenter will contact Well's heating. Upcoming council meetings for February are the 4th and 18th. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

—Minutes submitted by Lesa Meadows

VILLAGE OF ANTWERP COUNCIL MEETING

By: Sue Knapp

The Antwerp Council held it's monthly meeting on January 21, at 6:00 with all present.

Chief of Police Clemens reported 101 calls with 45 offences cited into Mayor's Court for December.

Chief Clemens received an estimate for \$24,213 (tentative) from Statewide Ford of Defiance for a new Ford Explorer to replace one of the cruisers. The Council gave him permission to look into this and get a final bid. The Council had budgeted \$30,000 for a new cruiser this year.

Dan Gordon's resignation of his council seat leads to an opening. Donna Miller, Mary Friend and Rudie Reeb interviewed for the seat. In executive session the council approved Rudie Reeb to fill the seat. Rudie was sworn in by Mayor Delong on January 28 at 4:00 p.m.

Randy Shaffer from the Otto Ehrhart Historical Society presented to the Village the deed to the Railroad Depot and the land it stands on the west end of Antwerp. The deed needed to be transferred over to the Village in order to receive a grant to make the Depot a building for the community to use and also as a visitor center. Randy asked that a plaque in honor of James Temple, for saving the building from destruction, be placed in the building, Council approved.

Karen Sanders and Nancy Lichty presented the plans for a Veteran's Memorial to be put out at Riverside Park and to improve the parking at the park. The Finance and Park Committee will work to see if there is money available to help and to look into government funds. There needs to be work done on the existing monument and sidewalks to the monuments were also discussed. It would be a living monument to all the Veterans with Honorable Discharges from Antwerp and the surrounding area. These monuments would be incorporated into the area along with the existing monument.

Randy Shaffer reported that things are going well with the EMS. There is one person now in training for a EMT and another will start classes in February. There were 14 runs in February.

Administrator Sarah Keeran reported that the Village received a grant from ODOT to develop a Safe Routes to School Program. This would be the construction of sidewalks for walking and bicycling to the school.

CCA will be available on March 7 and 15 to help individuals fill out their tax returns concerning the Village tax.

Committee members were appointed to fill the vacant positions.

The Council donated \$1,000 to the Paulding Economic Development.

Ron Farnsworth remains as Council President.

Ordinance #2008-01 authorizing the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer to enter into a contract with Crane Township for providing emergency medical service and declaring an emergency.

Ordinance #2008-02 authorizing the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer to enter into a contract with Carryall Township for providing emergency medical service and declaring an emergency.

Ordinance #2008-03 authorizing the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer to enter into a contract with Harrison Township for providing emergency medical service and declaring an emergency.

Ordinance #2008-04 amending #1998-10 entitled an ordinance establishing the regulations of weeds within the Village of Antwerp, first reading.

Ordinance #2008-05 amending #2000-09 and now entitled an ordinance regulating the removal of litter and the removal or cover of junk motor vehicles., first reading.

Ordinance #2008-07 authorizing the Village Fiscal Officer to transfer funds to the police fund in the amount of \$10,000 and declare the same to be an emergency.

VILLAGE OF PAULDING COUNCIL MINUTES

Paulding Village Council met in Regular Session on January 7, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. Mayor Greg White called the meeting to order.

Finance Director Tope called roll call with the following members present: Randy Daeger, Roger Sierer, Ronnie Breedlove, Barb Rife, and Sam Jeffery. Administrator Wiebe and Solicitor Jones were also present. Councilwoman Sutton was absent.

The first order of business for the New Year was Daeger's motion to approve Council rules for 2008, seconded by Breedlove. Vote: all yea.

Rife was elected Council President for 2008. Remaining council members drew for seating placement with second chair going to Roger Sierer; third to Randy Daeger; fourth to Sam Jeffery; fifth Ronnie Breedlove; and sixth to Kim Sutton.

Mayor White assigned the following committees:

**Safety Committee - Breedlove, chair; Rife; Daeger

**Street Committee - Daeger, chair; Sierer; Sutton

**Utility Committee - Sierer, chair; Jeffery; Rife

**Recreation Committee - Sutton, chair; Daeger, Sierer

**Ordinance Committee - Sutton, chair; Breedlove; Jeffery

**Grounds & Buildings Committee - Jeffery, chair; Breedlove; Sierer

**PCFA Board of Trustees - White; Sierer; Breedlove

Jeffery motioned to approve the minutes of the December 17th meeting, seconded by Breedlove. Vote: all yea.

No legislation was presented.

Daeger presented the Recreation Committee's minutes from their January 3rd meeting. Daeger reported that Travis McGarvey presented the Committee with four potential parcels of land to be considered for the new ball complex. The Committee will review all four parcels and make a final decision at its January 8th meeting. Daeger noted the public is encouraged to attend this meeting.

Mayor White relayed Mayor's Court collected \$10,647 in 2007.

Wiebe presented the Administrator's Agenda. The agenda requested authorization for Wiebe to sign change order #2 for the Garfield Avenue Waterline project. This is the final change order for the project. Sierer motioned to approve the Administrator's Agenda, seconded by Rife. Vote: all yea.

Wiebe informed Council of a future change order regarding the Flat Rock Drive/Garfield Avenue Waterline Replacement Project. Wiebe noted upon inspection of materials delivered for the project the wrong size pipe had

been delivered. It was noted that the Village's grant application to the Ohio Public Works Commission and the Engineer's estimate were both based on an 8" line, but the bid documents reflected a 6" line. Wiebe presented Council with a packet documenting this error.

Solicitor Jones requested Council move into Executive Session for legal matters, and noted a pre-trial hearing has been scheduled between the Village and The Stake Company regarding the Noise Ordinance for February 4th at 8:45 a.m. The Solicitor also noted he met with Lori Clark and Harry Wiebe to discuss delinquent accounts, and has prepared a Collections Letter reflecting the Village's policy to utilize Small Claims Court to collect past due monies.

Sierer requested the following transactions be made:

1) Transfer of \$50,000 be made from the Income Tax Fund (Fund #102) to the Police Fund (Fund #208). Rife motioned to approve the transfer of \$50,000 from the Income Tax Fund (Fund #102) to the Police Fund (Fund #208), seconded by Daeger. Vote: all yea.

2) Transfer of \$5,361.65 be made from the Income Tax Fund (Fund #102) to the PCFA Fund (Fund #819) to pay for the Village's portion of the ladder truck repairs not covered by insurance. Daeger motioned to approve the transfer of \$5,361.65 from the Income Tax Fund (Fund #102) to the PCFA Fund (Fund #819), seconded by Breedlove. Vote: all yea.

3) Approve payment of \$23,160.53 to the PCFA for the Village's portion of the PCFA's 2008 Budget. Rife motioned to approve payment of \$23,160.53 to the PCFA, seconded by Daeger. Vote: all yea.

4) Approve payment of \$1,574.92 to the PCFA for the Village's portion of the PCFA's 2008 Building Maintenance budget. Rife motioned to approve payment of \$1,574.92 to the PCFA, seconded by Daeger. Vote: all yea.

Jeffery noted he has received complaints regarding the ditch surrounding the new Rite-Aid building.

Jeffery motioned for Council to move into Executive Session for legal matters.

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GOOD NEWS TO REPORT ON JAMES DOUGHTY!

Good news to report! Today is day 40 (post-transplant) and the results from the day 30 bone marrow biopsy show that Jim's marrow is clear of leukemia! Also, before the transplant there was an abnormality in one of his chromosomes that caused the blast cells to multiply and now he has tested negative for having that abnormality. And the best news is that he has 100% donor cells now! The doctors were not expecting him to have 100% donor cells yet (that usually happens around day 60), so I guess we surprised them! As you can imagine, we are so happy to get such wonderful news and are praising God for His healing and continuous blessings!

We are now going every other day to clinic for about 4-5 hours a day so that has been especially nice to have a day off here and there. Jim is still very weak and exhausted but is eating a little more and has color in his face again. His counts keep coming up on their own so this new immune system is no doubt working and working very hard at that!

Much love to all of you and God Bless,

—Sera Doughty

RAIDER REPORT



by: Cheryl Shuhert

In most of my articles, you probably realize I mention setting goals and reaching goals a lot. This is because I am a very goal-oriented person. All my life I have had goals, and all my life I have always done everything to reach those goals. For example, when I was about four or five years old I was in a beauty pageant, and when the emcee asked what I wanted to be when I grow up I proudly said a fire girl. Then, when asked why I wanted to be a fire girl, my answer was because I wanted to ride in a fire truck. I know now that that was not great reasoning, but hey, I had goals. Today, my goals are a tad different, and I know ways to achieve them.

Nowadays, my goals include everything from short term to long term. Some of my short term goals are to get all A's every nine weeks, become NAM Miss Jr. Teen Ohio, make lasting memories, and enjoy high school. Those all seem pretty obtainable and easy, unlike my long term ones that will take a little bit harder work. Long term goals I have are to get into Ohio Northern University, become a great pharmacist, make a difference in every person's life that I meet, and always be true to myself. So, you might be saying, "Wow that is a lot to accomplish." Well let me tell you, those are only a few of my goals because if I were to list them all, all of you would stop reading. The reason I have goals is because I know how to make the goals happen.

John Alejandro King once said, "Remember, anyone can juggle for a second."

This to me says, look into the future; not so much the right here, right now. This, is a great piece of advice for setting goals because you need to see where your goals are going to take you. You should also make sure that you are surrounded by people, who support your goals. Another piece of advice is that if you do not accomplish one of your goals you should not get discouraged because it might not have been right for you. So, move on and make new ones. These are a few hints I have, so storm out into the world and accomplish the impossible—your goals.

WAYNE TRACE PERFORMING ARTS LASAGNA DINNER AND CONCERT

Would you like to enjoy a good meal and great music while supporting the music department? Why not come to the Wayne Trace Performing Arts Lasagna Dinner on Friday, February 1 before the Wayne Trace/Holgate boys' basketball game. Lasagna, garlic bread, salad, dessert and drinks will be served from 4:30-6:00 p.m. It will be a free will offering to help support the music and drama departments at Wayne Trace.

For your entertainment, the "Bottom of the Barrel Boys" Band will be performing during the meal.

COOPER FARMS CELEBRATES 70TH ANNIVERSARY

The fully vertically-integrated turkey company, Cooper Farms, announced it is celebrating its 70th anniversary this year. The company began operation in Ohio in 1938, and Ohio is still the company's home.

Carrying on the tradition of their parents and founders Virgil and Virginia Cooper, Jim, Dianne and Gary continue to control the quality of their product from farm to the market.

Cooper expects to process 190 million live pounds of turkey in 2008. Additionally, Cooper Farms raises and markets over 90 million live pounds of hogs each year and produces over 400 million table eggs a year. The company operates two turkey hatcheries and is a major poult supplier to the industry selling over 210,000 poult per week.

LATTA ANNOUNCES AVAILABILITY OF LIHEAP FUNDS

WASHINGTON—Congressman Robert Latta (R-Bowling Green) today announced that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has released additional funds from the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) for 2008. The LIHEAP program funds will provide states with heating assistance for the winter months ahead.

"Warmth and protection from the elements are basic human needs and these funds will ensure that all Americans have that during the winter months ahead," Latta said.

Of the \$450 million released from HHS, the State of Ohio's allocation of these funds is approximately \$25,743,608.

LIHEAP helps eligible families pay for home cooling, heating and insulation in summer and winter months. Every year, more than five million low-income households across the country receive assistance under LIHEAP.

Individuals interested in applying for energy assistance should contact their local/state LIHEAP agency. For more information, go to <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/liheap/> or <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/liheap/brochure.html>.

Congressman Robert E. Latta was elected in a special election in 2007 to serve the Ohio 5th district. He is a member of the House Committee on Agriculture. He previously served as a member of the Ohio General Assembly and Wood County Commissioner.

MASONIC FOUNDERS' DINNER HELD IN ARCHBOLD

Jim Kline opened Lodge and the pledge was given. The Fifty-year members in attendance included Charles Carey, Estel Cottrell, and Derrill Kline. Others there were Tim Betts, Ron Farnsworth, Walter Schilb, Dick Savage, Randy Brooks Sr., Grover Blalock, Tom Culler, Richard Wann, Lee Kallsen, Robert Stotler Jr., Scott Ruppert, Jim Kline, and Bill Metz. There were 13 Past Masters.

Birthday cards were signed and sent to Bud Amaden January 28, Jim Sidenbender January 30, Mike Blue February 4, Bill Cummins February 5, Gerald Massie February 8, Larry Payton February 7, Scott Wonderly February 8, and Tyler Fleming February 13.

A new petition was voted and accepted. It was reported that the Montpelier Masonic Lodge building was sold. A new building was rented and meetings will start there on April 1. The Finance and Carpet Committees reported.

Hicksville Chapter #188 won the traveling trophy for the 9th consecutive year. Companion Lee Kallsen was congratulated on his fine work with getting members to attend all the Chapter Inspections.

Seventeen members from the Lodge were in attendance at Northwest State Community College last Saturday to celebrate 200 years of Masonry in Ohio. After a sit down dinner the group was addressed by several speakers including the President of all Masons in Ohio.

Condolences were given to Walter Schilb in the death of his aunt Anita Schilb. Mrs. Schilb was an 80 member of the Order of Eastern Stars and the widow of the late J.R. "Bud" Schilb.

Walter Schilb gave a report on Masonic history and Protocol. Tom Culler spoke on his recent trip to Ketchikan, Alaska. While there he visited a Masonic Lodge and toured the building.

The next stated meeting will be held on February 13 at 7:30 p.m.

LEARN HOW TO PUT TOGETHER YOUR OWN POWER POINT PRESENTATION AT HICKSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

HICKSVILLE—Never put together a power point presentation? Want to learn how? The Hicksville Community Service Center will be sponsoring a FREE Power Point Workshop on Monday, February 4 at 4:00 p.m. at the Hicksville High School in classroom 211.

The program is free and will be led by Sue Dangler. The presentation will go over the basics of power point through easy instruction, handouts, hands on practice, and a fun atmosphere.

For more information on the power point workshop or to register for it, please call the Hicksville Community Service Center at 419-542-7173.



Ashley Burt shown here with her many trophies behind her working to raise money for her trip to China to compete in the BMX Championships. She was at Wayne Trace Friday night for the Benefit Chili Supper.

YET ANOTHER SHINING STAR

By: Sue Knapp

Ashley Burt is a fifth grader at Grover Hill Elementary. She enjoys church and playing kickball at school. She loves school and gets A's and B's. She collects Yu-Gi-Oh and Pokemon cards. She also likes to visit caves and museums. Like a lot of kids her age she isn't quite sure what she wants to do when she grows up. She has already done and seen more than a lot of people in their lifetime. She has raced in Tennessee, Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan and Illinois.

Ashley is a BMX rider. She is working to compete in the BMX World Championship held in Taiyuan, China at the end of May.

Ashley has been riding for five years. Six months after learning to ride a bike she was on the race track. Ashley practices 2½ hours a day and in the winter competes on inside tracks on the weekends. In the summer she participates in the National, Regional and State races.

This is the first year she has competed in the Ohio State Series. She raced in Indiana before because the tracks are closer. She likes Ohio more because there is more competition. The top five girls in the midwest regionals are from Ohio; out of the top ten, nine of them are from Ohio.

This will be the BMX's first year in the World Championships. While in China, Ashley

will have to follow Olympic rules. She will have to receive many shots, have a passport and a special visa. She is excited about all this—except for the shots.

Ashley is very grateful for all the help and donations she has received so far. There was a benefit for Ashley on January 25 at Wayne Trace High School. Someone anonymously donated 800 servings of chili, Van Wert Wal-Mart donated hot dogs, Defiance Kroger's donated buns, Scot-ties in Defiance donated table service. The Home-Ec class at Wayne Trace made brownies. She had a wonderful supportive turn out for the benefit.

When Ashley gets back she's planning on giving a power point travelogue of her trip to many schools and organizations.

Local corporate sponsors are still needed to help Ashley make her dream a reality. She has had many generous individual sponsors, to whom she is truly thankful. Ron Burt can be contacted with any interest of sponsorship for Ashley, 419-594-2261.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Listen! Do you hear it? The sound of our youth being sucked out of our county. I too, was deaf to it until my own kids pointed it out. They said there is nothing here for them. For employment and career choices they have to go elsewhere. This has been an ongoing problem for years, progressively getting worse and worse, now that our farm community is going through massive consolidation. Our community was sustained primarily by our farm economy, but not any more. We can no longer allow our children to be raised to adulthood only to be pulled away.

We are, however, very fortunate in many areas of life as we know it. Our county's residents are, for the most part, morally upright. We have three of the finest school systems in the state. Our county has a strong Christian foundation. The cost of living is very low. A new highway is becoming a reality.

Our county has many reasons for our youth to stay, except economic stability. We need to become less complacent with our economy, and work hard and fast for a change. We need to promote our county to manufacturers and encourage expansion to existing employers. We need to develop industrial parks along our highways. We need to start looking at the future.

I believe it is the responsibility of our Commissioners along with the economic Development Office to promote growth in our county. I believe that there is more at stake in the upcoming election than just jail funding. Our county's future is truly on the line!

—Tony Zartman

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

"If you don't have something nice to say, don't say it." My mother always taught me this. So my "Letter to the Editor" is this:

Have a nice day and be thankful for what you do have!

—Mike Riebersal

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Unfortunate

Ed, Tony, and Marty, first I want to say thanks for noticing my letter to the editor. I did find your response a little flippant and self-serving when I read it, but I'm glad to see you're up on Defiance County and their budget. All I've read on the jail and the

budget has been in the papers, but as you pointed out concerning Melinda Krick's article from October 16, 2002 in the Paulding Progress, the article that I used for my information on the original jail levy, what is said and printed in the papers isn't always true. With this in mind, should I consider the commissioner's January 23, 2008 letter to the editor in the West Bend News as facts, convenient memory lapses, or is it easier to blame Melinda Krick for being an incompetent note taker than it is to explain why the commissioners in 2002 misled the voters by "unfortunately allowing" such an important fact as when the jail levy tax would start being collected, to be printed as fact. Ed, Marty, I know you weren't expect you to know; the one who should know is Tony. And by the way, when Melinda interviewed me for the Paulding Progress in 1995 I thought she did a fine job and her competency isn't the one I question.

All you guys know me, and I hope you realize I don't think any of you are bad people. I won't patronize you by calling us friends, but Marty, you were my teacher at Oakwood so you should know me best, and maybe you should take some responsibility for me as you were one of my high school teachers; teachers who taught me about honesty, fair play, telling the truth, the history of our country, and to love the freedom our fathers and grandfathers fought for. These are all things that you and my other teachers at the Melrose and Oakwood Schools taught me way back when and they still serve me well today—these 40 odd years later.

Ed, if you want to, you can blame your little brother Bill for some of my attitudes; he was my Jr. High basketball coach at Melrose. For those of you unfamiliar, when you went to Melrose you learned how to get by with less. We didn't have enough boys for both a 7th grade and 8th grade team, so Bill would have me or one of the other 8th grade boys dress for the 7th grade game. This way all the boys got to play. Bill was no doubt bending the rules, but we didn't care and the other teams must not have minded either. I was never yelled at for playing in both games, and we weren't that good anyhow, we just enjoyed playing. Our principal and 7th and 8th grade teacher was Walter Noffsinger, and Mr. Noffsinger could pinch a penny. He thought we should make do with what we had so it's no wonder Bill did what he did.

It's too bad Walter Noffsinger wasn't the ex-school administrator running our county for so many years instead of the one we had doing it. I'm glad that you as commissioners have decided not to replace the administrator and start doing the job yourselves, better late than never, and I won't pretend to be sorry to see him go.

I'll give you another suggestion—do away with economic development and do that job too. Putman County did away with theirs. You, as commissioners, should be the county salesmen; I know that's what I would do. Cut out the middleman and deal directly with any business that shows an interest in coming to our

county, if we don't get some new jobs in the county there won't be anyone left to pay taxes.

The reason the jail is such a big deal to me is because it, and passing new tax levies for it, has taken up the vast majority of the commissioners' time for the last few years; time that should have been spent on economic development and trying to get new jobs to come into the county or, at a bare minimum, at least trying to keep jobs from leaving the county. For some reason commissioners made the choice to make the jail the most important item in Paulding County. Now, as we watch our kids and grandkids leave the county to find jobs we're left not only wondering what the future in Paulding County holds for our families but we're stuck with a building we can't afford to operate, that is not without another crippling massive tax increase. Why this happened this way I can't say, only someone on the inside knows but we all can see it's not working out very well. A nice new rest room at the fair grounds would have been a much better way to go for the public, cheaper too, but it's hard to employ many friends and family in a restroom.

Ed, Marty, your excused from this since you both were just hard working tax payers back then when these decisions were being made, but Tony you should know—why the mad rush for this building, why ignore all the official reports and warnings, what's the real story, wasn't the down side of it ever looked at?

I know the reason the jail levy failed last November and Ed, Marty, and Tony you should too. It was because you can't or won't explain what happened with the operating funds. The answer that, "the record shows that every penny collected for the jail went to the operation and maintenance of the new jail" is just lame without receipts.

In closing, let me tell you what my mom, Marie [Stahl] Dysinger, a life long democrat, thinks about this year's presidential election and list of candidates. Mom says she thinks we should write the name of every person in the United States who wants to be president on a piece of paper, put the paper in a big box, and just draw out the winner of the election. Mom says that in the 75 years of her life she can't remember ever having such a poor group to choose from and she's sure our odds of getting an honest person from a drawing are better than finding one from a list of politicians.

Mom and I seldom agree on politics, but this year I'm afraid she's right. What do you think?

—Brad Dysinger

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

October 29, 1929 (also known as Black Tuesday) began the Great Depression. It had devastating effects on industrialized countries and countries that exported raw materials. All aspects of our economy declined, even construction, farming, mining and logging. It was said that the stock market fluctuated back and forth, and in 1930 it dramatically rose and then collapsed back to the levels of the early depression days. Unemployment rates rose over 25%. In 1933 President

Roosevelt passed several security acts to help the economy. This boosted the economy up until 1937 then a new recession took over. Fortunately for the U.S., the recession lasted a shorter time than the Great Depression lasted. Since our Great Depression, we have had numerous stock market crashes and recessions. We always seem to pull our way out. Unfortunately, I fear this time is much worse. It is far beyond our control. The Federal Reserve has ruined our dollar value. They started printing money at will, backing it with little or no gold value. Our dollar is worthless. Look at the other stock markets worldwide. They are suffering too. Other countries have invested big money in our stocks. It's no wonder those markets suffer when our market suffers.

We were warned of this crash. We were warned and the mainstream media blatantly ignored this warning. What warning, you might ask? The warning Ron Paul said would happen. Remember who Ron Paul is? Yes, the same guy the media has ignored from day one. This is Ron Paul's warning...

"Today, too many politicians and lobbyists are spending America into ruin. We are nine trillion dollars in debt as a nation. Our mounting government debt endangers the financial future of our children and grandchildren. If we don't cut spending now, higher taxes and economic disaster will be in their future — and yours. In addition, the Federal Reserve, our central bank, fosters runaway debt by increasing the money supply—making each dollar in your pocket worth less. The Fed is a private bank run by unelected officials who are not required to be open or accountable to "we the people." Worse, our economy and our very independence as a nation are increasingly in the hands of foreign governments such as China and Saudi Arabia, because their central banks also finance our runaway spending. We cannot continue to allow private banks, wasteful agencies, lobbyists, corporations on welfare, and governments collecting foreign aid to dictate the size of our ballooning budget. We need a new method to prioritize our spending. It's called the Constitution of the United States."

So why has the media excluded Ron Paul? Like I said before, he is a threat to the system. He stands for each and every one of us. He stands for the constitution. Ron Paul does have an answer. He has devised a plan to fix our economic problems. The comprehensive economic revitalization plan is available online at: www.ronpaul2008.com/Prosperity. Isn't it obvious that maybe, just maybe, there might be something to Ron Paul we each need to look at. Do any of you know that there is proof of voter fraud in New Hampshire? How about Nevada? Now reports of fraud in Louisiana are coming to light. Please read Ohio Secretary of State, Jennifer Brunner, report on the voting issues in Ohio during the 2004 election (<http://www.sos.state.oh.us/sos/info/everest.aspx>). It can happen, and it HAS happened. The media has kept this a secret. Ron Paul's message has been kept under lock and key therefore,

PCAF DONATES TO ANTWERP ALL-WEATHER TRACK



The Paulding County Area Foundation (PCAF) is pleased to grant \$500.00 to the Antwerp All-Weather track (a branch of the Antwerp Community Development Committee). In the picture is Steve Arnold of the Antwerp Athletic Boosters (left) receiving a check from Matt Reineck, accountant for the PCAF. The PCAF office is in the Marshall Memorial Building in Paulding which also houses the Paulding County Economic Development office. For more information on the Paulding County Area Foundation, please call 419-399-8282.

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Come on out and learn how to audit your house for energy efficiency and gain tips for reducing your electric bills. The program is free and will be led by representatives from North Western Electric.

For more information on the Electric Energy Savings Workshop, please call the Hicksville Community Service Center at 419-542-7173.

he must be saying something we should all look at. We cannot continue to let our media and others in power lead us down another dead end path. It is not a message about one party or another. It is a message about the American people.

"Any society that would give up a little liberty to gain a little security will deserve neither and lose both." —Benjamin Franklin

—Tim Dauten

GMC SCHOLASTIC BOWL SCORES FROM JANUARY 24

At Holgate – Tinora 31, Holgate 17; Tinora 28, Holgate 14

At Wayne Trace – Fairview 30, Wayne Trace 11; Fairview 28, Wayne Trace 12

At Ayersville – Ayersville 21, Edgerton 32; Ayersville 16, Edgerton 24

At Hicksville – Hicksville 21, Antwerp 38; Hicksville 22, Antwerp 35

Wayne Trace/Tinora make up matches from January 3:

Wayne Trace 20, Tinora 36; Wayne Trace 27, Tinora 42

In Memory of Jim Baker

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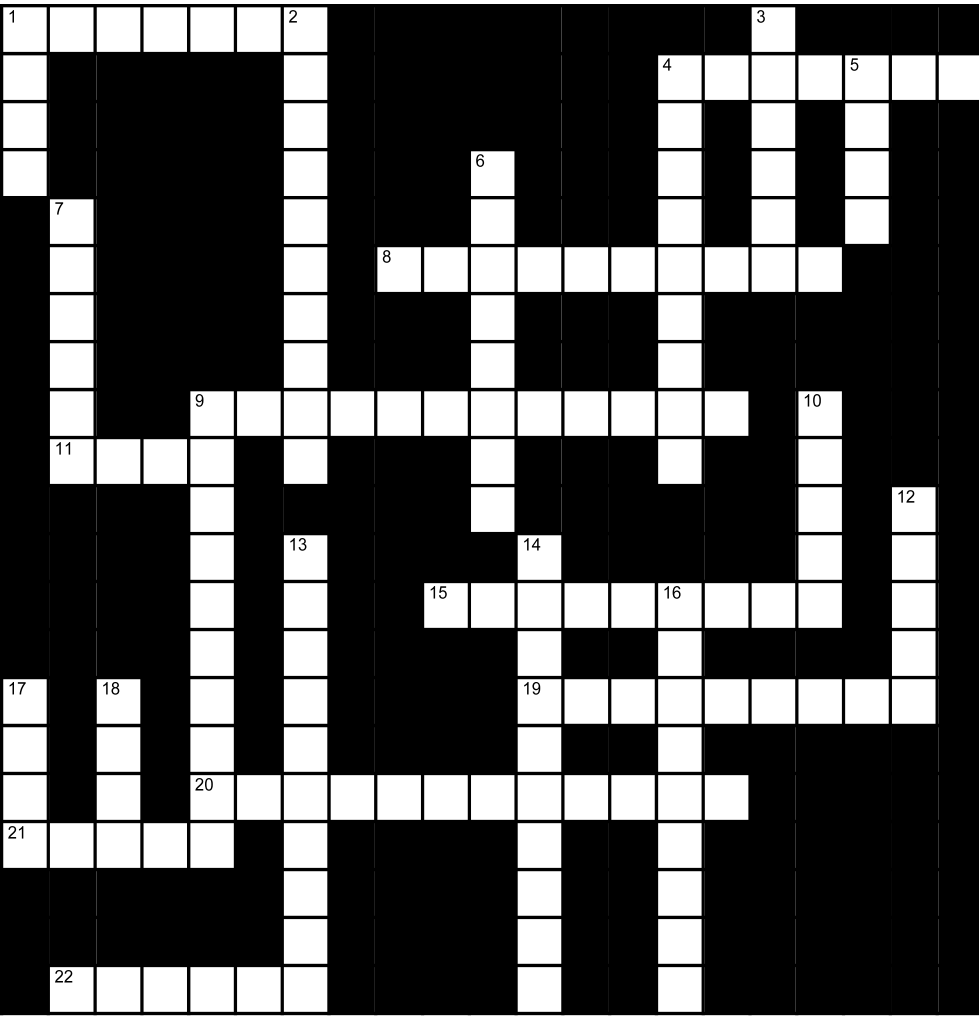
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Crossword Puzzle



Across

1. This toy, invented in 1962, made a lot of people sick.
4. This toy was originally invented to clean wallpaper.
8. This toy was used by the military in WWII. (2 words)
9. A doll that was a fad of the '80s.
11. This is the second oldest toy in the world.
15. The color for the first Easy Bake Oven.
19. This toy in the '80s professed, "Caring is what counts." (2 words)
20. This was the first toy advertised on TV.
21. The toy that comes from the dutch phrase, "Leg Godt".
22. The country in which the hacky sack was invented.

Down

1. The number of colors in the game of Trouble.
2. This toy was introduced in 1979 and sold over 1 million units by 1982. (2 words)
3. What doll, created in 1959, was named after the inventor's daughter?
4. This toy was promoted by the Ziegfield Follies in 1920. (2 words)
5. Use these to play Yahtzee.
6. The oldest board game.
7. It takes 63 feet of wire to make this toy.
9. These plastic cutouts stick like candy.
10. This popular action figure was named after a pigeon.
12. This is the oldest toy in history.
13. This toy is created by mixing silicone oil and boric acid.
14. This was introduced in 1913 when engineers made more than doctors. (2 words)
16. The game that takes objects out of a body.
17. The word "toy" comes from the english meaning WHAT?
18. This game is considered to have ushered in the Video Game era.



By: Chelsea Vail

Oops!... I did it again. Missed the deadline, that is. Don't worry; I haven't gone off the deep end and shaved my head or been visited by Dr. Phil just yet. I know, I know, give it some time, right?

Let's play a little game I like to call Good News/Bad News (okay, the writers from America's Funniest Home Videos liked to call it that first). The good news: the food drive sponsored by the Varsity "A" Club brought in over 600 food items in a four-day period. Woot! The bad news: Hicksville still out-donated us. Oy! The good news: the boys' varsity basketball team played their cards right against the Aces and emerged victorious from the Friday night bout. The bad news: uh, well, there's really no downside to that. Guess I'll have to place more emphasis on an event's bittersweet qualities the next time I choose topics for Good News/Bad News.

In other news, sophomores will have the opportunity to visit Vantage this coming Tuesday. Interested tenth graders: do not forget to have the all-important permission slip signed by a parent. It doesn't do a bit of good sitting in the bottom of your locker, though as I have NEVER gone through such an experience, I can only speak in theoretical terms...

JH Boys Basketball: February 2, TBA, @ Holgate (GMC Tournament); February 4, TBA, @ Holgate (GMC Tournament)

Freshman Boys Basketball: January 31, 5:00, Tinora; February 5, 5:00, @ Paulding

Varsity Girls Basketball: January 31, 6:00, @ Tinora; February 5, 6:00, @ Stryker

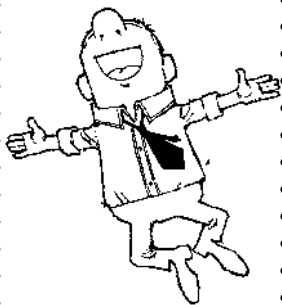
Varsity Boys Basketball: February 1, 6:30, Tinora; February 2, 6:00, @ Edon

Word of the Week: Indelible (in-dell-uh-buhl) adjective

1. making a mark not easily erased or removed
 2. unable to be forgotten or changed; memorable
- Example: "Britney Spears made the unfortunately indelible decision to drive with her infant son perched on her lap."

Oh, how the mighty hath fallen. Who would have guessed that K-Fed would be the better role model for those children? Ah, now, they would have been a good topic for Good News/Bad News.

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The Paulding Eagles made a \$3,000 contribution to the Antwerp Childcare Center, Inc. Pictured are Eagle member Jason Landers and Chris Feichter from the Antwerp Childcare Center Board of Directors. The Antwerp Childcare Center will use the money to purchase furniture and equipment for the center that is projected to open later this year. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please call 419-258-2386.

ROLE PLAYING GAME GROUP MEETING AT THE LIBRARY

HICKSVILLE — The Johnson Memorial Library will be hosting a Role Playing Game Group meeting on Friday, February 8 at 4:00 p.m.

The Role Playing Game Group is free and is open to teens and young adults, who are interested in 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 at 419-542-6200.

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOLS LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 1/30 THROUGH 2/5

1/30 - Chili soup w/crackers or walking tacos, pears, sweet & sour cole slaw, milk; PLUS: salad bar or pickled eggs

1/31 - Ham sandwich on bun or cook's choice, peaches, green beans, casserole, caramel rice, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cook's choice

2/1 - Pepperoni pizza or egg salad sandwich, celery/carrots, peanut butter cookie, applesauce cup, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cook's choice

2/4 - Chili dog on bun or sloppy joe on bun, scalloped potatoes, peaches, vanilla wafers, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cottage cheese

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ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

This picture shows the north end of the business district on North Main Street. You see up there in the right hand corner, it says "Zeigler and Derck."

Well, this other picture of the plate says John L. Derck. I've had a very interesting talk with Steve and Nancy Derck and this is what we know or don't know about this store.

I would say the picture was taken after 1900, because it was

had their printing shop there, owned by the D.C. Bickhard family. Then they moved it north to its present location.

Mr. Otto Ehrhart had his photography studio upstairs. He had a very good business and still had time for his taxi-dermy side line. After The Bee Argus moved there was a number of renters in that building; an insurance business, Dugan Billman had an upholstery shop, a sauna and hot tub was there for a while and in there somewhere a church met for a few years.

Men's Clothing. That was sold and torn down about 1930. Helen "Nell" Snyder in 1898. She was born in Indiana in 1868. Jean tells me that John was a partner in a grocery store in Antwerp in 1904 that was called Grant & Derck. Then in 1911, a grocery store called Ziegler and Derck.

In 1917, John Derck, moved to Toledo; then in 1920 moved to Madison Township in Lenawee County, Michigan—that's near Adrian.

According to the 1982 Paulding County Atlas, John owned 47.66 acres next to his father's place. John died in Adrian, Michigan in 1949, his wife died in 1951 in Adrian after a life span of 85 years.

I am in debt to Steve and Nancy Derck for this picture of a decorative plate. This was an ad for John L's store, but none of us know exactly where this store was located. But going by the different dates of the partnerships, it must have been in the last building on North Main where The Bee Argus is now.

Now I'm not sure about that, maybe some one else can enlighten us about this. See, Ya!

much. It is almost like a new era. I think he is right and I hope it is all for the better. See, Ya!

GEOTHERMAL HEATING AND COOLING SYSTEMS: GEOTHERMAL BASICS

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—submitted by Matt Hormann

WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 1/30 THROUGH 2/5

Breakfast:
1/30 - Pancakes or waffles, sausage, milk
1/31 - Egg/cheese omelet, toast/jelly, milk
2/1 - Turnover, milk
2/4 - Pizza, milk
2/5 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, milk

Lunch:
1/30 - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, roll, applesauce, milk
1/31 - Walking taco, meat/cheese, lettuce/salsa, corn, pineapple, milk
2/1 - Cheeseburger sandwich, fries, applesauce, cookie, milk
2/4 - Hot ham/cheese sandwich, corn, mandarin oranges, milk
2/5 - Breaded chicken sandwich, tator tots, pears, milk

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS FOR THE WEEK OF 1/30 THROUGH 2/4

MS/HS - Breakfast:
1/30 - Ham, egg, & cheese croissant, juice, milk
1/31 - French toast stix, sausage, juice, milk
2/1 - Sausage gravy w/biscuits, juice, milk
2/4 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk
2/5 - Sausage biscuit, tator tots, juice, milk

MS/HS - Lunch:
1/30 - Idaho nachos, bread stick or sandwich, vegetable, assorted fruit, milk
1/31 - Biscuit & gravy, tator tots, assorted fruit, milk
2/1 - Fish & shrimp, spiral fries, dinner roll, assorted fruit, milk
2/4 - Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes w/gravy, bread or cheeseburger, carrots & celery, chips, assorted fruit, milk
2/5 - Loaded baked potato, garlic toast, assorted fruit, milk

Paulding Elementary - Lunch:
1/30 - Chili w/crackers, bread w/margarine or peanut butter, fruit cup, milk
1/31 - Hamburger on a bun, carrots, pretzels, fruit cup, milk
2/1 - Ham deli on a bun, vegetable, fruit cup, milk
2/4 - Cook's choice
2/5 - Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes w/gravy, bread, fruit cup, milk

Oakwood Elementary - Lunch:
1/30 - Popcorn chicken, peas, bread, fruit, milk
1/31 - Sloppy joe on a bun, corn, fruit, milk
2/1 - Hamburger on a bun, pickle, green beans, fruit, milk
2/4 - Hot dog on a bun, green beans, fruit, milk
2/5 - Chicken strips w/sauce, peas, bread, fruit, milk

CORRECTION

On the ladies bowling pictures in last week's issue, the names of the ladies in the picture where they are kneeling were omitted. These names are: Vanice Haggerman Leinard, Ruth Mary Hallock York, Jean Schmunk, Nettie Monroe and Violet Hughes. We apologize for this oversight.

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about that time that the town got electricity. That building you see is now The Bee Argus Print Shop. Steve and I both think that when John Derck had his business alone it was in some other part of town. This building here has been a grocery store for Zeigler and Derck and B.A. Zeigler and then L.S. Long, then by Reeb and Diehl and then F.F. Reeb and Ray Reeb as early as I can remember.

I think The Bee Argus moved into that building around 1950. Up until that time it was three doors south on the same side of the street.

Up until about 1941 the next building south of The Bee Argus was Gaisford Hardware. Ivan and Dick Gaisford came from Illinois and bought that hardware from E. V. Gordon. A couple of generations of Gordons had been in the hardware business since 1870, a total of about 70 years.

The building burned in 1941 and stayed as an empty shell until after WWII. Jack Leinard had that building that is there now erected. It has had a number of renters over the years.

The empty lot there housed a number of renters. It has been a restaurant a number of times. In the early 1930's it was The Green Pantry owned by Budd Schilb and managed by Fred Major. I know Lucille Horn Seslar worked there as well as Dorothy Zuber Ehrhart when the state paved US 24. It was already operating as a restaurant at that time. I know it was a restaurant at that time. It was a restaurant a couple times after that before it burned.

At about this time, in the mid-1930's, The Bee Argus

Harry Ely had a store and meat market in the next building. In 1880, Bruce Ely and Charles Bissell purchased the elevator and it was known as Ely & Bissell Grain & Livestock. They sold out in 1900 and it became The People's Elevator. Then Mr. Ely opened the meat market and he was in business with his son. After he died, his son, Harry, operated the store. This store was a meat market to start with and then a line of groceries was ordered. For a while Gerald



Hawling managed this store.

Then there was another building there that was a beauty shop. Then there was an alley and then Schilb's Furniture. But there was a lot of remodeling and moving and that area ended up as it is now. The Schilb building, now Friend's Furniture, has been changed quite a lot from original.

The last building on the right side of North Main and River Street was T. G. Foster,

Wayne and was in business there and are still there.

If you look on down Main Street in that picture, you will see a banner across the road. I imagine maybe my picture is bigger than yours, but that banner is advertising a Chataqua that is soon to take place. That was sort of a common place goings-on at that time.

I have looked through all my history books on Antwerp and I can't find where Mr. Derck's business is men-



tioned. I have talked with Steve and Nancy Derck and so far we cannot shed any more light on J.L. Derck's business.

Mrs. Jean Derck Rhinehart gave me a lot of information on the Derck family. She must have worked all night to amass the information that she gave me.

John Lewis Derck was born on June 16, 1868 in Cuyahoga County, Ohio. He came to the

Antwerp area and married Helen "Nell" Snyder in 1898. She was born in Indiana in 1868.

Now let's go back to the building that has Zeigler and Derck. I know that later on Bert Zeigler's Store was down south of the tracks in what is known as the Haver Building owned by Solarcrete.

I cannot find out from anyone where John Derck had his business. Steve Derck and I both think that he moved to some other part of town and was alone in his new venture. John was Steve's great-uncle.

I know that later some of the Zeigler family went to Ft.

Antwerp area and married Helen "Nell" Snyder in 1898. She was born in Indiana in 1868.

Now I'm not sure about that, maybe some one else can enlighten us about this. See, Ya!

NOW READ THIS

By: Stan Jordan

I went over to the Antwerp Equity Exchange and talked with Steve Fast, the manager, and I heard a lot of good news.

This fall the soybean crop was the biggest ever, it is a record for beans. Steve thinks that is because a lot of farmers didn't get wheat in in the fall and then some of that acreage went to beans. Then it was a dry summer, but those fall rains came just in time. So we had a bumper bean crop.

The corn crop this year was the second best we ever had. He thinks maybe that was because we had more corn acres planted, and again that rain came just when it was needed.

Like I said, the farmers didn't get their wheat in last fall, so the wheat crop was about half of normal.

The new bins and that system worked fine, no major glitches. All the bins were full and they had to move 150,000 bushels out. He says the bins will be cleared and will be ready for wheat come July.

For the new bins, there is only some painting and a little electrical work to be done yet. I asked Steve where these workers come from and he said North Webster, IN and their work is nearly done.

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Paulding County's Students of the Month

JANUARY 2008

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Julie Koenn is a student at Paulding High School. She participates in Varsity Basketball, Varsity Cheerleading, Student Council, Senior Class President, National Honor Society, St. Joseph's Youth Group, Leadership In Action, Choir and Yearbook

Her Future plans are to attend the University of Saint Francis to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing. She wants to specialize in Oncology Nursing upon the completion of her degree.

Hobbies include scrapbooking and playing sports, shopping and spending time with my family and friends.

Congratulations and Good luck Julie!

Paulding Middle School's Student of the Month is 8th grader - Jessica Harpel. She is the daughter of Gregory and Rachael Harpel. Jessica is involved in volleyball, softball, Science Fair, and band. She was a cast member in the middle school musical - Oliver Twist. She enjoys photography, creative writing and computers. She was also a district qualifier in the National Geographic Bee.

Jessica is a fantastic student. She maintains a 4.0 grade point average and her favorite subjects are English and Science. She is a member of the Nazarene Church Youth Group and also participates in 4-H.

Jessica is a tremendous role model for all of the students at Paulding Middle School. Congratulations, Jessica !!!



Oakwood Elementary is pleased to present Malayna VanCleve as our West Bend News Student-of-the-Month! Malayna is an outstanding student in Mrs. Pier's and Miss Brimmer's fifth grade classrooms.

Malayna is the daughter of Mark and Jennifer VanCleve. She has an older brother, Jacob, and an older sister, Jade. Malayna lives in rural Oakwood with her family; her horse, Mocha; and her dogs, Katie and Lucy.

Malayna has been on the Honor Roll both 1st and 2nd quarters this year. She plays the trumpet in the 5th grade band and sings in the 5th/6th grade choir. Malayna's favorite subjects in school are science, phys. ed., and band.

Outside of school, Malayna is involved in 4-H where she takes her horse to the fair. She plays softball in the summer. A few of Malayna's hobbies include riding horses and spending time with her dad, who just got home from Georgia where he served as Drill Sergeant First Class in the Army.

Malayna displays the character traits that make us proud to say Malayna is an Oakwood Elementary student! You are a great example for others!



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COACHES VS. CANCER BASKETBALL GAME A SUCCESS

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.

IPFW PAINTS THE MEMORIAL COLISEUM PINK

IPFW is painting the Memorial Coliseum "Pink" on February 2 as it sponsors Pink Out. Pink Out is an NCAA nationwide initiative in women's athletics to support breast cancer awareness and research programs. IPFW's Pink Out will feature two NCAA Division 1 basketball games: the IPFW women's team will play North Dakota State at 1:00 p.m. with the men's team playing North Dakota State at 4:00 p.m. IPFW and NDSU will use pink basketball during warm-ups and the teams will wear pink commemorative T-shirts. IPFW Athletics will donate \$1 from individual tickets sales to support Francine's Friends Mobile Mammography and the American Cancer Society. The community is encouraged to show its support by wearing pink to the game.

ACAC BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Girls

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 Railroaders place 4 players in double figures 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 Sheriff's sportsmanship award

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 Sheriff's sportsmanship trophy

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HERITAGE OVER WOODLAN IN BOYS BASKETBALL

Heritage led all the way at Woodlan and beat the Warriors 50-36 in boys ACAC basketball in the Warrior's 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 - 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

IHSAA GIRLS BASKETBALL SECTIONAL AT BLUFFTON. IN

Tuesday, February 4 - Adams Central vs South Adams

Friday, February 7 - Bluffton vs Bishop Luers; Woodlan vs Adams Central/South Adams winner

Saturday, February 8 - Championship Game

CONCORDIA OVER THE TOP AGAINST WOODLAN IN GIRLS BASKETBALL

Concordia's defense and Woodlan's cold shooting led the Cadets' to a 49-20 drubbing of the Warriors in girl's basketball at Concordia. Woodlan trailed 11-3 at the end of the first quarter and managed to score just 2 more points in the second period and trail 21-5 at the half. Concordia swept the night, beating Woodlan 34-20 in the reserve game and 36-13 in the freshman contest.

Woodlan - H Koeneman 4, Hogue 4, Bontrager 4, Carver 3, Emehiser 3, Yoder 1, Lengacher 1

Concordia - A Newbauer 13, Goeglein 8, Doeffler 6, K Newbauer 5, Gotsch 4, Meiklejohn 4, Ehle 3, Borchelt 2, Starks 2, Farny 2

LADY HAWKS OVER WARRIORS

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 quarter 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 - 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

Legal Notice

The Village of Cecil has completed their un-audited 2007 Annual Financial Reports. These reports may be viewed by contacting the Village Clerk-Treasurer, Carlene A. Turner at 419-399-3166 to schedule an appointment.

—Carlene A. Turner, Treasurer

Woodburn

Student of the Month



David Meyer is a senior at Woodlan High School. David is the son of Dan and Mary Meyer of New Haven. He is Woodlan's Sterling Sentinel Nominee in Social Studies this year. David earned this honor not only because he is a strong student, but for the leadership skills he consistently displays. He takes a leadership role in class discussions and also outside the classroom as 4-H president. In addition, David has been active in volunteer work at school in our Construction project, and in the community at Fort Wayne Soup Kitchen and the Lutheran Home retirement home. His school honors include: honor roll - four years, academic top ten, perfect attendance - four years, National Honor Society - 11th and 12th grade, and Student Rotarian. David is planning on pursuing a mechanical engineering degree with a minor in history. He has been accepted at Purdue University, Rose-Hulman, and IPFW. IPFW has offered David the Chancellor's Distinguished Scholarship which covers full tuition and fees and is renewable for four years. Great job David!

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WHS SENIOR RECOGNITION NIGHT



The Woodlan Lady Warriors recognized their seniors before the varsity game against Southern Wells on 1-26. More pix at www.westbendnews.net



The Lady Warriors played against the Southern Wells Raiders on Saturday night. Senior Hannah Koeneman scores with several trying to block. More pix at www.westbendnews.net

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PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS

FEBRUARY 2008 NEWSLETTER



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of the Paulding Exempted Village Schools,

The second semester of the 2007-2008 school year is off to a great start. The annual organizational meeting for the school board was held on January 15th with Cheryl Farley, Greg Reinhart, and Tam Stoller taking the oath of office, joining Liz Hunt and Dan Straley on the Paulding Board of Education. Tam Stoller was elected President and Dan Straley was elected Vice President. Meetings in 2008 will be held the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm.

Donations and booster organizations have always played an important role in providing items and opportunities the district can not afford in our budget. We recently unveiled a new scoreboard in the high school gym that was purchased with generous donations from area businesses and individuals. Our PTO's, Athletic Boosters, Music Boosters, and Science Olympiad Boosters have spent countless hours raising money and providing activities for our students. The athletic boosters are currently working hard to raise money for a new wellness center to be constructed on the northeast side of our Paulding site. This will provide much needed room to expand fitness and weight training opportunities for our students. With approximately \$111,000 needed for construction, the boosters are within \$20,000 of that goal thanks to fund raising, donations and pledges. If you are interested in helping make this dream a reality, please contact our Athletic Director, Chris Etzler. We are thankful for the assistance from all these groups that support our students.

If you have children attending school in our district, please plan to attend parent-teacher conferences on February 7 or February 12. Communication between home and school is an important factor in success for all students. Working together will make Paulding Exempted Village Schools a stronger school district.

Pat Ross

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPALS

Paulding Elementary-Martin Miller
Progress Reports for the 3rd nine week grading period will be sent home with students Tuesday, February 5.

Grade 5 students competed in our annual spelling bee January 11 in the elementary gym. Kayleigh St. John was crowned champion while Lane Hunt was our runner-up. Kayleigh will compete in the county spelling bee February 11 at Oakwood Elementary.

During the past month, the following students were recognized for their outstanding Positive Behavior: Kindergarten: Nathan Hodge, Julia McMaster, Matthew Hurley, Brandon Jackson; Grade 1: Kayla Collins, Jaret Miller, Billiejo Moore, Jacob Hobeck; Grade 2: William Postelwaite, Caitlyn Myers, Andrew Yates, Tristan Stacy; Grade 3: Mikey McMichael, Senora Keck, Hailey Dix, Bailey Pieper; Grade 4: Kelsey Beck, Victoria Meadows, Matthew Martinez, Tori Bradford; Grade 5: Chris Plummer, Julia Brown, Michael Tope, Bill Smith

In addition, the following staff members were nominated by students for their outstanding efforts toward creating a positive learning environment.

Grade 1 teacher-Mrs. Deisler-nominated by Emilee Ringler; Grade 2 teacher-Mrs. Holbrook-nominated by Allison Ankney; Grade 4 teacher-Mrs. Tope-nominated by Mason Redli; Head Cook-Mrs. Hanenkratt-nominated by Aurora Shawley

Oakwood Elementary-Jennifer Manz

A blustery, chilly hello from Oakwood Elementary! The temperature is most definitely reminding us that it is January. It is very important for our children to come to school dressed for winter. We like our students to be able to enjoy fresh air at recess time as often as possible, so zipped up or buttoned coats, hat and gloves are a must every day. It

is also a good idea to put a sweatshirt or sweater in your child's book bag in case he/she gets chilly in the classroom.

The third quarter of the 2007-2008 school year is well under way. Perseverance is our character trait for January; and it seems a fitting word as at every grade level, our students and teachers are working on mastering grade level curriculum indicators in preparation for Ohio Achievement Tests.

We celebrated the end of the quarter with an awards program where many of our students were recognized for being on the honor roll, for earning perfect attendance and for gaining B.U.G. Club status (Bringing Up Grades). We are very proud of these students and encourage all of our students to work to earn one or more of these awards for their efforts third quarter.

We held our 2008 Spelling Bee on January 15. Fifty-three Oakwood Elementary 5th and 6th graders competed for top spelling honors. After eight rounds, we were down to two spellers. It took another fourteen rounds to get a 1st place winner. Congratulations to 6th grader, Rachael Kesler, our Spelling Bee Champion, and to 5th grader, Ellie Miller, our runner-up! Both girls did a remarkable job!! Rachael will advance to the Paulding County Bee for the second time; she was the Oakwood Elementary top speller in 2007.

Spirit and excitement was definitely in the air on Friday, January 18, as our PHS Varsity Panther athletes visited Oakwood Elementary for a Pep Rally. They came over early enough to enjoy lunch, recess and some classroom activities with our students before we cheered for them in a loud, spirit-filled pep rally. They taught us some cheers, showed us some wrestling moves and performed basketball warm-ups for us. We like to think our enthusiastic support of our varsity athletes is a little bit responsible for their successes over that weekend!

If you are interested in placing a Scrip order with our PTO, please contact Deedi Miller at school (419-594-3346). The next Scrip order will go in on February 7. Our PTO Carnival will be on March 1, from 4:30 to 7:00. Everyone is invited to come join the fun!

Middle School-David Stallkamp

Paulding Middle School has had much going on in the month of January. Our local Spelling Bee was held on January 10 and the winner that will represent us in the Paulding County Spelling Bee will be 8th grader, Audra Phlipot. Sierra McCullough was the runner up.

The National Geographic Bee was held recently. Winning the right to test for the State Geographic Bee was 7th grader Austin Miller. Runner up was 8th grader, Devon Stahl.

The middle school Science Olympiad team participated in the Piqua Science Olympiad competition on January 12. Seventh grader Matthew Meriwether received a fourth place finish in the area of Oceanography.

Jessica Harpel, an 8th grader, was recently selected as the Middle School Student of the Month for the West Bend News. Jessica is involved in volleyball, softball, Science Fair, band, and was a school qualifier in the National Geographic Bee. She loves photography, creative writing and computers. She is a 4.0 student and her favorite subjects are English and Science. Congratulations Jessica on being a great role model for the students at Paulding Middle School.

To get the students started off right for 2008, a WELCOME BACK WEEK was held the first full week of school. Each day the students were to dress in a certain way. Monday was TEAM SPORTS DAY. With the Buckeyes playing for the National Championship that night, we thought this would be a great kick off. Tuesday was PAJAMA DAY, Wednesday-CRAYON DAY, Thursday-SUPER HERO/ TWIN DAY and Friday-PANTHER DAY. It was a fun week.

Parents are asked to call the middle school office to set up a time for parent-teacher conferences with their child's teachers.

High School-Todd Harmon

Scheduling for high school students for the 2008-2009 school year will begin this month when our guidance counselors visit the English classes to talk about courses and explain options for their education. Vantage made a presentation to our Sophomore students on other career paths to consider for scheduling, as well.

The high school Science Olympiad Team participated in the Piqua Invitational recently where Eric Ross and Audrey Nice placed 5th in Chem Lab and Jared Ross placed 4th in Oceanography.

PHS Varsity Panther athletes visited Oakwood Elementary for a Pep Rally on January 18. Enthusiasm was high for all in attendance.

A winter dance sponsored by the student council was held last month. Thanks to Sam Hatcher and Angel Perry for all they have done to guide our student council and develop opportunities for our children's development and citizenship.

A post secondary options meeting for parents of children in grades 8-11 will be held in the H.S. Media Center from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 7, 2008.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

The second parent-teacher conferences of the school year will take place on Thursday, February 7 and Tuesday February 12 from 4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. both days at all buildings. **There will be no school Friday, February 15.** Please mark your calendar. This is an important opportunity to discuss your child's progress with the teachers. Everyone is strongly urged to participate.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WAIVER DAY/MAKE-UP DAY

The State has approved a professional development waiver day for our school district. As of January 24, school has been closed six days due to inclement weather. The 2007-2008 school calendar specifies that if more than five days are missed prior to Presidents' Day on February 18, that day will be used as a make-up day. It has been decided to use February 18 as our waiver day, which will count as a make-up day. **There will be no school for students on Monday, February 18.**

AFTER PROM PARENTS

The junior class parents will again be hosting the after prom this year. Donations are being collected to sponsor this event. If you have not been contacted and would be interested in donating, please contact Greg Troyer (419-594-2837).

Junior class parents are needed to help prepare decorations for after prom. Meetings will be held every Wednesday through April 30 at 6:30 p.m. at Dave and Jane Nice's building on Road 144. For more information or directions to the Nice's building, call Rocky Dangler in the high school office.

VALENTINE GIFT DELIVERIES

Paulding High School and Middle School are asking that Valentine flowers/gifts not be delivered to the school. Other arrangements should be made to deliver such items as the

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

school will not accept them. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. February is Black History Month. This is a great time to investigate black history. Check out a book or magazine at your Media Center. There are biographies on Martin Luther King, Jr. as well as other famous and not so famous black Americans. If you have Internet access, check out the links on the PEVS Media Center page. You can access this at pvhs.noacsc.org and click the "Media Center" link at the right side of the page.

INFOhio Electronic Databases provide a wealth of information on current and historic events. You can access INFOhio at www.infohio.org. You can find the username and password in the Media Center. INFOhio is available to all Ohio students and their families. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Williams in the Media Center.

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

- Varsity Wrestling**
- Feb. 9 NWC @ Columbus Grove TBA
- JH Boys Basketball**
- Feb. 7 Delphos Jefferson-H 5:00
- Freshman Basketball**
- Feb. 5 Antwerp-H 5:00
- Feb. 7 Allen East-H 5:00
- Boys JV/Varsity Basketball**
- Feb. 1 Spencerville-T 6:30
- Feb. 8 Allen East-H 6:30
- Feb. 9 Bryan-H 6:30
- Feb. 15 Bluffton-T 6:30
- JH Girls Basketball**
- Feb. 7 Delphos Jefferson-T 5:00
- Girls JV/Varsity Basketball**
- Feb. 5 Defiance-T 6:00
- Feb. 7 Allen East-T 6:00
- Feb. 12 Sectional-Spencerville @ Van Wert H.S. approx. 8:00
- Feb. 16 Sectional Championship-Contingent on outcome of Feb. 12 game-St. Henry @ Van Wert HS approx. 8:00

DISTRICT CALENDAR EVENTS

- Feb. 1-8 Oakwood Dibels Testing
- Feb. 4 Oakwood PTO Meeting 3:45
- Feb. 4 Sci. Olym. Bstr Mtg-Aud 7:00
- Feb. 5 Progress Reports Sent Home
- Feb. 5 Soph. Visit Vantage 8:15-11:30
- Feb. 6 FFA Officer Mtg. 7:00 a.m.
- Feb. 6 Athletic Booster Meeting 7:00
- Feb. 6 CHURCH NIGHT
- Feb. 6 Oak PTO Scrip Orders Due
- Feb. 7 ASVAB test for selected Jrs/Srs 7:45-10:30
- Feb. 7 Parent-Teacher Conf.-All Bldgs. 4:30-7:30
- Feb. 7 Post-Secondary Options Meeting-Media Center 6:30-7:30
- Feb. 11 FFA Chapter Meeting 7:00
- Feb. 11 Paulding County Spelling Bee-Oakwood Elementary 7:00
- Feb. 12 Parent-Teacher Conf.-All Bldgs. 4:30-7:30
- Feb. 12 Lincoln's Birthday
- Feb. 13 Oak January Student/Month Lunch
- Feb. 13 CHURCH NIGHT
- Feb. 14 VALENTINE'S DAY
- Feb. 15 FFA Dist Evaluations-OSU Lima
- Feb. 15 NO SCHOOL Due to Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Feb. 16 HS Band/Choir Solo/Ensemble Contest-St. Mary's H.S.-All Day
- Feb. 17-23 FFA Week
- Feb. 18 Presidents' Day/Professional Development Waiver Day-NO SCHOOL for Students
- Feb. 19 FFA District Public Speaking Contest-Cory Rawson
- Feb. 20 FFA Officer Meeting 7:00 a.m.
- Feb. 20 CHURCH NIGHT
- Feb. 21 HS Group Picture Day 7:40-11:30
- Feb. 22 FFA District Tractor Troubleshooting Contest-Spencerville
- Feb. 22 Washington's Birthday
- Feb. 23 Band Music of the Night-Aud 7:00
- Feb. 25 Band Bstr Mtg-Band Room 7:00
- Feb. 26 FFA State Animal Care CDE
- Feb. 27 National Honor Society Induction Ceremony-Auditera 1:00
- Feb. 27 CHURCH NIGHT
- Feb. 29 FFA State Evaluations-Plain City

The switchboard and administrative offices are open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on school days, and 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. every weekday when school is not in session.



The Lady Archers played against the Aces Thursday Night the score was 28-20 in favor of the Aces. Sophomore Megan Koppenhofer tries for a 3-point basket. More pix at www.westbendnews.net



Antwerp girls struggled Tuesday night. Antwerp Senior Jen Womack shown here scores. Crestview beat Lady Archers Tuesday night, 51-26. More pix at www.westbendnews.net



Lady Panthers played Fairview Tuesday Night at home 1-22. The Panthers won with a final score of 57-45. Senior Abby Gross is shooting for a two-point shot. More pix at www.westbendnews.net

AREA HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS RESULTS

The high school home basketball games this week were sizzling hot even as the temperature plummeted. The Lady Archers played the Lady Aces on Thursday, January 24. The final score came out to an Aces victory, 28-20.

Friday, January 25 saw three match ups that were on fire to say the least. The Paulding Panthers were pitted against the Ada Bulldogs. The Bulldogs barked out a win over the Panthers, 57-42.

The Wayne Trace Raiders charged the Fairview Apaches. Records - Wayne Trace (12-2 overall, 4-1 GMC); Fairview (7-7 overall, 1-4 GMC)

Top Players:
Wayne Trace - Dane Treece 22 points, 10 rebounds, 5 assists; Aaron Hockenberry 21 points, 5 rebounds; Riley Linder 11 points, 5 rebounds; Alex LaBounty 11 points, 6 rebounds

Fairview - Chase Rhonehouse 13 points; Taylor Tripoli 11 points, 8 rebounds, 4 steals; Ben Wonderly 10 points

It was Archers vs. Aces on Friday night. JV Archers lost 51-44. Scoring for the Archers: Bryson North 5; Justin Johnson 6; Isaac Yenser 2; Travis Woodard 14 (he was 4-4 at the foul line); Shaile Chamberlain 3; Beau Kobee-2; John Rindahl 4; Mike Stewart 8. JV record is now 5-9 and 1-4 in the GMC.

As for the Archer varsity, they were awesome with a big win 61-42. Scoring for the varsity Archers: TJ Short 8; Boston Hormann 11 (8 rebounds); Tim Ryan 12; Nate Ganger 3; Anthony Smith 11; Bob Bragg 16 (had 3-3 pointers). Varsity record 11-3 and 3-2 in the GMC.

On Saturday, Woodlan Lady Warriors took it to the net against the Southern Wells Lady Raiders. The Lady Raiders came out with a hard fought victory, 58-54.

WAYNE TRACE WRESTLING CLUB RESULTS

The Wayne Tace Wrestling Club competed in it's first tournament of the season at the Archbold tournament this past weekend. The kids did an outstanding job.

Placing fourth: Max Rassman, 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 Domina, Zaine Cotterman.

The Wayne Trace Wrestling Club also competed in the Wauseon invitational this past weekend.

Placing first: Grant Bauble, Worth Clark, and Trevor Domina.

Placing second: Austin Smith and Gage Waltmire

Placing third: Reese Etzler, Austin Young, Anthony Rooks, Jarod Galloway and Max Rassman

Placing fourth: Kameran Bevis and Christopher Galloway

PAULDING JR PANTHERS SPLIT WITH BRYAN

Paulding traveled to Bryan for a make up game on January 19. In the 7th grade contest the Panthers used an aggressive defense and some nice passing to defeat the Golden Bears 48-38. Neil Roehrig led the Panthers with 19 points and 8 rebounds, Trey Schroeder also added 7 points and 5 assists. Record is 5-5.

In the 8th grade contest Bryan used their height and quickness to defeat Paulding 48-28. Kyle Mohr led the Panthers with 8 points and 5 rebounds, Zack Gawronski added 6 and Shawn McMichael also added 4 points and 4 rebounds. Record is now 2-8.

PAULDING JR PANTHERS DROP A PAIR TO CRESTVIEW

Paulding traveled to Convooy for a NWC game on January 22. In the 7th grade contest the Panthers battled the Knights in a close contest until the 4th period when Crestview pulled away for a 35-27 victory. Neil Roehrig led the Panthers with 11 points and 8 rebounds, Vince Reinhart also added 5 points. Record is 5-6.

In the 8th grade game the Panthers was defeated 50-22 by the Knights. Crestview used a tight defense causing the Panthers into 29 turnovers. Anthony Arellano led the Panthers with 8 points and Josh Hanenkratt added 4 points. Record is now 2-9.

PAULDING JR PANTHERS SPLIT IN NWC TOURNAMENT

Paulding traveled to Convooy for the Junior High Basketball tournament on Thursday January 24.

In the 7th grade contest the Panthers made their free throws at the end of the game to pull out a 36-33 victory over Bluffton. Neil Roehrig led the Panthers with 17 points and 8 rebounds also Lance Foor added 5 points and 4 steals. They will now play LCC. Record is 6-6.

The Paulding 8th grade could not overcome their own mistakes in dropping out of the tournament with a 38-35 loss to Bluffton. The Panthers were led by Anthony Arellano with 12 points, 7 rebounds and Kyle Mohr 10 points, 5 rebounds, 4 steals, Zach Gawronski also added 5 points. Record now stands at 2-10.



Wayne Trace boys played Fairview Friday Night at home. The Raiders played quite well with a final score of 67-58. Junior Art Stoller is shooting under the basket for a two-point shot. More pix at www.westbendnews.net



Antwerp boys beat Hicksville Friday night. What looked to be a close game ended up with the Archers 19 points ahead at the end. Final Score 61-42. Senior Boston Hormann scores against the the Aces. More pix at www.westbendnews.net

GIRLS BASKETBALL: WAYNE TRACE VS. LIMA CENTRAL CATHOLIC

At Wayne Trace on January 22, the Lady Raiders played host to Lima Central Catholic.

LCC pulled out a victory: Lima Central Catholic 72, Wayne Trace 50. Records stand at Lima Central Catho-

lic 11-5, Wayne Trace 9-4

Top Players:
LCC - Jenny Lamoreau 18 points, 8 rebounds, 6 assists; Jo Jo Krieg 16 points, 4 rebounds, 3 assists; Liz DePalma 15 points, 8 rebounds; Mary Fisher 10 points

WT - Elyse Myers 17 points, 6 rebounds; Becky Ruble 11 points, 5 rebounds

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 1/21 - Larry Miller, Paulding
 1/22 - Glenda Gonser, Payne
 1/24 - Gordon Sitton, Cecil
 1/27 - Bernice Carnahan, Paulding
Dismissals:
 1/13 - Cheryl Germann, Oakwood
 1/14 - Kevin Hill, Cecil
 1/18 - Ellen Riggensbach, Paulding
 1/19 - Joyce Russell, Defiance
 1/24 - Larry Miller, Paulding; Joyce Russell, Defiance
 1/25 - Marlene Pier, Antwerp
 1/26 - Glenda Gonser, Payne; Gordon Sitton, Cecil

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

Van Wert, Ohio—Community Health Professionals, Inc. an organization promoting health and wellness, will offer smoking cessation classes starting in March on Saturday mornings to help adults reduce and eliminate tobacco use. Classes in Van Wert, Ohio will start March 29 and will be held at Community Health Professionals, Inc.

The cessation classes will provide group/individual consultations and in-depth examination of the effects of tobacco use and ways to reduce and eliminate its intake. Adults and families are encouraged to attend. There is a fee for the classes. Participants will also receive free childcare during the classes, free wellness program, free 3-month family YMCA memberships and a free 2-month supply of a stop smoking aid all for successful completion of the program.

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

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

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

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

EDITOR'S NOTE

Last week we, here at West Bend News, printed a correction concerning Alecia Bragg and the Bragg retirement article. The omission of her name was the fault of the West Bend News and not of Doug Bragg. To all involved, please accept our sincerest apologies for this oversight and any grief this may have caused.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Ariel Renee Thomas-Masih was born on January 18, 2008 at about 4:00 p.m. She weighed 7lb. 11oz., and was 20 1/2 inches long. Her parents are Michele Thomas and Azeem Masih. Ariel was born at Van Wert County Hospital.

SECOND QUARTER ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Fourth grade - Austin Kuhn, Kiana Recker, Noah Stoller, Hollie Wannemacher
Fifth grade - Addison Baumle, Mackenzie Swary, Makenna Worman
Sixth grade - Kyle Recker, Libby Stabler, Amber Combs

ACRES LAND TRUST TO DEVELOP NATURE PRESERVE IN PAULDING COUNTY

ACRES Land Trust, a land conservation group, has created a new nature preserve in Paulding County. The Flat Rock Creek Nature Preserve was acquired by ACRES on January 9 through a gift of the property by Sarah and Winchester Rood and Jill Noyes.

The 18-acre preserve is located on highway 500 between CR 81 and CR 106. ACRES plans to expand the preserve by 32 acres within the next two months to create a 50-acre property. Hiking trails and a small parking lot will be installed and the preserve will be opened to the public this spring.

ACRES owns and manages 63 nature preserves totaling over 4200 acres. ACRES is Indiana's oldest and largest land trust, and has just recently expanded its service area to include northwest Ohio. Once ACRES acquires land as a nature preserve, the property is protected forever. ACRES properties are open to the public from dawn to dusk daily and are used for scientific study, hiking, nature study and other non-consumptive uses.

Land trusts are nonprofit organizations that identify and protect significant natural areas. Properties protected by land trusts often include mature forests, native grasslands, geological features, wetlands, and waterways.

ACRES was interested in what is now the Flat Rock Creek Nature Preserve because of the environmental significance of Flat Rock Creek. "Flat Rock Creek is an excellent example of an undisturbed creek with its undulating channel, wide floodplain, and native vegetation providing habitat for a vast diversity of aquatic and vegetation communities," stated Jason Kissel, ACRES' Executive Director. "Protecting the last remaining natural waterways in Ohio is one of ACRES' priorities, once channeled or otherwise manipulated, the entire aesthetics and biotic diversity of the waterway is irreplaceably damaged."

"This nature preserve will provide yet another opportunity for Paulding County residents and visitors to enjoy its greatest natural resource—Flat Rock Creek. We are pleased that the creek is getting the protection it deserves," stated Sarah Rood.

For more information about ACRES Land Trust, visit their website at www.acreslandtrust.org or phone them at (260)637-2273.

WAYNE CARR BEFORE AND AFTER



By: Sue Knapp

Like a lot of us, Wayne Carr needed to do something about his health. A diabetic on 250 units of insulin a day and weighing 398½ pounds, he knew it was time. His endocrinologist recommended the Lutheran Weight Management Center. Wayne checked it out and joined up. After 20 weeks he weighed in around 280 pounds. Then came the old, "just one won't hurt." The problem is "just one" doesn't work and he didn't follow through. After starting again at 326½ pounds, he did get back down to 248.7 pounds then he broke his ankle and couldn't exercise so he has put some back on.

Wayne is now back in the program and looking forward to feeling better. We need to note that at his lowest weight his insulin went down to 6 units a day—it is now up to around 10 units a day.

This program is offered by Lutheran Hospital of Ft. Wayne, IN and a clinic is being held at Community Memorial Hospital at Hicksville, OH.

The Lutheran Weight Management Center offers many programs to fit specific needs. They have a program for children called the ACE Pediatric Program. This program strives to promote healthier eating and lifestyle habits that can last a lifetime, not only for the child but for the whole family. The Med-Gem program is a test for find your body's baseline metabolism. Once the amount of energy (calories) your body needs to function, a healthy diet can be tailored to your needs.

Wayne is on the Optifast Program. Optifast therapy is designed for those who are at least 50 pounds or 30% overweight or have problems related to obesity. The program is divided into three phases. Phase one the patients receive behavioral, nutrition, exercise and counseling. In addition, Optifast nutritional supplements are used during the 12 weeks of this phase. Phase two covers eight weeks where the patient transitions back to food while continuing to learn about behavior, nutrition and exercise. The last phase lasts 26 weeks, and focuses on long term weight management through positive lifestyles.

During this time, blood work is taken, doctors are available, blood pressure is taken, councils with dietitians, nutrition is discussed, exercise, behavior, emotional and stress eating, relapse pre-

vention life changes, attitude and personal responsibility, all these and more are discussed with the patient to help them to a healthier lifestyle.

At this time of year when we're starting to fall off of our New Year's "diets", it is great to hear of a program that offers emotional help along with the physical and medical help needed.

Wayne is now back on track and is an inspiration for all of us who need to get on track.

PAYNE BALL ASSOCIATION OFFERS BASEBALL CLINIC WITH TOM HELD

The Payne Ball Association will be hosting its annual baseball skills/pitching clinic on Sunday, February 10, at Wayne Trace High School. Sessions will include hitting, fielding, catching, bunting, sliding and baserunning. Pitching skills and drills will also be a portion of the clinic.

Featured instructor of the clinic will be Mr. Tom Held, head baseball coach at Defiance High School. Mr. Held has been coaching for 22 years and has posted 428 victories in that span.

Registration forms are available at www.payneball.com or by e-mail at payneball@verizon.net. You can also contact Mike Krouse (419-263-1393), Brian Vest (419-263-0037) or Kevin Wannemacher (419-263-0805).

NEW SEPTIC ALTERNATIVE WILL EASE ECONOMIC & ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

In light of recent major changes in state and local regulatory requirements, a local excavation contractor became concerned with the economic and environmental impact of onsite septic systems. Dissatisfied with what was currently being offered, he sought after alternative solutions for everyone involved, including homeowners, health departments and septic system contractors. An alternative solution was finally found and the initial steps taken to introduce this new solution into Ohio as an industry standard onsite septic system.

The alternative system will be beneficial in many aspects. Homeowners will be able to afford a new or replacement septic system at a reasonable cost. It is coming into the state with a documented track record for over 15 years from other states and countries. The system has a positive impact on system size, requiring less land, and can fit on many existing home sites. This system is more flexible than other designs that are currently available. It can be placed around trees and buildings, and uses the air and natural bacteria to enable the system to maintain its working abilities where other systems fail. This system does not utilize moving or mechanical parts, except when gravity flow from the house to the system is not possible. Contractors will have access to local material providers (sand, trucking, pipe, sales and services).

Since this system requires a special grade of sand, local quarries have been contacted regarding production of the new product and the demand that will be needed for these systems. One local company, Quality Ready Mix, Inc. and Con Ag Inc. (with plants in Lima, Shawnee, Bluffton, St. Mary's and Wapakoneta), has offered to provide materials to meet the anticipated need.

This alternative system is expected to provide several benefits:

1. Reduced price (approximately \$3,000 to \$10,000 cheaper than other systems currently available)

2. Reduced footprint size of system and land usage.
3. Environmentally friendly, due to extensive treatment before wastewater is released for soil absorption.
4. Proven track record
5. Local certified contractors
6. Local dealer for the sales, service, trucking and special pipe (required)
7. Local quarry for the sand (required)
8. Health departments are enthusiastic about this system.

On September 21, 2007, the alternative design was formally introduced to three Northwest Ohio local health departments. The presentation was received with interest, enthusiasm, and increasing confidence in alternative solutions to questions that needed to be addressed for effective use of on-site septic systems in soils commonly found in Northwest Ohio. The Van Wert County Health Department introduced the system to Ohio Department of Health residential sewage program staff on November 1 in order to begin the experimental approval process. This process is one way that individual jurisdictions can obtain approval to use new technologies for household sewage treatment in Ohio. The meeting generated rapidly growing interest in this new alternative solution. The Ohio Department of Health residential sewage program administrator suggested that statewide approval would be far more beneficial for the entire state, rather than each county requesting individual experimental approval. On December 11 the state Household Sewage Treatment System Technical Advisory Committee met near Columbus to further discuss this new alternative system and the approval process for the entire state.

For further information contact your local health department or Mark or Sandra Dealey of Rite Environmental at 419-749-2355 or cell# 260-433-4426.

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"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT:" THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS



Vantage junior Health Careers students Elizabeth Osborn from Antwerp and Dustin Geckle from Continental, work together to identify pathogens on a slide during lab.

At Vantage Career Center, students find the "best of both worlds". They receive a first-class career technical education while meeting all of the academic requirements for high school graduation. In addition to our Trade and Industry programs and our Business programs, Vantage also offers specialized education in the Service careers described below.

Due to the tremendous advances in the medical field, outstanding career opportunities are available to students in our Health Careers program. Students are taught a wide variety of patient health care skills and learn the duties performed by dental assistants and medical office assistants. During their senior year, students attend Vantage in the morning and are eligible to be employed in a health care setting in the afternoon for school credit.

Students in the Early Childhood Education program discover that working with young children can be very rewarding. This program prepares students to work in a licensed child care facility, operate a day care center, become a nanny or teach young children. The state licensed Vantage Preschool is staffed by these high school students and their teachers. In addition to receiving instruction in planning and conducting lessons, the students apply principles of child development and child psychology as they plan age appropriate activities for toddlers and preschoolers.

The Culinary Arts program is the starting line for many students who are interested in careers in restaurant services and hospitality management. Students in this program operate the Cup and Saucer Restaurant, a full-service restaurant located at

Vantage, which is open to the public throughout the school year. This two-year program is also the foundation for students who plan to pursue further education for chef training or food service management.

Avantage (French for "new beginnings") is the name of the Vantage Cosmetology Salon, a fully certified and licensed program by the state of Ohio and open to the public two days a week throughout the school year. Students are trained in the care of hair, nails and skin and a variety of hair care services, such as cutting, styling, coloring and permanent waving. Students completing the course, achieving the requirements of the state board of cosmetology and passing the state examination, have the opportunity to graduate as a licensed cosmetologist.

Providing a foundation in the food service industry, the Food Careers program concentrates on the development of skills and attitudes necessary for successful employment. Food preparation skills are taught, while the students also learn the planning, inventory and storage of food products.

If you are interested in finding out about career opportunities in any of these fields or have questions about the service programs at Vantage, please call Tom Mershman, Student Services Supervisor at 419-238-5411 or 1-800-686-3944 ext. 140 or email him at mershman.t@vantagecareercenter.com.

Mark your calendars now for the annual Vantage Open House and Scholarship Dinner, which will be held on Monday, February 11, 2008 from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. Visit the labs, meet the teachers and see what's new at Vantage. Don't miss it!

GIRLS BASKETBALL: WAYNE TRACE VS. FAIRVIEW

Final score for Wayne Trace vs. Fairview game on January 24: WT 79, FV 35. Records - Wayne Trace (10-4 overall, 5-0 GMC); Fairview (4-11 overall, 1-4 GMC)

Top Players:
Wayne Trace - Renee Bidlack 20 points, 7 rebounds; Jo Ellen Fickel 12 points, 5 rebounds; Becky Hicks 11 points, 3 steals; Sara Priest 11 points, 6 assists, 7 steals; Janelle Davis 11 points, 5 rebounds, 3 steals

Fairview - Katelyn Samples 12 points; Tina Schroeder 11 points, 6 rebounds

GIRLS BASKETBALL: WAYNE TRACE VS. MILLER CITY

Final score for Wayne Trace vs. Miller City game on January 26: WT 54, MC 40. Records - Wayne Trace 11-4, Miller City 3-14

Top Players:
Wayne Trace - Elyse Myers 18 points, 5 rebounds, 4 steals; Renee Bidlack 11 points, 6 rebounds; Kacey Hockenberry 10 points, 5 steals
Miller City - Ashley Schroeder 16 points, 7 rebounds; Stacey Schroeder 15 points, 11 rebounds

BOYS BASKETBALL AT WAYNE TRACE

On January 23, Wayne Trace played host to Miller City. The final score was Wayne Trace 72, Miller City 59. Records - Wayne Trace 11-2, Miller City 6-9

Top Players:
Wayne Trace - Aaron Hockenberry 23 points, 7 assists; Riley Linder 16 points, 6 rebounds; Dane Treece 11 points, 8 assists, 6 rebounds
Miller City - Cody Vennekotter 14 points; Cody Doster 14 points; Kyle Niese 11 points

BOYS BASKETBALL: WAYNE TRACE VS. VAN WERT

Wayne Trace took down Van Wert in their game on January 26: 49-34. Records - Wayne Trace 13-2, Van Wert 11-4

Top Players:
Wayne Trace - Aaron Hockenberry 21 points; Dane Treece 14 points, 6 rebounds
Van Wert - Chris Morrow 13 points

DIVISION IV SECTIONAL DRAW AT VAN WERT

Seeds - 1. Wayne Trace, 2. Antwerp, 3. Delphos Jefferson, 4. Crestview, 5. Delphos St. John's, 6. Ottoville, 7. Lincolnview

Tournament Schedule:
Tuesday, February 19 - 7:00 p.m., Ottoville (4-11) vs. Lincolnview (4-12)

Wednesday, February 20 - 6:15 p.m., Antwerp (11-3) vs. Delphos St. John's (6-9); 8:00 p.m., Delphos Jefferson (9-6) vs. Crestview (8-8)

Friday, February 22 - 6:15 p.m., Wayne Trace (13-2) vs. Ottoville-Lincolnview winner; 8:00 p.m. - Antwerp-Delphos St. John's winner vs. Delphos Jefferson-Crestview winner

Both sectional champions advance to district play at Elida High School on February 26.

PAULDING JR PANTHERS LOSE TO LCC

Paulding traveled to Convoyn on January 26 for a NWC tournament second round game against the #1 seeded LCC Thunderbirds.

The Panthers couldn't get anything going, losing 40-17.

Lance Foor, Dee Brown and Logan Doster led the Panthers with 3 points each.

Record now stands at 6-7.

VANTAGE TO HOST OPEN HOUSE FEBRUARY 11

Bring your family and friends to Vantage Career Center's Open House and Scholarship Dinner on Monday, February 11 from 5:00-7:30 p.m. Vantage is celebrating Career Technical Education!

This year's Open House will start with a chicken dinner from Romer's Catering from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Kids can enjoy a hot dog and macaroni and cheese dinner. After the meal, tour the Vantage building - meet teachers and students and enjoy the special displays, demonstrations and activities in each lab. Check out our computer labs and Media Center. Want to find out about an Adult Education class or Wright State University course? Adult Education staff members will also be available to answer your questions.

Vantage Career Center is a public school open to any 11th or 12th grade student living in the participating districts (Antwerp, Continental, Crestview, Delphos Jefferson, Delphos St. Johns, Ft. Jennings, Kalida, Lincolnview, Ottoville, Parkway, Paulding, Van Wert, Wayne Trace). "Hands-on" experiences in 18 different and specialized labs, where students develop the skills and positive attitude needed for success, are emphasized. Students study career technical and required academic classes at Vantage.

Vantage Adult Workforce Education provides development for business and industry by assessing the needs of existing businesses, developing customized training courses to meet specific needs for individual businesses and by offering programs designed to enhance the quality of work life for employees. Vantage also is a satellite campus of Wright State University Lake Campus and offers college courses.

For more information, call 419-238-5411 ext. 169 or visit our website at www.vantagecareercenter.com

LOCAL HONOR STUDENTS PERFORM

In Lima, Ohio, January 20, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. the District III, Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA), Mark Hensler, President, proudly presented the High School Festival 2008 for Honor Band students. This honorable yearly event is an eight county coordination of tryouts, auditions, and rehearsals for students being judged by a panel of eighteen.

Those counties in District III are, Paulding, Putnam, Hancock, Van Wert, Mercer, Allen, Auglaize, and Hardin.

The students from Paulding, under the direction of Jon Chesman and David Clapsaddle, are Audrey Smiley, flute, and Andy Favorito, Basson.

Justin Donat, under the direction of Jack Schmidt was selected for the second year from Antwerp. He plays oboe, and is the assistant director and also drum major for Antwerp High School Band.

Justin had a solo feature during the performance of Rikudim (a dance of four Israeli folk songs) by Jan Vander Roost. Conductor, Robert D. Jorgensen, University of Akron, had much praise for these super talented students, and the concentration and poise that brought this year's Honors Band students together for the excellent Festival of 2008.

These students will also stay at OSU during the weeks of the Ohio State Fair and perform while marching and also at evening concerts. Justin is the son of Gary and Kristi Donat and Tracey McCombs.

WACHTMANN NAMED CHAIRMAN OF HOUSE HEALTH COMMITTEE

COLUMBUS— State Representative Lynn Wachtmann (R- Napoleon) today was appointed as chairman of the House Health Committee. Wachtmann has served on the Health Committee since the beginning of the 127th General Assembly. Changes to committee assignments were announced earlier today by Ohio House Speaker Jon Husted (R- Kettering).

"It is an honor to have been chosen as chairman of the Health Committee," Wachtmann said. "I look forward to working with my colleagues on legislation that will have a positive impact on those working in the health care fields and improve the



FROM THE DOG WARDEN'S DESK - NOBODY'S DOG

By: Mandy Lichty, Paulding County Dog Warden

I picked up Nobody's dog the other day on County Road Somewhere.

He is a nice friendly dog and he was glad to see me since he was lost and cold and hungry.

He didn't have a tag or collar on. Maybe Somebody bought him a license but Nobody remembered to get him a collar to put it on him.

All I can do is take him to the dog shelter and take care of him and hope he belongs to Somebody and not Nobody.

He is a good dog. He knows how to sit and shake. He even knows how to go potty outside and walk on a leash. I guess Nobody taught him how to do all of those things.

What he doesn't know is why he is at the shelter. Why can't he go home?

So, I tell him—even though you must have once belonged to Somebody they must have given you to Nobody, and Nobody called to take you home.

Please keep a collar and license on your dog at all times. Not only is it required by state law, it is his ticket back home.

As always, should your dog become lost or missing, please call me right away and if you find a dog, please notify me. I may know who is looking for it. The office phone number is 419-399-9728.

Please see our adoptable dogs and shelter information at Petfinder.com. Adoption hours are Friday's from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

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Wachtmann will continue to serve as a member of the Healthcare Access and Affordability Committee, the Infrastructure, Homeland Security and Veterans Affairs Committee and the Insurance Committee.

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LOCAL GROUP PARTICIPATES IN A STATEWIDE HOMELESS COUNT

The Northwest Ohio Housing Coalition will be joining other communities in Ohio conducting a "point-in-time count" on Tuesday, January 29. The goal is to identify a realistic count of the number of individuals in Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Paulding and Williams counties that are currently homeless or are at immediate risk of homelessness on a given day. These statistics will assist service providers in improving services to the homeless in our community. Local information will be submitted to the Coalition on Housing and Homelessness (COHHIO) to be compiled into a statewide report.

The "point-in-time-count" will include three groups of homeless persons—unsheltered homeless, sheltered homeless, and at-risk homeless.

Unsheltered homeless include adults, youth or families living in parks, streets, alleys, tents, campers, vehicles, abandoned buildings, stairwells, under bridges, roadways, farm outbuildings, or 24 hr. laundromats, restaurants or stores.

Sheltered homeless include adults, youth or families living in emergency shelters, transitional housing, domestic violence shelters, or any hotel/motel/apartment paid by arrangements from a public/private agency.

At-risk of homelessness include adults, youth or families at risk of being homeless within three months, presently residing in substandard housing, temporary housing, or with family/friends.

The Northwest Housing Coalition will be contacting homeless shelters, domestic violence shelters, substance abuse treatment programs, community parks and campgrounds, sheriff and police departments, churches, social service and faith based agencies that provide emergency and supportive services, job placement and temp. agen-

cies, mental health providers, hospitals, emergency rooms, and stress centers, small hotels, veterans organizations, MR/DD programs, 24 hour coffee shops, shopping centers and restaurants, libraries, prisons and jails, public schools, foster care agencies, and bars.

If you are at risk or you have a friend or family member currently living with you and they may become homeless within the next three months, please pass this information on so that it may be included in the local data. The information will be kept confidential. Names are not required only the gender and age of the person will be requested. To report homelessness or for additional information, please contact First Call for Help at 1-800-468-4357 or by dialing 211.

THOMAS A. DIAZ: CANDIDATE FOR PAULDING VILLAGE 2 COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE

By: Sue Knapp

Thomas A. Diaz is running for Paulding Village 2 County Central Committee. Mr. Diaz is originally from New Jersey, but has lived in Paulding County now for 35 years. He worked at La Farge for 30 years and is a 4th degree Knight in the Knights of Columbus. He's been a reserve deputy for over 23 years. His wife, Rita, has worked at Paulding County Hospital for 35 years, and they have two sons.

He has had two tours in Viet Nam and is a member of the Ft. Defiance VA Chapter 954 and is a member of the American Legion.

He has volunteered his time to a lot of organizations. He is chair-person for the Boy Scouts in this district; helps his wife with a Youth Ministry; on the Village Recreation Board; helps with the Paulding Food Pantry. He has served on the Town Council for six years. He also helps out Habitat for Humanity.

Tom is looking forward to holding this office and appreciates your support.

WESTERN BUCKEYE GOVERNING BOARD ELECTS POE AS PRESIDENT

The Western Buckeye ESC Governing Board held their annual organizational Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 10, 2008 in the Paulding ESC Board office. Board President Pro Tem Ron Treece welcomed Board members and school personnel to the meeting.

The oath of office was administered by Treasurer Linda Clark to three returning Board members, James Grubaugh, William Poe II, and Jerry Zielke, who all began new terms of office on the Governing Board. Board elections were held with Poe being elected President and Zielke being elected Vice-President of the Governing Board for 2008. The Board appointed Poe as Delegate and Zielke as Alternate Delegate to the OSBA Convention. Nick Miller was appointed Student Achievement Liaison and Zielke was appointed Legislative Liaison.

The Governing Board set their regular meeting schedule as the second Thursday of the month for January through June and the second Tuesday of the month from July through December. All meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will alternate between the Paulding and Van Wert ESC offices. The Board named the Paulding Progress and The Van Wert Times Bulletin as Official Notice newspapers. The Board set the Records Commission Committee as the Superintendent, Treasurer, and Board President and the Audit Committee as the Vice-President, Legislative Liaison, Superintendent, and Treasurer.

The Board approved a Board Service Fund to pay for Board expenses and designated Linda Clark, Treasurer and Kristine Stuart, Assistant Treasurer to attend required public records training for the three Board members beginning new terms. Clark was designated the Treasurer of the Western Buckeye ESC and authorized to sign all Governing Board checks, to pay all bills within the limits of the appropriations as bills and services are received, to invest all inactive funds, and to advance money from fund to fund as needed. The Board appointed Assistant Treasurer Gary Ginter to act for the Treasurer in times of absence, illness, or other incapacity.

The Governing Board appointed Superintendent John Basinger as purchasing agent for 2008, as well as Federal Program Coordinator. They approved Basinger to employ temporary personnel, authorize attendance to professional meeting, and to act on behalf of the Western Buckeye ESC within the limits set by the Governing Board. The Board appointed Bob Miller as truant officer for Paulding and Van Wert Counties.

In the regular meeting that followed the organization meeting, the Board heard from Superintendent Basinger regarding progress on the comprehensive Board policy revision that has just been started. Basinger also reviewed recent Western Buckeye activities and updated the Board on the new FBI fingerprinting services that will be available soon in the Western Buckeye offices.

In the business portion

of the regular meeting, the Board:

**Approved the minutes from the regular December 13, 2007 meeting.

**Approved the December financial reports as presented by Treasurer Linda Clark.

**Approved an adoption of the OASBO 457 Deferred Compensation Plan.

**Advanced Jody Dunham to the Masters + 30 step on the salary schedule effective December 18, 2007.

**Employed Cathy Ruiz as a part-time Parent Mentor through the FY08 Parent Mentor Grant, effective January 11, 2008.

The Board meetings adjourned at 7:45 p.m. with no additional Board action. Because of a schedule conflict in February, the next regular Governing Board meeting of the Western Buckeye Educational Service Center will be on February 21, 2008 starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Van Wert ESC Office.

ODOT SNOW PLOWS ARE A WINTER STAPLE IN OHIO

LIMA—There are certainities in Ohio during the winter months. It will snow, it will freeze, and you will share the highway with Ohio Department of Transportation snow plows.

"Of all the important services we provide to the public, snow plowing is likely the one people recognize and appreciate the most," said Tim Burkepile, Ohio Department of Transportation District I deputy director.

ODOT District I, headquartered in Lima, is responsible for maintaining state and U.S. routes within the counties of Allen, Defiance, Hancock, Hardin, Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert, and Wyandot. The district maintains approximately 3,200 lanes miles of highway within the eight-county region.

As the state heads into the heart of winter, plow operators continue to ask for the cooperation of motorists whenever snow and ice events occur.

Giving plows a wide berth is the best thing motorists can do to aid drivers in carrying out their work. "Plows often work close to the center line when clearing the roadway so it's advisable to give an oncoming plow as much space

as possible," said Burkepile.

Drivers should be especially cautious when passing a snow plow. "The snow coming off the plow often creates a white cloud that can temporarily blind a passing motorist," said Burkepile. "When passing a plow, always do so in an area where there is plenty of room, not on curves or in no-passing zones," he said.

Courtesies extended to other motorists, such as dimming bright headlights when either following or approaching another vehicle, should be extended to plow drivers as well. "I think sometimes people think that because our drivers sit high in the truck that headlights on the high-beam setting will not affect them," said Tim Maag, Putnam County ODOT manager. "Their vision is impaired by bright lights just as any other driver's on the roadway," he said.

Also, when a vehicle follows too closely behind a snow plow, the headlights create a blinding reflection in the side mirror of the truck. "Our drivers are always checking their mirrors to make sure the material is coming off the back of the truck properly. A vehicle following too closely greatly reduces the driver's visibility," said Bob Stef-fel, Defiance County ODOT manager.

CONGRESSMAN ROBERT LATTA STATEMENT REGARDING SCHIP VETO OVERRIDE ATTEMPT

WASHINGTON—Congressman Robert Latta (R-Bowling Green) issued the following statement regarding the attempted veto override of the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) bill today. Congressman Latta voted to sustain President Bush's veto of the bill.

"I applaud my fellow colleagues who voted to sustain President Bush's veto of the SCHIP Bill today. This bill was originally designed to provide health insurance to children who were not able to afford healthcare coverage. In its current form, SCHIP has ballooned into a program different from its original intentions and expands coverage to families that were not designed to receive this assistance, taking the focus away from needy children."

"The House Democrat leadership ignored the original statute of this bill during its reauthorization and used it to expand healthcare coverage to families that can afford private insurance with incomes of up to \$80,000 in some cases, which would have cost the taxpayers of the United States an extra \$35 billion over the next five years."

WOODBURN BRANCH LIBRARY NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Family Night at the Library

Tuesdays, February 5, 12, 19, 26, 2008, 6:30 p.m. Bring the family and join us at the library for stories, games, and crafts.

Smart Start Storytime

Fridays, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 10:30 a.m. Each program features finger plays, songs, stories of various lengths and crafts.

Keeping Your Teeth Healthy

PAWS to Read

Thursdays, February 7, 14, 21, 28, 6:30 p.m. Meet Wilson our trained and certified dog and his owner.

Yarn Lovers Gathering

Thursdays, February 7, 14, 21, 28, 2008, 3:30 p.m. Do you knit or crochet? Do you want to learn one of these crafts? We have people that can get you started and people that can teach you new techniques. Crafting is more fun when you do it with friends.

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DRS system had significant pain relief. The vast majority had lasting results from this treatment.

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Paulding resident Robert Leslie had severe back pain due to a disc protrusion in his lower back. He is now pain free after undergoing the DRS treatment.

problems, and spinal nerve disorders, as well as for post-surgical patients who continue to suffer from "failed back syndrome."

"Thanks to this technology, I am able to offer people a lasting solution without any of the Risks of surgery," explains Dr. Hughes. For information call (419) 232-3322. Dr. Hughes offers a no charge, no obligation consultation and MRI review to find out if you qualify for treatment.

PAULDING YOUTH BALL ORGANIZATION AND PAULDING KIWANIS TEAM UP FOR THE UPCOMING BALL SEASON

Thanks to the generosity of the Paulding Kiwanis and members of the Paulding Youth Ball Organization, area children will have the opportunity to begin some early preparation for the summer baseball and softball season. Each Saturday during February and March, the Kiwanis Building on the square in Paulding will be open to any child aged 9 and up who has an interest in becoming a pitcher or catcher for their team. Even if the child has no previous experience, they are welcome to attend. This service is being provided free of charge.

Boys are to attend the sessions from 10:00-11:00 a.m. each Saturday and girls will attend from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Each child must be accompanied by an adult or they will not be permitted to attend. The children can learn some of the fundamentals from volunteers and coaches that will be in attendance. The purpose is for the parents to learn the basics, as well as the children. The Paulding Youth Ball Organization will have a limited supply of catcher's equipment and indoor balls available and anyone having indoor-use balls will need to bring them in as well.

The Paulding Kiwanis will also be a team sponsor for the upcoming season due to their dedication to our youth. There are a limited number of opportunities to sponsor a team for businesses who may be interested. For companies wishing to sponsor a sign for the fields for the 2008 season, there are numerous opportunities available. If your business wishes to provide assistance to the summer softball and baseball program, you may access the Paulding Youth Ball Organization Website at www.pauldinglittleleague.com and find a form for sponsorship or advertising.

Registration is also un-

derway for the 2008 season. Forms may be found at any of the Paulding schools, the Paulding County Carnegie Library or on the website and to be returned by February 29. The Paulding Youth Ball Organization has several new projects in the works with the largest including the planning of a new ball complex in cooperation with the Village of Paulding. If you are interested in becoming part of this organization, the next meeting will be held February 3, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Kiwanis Building in Paulding.

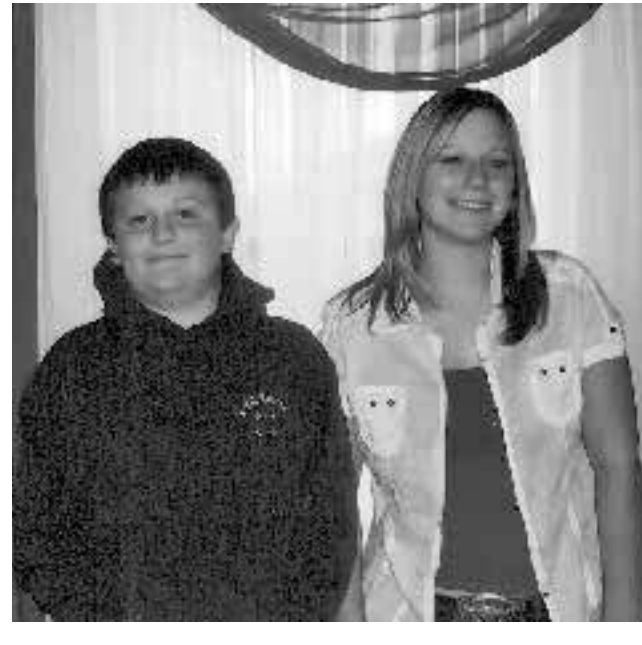
PAULDING OSU EXTENSION OFFERS ESTATE PLANNING ASSISTANCE

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Agent

The purpose of estate planning is to develop a plan and make decisions that will enhance and maintain the financial security of individuals and their families. As we plan for transition, there are a number of questions to be answered. Some of the questions that often arise include: How much money will I need to make it through retirement? How do I treat each offspring fairly when it comes to dividing up our farm? What are the legal steps to pass the business on without hurting the financial standing of the operation? How can I plan so the business will be profitable for multiple generations? Is there enough equity in the business or farm that I can retire without selling out? A successful estate plan does not only provide for retirement, but also helps pass the largest possible estate to loved ones, and insures that all people are friends through the process and after the estate is settled. An estate plan aims to preserve the maximum amount of wealth possible for the intended beneficiaries and flexibility for the individual prior to death.

To help you prepare for a successful estate plan, Paulding County OSU Extension will be hosting a four part Estate Planning Workshop

4-H STABLEMATE SPOTLIGHT



Adam Deatruck is 11 years old and is the son of Bill and Sue Deatruck. Adam has been involved with 4-H for six years. His interests and hobbies include wrestling, football, animals, and horseback riding. The name of his 4-H project is "Market Goat", "Dairy/Beef Feeder". The accomplishment he wishes to achieve with this project is earning a trophy. Adam has learned a lot about animals by being involved with 4-H.

Amanda Porter is 16 years old and is the daughter of John and Michele Porter. This is her 8th year of being in 4-H. Amanda's interests and hobbies include being FFA

secretary, class president, 4-H Club President, student council, (horses) OQPA member. The names of her projects for this year are "Equine Reproduction & Genetics", "Dairy/Beef Feeder", "Commercial Steer", "Beef Heffer", "Beef Feeder", "Creative Writing". The accomplishments Amanda wishes to achieve with her projects this year is to win with her horse and cow. She would like to qualify for "Showman of Showman." When asked what has being a 4-H member given you, her response was this, "Leadership skills, ability to be a team player, social skills, and a lot of good memories."

beginning Tuesday, February 5 and continuing every other week until Tuesday, March 18. These evening sessions will challenge participants to examine their personal estate or business to begin planning for the future, will help families come together to develop a plan for the future, discover ways to increase family communication, plan for retirement, and learn strategies for transferring management skills and business assets from one generation to the next.

The first session will be presented by Ohio State University Extension Educators to help families evaluate the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats involved in getting ready as a family; and also challenge members to honestly communicate with one another when planning for the future.

The second session will focus on social security benefits, personal retirement plans and estate transfer. A representative from the Social Security Office will be present to discuss social security programs, benefits, and services. Barb Rohrs, FCS Educator, Defiance County, will look at personal asset transfer to help families sit down and discuss a fair and mutually agreeable

distribution of personal possessions. The final speaker for the evening is Phil Recker, Financial Advisor, Edward Jones Investments, who will discuss various types of retirement plans.

The third session will feature business structures and strategies, tax implications, and how much one needs for retirement with a presentation from Don Breece, Extension Specialist Farm Management.

The final session will look at the nuts and bolts of estate planning. Robert Moore and Kim Cutler of the law firm, Wright Law Company LPA, Columbus, will cover the order and methods of transfer, trusts, LLCs and insurance.

There is a nominal fee per family or business. The evening session will begin at 7:00 pm and will be held in the Youth Leadership Building, located on the Paulding County Fairgrounds. If you would like to attend, please contact the Paulding County Extension office at 419.399.8225 before January 31.

ODOT DIRECTS FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDS TO HELP OHIO'S CHILDREN FIND SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL BY WALKING AND BIKING

COLUMBUS—In cooperation with communities across the state to make walking and bicycling to school a safe and routine activity once again, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is directing more than \$4 million in federal transportation funds as part of the department's Safe Routes to School program.

In this first year of funding, ODOT is awarding \$2.6 million to 15 communities for infrastructure projects, including pedestrian crossing signals, completing sidewalks, building small pedestrian bridges and improving signage. ODOT is also awarding \$167,000 in non infrastructure funding to 5 communities to develop educational materials, provide encouragement programs, and help municipalities with enforcement programs.

No local communities were awarded infrastructure or non infrastructure funding during this latest application round.

An additional \$1.2 million will go to 87 communities to develop School Travel Plans, a required outline of how local communities will encourage both parents and children to travel by means other than a motor vehicle or bus to and from school. This is accomplished by reducing individual car trips, increasing walking and bicycling and by making the walking and bicycling environment safer.

Locally, several entities received funding to develop

a school travel plan. The plan, which is aimed at students who live within two miles of their school, should employ elements of education, enforcement, engineering, encouragement and evaluation.

Those receiving funding to develop travel plans are as follows. Schools were eligible to receive up to \$6,000 per travel plan:

Hicksville, Arcadia, Van Buren, Antwerp, Pandora, Van Wert Park District.

In 1969, national statistics showed that half of all students walked or bicycled to school. Today, however, fewer than 15 percent of all school trips are made by walking or biking; instead, more than half of all children arrive at school in private automobiles.

This decline in walking to school has had not only an adverse effect on traffic congestion and air quality around schools, but evidence has shown that children who lead sedentary lifestyles are at risk for a variety of health problems.

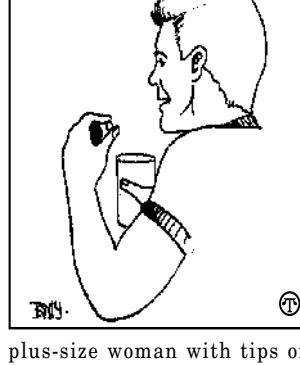
Safety issues are a big concern for parents, who consistently cite traffic danger as a reason why their children are unable to bike or walk to school.

ODOT's Safe Routes to School Program makes federal funding available for a wide variety of programs and projects from building safer street crossings to establishing programs that encourage children and their parents to walk and bicycle safely to school.

A complete list of awards and additional information about ODOT's Safe Routes to School Program can be found online at www.dot.state.oh.us/SafeRoutes.

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*** Automotive experts say simple steps, such as filling up when it's cool, using the right fuel, keeping current on repairs, using onboard oil life technology on GM vehicles and changing a few driving habits, can add up to savings. Learn more at www.goodwrench.com.

*** To make holiday giving even sweeter (and more memorable), tuck a few pieces of candy into unexpected gifts, suggests the National Confectioners Association. For more information, recipes and tips, visit www.candyusa.org; write to the National Confectioners Association, 8320 Old Courthouse Road, Ste. 300, Vienna, VA 22182; or phone (703) 790-5750.

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*** "Many seniors are able to live in familiar surroundings and age with dignity because of the selflessness of their caregivers," says John Wells, senior vice president, long-term care for Conesco and its subsidiary, Bankers Life and Casualty Company. For information, visit www.bankerslife.com and click on "Senior Resources."

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BUEHRER NAMED CHAIR OF SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

COLUMBUS—Ohio Senate President Bill Harris today appointed State Senator Steve Buehrer (R-Delta) to serve as Chair of the Senate Highways and Transportation Committee.

Buehrer said, "Throughout my career in public service, I have stressed the importance of a well-maintained, easily-accessible transportation system to foster Ohio's economic success. I look forward to taking an even stronger leadership role on these issues as head of the Transportation Committee."

As a member of the Ohio House during the 124th and 125th General Assemblies, Sen. Buehrer authored and successfully passed Ohio's two-year transportation budget, which provides funding for highway projects across the state. Then, after coming over to the Senate early last year, Buehrer was assigned to the Senate Transportation

Committee, where he played an integral role in crafting the state's most recent highway budget, House Bill 67.

Buehrer also sponsored a key amendment to HB 67 that worked to protect the Route 24 project and other priority highway projects across Ohio from being delayed or cancelled.

"By making strategic investments to improve and expand Ohio's transportation infrastructure, we not only improve safety and travel for Ohio motorists, but help build a foundation to attract business development and bring jobs to our local communities," said Buehrer.

"From the beginning of his service in the Ohio House, Steve has demonstrated a passion and commitment for transportation issues in this state," said Harris. "This enthusiasm, coupled with the extensive knowledge and experience he has gained working on the last several transportation budgets, makes him the perfect candidate to take on this leadership role."

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Kickoff Night will feature open bowling, a basket auction and a variety of food items which will be a preview of just some of the items available at this year's Relay.

Over 20 teams have already signed up for the June 20 and 21 Relay For Life event and team members will be on hand to share ideas with those who might be interested in fielding a team. Teams will also begin their fundraising efforts there.

Bowling will again be featured during the Kickoff with open bowling or reserved times being offered. To reserve a bowling time contact one of the tri-chairs before January 30. Proceeds from bowling will be split between The Alley and Relay For Life.

Once again this year, teams will put together themed baskets for the 8:00 p.m. Basket Auction, RFL Auction chair Nub Kees and his crew will once again handle the auc-

tion duties. At approximately 8:30 p.m. teams will reserve their campsites for the 2008 event by designating where their campsite will be located at the Hicksville track on June 20 and 21. The Kickoff Night is a great opportunity to find out what Relay For Life is all about and how to join in the annual event so plan to attend.

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SENATE BEGINS WORK ON TEACHER MISCONDUCT PROPOSAL

Capitol Letters Weekly Column by: Senator Steve Buehrer

The student-teacher relationship is tremendously important. Beyond the day-to-day lectures, tests and lesson plans, teachers are role models for our children. By providing a positive experience in the classroom, they can help build self-confidence in their students, stress cooperation as well as care for others, and instill an appreciation for hard work and discipline—qualities that will translate to success later in life. On a larger scale, our educators play a vital role in the health of Ohio's economy and communities, molding the minds of this state's future leaders, workforce and business owners.

With so much at stake, I am proud to say that Ohio has thousands of honest, caring, qualified teachers in classrooms across the state who understand the enormous influence they have on their student's lives. This bodes well for all Ohioans.

Unfortunately, as was brought to light in a recent newspaper investigation, there are also rare exceptions when teachers do not meet these expectations, violating the trust of their students and fellow educators, and in some cases, posing a tremendous

danger to our schools and the community.

In October, the Columbus Dispatch ran a series of articles titled the ABC's of Betrayal, in which they detailed the findings of a shocking 10-month investigation into how local school districts and the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) investigate, discipline and report teacher misconduct. The report uncovered troubling stories of teachers, who, despite having inappropriate sexual relationships with students, or having been accused of molestation, corporal punishment or other conduct "unbecoming of the profession," continue to hold licenses to teach in the state of Ohio and have been able to move on to other school districts and work.

It is important to note that months prior to the Dispatch series coming out, a new law took effect which sought to weed-out any "bad apples" in the state's education system. In December 2006, the General Assembly passed House Bill 79, legislation that increased the frequency of criminal background checks during an educator's career, requiring, among other things, checks every five years for new teachers. In addition, the bill requires schools to report teacher misconduct to the Ohio Department of Education, regardless of whether the teacher has been convicted of a crime.

While HB 79 was a solid first step in the effort to rid our schools of dishonest, dangerous educators, the Dispatch's report uncovered inconsistencies in how school districts were complying with the law, rallying parents, students, legislators, and many in the education community behind a call for even more transparency and accountability in the system.

Almost immediately, the General Assembly responded, passing legislation that included requirements for tougher, more frequent background checks for all school employees, while asking ODE to draft a code of conduct for Ohio educators, as well as

penalties for school districts that fail to report instances of teacher misconduct. Upon its passage, legislators vowed to do more in the days to come, and recently, that promise became a reality.

On January 9th, the House and Senate teamed up to introduce companion bills designed to further improve Ohio's system for reporting, disciplining and disclosing information regarding educator misconduct. The Senate version, Senate Bill 270, had its first hearing in the Senate Education Committee this past week, and is sure to be a topic of intense discussion and debate in the coming weeks.

More specifically, SB 270 ensures that if a teacher is convicted of certain serious offenses—the bill contains a list of more than 80, including murder, rape, unlawful sexual contact with a minor and various drug offenses—that his or her license will be automatically revoked, and they will be immediately removed from the classroom. In addition, the bill gives ODE the ability to access daily arrest reports from the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCII) to monitor any unlawful activity by a teacher.

Ohio's students should feel safe and secure in the classroom. Conversely, the state's teachers should strive to serve as role models for their students, creating an educational environment that allows every child to learn and grow. These are goals that get disrupted when a corrupt, dishonest educator is able to infiltrate the system. The General Assembly has worked hard in recent years to keep these dangerous individuals out of our schools, and as we move forward with discussion on SB 270, I hope to work with my colleagues and interested parties to further strengthen the law and find the best way to protect our children.

I encourage all residents of the 1st Senate District to contact me with any questions, thoughts or concerns, or if you need assistance working

with a state government agency. You can write me, Senator Steve Buehrer, Ohio Senate, Statehouse, Columbus, Ohio, 43215, or contact me by phone at (614) 466-8150. In addition, I can be reached by email at SD01@mailr.sen.state.oh.us.

ROE VS. WADE RALLY AT DEFIANCE COUNTY COURT HOUSE

By: Sue Knapp

A total of over 150 people gathered on the Defiance County Court House Lawn on Tuesday afternoon, January 22 in protest of Roe vs. Wade decision which legalized abortion in 1973.

A prayer service was held by Rev. Timothy Kummerer from St. Mary's Catholic Church in Defiance. Following the ceremonies the group marched towards St. John's Catholic Church. The marchers held another prayer service led by Rev. Donald Luhring. The march ended at the monument inscribed "In Memory of the Helpless Victims of Abortion" which is on the corner of Fifth and Jackson Streets. A wreath was then laid at the monument followed by closing prayer by Deacon Don Meyer.

This event was in conjunction with the Right to Life March held in Washington DC on January 22.

Some comments about this experience were the following.

Kyle: "I was losing my faith and told my friends I wasn't sure about going to Church more. I saw so many people who have faith in God."

Whitney: "It was inspiring to see how many people care enough to take the trouble to travel that far to save babies."

Michael: "At the Pro-Life March, I only saw one pro-choice person. It was great to see how many are coming out to support the end of abortion. It shows we are winning."

Simon: "The Youth Rally with 35,000 other teens there praying to end abortion was amazing. It was awesome to experience the whole trip. I thought to myself this walk can really help to end abortion. This is really a different experience. It was so amazing."

Wilson: "I liked how everyone was so nice. Everyone who was walking with us was so kind. It shows that people who are pro-life don't just say they want abortion to stop, but they live a life that is pro-life. I mean they are loving and nice people. They are kind to everyone. They didn't even know me and my friends but they gave us food, gloves, hats... There were all kinds of people there—Jewish and Christians—all believing in the same thing - life. They all are loving people who think life is good."

Debbie: "My 7 year old daughter, Mary, kept asking me, 'Do all these people like babies?' She asked me that question at each event we went to while we were in Washington. It meant so much to her to find so many people who care about kids, born and unborn.

"For me (Debbie Gayord) it was a spiritual renewal. Each person in our group and all those in Washington were a witness to me of how Christ is present among us. I was strongly reminded, we must each keep our lights burning, praying and living life that is pro-life. Wilson's comment made me think how much we impact each other by our daily little actions. Kids today are watching us. They wonder if we value their lives. They live in a culture that questions their right to exist and is quick to give up on them. Each one of us needs to spread the message that no matter how dif-

ficult one's life is, it is highly valued by us and by God. We do that simply by loving each other, no matter what state of life we are in right now.

"While our government may not support all life, we as God's sons and daughters, must reach out our hands and hearts to all those around us. We are the people who make up this great nation and in our prayers we can lift up this nation and give her back to God where she belongs. Debbie Gayed.

Sue says: "Even though the kids and Debbie Gayed are from Illinois and not Paulding County, they rode on the buses from Paulding County. I was impressed with the kids when I met them and I'm impressed with what Debbie has to say.

"Whether talking about abortion or life in general we need to lift up this nation and give it back to God."

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