

## C/J NATURAL MEATS: KEEPING IT IN THE FAMILY



By: Sue Knapp

Brian Schlatter, son of Ralph and Sheila Schlatter, is the 6<sup>th</sup> generation to be working on the farm and helping with the business—CJ Natural Meats.

It was early in the '90s, that the family started to switch over to a grass-based system for their dairy and beef cows, pork, lamb, meat and laying chickens and turkeys. They use no herbicides, pesticides and the tillage that causes erosion.

In high school, Brian decided he wanted to make cheese. He had an over abundance of goat's milk and he started practicing. Now at 22, Brian makes cheese to sell. Made out of cow's milk, he makes it from "scratch" from adding cultures to the milk to aging and packaging it. Noth-

ing goes to waste, the whey, which is high in protein, is fed to the calves and hogs.

The curds are put into rectangle or round molds then pressed to form the shape. A semi-truck trailer serves as the aging room and is kept at 55 degrees. Brian checks his cheeses often, turning them over, making sure they are aging alright. They need to age for 60 days. He just made a new batch that should be ready by the middle of April. There is cheese now ready to sell and he has received good comments on the cheese.

He makes a variety of cheeses including: cheddar, colby, blue, pepper jack and many herb cheeses.

Brian plans to stay on the farm and keep it running thus keeping the family farm alive.

## ELIGIBLE OHIOANS CAN FILE TAXES FREE THIS YEAR WITH OHIO BENEFIT BANK

COLUMBUS—Tax season has arrived, and PIONEER CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY is partnering with the Ohio Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives and the Ohio Association of Second Harvest Foodbanks to help low- and moderate-income Ohioans obtain free federal and state income tax return preparation assistance, and to identify other work support benefits for which they may be eligible.

Free income tax preparation assistance is provided through the Ohio Benefit Bank, a Web-based, counselor-assisted program that connects low- and moderate-income Ohioans with access to potential work supports, such as health care coverage, home energy assistance, child care subsidies and food stamps. At the state's 120 Benefit Bank sites and clinics, trained counselors will help Ohioans prepare and file their tax returns at no cost, if they meet the income eligibility requirement of less than \$54,000 per year in household income. If eligible, clients can also claim the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), a special tax refund program for working families and individuals who qualify for the program.

"Each year, many eligible taxpayers in Ohio miss out on getting free tax preparation assistance because they either don't know it is

available or they don't know where to get this valuable service," said Mary McMillan, Coordinator for the Pioneer Christian Food Pantry "Furthermore, at least one in every four taxpayers eligible for the EITC fails to claim the credit, which is why the PIONEER CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY is encouraging local residents to visit our location to learn more."

Each year, more than \$1.6 billion dollars in tax credits and other supports go unclaimed by eligible Ohioans who do not apply. More than 95 percent of these unclaimed funds are federal dollars. Claiming these dollars will bring more federal money to Ohio, therefore helping to boost the State's economy.

For the first time, eligible individuals also can obtain free tax preparation assistance by visiting the Ohio Benefit Bank's new free online, self-service program at [www.OBB.Ohio.Gov](http://www.OBB.Ohio.Gov). This program is designed to help individuals and families prepare and electronically

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## OAKWOOD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST

Oakwood Volunteer Fire Department will be offering, on March 1, 2008 from 7:00-11:00 a.m., an all-you-can-eat Pancake, Sausage, Biscuit & Gravy Breakfast.

All proceeds will be used for Fire Department equipment. The breakfast will be held at 201 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Oakwood.

## TONY ZARTMAN TO BE AT IRON SKILLET

The Iron Skillet restaurant in Oakwood would like to let you know that they will be hosting Tony Zartman as a server. You can meet him and ask questions while you are there. Tony is a candidate running in the Republican primary on March 4 for Paulding County Commissioner. He will be there Saturday, February 23 from 7:00-10:00 a.m.

## GLEANER OAKWOOD ARBOR #759 ACTIVITY ON 2/7/08

The arbor and the 4-H Jr. Leaders played bingo with the Hawthorn Court Nursing Home. 42 people had a good time intermingling across the ages. Mary Lou Lloyd brought the prizes and snacks as her Lenten project. Everyone enjoyed them.

Our meeting after was chaired by Dick Parrish who opened with prayer and the pledge. Minutes were read and approved. We had reports on three projects we are working on: the animal project with the Friends of the Felines, AuGlaze food pantry, school project. Includes the right to read and a zoo program. We voted to get supplies for the animals and food pantry and to fund the zoo program. Our next meeting will be at Twin Oaks reception hall on 3/6/08.

file their taxes and claim all the credits for which they are eligible at no cost to them. With direct deposit, clients can receive their refund in as few as seven to 10 days.

For more information or to locate an Ohio Benefit Bank site nearest you, call 1-800-648-1176 or visit [www.OBB.Ohio.Gov](http://www.OBB.Ohio.Gov).

Pioneer Christian Food Pantry is a ministry of Pioneer Christian Church, 17936 Rd. 108 Paulding, Ohio.

We offer a bi-monthly food pantry and services of The Ohio Benefit Bank.

We are co-hosting, along with OBB, a free tax clinic on February 21 and 22 at the Paulding Carnegie Library, Main St, Paulding, Ohio. Please call for an appointment. Other times may be available.

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**OBITUARIES**

**Donald James Cadwallader**, 85, of Payne, passed away Sunday, February 17, 2008 at Defiance Inpatient Hospice Center.

Don was born in Paulding, on October 21, 1922, the son of the late Everett James and Myrtle Mabel (Munson) Cadwallader.

He was the co-owner of C&Y Oil, Payne.

Having served in the Air Force during WWII he proudly attended the WWII Memorial dedication in Washington, DC. He was a member of the Payne Church of Christ, where he was a deacon and elder; Payne Flatrock Masonic Lodge #580; the Payne American Legion; Payne Chamber of Commerce; Union State Bank Board and Payne School Board. Don enjoyed flying Champ and Sesna airplanes, golf and mowing grass.

On November 4, 1943, he married Mildred Tracey, who survives. He will be sadly missed by his wife, Millie; daughter, Cheryl Luther of

Payne; sons: Ted (Loretta) of Tonawanda, NY, Gary (Kathy) of Payne and Thomas (Kim) of Van Wert; brother, Warren of Fort Wayne; 14 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his sister, Dorothy Geyer; and brothers: Harold and Raymond.

You are invited to participate in his funeral, Wednesday, February 20, 11:00 a.m., at the Payne Church of Christ with Rev. Jammie Hughes officiating.

You may call Wednesday, one hour prior to his service, at the church. He will be laid to rest at Lehman Cemetery, Payne.

The family requests donations to the Payne Church of Christ or Defiance Inpatient Hospice Center.

Condolences and fond memories may be shared at [www.dooleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.dooleyfuneralhome.com). Arrangements were handled by Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp.

**Albert C. Schrimshaw**, 95, of Payne died Friday, February 15, 2008 at the Oaks, Columbia City, Indiana.

He was born April 15, 1912 in Paulding County Ohio, the son of Charles and Minnie (Allan) Schrimshaw. On January 1, 1939 he married Helen W. (Huebner) Schrimshaw who preceded him in death on November 19, 2002. He was an Engineer for Kunkle Valve of Fort Wayne, Indiana. He was a Test Driver for the former International Harvester Truck Manufacturing of Fort Wayne, Indiana. He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church of Briceton, Ohio.

He is survived by three sons: Rex (Irene) Schrimshaw of Wesley Chapel, FL, Neal (Mary) Schrimshaw of Bolingbrook, IL, and Keith (Linda) Schrimshaw of Auburn, IN; and a daughter: Marla (John) White of Churubusco, IN; 11 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; wife; and a brother, Joseph A. Schrimshaw; and a sister, Grace LeFvre.

Funeral services will be conducted 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, February 20, 2008 at St. John Lutheran Church, Briceton, Ohio. Pastor Joe Allen will be officiating. Burial will be in St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding. Calling at the church one hour before services on Wednesday 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Donations may be made to St. John Lutheran Church: 7611 Rd. 87, Paulding, Ohio 45879.

Arrangements were handled by Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding.

**Kenneth R. Wittig**, 83, of Hicksville, died at his home on Wednesday February 13, 2008.

He was born on January 12, 1925 in Hicksville, Ohio the son of Ralph and Ethel (Warner) Wittig. He graduated from Hicksville High School in 1943. He married Lila Lee Headley on May 6, 1949. She survives.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran serving in WWII. He was a partner in Headley Motors of Hicksville and in 1962 he co-founded H & W Automotive of Hicksville along with the late Delta R. and Leo R.

Headley. He retired from H&W Automotive in 2007.

He was a member of Grace United Methodist Church; Masonic Lodge #478; American Legion Post 223 and past member of the VFW all of Hicksville.

He is survived by his wife, Lila Lee of Hicksville; two daughters: Kristine (John) Miller of Hamilton, IN and Linda (Clair) Forrest of Tiffin, OH; four grandchildren: Jeff (Amanda) Miller, Elizabeth Miller, Karen and Adam Forrest; a great-grandson, Jackson Miller.

He was preceded in death by an infant son, David Roger; and a brother, Harold.

Funeral services were February 16, 2008 at Grace United Methodist Church. Rev. Greg Wack officiated.

Burial was at Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville with military honors accorded by American Legion Post 223.

Memorials to Hospice the Caring Way of Defiance or Grace United Methodist Church.

Arrangements were handled by Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

**Glenda A. Gonser**, 96, of Payne, died Wednesday, February 13, 2008 at Dallas Lamb Foundation Home, Payne.

She was born August 7, 1911 in Paulding County, Ohio the daughter of Emil and Lucinda (Wald) Huguenin. On June 8, 1946 she married Charles G. Gonser, who preceded her in death on September 11, 2001. She was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church, Payne. She was employed as a nurse for St. Joseph Hospital, Ft. Wayne; hospitals in Chicago; home health care; and an x-ray technician for St. Joseph Hospital.

She is survived by two daughters: Gaye Potts of Payne and Cindy Muñoz of Hamilton, IN; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and a brother, Victor Huguenin.

Funeral services were Friday, February 15 at St. Paul United Methodist Church, Payne, with Rev. Amy Haines officiating. Burial was in Wiltzie Cemetery, Payne.

Donations may be made to St. Paul United Methodist Church or Dallas Lamb Foundation Home Activity Fund.

Arrangements were handled by Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding.

**Pauline L. Hale**, 74 of Paulding died Friday, February 15, 2008 at the Harborside Healthcare Center, Defiance.

She was born in Paulding County Ohio on May 5, 1933 the daughter of Arthur and Elsie (Hart) Harrow. On June 1, 1952 she married Joseph W. Hale, who survives. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her husband, Joe W. Hale of Paulding; three sons: Steven (Nancy) Hale of Sherwood, OH, Kirk (Kelly) Hale of Northport, AL, and James (Karen) Hale of Latty; 11 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren; one brother, Jim (Diane) Harrow of Cecil; three sisters: Joann (Max) Pease of Latty, Marjorie (Clayton) Howell of Paulding, and Viola (Morris) Dobbelaere of Oakwood.

She is preceded in death by her parents; one son, Robert A. Hale in 1977; one brother,

Richard Harrow; and one sister, Mary Louise Grindstaff.

Funeral services were February 19, 2008 at the Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Pastor Mary Beth Smith-Webb officiated. Burial was in Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Paulding. Memorials to donor's choice.

**Vera M. Gray**, 86, of Paulding, died February 16, 2008 at Hawthorn Court Nursing Home, Paulding.

She was born at Latty Ohio on July 10, 1921 the daughter of Henry S. and Hannah A. (Sloan) Hill. On December 15, 1947 she married Raymond A. Gray, who died July 23, 2006.

She was a homemaker. She retired from the Paulding County Hospital in 1970 from the House Keeping Department. She was a member of the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Paulding, Ohio, where she was very active in church functions. She assisted with the Paulding County Cancer Society Fund Raising. She was a member of the Paulding VFW Post #587 Auxiliary and she worked for the Paulding County Election Board for 25 years.

Surviving are one daughter, Ruth Ann (Carl) Lemmerbrock of Harper, TX; and

one grandson, Christopher (Kristina) Waaland of Northport, AL.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Raymond; one son, William J. Gray in 1997; six brothers: Floyd, Waveland, Ray, Vernon, Ed, and Harold Hill; three sisters: Gladys McCullough, Helen Hill, and Florence Davis.

Funeral services will be conducted 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 20, 2008 at the First Christian Church, Paulding, Ohio. Rev. Gregory Bibler will officiate. Burial will be in St. Paul Cemetery Paulding, Ohio. Visitation will be Wednesday afternoon one hour before services at the church 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

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**SHOWING OUR TRUE COLORS**

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

I learned something new this week. It had to do with an interesting creature called a Kalliman butterfly. Kalliman butterflies are often called "dead leaf butterflies" and for good reason. The upper sides of their wings are brilliantly colored with gorgeous hues that please the eye. However, the undersides of their wings are a drab grey-brown. While in flight, their vivid color is very visible, able to be clearly seen by both friend and foe; but when the butterfly lands, it folds its wings and the lovely colors disappear. All that is seen is the drab grey-brown undersides, causing it to appear as a dead leaf. It remains camouflaged, blending in with its surroundings.

Many Christians are much the same way. They are brilliantly colored on Sunday mornings. People seeing them walking in the church door would deduce that they are committed to Christ. These people look the part, talk the part, and may even be involved in some ministry in the church.

But in the world outside the church walls, it's a different story. These Christians "fold up their wings" and blend in with the rest of society. Their language is foul, their humor is off-color, their integrity is questionable, and

their attitude certainly is not pleasing to the Lord.

The number of Christians who would fit this description is alarmingly high. In fact, in a recent poll by George Gallup, it was found that there is no appreciable difference between the average Christian's lifestyle and the rest of society. Did you catch that? Hard evidence seems to indicate that there is no real difference between those who call themselves believers in Jesus Christ and those who do not.

How sad. If we name the name of Christ, we should be different. Every aspect of our life should reflect biblical values and Godly standards.

Being different doesn't mean that Christians are to be weird, obnoxious, or overbearing. (And all of us know some Christians who are like that...) But being different DOES mean we should be unique and distinct from the world.

I saw a bumper sticker the other day that seemed to sum it up: "Live in such a way so when you tell other people you are a Christian, it confirms their suspicion instead of surprises them."

Well put, don't you think? All of us who have committed our lives to the Lord can work harder at showing our "true colors." The characteristics of the Kalliman butterfly are more than scientific observations: they are to be a lesson to every true believer in Christ.

**LENTEN SERVICES AT TWIN OAKS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Join us at Twin Oaks United Methodist Church, Corner of Second and Harmon St., Oakwood, every Tuesday through March 11. Lenten Services will be held at 7:00 p.m. Mark your calendars. This year's theme is "Valentine of God-The Cross." Be in prayer for these special services.

Beth Armstrong, Former Associate Pastor of Twin Oaks United Methodist Church, Oakwood, will be sharing on February 19. Invite a friend and receive a blessing from God during these special services.

**BOY SCOUT BRUNCH ANNUAL FUNDRAISER**

The Boy Scout Troop 143 of the Antwerp area will hold their annual fundraiser on Sunday, February 24, 2008. The All You Can Eat Pancake and Sausage Brunch will be open from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the VFW Hall in Antwerp.

**BOY SCOUT RECYCLING THIS SATURDAY**

The local Antwerp Boy Scouts troop will be holding recycling on Saturday, February 23. They take cardboard, glass, newspaper in brown bags, aluminum and steel cans. The scouts will be at the Antwerp Fire Hall from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

**UPDATE ON WOODBURN CORNER CAFE**

**By: Sue Knapp**  
Zelda Mayers reported that the projection date for opening the Corner Cafe is April 1.

A room has been added on and the electrical and heating-air conditioning is being worked on. There will be seating for 25 with a TV in the lobby and wireless internet will be provided.

Ice cream, food and Higher Grounds coffee will be on the menu.

Zelda is looking forward to opening with great anticipation.

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**WOODBURN LUTHERAN SCHOOL: PROJECTS GALORE**



**By: Sue Knapp**

Mrs. Hoepfner's 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade class completed a Science project that included Indiana History. The students studied buildings made out of Indiana limestone. The limestone comes from southern Indiana and is carved from rocks and caves. There are many buildings around that used this limestone and the limestone is still being used.

The students built models of the Pentagon, Lincoln Memorial, an historical farm house from Shenandoah Valley, the Empire State Building, Washington National

Cathedral, Cook Fountain, Union Planter's Headquarters in Memphis, and the Central Lutheran School from New Haven, just to name a few. The children used legos, scrap wood, sandpaper, poster board, styrofoam, paint, plaster, crackers and cake (which has since been eaten).

Mrs. Hoffschneider's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class learned about pen-

The children had to make a three-dimensional penguin. Some of the things they used were rocks, paper, bowling pins, sugar and non-dairy creamer jars. The kids also had to write a story about penguins. They had to make a replica of a book with the story glued on the back and a penguin person made out of different papers. On the last



guins for a January project. The children learned about the different kinds of penguins (17) and their habitats. One type of penguin lives in Africa.

The children learned that once the egg is laid, the father sits on it while the mother gets the food. When the penguins go out to sea they push one penguin in to make sure it's okay for all of them.

day of the project they had a party. They learned how to walk like a penguin, how to hold the egg, make penguin snacks out of Oreos and watch "March of the Penguins."

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This fantastic musical will be presented in The Huber Opera House on February 22 and 23 at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m.

Director Keith Countryman has chosen a terrific and diverse cast and is presenting this show as a Benefit to The Huber. Virlynn Rex is serving as music and drama coach.

Cap'n Andy (Steve Kaduk) tolerates Parthey (Lin Branscum) with amusement as their daughter, Magnolia (Diane Zeedyk) romances with Gaylord Ravenal (Alan Miller) singing "Only Make Believe" and other favor-

ites. Queenie (Pam Diehl) accuses Joe (Steve King) of putting popcorn in flapjacks so they'll turn over by themselves! The tragic story of Julie (Deb Kolb) who sings the memorable "Bill" is supported by Steve (Mel Fahs), Frank (Rich Lysaght) and Ellie (Maely Crossland) sing and dance from The Cotton Blossom, to the Trocadero to Hollywood! Windy (Lloyd Countryman) keeps the Cotton Blossom on an even keel.

Filling in the story of life on a river boat from New Orleans and Natchez to Cincinnati are Bob West as Charlie, Marcellene Noll the housekeeper, Marilyn Mills playing the piano as Josie and Jerry Piasecki as Pete, the villain. Linda Foster will be Mother Superior where she looks after Kim (McKenna Weatherhead). Eric Crall (Vallon, the Sheriff), Jim Neidhardt as Ballroom owner and Hayley Hessel-schwartz as Rosie play significant rolls. Brian Kemerer and Steve Kemerer make a tremendous impact as The Backwoodsman.

Rounding out the cast of this delightful musical, the townspeople add great harmony in the persons of Mary Smith, Seth Keeley, Paula Meek, Alice Hook, Sandi Brown, John Piasecki, Debbie Woodring, Aubry Crall, Allie Slattery, Jordan Taylor, Bailey Bolen, Travis Lysacht, Joanne Acker, Pat King, Marilyn Guilford, Shelley Weatherhead, Ari Countryman, Lisa Slattery, Garrett Crall, Chelsie Taylor, and Nate Woodring.

This show was produced on The Huber stage 30 years ago when the venue was available for rent. You loved it then (perhaps were even in it!) and we know it will be memorable to everyone attending.



**JESSICA L. SMAZENKO NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST AT MVNU**

MOUNT VERNON, OHIO—Jessica L. Smazenko has been named to the dean's list for the 2007 fall semester at Mount Vernon Nazarene University. The dean's list includes all students who carried a minimum of 12 credit hours and have maintained a grade point average of 3.5 or above for the semester.

Smazenko, a freshman majoring in Youth Ministries, achieved a 3.855 grade point average. She is the daughter of Gary and Betty Smazenko of Antwerp.

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## ARCHER WRESTLERS PLACE AT ARCHBOLD INVITATIONAL



Jarett Bute (left) and Chase Marroquin (right), members of Archer Wrestling Club, competed in the Archbold Wrestling Invitational on January 20, 2008. Jarett placed second in his weight class.



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Advanced sales will reserve seats and avoid waiting in line. Call the office at 419-542-9553 - or purchase tickets at the door.



## PAULDING AREA VISITING NURSES NAMES NEW SUPERVISOR

PAULDING—Debbie Baxter, RN, BSN, of Paulding is the new Supervisor for Paulding Area Visiting Nurses and Hospice, 250 Dooley Dr.

Baxter replaces Peggy Carnahan, RN, BSN, who was promoted to Director of Nursing for Community Health Professionals, Inc., the nonprofit parent-organization of Paulding Area Visiting Nurses.

Baxter earned an associates degree in nursing from Lima Technical College in 1988 and completed a BSN through Bowling Green State University in 2002. She was originally hired by Visiting Nurses in 2001 and has served as hospice coordinator for the local office. Prior, she held nursing positions at Defiance Hospital, Northcrest Nursing Home, Hicksville Hospital and Women & Family Services.

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

The other day I heard on the radio that on May 1st the price of stamps is going up to 42 cents. The same night I went to the post office to purchase stamps. Surprise! The stamp machines were out of order. According to the signs on them they are being removed to save money! This is a perfect example of our inefficient government; they cut costs but it costs us more money for them to waste! I have a suggestion for saving money on mail: quit allowing so much "junk" mail. 75% of my mail goes in the trash unopened. Why not have a "do not send me this junk mail" list like the phone "do not call list"! Forms could be sent out for us to fill out listing the type of mail we wish

to receive. These could be sent letting it be known what type of mail we want to get. Either this or increase the cost to these junk mail companies. If they want to send me this stuff (especially since I've sent these places instructions not to send it) make them pay! Why should we have to pay for something we don't want. This would lessen the postal service load and save them and us money. Something needs to be done because just like the telemarketers never ending phone calls I am tired of getting all of this junk mail week after week and it is the same things over and over again.

I will not hold my breath waiting for this to happen because our incompetent government only cares about how much money they can suck out of us just so they can waste it.

Thank you,  
—Gregg Gorman

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

I am writing in response to Kirk Hopkins letter in your publication of February 13<sup>th</sup> regarding the jail being in a flood zone.

I am growing a little tired of this controversy. As a retired employee of 28 years with American Electric Power Company (Ohio Power Company), I worked in this building from the first day it opened until the day the office was closed. Never once was I not able to get to work due to high water, much less have to be air lifted. Never once did I have to mop up flood waters. In the 28 years I worked in the office of this building the water came across Perry

St., (U.S. 127) one time. I was able to drive in the parking lot, walk across it to the side door and go to work without wading through water. The closest the water ever came to the building was the planters in front, which are still there. Yes, it was sandbagged as a precaution. Who wouldn't do that?

Since I did spend so very much time in this facility, I felt compelled to address this issue.

Thank You,  
—Dorothy Flaugh  
Payne, OH

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

In response to the recent article in the West Bend News from two weeks ago concerning the memorial at the fire house in honor of the members of the Antwerp EMS that were killed in the tragic accident last summer.

To members of the Wells family and all those that loved Grandmother and Grandfather Wells:

Instead of messages like Mr. Boyd's recent opinion in the WBN perhaps your Grandmother and Grandfather would be better remembered by working to find something positive to come out of this tragedy. Instead of being bitter about how the Antwerp community decided to remember their family and friends, perhaps the family and friends of the grandparents could find a way to remember them in the Hicksville community in a positive and comforting way. If Grandmother Wells was fond of flowers and gardening perhaps a memorial in the way of a beautiful flower

garden somewhere within the community (the park) where all could go and grieve and share wonderful memories of Grandmother. If Grandfather Wells loved baseball, perhaps donating some equipment or park renovations to the Little League Baseball Association would give the grandchildren a positive way of remembering Grandfather. Another idea would be to have a scholarship awarded annually to a student at the high school that demonstrates what Grandfather and Grandmother Wells embodied.

I am certain that the monument to Squad 41 was not a political statement made by a town official, but was thought up by the loved ones of Squad 41 (perhaps even the firemen that worked with Sam) as they sat around the table one night after the tragic accident reflecting on the lives of their good friends.

Yes, the members of Squad 41 that were killed were serving their community as volunteers, knowing full well the risks they took. Yes, Grandmother and Grandfather Wells were loving grandparents taking care of their grandchildren that day and I am sure they knew the risks of traveling on Route 24. No one denies either of these truths. Instead of finding fault with others, look within yourselves and listen to God's voice as he gently guides with you through the grief and sadness over the loss of these two wonderful people, Grandmother and Grandfather Wells.

—Sue Fowler

**CITY OF WOODBURN  
MINUTES FOR JANUARY  
21, 2008**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge and the reading of the minutes.

Mayor Hoepner reported he is still working on getting the state to pay for moving the line on Gustin Rd. for the 24 project. The city has a registered permit, instead of a registered easement on Gustin Rd. Mayor and Jim Lauer are in agreement, the city should not put casing under the new 24 and 101, due to cost and no need at this time. Jim wants the total revenue/expenditure spread sheet for the water utility. Lesa will get information together. Jim proposed the State move the lines on Gustin Rd. and Woodburn Rd. for phase 2, of the 24 project, they would be responsible for any errors and the city would not be billed till late 2009. Councilmen made motions, for Schnelker engineering to design plans for the state to relocate utility line on Gustin Rd. for 24 project, all agreed, motion passed. Councilmen made motions, to have Schnelker engineering design plans for relocating lines on Woodburn Rd. for 24 project, all agreed, motion passed.

Chief Carpenter reported 88 incidents for December 2007. Kyle requested to attend the Drug and Alcohol committee meetings; they will meet 7 times a year. He stated they may be able to help with purchasing new, in car cameras, that cost around \$4800.00.

Resident reported cars speeding down Sunview, would like officers to watch. The speed limit is thought to be 30 mph unless posted; Kyle will check on, Lesa will get a

copy of the City ordinance to Kyle.

Resident ask who the money is paid to, for connection of the platter parkway homes. Lesa reported the \$1000.000 tap fee will be paid to the City first, and then the \$1500.00 for the Havenwood bond will be paid to the County. The county is paying the \$1500.00 bond payment upfront to the City. Laura will be coming to Woodburn to give customers the option to pay both at the same time. Dates and times will be determined later.

Mayor Hoepner reported a resident purchasing a home in the Homestead addition is requesting to eliminate plans for a sidewalk beside his home. Councilmen made motions to eliminate plans for a sidewalk, all agreed, motion passed. Mayor Hoepner reported he was keeping Councilman Reichhart and Mason as his Board of Works members.

Warrants were presented with two claim registers, first totaling \$1,942.00, check number 5943, to pay taxes. Second totaling \$35,024.33, checks 5944-5971. Councilman Norden ask about the New Haven court cost. Lesa explained it is a yearly charge they invoice for handling our police dept. Councilmen made motions to pay warrants, all agreed, motion passed. Lesa presented Financial Solutions bill totaling \$4217.24 for council to decided where they would like to pay it from.

Ryan Walls stated he can't jet out the storm drain in the fire dept. parking lot; ask if the City will put a catch basin in the park so he can jet it out. Mayor Hoepner thinks this is the Townships responsibility; he will speak with Bryan Hoepner. Ryan reported the roof at the maintenance building is leaking; Councilman Reichhart will contact the company who put the roof on. Ryan stated he needs to purchase another speed bump to replace the one he put in the alley behind the grocery store. Ryan reported he would like to replace the

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**RAIDER REPORT**



Everybody has a family, and at times we all wish we did not. Even though they are not always the most fun to be around all the time, we love and care about them anyway. There are many reasons why a family is so great, and reasons why you should be thankful you have one.

A family is honest, caring and reliable. They are honest because, whether you like it or not, they will always tell you how it is. Sure, sometimes you wish they would not be so honest, but in the end their honesty is helpful. Caring is a major part in families. I know I care about my family, and I would do anything for them because they would do the same for me. Lastly, families are reliable. Your family is always there for you no matter what. All that combined is why a family is so great.

So, this week tell your family how much you love them because they might not realize it. Also, do not forget, even if at times you do not like them, deep down in your heart you do love them. To end this article I would like to say to all my family, that I love you all.

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Echocardiograms, (The Heart Center)  
\*Dr. Kim Molitor, Audiologist

**Wednesday**  
William Strawter, M.D., General Surgeon/Wound-Care  
Andrew O'Shaughnessy, M.D., Nephrology  
(every other Wed.) (see spotlight on left)  
Ft. Wayne Cardiology, Cardiology/Echocardiograms  
(every other Wed.)  
Sleep Clinic, James Gray, D.O. (every other Wed.)  
Craig Hanson, M.D., OB/Gynecology (every Wed.)

**Thursday**  
William Strawter, M.D., General Surgeon/Wound-Care  
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Echocardiograms (The Heart Center)  
Ft. Wayne Neurological Center, Neurosurgery  
Samuel Neuschwanger, D.P.M., Podiatry  
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**ANTWERP FIRST GRADERS CELEBRATE 100<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SCHOOL**

Both Mrs. Bowers' and Mrs. Shugars' first grade classes from Antwerp School celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school on Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. Although it was a shortened "100 Day" due to weather, the students enjoyed many afternoon activities, all involving that super big number, 100!

Each child who brought a baggie of 100 pennies was able to make an "exchange"

for a crisp, new one dollar bill. Many "100 collections" were brought to school and shared with the class. There were baseball cards, polished stones, pull tabs and more. The students strung necklaces made of 100 fruit loops. They learned a "100 Day Song", made "100 Day" eye glasses, counted and wrote their numbers to 100, had a 100 Day story, put 100 dalmatian puppies into a doghouse, and more!

It was a terrific day all about 100 and impressed upon the first graders the size of this great number!

**PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Congressman Bob Latta attended the Antwerp Rotary Club meeting in Antwerp. There was an opportunity to express concerns to the Congressman. The proposed Federal Government stimulus plan emphasizing a sizable consumer rebate brought much discussion. The Federal budget and the economy were of major concern to those in attendance. Kevin Burns met with Commissioners to begin setting some dates for a review of the County Health Insurance policy. This will be the second year that the County has offered a policy that was partially self-insured. The costs associated with providing health care continue to be an issue countrywide. Providing a policy that has

good coverage at an affordable price will be looked at closely given the declining revenue of the County. The partially self-insured plan so far has been beneficial to the County.

Tom Wannemacher (son of County Treasurer Lou Ann Wannemacher) from Payne is working with Commissioners to develop a Web page for the office. This will be done as a project by Tom to use some of the experience he has gained while attending ITT Tech in Ft. Wayne. Tom will be donating his time to this project so there will not be any cost to the County.

County Engineer Travis McGarvey presented a request by William Deatruck to repair a tile identified as the Bruner Tile. This tile is in section 11 in Emerald Township and runs from Town-

ship Road 139 to County Road 143. The repairs would be handled under the Ohio Maintenance Law with affected landowners paying the costs of the repairs.

Paulding County Auditor, Susan Simpson, was host for the Northwest District Auditors' Association meeting on January 25, 2008. The meeting was held at Grant's Reception Hall near Antwerp with 15 counties from the Northwest District in attendance. There are 22 counties in the Northwest District and each county takes turns hosting these monthly meetings. Auditor Simpson advised that these meetings are structured to receive updates on legislative matters, education, and keeping in touch with other county auditors on county procedures and policies.

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

**PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND DISMISSALS**

- Admissions:*
- 2/11 - Ty Lee, Antwerp
  - 2/12 - Mark Reuille, Payne
  - 2/13 - Makayla Suffel, Paulding
  - 2/14 - Donna Figert, Payne; Anthony Zuver, Payne
  - 2/15 - Jean Simpson, Paulding
- Dismissals:*
- 2/11 - Kameron Apple, Paulding; Ernest Gonzalez, Paulding; Helen Hunter, Paulding
  - 2/13 - Richard Lucio, Paulding; Ty Lee, Antwerp; Mark Reuille, Payne
  - 2/14 - Elizabeth Hedrick, Antwerp; Donna Figert, Payne
  - 2/16 - Jean Simpson, Paulding



By: Chelsea Vail

Elffar. That's "raffle," reversed. Why reverse "raffle," you ask, when it seems perfectly fine in its unreversed state? Well, folks, it is a cheesy means to my ultimate end of highlighting the March 1 Reverse Raffle sponsored by the Athletic Boosters. In addition to a Grand Prize of \$1,000 and second and third place prizes of \$500 and \$200, respectively, there will be a buffet and the opportunity to bid on items up for auction. Rick Small will once again emcee the event, and the Varsity "A" Club will be behind the scenes helping with a side game of BINGO, among other responsibilities. Tickets are available in both the HS and District offices, and in town at the Antwerp Exchange Bank and Marilyn's Petals and Vines. It is shaping up to be an exciting event - don't miss your chance to be the last Archer standing!

By the way, I am working in a reversed chronological order of approaching events—it is doubtless that there is much to be done before March 1. Though this information remains for the time being unconfirmed, I believe the GMC Quiz Bowl tournament scheduled for this Friday has been postponed to a later date. Still going in reverse, by the way. The Board of Education will meet this Thursday at 6:00 p.m., and Wednesday brings a much anticipated two-hour delay for a teacher in-service. Okay, enough of the backwards stuff. Let's move forward and make use of the newest Word of the Week.

**Word of the Week:**  
Copasetic \koh-puh-SET-ik\ adjective  
1. Very satisfactory or acceptable; fine  
Is that a copasetic plan? I thought so.

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drains in the maintenance building; it needs a wider opening to be able to clean them out. Councilman Reichhart and Mayor will look at. Ryan and Kyle would like to purchase a lift to do maintenance on vehicles. Council recommended purchasing ramps or taking them to local businesses for a cost estimate for service. Ryan reported he would be on vacation February 4 & 5 and at a conference the 19th-21st.

Councilman Reichhart attended a bridge task force meeting. There is no bridge tax; the county is looking at the surtax and wheel tax. Meets again April 10, 2008.

Councilman Zimmerman would like to see more signs out to promote Woodburn.

Councilman Norden reported a good turn out for the meeting on January 12, 2008. Also that Linda Bloom reported receiving funds to redo old 24 in the Fort to Port project.

Councilman Clegg stated Tile Mill Rd. needs to be repaved. Mayor stated it will need a new base; we can't just repave it.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 Minutes submitted by Lesa Meadows.

**Northwest Indiana Boys Basketball Standings**

*Allen County All Conference*

Bluffton	7-0	19-0
Leo	6-1	11-8
Heritage	5-2	7-11
Woodlan	4-3	7-11
South Adams	2-5	9-10
Garrett	2-5	7-11
Southern Wells	2-5	5-12
Adams Central	0-7	0-18

**Northwest Ohio Girls Basketball Standings**

*Western Buckeye League*

Lima Bath	8-1	19-1
Celina	8-1	17-3
Ottawa Glandorf	7-2	15-5
St. Marys	7-2	14-6
Lima Shawnee	5-4	11-9
Wapakoneta	4-5	12-7
Defiance	3-6	8-12
Van Wert	2-7	8-12
Elida	1-8	5-15
Kenton	0-9	2-18

*Northwest Conference*

Crestview	9-0	17-2
Lincolnvew	7-2	13-7
Columbus Grove	6-3	13-7
Lima Central Catholic	5-4	13-7
Bluffton	5-4	11-9
Ada	4-5	12-8
Allen East	4-5	9-10
Paulding	3-6	7-13
Delphos Jefferson	1-8	6-14
Spencerville	1-8	5-15

*Green Meadows Conference*

Wayne Trace	7-0	15-4
Tinora	6-1	18-2
Hicksville	5-2	13-7
Holgate	3-4	10-10
Antwerp	3-4	8-12
Ayersville	2-5	5-15
Edgerton	1-6	8-12
Fairview	1-6	4-16

**Northwest Ohio Boys Basketball Standings**

*Western Buckeye League*

Lima Shawnee	8-0	16-2
Defiance	7-1	13-5
Ottawa Glandorf	6-2	15-4
Kenton	5-3	15-4
Van Wert	5-3	13-6
Celina	3-5	7-12
Lima Bath	2-6	8-11
Elida	2-6	6-13
Wapakoneta	2-6	6-13
St. Marys	0-8	2-17

*Northwest Conference*

Ada	8-0	16-2
Lima Central Catholic	6-2	10-9
Paulding	6-2	9-10
Bluffton	5-3	10-9
Crestview	5-3	10-9
Lincolnvew	4-4	5-14
Delphos Jefferson	3-5	10-9
Spencerville	2-6	4-15
Columbus Grove	1-7	4-14
Allen East	0-8	4-15

*Green Meadows Conference*

Ayersville	7-0	16-3
Antwerp	5-2	15-3
Wayne Trace	5-2	15-4
Hicksville	3-4	13-6
Tinora	3-4	12-7
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**ANTWERP HISTORY**

By: Stan Jordan

We went to Kammeyer's IGA and talked to Bob about his father, Fred, and the history of them and the grocery business.

Bob told us that Fred was born in 1921 on the Kammeyer farm north of the Maumee River on SR 101, on the east side. That farm has been in the Kammeyer family for years and still is. They have property on both sides of the Maumee, this was back in 1920.

Fred went to school at Woodburn and graduated in 1938. After graduation he worked for the Nickel-Plate Railroad in Ft. Wayne. He served in Europe in WWII and was a M/Sgt. in the Supply Branch.

He came home in 1945 and he met Ruth Curts at the offices at the NPRR in 1947 they then were married. They had a son, Bob, and a daughter, Sue. Bob and his wife, Patti, met at college and have two children, Joel and Jodi. Sue married Dan Fowler and have two children, Mitch and Allyson.

Fred worked at Norm Brenneke's grocery store in Woodburn as a meat cutter and pretty much learned all of the grocery trade there. He made up his mind he would like to own his own store.

He traveled to Antwerp

and in 1951 he purchased an IGA store from Joe Carr. Fred then managed the store located on the corner of South Main and East Daggett Street. Ruth helped him in both stores until the children came along then she stayed home with them.

In 1955 he purchased and moved his IGA store located on US 24 from Jim Panico, Jim wanted to move to Florida. At that time, it had 5,000 sq. feet of floor space. In 1973 they remodeled the store and doubled the floor space to 10,000 sq. ft.

Things were going good but they needed more floor space so in 1982 they added 4,000 sq. ft. including the bakery and pizza shop, in 1998 they added on another 1,500 square feet.

Fred Kammeyer was good for Antwerp. Many young people worked there (and continue to do so) in their spare time for pocket money but that is only one facet. When a teenager earns his own way he learns honesty, to be on time, to take orders, learn to spend money wisely.

Fred helped in many more ways. He was Citizen of the Year in 1978 for Antwerp. He held three terms on the County School Board. He was a mainstay in the Lutheran Church and was a founding member and very active in the Antwerp Rotary Club. I could go on and on

about Fred and his community spirit and how he helped the entire area over his lifetime. But I don't have to do that, history has already revealed that. Just look back over those 50 more years and you will agree Fred was a very important part on Antwerp's History.

Kammeyer's IGA history continues on with son, Bob. Bob was born in 1949 in Woodburn. The fam-



ily moved to Antwerp when Bob was three years old. He graduated from Antwerp High School in 1967 where he played in various sports (today sports is still his hobby). He attended Bowling Green University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science with a degree in Business Administration. He met Patti in college where she was working toward her Teaching Certificate, they were married after Patti graduated in 1972.

Bob worked at Eckrich Meats in Columbus for two years. By that time Fred needed more help. Things had changed. The store didn't close on Wednesday afternoons anymore. It also started to open on Sundays. Bob and Patti moved back to Antwerp in 1973 where Patti started teaching at Antwerp Elementary school and continues to do so and Bob went into partnership with his dad. A partnership that lasted until Fred's death in 2002. The Kammeyer's have provided for the community for over 50 years.

Bob and Patti run the store and are constantly changing things to meet the community's needs.

The store has a hands-on butcher and you can choose the piece you want and you

may also get how many pieces or pounds you want to your specifications. It is also wrapped and cut in front of you. They also have a deli that contains different salads and it also has desserts. Bob also has Mega-Meat Sales once a month almost every month.

They have included KD's Kitchen back in the bakery. The items are in store made and frozen for your convenience. You can buy for a

family or individual servings. Desserts can also be bought.

The bakery will decorate your cake for birthdays, graduations, etc. The store added a greeting card line with the last remodeling.

The meat counter, produce and bakery are constantly changing to the needs of the customers.

The legacy will go on as it has for 57 years, Bob and Patti will continue to work and run the store.

Bob expressed that it has been a joy to grow up, work and, when the time comes, to retire in Antwerp, he and Patti will then start a new chapter in their lives. He likes the small town atmosphere where he's gotten to know the people the store has served. He has been able to travel around the world through IGA but expresses that, "wonderful people are all over the world but none better than in this corner of the world."

for the Nickel Plate Railroad. This part of the railroad was finished about 1882. The depot was built at that time. Most of the train traffic was freight trains but with the coming of the passenger trains the depot was needed.

Actually, the building of the railroad was quite a story. Three times the companies went bankrupt and over a period of years it was finished by the Nickel Plate Line having bought the right of way from The Continental Railway Company.

At first, down where SR 500 and SR 613 split, that is where the first start of any settlement started.

There was a couple of stores and they struggled to move ahead and this place was called The Flat Rock Settlement. After the failure of any railroad to arrive, they moved all the stores and houses up to where the city of Payne is now. A man named Joseph Mallott had plotted out the city and it was called Mallottville. On October 18, 1882, the name was officially changed to Payne, Ohio. The post office has been there since it was called Flat Rock Settlement.

About this time things started progressing for Payne to move forward. Wood was the main resource for income. They made staves, buckets, barrels, oars and other products made of wood. A lot of these products were sent to New York.

According to Leo, number 3 is the Haddock Hotel and Livery Stable. Lots of salesmen arrived on the train and stayed at this hotel. They sold lightning rods, windmills, stoves, ranges, etc.

Where the American Legion stands was a company that made flooring from ash trees. But ash trees were used in making charcoal—that was a new product.

Leo wasn't sure about No. 4. It might be a flour mill or a warehouse. He bought his flour from the Carr boys Grist Mill in Antwerp. The flour was called Snow Drift.

Leo is 92 years old and some things in his memory is a little bit fuzzy. He said

in 1898 all the buildings on the east side of Main Street were destroyed by fire, even the Central Hotel.

As I understand, there was a 30x40 foot building down close to the Rose Elevator. This was the power plant that furnished electricity for the city of Payne. This was in the area of 1900. The power plant was made bigger because Payne was growing. Then soon the city bought all their electricity from Ohio Power. Then this nice brick building became a marble factory and later some other uses, I guess even a glove factory.

As I understand, the first water tower was built about 1913. This was a wooden tank with steel bands around it to make it more secure. At that time, Payne had a water works system. Around 1913, Antwerp didn't vote a water works in until November of 1927 and it was finished around 1930.

The new electric light plant for Antwerp was passed and approved in 1898. Later on the city power was furnished by the Ohio Power Co.

The Flat Rock Creek, which is then and now embedded in Payne History, is about 35 miles long. It starts over in Indiana and runs through the south part of Paulding County until it reaches the AuGlaize River. In some heavy rains it flows over and causes a lot of problems. I guess there is no quick, easy answer to these problems.

I enjoyed talking to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Davis and I want to thank them for helping me with this column.

See, Ya!

**PAYNE BALL ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING**

The regular monthly meeting of the Payne Ball Association is scheduled for Wednesday, February 20, at 7:00 p.m. at the Payne Elementary Cafeteria. Final preparations will be made for the 2008 season with registrations set to begin on February 28. All are welcome to attend and provide input.

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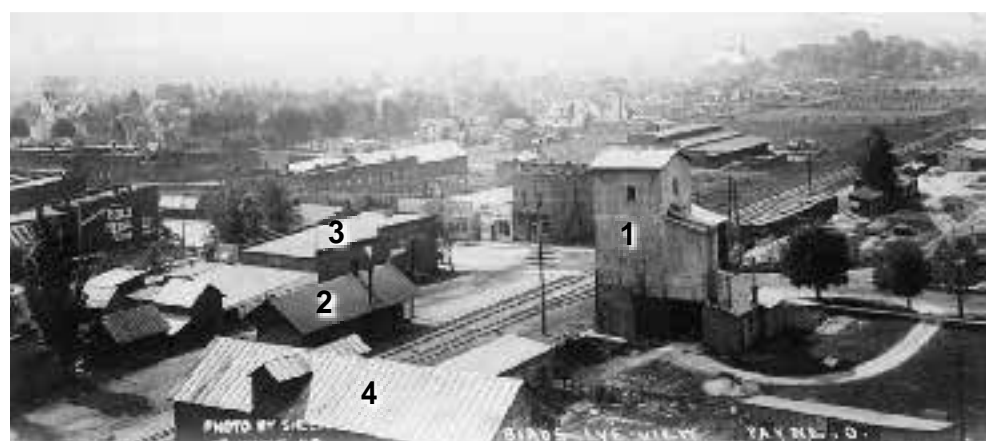
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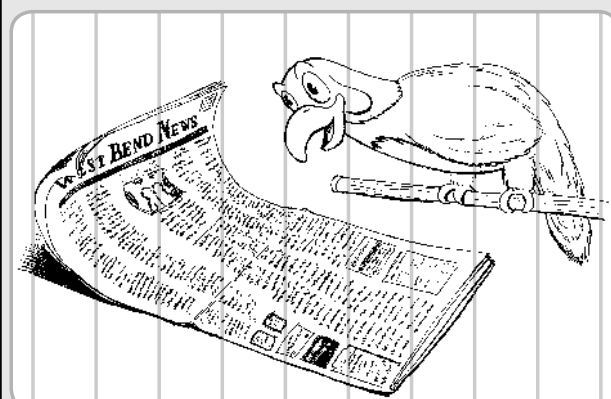
**STAN & SUE ON THE ROAD**

By: Stan Jordan & Sue Knapp

This picture of downtown Payne was loaned to us by Jeff Tempel. I took it over and visited with Leo Davis and he told me what he could about it and some early history of Payne. He told me what he could, but some things he wasn't sure about.

For instance, No. 1 here on the right was the Payne Elevator and at one time it was a flour mill and even used as the City Electric Plant. No. 2 was the depot

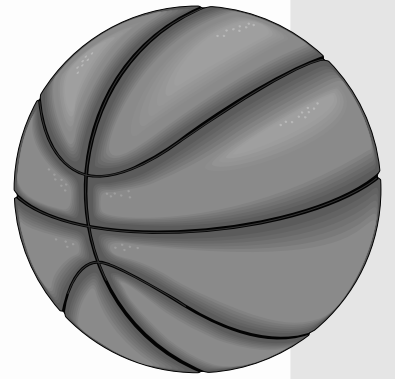
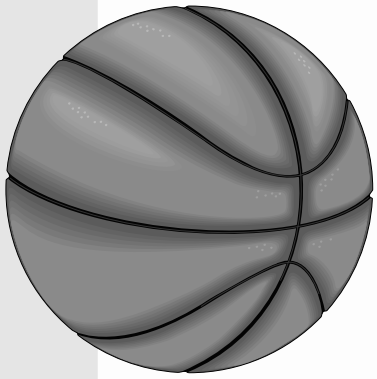
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# BASKETBALL MARATHON



## THE OBJECT OF THE MARATHON GAMES

To raise monies for the Paulding County Society for Crippled Children and Adults, Inc. for use in providing handicapped people of all ages in Paulding County with equipment and services needed. Participants are encouraged to have a great time playing a game of basketball, scoring as many points as the team can within the 24 minutes allowed for play. Sportsmanlike conduct is the rule, not the exception.

## RULES GOVERNING PLAY

The Mini-Tots Division will use the 8' basket and tiny ball. The Tots Division will use the 8' basket and women's basketball. The Mini-Youth Division will use the 10' basket and the women's basketball. All other Divisions will use the 10' basket and regulation basketball.

No foul shots are permitted. No time outs

Dunking the basketball **WILL NOT** be allowed

5 players maximum on the floor at one time. In Co-Ed competition, there must be at least 2 females on the floor at all times.

In Co-Ed competition, male players are not permitted to cross, remain, or shoot from the area on the floor known as the "KEY".

**Three-point shots will be counted in all divisions.**

Shirts may be picked up by the team captain or sponsor 30 minutes before the game.

Person who obtains shirts must sign them out.

**In Mini-Tots, Tots and Mini-Youth Divisions, no-full court pressing is allowed.**

**UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT WILL NOT BE TOLERATED**

**BEHAVE, ENJOY, HAVE FUN!!!!!!!**

## OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION RULES

The OHSAA is organized to administer and supervise the athletic program for students in grades 7 thru 12. The Constitution of the association does not contain any responsibility for any type of athletic programs below seventh grade. Anyone and everyone who is not yet enrolled in the seventh grade may participate in the Marathon without jeopardizing their future eligibility.

Students in grade 7 thru 12 who are participating in or plan to participate in basketball in the future, **MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE MARATHON SO LONG AS NOT MORE THAN TWO MEMBERS OF THE SAME JR. HIGH OR HIGH SCHOOL TEAM DO NOT PLAY ON THE SAME MARATHON TEAM.**

## AWARDS (Donated by Fessel Jewelers)

First and second place trophies will be awarded to the top two teams in the Mini-Youth, Youth, Men, Women and Co-Ed. Sportsmanship trophies will be awarded to teams who were defeated by the most points or show the best behavior in the Marathon.

Ten individual awards for first and, Ten individual awards for second place team participants will be awarded in the Mini-Tots and Tots Division.

## THE MARATHON COMMITTEE

Chad Benschneider- 419-263-2277 or 419-769-4708  
John Claymiller - 419-399-8440  
Chad Cluts - 419-263-0327  
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Brian Vest - 419-263-0037  
Russ Zinser - 419-258-6431  
Jennifer Zartman - 419-263-4007  
Myra Zartman - 419-263-0312

This committee will endeavor to make this Marathon the most enjoyable for you and the fans and the most profitable for the Society and the people in Paulding County who need our help. If you have questions, you may contact any of the Committee members. Thanks for participating in this most worthwhile Paulding County charity.

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## 30<sup>th</sup> BASKETBALL MARATHON

### OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

**ENTRY FORM DEADLINE IS MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2008**

The marathon begins on Friday, March 21, 2008, (time will be announced later), in the Payne Elementary School Gymnasium and concludes on Saturday evening at (TBA). Team pairings and time of play will appear in the March 15th Weekly Reminder and the March 19th Paulding Progress.

### DIVISION OF PLAY

\_\_\_ MINI-TOTS (0-2<sup>nd</sup> grade) \_\_\_ TOTS (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade) \_\_\_ MINI-YOUTH (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade)

To make team pairings as fair as possible for the mini-tots, tots, and mini-youth

divisions, please designate: \_\_\_ BOYS \_\_\_ GIRLS \_\_\_ CO-ED

\_\_\_ YOUTH (9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade) \_\_\_ MEN\* \_\_\_ WOMEN\* \_\_\_ CO-ED\* \*denotes no age restrictions

### REQUESTED WORDING ON BACK OF SHIRTS

One line of copy only: \_\_\_\_\_ (print clearly)

#### Select Color of Shirts (circle one)

Kelly Green, Forest Green, Red, Cardinal, Oxford, North Carolina Blue, Royal Blue, True Navy, Black, Burnt Orange, Island Yellow, Cyber Pink

#### Select Size of Shirts

You may choose any combination of ten (10) shirts for your \$100.00 entry fee. Extra shirts in excess of ten (10) are \$8.00 each. There is an additional charge of \$3.00 per shirt for XXL & XXXL shirts ordered.\*

#### Children's Sizes

Extra Small (2-4) \_\_\_\_\_

Small (6-8) \_\_\_\_\_

Medium (10-12) \_\_\_\_\_

Large (14-16) \_\_\_\_\_

X-Large (18-20) \_\_\_\_\_

#### Adult Sizes

Small (34-36) \_\_\_\_\_

Medium (38-40) \_\_\_\_\_

Large (42-44) \_\_\_\_\_

X-Large (46-48) \_\_\_\_\_

XX-Large (46-48) \_\_\_\_\_\*

XXX-Large \_\_\_\_\_\*

### PREFERRED TIME OF PLAY

Every effort will be made to accommodate your first, second, or third request, however, the Marathon Committee cannot make any guarantee with respect to these requests:

1st Choice \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Choice \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd Choice \_\_\_\_\_

### PREFERRED COMPETITION

Who does your team want to play? Does that team want to play your team? Is there a team your team cannot play or prefers not to play? (print clearly)

Want To Play \_\_\_\_\_ Can't Play \_\_\_\_\_

### ENTRY FEE CALCULATION

Basic Entry Fee (includes 10 shirts) \$100.00  
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Deadline for entries is **MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2008.**

### TEAM REPRESENTATIVES

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

(of person completing this entry form)

**RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR CHECK**





**FLOODS**

By: Tommy Stahl

Waters were high. You probably had to evacuate your house. You may not have had to, but still, around Paulding County it was flooded. At the Oakwood Park the water was covering half of the tennis court's fence. It was also covering the whole swing set. Behind my house is a river. My dad said that another eight feet and it will be in our backyard taking my brother's pirate boat away. Roads were closed and you could not get to many places unless you took a different way. It was kind of hard to do things we needed to do—floods were in the way. I was worried that it was all going to freeze. Luckily, it did not, if it did we could all be in trouble.

The flooding in some places went down. Other places not so lucky. So all together I hate floods and what they can do.

**VILLAGE OF PAULDING COUNCIL MINUTES**

Paulding Village Council met in Regular Session on January 22, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. Mayor Greg White called the meeting to order.

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

Rife motioned to approve the minutes of the January 7th meeting, seconded by Breedlove. Vote: all yea.

Resolution 1211-08 re: Resolution of Authorization, and Declaring an Emergency was read for the first time. Mayor White noted this piece of legislation was being passed to assist the Ball Association in acquiring funding to purchase land for the proposed ball complex. Rife motioned to suspend the rules and declare an emergency, seconded by Daeger. Vote: all yea. Rife motioned to approve the legislation, seconded by Sierer. Vote: all yea.

Resolution 1212-08 re: A Resolution Estimating Active, Inactive and Interim Deposits to be Awarded was read for the first time. This legislation was presented to amend Resolution 1210-07. Jeffery motioned to suspend the rules, seconded by Daeger. Vote: all yea. Sierer motioned to ap-

prove the legislation, seconded by Jeffery. Vote: all yea.

Bob Noneman was present to discuss the location of the proposed ball complex. Mr. Noneman believes the route to the proposed location is unsafe due to the amount of traffic that travels W. Wayne Street. Mayor White informed Mr. Noneman that his concern should be addressed to the Paulding Ball Association for further discussion.

Sierer presented the minutes of the PCFA's meeting. Sierer noted eleven members were present at the January 16th meeting. The following items were discussed:

—Tope presented the 2007 year end figures and 2008 PCFA budget (\$52,500).

—Chief Weidenhamer presented the 2007 run report.

—Future building maintenance purchases.

—The current status of the ladder truck.

Breedlove presented minutes from the Safety Committee's January 14th meeting. He noted the Committee discussed the following:

—Recommend renewing the Village's contract with Porter Sanitation for another year.

—It has been decided that curbside recycling is too expensive.

—Safety issues regarding two buildings in town.

Elaine Sierer, Park Board Chairman, presented the Park Board's January 22nd minutes. The Board discussed the following:

—Re-elected Elaine Sierer as Chairman and Jan Commers as Secretary.

—Increased pool admission for a child to \$3.

—Howard's Painting of Defiance will be contacted for an estimate to paint various areas of the Bath House.

—Application deadline for lifeguard and concession stand workers is February 15th. Applications may be picked up at the Village Office; or Antwerp, Paulding, or Wayne Trace Schools.

—New pool umbrellas have been ordered.

—Recommended the Stokley Ponds be designated as a Village Park for recreation purposes. Wiebe noted the ponds were gifted to the Village to be utilized as future sewer lagoons.

Rife presented the min-

utes of the Committee of the Whole's meeting on January 17th. The following items were discussed:

—The Committee met with Travis McGarvey of the Paulding Ball Association to discuss the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Program.

—Ken Maag and Rick Weaver of Poggemeyer Design Group were present to discuss the change order for the Flat Rock Drive Waterline Replacement Project. Mr. Maag acknowledged he made an error when advertising the pipe size during the bidding process, and has agreed to pay the restocking fee for the incorrect pipe.

—Rick Weaver and Solicitor Jones discussed the liquidated damages issue surrounding the new water tower. Mr. Weaver provided Council with a timeline of events for the construction period of the tower, and Solicitor Jones relayed the conversations he has had with Brad Jones of Maguire Iron.

Mayor White read the Ball Field Complex Committee's report regarding the land selection and grant application of the proposed ball fields.

Wiebe presented the Administrator's Agenda. The agenda requested Council's approval to send correspondence to Porter Sanitation requesting a one-year extension of the Solid Waste contract. Breedlove motioned to approve the Administrator's Agenda, seconded by Daeger. Vote: all yea.

Jeffery noted he has received complaints regarding plastic bags blowing across the field behind Chief Supermarket and the Strip Mall. Mayor White noted he will notify Police Chief Randy Crawford of the issue.

Breedlove relayed his concern regarding the retention pond at the new Rite-Aid location.

Sierer requested Wiebe schedule a meeting with the owners of Northwest Landscape regarding the mowing contract.

Jeffery motioned for Council to move into Executive Session for personnel and legal matters, seconded by Breedlove. Vote: all yea. Council returned to Regular Session.

The following Committee meetings were scheduled:

—Salary & Allowance Board - Thursday, January 24th at 5:00 p.m.

—Committee of the Whole - Monday, January 28th at 5:30 p.m.

—PCFA - Wednesday, April 16th at 7:00 p.m.

Daeger motioned to pay the bills, seconded by Breedlove. Vote: all yea.

Jeffery motioned to adjourn, seconded by Rife. Vote: all yea.

**HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL HIGHLIGHTS**



Antwerp Senior Nate Ganger shoots, but the block was successful. The Archers won 74-27 against the Montpelier Locomotives. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)



Antwerp Sophomore Megan Koppenhofer shoots a basket while being guarded by an opponent. The Lady Archers played hard in the first round of the sectionals against Ottoville and the score was only 4 points different at half-time, but wasn't able to pull off a win.

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The Antwerp school wished their seniors well at the last home game of the season before they played Montpelier. Basketball seniors are: Jared DeLong, Anthony Smith, Nate Ganger, Boston Hormann, Bob Bragg and Tim Ryan. The cheerleaders are: Rachael Taylor and Tiffany Copsey. The team ended up with an excellent 17-3 record!

**ARCHER BOYS BASKETBALL RESULTS AGAINST STYKER AND MONTEPELIER**

At Stryker the varsity boys won by a Boston Hormann 3 pointer with 2.2 seconds on the clock after trailing the whole game! The score ended up 49-46. Scoring for the Archers were:  
Boston Hormann-5, Bob

Bragg-3, Anthony Smith-4, Tim Ryan-2, Nate Ganger-12, Adam Taylor-11, TJ Short-12  
Versus Montpelier, the Archers were victorious with a score of 74-27.  
Scoring:  
Boston Hormann-6, Bob Bragg -15, Tim Ryan-12, TJ Short-16 (6 for 6 at the line), Adam Taylor-9, Anthony Smith-7, Jared DeLong-6, John Rindahl-2, Bryson

North-1  
The varsity Archers finish their regular season 17-3 which is the best record since 1991. The JV boys finish 8-12.  
The boys play Wednesday night at Van Wert for 1st round of sectionals game at 6:15 p.m.

**ARCHER VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM STATISTICS**

These are some of the Antwerp Archer Varsity Boys' Basketball statistics as of 2/18/08:  
Win/Loss - 12-1; 5-2 GMC  
Player statistics:  
Bob Bragg - 184 pts, 42 reb; TJ Short - 184 pts, 88 reb; Adam Taylor - 178 pts, 47 reb; Boston Hormann - 174 pts, 114 reb; Tim Ryan - 136 pts, 69 reb; Anthony Smith - 112 pts, 66 reb; Nate Ganger - 66 pts, 34 reb; Jared DeLong - 39 pts, 17 reb; John Rindahl - 13 pts, 1 reb; Travis Woodard - 5 pts, 4 reb; Bryson North - 1 pt

**2008 OHSAA BOYS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The schedule for the first round of play for the high school boys basketball tournament, Division IV - Elida District:

- 2/20 - Antwerp vs. Delphos St. John's at Van Wert H.S., starting at 6:15 p.m.
  - 2/22 - Wayne Trace H.S. vs. winner of Ottoville vs. Lincolnview (played on 2/19), at Van Wert H.S. starting at 6:15 p.m.
- Division III - Napoleon District:  
2/19 - Paulding vs. Montpelier at Defiance H.S. starting at 6:15 p.m.; Hicksville vs. Fairview at Defiance H.S. starting at 8:00 p.m.



Paulding had their senior night before they played Bryan on Saturday, February 9. The Seniors are: Brooke Mehring, Troy Vance, Zach Stallkamp, Jarod Riley, Jordan Philpot, Jacob Perl, Chris Britt, and Amber Manson. The team won their final home game 69-53. The team did a great job! Photo by Kevin Vance

**PAULDING JR PANTHERS SPLIT WITH DELPHOS**

The Paulding Jr. High basketball teams played their final game of the 2007-08 season Monday, February 11 vs. Delphos Jefferson in a NWC finale.  
In the 7th grade game Paulding played an aggressive defense in defeating the Wildcats 38-30. The Panthers led the whole way 14-7 1q, 22-17 half, 30-23 3q. Neil Roehrig led the Panthers with 20 points and 7 rebounds, Vince Reinhart and Trey Schroeder each added 6 points. Their final record for the season was 8-8 and 3rd place in the NWC.

Team was coached by Rich McDougal. McDougal added that the Panthers were 7-3 in there last 10 games after starting the season 1-5.  
In the 8th grade game, Paulding couldn't overcome their own mistakes in dropping a close battle 48-43 to the Wildcats. Paulding led after 1q 8-4, Delphos then controlled the game 21-14 at the half and 3q 36-32. Zach Gawronski led the Panthers with 12 points and 4 assists. Also Kyle Mohr added 10 points and 8 rebounds. Their final record for the season 2-13 and 1-7 in the NWC. Team was coached by Matt Arellano.

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Paulding lost to St. Henry on 2/16, 49-62. Paulding had beat Spencerville on 2/14, 50-33, to move to the second round.  
In Division IV - Van Wert District:  
Antwerp lost to Ottoville in the first round on 2/13, 61-34. Ottoville went on to lose to Crestview on 2/16, 38-45. Crestview had beat Delphos Jefferson on 2/13, 65-22 in the first round of play. Crestview goes on to play New Knoxville on 2/21.  
Hicksville lost to Lincolnview on 2/12, 38-50. Lincolnview went on to lose to Delphos St. John's on 2/16, 21-50. Delphos St. John's plays Minster on 2/21.

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Chaplain Ralph Merrill Wetzel was installed as Veterans Affairs chaplain at Concordia Theological Seminary Kramer Chapel on St. Valentine's Day, February 14, 2008, in the 10:00 a.m. worship service. As such, he received a Divine Call from the WORLD MISSION of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, Ministry to the Armed Forces, which he accepted this past January. As such, he now joins the ranks of Lutheran Military, Prison, Institutional, and Veterans Affairs chaplains across the country in the Lutheran Church and its ministries to our veterans, including OEF/OIF returning veterans.

Chaplain Ralph Merrill Wetzel was ordained into the Holy Ministry July 5, 1964. He began his ministry in Buffalo and Woodward, OK, and became circuit secretary in 1965. From 1966-70 he served as evangelism chairman, stewardship chairman, and circuit counselor in the Oklahoma District, Panhandle Circuit of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Also, during this period Pastor Wetzel served two vacant congregations in Follett, Texas and Shattuck, Oklahoma. He has served a mission congregation in Georgia from 1970-1974, which he developed into a self-supporting congregation, and also Ralph served a large congregation in Woodburn, Indiana, from 1974-1988. Ralph began a new mission congregation in Hartford City, IN, in 1992. He has served vacancies as pulpit supply pastor in Bingen, Westville (2), Muncie, Peru, Berne, and Medaryville from 1989-1997 within the Indiana District, a congregation in Antwerp, Ohio, and he continues serving as a pulpit supply pastor in IN, OH, MI, and WI when called upon. Chaplain Wetzel served the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod- Indiana District, both as a member and as

Chairman of the Stewardship Board for five years in the 1980s, and photographed and produced the Stewardship Board "Not with Gold or Silver" film strip in 1982. He was treasurer of the Fort Wayne East Circuit at this time, also. Chaplain Wetzel has been a long standing member of the Indiana District clergy since February of 1974, serving for more than thirty-four years and is currently serving. He has served the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod as member of the clergy for over forty-three years.

Chaplain Wetzel has served from 1965-70 the State Mental Hospital at Fort Supply, OK, Battey State Mental Hospital in Rome, Floyd County, GA from 1970-74, and as Institutional Chaplain for Berry College, Mount Berry, GA, and Shorter College in Rome, GA from 1970-74. He is a pastoral care chaplain at the VAMC in Fort Wayne, IN since 1997.

Chaplain Wetzel is currently serving as Protestant Staff Chaplain in the Veteran Affairs Medical Center, where he serves veteran patients in a hospital setting. He is a member of the Palliative Care Consultation Team at the VAMC level, and holds membership in the Indiana Hospice & Palliative Care Organization, where he is a professional member, promoting hospice and palliative care as the optimum healthcare at the end-stage of life.

Chaplain Wetzel has earned four units of Clinical Pastoral Education from the Lutheran Hospital of Indiana in 2006. He is a member of the ACPE. He also served as a team member of a Community Incident Single Disaster Team (CISD) from 1999-2003, through the VA facility, Allen County Indiana. He has worked with institutional representatives in the community, joining with firefighters and police officers in "First Response" disaster drills. This is a part of the Homeland Security operational groups in NE Indiana around the tri-counties area.

Chaplain Wetzel and his wife, Susan, were married in Kramer Chapel, CTS, August 18, 1962, and have resided in Woodburn, Indiana since 1974. To this 45-year union were born six children: Karl (Patricia) Wetzel, Karen

(Danny) Marquart, Kristina (Rick) Sears, Monika (Barry) Marquart, and Richard Erik. (Michelle) Wetzel, and Anna Katrina (Gregory) Needler, with twenty-one grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

**NOW READ THIS**

**By: Stan Jordan**

The people who are leaning towards erecting a monument for all veterans of all times of the Antwerp area held a meeting at the Essen House on Saturday, February 16.

Judy Jordan Steele has accepted the job of Secretary and Treasurer, and Nancy Lichty has agreed to help her, plus some other jobs.

This committee from now on will be called V.E.T.S. They have a lot of work to do and need a lot of help.

The statue in the Veterans Memorial Park, commemorating our past veterans is badly in need of repair. Back in 2001, Lou Ann Holman asked the County Commissioners to repair this Veteran's Monument and as I understand, they flatly refused. I guess they have been sent a second letter. But anyhow, that area in the park needs a lot of attention as the cement is all deteriorating as it is about 100 years old. The V.E.T.S. committees is entertaining some ideas to repair the statue and adding some more memorials.

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The people in this area have always helped protect their country so there are a lot of men and women eligible to have their names engraved thereon.

If you have any questions you can call Karen Sanders at 419-399-5764. The next meeting is at the Essen House, 6:00 p.m., March 5.

**LOCAL STUDENT WINS PARTIAL SCHOLARSHIP**



**First Row: Doug Bragg, Bob Bragg, Lisa Bragg, 2nd Row: Chad LaCross, Jon Short, Golf Coach at AHS**

**By: Sue Knapp**

Head Golf Coach, Chad LaCross, from St. Francis University was at the Antwerp High School Library on February 14 to sign papers with Bob Bragg giving him a partial scholarship to St. Francis University. Bob is the son of Lisa and Doug Bragg.

Bob will play golf at the

college as well as pursuing a career in Sports Management.

Bob started playing golf at the age of five and basketball in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. He works at Pond-a-River Golf Course.

caption: Doug Bragg, Bob Bragg, Lisa Bragg, (back) Chad LaCross, Jon Short, Golf Coach at AHS.

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hamer (L) President of the JPHS and Roy Klopfenstein President of the PCAF. The JPHS plans to use the money to develop a new exhibit. The JPHS Museum is open to the public on Tuesdays and special occasions. To learn more about the PCAF, call 419-399-8282.



**YOUTH FOR CHRIST JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL TEAM**

This group of junior high students from Wayne Trace and Paulding recently participated in Youth for Christ's annual basketball outreach.

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**DIABETICS, SPOUSES AND/OR CAREGIVERS SPECIAL MEETING AT THE WOODBURN BRANCH LIBRARY**

Leighann Brooks from the Parkview Diabetes Treatment Center will be with us on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Woodburn Branch Library. She will be talking about Diabetes. There is no charge or reservations

required. There will be plenty of time for your questions. The range of topics to be discussed are the following: A general overview of Diabetes. AIC test ranges, and the relation to daily blood testing, meal plans, eating out, reading food labels, counting calories or carbohydrates, standards of care, and complications.