

OBITUARIES

James Edward Wonderly, 82, of Hicksville, died on Thursday December 11, 2008 at Defiance Inpatient Hospice Center - Defiance, Ohio.

He was born on January 4, 1926 in Hicksville, Ohio the son of Lloyd and Ila (Sholl) Wonderly.

He graduated from Hicksville High School with the class of 1944. He was a U.S. Army veteran serving during WWII. He was united in marriage to Ruth Emehiser on February 29, 1948.

He was employed at International Harvester - Fort Wayne, Indiana as an inspector and at Hicksville Exempted Village Schools until his retirement. He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church - Hicksville and Masonic Lodge #478 - Hicksville. He enjoyed fishing, camping, and traveling.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth; two sons: Lowell (Jeanne), Larry (Roxann); a daughter, Loretta (Leonard) Yoder all of Hicksville; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; five brothers: W. Kenneth (Louella) and Donal (Betty) both of Hicksville; Glen of Florida; Lewis (Donna) and Phillip (Sandy) both of Hicksville; two sisters: Leila Hook and Joyce (Bob) Hart both of Hicksville.

He was preceded in death by two sisters: Rachel Fritz and infant Carol Wonderly.

Funeral services were December 15, 2008 at Smith & Brown Funeral Home - Hicksville with Rev. Tom Graves officiating. A Masonic service was held on December 13, 2008.

Burial was at Scipio Cemetery - Harlan, Indiana with military honors conducted by Hicksville American Legion Post 223.

Memorial contributions may be made to Defiance Inpatient Hospice Center or Hospice the Caring Way of Defiance or Trinity United Methodist Church.

Online condolences may be made at www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com



Nancy L. Reeb, 66, of Antwerp passed away Wednesday, December 10, 2008 at her residence.

Nancy was born in Perrysburg, Ohio on August 4, 1942, the daughter of the late James & Betty Jane (Sharrer) Stemen. On February 14, 1975 she married Rudie Reeb, who survives.

Nancy owned Nancy's Boutique, Antwerp and was the manager of the Antwerp Equity Exchange. She was a member of Antwerp VFW Post 5087 and American Legion Post 253 and served on Antwerp Village Council for 8 years.

Nancy will be sadly missed by her husband,

Rudie; son, Jerry of Missoula, MT; three grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Her services were Saturday, December 13, 2008, at Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp with Rev. Michael Schneider officiating.

Her family requests donations to the V.E.T.S. Memorial, PO Box 452, Antwerp, Ohio 45813 in her memory. Dooley Funeral Home of Antwerp in is charge of arrangements. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

William Keith Welch, 57, of Paulding, died Wednesday, December 10, 2008 at the Gardens of Paulding, Paulding, OH.

He was born August 21, 1951 in Ithaca, New York, the son of Walter and Dortha (Maxwell) Welch. He was employed by Stoller and Sons Farming, Inc., Paulding.

He is survived by four children: Sabrina L. Spaulding of Freeville, NY, Cody James Welch of McLean, NY, Cole Younger Welch of Ithaca, NY, Tanner Jay Welch of Paulding; a sister, Carol (Doug) Chevalier of Fancy Gap, VA; four grandchildren; and caregiver, Bonnie Hamilton of Paulding.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services was December 13 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding.

There will be a memorial service at Perkins Funeral Home in Dryden, NY with burial in Willow Glen Cemetery, Dryden, NY, at a later date.

Donations may be made to Paulding Area Visiting Nurses & Hospice. Condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Crystal M. Stahl, 37, of Melrose, died Sunday, December 7, 2008 at Toledo Hospital, Toledo, OH.

She was born on February 27, 1971 in Paulding County to Ronald and Carol (Rakes) Stahl. She was a member of Global Outreach in Defiance; and coached t-ball in Melrose.

Surviving are her father and step-mother, Ellen Stahl, of Oakwood; her mother of Melrose; maternal grandparents, Bethel and Wilma Rakes of Oakwood; two brothers: David Stahl of Grover Hill, Michael (Tracey) Stahl of Paulding; two sisters: Samantha Stahl of Oakwood and Sandra (Derrick) Seibert of Oakwood; several nieces and nephews, who she dearly loved and adored.

She is preceded in death by a son, Austin Charles; paternal grandparents, Issac and Florice Stahl.

Services were December 11, 2008 at Twin Oaks United Methodist Church, Oakwood with Rev. Carol Retcher officiating. Burial was in Sherman Cemetery, Oakwood.

Memorials to Diabetic Association, Kidney Association of the charity of donor's choice. Condolences may be sent to www.heimeyerfuneralhome.com. Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Oakwood were handling arrangements.

REGARDING THEORETICAL GENEROSITY

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

A peasant in Russia was seeking to join the Communist Party and appeared before the local Party secretary to answer a few questions as to his worthiness.

"If you have two cats, will you give one of them away?" asked the secretary.

"Yes, I will," the peasant responded.

"And if you have two tractors, will you give one of them away?"

"Certainly."

"And if you have two houses, will you give one of them away?"

"Absolutely."

"And if you have two cows would you give one of them away?"

The man hesitated a moment and then said, "No, I couldn't do that."

"And why not?" questioned the secretary.

"Because I have two cows."

Interesting exchange, isn't it? What the man held to in theory and what he believed in actual practice were two different things. When it came right down to demonstrating his convictions in ways that would crowd his comfort zone and cramp his style, the man wavered. Sadly, the same is true for many of us.

On paper, most of us would look pretty virtuous. If we were to fill out a form that asked us if we loved God, our mates, our children, and other people, most of us would quickly check the "YES" box and move to the next series of questions. But in practice, I wonder how close our behavior would support our belief? It's one thing to talk about love, compassion, forgiveness, and tolerance of others; it's something else to demonstrate it.

As one man was overheard to say, "Of course, I love people; it's the guy next door that I can't stand."

It often seems like the most difficult people to show practical love are those with whom we have to interact on a regular basis. Our mate, our family, close friends, work associates, students at school, and people in the community or neighborhood.

Part of the reason it's more difficult to show kindness, consideration, and tolerance for those sorts of people is because we know them so well and they know us. We lower our guard and tend to let our hair down around such people. We feel like we have the "right" to be rude, cutting, impatient, and cruel. Certainly with those we know well, we should feel more of a freedom to be ourselves. However, that freedom should not give us a license to speak or act in ways that are hurtful or unkind.

Another reason we find it easier to be short, uncivil, and even harsh with those close to us is because the better we get to know someone, the more we see their faults. And the more we see a person's faults, the easier it is to get ticked off and frustrated by them.

In contrast, however, the Bible tells us that Jesus showed love, forgiveness, and compassion to those who were not easy to love. His enemies. Those who were seeking to take His life. Those who disagreed with Him. His

disciples as they argued and quibbled with one another.

At the time of the year when we engage in gift-giving to celebrate the Savior's birth, perhaps giving the gift of kindness, the gift of forgiveness, the gift of understanding, or the gift of time would be the most vital gift of all that you could give someone this Christmas season.

LIFE LINE SCREENING AT WOODBURN MISSIONARY CHURCH

The Woodburn Missionary Church will be hosting a Life Line Screening on Tuesday, January 27, 2009. Life Line Screening will be performing ultrasound screenings that can help you avoid a stroke. They will also be offering blood testing on that day. Pre-register is required. To register and schedule your appointment time, please call 1-800-324-1851. They will also answer any questions you have about pricing and the screenings at that time.

FROM MANNA FOODS

Whatever your cross, whatever your pain, there will always be sunshine after the rain, perhaps you may stumble, perhaps even fall, But God's always ready to answer your call.

He knows every heartache, sees every tear, a word from His lips can calm every fear. Your sorrows may linger throughout the night but suddenly vanish by dawn's early light, the Savior is waiting somewhere above to give you His grace and send you his love. May God bless your day.

Are you looking for a

church home? Visit St. Jacob's UCC in Payne, on the corner of Oak and Hyman. Sunday school is at 9:00 a.m. and morning worship is at 10:00 a.m. Ralph will be at the Library in Antwerp on Wednesday, December 17 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. He will also be at the Village Apothecary on Thursday, December 18 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

MATTHEW 24 LESSON 15

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

In our last study I was telling you about the Roman eagle and this being the emblem they had on their banners or flags. Today I would like for us to look at some very controversial verses.

Now, let us look at Matthew 24:29. In verse 29, it says immediately after the tribulation of those days... What this is talking about is the horrible events that occurred during the siege of Jerusalem and after the siege, the final destruction would occur. Before I go any further, you and I need to understand that Jesus is using apocalyptic language to draw attention to the importance of these events. It is not to be taken literally, but is illustrating a point. Old Testament books such as Ezekiel, Zechariah, Isaiah, Daniel and the New Testament book of Revelation have these symbols and figures. Notice in verse 29 it says "those days" and is referring to the destruction of Jerusalem. Notice it also says "the sun will be darkened." This is terminology in an apocalyptic language which refers to the following events in the Bible—please

read Isaiah 13:10. You and I need to understand that Isaiah is talking about the fall of Babylon in this verse, or I should say in all of Isaiah Chapter 13. In Ezekiel 32:7 this language is used again about the distress of Egypt. The scripture verse that most of us are familiar with is from the Old Testament book of Joel 2:28-31, please read it.

As you and I turn in our Bibles to Acts 2:16-20, this is what Peter told the Jews that were gathered there on the day of Pentecost. This is talking about the sun being darkened and the moon in blood, and so forth, Acts 2:19-20. Did this happen literally? The answer is no, and the Jewish people who were gathered there that day would tell you it didn't happen.

When you and I read apocalyptic language it is noting a great significant day, but does not happen literally.

I will continue this study in our next lesson. Jesus loves you and so do I! For Bible questions please call (419) 393-4775 or (419) 399-5022.

25TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CANTATA AT SHERWOOD'S ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

The St. John's Lutheran Church on Oppenlander Road in Sherwood will be performing their 25th annual Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 21 at 10:15 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The name of the performance will be, "Do You Hear What I Hear?" The public is invited to attend.



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SHAWN DOOLEY CELEBRATES "THE BIG ONE"

Mr. Shawn Dooley was the honored guest at a surprise birthday held in honor of his 50th birthday (even though he is only 39). The bash was held at Kurt and Emily Tempel's home and was hosted by the Bunco gals. Since Shawn thought he was attending a Halloween party, he came dressed as a moose and his lovely wife, Michelle, made a very good Sarah Palin impersonation (move over, Tina Fey).

Since the party was a "pay it forward" theme, partygoers lavished Shawn with many appropriate gifts that he will no doubt treasure for many years to come. Some of the highlights included a handcrafted, velvet-lined miniature casket filled with 5,000 pennies; a framed photo of Shawn with president-elect Barack Obama; "cold cash" - a frozen \$20.00 bill in a block of ice, and many others.

Friends also honored Shawn by "paying it forward" with good deeds. Guests brought canned goods that were donated to the local food pantry. Friends were also given the opportunity to sign up to be organ donors, and nearly everyone in attendance opted to do so in Shawn's honor.

A featured guest entertainer, Joni Miesle, wrote and performed a very moving rap song as a special tribute to Shawn. A good time was had by all.

If you see this old geezer, be sure to wish him a happy birthday on December 19!

Omygosh, where do I start? First I must thank the members of Mount Calvary Lutheran Church and Pastor Bill Barlow for all the prayers and concerns both before and after surgery. Thanks to all the area churches for the prayer support. Thanks to the gals of Card Club for the prayers, bringing food and kind deeds. Thanks to the Class of '58 for all the prayers, cards and goodies. Thanks to my co-workers at the Vagabond Village for the flowers, prayers and the Care Package. I can't tell you how much receiving all the cards has meant. Thanks to my quilting friends in Fort

Wayne for their prayers and cards, Brenda that made me a quilt I will take to chemo with me and Linda who walked in my name for Breast Cancer Awareness. Thanks to my family, especially Carl and Susan for hanging out with me at the doctor appointments. Sue, Martha, Jan, Lisa, Diane, Mardell, Rheeta, Joe and Adrien how can I leave you out? Thanks. Nancy, I loved the pink roses. I am proud to say I know all of you and you are such a blessing to me. Now as I begin my chemo treatments I ask that I remain in your prayers.

—Helen Livingston,
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WAYNE TRACE JR./SR. HIGH HOLDS SUCCESSFUL TOY DRIVE



The Wayne Trace Jr./Sr. High Student Council recently hosted a very successful toy drive to benefit "Christmas For Kids". Shown pictured are members of the Wayne Trace Student Council along with Rick Small from "98.1 The Mix". All toys will stay in the local area to help those in need this holiday season.

Woodburn Jr./Sr. High School Student of the Month



Woodlan Jr/Sr High School's Junior High Student of the Month is eighth-grader Blake Miller. Blake is the son of Eugene and Tammy Miller of Grabill. Blake earned this honor not only because he is a strong student, earning an 11.8 on a 12.0 scale in his 4 trimesters at Woodlan, but because he is an extremely hard worker who doesn't just rest on his natural talents and intelligence. Blake has played 7th and 8th grade basketball as well as 8th grade football at Woodlan. He has also participated in baseball through Harlan Park and football as a 7th-grader through the PAL League. In elementary school, Blake was part of the math bowl team. Outside of school, Blake attends Grace Point Church and enjoys deer-hunting with his dad. Someday, Blake would like to have a career involving mathematics, engineering, or sports medicine. Keep up the good work Blake!

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LATTA STATEMENT ON H.R. 7321

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) made the following statement after the House of Representatives considered H.R. 7321, the Auto Industry Financing and Restructuring Act.

"The auto industry is a critical segment of our nation's economy, especially in

Ohio. During the testimony from the "Detroit 3" and the drafting of this legislation, important questions remain unanswered that put the American taxpayer at serious risk.

Similar to the financial bailout, Congress is putting one person in charge of an entire area of our economy. We cannot in good faith give one person management power over the "Detroit 3" if they cannot currently manage themselves. This bill yields vast power in the "car czar" to decide what types of vehicles Americans will drive, how corporate organizations and debt will be restructured, and whether or not the companies are meeting the criteria of the bailout. This bill also fails to address what will happen to the companies should they not be in compliance with the bailout, as Congress will immediately demand repayment. It is clear each company currently does not possess the cash to operate at this time. How will they repay the loan in the near future if they cannot meet the requirements set forth in the bill? In addition, this legislation was nothing more than a short-term bridge loan to the "Detroit 3" with no guarantee they would not return in the near future for additional funding.

House Republican leadership laid out an alternative plan earlier today, mapping out a plan of faster restructuring with harder deadlines for the "Detroit 3" to meet. Additionally, the plan calls for each of the companies' creditors to drastically reduce their respective indebtedness by at least 1/3. Most impor-

"CHRISTMAS THROUGH THE EYES OF A CHILD" AT PAYNE CHURCH OF CHRIST

This Christmas Eve, the Payne Church of Christ will host a Christmas Eve service beginning at 6:30 p.m. The church building is located at 220 West Merrin Street, Payne.

Through the eyes of a child, Christmas takes on a very different perspective than it does for an adult. Their view is so innocent and pure; an unblemished vision of the greatest gift given to the world. Find that virtue in your heart, and be prepared to experience, through song and stories by Max Lucado, how a child views the events of the first Christmas, the Christ child and the innocence of the season.

THANK YOU

The family of Pam Knepper would like to thank everyone who shared our difficult time after her passing. We will never forget your kindness, thoughts and prayers. We would especially like to thank Rev. Jim Edwards for his kind words and Antwerp American Legion for providing the meal after her funeral.

—The Kinsey, Knepper & Art Families

tantly, the House Republican plan is financed with government insurance, similar to fee-based programs like the FDIC, which provides much needed protection for this taxpayer investment.

Furthermore, the current proposal was introduced by Democrat leadership today and was fast tracked through normal proceedings, bypassing hearings and extensive debate. Members had less than ten hours to review the bill before voting.

Securing the nation's auto industry is a serious concern that needs review and careful attention. This bill fails to provide accountability on American taxpayers' investments, security to the millions employed by the automotive industry, and does not guarantee any solid restructuring plans for any of the "Detroit 3". Under the bill, the risk behind this investment is too great for the American taxpayer.

Because of the reasons set forth above, I had to cast a no vote. Once again, too much power is vested in one individual with too much discretion on where America's automotive future will be."

Parent Topics

Pleasing Picky Eaters Has Never Been Easier

(NAPSA)—Parents can now please the picky eaters in their family—one meal at a time. Food Network host Robin Miller has partnered with Tyson Foods to help parents find peace at mealtime.

"As a mother of two young boys, I know the challenges of getting kids to eat—and to eat right," said Robin Miller, chef and host of Food Network's "Quick Fix Meals with Robin Miller." "With the help of kid-friendly foods like Tyson® 100% All Natural™ Chicken Nuggets, I can serve them something they love that provides the essential protein their growing bodies need."



A "peaceful plate" of chicken nuggets, fruit and a delicious dipping sauce is a kid pleaser that parents can feel good about serving.

Tips To Help You

In addition to finding fun finger foods she feels good about serving, Miller has an arsenal of tips to ensure her children are eating a balanced diet, rich in protein, whole grains, fruits and vegetables, including:

Create A "Peaceful Plate"—Imagine your child's dinner plate has a peace sign drawn on it. Fill the larger areas with whole grains and fresh vegetables and the base of the peace sign with protein. This balanced, "peaceful plate" allows you to serve a variety of bright colors and flavors and ensures your child is getting the right balance of essential nutrients and foods.

Something Familiar and Something New—For most kids, trying something new isn't quite as scary if it is paired with something familiar. The same goes with food. Pair one of your child's favorite foods with a new food or flavor. For example, if you usually serve chicken nuggets with ketchup, try a variation—mustard and honey mixed with fresh

chopped peaches. The sauce is sweet and delicious, and your child will add peaches to his repertoire of new favorites.

Planning Makes Tackling Dinnertime Practical—Eating dinner as a family doesn't mean it has to be a three-ring circus. During the weekend, take a little extra time to chop vegetables for soups or sauces and plan out your weeknight meals. Stock up on frozen items that can be easily paired with fresh veggies or fruit, such as Tyson® 100% All Natural™ Chicken Nuggets, which are minimally processed and contain no artificial ingredients, preservatives or fillers. By doing the work ahead of time, you'll be able to spend less time in the kitchen and more time around the table during the week.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

As County Auditor/Chief Fiscal Officer for the county, I believe it is important to respond to the many questions surrounding the jail bond and 2009 property tax bills. First, let me say, I am not providing this information to be critical of past decisions, only to provide information to the public. It is the County Auditor's responsibility to enter the correct property tax and bond rates that appear on your tax bills. The question being asked is "since the jail closed, will the jail bond still be on my property tax bill?" Yes, the jail bond will remain on your tax bill. The closing of the jail does not remove the jail debt. The debt is directly related to the renovation and construction of the new jail facility-open or closed. I will try and explain the fundamental purpose of bonds and how they work. Most tax levies and bonds have specific purposes and intent.

For basic definition, a bond can:

- Raise funds for permanent improvements (structures)
- Be used to pay off debt
- The money can only be used for the purpose stated on the ballot (not for operating expenses)
- Bonds are sold in the

amount approved, then money is used to pay for improvements

—Money is paid back with interest, usually over 20 or more years (similar to an individual's mortgage loan)

To try and explain further, with a levy you vote on an exact millage; however, with a bond you vote on an amount of debt in dollars rather than an exact millage. Once a bond is approved by the voters, the debt obligation is reviewed annually to determine the amount of tax dollars to collect to pay principal plus interest for the annual payments. If necessary, the millage is adjusted (up or down) so enough tax dollars are collected to pay off the debt over the number years that were originally voted on. The current jail bond was voted on and passed November 2005 for \$1,800,000 to be collected over 17 years. The current balance on the voted debt is \$1,496,500, with the amount of \$118,000 to be collected in 2009 for debt payment (principal and interest). Using the annual amount due and the county's certified valuation; the necessary millage (used to determine your tax bill) is calculated. If county valuation decreases, the millage is adjusted up; if valuation increases, the millage is adjusted down. Delinquent taxes and fees must also be considered to cover the annual debt payment. It is equally important to not over collect, especially as you get closer to meeting the debt obligation. If the debt would be paid off before the 17 years is up, the levied millage would then be removed from your property tax bill. There is also an additional amount of jail construction debt that is not "voted" debt covered by bonds. The current amount of the unvoted debt is \$494,500 and can't be paid from the levied millage for the voted debt. This additional debt will have to be paid from other sources. I realize this is a complex issue, and my intentions are to provide you with facts, not to suggest blame. As your County Auditor, I am trying to answer your questions about your property taxes. It has been

my primary goal to make information available to the public with open, honest communication. I hope you continue to use our website (www.pauldingcountyauditor.com) as we strive to add new information. We will be updating the tax year 2008 payable 2009 property tax levy information as soon as possible. I also plan to continue submitting articles to the local newspapers on various topics. I realize these are very difficult times for many residents and it is important to me to keep a line of communication. Please feel free to contact me with any further questions about the responsibilities of the County Auditor's office.

Proudly Serving the Residents of Paulding County,
—Susan K. Simpson,
Paulding County Auditor

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I have a friend who I believe is being taken advantage of by the Passport program and the home health. With their lies they say they're gonna do this, do that and never do. My friend is an older person, who is afraid to say something to Nicole, of Passport.

For home health, they get mad if my friend is not home. They come when they feel like it. One time it is early in the morning, the next it could be late in the day. My friend gets upset because my friend would like a set time. Not all over the place.

My friend would like to leave the Passport program because of the way my friend is being treated. With the lies and care my friend receives. My friend does not need that. But my friend, can't afford to get off Passport because of Medicaid, and because of Social Security. That's the only thing good about Passport is they medicaid nothing. All else is all lies.

—Charles Timmerman

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Just a note to the Antwerp School. I was going shopping this morning at the Alco store in Paulding. At the same time a Antwerp bus was letting kids off to go shopping. I was shopping at the same time as all of the kids were shopping. I just want to say the kids were very well-mannered and polite. Also, the adults were letting the kids do the shopping and not doing it for them. What a great thing to see. Job well done.

—Judy Phlipot

HICKSVILLE MASONS PREPARE FOR INSPECTION

Joe Stotler opened Hicksville Lodge #478 and the Pledge was given. Get well cards were sent to members Jim Wonderly and Derrill Kline. December birthday cards were signed and sent to Terry Derck Dec. 25, Tod Perry Dec. 20, Byron and Bing Rasey Dec. 15, Dick Savage Dec. 24, Wm. Kenny Wonderly Dec. 14, and Calvin Worden Dec. 16.

The fifty-year members present included Doyle Johnson, Dick Savage, Elmer Woodcox, Estel Cottrell, and Charles Carey. Others on the sidelines were Tim Betts, Russell St. Johns, Scott Ruppert, Hanson "Curly" Lilly, George Underwood, Alvin Copsey, Randy Brooks Jr., Ron Farnsworth, Richard Wann, Steve Schilb, Walter Schilb, Joe Stotler, and Jim Kline.

The report for the Thanksgiving Breakfast was read. He then read the qualifications for the Lodge to receive the "Grand Master's Award" and Scott Ruppert was assigned chairman.

Pre-Inspection will be December 17 and Inspection will be held at the Lodge on Friday, January 16 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting scheduled for December 24 was cancelled which makes the next stated meeting January 14. With no further business all the members retired to the dining room for food and fellowship.

KICK OFF CHRISTMAS WEEK WITH A HOLIDAY MOVIE AT THE JOHNSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY!

Kick off Christmas Week with a holiday movie at the Johnson Memorial Library on Monday, December 22 at 6:30 p.m.

The Christmas Movie Night is free and is open to everyone. The Friends of the Hicksville Library will be providing popcorn and drinks to round out the evening.

"Celebrate the Christmas Season with Charlie Brown at the Johnson Memorial Library," invited Branch Manager Amy Manager. "Discover the true meaning of Christmas with Charlie Brown and the whole Peanuts gang."

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

NEW OFFICE HOURS FOR OSU EXTENSION- PAULDING COUNTY

Due to reduced office staff, beginning January 1, 2009 The Ohio State University Extension Office of Paulding County will adopt new business hours. The Extension office will be open from 8:00 - 4:30 p.m. but will be closing from 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon for lunch.

Please direct any questions to the Paulding County Extension Office at 419.399.8225.

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THANK YOU

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The toll free office number is still 877-358-5099 or local 419-258-2233. The reception hall is still 419-258-1430. Office hours are 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. weekdays.

Watch for future events. They look forward to seeing you in 2009.

CONVICTION FROM THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

On December 10, 2008, a Paulding County Jury convicted John W. Mobley on one count of illegal manufacture of drugs, a felony of the second degree, one count of illegal assembly or possession of chemicals for the manufacture of drugs, a felony of the second degree and one count of possession of drugs (methamphetamine) a felony of the fifth degree.

Sentencing has been scheduled for Monday, January 5, 2009.

—Joseph R. Burkard,
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Shrimp Platters: A Popular Holiday Appetizer

(NAPSA)—The holidays are always a good time for shrimp lovers to come out of their shells. For large gatherings or small family entertaining, wonderful appetizers using shrimp are sure to be the first off the plate. Shrimp is delicious and popular. It's the No. 1-selling seafood in America, and for good reason: Everyone loves it, it's a great addition to hundreds of great recipes and it always wows a crowd.



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PREHEAT oven to 425°. Arrange shrimp on baking sheet in a single layer so that the shrimp are not touching each other.

BAKE shrimp for 10 minutes. PLACE tomato, onion and garlic into small bowl. Pour lime juice over vegetable mixture and gently toss until well mixed. Add salt and pepper to taste. Set aside until shrimp finish baking.

REMOVE shrimp from oven but leave them on the baking sheet. Spoon tomato mixture onto each shrimp. RETURN baking sheet with shrimp to the oven and continue baking for 5 minutes.

PLATE and serve hot.
Secret Tip: Want to spice it up for your holiday party? Try adding a dash or two of red pepper flakes to the tomato mixture before you spoon it onto the shrimp.

For news about a shrimp recipe contest, visit www.SeaPak.com.

- Butterfly Shrimp Bruschetta**
Prep Time: 5 minutes
Cook Time: 15 minutes
Makes: 6 appetizer servings
- 1 package (9 ounces) SeaPak® Jumbo Butterfly Shrimp (frozen)
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 - 1 clove fresh garlic, finely diced
 - ½ cup lime juice
 - Salt and pepper



EAST ALLEN AG AND TURF WELCOMES SANTA CLAUS

By: Sue Knapp

The weather was perfect with big fluffy snowflakes coming down that made the chill in the air all worth it. Santa Clause and his elf were in the East Allen Ag & Turf building talking to kids, handing out presents and getting their picture taken. The building was teeming with

kids checking out the toys and their parents checking out the big boy toys, drinking punch and eating cookies. They were lined up outside the door to get in.

There was talking and laughter and a definite hint of holiday in the air. This was the fourth year for Santa Claus to visit East Allen Ag and Turf of Woodburn, IN and I'm sure it won't be the last.

YES VIRGINIA, THERE IS A LIBRARY SANTA CLAUS!

Due to the generous gift of an anonymous benefactor, the Paulding County Carnegie Library System will maintain its normal operating hours for 2009. The library system was scheduled to cut all branches down to 30 hours a week and the main library down to 46 hours per week. "We are so grateful for the generosity of this donor", states Susan Pieper, library director. "The board of trustees had heard of the possibility of this gift being made. We were all holding our breath. The gift comes at a special time of year, when we are thankful for so many blessings."

In these hard economic times, the Paulding County Carnegie Library has seen increases in both circulation and overall library usage. The library provides access to high-speed computers, informative materials and popular movies. The library budget will still be reduced in other areas and increased fees for services and a new fee of .50 to borrow DVDs will go into effect January 1, 2009.

The library had placed an operating levy on the November ballot, but it was defeated. The Paulding County Carnegie Library system serves a population of about 20,000 through the main Carnegie Library in Paulding and branches in the villages of Antwerp, Oakwood and Payne.

Hours for 2009 will remain the same as 2008: Main Carnegie Library (Paulding): Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.; Friday 9:00

a.m. - 5:30 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Antwerp Branch Library: Monday-Tuesday 12:00 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; Wednesday-Friday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Cooper Community Library (Oakwood): Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Payne Branch Library: Monday 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; Tuesday - CLOSED; Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Thursday 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. All library locations are closed on Sundays.

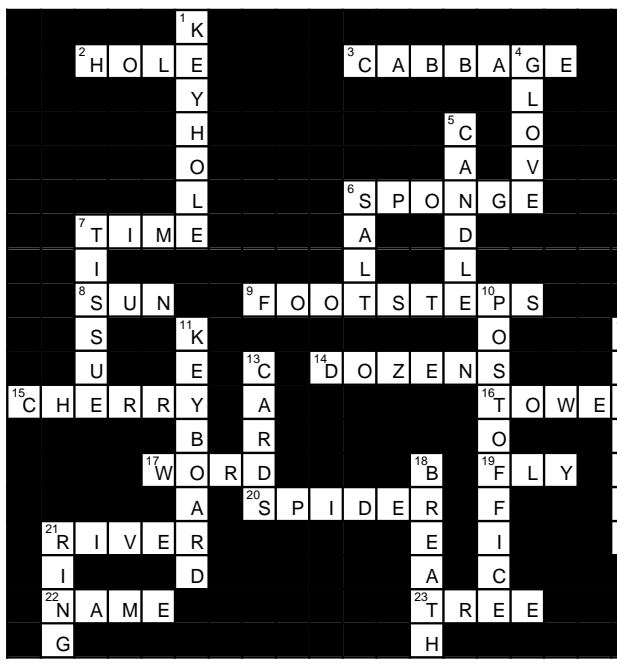
WAYNE TRACE PLACES SIX WRESTLERS AT LINCOLNVIEW INVITATIONAL

The Wayne Trace Wrestling Club competed recently at the Lincolnview Invitational.

Placing were Lindsay Mathews 6th at 103, Kameran Clemens 2nd at 112, Jacob Taylor 4th at 130, Zack Cotterman 6th at 135, Cody Stahl 2nd at 140, and Josh Leggitt 4th at 145. The Raiders placed 10th overall as a team. Carey won the tournament with Columbus Grove 2nd and Delphos St Johns 3rd.

Coach Clemens comments on his wrestling team, "Over all, I was very proud of our team. All day long we had several matches that could have went either way. All of these kids have been working hard and I believe we are right on track to be competitive at the end of the season for our GMC conference and Sectionals."

Last Week's answers to "Puzzling Riddles"



Hints For Homeowners

Fireplace Safety Tips

(NAPSA)—During cool weather, many families look forward to the warmth and ambience of crackling fires in their home fireplace. But before you light a fire, there are some tips to consider:

Get the Fireplace Ready
Past fires may have left soot deposits inside your chimney, so it is always a good idea to have it swept before use. Also, take a look up the flue. Make sure that it is clear of obstructions and debris.

If you notice any cracks in the mortar or crumbling cement, this is a warning sign that the chimney may need repair and you should contact a professional. Another area to check is the fireplace damper—make sure it works properly and fits snugly so that your fireplace won't allow cold air in or heat out.

Choosing Firewood
Be sure to replenish your wood supply. Well-seasoned firewood is easier to start, produces more heat and burns cleaner, reducing the amount of dangerous buildup. There are a few things you can look for to tell if wood is seasoned or not.

Well-seasoned firewood generally has darkened ends with cracks or splits visible, it is relatively lightweight and makes a clear "clunk" when two pieces are knocked together. "Green" wood has a much higher water content,



Purchasing firewood from local sources can help prevent the spread of invasive insects.

making it harder to start and less efficient when burning.

Buying Firewood
Firewood can harbor insects, such as the Emerald Ash Borer Beetle, a species that feeds on ash trees and has killed millions of trees across the U.S. Because of insects like these, it's important that you not move firewood, and instead purchase it close to where you plan to use it. Also, make sure that the firewood you purchase is from local resources.

At the end of the season, be sure to burn all the wood that you have ordered, so that any insects or larvae in the wood do not have the chance to spread.

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NOW READ THIS

By: Stan Jordan

About the same time as the John Dillinger exploits and the antics of Bonnie & Clyde, it was the brazen robberies and killings of the Ma Barker Gang. This was before the lawmen had good police cars and radios and any of the up to date systems that police have now.

'Ma' Barker was born Arizona Donnie Clark in Ash Grove, Missouri in October of 1873. She came from good Christian parents who believed in hard work and traditional values. She also believed in these traits in 1892 when she married George Barker. They had four boys: Herman, Lloyd, Arthur and Fred. After Fred was born the father, George, departed. The general opinion was that he was a worthless drunk and he was thrown out by Ma.

Most people agree that was why the boys went bad. They had no father and they grew up wild and without any fatherly advice.

As early as 1921, some of the Barker boys were in trouble and in jail. In 1922, Lloyd Barker was sent to Leavenworth Prison for robbing the Mail Train at Baxter Springs, Kansas and sentenced to 25 years and was released in 1938.

About a month later, Arthur, 'Doc' Barker went to Oklahoma State Prison for the murder of Thomas Sherill, who was a night watchman at St. John's Hospital at Tulsa.

In 1927, Fred robbed a bank in Windfield, KS and was arrested and sent to Kansas State Prison.

In August of that year, Herman Barker committed suicide after being stopped at a police roadblock. A Wichita policeman named J. E. Marshall had been killed by a gang that Herman had been with.

These boys were in and out of trouble about the time that Capone was operating in Chicago. It was a little before Dillinger's time.

In March of 1931, Fred Barker was released from Kansas State Prison after serving time for robbery and it was here he met Alvin Karpis, another serving time for robbery.

On June 10, 1931, he and Alvin Karpis were arrested by Tulsa Police for burglary. Karpis was sentenced to four years but was paroled after restitution was made. Fred Barker also avoided a jail sentence.

On November 8, 1931, Fred Barker killed the Pochontas, Arkansas Police Chief Manly Jackson.

On December 19, 1931, Fred and Alvin Karpis robbed a store in West Plains, MO and were involved in the killing of Howell county, MO Sheriff, C. Roy Kelly.

On January 8, 1932, Lloyd Barker started serving a sentence at Leavenworth.

April 26, 1932, the body of A. W. Dunlap was found at Lake Franstead, MN. He had been killed by Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis.

On June 17, 1932, Fred, Karpis and five other men robbed the Fort Scott, Kansas State Bank.

On July 7, 1932, 3 members of the Barker-Karpis Gang were arrested by the FBI.

July 25, 1932, Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis robbed the Cloud County Bank at Concordia, Kansas. They had to use a couple new men in the heist.

August 14, 1932, Atty. J. Earl Smith of Tulsa, Oklahoma was found killed at Indian Hills Country Club, north of Tulsa, he had been retained to defend the Barker-Karpis Gang over the Fort Scott robbery, but the men were convicted.

September 10, 1932, Arthur 'Doc' Barker was released from prison.

December 16, 1932, Fred and Arthur Barker, Alvin Karpis and gang robbed The Third Northwestern Bank in Minneapolis killing policemen, Ira Leon Evans and Leo Gorzki and one civilian.

April 4, 1933, Fred and Arthur Barker and the Alvin Karpis Gang robbed the Fairbury, Nebraska bank.

June 1933, the Barker-Karpis Gang kidnapped William Hamm, then on June 17th released him after the ransom was paid.

On August 10, 1933, the Barker-Karpis Gang robbed a payroll at the Stock Yards National Bank of south St. Paul in which one policeman, Leo Paulak was coldly executed and another man was made an invalid for life.

September 22, 1933, two bank messengers held up by five men identified as the Barker-Karpis Gang. Chicago policeman, Miles A. Cunningham was killed by this gang. Gangster, Vern Miller is accused of this killing. He was also in on a massacre in Kansas City where four lawmen were killed.

January 17, 1934, they kidnapped George Bremer and then released him on February 7 after the ransom was paid.

January 19, 1934, the gang wounded M.C. Cord of Northwest Airways thinking he was a policeman.

March 10, 1934, Barker Gang member Fred Goetz (also known as 'Shotgun George') who was a participant in the Brenner kidnapping is killed by fellow gangsters in Cicero, Illinois.

July 1934, underworld Doctor Joseph Maran was last seen on this date.

January 6, 1935, Barker gang member William B. Harrison was killed by fellow gang members at Ontarioville, Illinois.

January 8, 1935, Arthur 'Doc' Barker was arrested in Chicago. Gang member Russell Gibson was killed and his colleague, Byron Bolton was captured at another address.

January 16, 1935, when the police captured Arthur Barker in Chicago. While looking through his papers they found a map of where his mother and brother lived in Lake Weir, Florida. So the FBI and police surrounded the cottage with about 20 men. When asked to surrender the Barkers refused and fired a round. The Feds started firing and about 100 rounds were blasted into the cottage. Then they waited and after no more return fire from the cottage the policemen entered and found both Barkers dead. The place was a shambles. One of the top FBI men placed a tommy gun in Ma Barker's hands so when the news came out, they had more of a reason for killing a woman.

Over the weeks and months, the news media led the world to believe that Ma



ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

This picture is loaned to us by Ray Billman. It was taken about 1978. From left to right are James Sidenbender, Ray 'Pinky' Billman, Stan Jordan, Robert Culler and Lyle Leonard. It shows Robert Culler welcoming Stan Jordan to the Antwerp School Board. He was assigned to meet with the Antwerp Athletic Council. It was in these years that

the State of Ohio was going to consolidate the schools in Paulding County. Well, 99% of all Antwerp's people did not want to lose our school. Feelings ran very high on this. Most people said we will pay whatever it costs but keep our school here.

At this time, Antwerp wanted to join the Green Meadow Conference, but one of the stipulations was, you have a gym or basketball court that will seat 1200

fans. Well, also a lot of people wanted an approved swimming pool. All this was put on a ballot and the people in the school district voted it in. So, that now is all history and we now have a bigger and nicer new school. I guess you might say we have a school complex of over 30 acres.

Yes, we have a school system to be proud of and it is a big part of Antwerp History.

See Ya!

Barker was the brains of the gang, that she made all the plans and say so. But proved not true. She did harbor the gangsters, knowing them to be such and done the cooking.

She was not a leader of criminals and was not a criminal herself.

The notorious bank robber, Harvey Bailey, who knew the Barkers well said, that Ma Barker couldn't even plan a breakfast.

May 1, 1936, Karpis and a buddy, Fred Hunter, were arrested in New Orleans. January 3, 1939, Arthur Barker was killed while trying to escape from Alcatraz.

Of the Barker-Karpis gangsters, 18 arrested, three killed by lawmen, two killed by gangsters.

Lloyd Barker was released from prison in 1938, he was serving time for robbery. In WWII, Lloyd Barker served in the military as a cook in a POW camp in Fort Custer, Michigan and received The Good Conduct Medal and an Honorable Discharge.

On March 18, 1949, Lloyd was killed by his wife. He was the manager of a market in Denver, Colorado. She was sent to the Colorado State Insane Asylum.

We all know that the Bible says, "If you live by the sword, you will die by the sword."

See Ya!

you get to Heaven, and I know you will go to Heaven, somehow you've got to let me know if there's baseball in Heaven."

Sam looks up at Joe from his death bed and says, "Joe, you have been my best friend many years. If it is at all possible, I'll do this favor for you." And shortly after that, Sam passes on.

It is midnight a couple of nights later. Joe is sound asleep when he is awakened by a blinding flash of white light and a voice calls out to him, "Joe... Joe..."

"Who is it?" says Joe sitting up suddenly. "Who is it?"

"Joe, it's me, Sam."

"Come on. You're not Sam. Sam just died."

"I'm telling you," insists the voice, "It's me, Sam."

"Sam, is that you? Where are you?"

"I'm in Heaven," says Sam, "and I've got to tell you, I've got really good news and a little bad news."

"So, tell me the good news first," says Joe.

"The good news," says Sam, "is that there is baseball in Heaven. Better yet, all our old buddies who've gone before us are there."

Better yet, we're all young men again. Better yet, it's always spring time and it never rains or snows. And best of all, we can play baseball all we want and we never get tired!"

"Really?" says Joe, "That's fantastic, wonderful beyond my wildest dreams! But, what's the bad news?"

"You're pitching next Tuesday."

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By: Stan Jordan
Baseball in Heaven?

Two ninety year old men, Joe and Sam, have been friends all their lives. It seems that Sam is dying and Joe comes to visit him every day.

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- Jerry & Dorothy Flaugh in memory of John L. Keeler, Elenore Flaugh, Ollie Julian. In honor of Paulding County Hospital Physical Therapy Department.
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- Jane Elston in memory of Harold Elston.
- Nick & Jo Doster in memory of Walter Fitzwater, Lawrence & Betty Doster. In honor of Tyler & Trevor Brecht, Emma, Ava, & Eli Doster, & Evalena Fitzwater.
- Jeanie Denning in memory of Jack Amstutz, Bertha & Duward Wilson. In honor of Aiden Denning.
- Mary Davis in honor of Paulding County First Responders, Paulding County Hospital Employees, Paulding County's School Employees, Utility and Road Crews, All Volunteers in Paulding County.
- Sally Davis in memory of Dean Davis, Caroline Davis. In honor of Dean Davis Family.
- Laura Cottrell in memory of Dean Davis, Ivan & Jane Cottrell. In honor of Sally Davis.
- Patricia Copey in memory of Dick Copey, Fred Martin, & Dorothy Copey. In honor of Rose Martin and Family, Todd Copey and Family.
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- Chris Clevenger in memory of Don Clevenger, Celsa Gonzalez, Frank Gonzalez, Jerald Rodriguez, & Wendy Carlisle.
- Rick & Wendy Clemens in memory of Charles & Rita McGrath, Betty Link & Bobby McVey. In honor of Kylee & Kaleb Clemens & Julian Rider.
- Pat & Coletta Clark in memory of John Clark, Paul Wilhelm, & Monica Wilson.
- Bill & Julie Childs & Family in memory of Louie Karolyi, William Childs, Pearl Childs, Shelly A. Litzenberg, & Danielle R. Mosure.
- Sid & Michele Buehrer in memory of Randy Buehrer, Elizabeth Loughran, Al Furko, Herb Buehrer, Kathleen & Ottis Metzler.
- Shawn & Cindy Brewer in honor of C.W. & Sandra Harper, Linda & Lonnie Bostelman, Luke, Lydia & Landon Brewer, Paul & Betty Smalley.
- Gert Bidlack in memory of Rollin Bidlack.
- Sue A. Beck in memory of Mr. & Mrs. W. F. Bromagem, Emily Jo Gillespie. In honor of my sons Todd, Con, Chad Shuherk and Families, My Sisters -Grace Jailor & Kay Bromagem, & our United States Military sons and daughters.
- Jim & Ruby Bakle in memory of Christopher Bakle. In honor of Derek Bakle, & Our grandchildren.
- Opal B. Ashba in honor of Ben Saylor, Mark Ashba, Phil Howard, Derek Wendt, Robert Bamberg.
- Dan & Susan Arend in memory of Stephen Michael Jones, Carol Sue Parrett II, Herman & Eloise Arend. In honor of our families, & All Military Men and Women.
- Velma Albert in memory of Forest Albert. In honor of Family and Friends.
- Mahtab Ahmed, M.D. in memory of Jeban N. Talukder, Moslem U. Talukder, & Clarence Friend. In honor of Josephine Friend & All Our Patients.
- Wayne & Beulah Adkins in memory of Mark Adkins. In honor of Vicki (Adkins) Taber, & Gary Adkins & Family.
- Gary Adkins in memory of Marguerite Adkins, James Adkins, Leatha Williamson, Ralph (Bus) Williamson, Bessie Coble, Edward Coble, Hank Doster, Gladys Doster, & Clyde Adkins.
- Brenda & John Adams in memory of James L. Adams & Jack E. Booher. In honor of Mad Anthony Hog Chapter #1194.
- West Bend News in honor of Stan & Pauline Jordan and Sue Knapp

LADY ARCHERS PIERCE THE BOMBERS



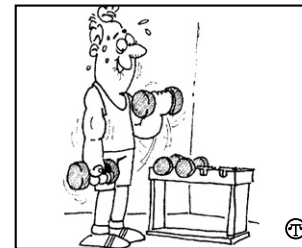
Antwerp & Edon faced off at the Archer's home field Tuesday, Dec. 9th. Antwerp worked hard and won 54-38. Jessie Arnold shown scoring against Edon. Saturday the ladies beat Fayette 44-30. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

The Antwerp Lady Archers played host to the Edon Bombers on Tuesday, December 9. The Lady Archers came on strong from the beginning and kept the momentum away from the Bombers. The

final score was 54-38. Score by the quarter: Edon - 11 8 7 12=38 Antwerp - 15 14 15 10=54 Top Scorers (Ant) - Bashore 14, K Schlatter 14, Arnold 11

Did You Know?

(NAPSA)—A personal training program has been designed to help people tap in to their inner wisdom and passion and provide the tools of self-empowerment. The program, called Living Your Vision™, is offered by an organization called inviteCHANGE. Learn more at www.invitechange.com.



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To help parents talk to their child about after-school safety, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children and Duracell have expanded their child safety resources with the addition of a free Power of Parents "Child Safety Handbook."

Here are two medical facts where connecting the dots should not be hard. Fact one: 21 million Americans over age 65 have diabetes or prediabetes. Fact two: 60 percent of people with diabetes also have hypertension. For a checklist of risk factors and symp-

toms, visit www.ncoa.org/connectthedots.

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A company that specializes in flash memory cards, SanDisk, has recently launched a high-performance card, the SanDisk Ultra II SDHC flash memory card, with up to 32GB of storage, so you won't have to worry about changing cards in the middle of recording video.

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Banknotes issued by hundreds of banks were used as money in the United States during the early and mid-1800s, known as the Wildcat Period of American banking.



During the Middle Ages, many towns had public ovens because large numbers of people did not have an oven at home.



In 1930, Vannevar Bush, and American electrical engineer, built the first reliable analog computer.

MAJOR IMPROVEMENT AT W.T.!



The BIG winner is... the Fans! Wayne Trace just installed new lights in their gymnasium and it is great! The game? Paulding won 60-40. Shown here is Junior Caleb Davis sneaking into the basket. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



Antwerp invited the Fort Jennings Musketeers to play basketball on Friday night. Shown here is senior Adam Taylor scoring for the Archers. Antwerp won in a fairly close game, 53-48. Saturday night the Archers went up against Fayette and won 59-44. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

LADY FALCONS FEEL THE ARROW OF THE ARCHER'S BASKETBALL

December 13, the Archers pierced the Falcon's home court with a victory. Antwerp won, 44-30.
 Score by the quarter:
 Fayette - 8 2 9 11=30
 Antwerp - 10 11 16 7=44
 Top Archer scorers:
 Toni Winslow 10, Kelsey Bashore 10, Jessie Arnold 6, Mickae Schlatter 10

LADY WILDCATS SCRATCH WIN OUT OF ARCHERS

On December 11, the Kalida Wildcats defended home turf against the Antwerp Lady Archers. Final score was 22-42, Wildcat victory.
 Score by the quarter:
 Kalida - 6 13 10 13=42
 Antwerp - 6 10 6 0=22
 Top Archer scorers:
 Kelsey Bashore 4, Jessie Arnold 6, Kole Schlatter 5

PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 12/17 THROUGH 12/23

MS/HS - Breakfast:
 12/17 - Ham, egg & cheese croissant, juice, milk
 12/18 - French toast stix, sausage links, juice, milk
 12/19 - Sausage gravy w/ biscuits, juice, milk
 12/22 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk
 12/23 - Tator tots & cheese, sausage links, juice, milk
MS/HS - Lunch:
 12/17 - Taco salad or breaded chicken w/bun, corn, assorted fruit, milk
 12/18 - Loaded baked potato, bread stick, assorted fruit, milk
 12/19 - Fish & shrimp, oven potatoes, dinner roll, assorted fruit, milk
 12/22 - Popcorn chicken w/roll or pizza pocket, baby carrots w/dip or broccoli w/cheese, assorted fruit, milk
 12/23 - Cooks' choice, assorted fruit, milk

Paulding Elementary - Breakfast:
 12/17-12/23 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk
Paulding Elementary - Lunch:
 12/17 - Egg & cheese omelet, hashbrowns, raisin muffin, assorted fruit, milk
 12/18 - Turkey deli on a bun, mini carrots, cake, assorted fruit, milk
 12/19 - Bar-b-que pork on bun, au gratin potatoes, assorted fruit, milk
 12/22 - Pizzaburger on a bun, mixed vegetables, assorted fruit, milk
 12/23 - Turkey gravy w/ whipped potatoes, corn on the cob, dinner roll, milk
Oakwood Elementary - Breakfast:
 12/17 - Coco roos cereal, graham crackers, fruit, milk
 12/18 - Strawberry pop-tart, assorted juice, milk
 12/19 - Assorted breakfast, fruit, milk
 12/22 - Breakfast pizza w/eggs, bacon & cheese, assorted fruit, milk
 12/23 - Assorted cereal, fruit, milk
Oakwood Elementary - Lunch:
 12/17 - Breaded mozzarella sticks w/sauce, green beans, assorted fruit, milk
 12/18 - Taco salad w/cheese & lettuce, corn, assorted fruit, milk
 12/19 - Cheese pizza, let-

tuce salad, assorted fruit, milk
 12/22 - Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes w/gravy, bread, sherbet, milk
 12/23 - Hot dog or chili dog on a bun, corn, assorted fruit, milk
BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS FOR THE WEEK OF 12/17 THROUGH 12/19

Breakfast:
 12/17 - Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk
 12/18 - Egg/cheese omelet, toast/jelly, milk
 12/19 - Waffles, sausage, juice, milk
Lunch:
 12/17 - Pizza, cheese or pepperoni, carrot sticks/dip, peanut butter fudge, milk
 12/18 - Hot ham/cheese sandwich, Raider tators, pineapple, milk; WT: fajitas
 12/19 - Chicken noodles/mashed potatoes, roll, orange, milk

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOLS LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 12/17 THROUGH 12/19

12/17 - Omelets or corn dogs, hash browns, sausage, orange juice, milk; PLUS: salad bar or jello cup
 12/18 - Christmas Dinner: Turkey gravy over mashed potatoes, B&B, peaches, yum yum cake, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cooks' choice
 12/19 - Miscellaneous pizza or egg salad sandwich, rosey applesauce, salad, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cooks' choice

HOLIDAY LIBRARY CLOSURES AT JOHNSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

In honor of the Christmas holiday, the Johnson Memorial Library, along with the Defiance Public Library and the Sherwood Branch Library, will be closed on December 24-26. The Johnson Memorial Library will reopen at its regular time of 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 27.
 For the New Year's holiday, the Johnson Memorial Library, along with the Defiance Public Library, will close at noon on December 31 and will be closed on January 1. The Sherwood Branch Library will be closed on both days. The Johnson Memorial Library will reopen at its regular time of noon on Friday, January 2.

ANTWERP COMMUNITY BAND'S ANNUAL MERRY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

An essential part of the true Christmas spirit is giving to others. In that wonderful tradition, the Antwerp Community Band presents its gift to the community: our annual Christmas concert. Celebrate the joyous sounds of the season by joining us at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 21, 2008, in the Auditoria at Antwerp Local Schools. There is no charge for admission to the concert, but we'll pass the hat for any donations you'd like to give. On the program: traditional pieces ("The Coventry Carol", "The Holly and the Ivy") and more contemporary selections ("Sleigh Ride", "My Favorite Things" and music from "The Nutcracker Suite") and more!

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL SHIFTS INTO HIGH GEAR



Lady Panthers invited Edgerton to Panther country on December 4th. Senior Morgan Hammon is knocked out of the way trying to score. The final score was 55-43 with a Bulldog victory. On December 9th the Lady Panthers suffered another defeat to the Hicksville Aces, 38-64. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



Paulding played Defiance Friday, December 12, with the Panthers losing 41-24. Shown here is Sophomore Sam Heilshorn taking a shot from the 3 point line. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



Wayne Trace took on the Bryan Golden Bears on Tuesday, Dec. 9th. The Raiders beat the city school 55-41. Shown here is Sophomore JoEllen Fickel taking a shot in the key. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net




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PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 3, 2008

This 3rd day of December, 2008, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

Tony Burkley, Edward Straley, Martin Harmon, and Nola Ginter, Clerk.

Allowance Of Claims:

Warrants docketed as 153315 through 153472 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

In The Matter Of Contracting With Solid Ground LLC For 2008/2009 Winter Snow Removal:

Mr. Martin Harmon moved to adopt the following resolution;

WHEREAS, on October 8, 2008, a proposed bid and con-

tract between Solid Ground LLC, an insured groundskeeping service, and the Paulding County Courthouse to maintain removal of snow accumulations for the entire 2008/2009 winter; and

WHEREAS, Solid Ground LLC will remove snow from all concrete walkways and steps as needed and will also apply Sidewalk Safe Ice Melter on indicated surfaces as needed and in conjunction with the snow removal; and

WHEREAS, one payment of \$2,700.00 at time of contract signing includes all shoveling, salting, and equipment usage needed throughout the season; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby enter into contract with Solid Ground LLC for the maintenance removal of snow accumulations at the Paulding County Courthouse for the fee of \$2,700.00 for the 2008/2009 winter season.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Edward Straley.

In The Matter Of Modifying The 2008 Annual Appropriation (Fund 001-030):

Mr. Martin Harmon moved to adopt the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2008 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds to-wit:

FROM: 001-030-00005/General Fund/Insurance/Loss Control/PERS

TO: 001-030-00008/General Fund/Insurance/Loss Control/Other Expenses AMOUNT: \$625.00

The motion was seconded by Mr. Edward Straley.

In The Matter Of Modifying The 2008 Annual Appropriation (Fund 001-030):

Mr. Martin Harmon moved to adopt the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2008 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds to-wit:

FROM: 001-030-00005/General Fund/Insurance/Loss Control/PERS

TO: 001-030-00003/General Fund/Insurance/Loss Control/Official Bond AMOUNT: \$920.00

The motion was seconded by Mr. Edward Straley.

In The Matter Of Creating A New Revenue Line Item (Fund 008):

Mr. Martin Harmon moved to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to create a new revenue line item 008-001-00010/Auditor-Real Estate Assessment/RE Website Grant in order to track expenses from the grant received from the Paulding County Area Foundation for levy page on website.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Edward Straley.

In The Matter Of Permit Application From Ronald G. Miller:

Mr. Martin Harmon moved to adopt the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby approve permit application from Ronald G. Miller to create a swale through yard to drain surface ditch west of property. The work will be done 2000' east of SR 637 on the south side of CR 24. This will occur in Section 36 of Washington Township.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Edward Straley.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Mr. Martin Harmon to go into executive session at 11:00 a.m. with the County Prosecutor. The motion was seconded by Mr. Edward Straley. All members voting yea.

At 12:00 p.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

Meeting Notes of Appearances:

Lou Ann Wannemacher, County Treasurer - Ms. Wannemacher met with the Commissioners to discuss Productive Portfolio, the company that assists her office with investments for the county.

Bob Iler, E-9-1-1; Phil Maag, Ayersville phone company; and Eric Roughton, Arthur phone company - Mr. Iler, Mr. Maag, and Mr. Roughton met with the Commissioners regarding the status of the old jail building and property. SAA Bright Net has expressed an interest to purchase the building. It was pointed out that demolition would be very costly. The Commissioners will discuss their options with the Prosecuting Attorney.

Travis McGarvey, County Engineer - Mr. McGarvey met with the Commissioners to discuss the sewer and water project at US 127 and old US 24 site. A meeting with Otto Gerdeman has been set for December 12 (time to be announced). Representatives from Brentwood Court, Vagabond Village, and the Cecil area will also be invited to attend. Mr. McGarvey reported Mr. Gerdeman has suggested completing the project in phases. Mr. McGarvey then reported his office has been applying material to bridges, overpasses, and corners during recent icy conditions. He also stated that once new US 24 is completed, old US

"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT:" VANTAGE INDUCTS 19 STUDENTS IN NATIONAL TECHNICAL HONOR SOCIETY



Newly inducted members of the Vantage 2008-2009 National Technical Honor Society. Front row: Casey Miller, Kisha Kelly, Bekah Dull, CJ King, Erica Herron, Samantha Wiswell. Row 2: Jessica Detwiler, Matt Erhart, Codi Walser, Cody Butler, Tyler Johnson, Eric Beck. Row 3: Jeff Prowant, Katie Myers, Erica Whitt, Ashley Lantz, Audra Woodcox and Derek Fenning. Unavailable for the picture was Isaac Kistler.

Nineteen Vantage seniors were recently selected as members of the Vantage chapter of the National Technical Honor Society. They were introduced and inducted at the annual NTHS banquet on December 9, 2008, held in the Cup and Saucer restaurant. Guests in attendance at the banquet to recognize this elite group of students included parents, home school principals and counselors and Vantage teachers and administrators.

The main purpose of the National Technical Honor Society is to reward scholastic achievement in occupational and career technical education. The NTHS assists members in their pursuit of career and educational goals. Membership also encourages skill development, honesty, service, leadership, citizenship, and individual responsibility. In addition, students are selected for membership in NTHS as a reward for excellence in workforce education; to develop self-esteem, pride and encourage students to reach for higher levels of

achievement; and to promote business and industry's critical work-place values - honesty, responsibility, initiative, teamwork, productivity, leadership, and citizenship. NTHS membership is the highest award for excellence in career technical education and is one of the most reliable indicators of performance and leadership in the American workplace. Students who achieved a 3.5 grade point average or better, while maintaining a 95% attendance rate at Vantage, were eligible to apply for membership. In addition to submitting a resume and writing an essay stating why they would like to be a part of the NTHS, the students also were required to obtain three teacher recommendations. Students selected for membership in the National Technical Honor Society for the 2008 school year are Eric Beck - Paulding (Electricity), Cody Butler - Crestview (Precision Machining), Jessica Detwiler - Continental (Culinary Arts), Rebekah Dull

24 will be turned over to the county for maintenance and upkeep. He estimates 12-13 miles of old US 24 will be turned over. Mr. McGarvey also stated that according to the ORC, a county road must connect to a state highway or another county road. Several county roads were made into cul-de-sacs as a result of new US 24 construction. Mr. McGarvey estimates 8-9 miles of non-connecting roads will then be turned over to the appropriate township. He then discussed the new Paulding ball park and the grant received from ODNR to help fund the project. Mr. McGarvey reported he will be working with ODNR to construct a boat ramp at Rochester Park on old US 24.

We hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the proceedings of the Board under the date of December 3, 2008.

—President, Tony Burkley

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- Van Wert (Cosmetology), Matthew Erhart - Kalida (Industrial Mechanics), Derek Fenning - Van Wert (Auto Technology), Erica Herron - Ft. Jennings (Cosmetology), Tyler Johnson - Crestview (Health Careers), Kisha Kelly - Van Wert (Medical Office Management), Constance King - Van Wert (Health Careers), Isaac Kistler - Lincolnview (Ag Diesel Mechanics), Ashley Lantz - Van Wert (Early Childhood Education), Casey Miller - Lincolnview (Health Careers), Katherine Myers - Delphos Jefferson (Interactive Media), Jeffrey Prowant - Continental (Culinary Arts), Codi Walser - Van Wert (Ag Diesel Mechanics), Erica Whitt - Van Wert (Early Childhood Education), Samantha Wiswell - Wayne Trace (Network Systems) and Audra Woodcox - Antwerp (Medical Office Management).
Congratulations to these National Technical Honor Society members!

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By: Mandy Lichty, Paulding County Dog Warden

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With the cold weather now upon us, anti-freeze poisoning is a real danger to pets. Be sure to quickly and thoroughly clean up any

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THANK YOU

Thank you to Shawn and Michelle Dooley for the professional services you provided for our mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Betty Bauer.

To Pastor Jim Edwards for officiating and delivering a beautiful and memorable eulogy.

To everyone who sent flowers and cards, made contributions in her memory and kept the family in prayer.

A special thank you to

Juanita Vogel song, VNA, and Liz Smalley, VNA, for their role in being a steady caregiver for Betty during her lengthy and progressive illness. And also to Mary and Terry Derck for providing excellent respite care. The family could not have managed without you. You all were a blessing.

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LEGISLATURE WORKS TO ADDRESS ELECTION CONCERNS

Capitol Letters Weekly Column by: Senator Steve Buehrer

Every Ohio voter should feel confident that once their ballot is cast, it will be counted as part of a fair, secure and transparent process. Unfortunately, many of my colleagues and I have heard from voters in recent months, who expressed significant doubt about the integrity of our elections system.

In response to these concerns, the Ohio Senate recently approved legislation designed to further secure elections in Ohio and help strengthen voter confidence. Senate Bill 380, which is currently under consideration in the Ohio House State Government and Elections Committee, makes four important, yet narrowly-tailored changes to state election law. These reforms have been championed in the past by Secretary of State, Jennifer Brunner, and Ohio's bipartisan election officials, as well as affirmed through rulings by the Ohio Supreme Court.

Prior to the November 4th General Election, an unintended overlap was discovered in state law between the start of early voting and the voter registration deadline. This "Golden Week," as it came to be known, allowed unregistered voters to register and cast an absentee ballot in the same day, avoiding a requirement in state law that an individual be registered for at least 30 days before they can cast a ballot.

To address this problem, SB 380 would shorten the in-person absentee voting period to 20 days before the election. However, due to its popularity, the bill would permit local boards of election—through a bipartisan, supermajority vote—to establish up to three locations in their county where voters can cast an absentee ballot. Hopefully, this will also work to reduce long lines at the polls. This idea of shortening the in-person absentee voting period was advanced by the Secretary of State as part of several discussions with media in the days following the election.

In addition, under SB 380, absentee voting by mail would begin 28 days before the election, a change which was suggested by the Ohio Association of Election Officials. The bill preserves the 35-day, mail-in, absentee window for overseas civilians and military voters that is in current law.

Also, in an effort to promote greater transparency in the elections process, SB 380 would allow bipartisan observers in in-person absentee voting centers. While current law permits any political party to appoint a qualified elector to act as an observer during the casting and counting of ballots, the Secretary of State said that the law did not provide for observers during

in-person absentee voting. The issue was taken to the Ohio Supreme Court, which overturned the Secretary's directive. SB 380 codifies the Supreme Court's ruling.

Shortly before Election Day, the Secretary of State announced that thousands of new voters appeared to have driver's license numbers or Social Security numbers that did not match the information they submitted on their voter registration forms. However, despite obvious concerns about potential election fraud from voters, legislators and elections officials, the Secretary argued that the law did not authorize her to share these mismatches with local boards of election.

SB 380 would require the Secretary and the registrar of motor vehicles to enter into an agreement to match information in a federally-mandated, statewide voter registration database with motor vehicle records to verify information on voter registration applications. This data would then have to be shared with local election officials.

Current Ohio law requires that voters provide five pieces of information on their absentee ballot identification envelopes, including name, address, date of birth and signature, as well as the last four digits of their Social Security number, a driver's license number, or one of several other forms of identification. However, the Secretary of State issued a directive before the election that said voters only had to fill out three of the five fields required by the law—1.) name; 2.) signature, and 3.) one of the various forms of identification—for their ballot to count.

SB 380 clarifies that all five fields must be complete for the ballot to count to ensure that boards of election have all the information they need to verify a voter's identity. In the interest of fairness, the bill requires election boards to notify voters of any mistakes on their ballot envelope, so they can be corrected and the vote counted.

The success of Ohio's elections system should not only be measured by the number of delays or other problems reported at local polling locations, but also the overall confidence of the electorate that their votes were counted as part of a fair and transparent process. With this in mind, SB 380 seeks to address the concerns of many Ohio voters, who feel that more can and should be done to heighten voter confidence and strengthen the integrity of our elections system.

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.

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WESTERN BUCKEYE ESC GOVERNING BOARD HOLDS DECEMBER MEETING

The Western Buckeye Educational Service Center Governing Board held their regular monthly Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 9, 2008 in the Van Wert ESC Board Office with all Board members present. Board President Mr. William Poe II welcomed Board members and school personnel to the meeting.

The Board members approved the agenda for the evening and reviewed and approved the November bills and expenditures. Treasurer Kristine Stuart reviewed current investments and other financial reports with the Board. Superintendent John Basinger reported on recent WBESC activities and personnel issues that were on the night's agenda. He also reviewed with the Governing Board members several recommended revisions to the Governing Board Policies. The Board will consider final approval of the policy revisions at their January meeting.

In other business, the Board:

**Approved the minutes from the regular November 11, 2008 Governing Board meeting.

**Approved the November financial reports as presented by Treasurer Mrs. Kristine Stuart.

**Accepted the STRS Disability Retirement for Carol Swary, effective November 30, 2008, as Curriculum Director for Antwerp and Wayne Trace School Districts after serving nine years in that position.

**Approved a one (1) year contract to Margaret Schilb as Curriculum Director for Antwerp and Wayne Trace School districts, effective November 24, 2008 for the remainder of the 2008-2009

school year. **Approved 2.5 % increase in the FY09 Fiscal Agent Fees for NOACSC.

**Approved the Family and Children First Administrative Grant and Start Up allocation in the amount of \$25,681.00 and approved the appropriations for the grant.

**Set the 2009 Organizational Meeting for January 15, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Paulding ESC Office, with the regular January meeting to follow, and appointed William Poe II as President Pro-tem for the Organizational meeting.

The Western Buckeye ESC Governing Board meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m. with no additional Board action. The next Governing Board meeting of the Western Buckeye Educational Service Center will be the 2009 organizational meeting held in the Paulding ESC Office on January 15, 2009 starting at 7:00 p.m., followed by the regular January meeting.

PAULDING COUNTY ADMISSIONS AND DISMISSALS

Admissions:
12/8 - Ruby Stoller, Paulding

12/9 - Ryan Antoine, Paulding; Linda Finnegan, Oakwood

12/11 - Linda Akers, Paulding

12/12 - Vernell Baker, Oakwood

Dismissals:
12/9 - Merle Jeffrey, Paulding

12/10 - Ryan Antoine, Paulding

12/12 - Ruby Stoller, Paulding

12/14 - Linda Finnegan, Oakwood; Vernell Baker, Oakwood

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GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Mr. and Mrs. Grubaugh of rural Haviland will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Jim Grubaugh and Maureen Wortman were united in marriage on December 20, 1958.

Rev. Walter Gunther of the Mount Pleasant E.U.B Church performed the mar-

riage vows.

They are the parents of Terry (Cindy) of Indiana, Rod (Lori) of Oklahoma, John Eric (Kim) of Van Wert, and Amy (Jason) Lauf of Middle Point.

They have 15 grandchildren and step-grandchildren. A celebration is planned for a later date.

A Modern Approach To Managing Diabetes

(NAPSA)—Many men with diabetes could help their health if they learn more about their disease. Too often, many are not aware of many of the numerous health issues associated with diabetes. The American Diabetes Association recommends men manage their diabetes by monitoring blood glucose, blood pressure and cholesterol and also eating right, being physically active, maintaining a healthy weight, not smoking (or quitting smoking) and getting regular checkups.

"Men with diabetes are at increased risk for complications such as heart attack, stroke, kidney disease and blindness. Many may not be aware that they are also at increased risk for other conditions that can affect their physical, emotional and sexual health," said Richard M. Bergental, M.D., Vice President, Medicine & Science, American Diabetes Association.

What Are The Risks?

- Of the nearly 24 million Americans diagnosed with diabetes, 12 million of them are men.
- Risk factors for developing type 2 diabetes include men who are over 45 years old, are overweight, have an ethnic background that is African American, Latino/Hispanic American, Native American, Asian American or Pacific Islander and have a previous family history of diabetes.
- Men with diabetes are more likely to have other health conditions such as heart disease, sleep apnea and depression and problems with sexual health, including erectile dysfunction (ED) and low testosterone.
- According to a recent survey, only 30 percent of men surveyed claimed to know "a lot" about their diabetes. Nearly half the men and their spouses reported feeling less connected, and more than 30 percent of men and their wives reported more arguments.

What Resources Are Available?

The American Diabetes Association's enhanced men's health



Web site (www.diabetes.org/menshealth) offers a variety of resources specifically for men to help them better appreciate the importance of adopting a more comprehensive, or modern, approach to managing diabetes.

Men who would like to learn more can call 1-800-DIABETES or visit diabetes.org/menshealth for a free copy of *The Modern Man's Guide To Living Well With Diabetes*, which addresses:

- The "modern man" approach to managing diabetes;
- Complications associated with diabetes;
- The impact of diabetes on men's physical, sexual and emotional health.

TRUE OR FALSE?

1. Men with diabetes are at risk for increased sexual conditions like low testosterone and erectile dysfunction.
2. When 1,000 men with diabetes were surveyed, more than half admitted that they do not manage their diabetes well.
3. Being overweight is not a risk factor for type 2 diabetes.
4. Men with diabetes are at risk for emotional issues like depression, which can affect their ability to manage their diabetes.

Answers: True, True, False, True.

HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS

Hot Holiday Gifts That Don't Break The Bank

(NAPSA)—Good news for holiday shoppers: Not every cool tech item on the wish list has to break the bank. In fact, there are plenty of gifts that come in under \$100.

This year, it's about digital music, video games and staying connected. Here are a few items that are a great value but don't skimp on the cool factor:

Crosley 4-In-1 Music System: Across the board, the Crosley systems offer a classic style with classic functionality. Vinyl is coming back in a big way, and this particular system plays those records along with an AM/FM radio, CDs and even...cassette tapes. It also has speakers built right into the unit.

Sony Noise-Canceling Headphones: Just about everyone has an iPod these days, but the earbuds that come with the iPod can become downright uncomfortable. You can upgrade the experience with a pair of overear headphones from Sony. The built-in noise-canceling feature is also great for drowning out chatty passengers on flights as well as snoring spouses.

"Shaun White Snowboarding": Action sports star Shaun White is headlining one of the biggest video games of this year on Xbox 360,



PlayStation 3 and Wii. If you are unable to hit the slopes this winter, this game will serve as a realistic substitute. Target has an exclusive version of the game that has a ton of extra features, including an entire Target-exclusive mountain to ride.

Peek Wireless E-mail Device: If you want access to your e-mail on the go without complications or a high price, the new Peek Wireless E-mail Device might be something to consider. It's available exclusively at Target stores and uses T-Mobile's data plan. It's so easy to set up and use, even novice e-mailers can make sure they'll get your wish list.

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