

## Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

### PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL WELCOMES ORTHOPAEDIC TRAUMA SURGEON



Dr. Steven Haman began seeing patients in the outpatient clinic at Paulding County Hospital in December 2008. Dr. Haman is an orthopedic trauma surgeon who will be available on an emergency basis to respond to calls from the emergency room. Some examples of the

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Dr. Haman is Board Certified with the American Board of Orthopedic Surgeons, a graduate of Bluffton University and University of Toledo College of Medicine. He completed his intern/residency at University Medical Center at the University of Toledo. Dr. Haman completed Orthopedic Trauma fellowship at Florida Orthopedic Institute in conjunction with Tampa General Hospital, Tampa, Florida. He is a candidate member of American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons and candidate member of Orthopedic Trauma Association. He specializes in acute trauma, post traumatic reconstruction, osteomyelitis, and limb deformity.

Dr. Haman conducts a clinic on Fridays at Paulding County Hospital. For more information on Dr. Haman and his medical group, Orthopedic Institute of Ohio, you can visit their website at [www.orthoohio.com](http://www.orthoohio.com). To schedule an appointment to see Dr. Haman in the outpatient department at Paulding County Hospital, please call 419-238-9764.

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### LAST WBN FOR 2008, CLOSINGS AND OTHER NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

This Christmas Eve edition of the West Bend News will be the last for 2008. We will have no issue published on December 31, 2008. The next edition of the West Bend News will be out on January 7, 2009.

We will be closed from December 24 through December 28 to give our employees a much needed break. We will be open for normal business hours on December 29, 2008. We will again be closed on January 1, 2009.

Starting in 2009, this will be the 5<sup>th</sup> volume of the West Bend News. It is because of all of you—advertisers and patrons alike—who have made us possible. Thank you for being there and supporting us.

From all of us here at West Bend News, we wish you a most blessed Christmas and prosperous new year!!

### ANTWERP BOY SCOUTS RECYCLING THIS SATURDAY

The Boys Scouts of Antwerp will be recycling at the Antwerp Fire Hall on Saturday, December 20 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

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### WINTER WEATHER HITS WITH FULL FORCE



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Welcome Winter!! It's been awhile!

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**Herbert William Ringenberg**, 94, of Hicksville died on Thursday, December 18, 2008 at Hickory Creek at Hicksville.

He was born on July 23, 1914 in Detroit, Michigan the son of Gideon Arthur and Jessie (King) Ringenberg. He was united in marriage to Mary Ellen Seslar on March 20, 1942 at Pioneer, Ohio – celebrating their 66<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 2008.

He was a graduate of Hicksville High School with the class of 1932.

He was a lifelong farmer; a member of North Scipio United Methodist Church – Harlan, Indiana; Farm Bureau Council; Board Member – Hicksville Grain Company; and enjoyed wintering in Leesburg, Florida for 16 years.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ellen; two daughters: Janis (Marv) Edwards of Hicksville and Cheryl (Charles) Unger of Harlan, IN; a son, Bruce (Martha) of Hicksville; 10 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Mabel Albertson.

Funeral services were on December 22, 2008 at North Scipio United Methodist Church with Rev. Keith Schreffler officiating.

Burial was at Scipio Cemetery – Harlan, Indiana.

Preferred memorials to Crippled Children & Adult Society or the church.

Guest Book and online condolences at [www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com](http://www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com)

**Jeffrey L. Robison**, 43, of Antwerp, passed away Wednesday, December 17, 2008 at his residence.

Jeff was born in Defiance, on November 18, 1965, the son of John and Joan (Jesse) Robison of Ney.

He worked at SpecTemp in Antwerp for 16 years and was a member of The Rock Church in Oakwood.

Jeff will be sadly missed by his parents, John and Joan; son, Jeremy of Fort Wayne; fiancée, Terri Thomas of Antwerp; brothers: Allen (Michelle) of Okalona and Jerry (Pat) of Findlay.

His service was at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, on December 20, with viewing two hours prior. Rev. Bobby Branham officiated. He was laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp.

Please omit flowers. His family requests donations to Dooley Funeral Home, PO Box 452 Antwerp, OH 45813.

Condolences and fond memories may be shared at [www.dooleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.dooleyfuneralhome.com)

**Irene E. Stork**, 90, of Paulding, died Monday, December 15, 2008 at Mercy Hospital of Defiance.

She was born on July 18, 1918 in Henry County Ohio to Paul and Elizabeth (Eberle) Engelman. In 1936, she married Vern “Shirley” Stork, Sr.

She was a member of the St. John United Church of Christ; member of Defiance VFW Auxiliary; farmed and raised dairy cows. She was a meat packer at Dinner Bell Foods.

She is survived by five sons: Vern (Cindy) Stork, Jr. of Paulding, Larry (Chellie) Stork of Oakwood, Gary (Peggy) Stork of Defiance, Paul G. (Gail) Stork of Paulding, and Michael G. Stork of Defiance; four daughters: Elizabeth Zuber of Oakwood, Judy Shaffer of Defiance, Deborah (Robert) Ramon of Defiance, and Dennis (Gloria) Arps of Defiance; one brother, Sylvester Engelman of Fort Wayne, IN; and one sister, Ruth Ross of Defiance; 35 grandchildren; 61 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death

by her husband, Vern “Shirley” Stork, Sr. in 2002; parents; one son, Nelson Stork; a granddaughter, Emily Grace Stork; one great-grandchild; three brothers: Andrew, Paul and Willis Engelman; and two sisters: Edna Wolf and Lydia Bennett.

Her funeral was December 18, 2008 at St. John United Church of Christ, Defiance. Dr. Rev. William R. Nirote officiated. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Defiance.

Memorials to the church. Mast-Mock-Hoffman-Hanenkrath-Clevenger-Schaffer Funeral Home were in charge of arrangements. [www.mastmockhoffman.com](http://www.mastmockhoffman.com)

**Lois I. Young**, 98, of Payne, passed away Friday, December 19, 2008 at Parkview Hospice, Fort Wayne.

Lois was born in Paulding, Ohio on June 23, 1910, the daughter of the late Otto and Martha (Mossony) Ludwig.

She was a member of Payne Church of Christ, the Paulding County Benevolent Society the Historical Society and the Eastern Star. She was also a volunteer at Parkview Hospital.

On May 9, 1931 she married Evard Young, who died May 9, 1974.

Lois will be sadly missed by her daughter, Sue (Joe) Meyer of Antwerp; son, Garry (Anita) of Payne; daughter-in-law, Jean of Payne; 12 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her son, Howard; sisters: Florence Unger, Helen Reinhart, Beulah Straley, DeLean Dotter and Lela Wilhelm; and brother, William Ludwig.

Her funeral service was at the Payne Church of Christ December 23, 2008. Rev. Joseph Allan officiated. She was laid to rest at Lehman Cemetery, Payne.

Her family requests donations to Payne EMS or the church. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at [www.dooleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.dooleyfuneralhome.com).

**Lois H. Munger**, 90, of Paulding died Friday, December 19, 2008 at the Gardens of Paulding.

She was born on October 30, 1918 in Cecil, Ohio the daughter of Elmer and Irene (Fansler) Morris. On March 30, 1938 she married Virgil F. Munger who preceded her in death on June 6, 1988. She was a homemaker, was employed by the East Side and West Side Markets in Paulding, was a housekeeper at the Paulding County Court House and was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Paulding.

She is survived by two sons: Forrest “Fuzzy” (Rose) Munger of Paulding and John

(Melissa) Munger of Defiance. One daughter, Bea (Larry) Endsley of Payne; two sisters: Wilma Pepper of Paulding and Kaye Rex of Sherwood; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Virgil; and a sister, Nancy Smith.

Funeral services was Tuesday, December 23, 2008 at the Den Herder Funeral Home with Sam Schlatter officiating. Burial was in Rochester Cemetery, Cecil.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Paulding County Hospital Home Health Care. Condolences may be left at [www.denherderfh.com](http://www.denherderfh.com)

**LOVE IS ALWAYS WORTH IT**

**By: Rich Phelan – Pastor Living Water Ministries**

I’ve heard it said that until you experience something for yourself it remains theory. Even though it may be true, it isn’t for you. There’s a song from the 1970’s that remains one of my favorites, “Love Hurts” by Nazareth. I would put it on the turntable and crank it as high as it would go. My buddies and I would sing along to it, and play “air guitar.” It was kind of like “Rock Band” before you could hook it up to your TV gaming system.

Of course, I had my share of love hurting as I grew into a teenager and into adulthood. It’s a fact of life that love is risky. When you put yourself out there whether it is a girlfriend/boyfriend or spouse you are putting yourself in a position of vulnerability. Because of this I developed a “safety system” when it came to love. I would shield and only commit so much of myself to a relationship. When I got married I learned eventually that this wall I had put up would have to go if I wanted our marriage to last and thrive. I would like to say that I learned it right away, but that would not be true. I had a first hand experience that love is worth any risk to us.

One winter night a few years ago my wife and I were settling in for bed. We weren’t there for only a few minutes when the door to our bedroom flew open and our daughter came in sobbing. She was crying so hard that it took a minute for my wife and me to understand what she was saying. After having her repeat herself 3 or 4 times, we finally heard her. “Lillian is dead!” she cried.

I threw the covers back and flew to her bedroom, my wife and daughter followed behind. I was praying on the way to her room that she was mistaken, that Lillian was in fact only sleeping. When I looked into her cage, it was clear that Rachel was right. Lillian was dead.

My wife and I had bought Lillian for 6 dollars almost two years before after our daughter convinced us that she was responsible enough for a pet. So, one day we headed off to Fort Wayne to the pet store. Rachel walked up and down the display cases containing the various types of hamsters. Finally she stopped in front of a particular case looking at one in particular. Finally, she turned to us and said, “I want that one.”

“Are you sure?” my wife asked. She nodded confidently, this was the one.

“How do you know?” I asked.

“Because she looked me in the eyes, there is a connection,” she said boldly. After we paid the six bucks for Lillian and another fifty for a cage, wheel, food, bedding, hamster vitamins etc. we were on the way home with her new pet. Very early on we saw that she had a very unusual relationship with this hamster. She would actually come when Rachel called her. My hamster never did that when I was a kid! Rachel was always carrying that rodent around; it drove her mom and me nuts. Whenever we would tell Rachel that, she would say, “She’s my best friend.” We would just grin and bear it.

As Lillian’s first birthday

came and went we started to pray that she would be the longest living hamster ever. No one wanted to think of how Rachel would handle the demise of her first pet and best friend. My daughter poured so much of her love into this animal that I thought it would really hurt her when the inevitable happened. As often happens, especially when it’s inevitability. That day came all too soon for us.

I was thinking about all of this as I saw the lifeless body of Rachel’s hamster lying still in her cage. It was almost surreal as I watched my wife holding our daughter as she wept. My wife and I were crying almost as hard as she was. Not because we were mourning Lillian’s death, we were hurting because our little girl’s heart was broken, and at least for awhile, there was nothing we could do about it. At the same time an old specter was coming back to me. “See what happens when you love something?” My daughter was learning for herself that when you love someone/something you put yourself at the risks that love carries. One day while praying for my daughter I heard in that still small voice in my spirit something I will never forget. I heard the Lord say to me that, “Love is always worth it.” I sat back and soaked that word in. That even became the theme for Lillian’s eulogy. It was something that I hoped that Rachel would learn so she would never grow hardened to love’s risks like I had.

I was happy to see that after a few days Rachel seemed to be getting back

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to her old self. There were a few tears now and then, but she was moving on. After a few weeks she came to her mom and me and asked if she could get another hamster. We were thrilled that she was ready to pour out her love again. So off we went and found L.J. (Lillian junior).

Here we are nearly two years later and my daughter is learning that Love is truly worth it. She poured her love into L.J. and now into a very precocious boxer puppy named Max. She is learning that wonderful lesson at such a young age that took me so long to understand. But, I shouldn't be so surprised. God understands this first hand.

Why did the Father send His Son here to bear the sins of people who would never come to Him? Why would Jesus Himself forgive those who were guilty of putting Him on the cross instead of cursing them? To God, love is always worth it. To Him, we are worth it. John 3:16

tells us that, God loves us so much that He gave what was most precious to Him so we could find life. Even though it came with suffering and sorrow, He gladly paid the price so we can live in Him. He was willing to pay the price, because He lives what He speaks.

Here we sit at another Christmas season, a time when we remember when Immanuel - God with us, came to show us God's love, grace, and redemption. As we gather around the tree with family and friends and when we open our gifts, let's remember a vital truth. Love is always worth it. Pay whatever price, bear whatever crosses. You may have a "prodigal" child, maybe you are weeping over the loss of a loved one this year. Maybe you're mourning the death of a marriage. Let God's word soothe and renew you this year. It may not seem like it right now, but in Jesus - Love is always worth it.

God bless, and Merry Christmas!

**SAY GOODBYE TO CHRISTMAS**

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

I came upon a great article some years ago. (This article originally appeared in the January 1988 issue of Moody Monthly Magazine. Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, IL. Used with permission)

Okay, all you folks at the ACLU, we give up. Your march to the courts to argue against Nativity scenes on public property has become as much a herald of the Christmas season as Macy's parade. Maybe you're right; maybe the risks to our freedom are just too great.

As one federal judge put it last year when he ruled against a creche displayed at Chicago's city hall, we certainly can't be "sending a message to the people of Chicago that the city approved of Christianity."

So next December, you won't have a fight. We're throwing in the towel. But we're taking our holiday with us.

That's right. Because Christmas is just too "religious" for a public forum, we're taking it back. You can keep December 25 (there's considerable doubt that Jesus was born on that date, anyway), but you'll have to find another reason to celebrate.

You'll also have to come up with a new name for the day, for obvious reasons. Someone's suggested Retail Sales Day, which does seem to capture the mood of the season, religious notions aside.

We would caution you, however, that any promotion of such a day must avoid the theme of giving gifts. After all, it was Jesus Christ who said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." And if you do some research, you'll discover that the wise men coming to worship Jesus initiated the custom of giving Christmas presents.

We're taking Christmas trees with us, too. A clergyman named Luther in the 16th century was the first one to drag an evergreen indoors and decorate it to celebrate the season, thereby saturating it with religious meaning.

Much of the music of the season belongs to us: "Joy to the World", "Silent Night", Handel's "Messiah." Those all go. You can, however, keep the immortal "Jingle Bells."

The fat guy in the red suit can stay on as your spokesman. But he, too, will have to find a new name. The "jolly old elf" was Clement Moore's poetic creation, Santa Claus, on the other hand, is derived in several steps from St. Nicholas, a real-life churchman who gave gifts to the needy.

Wreaths, angels, stars, bells, fruitcake—they're chock-full of Christian meaning and symbolism. So we're taking all those back, too (except maybe the fruitcake.)

Oh, yes, one more thing. That message of "peace on earth, good will toward men" that you're so fond of quoting (without attribution)—you'll have to get along without that.

You can have what's left, and feel free to celebrate all you want. Have a nice day.

**ROMANS 11:25**

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

This lesson is written in answer to what a young lady said about all the Jews being saved and trying to teach that the Jews are still God's chosen people, which they are not. When Jesus died on the cross, this ended the Jews exclusive favor with God. This isn't saying the Jews cannot be saved, because the Gospel message is an open door to all who hear the Gospel message, believe, repent, confess, are baptized and live faithful lives.

If God was showing favor to the Jews, then God is showing partiality. What are you going to do with these verses: (please read) Acts 10:34-35; Romans 2:10-11; Galatians 3:22-29; according to these scripture verses God is going to treat us the same, there will be no favoritism with God. There have been three dispensations - the patriarchal age, the mosaical age (this is the age that the Jews found favor with God) and the last dispensation is grace. Lady, keep the Bible in context of the subject it is talking about. You are falsely teaching about a thousand year reign of Christ that isn't going to happen, and the Bible doesn't teach this.

Just as some of the Jews back when Jesus was on earth could not stand to hear the truth, so they plotted together to kill Him. The apostles also were killed proclaiming this truth, the truth of what the New Testament teaches. Lady, the truth hurts, especially when it goes against everything you believe and have been taught. John 8:32 tells us the truth shall set us free - talking about the Gospel message.

In Romans 11:25 talks about the fullness of the Gentiles. I will have a study on these later. Also you said the word "rapture" was in the Bible in I Thessalonians 4:13-17. I read these scripture verses, as I have many times—the word "rapture" is not there! But, in verse 17 it says "caught up." How will the Jews be saved? The same as the Gentiles—one by one and not as a nation. So, Miss Barb Duffey, not only are you falsely teaching but you are adding to God's word. Read Revelation 22:18-19 about what happens when you do this!

Please remember that Jesus loves you and so do I! I hope and pray that you will do your best to rightly divide the truth of God's word. For Bible questions, please call (419) 393-4775 or (419) 399-

**JOHNSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY HAPPENINGS IN HICKSVILLE**

The Yu-Gi-Oh Tournament, the Video Game Days, and the Role Playing Game Group highlight the week of December 29 - January 2 at the Johnson Memorial Library.

Do you have what it takes to become a Yu-Gi-Oh Master Duelist? Find out on Monday, December 29 at noon. The Johnson Memorial Library will be sponsoring its fifth Yu-Gi-Oh Tournament for middle school and high school youth.

The Yu-Gi-Oh tournament is free and is open to all teens and pre-teens. To participate, stop by the library and fill out a deck sheet. Deck sheets may be picked up at the library or downloaded at [www.ude.com](http://www.ude.com). Deck sheets must be turned into Youth Services Librarian Dustin Harris. The tournament will follow the traditional deck building rules found at [www.ude.com/policy](http://www.ude.com/policy). Remember to check because the list has significantly changed since the last tournament.

All duelists must be at the library to sign in on December 29 at noon with the tournament at 1:00 p.m. The tournament will run for most of the day, so duelists should plan on spending the day at the library. The Friends of the Hicksville Library will provide refreshments and prizes for the top two players.

Rather than sitting around bored, come on out and enjoy the Johnson Memorial Library's free Video Game Days on December 30-31. On December 30 from noon-6:00 p.m. and on December 31 from 9:00 a.m.-noon, the library will host free Nintendo Wii Days, which are open to everyone.

"We will be having video game days with our Game-

cubes and our new Wii. Anyone wanting to bring in games from home must have them approved by me prior to the event. Games cannot be rated higher than T for Teen," explained Youth Services Librarian Dustin Harris.

The Johnson Memorial Library will be closing at noon on December 31 and will be closed on January 1 to celebrate the New Year's holiday.

On January 2 at noon, the Johnson Memorial Library will be hosting its twice monthly Role Playing Game Group.

The Role Playing Game Group is free and is open to teens and young adults, who are interested in fantasy role playing games. The group will be facilitated by Youth Services Librarian Dustin Harris. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Hicksville Library.

For more information on any of the library programs, please call the Johnson Memorial Library at 419-542-6200 or email [murphyam@oplin.org](mailto:murphyam@oplin.org).

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

I read with interest Barb Duffey's response to Mr. Potter's column printed December 3rd.

Mr. Potter was making the point that the Jewish (Mosaic) law has been taken away (Colossians 2:11-17; Ephesians 2:11-22.) I do not believe, as Barb Duffey alleges, that Mr. Potter was saying that God was done with the Jews. As these previous scriptures indicate, God still loves the Jews, but that the salvation of Gentiles was just as important as the salvation of the Jews!

As the previous scriptures indicate, Christ came to save anyone in the world who would believe on Him and obey Him! Also see John 3:16.

That Jesus came from the Jewish faith is prophesied and fulfilled. Zechariah 12:10, that Barb Duffey referenced, has been fulfilled! It is NOT yet coming! The prophet Joel gives a similar prophecy and both are fulfilled in Acts 2:16-21.

Zechariah tells of "the inhabitants of Jerusalem and the house of David being there and the spirit of grace

and supplications and they shall look upon me in whom they have pierced and they shall mourn for him..." 3,000 pricked to the heart that day cried out, when convicted of the sin of murdering Jesus, "men and brethren what shall we do?" They were told to "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the remission of sins..."

It seems to me that Barb Duffey is believing doctrine that cannot be found in scripture. She tells us what "Rapture" is. She referenced II Thessalonians 4:13-17 which is actually found in I Thessalonians 4:13-17. Paul is writing to comfort those who were left behind by those who had passed on. This is called His coming. This is actually the second time that Jesus would come to earth, so it is called His second coming by scholars. The man in white apparel foretold of this in Acts 1:11. This agrees with Daniel 7:13-14.

Daniel 2:44 agrees with Daniel 7:13-14. "A kingdom which will never be destroyed." Revelation 11:15-16 agrees with Daniel, "Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!" Jerusalem was destroyed in 70 AD as Mr. Potter states. The doctrine of the "Rapture" wasn't even heard of till a few hundred years ago. The "Rapture" and the Second Coming of Jesus Christ are NOT the same. The doctrine of "Rapture" is manmade. The coming back of Jesus is rooted in scripture. As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord by getting our faith from God's Word, Romans 10:17.

—Lonnie Lambert

**BUEHRER STATEMENT ON COOPER TIRE'S DECISION TO STAY IN FINDLAY**

Regarding Cooper Tire and Rubber Company's decision today to keep their plant open in Findlay, preserving

1,100 jobs in Hancock County and surrounding communities, all of the following can be attributed to State Senator Steve Buehrer (R-Delta):

"Cooper Tire's announcement today is tremendous news for Findlay, our region and the entire state of Ohio.

"The company has been a staple in Findlay for decades, providing quality jobs, investing in the community and contributing greatly to the local and state economy. While no one likes to see people lose their jobs, I am grateful that Cooper Tire has decided to keep its valuable presence in Hancock County.

"I would also like to commend the management and all others involved, who worked together to keep Cooper Tire and its 1,100 jobs in northwest Ohio.

"Moving forward, I will do everything I can to ensure the relationship between Cooper Tire and our state remains strong."

**THANK YOU**

We would like to thank all our family and friends for their prayers, cards, flowers, memorials, and words of encouragement during the loss of our loved one. Also a special thank you to Melanie and Mike for their fast response, the Antwerp EMS, all the doctors and nurses at the Paulding Hospital, to Shawn Dooley & staff, to the First Baptist Church Reverend Jim Edwards, the ladies of the church for the wonderful meal. Your caring and kindness will always be remembered.

—The family of Todd Barnhouse, Gail, Toby & Heather Barnhouse & family, Terry & Mike McKeever & family P

**THANK YOU**

We first want to thank our Lord Jesus Christ for bestowing on us 50 years of life together. Next we want to thank our daughters, JoEllen Sisson, Lori Clounie, Karen Hahn, our three wonderful sons-in-law, and our six grandchildren for a splendid 50th anniversary party.

To our friends and family, words cannot express the love we have felt from all of you with the giving of your time to help us celebrate, your cards, flowers, and gifts. Also "Portraits by Nicole" for our pictures, Grant's Catering for making everything so beautiful and special, and to the Woodburn Missionary Church for their facility. May the Lord enrich all of your lives and may He bestow His richest blessing on each one of you.

—Maurie & Elaine Wannemacher

**LADY ARCHERS ATTACK NORTH CENTRAL EAGLES IN VARSITY BASKETBALL**

Tuesday, December 16, Antwerp hosted varsity basketball with the North Central Eagles. Final score was an Archers win, 43-10.

Score by the quarter:  
 North Central - 4 5 0 1=10

Antwerp - 17 9 7 10=43  
 Top Archer scorers:  
 Kelsey Bashore 13, Megan Koppenhofer 8, Toni Winslow 7, Kole Schlatter 6

**WACHTMANN DENOUNCES ODOT FEE INCREASES ON TRUCKS**

State Representative Lynn Wachtmann (R-Napoleon) denounced a plan by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to implement a fee increase for oversized and overweight trucks and announced he will pursue legislation capping the fees. In the past nine months, the fees will have increased by 3,536 percent.

"I simply cannot believe the Strickland administration's exorbitant fee increases," Wachtmann said. "This places yet another severe economic hardship on an industry that has already been hit hard."

Wachtmann said he plans to introduce legislation in the coming weeks that would cap these fees at 100 percent of the original rate.

"ODOT has stated the permit fees were too low for too long and other states were higher. Apparently, they'd like to play catch up and I don't think that's right," Wachtmann said. "If the governor and ODOT do not want to resolve this issue themselves, I think the Legislature should be willing to do it for them."

**ODOT PAVES WAY FOR SANTA'S ON-TIME DELIVERIES TO OHIO**

Whether you drive a sleigh with eight reindeer or a truck with 18 wheels, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has paved the way for delivering all of Ohio's important packages on time, completing 493 construction projects this year.

As part of a more than one-billion dollar investment, ODOT resurfaced 105 interstates and state routes, replaced or repaired 94 bridges, modernized 62 roadways, improved ten intersections and built seven bikeways. More than 6.6 million tons of asphalt was placed on ODOT-maintained roadways—enough asphalt for a two-lane road from Columbus to Corpus Christi, Texas.

Instead of going over the river and through the woods, motorists will find several routes to take this holiday season, including:

—US 30 and US 24 - A new interchange of US 30 at County Highway 330 is complete west of Upper Sandusky, marking the final link of a project expanding and relocating US 30 in Northwest Ohio. Also, two sections of US 24 opened to four lanes of traffic in Defiance and Henry counties.

—State Route 18 - The \$21 million five-lane highway in eastern Medina County now provides an economic gateway between Interstates 71 and 77.

—State Route 161 - Seven miles of the newly widened and relocated State Route 161 are open from Licking County to eastern Franklin County.

—Northeast Expressway to Transformation Project - The \$126 million project includes 18 ramps, 17 bridges, 65 retaining walls and a 440-foot tunnel connecting the northeast side of Franklin County.

—Appalachian Corridor - In June, ODOT joined West Virginia in opening the US 50/Blennerhassett Bridge

across the Ohio River at Belpre, completing the final link of a continuous four-lane roadway that stretches from Northern West Virginia to Cincinnati.

—State Route 86 - This newly relocated two-lane roadway in rural Lake County was completed early because of an innovative construction phasing and scheduling plan.

—US 33/Pomeroy-Mason Bridge - Next week, ODOT and West Virginia will open the new four-lane cable-stayed suspension bridge carrying US 33 traffic from Pomeroy to Mason, WV.

These completed projects help Ohio's logistics businesses remain a leader in "on-time" deliveries. An estimated 600 million tons of freight valued at \$1.6 trillion is moved by trucks on the state's highways throughout

the year. Even though Santa has the difficult task of delivering packages to children across the state in just one night, ODOT reminds all travelers this holiday - Ice and Snow... Take It Slow. Excessive speed continues to be one of the leading factors for crashes in ice and snow. Drivers who don't remember to take it slow are six times more likely to get into a crash, compared to non-winter weather driving.

As you make your list and check it twice, also check out ODOT's premiere website BuckeyeTraffic.org for up-to-the-minute highway information on weather and road conditions, road closures, Highway Patrol accident updates and traffic congestion alerts; all available 24-hours a day, seven days a week.

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**BONNIE AND CLYDE**

By: Stan Jordan

Bonnie and Clyde were notorious gangsters in the mid west and south during the depression eras. Actually, they robbed more small stores and gas stations as opposed to banks. This gang was believed to have killed nine police officers.

Bonnie was born Bonnie Elizabeth Parker, October 1, 1910, in Rowena, Texas. She was the second of two children. Her father was a brick layer. He died when she was four years old. This prompted her mother to move to West Dallas where they lived in poverty. She was a very good student in high school. She excelled in creative writing and won some awards for Cement City Schools. She was quite petite, 4ft. 11in. and weighed about 90 lbs.

She married a Roy Thornton before she was 16. They were soon separated, but never divorced. In fact she was wearing Thornton's wedding ring when she was killed.

Thornton's reaction to his wife's death was, "I'm glad they went out like they did, it's better than being caught."

Thornton himself was arrested for burglary in March of 1933. He was shot and killed in October 1937 while trying to escape from Earlham Prison Farm.

Bonnie met Clyde Barrow in 1930 at a mutual friends house. Most people who knew them said they really were in love with each other. Some say she was not a blood thirsty killer. Some writers say that there were no papers out on her when she was killed.

Clyde Barrow was born March 24, 1909, in Elms County, Texas, that's just a little south of Dallas. He was the fifth in a poor family of seven. He was first arrested in 1926 for not returning a rented auto on time. His second arrest was with his brother, Buck Barrow, with stolen goods in their possession. At this time he also cracked safes, robbed stores and stole cars.

I guess the officials say he was in 15 bank robberies, but robbing stores and gas stations far exceeded that number.

He had an arsenal of weapons, but liked the Army B.A.R. the best. That was a semi-automatic with very high hitting power.

While his brother, Buck, was in jail the Barrow Gang robbed a grocery store and a man was killed. Clyde was identified as one of the killers.

Bonnie Parker was captured at this time while assisting in a bungled store robbery in Kaufman, Texas and she was jailed for this.

While she was jailed, Clyde killed a man, J.W. Butcher in Hillsboro in April of 1932.

Bonnie was released from prison June of 1932. The Kaufman County Grand Jury had no bill on her so she was released. With in a few weeks she met up with Barrow and they were on the run again.

She went too visit her

mother and some of the Barrow Gang were drinking alcohol at a dance in Stringtown, OK. This was illegal at that time. Sheriff G.C. Maxwell and deputy Eugene Moore approached them, Barrow opened fire killing the deputy. This was the first lawman to be killed by the Barrow Gang. His name went on the list of nine officers killed by the Barrow Gang.

Buck Barrow and his wife along with Bonnie and Clyde and W.D. Jones were in a temporary hide out in Joplin, MO. Somehow the officials came to arrest these people for bootlegging. Barrow and Jones shot first and killed one lawman and mortally wounded another.



Sometimes the Barrow Gang helped out the poor people so this gang like some of the other hoodlums were looked on with favor. But naturally, Clyde Barrow and the gang would not hesitate to shoot anybody, lawman or civilian, if they got in the way of their escape.

Here are some of the men known to have committed murder: Raymond Hamilton, W.D. Jones, Buck Barrow and Henry Methvin.

The Barrow Gang escaped the police at Joplin, MO but W.D. Jones was wounded and they left most of their possessions in the apartment. The police confiscated a camera with film inside. The police got most of their photos from that camera.

Buck Barrow died from injuries he received in a shootout. This came about in June 1933.

W.D. Jones and Bonnie and Clyde missed some construction signs along the road and they slipped off into a ravine and the car rolled over and caught fire and Bonnie was trapped underneath and had third degree burns on her leg. Clyde insisted that she convalesce for awhile.

They met up with Buck Barrow and his wife Blanche. They holed up until Buck bungled a local robbery with W.D. Jones and killed a city Marshall on July 18, 1933.

The gang located in the Red Crown Tourist Court in Plat City, MO. this is now part of Kansas City, MO.

The Red Crown Tavern was just a few yards away. The tavern owner became suspicious when Buck's wife paid for the meal with silver coins instead of dollars.

The place was raided by police who had B.A.R.'s and the gangs Thompson sub-machine guns were no match. The gang managed to escape, but there were some wounded in the gang.

On July 24, 1933, the Barrow Gang were at Dexfield Park near Dexter, Iowa which was an abandon amusement park. They again found themselves surrounded by the local police and about 100 local citizens. Clyde and Bonnie and Jones escaped on foot. Buck was shot in the head and died five days later in the King's Daughter's Hospital in Iowa from pneumonia after surgery.

Bonnie and Clyde almost got caught on November 22, 1933 in Sower's Texas while attending a family gathering.

In January 1934, Clyde helped Henry Methvin, Ray Hamilton and several others to escape from Texas Correction Department in which was called the Eastham Breakout of 1934.

This was something Clyde always wanted to do, to get even with those people for some nasty treatment that he received there. There is some more action by the Gang in Texas but I'm going to move along to the end of Bonnie and Clyde.

The police had gotten to their driver who was sort of jealous of the fact that Bonnie and Clyde were very famous and he had not been heard of. After a little bargaining and promises of easy treatment he told the police where and when the pair would be at 9:00 a.m. on the morning of May 23, 1934.

So on a desolate road near their Bienville Parish, LA hideout they were shot by four Texas officers and two LA officers.

At approximately 9:00 a.m. on May 23, the posse, concealed in the bushes and almost ready to concede defeat, heard Clyde's stolen Ford V8 approaching. The posse's official report had Clyde stopping to speak with Henry Methvin's father, planted there with his truck that morning to distract Clyde and force him into the lane closest to the posse, the lawmen opened fire, killing Bonnie and Clyde while shooting a combined total of approximately 130 rounds. By 9:15 the couple were dead. The posse, under Hamer's direct orders, did not call out a warning or order the duo to surrender. Barrow was killed instantly from Oakley's initial head shot. Parker did

not die as easily. The posse reported her uttering a long, horrified scream as the bullets tore into their car.. The officers emptied the specially-ordered automatic rifle, as well as rifles, shotguns and pistols at the car. —information taken from Wikipedia

Like any other so-called famous killings, you have different versions and all true!

Bonnie and Clyde wished to be buried together, but that didn't happen. The Parker family would not allow it. She is buried in Crown Hill Memorial Park in Dallas, Texas. Clyde Barrow is buried in the Western Heights Cemetery in Dallas.

The following words are inscribed on Bonnie's stone: "As the flowers are all made sweeter by the sunshine and the dew. So this old world is made brighter by the lives of folks like you."

See Ya!



By: Stan Jordan

It was coming up to Christmas and Sammy asked his mum if he could have a new bike. She told him that the best idea would be to write to Santa Claus. But Sam, having just played a vital role in the school nativity play, said he would prefer to write to the baby Jesus. So his mum told him that would be fine. Sam went to his room and wrote, 'Dear Jesus, I have been a very good boy and would like to have a bike for Christmas.'

But he wasn't very happy when he read it over. So he decided to try again and this time he wrote: 'Dear Jesus, I'm a good boy most of the time and would like a bike for Christmas.'

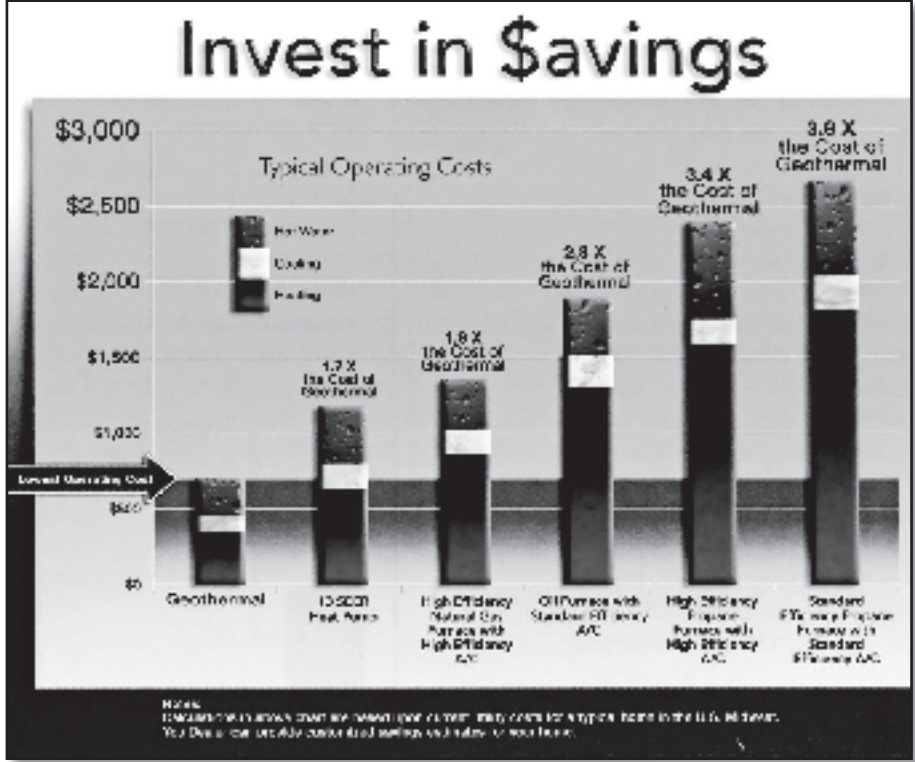
He read it back and wasn't happy with that one either. He tried a third version, 'Dear Jesus, I could be a good boy if I tried hard and especially if I had a new bike.'

He read that one too, but he still wasn't satisfied. So, he decided to go out for a walk while he thought about a better approach. After a short time he passed a house with a small statue of the Virgin Mary in the front garden. He crept in, stuffed the statue under his coat, hurried home and hid it under the bed. Then he wrote this letter, 'Dear Jesus, if you want to see your mother again, you'd better send me a new bike.'

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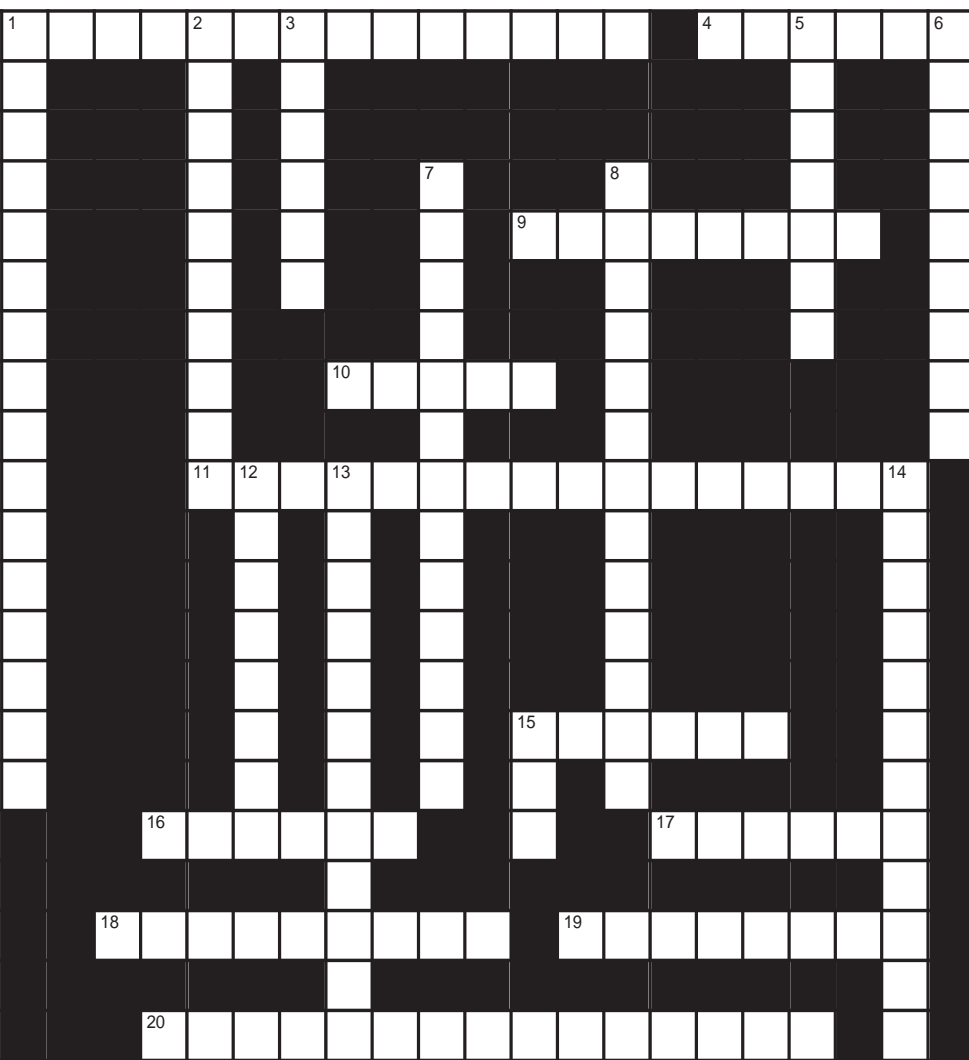
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# Crossword Puzzle



**Across**

1. People who tell jokes on December 25 might be called ... (two words)
4. The last name of the man who wrote, "White Christmas".
9. The Grinch stole Christmas from this town.
10. In "A Miracle on 34th Street", Santa is hired by this department store.
11. When the salt and the pepper say, "Hi!" to each other, they are passing on ... (two words)
15. The name of Scrooge's dead business partner.
16. This is where the real St. Nicholas lived.
17. This Peanuts' character plays the inn keeper in "A Charlie Brown Christmas". (two words)
18. What does Santa Claus do with his three gardens?
19. When you go "wassailing", what are you doing?
20. Actor O'Connor and actress Channing are known on December 25 as ... (two words)

**Down**

1. In Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol, Scrooge was visited by the ghost of ... (two words)
2. A cat walking on the desert is bound to get ... (two words)
3. Poinsettias originally came from this country.
5. This reindeer is not mentioned in the story, "Twas the Night Before Christmas".
6. An opinion survey in Alaska is called a ... (two words)
7. What do Spanish sheep say when they wish each other a Merry Christmas? (two words)
8. The name of the department store that created "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer". (two words)
12. Scrooge's first name.
13. A holy man bereft of change could be called ... (two words)
14. A quiet medieval armor-wearer is a ... (two words)
15. What was the name of the dog that belonged to the Grinch?

**ANTWERP HISTORY**

By: Stan Jordan

Last Saturday, Pauline and I went down to the Fire House in Antwerp to see Santa Claus greet the kiddies. As I sat there with a cup of coffee and a low cal donut, my mind went back 80 years, when I was about 5 or 6. The business men did not have a Santa with a costume. I remember one Christmas the business men sat up a card table on Main Street up front of Battershell's 5&10 and Dr. Caines office; that is now between the Subway and the Shadow Box Beauty Salon. All the children lined up and passed by the card table and was given a Milky Way candy bar.

But as I sat in the warm fire house, I could see the little ones sit on Santa's lap and talk to the old gentleman. Greta Kennedy Kosch's little boy, Griffin, would rather have been any other place at that time, but he was only about 6-7 months old. That will change in a year or so.

The Fireman's Auxiliary Ladies had done a fine job on decorating the back drop for Santa. The new heating system made it very comfortable inside. It was a far cry from the old card table out on Main Street.

Then I got to thinking about how nice the place was to have Santa for the kids. Gale brought me another coffee and we discussed how nice the Fire Station was for an occasion like this.

A couple of months ago the Chamber of Commerce held the Halloween Judging Contest here. Years ago, we used to have Fireman's Day in that area. That building does so much for the community each year, besides housing all the fire fighting equipment for the city.

The moms and dads were there watching the kids, along with grandmas and grandpas.

Now, just think about all the fine places that the Antwerp people have helped with in one way or another.

The fire and EMS building; the new Conservation Club building; the VFW; the American Legion; people are working on the new facing for the athletic track at the football field; people are also working on a new memorial for the Veterans down at the park; we will soon have a new US 24 bypass.

Our crowning glory is our new school. We were out there the other night for soup and baked potatoes for the Senior Class and we couldn't be more prouder of that edifice and the new athletic building and the new school bus garage.

It makes me proud to be from Antwerp and to have been a small part of all of this. This is all a part of Antwerp's History and I know you're feeling the same way.

See Ya!

**NOW READ THIS**

By: Stan Jordan

I have written this story before but it is sort of seasonal and I'm going to use it again. I hope you enjoy it.

A man went into the Methodist Church and asked the minister if he could join his church. The minister said, "Sure, we got room for you. Just sit here at the desk and fill in your mailing address, as we send out a monthly news letter."

Answers to "Sudoku puzzle 12/17/08"

3	4	5	7	6	9	8	2	1
9	1	8	5	2	3	4	7	6
2	7	6	8	1	4	3	9	5
1	2	4	9	8	7	6	5	3
8	3	7	2	5	6	9	1	4
6	5	9	4	3	1	7	8	2
5	8	3	6	7	2	1	4	9
7	9	1	3	4	5	2	6	8
4	6	2	1	9	8	5	3	7

While he was doing that, the preacher thought he would ask him a few questions to see how he was with knowledge of the Bible.

The preacher asked him if he knew where the baby Jesus was born. After a second the man replied, "Pittsburgh."

This set the minister back a little. He said to himself, "This man needs a lot of primary schooling."

He said, "Say, you need quite a bit of schooling and we don't have a class starting until fall, why don't you go over to St. Mary's, I know they have room for you."

The man asked the priest if he could join his church and he was readily accepted. The priest asked him to fill out an address card as they also sent out a monthly news letter.

He too thought he would ask the new man a few questions to see how he understood the Bible.

"Can you tell me where the Baby Jesus was born?", he asked. After a second of thinking the man answered, "Philadelphia."

This set the priest back a little and said, "We don't have a new class to start until fall, why don't you go down to the Baptist Church. I know they will help you

down there."

So the man drove down to the Baptist Church and asked the Pastor if he could join his church. The Pastor said, "Sure man, you're in!"

The man said, "I'm now a member of your church?"

"Yes sir, you're as good a member as anyone!"

This astounded the man and really pleased him. The man asked, "Don't you want to ask me any questions?"

"No sir, you are now a member of our church."

The man said, "Well, I would like to ask you a question. Can you tell me where the baby Jesus was born?"

The Pastor said, "Bethlehem."

After a second the man replied, "Bethlehem. Well, I knew it was in Pennsylvania somewhere!"

I'm glad to see all the Christmas lights and decorations around Antwerp. If you would take a few minutes to drive around the streets some evening you would have an enjoyable trip. Some folks go all out and put lots of hours of labor into their decorating scheme. To you hard working people, we appreciate all you've done to help brighten up the area for the holiday season.

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# WAYNE TRACE BROUGHT DOWN BY LANCERS



Wayne Trace took on the Lincolnview Lancers Saturday night while other schools had to cancel their events due to the weather. The Raiders lost in a hard match 56-48. The JV lost 33-37. Shown here is Senior Tevin Hale taking a shot from the key. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)



The Freshman Raiders took on the Parkway Panthers and had another close match 30-33 with a strong comeback Dec. 18. Unfortunately, it wasn't quite enough to win. Shown here is Kim Bickford scoring from the inside of the 3 point line. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)

# WAYNE TRACE WRESTLERS COMPETE IN TRI MATCH

On December 16, 2008 The Wayne Trace varsity Wrestling team competed in a tri-match with Stryker and Fairview.

In the first round the Raiders took on the Apaches from Fairview. The Raiders lost the match 30-28.

At 103 double void, 112 Katie Clemens (WT) won by forfeit, 119 Kameran Clemens (WT) won by forfeit, 125 Joe Stahl (WT) won by forfeit, 130 Ryan Jacobs (FV) pinned Jacob Taylor (WT) in :47, 135 Zack Cotterman (WT) defeated Aj Mavis (FV) 15-5, 140 Logan Jones (FV) pinned Mike Boyd (WT) 1:34, Greg Myer (FV) defeated Cody Stahl (WT) 16-11, 152 Tyler Arnett won by forfeit, 160 Cody Davis (FV) defeated Angelo Harris (WT) 9-6, 171 Kyle Trent (FV) pinned Aaron Harris in 2:27, 189 double void, 215 double void, 285 Jarred Pendelton (FV) won by forfeit.

In the second round Wayne Trace defeated Stryker 51-24.

103 double void, 112 Kameran Clemens (WT) pinned Mason Fox (ST) :25, 119 Katie Clemens (WT) won by forfeit, 125 Joe Stahl (WT) won by forfeit, 130 Jacob Taylor (WT) won by forfeit, 135 Zack Cotterman (WT) pinned Wesley Short (ST) 1:26, 140 Shawn Kunkle (ST) pinned Mike Boyd (WT) 1:56, 145 Cody Stahl (WT) pinned Nolan Short :52, 152 Tyler Arnett (WT) won by forfeit, 160 Angelo Harris (WT) pinned Mike Hammersmith (ST) 3:16, 171 Aaron Harris (WT) defeated Seth Myer (ST) 7-0, 189 Levi Keller (ST) won by forfeit, 215 Bryson Beck (ST) won by forfeit, 285 Chase Florey won by forfeit.

Coach Clemens had these comments, "I think these kids are doing an outstanding job. We are right in just about every match, not to mention how hard this group of kids work at practice. Tonight, we were missing our 103 Lindsay Mathews, due to the flu and our other 140 Josh Leggitt, was out with a wrist injury. I think either one of those kids could of made the difference in the Fairview match."

# PAULDING FROSH DEFEAT RAIDERS

The Paulding freshman picked up their first victory of the season in defeating Wayne Trace 33-29.

The Panthers overcame a sloppy first half to defeat the Raiders, WT led 8-3 1q, 14-11 Paulding at half, Paulding 26-18 3q and 33-29 final. Paulding was led in scoring by Anthony Arellano with 16

points and 7 rebounds, and Jason Koenn and Kyle Mohr each added 4 points. Record now is 1-2.

# LADY WARRIORS OVERTAKE JETS IN ACAC PLAY

By: Jeff Abbott

Adams Central and Woodlan exchanged the lead 3 times and were tied 3 times in the first period, but Woodlan retook the lead early in the second quarter and held on to get a 49-37 win over the Lady Jets in ACAC girls' basketball. A 6-0 run by the Warriors early in the third quarter helped extend the Woodlan lead. Adams Central made runs at the Warriors but were unable to get any closer than 4 points on the home team. The inside play of Taylor Carver and Megan Kirkwood pushed Woodlan to the win. Carver collected 19 points and Kirkwood was good for 17 points in the game.

Score by the quarter:  
Adams Central - 12 7 8 10=37  
Woodlan - 11 12 10 16=49  
Top players:  
Adams Central - Harvey 12, Lehman 9, Ripley 8, Lee 4, Carroll 2, Tonner 2  
Woodlan - Carver 19, Kirkwood 17, Hogue 6, Kayser 4, Koeneman 3

# WAYNE TRACE WRESTLING CLUB 2009

Hey Kids! The Wayne Trace Wrestling Club will be starting it's 8<sup>th</sup> season this year. The club is open to all students from Kindergarten to the eighth grade.

Sign up and first practice is January 7, at 5:00 p.m. Practices thereafter will be on Mondays from 5:00-6:30 p.m. and Wednesdays from 4:30-6:00 p.m.

All practices are held on the south balcony of the Wayne Trace High School Gymnasium.

All participants should wear proper clothing (sweat pants or shorts and t-shirt).

If you have any questions, please contact Coach George Clemens at 419-258-1522, or Coach Dennis Stabler at 419-487-3147.

# PIRATES SINK FROSH PANTHERS IN OT

Paulding freshman opened their season against Bluffton in a NWC game.

The Pirates won 39-34 in overtime, the Pirates hit a shot at buzzer to send game into overtime.

Paulding led throughout the game, but couldn't overcome poor foul shooting, 24-14 at half and 26-18 after 3 periods.

The Panthers was led in scoring by Zach Gawronski with 11 points and Kyle Mohr with 9 points and 9 rebounds. Record is 0-1.

# LADY RAIDERS HEAT UP THE COURT



The Paulding Panthers came to the Raiders Court Tuesday night Dec. 16. The weather may have been icy outside, but the teams were on fire in this gym. Wayne Trace won 70-53 pulling ahead in 2nd half. Shown here is Sophomore Elise Myers scoring. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)




Paulding & Wayne Trace JV went head to head Dec. 16. WT won 34-26. Shown here is Panther Freshman Kayla Owens coming up for the lay up with WT Junior Jenna Stoller blocking. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)

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**86<sup>TH</sup> ACAC DRAW TAKES PLACE IN DECATUR**

By: Jeff Abbott

The ACAC held the draw for the conference basketball tournament on Thursday, December 18 in Decatur, Indiana. Conference president Rick Minnich of Adams Central welcomed the principals and coaches of the schools and the area media members that will cover the tournament in print and on radio and television. The boys' tournament will be the 86<sup>th</sup> edition and is the oldest basketball tournament in the state of Indiana. The girls' tournament will be the 35<sup>th</sup> edition. Opening round games will be played at four host schools with the semi-finals and the championship games played at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne. The boys champion in 2007 was Bluffton, coached by Wayne Barker, and the 2007 girls champion was Garrett, led by coach Dan Feagler. The championship coaches drew for the order of selection. The schools' coaches then selected their position on the tournament board. Opening games are Tuesday, January 13 with the boys playing in the opening game followed by the girls game.

Opening Round, Tuesday January 13, Boys - 6:00 p.m., Girls - 7:30 p.m.

- 1) Heritage Patriots at Woodlan Warriors
- 2) Garrett Railroaders at South Adams Starfires
- 3) Bluffton Tigers at Adams Central Flying Jets
- 4) Leo Lions at Southern Wells Raiders

Boys' Semi-Finals, Wednesday January 14, 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

- 1) Heritage/Woodlan winner vs Garrett/South Adams winner
- 2) Bluffton/Adams Central winner vs Leo/Southern Wells winner

Girl's Semi-Finals, Thursday January 15, 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

- 1) Heritage/Woodlan winner vs Garrett/South Adams winner
- 2) Bluffton/Adams Central winner vs Leo/Southern Wells winner

Championship Games, Saturday, January 17 at the Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne Indiana.

- 1) Girl's Championship - 10:00 a.m.
- 2) Boy's Championship - 12:00 p.m.

**"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": SKILLS FOR TOMORROW**



Vantage Precision Machining junior Nick Gordon from Wayne Trace is learning how to program and operate the CNC machining center.

At Vantage Career Center, there are nine different Trade and Industrial programs offered to high school students in the Industrial and Engineering Systems cluster. Here is a brief look at those programs.

In the Ag Diesel Mechanics program, students learn the techniques for the maintenance, service and repair of industrial diesel and agricultural equipment and engines. Students in Ag Diesel Mechanics belong to the Vantage FFA Chapter.

Auto Body students learn the basic skills of collision repair and refinishing, as well as auto body and shop management skills. Performing repairs to plastic and fiberglass components are unique skills of this trade.

The two-year Auto Technology program provides hands-on experience in the areas of hydraulic brake systems, automotive engines and suspension systems. Students learn the skills required to inspect, repair and adjust vehicles. Auto Tech is a College Tech Prep program.

In the Precision Machining Technology program, students learn to operate and use lathes, grinders, mills and computer numerical controlled (CNC) machines to shape metal into useable tools and parts. Blueprint reading, computer aided drafting (CAD) and manufacturing processes are emphasized throughout the program. Using a Dimension 3D printer and Solidworks software, perfect working models can be printed in tough, durable ABS plastic.

The Vantage Welding program is a nationally recognized AWS (American Welding Society) training and testing facility. Students have the opportunity to earn industry certifications in plate and pipe welding. This program has earned the National Exemplary designation in career technical education.

Industrial Mechanics students learn how to perform preventive and corrective maintenance and the set up and adjustment of plant machinery. Students learn the basics of welding, electricity,

machining, metal fabrication, residential and industrial plumbing, heating and air conditioning.

The Electricity program provides entry-level training ranging from residential wiring to industrial electrical applications. Students learn how to install, maintain and troubleshoot a variety of electrical systems, including the installation of coaxial or fiber optic cable for computers and other telecommunications equipment. Seniors also use their residential wiring skills to wire the Vantage Carpentry House project each year.

In the Building and Grounds Maintenance program, students are introduced to a wide variety of skills necessary to keep buildings and their surrounding areas in good condition. Students learn basic plumbing, installation of concrete and masonry walls, landscaping, painting and light carpentry skills. This year, they are using their skills to complete the renovation of an existing home.

Build a house while still in high school? That's just what Vantage senior Carpentry students do. Carpentry students learn the skills required for residential construction, including blueprint-reading, computerized house design, framing, roofing, drywall, cabinetry, stairs and outside finish work. Junior carpentry students follow precise specifications and use 3D Cabinetry software to build custom cabinets for the house project.

If you're interested in finding out about career opportunities in any of these fields or have questions about the trade and industrial programs at Vantage, please call Tom Mershman, Student Services Supervisor at 419-238-5411 ext. 140 or email him at mershman.t@vantagecareer-center.com.

It's not too early to mark your calendars for the annual Vantage Open House and Scholarship Dinner, which will be held on Monday, January 12, 2009 from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. Visit the labs, meet the teachers and see what's new at Vantage. Don't miss it!

**BLACKHAWK OUTSCORES WARRIORS IN BOYS' BASKETBALL**

By: Jeff Abbott

Blackhawk pulled away from Woodlan in the second half, outscoring the Warriors 43-20 over the final 16 minutes, to get a 70-40 home win in boys' basketball. Blackhawk led throughout the game, leading 12-7 after the first quarter and 27-20 at the half, before turning on the offensive show in the second half. Wes Deasen led scoring in the game, getting 24 points for the Braves and Russell Byrd added 19 points. Clint Romines was high scorer for Woodlan with 13 points.

Score by the quarter:  
Woodlan - 7 13 13 7=40  
Blackhawk - 12 15 22 21=70

Top players:  
Woodlan - Romines 13, Rydell 12, Malfait 6, Hines 4, Mumma 3, Lortie 2  
Blackhawk - Deasen 24, Byrd 19, Whitman 8, Friesen 7, Bone 5, Kislar 3, Bland 2, Neumiester 2

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Paulding County Department of Job and Family Services will be conducting a public hearing to discuss and comment on the proposed Title XX Plan for the period of July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2011.

The Plan is an effort of the Department of Job and Family Services to address and to provide needed services to residents of Paulding County. These services are funded by Title XX of the Social Security Act. The proposed plan will be available at this meeting.

Representatives from Paulding County Department of Job and Family Services will be available to answer questions about the biennial plan. The public is invited and urged to attend

The hearing will be held:  
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'Beginning at 8:00 a.m. until all testimony is heard at 303 W. Harrison St. Paulding, Ohio

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J.B. Rickels. Top sellers in the class of four and five year olds were Sam Adams and Brianna Minck. They all received a copy of the book, *I Spy Christmas* for their efforts!

## ANTWERP BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL STATS AS OF 12/16/08

The Antwerp boys' varsity basketball team has earned these stats for the 2008/09 season as of 12/16/08:  
 Win/Loss: 3-0  
 Total Individual points:  
 #15 Adam Taylor 38, #5 Quinn Tempel 5, #32 TJ Short 62, #3 Bryson North 3, #10 Logan Lucas 9, #11 Isaac Yenser 0, #12 Justin Johnson 2, #21 Jordan Koppenhofer 14, #22 Travis Woodard 11, #30 Beau Kobe 0, #42 John Rindahl 13, #50 Shaile Chamberlain 7

## MEETING PLANNED FOR THE 24/127 AREA SEWER AND WATER

There will be a 24/127 Area Sewer and Water Meeting, Tuesday, January 6, at 7 p.m., at the OSUE building, on the Paulding County Fairgrounds. Everyone is welcome to hear information regarding how a sewer and water district can be formed and administered.  
 If you have any questions, call 419-399-8282, Paulding County Economic Development.

# LEGISLATURE ACTS TO SAFEGUARD OHIOANS' PERSONAL INFORMATION

## Capitol Letters Weekly Column by: State Senator Steve Buehrer

This fall, Toledo-area native, Samuel Joseph Wurzelbacher, a.k.a. "Joe the Plumber," vaulted into the national spotlight after he publicly asked President-elect Barack Obama a question about raising taxes on small businesses, and then became a focal point of the final presidential debate between Obama and Sen. John McCain. Weeks later, his name was once again in the news, this time at the center of an investigation into questionable activity at the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.

In late October, it was discovered that officials at ODJFS, notably Director Helen Jones-Kelley, had accessed Mr. Wurzelbacher's personal information using a state database to determine if he owed child support, unemployment, back taxes or was getting public assistance. Ms. Kelley, an Obama supporter, stated that it was her department's practice to "take a quick look" at people thrust into the public spotlight.

The incident prompted an investigation from Ohio Inspector General, Tom Charles, who found that Ms. Kelley improperly authorized searches on Mr. Wurzelbacher's personal information and also used her state email account for political purposes. The Governor responded by suspending her for one month without pay, a move that angered many legislators, who felt that Ms. Kelley and other top officials at ODJFS should have been fired. She has since resigned from her position.

In response to concerns about the security of Ohioans' personal information in the hands of state agencies, State Senator Mark Wagoner and State Representative Shannon Jones introduced joint legislation in the House and Senate earlier this month, which would implement several recommendations from the Inspector General for how to prevent another "Joe the Plumber"-type situation from occurring in the future.

On December 17, the General Assembly approved the House version of the bill, House Bill 648, with strong bipartisan support. The legislation will now be sent to the Governor for his consideration.

HB 648, which I cosponsored, would require state agencies to develop criteria for determining which employees may access or authorize access to confidential personal information and list valid reasons for accessing the data, based on the agencies' responsibilities. Also, agencies must define procedures for recording each specific case where an employee accesses somebody's personal information. Should an unclassified employee violate these rules by improperly accessing personal information, they would be fired and could be charged with a first degree misdemeanor.

In addition, HB 648 would require that a person be notified by an agency if their personal information is found to have been improperly accessed. The bill would also require agencies to establish

a training program, so that all employees understand the rules, as well as post guidelines in the office and on the agency website.

George Orwell's classic book *Nineteen Eighty-Four* depicts a society where the government controls everything and "Big Brother" is always watching. In a country founded on the principles of personal freedom and democracy, no Ohioan should ever have to worry that "Big Brother" is watching them or accessing their personal information, because they may have been "thrust into the public spotlight," or chose to ask a question of an elected official. HB 648 would take important steps to restrict access by state agencies to confidential personal information and hopefully help restore Ohioans' trust in their government.

For more information on HB 648, please visit the Ohio General Assembly website at [www.legislature.state.oh.us](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us).

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](mailto:SD01@mailr.sen.state.oh.us).

## A MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE PAULDING COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Educator

Scientific studies have been conducted to determine "What Makes for a Merry Christmas." Hirschman and LaBarbera in a 1989 study found that many values and behaviors of individuals and society are reflected in festivals such as Christmas, which is why so many themes intermingle during the holiday. Another study investigated many of these themes and found that family and religion provided the greatest benefit to holiday well-being, whereas the secular, materialistic aspects of the holiday either contributed little to Christmas joy, or were associated with less happiness and more stress. Such findings fit well with research about how family, religion, and materialism relate to well-being during the rest of the year. A 2002 study conducted by Kasser and Myers reinforces the findings that the path to a Merry Christmas comes not from purchasing many expensive gifts at the mall, but instead from satisfying a deeper need to be close to one's family and finding meaning in life.

In the true gift of Christmas, the Paulding County Extension office and its Advisory Committee would like to extend our sincere appreciation to an anonymous donor for the financial contribution and support for the Paulding County Extension office. This gracious act will permit Extension to continue to provide a valuable service to our county and our children's future for 2009.

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The Request for Proposal packet may be obtained beginning December 22, 2008 between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday at the Paulding County Department of Job and Family Services, 303 W. Harrison St., Paulding, Ohio 45879, or by calling 419-399-3756. A bidder's conference will be held on January 7, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. at the Paulding County Department of Job and Family Services, 303 W. Harrison St., Paulding, Ohio

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The Request for Proposal packet may be obtained beginning December 22, 2008 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday at the Allen County Board of Commissioners, 301 N. Main St., Lima, Ohio 45801, the Allen County Department of Job & Family Services, 1501 S. Dixie Hwy., Lima, Ohio 45804, the Paulding County Department of Job & Family Services, 303 West Harrison Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879, and the Putnam County Department of Job and Family Services, 1225 E. 3rd Street 100, Ottawa, Ohio 45875, or by calling 419-999-0360. A bidders conference will be held on January 7th at 2:00 p.m. at the Allen County Department of Job & Family Services, 1501 S. Dixie Hwy, Lima Ohio.

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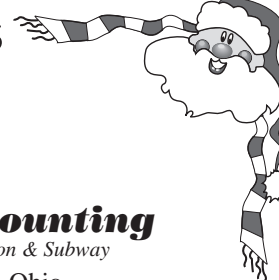
  

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**FROM THE DOG WARDEN'S DESK**

**By: Mandy Lichty, Paulding County Dog Warden**

This week's featured pet is Rocky. Rocky is a four year old Great Dane mix. He is current on all his vaccinations, neutered, micro-chipped, and house-trained.

Also at the shelter, we have a 10 week old shepherd mix puppy, Chelsea, and we have a whole litter of golden retriever/collie mix puppies that are between three and four months old.

If you don't get what you want for Christmas take it back and get a fluffy puppy instead. And if you get a puppy now it just might be house-trained before next Christmas!

The shelter will be open December 26 for adoptions from 2:00-5:00 p.m.

**OAKWOOD GLEANER ARBOR #759 MINUTES**

The annual Christmas party was held on 11/24/08 at the Twin Oaks reception hall. Connie Proxmire of the Landing Strip catered a nice meal to 21 members. Jerrolyn Parrett decorated the tables with lovely red table clothes and pine boughs and lighted candles and candy cane name card holders. The Oakwood Community Band provided

the entertainment before we had a fun white elephant exchange. Gifts ranged from funny to edible to practical.

On 12/4/08 our regular meeting was held in the choir room of the Twin Oaks church. Vice President, John Pier, welcomed our guest - Jan Lowe of our local Angel Tree project. We discussed our Samaritan project and how to dispense it. We adopted a family from the angel tree and spent the evening wrapping the gifts. Jerrolyn Parrett had some nice cookies and punch for refreshments. Our next meeting will be 01/08/09 at the fellowship hall at 7:00 p.m. Bring a snack to share. 4-H helping hands is our project. This may be game night.

—Bonnie Pier, reporting

**PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND DISMISSALS**

*Admissions:*

12/16 - Marilyn Minck, Sherwood; Marcia Smith, Paulding

12/18 - Olive Johnston, Cecil; Jeffery Banks, Paulding

*Dismissals:*

12/17 - Marcia Smith, Paulding; Linda Akers, Paulding

12/20 - Jeffery Banks, Paulding; Marilyn Minck, Sherwood

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On December 6, Richie's Hair off the Square in Paulding held an open house... and guess who showed up? Santa Claus came and joined in the activities. Door prizes were

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# VANTAGE CAREER CENTER PRESENTS DONATION TO CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS



Vantage Career Center presented toys and a check for \$653 to Judy Short (center) for the Paulding County "Christmas for Kids" program. Pictured are Vantage students and staff from Paulding County.

# WARRIORS PULL OUT A WIN AGAINST TIGERS IN LAST QUARTER

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan carried a slim lead through the first half and into the third period before the Warriors lost the lead in the quarter and then Woodlan came back in the final period to down the Tigers 44-40 in ACAC girls basketball. Woodlan held the lead at 17-13 after the first period and increased the lead to 6 at half 29-23. Bluffton outscored the Warriors 13-5 in the third period to take the lead heading into the final period at 36-34. Woodlan turned the table on Bluffton, outscoring the home team 10-4 in the final period to get the win. Taylor Carver led the way for Woodlan with 18 points in the game. Bluffton won the reserve game over Woodlan 23-20

Score by the quarter:

Woodlan - 17 12 5 10=44  
Bluffton - 12 10 13 4=40

Top players:

Woodlan - Carver 18, Kirkwood 12, Kayser 6, Emehiser 2, Hogue 2, Yoder 2, Bontrager 2  
Bluffton - Patterson 11, Tullis 8, Lesh 7, Johnson 7, Crosbie 5, Waters 2

# RAILROADERS PLOW PAST WARRIORS EARLY ON

By: Jeff Abbott

Garrett used a 23-7 first quarter advantage to propel the Railroaders past Woodlan 78-56 in the ACAC boys basketball opener for both schools. Tim Kidder had 15 first quarter points for Garrett including 3 three-pointers to lead the Railroaders past the Warriors in the opening stanza. Kidder finished with 31 points on the night for Garrett. Cameron Evans led Woodlan scoring with 16 points in the game.

Score by the quarter:

Garrett - 23 19 12 24=78  
Woodlan - 7 20 11 18=56

Top players:

Garrett - Kidder 31, Parsell 10, Schultz 10, Wisel 8, Boger 8, Marshall 7, Snyder 4  
Woodlan - Evans 16, Rydell 13, Bell 11, Hines 7, Mumma 4, Lortie 2, Romines 2, Malfait 1

Eric Custer scored 15 points to lead Garrett past Woodlan 52-43 in the reserve game. Zach Schwartz and Jake Mendenhall each had 10 points for Woodlan.

# SPARTECH PLASTICS GIVES BACK

Spartech Plastics, located in Paulding, is giving back to the community this holiday season. Each of Spartech's 32 North America locations have committed to make a monetary donation to each of their communities' food banks. An additional contribution will be made to the plant that collects the most donations and food, this will all go to the Paulding Counties food banks.

Spartech is placing barrels around Paulding County for food donations, all monies and foods will go to Paulding Counties area food banks. You may donate food or money until January 15, 2009. This will help replenish the food pantries after the holidays. For more information you may contact: Kevin Eitnair 419-789-0490, Patty Wood 419-769-3363, Sandy Sanders 419-399-4318, Balynda Elkins 419-263-0108, Michelle Gawronski 419-796-8044, Theresa Caryer 419-399-4420.

# BULLDOGS CRUSH FROSH PANTHERS

Defiance defeated Paulding frosh 44-20.

The Bulldogs used a pressing defense forcing Paulding into numerous turnovers and cruised to an easy victory.

Defiance led after all 4 quarters - 19-4 1q, 22-13 half, 34-20 3q, 44-20 final.

The Panthers was led in scoring by Anthony Arellano with 11 points and Alberto Flint with 7 points. Record 0-2.

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# CADETS TAKE HOME A WIN AGAINST WARRIORS IN VARSITY BASKETBALL

By: Jeff Abbott

Concordia opened with a 7-0 run only to see Woodlan close to within one. The Cadets then went on a 8-0 run, again to see Woodlan come back strong and close the lead to just 2 at 17-15 at the end of the first quarter. The Cadets then broke the game wide open, outscoring Woodlan 22-9 in the second period and 17-8 in the third period, and the Cadets went home with a 73-54 win in boys basketball. Jason Doehrman led the Cadets with 21 points in the game including 3 three-pointers. Corbin Bell, Jerrid Rydell, and Chris Malfait each had 11 points for the Warriors.

Score by the quarter:

Concordia - 17 22 17 17=73

Woodlan - 15 9 8 22=54

Top players:

Concordia - Doehrman 21, Stevenson 12, Fitzpatrick 12, Kilpatrick 6, Rashawn 6, Oetting 6, Johnson 3, Ahee 3, Stellhorn 3, Ratzburg 1

Woodlan - Bell 11, Malfait 11, Rydell 11, Hines 9, Evans 6, Lortie 4, Romines 2

Concordia built a 14-2 lead after the first period and 31-4 lead at the half and posted a 45-19 win over Woodlan in the reserve game. Zach Schwartz was high scorer for Woodlan with 6 points.

# LADY SAINTS TAKE HOME A VICTORY AGAINST WARRIORS IN GIRLS' BASKETBALL

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan had an early lead 8-0 lead on Bishop Dwenger, but the Lady Saints outscored the Warriors 13-2 in the final three minutes to take the lead for good in the game and Bishop Dwenger went to post a 66-47 win over Woodlan in girls basketball at Woodlan.

Once the Lady Saints got the lead, they slowly stretched the lead out for the win. Three players hits double-figures in scoring for the Lady Saints with Amanda McKenna getting 16 points. Taylor Carver was high scorer for the Warriors with 15 points.

Score by the quarter:

Bishop Dwenger - 13 19 19 15=66

Woodlan - 10 10 17 10=47

Top players:

Bishop Dwenger - McKenna 16, Andrea Filler 15, Katie Secrest 11, Tessa Garner 9, Ashley Burkhardt 8, Jessica DePrey 6, Emma Derheimer 1

Woodlan - Taylor Carver 15, Bethany Hogue 12, Haley Emehiser 7, Sarah Koene-man 5, Moriah Bontrager 2, Megan Kirkwood 2, Cassie Kayser 2, Lydia Yoder 1, Grace Keller 1

Dwenger outscored Woodlan 12-7 in the final period to get a win 28-26 in the reserve game over Woodlan. Katie Knoblauch was high scorer for Woodlan with 9 points.

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