

## LADY RAIDERS RUNNERS-UP AT DISTRICTS



The Lady Raiders had a great season this year. They played hard at the District championship against Tinora Saturday evening, but it just wasn't their night. The ball didn't

want to go through the hoop no matter how hard they tried. These ladies did a great job and worked hard for everything they earned. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)

Saturday, February 23, were the Division III District finals for the Lady Rams from Tinora and the Lady Raiders from Wayne Trace. The final score was a let down for the Raiders - Tinora 57, Wayne Trace 48.

Records - Tinora 22-2, Wayne Trace 17-5

Tinora advances to face Fredericktown on Wednesday, February 27 at Lexington, 6:15 p.m.

Top Players:

Tinora - Chelsie Tim-

mons 18 points, 17 rebounds; Katie Weber 11 points, 10 rebounds

Wayne Trace - Sara Priest 12 points, 3 assists, 7 rebounds; Becky Ruble - 11 points

## FATAL TRAFFIC CRASH IN PAULDING COUNTY

On Tuesday, February 19, 2008, at approximately 3:46 p.m., Paulding County suffered its second fatality of the year. Dead is 44 year old Donna L. Phillips from Grover Hill, Ohio. Phillips was the driver of a 1993 Ford Taurus. Phillips failed to stop at a posted sign located at SR 613 and SR 500 in Harrison Township. Phillips was then struck broadside by Sarah J. Lewis of Payne, Ohio who was operating a 1996 Ford Taurus. A passenger in the Phillips vehicle was 41 year old Thomas J. Phillips Jr., of Paulding, Ohio a brother to Donna. Paulding County Coroner Larry Fishbaugh pronounced Donna Phillips dead at the scene. Lewis and Thomas Phillips were both treated and released at the Paulding County Hospital. Neither occupant in the Phillips vehicle was wearing their seat belt at the time of the crash, however Lewis did have her seat belt on.

Assisting at the scene were Payne EMS and Fire Department, Paulding EMS, the Van Wert Post of the State Highway Patrol, Paulding Ohio Department of Transportation, and the Paulding County Coroner. The incident remains under investigation by the Paulding County Sheriff's Office.

—David I. Harrow, Sheriff

## ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL PLANS NEW ADDITIONS

Antwerp Local School has been in the process of planning a bus garage at the new school site for some time. Many delays have taken place and changes have been made from the original plans. The school now has a time line and expects to move forward with what is being referred to as its "bus garage project".

When referring to this as a new bus garage project, it is important to point out that this project is much more than just a new bus garage. Also included are several paving projects: (1) the much-needed paving of the drive from Water-Plant Road to the field house and bus garage, (2) the paving of the field house parking lot, (3) the paving of the surrounding area of the bus garage, and (4) the paving of the drive from the school to the field house and bus garage. It is hoped that all of the paving can be completed before the start of the 2008-09 school year; however, if the cost is too high, the paving may have to be done when the school is certain it can cover the cost without asking for additional money.

Also included in the proj-

ect is the addition of two water pits. This will allow the school to water the future site of a practice field, provide a water source for the existing softball fields, and for any future projects that may include an additional baseball field, concession stand and restrooms. The plan is to make the area a resource for the community as well as the school.

The school's field house was built as a trade agreement. The school traded the old school for a new field house. Unfortunately, not all costs were included, and the field house was not completed on time. The school needed to put in a phone line, a fiber optic cable, a source for heat, and a way to get to the field house as well as a place to park. The school did put in a gravel road from Water-Plant Road to the field house, a parking lot at the field house, and a drive from the field house to the school. A drainage system was also put in at the same time. The drives and parking lot were done with the idea that asphalt could be added at a later date when additional funds were available.

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## OBITUARIES

**Dolores M. Wobler**, 81, of Payne, passed away Friday, February 22, 2008 at Dallas Lamb Foundation Home.

Dolores was born in Defiance, on August 18, 1926, the daughter of the late Edward and Velva (Shirk) Lero.

She had worked at Permaglass and Haffner's 5 & 10, Payne. Dolores was a member of St. John the Baptist Church, Payne, the Altar Rosary Society, Catholic Ladies of Columbia and Antwerp VFW Post 5087 Auxiliary. Her family is what brought her the most joy.

On May 10, 1947, she married Edward Wobler, who died March 6, 1979.

She will be sadly missed by her sons: Michael (Nancy) of Antwerp, Bernard (Roberta) of Lima, Francis (Peg) and John both of Payne; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death are her children: Betty Ake and Richard, William and Thomas Wobler; and siblings: Winnie Brady, Paul and Francis Lero, and Robert Shirk.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Payne, on Monday, February 25, with Very Rev. G. Allan Fillman and Deacon Don Coughlin officiating.

She was laid to rest at St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery, Payne. The family requests donations to the church or the charity of your choice.

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

**Harold James Glass**, 92, of Warsaw, IN died Monday February 18 at Mason Health Care, Warsaw, Indiana.

He was born July 23, 1915 in Tipton, Paulding County, Ohio, the son of Denver M. and Vada (Robinson) Glass. On May 9, 1938 he married Dorothy Schiwietzer, who survives. He attended Pleasant View Bible Church, Warsaw. He retired from the grain business which started at age 8.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Glass of Warsaw; a son, Jerry (Linda) Glass of

Paulding; a daughter, Janet (Robert) Shull of Warsaw, Indiana; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers: Roy and Ray Glass.

Funeral services were conducted February 23 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with Charles Ashman officiating. Burial was in Blue Creek Cemetery, Haviland.

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

**Donna L. Phillips**, 44, of Grover Hill died February 19, 2008 from injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident.

She was born September 18, 1963 in Omaha, Nebraska the daughter of Thomas and Marcia (Napierala) Phillips. She was employed by Ohio Glass Technologies and a member of the Paulding Eagles Post #2405 Ladies Auxiliary.

She is survived by her mother, Marcia (Jerry) Pagley of Paulding; her father, Tom Phillips of Toledo, OH; a son, Grant Harris of Auburndale, FL; a daughter, Alexandra Durfey of Grover Hill; a brother, Thomas Phillips Jr of Paulding; two sisters: Lorinda Allen of Grover Hill, and Barbara (Christopher) Freeman of Toledo; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 24 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with Rev. Ben Lowell officiating.

Donations may be made in memory of Donna Phillips in care of Den Herder Funeral Home.

**Margaret H. Sutton**, 89, of Paulding died Sunday, February 17, 2008 at Williams County Community Hospital, Bryan, OH.

She was born July 26, 1918 in Hamburg, Germany, the daughter of Henry and Margaret Golly. On December 3, 1944 she married Kenneth H. Sutton, who preceded her in death on October 26, 1998. She was a homemaker and a member of the Montpelier Eagles.

She is survived by thirteen children: Betty (Ken) Mertz of Pennsylvania, Ernest Sutton of New York, Elizabeth (Paul) Swanson of Missouri, JoAnn (Dennis) Thompson of Texas, Lorraine Biller of Montpelier, William (Phyls) Sutton of Indiana, Brenda

(Bob) Norling of Montpelier, Russell (Dawn) Sutton of Montpelier, Alvah Sutton of Ohio, Elaine (Jerry) Greene of Colorado, Ella (David) Heck of Colorado, Eyvonne (John) Harding of Colorado, Robert Sutton of Ohio; forty-four grandchildren; and fifty-one great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by four grandchildren: Mark Thompson, Dustin and Jesse Rhoads, and Jennifer Sutton.

Funeral services were conducted February 22 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with Charles Thompson officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Montpelier.

Donations may be made in memory of Margaret Sutton in care of Den Herder Funeral Home.

**Robert W. Reinhart**, 77 of Paulding, died Wednesday, February 20, 2008 at the Lutheran Hospital of Indiana, Fort Wayne, IN.

He was born May 28, 1930 in Paulding, Ohio, the son of George W. and V. Louise "Sal" (Todd) Reinhart. On August 28, 1952 he married Rosemarie Walz, who survives. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Paulding. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran serving during the Korean Conflict. He was owner/operator of the former Reinhart Chevrolet, Paulding. He was previously employed by Paulding County Department of Human Services. He was a member of VFW Post 587 and Knights of Columbus St. Joseph Council #3584.

He is survived by his wife, Rosemarie Reinhart of Paulding; a son, Chris (Mary) Reinhart of Paulding; a daughter, Kathy Wherry of New Haven, IN; a brother, Fred (Carole) Reinhart of Tallahassee, FL; a brother-in-law, Dick Wilson of Paulding; a sister-in-law, Bev Reinhart of Tempe, AZ; four grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; and six step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, John J. and Stephen Reinhart; an infant brother; two sisters: Martha Wilhelm and Monica Wilson; a son-in-law, Mark Wherry; and a brother-in-law, William Wilhelm.

A Mass of Christian Burial was conducted Saturday, February 23 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Paulding with Rev. G. Allan Fillman officiating. Burial was at Paulding Me-

morial Cemetery with military graveside rites conducted by Paulding VFW Post 587.

Donations may be made to Paulding EMS or Masses.

**Cory Lee Pratt**, 28, of Bedford, TX formerly of Scott, OH, died February 10, 2008 in Grapevine, TX as a result of an automobile accident along with two other friends.

He was born on September 17, 1979 in Paulding County, Ohio the son of Debra (Zartman) and Stanley Pratt of Scott. He had worked for DFW Honda in Grapevine, TX and was to have started a new Career with Nationwide Insurance on February 11, 2008. He graduated from Wayne Trace High School in 1998, where he played football and baseball. He joined the United States Marine Corps in 2000 with his childhood friend, Caleb Kreisler. He was an avid NASCAR fan, dirt bike rider and enjoyed all New York related sports teams; was an avid Michigan Wolverine fan; enjoyed following the performances of his "Texas Brother" and close friend, Justin Ross.

He is survived by his father and mother of Scott, OH; special friend, Lisa Mullins of Colleyville, TX; his faithful dog, Sadie; a son, Logan Joseph Pratt of Eules, TX (a co-worker shared that 'Cory lived for Logan', and not just with Logan); maternal grandmother, Jean Zartman of Payne; paternal grandfather, Joseph Pratt of Scott; sisters: Amber Pratt of Ypsilanti, MI and Audrey Pratt of Scott; nephews: Cameron Wilson of Ypsilanti, MI and Zaden Chavez of Scott.

Mass of Christian Burial was held on February 21, 2008 at St. Mary's of the Assumption Catholic Church in Van Wert, OH. Burial was in Scott Cemetery, Scott. Military graveside services were performed by combined units of the Van Wert American Legion and VFW posts. Father Michael Zacharias officiated.

Preferred memorials to the family for a trust fund set up in Logan's name. Arrangements were handled by Alsapach-Gearhart Funeral Home & Crematory. Condolences may be sent to [agfhc@embarqmail.com](mailto:agfhc@embarqmail.com)

**Helene E. Lee**, 85, of Oakwood, died Monday, Febru-

ary 18, 2008 at Harborside Healthcare in Defiance.

She was born on October 7, 1922 in Oakwood the daughter of the late Edgar E. and Almina G. (Kretzinger) Rhees. She married Andrew Lee on March 21, 1942. He passed away on September 21, 2001.

She was a homemaker. She was also a member of Dupont Church of the Brethren and member of the New and Better Methods Extension Club; formerly volunteered at the Oakwood library; formerly worked at the Oakwood tent factory.

Surviving are one son, Darwin (Carol) Lee of Ashland; three daughters: Darlene Hale of Bristow, VA, Shirley Zipfel of Defiance, and Teresa Keezer of Defiance; 11 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Hilda Noffsinger of Continental.

Preceding her in death were a granddaughter, Amy Keezer; a brother, Milo Rhees; and a sister, Lola Tracy.

Services were held February 21, 2008 at Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Oakwood with Rev. Terry Porter officiating. Burial was in Prairie Chapel Cemetery, Oakwood. Memorials to the family. Condolences may be sent to [www.heimeyerfuneralhome.com](http://www.heimeyerfuneralhome.com)

**Ben "Jeff" Blankenship**, 49 of Sherwood died Saturday, February 23, 2008 at Toledo Hospital, Toledo, OH.

Ben was born May 6, 1958 in Van Wert Ohio to Ben and Martha Blankenship. He was a 1977 graduate of Paulding High School. He married Tamara Laney on September 29, 1979, who survives. He was employed by Sims Cab in Payne for 21 years until business closed doors due to moving company. He then worked at Global Suspension Systems in Bryan, OH for 4 years. He was a lifetime member of Defiance Fish 'n Game Club, Ft. Defiance Deer Hunters Club, and a member of Eagles #2405. He loved his family, friends and grandkids. He also enjoyed NASCAR, hunting, and country music.

He is survived by his father, Benjamin Blankenship of Paulding; his wife, Tammy Blankenship of Sherwood; a daughter, Jennifer Blankenship of Van Wert, a son, Brandon Blankenship of Paulding; four grandchildren: Mackenzie, Connor, Landon, and

Tyler Blankenship; and three sisters: Wilma (Ted) Saylor of Convoy, Wanda McCoy of Paulding, and Diana Serrano of Titusville, Pennsylvania.

Preceding him in death was his mother, Martha Ann; a daughter, Jessica Nicole Blankenship; a brother, Donald Cecil Blankenship; and a sister, Brenda Lee Blankenship.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, February 28 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with Rev. Ben Lowell officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Visitation will be 4:00-8:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 27 at Den Herder Funeral Home. Donations may be made to the family.

**Robert E. Yoder**, 80, Hicksville passed away on Sunday, February 24, 2008 at Heritage Park - Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

He was born on March 31, 1927 in Wheeler, Illinois the son of Moses and Ione Chloe (McCarthy) Yoder. He was a U.S. Army Aircorp veteran serving in WWII. He was married to Roxanna (Kuhl) on August 30, 1986. She preceded him in death in 2002. He was employed as a truck driver at Universal Tool - Butler, Indiana. He was a past member of the VFW.

He is survived by a daughter, Debbie Yoder; two sons: Robert Jr. and Ronald all of Butler, IN; three step-children: Beth Hughes of Antwerp, Alice Moriearty of Plano, TX, and Bill Volkert of Columbia City, IN; 10 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; a brother, Don of Kentucky.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Cindy Yoder; a sister, Ione Matthews; two brothers: Jack and Melvin.

Funeral services will be on Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville. Visitation will be on Wednesday, February 27 from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Graveside Military honors by VFW Post 5665, Sherwood, Ohio and burial will be on Friday, February 29 at 1:00 p.m. at Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Does your candidate: Support a national Human Life Amendment? (Human Life Amendment) Support a Federal Marriage Amendment? (Traditional Marriage) Oppose an assault weapon ban? (Gun Rights) Oppose laws forcing business to favor homosexuality? (Business Freedom) Signed AFTR Pledge to not raise taxes? (Limit Taxes) Refused to support Gay Pride celebrations? (Opposes Gay Pride) Oppose immediate removal of troops from Iraq? (Iraq War) Or oppose curriculum

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—Amy McCreery

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

March 4th is closing quickly. Please remember

to vote on this day. You can request a paper ballot at the polls. You can also go to the Board of Elections (BOE) and vote an absentee ballot until March 1 at noon, or March 3 with a paper ballot. Please contact the BOE for more information on voting rights.

The people who work at the BOE in our county are very friendly and helpful and always eager to help.

Like I have said in previous editorials, please make sure you know and understand what your candidate stands for and supports before casting your vote. All too often, people vote based on what their favorite news person says. Please do the research and know that you are confident your person is exactly what you want and what the country needs. Even on state and local levels we should do research on all candidates and issues. And please remember, voting for the lesser of two evils is still voting for evil.

—Tim Dauten

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The previous letter I wrote I must apologize for. Sometimes what I mean and what I say are two very different things.

What I meant to say was simply the attention given to the Wells family seemed nearly nonexistent. I don't want to detract from the memorial of Squad 41 and what they did, but to ask, "Will there be anything for the family from Hicksville?"

I hope you will forgive me.

—Ron Boyd

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At this time, the existing gravel roads and parking lot are accumulating more and more potholes and also creating an excessive amount of dust and dirt. With the addition of a bus garage, the traffic in this area will see a drastic increase in use. The wear and tear on the buses from driving over pothole-filled roads would cause additional expenses in repair, not to mention creating unsafe riding conditions for passengers, who would include the children in the Antwerp School District and athletic teams coming from other schools using the existing roads and parking lot.

To do the bus garage only and include no paving at all was originally considered. The cost of paving is expensive and permanent improvement money was being stretched very thin; however, it remained clear that doing the project right would require a substantial amount of paving, and not paving would probably cost the school more money in the long run.

In 2001, the school applied for demolition money from the Ohio School Facilities Commission for demolition of the old school. The school received money for the demolition, but because only a portion of the old school was demolished, only a portion of the money was used. The remaining money will be returned to the OSFC when the project is closed. During the time the school has had possession of the money, a change in the law in regards to interest money earned from construction projects was made and signed by the Governor on June 20, 2007.

The change allows a district to transfer interest earned on the local share of the project funds at project completion to the district's permanent improvement fund or keep it in the project construction fund for a future project instead of transferring the interest to the district's maintenance fund. It is very beneficial to our school and to this project that the new change in the law allows this money to go into the permanent improvement fund, so that the money can now be used to help pay for the completion of the bus garage and additional paving. The interest money, which could not have come at a better time, can be used and will cost the tax-payers of the district nothing. In other words, the school's investing decisions, along with the timeliness of the Governor's signing of H.B. 119, have created a sum of money that normally could not go to the permanent improvement fund. Now the money can go to the permanent improvement fund and will assist in the completion of school projects, specifically the building of the bus garage and paving of the surrounding area including the field house.

After much deliberation the existing timeline is as follows: 1.) Advertisements for bids went out on February 5, 2008. 2.) The most responsible low bidder will be awarded the project near the end of February 2008. 3.) Construction on the project will begin once the weather breaks. 4.) The paving will be completed and the new bus garage will be up and running for the start of the 2008-2009 school year.



## PARENT MENTOR PROGRAM HERE IN PAULDING COUNTY

By: Sue Knapp

Western Buckeye Educational Service Center applied for and received a \$25,000 grant to provide a Parent Mentor Program, free of charge, to families of children with disabilities living in the Antwerp and Wayne Trace School Districts.

Cathy Ruiz, will provide service to both of these school districts as a parent mentor under this grant. The daily issues, struggles and emotions that a parent of a child with special needs faces is not foreign to Mrs. Ruiz as she also has two children with special needs. As a parent mentor, Mrs. Ruiz will be a support network to parents of children with special needs providing resources such as a lending library.

Jody Dunham, Director of Special Services for Antwerp Schools, is thrilled that the grant was awarded and feels blessed to have been one out of ten educational agencies to receive the grant as WBESC has anxiously waited for a long time to be able to offer such a worthwhile program.

This service is to help families with disabled children and is free. Cathy is

on hand to guide families through the special education process; including rights and responsibilities; listen and provide support to families and educators on an individual basis; provide information and resources to families and school personnel on education laws, district programs and services and community resources; attend individualized education program meetings and other meetings at parent or staff request; organize and conduct information sessions or workshops based on the needs of families and professionals; and build collaborative partnerships between families, schools and committees to benefit students with disabilities.

There are currently 71 Parent Mentor Projects funded, which represent 216 of Ohio school districts.

The mission of Ohio Parent Mentors is to provide the necessary support and resources to families of children with disabilities and the professionals who serve them.

For more information you may call: Cathy Ruiz, Western Buckeye Parent Mentor, Monday-Thursday, email at [cruiz@wb.noacsc.org](mailto:cruiz@wb.noacsc.org), or Payne Elementary School, 419-263-2512, or Fax: 419-263-1313.

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**WHEN THINGS GO FROM BAD TO WORSE**

**By: Pastor Joel DeSelm**  
I ran across a "Dear Abby" column the other day that brought a smile to my face. It had to do with a typographical error in the classified section of the small-town newspaper and the subsequent disastrous attempts to correct it. Things went from bad to worse to HORRIBLE.

Monday:  
FOR SALE-R.D. Jones has one sewing machine for sale. Phone 948-0707 after 7 p.m. and ask for Mrs. Kelly who lives with him cheap.

Tuesday:  
NOTICE-We regret having erred in R.D. Jones' ad yesterday. It should have read: One sewing machine for sale. Cheap. Phone 948-0707 and ask for Mrs. Kelly who lives with him after 7 p.m.

Wednesday:  
NOTICE-R.D. Jones has informed us that he has received several annoying telephone calls because of the error we made in his classified ad yesterday. His ad stands corrected as follows: FOR SALE-R.D. Jones has one sewing machine for sale. Cheap. Phone 948-0707 p.m. and ask for Mrs. Kelly who loves with him.

Thursday:  
NOTICE-I, R.D. Jones, have NO sewing machine for sale. I SMASHED IT. Don't call 948-0707, as the telephone has been disconnected. I have not been carrying on with Mrs. Kelly. Until yesterday she was my housekeeper, but she quit.

Yes, there are certainly times when it seems like everything goes wrong and life tends to keep making wrong turns.

The encouragement for the Christian, though, is this—God has promised to be WITH us during those times and to even USE those frustrations to accomplish His perfect plan in our lives.

We're given a principle in Genesis 50:20 which states that even though disappointing, negative, and evil circumstances come into our

lives, God can use them for our good as we trust Him. That same principle is reiterated in Romans 8:28, "All things work together for good to them that love God and are called according to His purpose."

So the next time the wheels seem to be falling off in your life, take a deep breath, look to the Lord, and trust Him to work it out for your good and His glory. He's promised His children that He will do just that.

**PASTOR JIM NATHAN TO SPEAK AT LENTEN SERVICES AT TWIN OAKS UMC**

Join us at Twin Oaks United Methodist Church, Corner of Second and Harmon St., Oakwood, Ohio as we continue our annual Lenten Services. Pastor Jim Nathan, Pastor of Twin Oaks United Methodist Church, Oakwood, Ohio will be sharing on February 26. Invite a friend and receive a blessing from God during these special services.

**ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL GOES TO ALL-DAY KINDERGARTEN!**

St. John The Baptist Catholic School in Payne will soon be taking a giant step in terms of offering the best educational programming for its students.

With the start of the 2008-2009 school year, St. John's will be offering all-day, every-day kindergarten. Currently, the school offers all-day Monday, Wednesday, and Friday classes.

This will be one of the key factors in increasing academic achievement.

Districts that have already implemented all-day, every-day kindergarten are very pleased with the academic gains. Teachers in first through third grades have noticed a great increase in the preparedness of those students as they come through these early grades.

St. John's School is concentrating on providing the best education for their students. We are hoping that all-



**MANOR HOUSE ASSISTED LIVING RANKED SECOND**

**By: Sue Knapp**

The Manor House Assisted Living in Antwerp came in second in a survey conducted by the Ohio Department of Aging. The survey was conducted by Vital Research, LLC, under contract with the department between July and December of 2007. Interviewers trained by Vital Research, Scripps Gerontology Center of Miami University and the Margaret Blenkner Research

Institute met face-to-face with approximately 9,200 residents. The residents were asked to rate their satisfaction on activities, choice, care and services, employee relations, employee responsiveness, meals and dining, laundry and general satisfaction. Two key questions that were asked were, "Overall, do you like living here?", and "Would you recommend this place to a family member or friend?" Manor House Assisted Living rated a 100% on these questions and a 98.8 overall score.

day, every-day kindergarten will be that giant step that we need to attract more students to our school.

Parents can learn more about this new program at the St. John School Open House, March 2, after the Payne 8:30 a.m. Mass. Doors will be open until 10:30 a.m.

**OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY CARNIVAL COMING MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>**

The Oakwood Elementary PTO is busy preparing for their upcoming carnival. The carnival will be held on Saturday, March 1 from 4:30-7:00 p.m. in the school's gymnasium and cafeteria. There will be numerous carnival games including a cake walk and ring toss. Along with a 50/50, there will be a raffle for both kids and adults. Oakwood's CCL will be hosting a supper during the carnival with a menu of tacos in a bag, hot dogs, and pizza. This will be a fun, affordable night for families. Everyone's welcome!



**DOOLEY FUNERAL HOME EXPANDING TO PAYNE**

Early March will bring the opening of the new Dooley Funeral Home in Payne. Shawn and Michelle Dooley are meeting the needs of the Payne community by offering a full service funeral home. It is located at 5761 State Route 500. Shawn and Michelle feel fortunate to have the opportunity to serve the families of Payne. "Payne has made us feel so comfortable," says Shawn. "The families we have served in the past few years have made us feel like we are a part of their family and the Payne community. We have received so many positive comments, cards and emails about the new funeral home." About all the help they have received to make this expansion possible, Shawn and Michelle said, "Local officials and contractors have been so helpful."

The Dooleys moved to Antwerp in 1993 from Philadelphia, PA. They purchased Pauley Funeral Home and soon changed the name to their own. Shawn and Matthew are their children's names. Shawn is a seventh grader and Matthew is in third grade at Antwerp Local Schools. They both help their parents around the funeral home whenever possible.

Dooley Funeral Home offers many services including funeral pre-arrangements and grief counseling programs. They are always available to help in your time of need, but also are there to help with questions regarding their services long before the need arises. You can always visit their website in the convenience of your own home at [www.dooleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.dooleyfuneralhome.com).

An open house is to be held at the Payne funeral home and will be announced soon.



**NEWS TO NOTE FROM WOODBURN**

**By: Laura Wegmann**

In less than two generations America has witnessed the rise of the superstore. With the surplus of box-shops and discount lots has come the dismal decline in customer service. Yet, amid the barrage of advertising hype and cut-price bargains, there shines a bright light: the small business entrepreneur.

Many corporations, such as Wal-Mart and Meijer, began as mom and pop stores. There is nothing more American than entrepreneurial endeavors; however, there is nothing more un-American than the sacrifice of customer service for the sake of profit.

The difference between small and large business is just that—customer appreciation. There is something pleasant about being able to take your concerns right to the owner, manager, and in-

vestor - all in one. When you can meet with a supplier, look him in the eye and shake his hand, you know that there is something in this kind of business that is lacking at the box-stores.

In every shop, bar, and business in Woodburn, you can meet the owner, the entrepreneur; all of whom are individuals dedicated to providing friendly and quality service.

We owe a great deal to these businessmen and women. Our close-knit community flourishes thanks to their establishments. In the coming weeks, I will feature several of the local businesses, beginning with Woodburn Fresh Foods. I urge you to support these individuals, for they are investing in the future of Woodburn.

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**ANTWERP HISTORY**

**By: Stan Jordan**

This picture we're using today was loaned to us by Mike Molitor and some of the information was supplied by Cord Ehrhart.

It is of the smelter west of town back in the 1870's and 1880's. I'm really glad to get this picture because it is new to me. We already had the smaller pictures but the big picture is new to me.

This operation had a couple of names. It was called The Antwerp Furnace and some places it was called The Antwerp Smelter.

The only thing I can remember about that site was a barn that sat close to the Wabash Railroad just a little west of Lorsey's Resturant. When I was a boy the remains of a small feeder canal that ran north and south from the smelter to the big canal was still plenty evident and it would fill with water when it rained.

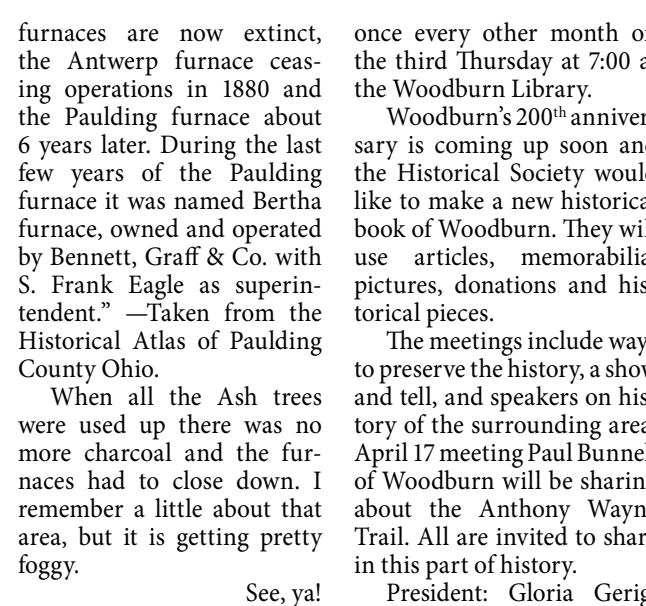
If you look at the large picture, I would say we are looking northeast. The trees you see in the back ground are on the Maumee River bank and, what is now US 24, is between those trees and the smelter and the railroad is also on the backside of the building. The rails you see here in front, I think is just a spur line.

We are standing over close to the East Canal Street or Road. You can see this spur line elevates and stops just to the east of the furnace what I think is the spur line continued to the south and lined up with the canal spur. Then the ore was loaded from the

canal boats onto the smaller ore cars, then pulled by that small locomotive up to the drop area. The ore came by canal boats from the lakes via Toledo.

I don't think this spur line was attached to the Wabash Railroad at all. I can't see where it was. I think this rail line in the picture was of their own making. It looks to me that the rails are farther apart than normal.

"The heavy growth of timber in the county which afforded the means of obtaining an abundant supply of charcoal invited the establishment of blast furnaces for smelting the iron ores of Lake Superior. There were, at one time, two of these in the county. One was known as the Antwerp Furnace and was located on the Maumee River, half a mile east of the village of Antwerp; the other, known as the Paulding Furnace, was located one and a half miles south of Cecil on section 23, Crane Township. The ore for both furnaces was transported from Toledo by canal. The Antwerp furnace was operated by the Antwerp Furnace Company, A. Cobb, President and William Sayles, Superintendent. Evans, Rodgers and Co. were the proprietors of the Paulding furnace. These furnaces were built in 1864-5 and for many years furnished employment to hundreds of men and converted thousands of cords of wood into charcoal. The average length of run per year was about eight months; and the average amount of iron annually produced by each furnace was 2,600 tons. Both of these



furnaces are now extinct, the Antwerp furnace ceasing operations in 1880 and the Paulding furnace about 6 years later. During the last few years of the Paulding furnace it was named Bertha furnace, owned and operated by Bennett, Graff & Co. with S. Frank Eagle as superintendent." —Taken from the Historical Atlas of Paulding County Ohio.

When all the Ash trees were used up there was no more charcoal and the furnaces had to close down. I remember a little about that area, but it is getting pretty foggy.

See, ya!

once every other month on the third Thursday at 7:00 at the Woodburn Library.

Woodburn's 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary is coming up soon and the Historical Society would like to make a new historical book of Woodburn. They will use articles, memorabilia, pictures, donations and historical pieces.

The meetings include ways to preserve the history, a show and tell, and speakers on history of the surrounding area, April 17 meeting Paul Bunnell of Woodburn will be sharing about the Anthony Wayne Trail. All are invited to share in this part of history.

President: Gloria Gerig, Vice President: Gaylen Stetler, Secretary: Kim Eubank, Treasurer: Christy Preston; members present were Wayne and Loretta McCann, Junior and Elaine Sweet and Eugene Nahrwold.

Mr. McCann shared pieces of his woodcrafts with us. He considers this a hobby and has been working with wood for three years. He shares his knowledge and tools with interested people in Huntertown instructing them in the art of woodcrafting.

Mrs. McCann and Mrs. Sweet are involved in the Daughters Union Veteran's of Civil War (DUV). This organization provides stones for those Civil War Veteran's who have no stones. You may call Mrs. McCann at 260-632-0285 for more information on this.

Eugene Nahrwold brought many old pictures of Woodburn and a book (Home Community) about the history of the area.

In the coming weeks the West Bend News will be doing a column on the History of Woodburn. A selection taken out of Mr. Nahrwold's book tells us that 'in the beginning' Woodburn had two names. One was Shirley City, north of the railroad the other was Woodburn, south of the railroad. Taken from the

**NOW READ THIS**

**By: Stan Jordan**

This picture of the Langham Wrecker was taken down on the corner of Archer Drive and North Madison Street. That was Langham's Body Shop. This picture was taken in the middle 1950's. You see that house in the background is the home of Dick and Vivian Schilb and it was built about 1951. I think this quonset hut caught fire and was destroyed on a cold icy night a little later. It was restored and is owned by Solarcrete now.

The man on the left is

Woody Friend. He married Margaret Swann and they both retired from Weatherhead. They had two boys, Bill and Sam.

The other fellow is Ralph Taylor. He was with Langham's a while and then spent many years at B.F. Goodrich. Ralph married Jo Matzen and they had one daughter, Jo Jo.

Ralph served many years as Antwerp's Fire Chief. He also had a convertible for the Antwerp Queen when we had Fireman's Day and any other parade or goings on. Both of these men had a lot to do in Antwerp's history.



book, "The dual name arose from a feud which prevailed among the early settlers in the area late in the century when an effort was made to incorporate a part of the town not shown on the original plot."

Whether there was a feud or not we'll never know but what we will know is how it was 'back in the day' of Woodburn as we learn the history.

Watch the WBN for the Woodburn History articles and what's going on with the Woodburn Community Historical Society Meetings.

**DR. SEUSS DAY PROGRAMS AND READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY AT THE LIBRARY**

HICKSVILLE—The Johnson Memorial Library, along with other libraries and schools across the country, will be celebrating Dr. Seuss Days and Read Across America Day with special Dr. Seuss story time programs. On Monday, March 3 at 6:30 p.m., the library will be commemorating the birth of Dr. Seuss, the well-loved children's author who was born under the name Theodore Geisel, with a special Read Across America Day program.

On Wednesday, March 5 at 10:00 a.m. and on Thurs-


day, March 6 at 6:30 p.m., the library will be celebrating the anniversary of The Cat in the Hat, with two special Dr. Seuss story times.

The Read Across America Day program and Dr. Seuss Day programs are free and are open to everyone, both the young and the young at heart. As part of the celebrations, there will be Dr. Seuss stories, videos, and a craft.

Dr. Seuss wrote over 40 children's books, which sold more than two hundred million copies worldwide. He won numerous awards including three Caldecott Honor Awards, two Peabody Awards, an Emmy Award, and a Pulitzer Prize for more than 50 years of dedicated work in education and entertainment.

"Dr. Seuss has brought so much fun to reading," explained Branch Manager Amy Murphy. "We would be missing out on so much fun and zaniness without characters like the Cat in the Hat or the Grinch Who Stole Christmas."

If you have any questions about or would like additional information on Read Across America Day or the Dr. Seuss Day programs, call the Johnson Memorial Library at (419) 542-6200.

  
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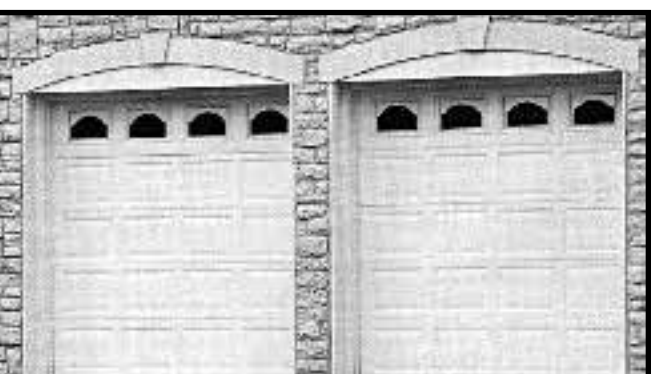
**WOODBURN COMMUNITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING**

**By: Sue Knapp**  
In a time when it seems small towns are dying out, there is a number of people trying to preserve the history and existence of these towns. This is what the Woodburn Community Historical Society is trying to do. They meet



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**FROM THE DESK OF THE DOG WARDEN**

—Mandy Lichty, Paulding County Dog Warden

The recent Westminster Dog Show seems to be a hot topic right now. The best and finest of each breed on display to see who can take it all with best of show. And the winner is... the beagle.

Before everyone rushes out to the pet store to buy one of the breeds they saw on the show let me tell you about the dog show we have at the shelter. In 2007, the Paulding County Dog Shelter took in 299 dogs. Anyone want to guess how many of them were purebreds? 147—and 31 of those were beagles. Surprised aren't you?!

Labs topped the list followed by beagles and then the list goes on and on. Malamutes, jack russells, german shepherds, greyhounds, golden retrievers, poodles, pomeranians, papillon, shiba inu, blood hound, rottweilers, mastiffs, australian shepherds, daschunds, border collies, shi tzus, saint bernards, schnauzers, collies, boston terriers, akitas, chows, great danes, great pyrenees, brittany spaniels, chihuahuas,

weimeraners, bassets, dalmatians, boxers, german short-haired pointers, and dobermans. Don't see your favorite breed on the list? Just wait, it's a brand new year and with the Beagle winning best of show it's popularity is sure to grow and they just might top the list this year.

The shelter is open on Fridays from 2:00–6:00 p.m. Stop in and see the show.

Remember, don't breed or buy while shelter dogs die.

**"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": VANTAGE BPA STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR STATE COMPETITION**

Vantage Career Center Business students recently competed in the first round of Region 16 Business Professionals of America skills contests at Apollo Career Center. Students from Interactive Media, Business Information Technology, Medical Office Management and Network

Systems competed in a variety of different contests including Novell Network Administration, VB.Net Programming, Computer Security Concepts, Medical Office Procedures, Office Systems and Procedures, Digital Media, and Network Design along with occupational, specialized and general competitive events. In all, eighteen students earned the right to advance to the state competition held in Columbus in the spring.

Senior Network Systems student Steven Carlisle from Antwerp qualified for state competition by placing second in NOVELL Network Administration. Holden Profit, a senior from Antwerp in the Network Systems program, teamed up with classmates Andy Burwell from Kalida, Jared Meyers from Parkway and John Rohlf from Continental as their Software Engineering Team placed first in the competition. The Web Site Design team of Cristy

Branham from Continental, Patrick Thomas from Crestview and Andrew Ross from Wayne Trace, took first place honors.

Bryan Hofstetter, a junior in Network Systems from Ft. Jennings placed first in the VB.Net Programming competition. Andrea Schroeder, a senior in Medical Office Management also from Ft. Jennings, was the first place winner in the Legal Office Procedures contest.

Crestview's Amanda Perry placed first and Shiyanne Hook placed second in the Medical Office Procedures competition. Both students are in the Medical Office Management program.

Katie Diment, a senior in the Medical Office Management program from Parkway placed first in the Fundamental Accounting skills contest. Harry Shroyer, a Business Information Technology student from Parkway took second place in the Basic Office Systems and Procedures



**Vantage Business Professional of America (BPA) state qualifiers!**  
 Row 1: Brian Hofstetter, Jared Meyers, Holden Profit, Andrew Burwell, John Rohlf, Jubal Minnix and Mike Carpenter. Row 2: Katie Diment, AJ Wolford, Amanda Perry, Shiyanne Hook, Andrew Ross and Patrick Thomas. Unavailable for the picture were Harry Shroyer, Andrea Schroeder, William Wagner, Cristy Branham and Steven Carlisle.

aneous Speech contest. Students who qualified for the state contest will compete on March 6–7 in Columbus. Congratulations and Good Luck to all student competitors!

**MASONS WELCOME CANADIAN VISITOR**

At the last stated meeting Hicksville Lodge was opened by Jim Kline and the pledge was given. The first order of business was to welcome visitor Darren Ripley from Joseph A. Hearn Lodge #685 GRC in Toronto, Canada. He was in Defiance on business and made the trip to Hicksville after finding the Lodge on our website. He was presented the Grand Master's 2008 lapel pin and given a hearty welcome.

The 50-year members present included Elmer Woodcox, Estel Cottrell and Doyle Johnson. Other members included Matt Butler, Fred Leavell, George Underwood, Mark Leavell, Grover Blalock, Lee Kallsen, Ron Farnsworth, Randy Brooks Sr., Walter Schilb, Russell St. John, Tim Betts, Bill Metz, Joe Stotler, Scott Ruppert, Norm Byers, Jim Kline and Dick Wann. This makes a total of 22 members present with 14 Past Masters included.

Birthday cards were signed and sent to Randy Brooks Jr. February 28, Norm Byers February 21, Jim Volkert February 20, Bob Volkert February 18 and Charles Fleming February 15. Get well cards were sent to George Rosendaul and Joe Kidd. Sympathy cards were sent to the families of Kenneth Wittig and Jim Flory. A card was also sent to Dick Savage expressing condolences in the passing of his mother.

The 2008 Inspection report was read in open Lodge. Scott Ruppert reported that the Defiance County Fair will be constructing additions to buildings and would appreciate any monetary support we could give. He will report back when he receives the details.

The next inspection will be February 22 at Sherwood Lodge in Defiance. Traveling Inspection coordinator, Lee Kallsen, mentioned that fact that this year Hicksville will be in a tight race for the Traveling Trophy and wanted everyone to be in Defiance for Sherwood's Inspection.

The next stated meeting will be February 27 at which time we will exemplify degree work on our newest candidate. [www.hicksville-masoniclodge.blogspot.com](http://www.hicksville-masoniclodge.blogspot.com)

**RAIDER REPORT**



Have you ever talked to a firefighter, EMT or police officer? I personally have talked to many of them because my mom is an EMT, and my stepdad and uncle are EMTs and firefighters. If you have not talked to a firefighter, EMT or police officer, then you are missing out on an extraordinary bunch of people from our county. Most of you probably do not know why they are amazing because you only know from what you have seen on television. I am here to help more people understand why they are heroes, and why they mean so much to me.

"A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself," said by Joseph Cambell.

Probably, a vast majority of you only think these people are heroes because they fight fires, save lives or fight bad guys, but on top of all that thrilling stuff they do a lot more. The EMTs change lives because in a second you could have been dead, but they missed a family dinner to give you the chance to have another one with yours. A firefighter saved you from a blazing fire, as their child was on fire on the basketball court making the winning basket. When you were being held at gun point, a police officer saved you while they missed another one of their child's firsts. If that is not giving one's life for something bigger than them, then I do not know what is. All of these people do not do it for the pay or recognition, but because they care and want to make a difference.

I know people from all three of the above mentioned groups, and they are the nicest people I know. The Paulding firefighters are like my big brothers, and the Paulding EMS and police officers are part of my family. I am sure all the other firefighters, EMTs and police officers in the county are the same to other people too. I, like many others, would not want them to ever not be part of my family. I might dislike the family events they miss and staying up worrying for their safety, but I am so proud of them for what they do. I know not many people could do what they do, so this week tell a person from one of these groups how thankful you are.

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contest.

William Wagner, a Paulding senior in the Network Systems program was the first place winner in two different contests – Microsoft Network Administration and Computer Security Concepts. Since state competition is limited to only one contest per competitor, William has chosen to compete in Computer Security Concepts at state. Other Paulding students who will compete at state are Michael Carpenter, a senior in Network Systems who placed first in the JAVA Programming contest and AJ Wolford, a senior in the Medical Office Management program who placed first in the Individual Presentation Management contest. Jubal Minnix, a senior from Wayne Trace in the Interactive Media program, placed first in the Extempo-

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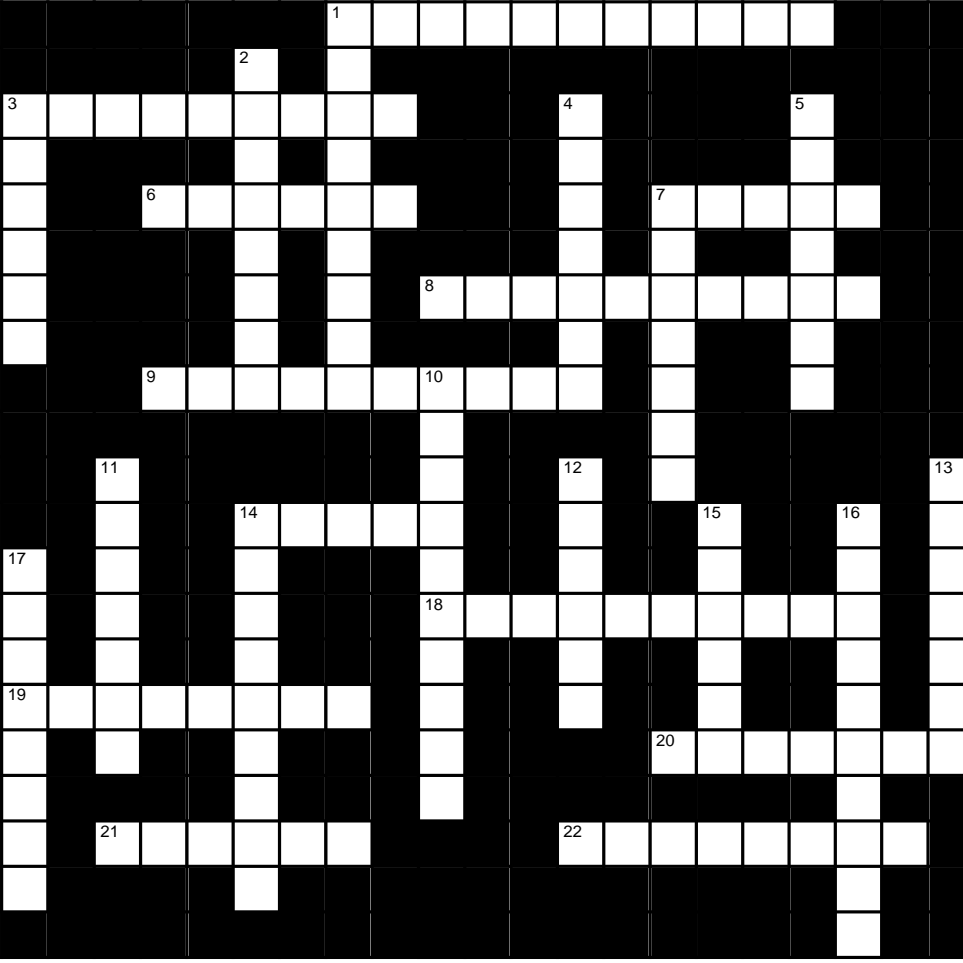
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### Across

- 1. Sprint Felled
- 3. An Apple Less
- 6. A Custard
- 7. Say Limb
- 8. Coarse Sun Settee (2 words)
- 9. Shawl Stun
- 14. Dough Fur
- 18. Mint Peel Layer
- 19. Hard Furred
- 20. Jag Sin
- 21. Tip Peek Caw
- 22. Cull Loom Buzz

### Down

- 1. Same Pall (2 words)
- 2. Coal Lumpy Yaw
- 3. Awl Bunny
- 4. Medicine
- 5. Trend Tin
- 7. Suzannah Fay (2 words)
- 10. Sack Crumb Minnow
- 11. Conquered
- 12. Buzz Stun
- 13. Lynn Kin
- 14. Dumb Mowing (2 words)
- 15. Ellen Gnaw
- 16. Heiress Burr
- 17. Wretch Manned



By: Chelsea Vail

There are some doodles that can't be "undid," according to a rather perceptive (and fictional) convenience store clerk portrayed by Rainn Wilson in Juno. In this case, that is a good thing. The doodles I allude to can scarcely be referred to as such - they are the pieces of artwork to be on display at the second annual Antwerp/Wayne Trace Art Show. The joint presentation, to be held this Saturday in the Wayne Trace JH gymnasium, will feature compositions contributed from all age groups and in various media. In addition to this, there will be live instrumental and vocal performances throughout the 2:00-4:00 p.m. production.

Saturday's entertainment does not end with the Antwerp/Wayne Trace Art Show, but rather the fun is extended into the evening with the impending effar (or reverse raffle, if you missed last week's column). Let me just reiterate some of the key draws of the Athletic Boosters-sponsored Reverse Raffle (besides supporting Antwerp sports, of course): a smorgasbord of all your favorite fixings; a \$1,000 Grand Prize; a laugh or two supplied by host Rick Small. Still not convinced? Did I mention the smorgasbord? I'll see ya there!

Word of the Week:  
Philistine \fil-UH-steen\ noun/adjective

1. A person who is guided by materialism and is usually disdainful of intellectual or artistic values

2. One uninformed in a special area of knowledge; smugly commonplace or conventional

This word can be used either as a noun or as an adjective in describing a person with the qualities mentioned in its definition. Now, don't be a philistine - go to the Antwerp/Wayne Trace Art Show and appreciate it, will ya?!

### ANTWERP COUNCIL MEETING

By: Sue Knapp  
Antwerp Village's regular Council Meeting was held on February 11.

Mark Greenwood and many other Boy Scout Representatives were there to give an update on the Fire Escape Project. All the steel has been designed and fabricated and now needs state permits and architect prints. Sarah Keeran will see what she can do to help with this.

Kirk Hopkins asked if the speed limit on US 24 could be changed. As long as US 24 is under ODOT, the Village is not responsible for changing the speed limit. Sarah will talk to ODOT about it. There had been numerous complaints about traffic speeding through this area and not being pulled over and now there are complaints about people getting pulled over.

Police Chief Clemens reported 146 calls for service and 49 offenses. He also received a final quote for a new Ford Explorer for the Police Department. It is fully equipped and ready to

go except for what the police department needs to attach. The final price is \$27,668 plus the cost of adding the extras (decals, etc), which would cost less than \$1,000. Council had allocated \$30,000 for a new vehicle. The Council voted for Chief Clemens to go ahead with the purchase of the vehicle.

The Village has been trying to get a property owner to get his property cleaned up. The owner was at the first court date but didn't show up for the second court date. The Judge would be willing to forfeit half the fine if the property was cleaned up. At this time that hadn't happened yet.

Sarah Keeran reported that she is working on the ongoing water leaks and continuing to answer public records requests for the EMS tragedy. She is doing what she can to keep track of maintenance, driver's defense classes and doing what the Village can to improve the EMS program.

Shaffer Road water and sewer line is done with grading and seeding to be finished this spring.

When the weather turns warmer the trees on 49N will be marked to see which ones will come down. The residents will be asked if they want the wood or not. The sidewalk project will then go forward.

The Utility Committee will discuss the proposed change in the Utility Bills. There is a lot of pros and cons to the change.

A list of committees and those involved was passed around to the Council members.

Mayor DeLong an-

nounced that the CCA Board and the Cemetery Committee each needs a member.

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

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

Ordinance # 2008-08 ordinance to establish time and place of regular meetings of the Council for the Village of Antwerp, Paulding County, Ohio and declaring the same as an emergency.

Ordinance # 2008-09 an ordinance approving, adopting and enacting American Legal Publishing's Ohio Basic Code, 2008 edition, as the code of ordinances for the municipality of Antwerp, Ohio and declaring an emergency.

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

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# MARCH 4

**YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED  
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### *Personal:*

Wife: Angela Zartman  
Children: Chris, Travis, Jeremy & Kelly Zartman  
Parents: Carl & Janet Zartman  
Residence: Lifelong resident of Paulding County, currently residing at 4376 Rd. 33, Payne

### *Areas of Service*

- Elder & Sunday School Teacher at the Payne Church of Christ
- Former Director of the Friends of the Payne Branch Library
- 5 years on the Paulding County Senior Fairboard

### *Experience*

- 22 years in business for myself
- Farmed for 20 years
- Own & Operate a construction company for 7 years
- President of the Paulding County Senior Fairboard for 2 years

### *Reason for seeking this position*

To lead our county through the economic crisis we are currently in and serve the citizens of our County with honesty, integrity and open communication.

## ***Goals:***

1. Overcome the Financial Problems our County now faces
2. Increase employment opportunities in the County
3. Increase communication between the Commissioner's Office and the Public
4. Perform the duties of Commissioner with the utmost of Integrity

## ***Solutions:***

- ✓ Use conservative values when making business decisions for the County
- ✓ Become proactive in the pursuit of Economic Development
- ✓ Explore the development of a Website featuring the County's business
- ✓ Treat others fairly and always be open and honest.



# WOODLAN RECOGNIZES SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYERS & CHEERLEADERS



Before the Elmhurst game the Seniors were honored for their dedication to the team. Braden Hines, Bobby Abbott, Josh Gorrell, Doug Kayser, Chad Grahovac, Jason Spindler will be missed by their teammates as the season starts to close. Photo by Chelsea Spindler

**By: Jeff Abbott**  
Woodlan recognized their senior class players, cheerleaders and parents before the Warriors took on Elmhurst in the regular season home finale in boys' basketball. The Class of 2008, Boy's Basketball are:

**Cheerleaders** - Jennifer Delagrang, daughter of Todd and Pam Delagrang. Jennifer was a 4 year cheerleader for Woodlan, works part-time at Petland and Grant's Catering, and plans to attend Southern Illinois University and major in biology.

Felicia Hiatt, daughter of Mark & Merry Hiatt-Mun-

govan. Felicia has been a Woodlan cheerleader since 8<sup>th</sup> grade. She is a member of the National Society of High School Scholars and tutored elementary students for 2 years. She will be interning at Parkview Hospital next trimester. Felicia plans to attend IPFW to study nursing and would like to work with newborns in the future.

Chelsea Wahl, daughter of Dennis & Danielle Wahl. Chelsea has been a 4 year cheerleader for Woodlan and a softball manager for 4 seasons. She has been a member of Student Council for 3 years, National Honor Society for 2 years, and Academic Super Bowl for 4 years. Chelsea has been on the yearbook staff for 4 years and editor for 3 years. She was a member of the Spirit of Woodlan marching band and a drum major for 3 years. She plans to attend IPFW, major in biology, and become a physical therapist who works with special needs children.

**Players** - Braden Hines (#10), son of Tim & Kim Hines. Braden played basketball, football, and baseball for 4 seasons at Woodlan. He would like to study pre-med in college.

Bobby Abbott (#14), son of Margo & Robert Abbott. This is Bobby's first year of basketball at Woodlan. He has also played football and baseball in high school. Bobby was inducted into the 2006-07 National Honor Roll for outstanding academic achievement and is one of four Woodlan students nominated for the SportONE Excellence Scholarship award. He plans to attend either Indiana University or the University of North Carolina and major in sports management

Josh Gorrell (#20), son of David & Lorrie Gorrell. Josh played 4 years of basketball for Woodlan and also played football for the Warriors. He earned all-conference honors in both sports. He is undecided on his future plans.

Doug Kayser (#22), son of Doug & Christie Kayser. Doug played basketball for 4 seasons at Woodlan, played football for 3 years, and will participating in track this spring. He works for his dad at Crush-It Concrete and

plans to attend college to earn a business degree.

Chad Grahovac (#30), son of Terry & Stacey Grahovac. Chad played basketball for 4 years at Woodlan and played 4 seasons of football. He works at Romines Heating & Air-Conditioning and plans to major in construction technology in college.

Jason Spindler (#44), son of Jerry & Rose Spindler. Jason played basketball for Woodlan for 4 season and earned second team all-conference honors. He played 4 years of football and 1 season on baseball. He plans to continue playing basketball in college.

Elmhurst hit their free throws down the stretch to pull away from Woodlan for a 50-37 win over the Warriors in the regular season home finale for Woodlan. The Trojans hit 11 free throws in the final period to outscore the Warriors 17-6 in the final stanza. The teams were tied after the first 8 minutes, 10-10 and Elmhurst carried a 3 point lead to halftime at 26-23. Elmhurst continued to lead after the three quarter mark 33-31 and the Trojans built the lead to 6 points early in the fourth period before the Warriors started sending the Trojans to the charity stripe. Tyler Jackson scored 7 of his game high 17 points from the free throw line, all in the final period. Braden Hines and Jason Spindler each had 11 points for Woodlan.

Elmhurst - Jackson 17, Marsh 9, Williams 7, Gayday 6, Tinker 4, Cleveland 3, Pace 3, Smith 1

Woodlan - Hines 11, Spindler 11, Gorrell 7, Grahovac 4, Bell 2, Lortie 2

Elmhurst blew past Woodlan 45-27 in the reserve game, outscoring the Warriors 24-9 in the middle 2 periods of the game.

## SUSAN A. PAULUS RUNS FOR PAULDING COUNTY TREASURER POSITION

Susan A. Paulus has the financial background and knowledge of Paulding County and its residents, that makes her a qualified candidate for the County Treasurer's position. When asked her reason for running, she stated "we deserve elected officials who are 1) proud of our county,



2) strong, effective leaders, as well as 3) capable and qualified to get the job done".

She began her career in the financial services area in 1974 as a bank teller. She rose through the ranks and assumed greater responsibilities working in the accounting department, then as an assistant manager, a manager, and lender. Paulus' experiences gave her hands on work with the budgeting process and keeping the accounts balanced for both the financial institution and the customer, as well as understanding and working with both lending and investing. As county treasurer, the knowledge of the lending process, the investment process and budgeting are all vital.

Paulus has worked with a broad range of families that live in Paulding County including:

Seniors—as director of the Paulding County Senior Center;

Young and old with special needs—as a case manager at Paulding County Mental Health;

Business community—as a long-time volunteer with the Paulding Area Chamber of Commerce she was elected to board, serving as secretary, vice-president and president. Her leadership was recognized in 1999 when she won the Chamber's prestigious Leadership Award. Currently, she leads the Chamber's Steering Committee for the Paulding County Leadership in Action program.

She and her family own Paulding Preschool, Inc./ Little Blessings Daycare, which gives her yet another perspective into the lives of Paulding County residents.

She also has devoted hours to helping her church, the First Presbyterian Church, in diverse ways, from serving on its governing board, teaching Sunday School, serving as Youth Leader, to singing in its choir along side her husband, Dick Paulus. Currently, she is the church's assistant secretary.

Susan and Dick have three daughters: Carol Razo who is employed as a State Auditor for Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services; Dianna Karlstadt who is Administrator at Little Blessings Daycare; and Pam Leever who works at General Motors. They have nine grandchildren, ages 22 years to 16 months, about whom Susan says "Children give me faith in our future and these kids are the absolute light of my life".

## UNITED WAY OF PAULDING COUNTY ANNUAL MEETING AT PAULDING SENIOR CENTER

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting of the United Way of Paulding County on Monday, March 10 at 5:30 p.m.

We will be reviewing the past year and looking forward to this year. The meeting is open to the public.

The meeting will be held at the Paulding Senior Center located at 401 East Jackson Street in Paulding. Refreshments will be provided.

RSVP is requested but not required. Please RSVP to Nancy Hessler at 419-399-5300 or email at pcuw@paulding-net.com by Friday March 7.



## SECRET ADMIRER

**By: Tommi Stahl**

Secret admirers are people that let you know that they like you, but don't tell you their name. Did you have one this Valentine's Day? I did not, but I still love Valentine's Day. I had a valentine—my cousin, Myranda Stahl. A valentine is a person you love no matter who it is. My cousin is a person that I love and she loves me. I love Valentine's Day because I like romantic things. I hope that you had a great Valentine's Day!

## JAMES DOUGHTY UPDATE

Good morning everyone, Hope you all had a wonderful Valentine's Day! I have more great news to share with you all. Jim had his "day 60" bone marrow biopsy done this past Tuesday (even though that was day 67) and the results show that he is still leukemia free! Thank you God! It's definitely an answer to so many prayers! We won't know the details until next week, which would be the percent of donor cells (we are hoping it's still 100%) and to find out if the chromosome abnormality that he used to have is still gone. His platelets took a dive last week (they were at 76k and dropped to 44k - normal range is 140k) so we were obviously a little worried, but the doctor said that all of his other counts were still respectable and that hopefully it was just the platelets fluctuating, which is normal for them to do after transplant. Of course it could be related to the coming on of the CMV virus, or graph vs. host disease, but he does not have any other symptoms at this time to be either one of those.

We quickly went from going every other day to the clinic, to two weeks of Mon-Wed-Fri and are now only going Tuesdays and Fridays! It is so nice to have a sense of normalcy back (whatever that is!) and have some time to actually do things together in the free world (which is kind of a double-edged sword because this gives us more time to think about going home)! They are starting to taper him off of his immune-suppressing drugs and with that comes a good chance of catching graph vs. host disease, which they want him to catch a little of that to ensure greater results long-term with the transplant. Catching too much of it can also be deadly, so please pray that he catches just enough to get the results we want.

Please keep the prayers coming and God's Blessings to you all,

—Sera



Junior Chris Malfait tries for a basket while being blocked. The Warriors played Elmhurst in Tuesday night's game. Woodlan lost 37-50. The first game of sectionals for Woodlan is 2-29 6pm at Woodlan. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

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The Raiders played Ottoville Friday night in the final game of Sectionals. They won 58-50. Seniors Dane Treece and Ryan Davis guard their opponent in the final seconds of the game.



Paulding won the first round of sectionals against Montpelier. The 2nd round they played against Archbold and wasn't as successful. Here Panthers' Senior Chris Britt receives a pass while being blocked. Paulding lost 59-40.

**LADY RAIDERS OUT-BASKET ARCHBOLD**

Wayne Trace girls basketball recently bested Archbold in basketball play. The final score was 67-51. Wayne Trace is now 17-4 on the season, Archbold closes at 15-8.

Leading players:

Wayne Trace - Sara Priest 20 points, 6 assists; Elyse Myers 18 points, 10 rebounds; Becky Ruble 12 points, 7 rebounds

Archbold - Andrea Allen 12 points; Stacy Wyse 10 points.

**BOYS SECTIONAL FINAL - DIVISION IV AT VAN WERT: WAYNE TRACE VS. OTTOVILLE**

Wayne Trace went against Ottoville in Sectional basketball action on Friday, February 22. The final score moved Wayne Trace up and said good-bye to Ottoville, Wayne Trace won, 58-50. Records - Wayne Trace 17-4, Ottoville 8-14

Top Players:

Wayne Trace - Aaron Hockenberry 20 points, 5 rebounds; Riley Linder 17 points; Dane Treece 13 points, 5 assists, 4 steals

Ottoville - Brad Turnwald 20 points; Andrew Koch - 13 points; Phil Sargent - 11 points, 8 rebounds

**ARCHERS WIN BASKETBALL SECTIONALS**

Antwerp Archers were crowned sectional champs Friday night at Van Wert. The Archers played Delphos St Johns for the first round of sectionals on Wednesday, February 20 beating them 55-31.

Scoring for the Archers:

Boston Hormann 10, TJ Short 11, Tim Ryan 6, Bob Bragg 8, Adam Taylor 14, Jared DeLong 2, Nate Ganger 3.

On Friday, February 22 in the sectional final the Archers won 46-42 versus Crestview.

Scoring for the Archers:

Boston Hormann 8, Bob Bragg 2, TJ Short 8, Adam Taylor 11, Anthony Smith 12 (6 for 6 from the foul line), Tim Ryan 5.

**WOODLAN ADVANCED TO SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GIRLS GAME**

Woodlan advanced to the championship game of the Bluffton 2A girls' basketball sectional with a 47-38 win over Adams Central. The Warriors built an early lead on the Lady Jets and had Adams Central down 12-7 after the first period and down 26-17 at the halftime break. The two teams played even in the second half with the Warriors advancing to the championship game. Hannah Koene-man and Taylor Carver each had 10 points for Woodlan.

Woodlan - H Koene-man 10, Carver 10, Lengacher 9, Hogue 6, Bontrager 5, Yoder 3, Neal 2, S Koene-man 2

Adams Central - Foreman 16, E Lehman 12, F Lehman 5, Ripley 4, Gerke

**LADY WARRIORS FALL JUST SHY OF SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

Bishop Luers kept building and building their lead and pulled away easily from Woodlan for a 78-40 win over the Warriors in the champi-

onship game of the Bluffton 2A girls' basketball sectional. The Lady Knights led 18-6 after the first period, 38-14 at the half, and stretched it to 54-19 after the third period to claim the championship trophy. H Koene-man had 15 points for Woodlan and Danae Lengacher added 13 points.

Bishop Luers - K Wyss 21, Oberley 11, Pedro 11, Hathaway 11, Young 7, B Wyss 5, Anspach 4, Gerardot 4, M Wyss 2, Lohmiller 2

Woodlan - H Koene-man 15, Lengacher 13, Neal 6, Yoder 2, Carver 2, Hogue 1, S Koene-man 1

**NORWELL DOWNS WARRIORS IN BOYS BASKETBALL**

By: Jeff Abbott

Norwell broke open a tight game in the second half, pressing the Warriors and forcing 8 turnovers on their first 8 possessions of the half and the Knights went on to down Woodlan 53-45 in boys' basketball. Norwell held Woodlan to just 2 third quarter points to pull away for the win over the Warriors. Jason Spindler was high point scorer for Woodlan, getting 14 points.

Woodlan - Spindler 14, J Gorrell 9, T Gorrell 7, Bell 7, Hines 6, Grahovac 2

Norwell - Otis 18, Reed 12, McGrew 11, Fillers 6, Fiechter 3, Foughty 3

**BOYS DIVISION III - NAPOLEON DISTRICT BASKETBALL RESULTS**

Paulding played Montpelier on February 19, and came out on top with a phenomenal score of 63-38. They advanced to play Archbold on February 22 where they fell short of victory. Archbold won - 59-40. Archbold moves on to play Ottawa Hills on February 28 at Napoleon High School at 6:15 p.m.

**PAYNE BALL ASSOCIATION SUMMER BALL REGISTRATION**

The Payne Ball Association will have summer baseball/softball registration over the next two weeks. Boys aged 5 through 15 as of April 30, 2008 or girls aged 5 through 15 as of December 31, 2007, are eligible to sign up.

Dates of signups are as follows (all at the Payne Elementary Cafeteria):

Thursday, February 28 - 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 1 - 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, March 5 - 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 8 - 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.

If you have any questions, please contact any of the following people:

Brian Vest (419-263-0037), Colleen Saylor (419-263-2541), Kevin Wannemacher (419-263-0805), Mike Linder (419-263-2149)

Parents - Sign up forms will be distributed through the Payne Elementary School and St. John's Catholic School. Extra copies also will be available at the times of signups.

**LADY RAIDERS RUNNERS UP AT DISTRICT**



Wayne Trace Junior Elyse Myers leaves others in the dust as she goes for the shot in Saturday night's game. The Raiders lost to Tinora 57-48



Archer Senior Tim Ryan scores breaking the tie of 42 with 3.6 seconds left in the game. Boston Hormann is fouled immediately following and scores another two points giving Antwerp a 46-42 victory Friday night to win Sectionals. Antwerp won the previous game against Delphos St. Johns 55-31. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

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Wayne Trace Senior Becky Hicks is fouled while taking a shot against Archbold Thursday night. The Lady Raiders beat Archbold 67-51 in the first game of Districts. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CHAMPIONS**



From left to right, back row: Krystal Wannemacher, Rylee Zartman, Aaron Stoller, Dale Young. Front row: Hollie Wannemacher, Corbin Linder, and Noah Stoller.

Seven boys and girls from Paulding County, ages 10 to 14, were named local champions of the Knight of Columbus Free Throw Championship, and have earned the right to compete at the district level. Infant of Prague Council #3617 in Payne, Ohio sponsored the local competition at Saint John the Baptist Church Hall. All youngsters ages 10 to 14 were eligible to participate.

Hollie Wannemacher was the 10 year old girls' champion and Noah Stoller was the winner of the 10 year old boys' division. In the 11 year old bracket, Corbin Linder

was the boys' champion. Twelve year old winners in the girls' and boys' divisions were Krystal Wannemacher and Aaron Stoller. The 13 year old girls' division was won by Rylee Zartman and the boys' divisions by Dale Young.

Each contestant attempted 15 free throws in the contests. All ties were settled by successive rounds of five free throws per contestant until a winner emerged. Each of these winners will compete in the district competition to be held in February at Kalida, Ohio with an eye toward moving on to the state and international levels.

**LADY WARRIORS RECOGNIZED DURING HOME FINALE AGAINST SOUTHERN WELLS**

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan recognized the senior players and managers on the girls basketball team before the home finale against Southern Wells. The Class of 2008 are:

#10 - Olivia Yoder, daughter of Debbie and Jason Yoder. Olivia played four seasons of basketball, is a member of the National Honor Society, the National Society of High School Scholars, Who's Who Among American High School Students, and the National Honor Roll. She plans to attend either Ball State or Indiana University and is undecided on a major.

#14 - Danae Lengacher, daughter of Norm and Linda

Lengacher. Danae played four seasons of basketball for Woodlan, four years of volleyball, and four years of softball. She is a National Honor Society member and is a Junior Achievement economics teacher at Woodburn Lutheran School. She plans to attend Indiana University and study law.

#30 - Caity Neal, daughter of Craig and Rhonda Neal. Caity played four years of basketball, two years of volleyball, and four years of softball. She is a member of the Woodlan Service Club and plans to attend Ivy Tech and major in Physical Therapy.

#40 - Hannah Koeneman, daughter of Mike and Linda Koeneman. Hannah played basketball for four seasons and volleyball for four seasons. She has been a member of Student Council for three years and the Honor Society

for two years. She is active in the St Paul Lutheran youth group. She would like to study physical therapy or biology in college.

Manager - Brooke Jackson, daughter of Linda and Patrick Swann and Tim Jackson. This was Brooke's first year as manager. She participated in cheerleading for one year, ran cross-country for three years, and run track for four years. She has been a member of the Woodlan Service Club for three years and a member of the Spirit of Woodlan Marching Band for four years. Brooke would like to study physical therapy in college and run cross-county and track.

Manager - Langleigh Wentz, daughter of Mark and Renee Wentz. Langleigh played basketball for two seasons before becoming a manager for two years. She played three years of volleyball, one year of club soccer, and four years of softball. She has been in Show Choir for four years, been secretary of her class for four years and on Student Council for four years. She is a National Honor Society member, serving as vice-president her junior year and president this year. She has had major roles in the school musical all four years and was the Homecoming Queen for 2007. She is a Sterling Sentinel nominee in vocal music and plans to attend IPFW to major in Elementary Education with a minor in music.

Woodlan High School was honored by the IHSAA (Indiana High School Athletic Association) with the IHSAA Sportmanship Award for 2006-2007. Woodlan was one of just 104 Indiana High Schools to be honored and now joins an elite group of only 72 high schools in the state to receive the annual Sportsmanship Award multiple times. The commemorative banner serves as a tribute to the good sportsmanship, citizenship, and character displayed by the players, coaches, and fans of Woodlan High School. The banner was presented to the Woodlan cheerleaders and Woodlan Athletic Director Dennis Miesle.

Woodlan fell behind early against Southern Wells and fought hard to comeback, but the Raiders pulled it out in the final period to take a 58-54 win over the Warriors in the home finale for girls' basketball. Southern Wells took the early lead and built a 16-9 cushion after the first period. Woodlan trimmed the Raider lead to just a single point, 27-26, at half-time. Danae Lengacher had 11 of her game high 21 points in the quarter, including 3 three-pointers, to help the Warriors carve into the lead. Both teams played even in the third quarter and Southern Wells was up 38-37 heading into the final 8 minutes. Woodlan caught Southern Wells at 47-47 for the first of 3 ties and 4 lead changes in the final period. Southern Wells sank 8 free throws and Nikki Bunch scored 3 field goals for the Raiders to regain the lead over Woodlan and finish with the ACAC win.

Southern Wells - Killingbeck 15, Penrod 14, M Prible 12, Bunch 8, K Prible 7, Lewellen 2

Woodlan - Lengacher 21, H Koeneman 11, Carver 9, Hogue 5, Emehiser 2

**WAYNE TRACE WRESTLING CLUB PLACE AT NAPOLEON WRESTLING TOURNAMENT**

The Wayne Trace Wrestling Club placed 16 out of 19 wrestlers that they entered in the Napoleon Wrestling Tournament, held at the Napoleon High School on February 17.

There were approximately 300 wrestlers from Ohio and Indiana. Worth Clark, James Coyne, Tyler Showalter, and George Clemens III all placed first for the Raiders.

Austin Pierce, Kameron Bevis, Brendan Dingus, and Jacob Blair all placed second.

Placing third was Nate Showalter, Max Rassman, Anthony Rooks, Justin Pierce, Aaron Miller and Nick Blair.

Placing fourth was Trevor Domina and Jacob Dingus.

In addition, Grant Bauble attended the Oregon Clay tournament in Toldeo and placed first.

**WAYNE TRACE JR HIGH WRESTLERS COMPETE IN DISTRICTS**

Three Wayne Trace wrestlers - Joe Stahl, Myranda Stahl and Tyler Arnett competed in the North West District held at Bowling Green State University, on February 17th, 2008.

Tyler Arnett, 146lb, defeated Skyler Mcintire 9-7 in his first match and then was defeated by Nathan Rosenberger 9-1. Arnett finished out the day with a loss to Tanner Harper 9-2. Both of Arnett's losses were to State Qualifiers.

Myranda Stahl, 138lb, lost her first match to Sam Viengmany 9-4. She won her second match by pinning Dwight

**A NEW PAGE IN ARCHER SPORTS**



At the Wauseon Invitational - Front row (kneeling): Jonathon Hudson, Chase Marroquin. Back row (standing): Coach Brian Yenser, Jarett Bute, Dallas Smallwood, Jordan Laker, Coach Robert Kennedy, Coach Jake Reuille

Antwerp has started a wrestling club. The club competed in its first meet on January 27, 2008 at Wauseon Invitational. In its debut, the club had several wrestlers that were successful. Six wrestlers competed and five of them placed in their weight divisions.

Here are the following players that placed:

Dallas Smallwood - 1st place; Jordan Laker - 2nd place; Jonathan Hudson - 2nd place; Jarett Bute - 3rd place;

Chase Marroquin - 3rd place.

While Alton Lopez didn't place, he was very competitive in his weight class. Keep your eyes open for more news from the Archer Wrestling Club.

caption: At the Wauseon Invitational - Front row (kneeling): Jonathon Hudson, Chase Marroquin. Back row (standing): Coach Brian Yenser, Jarett Bute, Dallas Smallwood, Jordan Laker, Coach Robert Kennedy, Coach Jake Reuille

Franklin in :53. She then lost her last match to Jason Bintz, who went on to place 4th and qualify for State.

Joe Stahl, who wrestled in the 102lb weight class, was in one of the toughest weight classes of the district. Stahl lost his first match to Skyler Holmes, in a close match, 6-4. After the loss, Stahl needed to win his next five matches in order to qualify for State. In the first round, Stahl received

a bye. In the second match, Stahl beat Dalton Smith, 2-1. In the third round, Stahl defeated Ryan Widmer, 3-0. In the fourth round, Stahl defeated Nate Breuer, 3-0. In the fifth round, Stahl came up against Liberty Center's Luke Kern, a returning state qualifier. Stahl wrestled a tough match, but lost 7-1. Stahl finished the tournament by placing in the top eight.

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**PAULDING VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>**

Paulding Village Council met in Regular Session on February 4, 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 and Solicitor Jones were also present.

Rife motioned to approve the minutes of the January 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting, seconded by Sutton. Vote: all yea.

Ordinance 1370-08 re: An Ordinance Approving, Adopting and Enacting American Legal Publishing's Ohio Basic Code, 2008 Edition, as the Code of Ordinances for the Municipality of Paulding, Ohio, and Declaring an Emergency, was read for the first time. Jeffery motioned to declare an emergency and suspend the rules for the legislation, seconded by Breedlove. Vote: all yea. Daeger motioned to approve the legislation, seconded by Sutton. Vote: all yea.

Resolution 1213-08 re: A Resolution Authorizing Payment to All Purpose Contracting, Inc, Delphos, Ohio for the Construction of an 8" Water Line across State Route 111 along County Road 103 Pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding Entered into by the Village of Paulding, Ohio on April 5, 2007, was read for the first time. Rife motioned to suspend the rules, seconded by Jeffery. Vote: all yea. Sierer motioned to approve the legislation, seconded by Breedlove. Vote: all yea.

Sierer noted two Park Board recommendations presented at the January 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting had not been approved. The following action was taken:

1) 2008 Pool Admission Rates. Breedlove motioned to approve increasing pool

admission for children from \$2 to \$3, seconded by Jeffery. Vote: all yea.

2) Designating Stokley Ponds as a Village Park. Wiebe requested Council not lose sight of the original intent of the ponds. He noted the ponds were donated to the Village for potential use as sewer lagoons. Solicitor Jones requested Wiebe provide him with a copy of the deed for his review before proceeding with the designation.

Sierer presented the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting that took place January 28<sup>th</sup>. The following items were discussed:

—The Raw Water Valve is now operational. It needs to be insulated and painted.

—The Pilot Study should begin later this week.

—The new Elevated Tank has a few items to be completed on its punch list.

—Reviewed various renderings of the outside of the new water plant. Council requested Winners obtain a cost analysis for each plan.

Tope presented a request from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control to transfer Rite-Aid's liquor license to their new facility. Sutton motioned to approve Rite-Aid's liquor license transfer without a hearing, seconded by Breedlove. Vote: all yea.

Tope also encouraged Council members to attend the Auditor of State's Local Government Officials' Conference scheduled for March 26-28<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor White relayed Mayor's Court collected \$2,593 for the month of January 2008. He also requested Council's approval to appoint Jim Durre as Zoning Inspector. Daeger motioned to approve Jim Durre as Zoning Inspector, seconded by Jeffery. Vote: all yea.

Wiebe drew Council's attention to several documents he had placed in their packets: 1) two news articles regarding the MRBPLG organization,

2) correspondence sent by Poggemeyer Design Group to Brent Stansbury of Maguire Iron regarding incomplete elevated tank items,

3) correspondence sent to Dennis Miller of the Maumee Valley Planning Organization regarding the Land & Water Conservation Fund grant application,

4) a copy of an Ordinance 1144-96 regarding the demolition of insecure and unsafe buildings located within the Village.

Wiebe also presented the Administrator's Agenda. The Agenda contained the following four items:

—Request for the Village to be a part of the MRBPLG organization.

—Correspondence received from Porter Sanitation regarding the Village's intention to extend the Solid Waste agreement for another year.

—A copy of Change Order #1 for the Flatrock Drive Waterline Replacement project reflecting the additional material cost to install an 8" line.

—Request to authorize three water, sewer, and refuse assessments.

Jeffery motioned to approve the Administrator's Agenda, seconded by Rife. Vote: all yea.

Tom Diaz, Park's Board representative, was present to request new locks be placed on the fences at the Stokley Ponds to prohibit trespassing on Village property.

Daeger noted that according to the newspaper clippings Wiebe provided to Council, the Maumee River Basin Partnership of Local Governments (MRBPLG) is seeking support from legislators to fund EPA mandated projects. The articles note that several entities have been forced to drastically increase utility rates in order to upgrade their water and sewer systems to comply with the EPA. The articles also state that EPA standards continue to be more stringent without proving how the increased standards will benefit the health of the public. Daeger noted that water produced to EPA standards 10 years ago would no longer acceptable by the EPA today.

Mayor White invited Council members to attend the Paulding Chamber of Commerce's banquet on Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

Jeffery motioned for Solicitor Jones to continue negotiations with Maguire Iron, seconded by Rife. Vote: all yea.

The following Committee meetings were scheduled:

—Ordinance Committee - Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

—Street Committee - Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

—Safety Committee - Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

—Grounds & Buildings Committee - Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

—Salary & Allowance Board - Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

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

Sutton motioned to adjourn, seconded by Daeger. Vote: all yea.

**DAWN SMITH FILED PETITION FOR PAULDING COUNTY RECORDER POSITION**

Smith, a life-long resident of Paulding County is the daughter of Richard and Gertrude (Klein) Carnahan of rural Oakwood, Auglaize Township. Dawn, along with her husband Robert, raised their two children on a portion of the Klein farm that has been in the family for more than five generations.

Dawn has more than 17 years of real estate title research that brings her to the county Recorder offices throughout Northwest Ohio. Smith is currently the President of the Paulding County Republican Women. She is a member of the Simply Speaking Toastmasters as well as an alumnus of the Jo Ann Davidson Ohio Leadership Institute and a supporter of the Christian Home Educators of Paulding County.

Dawn, along with her family, enjoy the bluegrass bands that perform at the Oakwood Bluegrass Opry Barn operated by Steve Scott, where Smith can often be seen "2-steppin" with her Godmother Mary Keller. The Smiths have also enjoyed the draft horse drawn wagon rides hosted by the Grafts in Washington Township. Just across the road is the Thorn Bottom Hunting Preserve, orchestrated by the Dysingers, that offers exciting hunts and clay shooting. Gloria Craig's Emerald Forrest Pottery over in Emerald Township is a super place to pick up high quality pottery and meet even more talented artists from the county. Speaking of artists, Jim Mullen (Charloe area) has painting classes as well as archery equipment. When your hunger demands attention Uncle Fudd's in Melrose will definitely satisfy. Recalling the concern many people had when the A&W Drive-In changed hands in Antwerp; all worries have vanished with the dedication of the Barkers. There's a fellow over in Paulding Township, Kenny



Thomas, who's a pretty good joke teller and fine dancer too. The Vances have donated countless hours of hard work to the Flatrock Festival that thousands have enjoyed held at our much loved fairgrounds. The Smiths have enjoyed the company of some great neighbors, Ron and Susie Carder, around a few backyard campfires.

This is only a short list of the many establishments and hard working, generous and loving people that the Smiths have visited throughout the county and are full of pride knowing that their county, Paulding, supports them.

Your support in the March primary and the November general elections will enable her to give back to the county she loves.

**PAULDING COUNTY RELAY FOR LIFE KICKOFF COVERS MUCH GROUND**



The Paulding County Relay for Life Committee recently held its annual Rally/Kickoff at the Paulding Eagles. The purpose of the Rally is to have team captains come in and register their teams and to get a jump start on fund-raising for the upcoming Relay for Life event. Several teams attended this year to get started

on their fund-raising. Events included dinner, a live auction, 50/50, karaoke, Mary Kay, Tastefully Simple and many other team fund-raisers. The event was a huge success! For more information on the 2008 Relay for Life please contact co-chairs Karen Saxton at 419-399-3777 or Shannon Schilt at 419-399-5921.

**ODOT REMINDS MOTORISTS: "DON'T CROWD THE PLOW"**

COLUMBUS—With snow forecast for much of the state, the Ohio Department of Transportation is reminding motorists to give snowplow trucks room to work.

Snowplow trucks plow far and wide—sometimes very wide. The front plow extends several feet in front of the truck and may cross the road's center line and shoulder. To avoid vehicle damage, motorists should not tailgate or travel beside a plow for long periods of time.

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Motorists drive in ice and snow so few days out of the year it's easy to forget what is safe and what is not. Some tips for driving near a snowplow include:

—Don't Crowd the Plow: A snowplow driver's field of vision is restricted. You may see them, but they don't always see you.

—Watch for Clouds of Snow: Snowplows can throw up a cloud of snow that can reduce your visibility to zero

in less time than you can react.

—Keep Lights and Windows Clear: Clear snow from your vehicles's windows and lights, and drive with your lights on.

Motorists can learn about closures and delays before leaving home or work by logging on to [www.buckeyetraffic.org](http://www.buckeyetraffic.org). The site was recently upgraded to include the latest mapping technology, allowing motorists to view road conditions, construction information, live traffic cameras, and events that may affect their travel.

During winter months, travel conditions can change from mile to mile, minute to minute, so it's also up to drivers to exercise caution to keep Ohio's highways safe.

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# PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS

## MARCH 2008 NEWSLETTER



### SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of the Paulding Exempted Village Schools,

February has been a strange month for weather with delays or cancellations for snow, fog and flooding. The decision to delay or cancel school is difficult, but is always based on the safety of our students. We have decided to move the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> grading period to March 14 to allow teachers and students more time for assessment. Make-up days are now scheduled for March 25, May 22, May 23, May 27 and May 28. Graduation is still scheduled for Sunday, May 25 at 2:30 p.m. I am hopeful the bad weather is behind us and we can have an uneventful spring.

March is a very busy month for our students. The sophomores will be taking the Ohio Graduation Tests beginning March 10. I am confident that our staff has prepared the students well for these high stakes tests. If you would like more information about preparing for these tests, check out this great Ohio Department of Education website at <http://portal.success-ode-state-oh-us.info>, and click on OGT.

Our high school students will be presenting the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical *State Fair* under the direction of Jayne Smiley, Ruby Crossland, and Sandy Dobbelaere on March 7 and 8 at 8:00 p.m. I can't think of a better way to beat the winter blahs than attending a great musical production showcasing the many talented students in our district. Many of these same students will be participating in the Ohio Music Education Association Large Group Contest at Van Wert High School on March 14 or 15. Our choir is under the direction of Dave Clapsaddle and the band is under the direction of Jonathan Chesman.

Speaking of talented students, the academic extracurricular activities at Paulding Exempted Village Schools offer many of our brightest students excellent opportunities for enrichment. The middle school recently held a great Science Fair under the direction of LeeAnn Favorito. Our Varsity Engineering Team ranked 4<sup>th</sup> out of 40 teams and the JV team ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in their division at regional competition held at Ohio Northern University. Both teams are anxiously awaiting state competition results and are coached by Krisi Williams. Our Science Olympiad Teams from middle school and high school will be participating in regional competition on March 1, hoping to extend their string of 20 consecutive state qualifications. These teams are coached by Krisi Williams, Angel Perry, and Bill and Marilyn Gangwer.

I am very proud of the academic opportunities available at Paulding Exempted Village Schools and know these opportunities would not be possible without the great support of parents, teachers and the entire school community. You are creating a great academic experience for the children of our district.

Pat Ross

### NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPALS

**Paulding Elementary-Martin Miller**  
Paulding Elementary students and staff are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the month of March and the beginning of Spring. We are also looking forward to the completion of the 3<sup>rd</sup> nine week grading period March 14. Grade cards will be sent home with students Wednesday, March 19.

During the past month, the following students were recognized for their outstanding Positive Behavior: **Kindergarten:** Alec Shull, Bobby Scott, Madison Thompson; **Grade 1:** Harley Boger, Courtney Luderman, Hailey Harris; **Grade 2:** Alexis Griffith, Shayde Gillespie, Stephanie Habern; **Grade 3:** Laramie Patrick, James Mourey; **Grade 4:** Victoria Meadows, Jordan Shull, Zach Buchman; **Grade 5:** Brad Crawford, Emily Pastor, Sam Frolich

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

learning environment: **Grade 1 teacher-**Mrs. McMichael-nominated by Cassie Bishop; **Grade 3 teacher-**Mrs. Karzynow-nominated by Chantal Monnier; **Library Aide-**Mrs. Wilhelm-nominated by Taylor Manz; **Elem. Aide-**Mrs. Vance-nominated by Clay Dockery

February Student of the Month was awarded to Cade McGarvey. Cade earned 12 PAWS cards for demonstrating positive behavior with our character trait word program.

### Oakwood Elementary-Jennifer Manz

We are definitely looking forward to spring, or at least a little warmer temperatures, here at Oakwood Elementary! It seems like we have not been able to go outside for recess in forever! Please remember, as we anticipate nicer weather in the next month or so, coats are worn outside for recess until it is at least 60°.

We have completed our Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences, and we want to thank all of the parents who attended. We truly value the interest and concern parents have for the education of our children. When communication lines between home and school are open and direct, a student has the support system in place to be successful. Please continue to encourage your child to stretch and grow to master the concepts set for each grade level by the State of Ohio.

Oakwood Elementary held a fund raiser over the past week. Thank you to all who purchased Elder-Beerman coupon booklets for the Community Day Sale on March 1. The money earned from this fund raiser will be used for rewards, assemblies and classroom materials – the special extras that enhance our children's education.

The sixth graders will be meeting with Mr. Stallkamp and Mrs. Langhals early in March to discuss scheduling for 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Our sixth graders have been excellent leaders and role models for our school so far this year, and we are confident they will be a positive addition to Paulding Middle School next year.

March brings us the end of the third quarter, spring pictures, spring break, Read Across America Day and Music-In-Our-Schools Month. On March 5, in a special celebration of reading, our students have been invited to walk to the Cooper Community Library where community members will be on hand to read to them. Our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade choir will get to perform joint concerts with students at Paulding Elementary to celebrate Music-In-Our-Schools.

Our PTO Carnival is on Saturday, March 1, from 4:30 to 7:00. All of you are invited to join us for a couple hours of fun, games, and prizes! If you are interested in placing a Scrip order with our PTO, please contact Deedi Miller here at school (419-564-3346).

### Middle School-David Stallkamp

Hello from Paulding Middle School.  
What a month this has been with all the weather closings and delays. We are trying very hard to catch up to where we were before this month hit.

Our winter sports have finished and we are very proud of all the athletes, coaches, cheerleaders and fans for another season. The awards ceremony for boys and girls basketball, cheerleading and wrestling was held on February 25. Congratulations to all involved with these events.

Congratulations also to 8th grader, Audra Philpot who placed third in this year's Paulding County Spelling Bee held on February 11 at Oakwood Elementary.

Progress reports for the third nine weeks have gone home and the third nine weeks grading period will be extended by one week to compensate for missing days of school. It will now end on March 14. It's hard to believe that the last quarter of school will be starting in three very short weeks.

We had 25 projects this year in our local Science Fair. These projects were judged after this writing, so the names of those advancing to Districts will be in next month's letter. Thank you to all that participated and a big THANK YOU to 7th grade teacher, Mrs.

LeeAnn Favorito, for supervising this event and doing all the planning. Great job.

### High School-Todd Harmon

Paulding High School is proud of the efforts of our winter sports teams. Brian Porter, Kevin Mumma and Dustin Carnahan represented the wrestling program last weekend at Owens Community College for Districts and we hope to see them advance to state competition. Our girls varsity basketball team had a run for play-offs end but the girls were very impressive with a staunch defense that put them past the first round. Thanks to senior girls Tiffany Razo, Julie Koenn, Abby Gross and Jessica Carnahan for being positive role models and representing what Paulding Pride is all about. The boys varsity basketball team defeated Montpelier and will play Archbold on Friday-good luck to our senior boys Chris Britt, Jacob Perl, Jared Riley, Jordan Philpot and Zack Stallkamp. The Jazz band will be having a classy fundraiser with jazz music and dinner February 23 for our band's trip to Florida in April. Paulding High School will be hosting a motivational speaker and hypnotist. Dr. Jim Wand, nationally known hypnotic entertainer, will be performing at Paulding High School March 4 at 7:30 pm. Dr. Wand does over 250 performances coast to coast each year and has worked with Jay Leno, Chris Rock, and Larry The Cable Guy. Tickets will be available at the door, students \$8 and community members \$10. The show is appropriate for all ages, is fast moving and tastefully done.

Good Luck to the Engineering team and thanks to Krisi Williams and Angel Perry for helping those students.

Reminder to parents that OGT testing will be March 10-14. Graduation from high school is dependent upon successful passage of ALL 5 sections (Math, Reading, Writing, Social Studies and Science). **Juniors and seniors not taking the tests will have a two-hour delay each day on March 10-14 and must find alternate transportation, as only the regular bus routes will be run.** Any student unable to make other arrangements may ride the regular bus route and report to study hall until testing is finished. Please make sure your child gets plenty of rest. Daily attendance is very important.

February 19-22 our FFA students celebrated FFA Week with a different activity each day: Tuesday-Favorite Tractor Apparel Day; Wednesday-Tractor Drive-In/Carhartt Day; Thursday-Teacher Appreciation/FFA Attire Day; and Friday-Truck Drive-In Day.

### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Fall backwards; spring forward. Daylight savings time begins on March 9, 2008 at 2:00 a.m. this year. Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour.

### FREE PRESCHOOL SCREENING FOR CHILDREN AGES 0-5

A countywide preschool screening will be offered Friday, March 14, 2008 at the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Paulding from 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Please call 1-800-686-2964, ext. 1115 to pre-register. A limited number of walk-ins will be available.

### KINDERGARTEN CLINIC

The Kindergarten Clinic at Paulding Elementary will be held on Monday, April 21 and Tuesday, April 22 (enter at Water Street entrance). The Kindergarten Clinic at Oakwood Elementary will be on Friday, April 25 (enter by flagpole). (The "Kindergarten Round-Up" that was held in past years will **not** be held this year.) Kindergarten will be open to any child who is five years of age on or before August 1, 2008. An appointment is required so please call Paulding Elementary at 419-399-4656, ext. 1312, or Oakwood Elementary at 419-594-3345, ext. 1412.

### PHS DRAMA PRODUCTION

The PHS Drama Department will be performing the Rodgers and Hammerstein's Broadway version of "State Fair" March 7 and March 8 at 8:00 p.m. in the auditoria. Step back in time, to when life was much simpler by attending this comical "coming of age" classic that follows the experiences of the Frake family at the Iowa State Fair in 1945. See you at the fair!

### READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY

Please join NEA in celebrating "Read Across America" Day on March 3 and take time to read with a child. The nationwide reading celebration takes place each year in honor of beloved children's author Dr. Seuss, who epitomizes a love of learning. Dr. Seuss's use of rhyme makes his books an effective tool for teaching young children the basic skills they need to be successful. Choose a favorite book or introduce a new book. Your Media Center is a great resource. Please see Mrs. Williams if you need assistance finding an appropriate book for your child.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The school district has received federal IDEA-B funds for special education services. Public comment is encouraged and information is available. Contact Tillman Karl, Director of Special Education.

### PAULDING ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

The Athletic Boosters will be selling 2008-09 300 Club tickets (\$25) from April 1-June 30 as well as Maroon and White Club memberships (\$10). Please contact Rosie Sholl, Jackie Pease, Linda Dangler, Patti Bissell, Rainell Koenn, Debbie Carter, Bridget Rupert, Rocky Dangler, Heather Becker, Jen Wiswell, or Jill Breedlove. The Athletic Boosters appreciate all your support in helping our Panther Athletes. GO PANTHERS!!

### ATHLETIC CALENDAR

<b>Boys/Girls Track</b>		
Mar. 29 Early Bird@Napoleon		12:00
<b>JV Baseball</b>		
Mar. 31 Lima Shawnee-T		5:00
<b>Varsity Baseball</b>		
Mar. 31 Lima Shawnee-H		5:00
<b>JV/Varsity Softball</b>		
Mar. 31 Lima Shawnee-T		4:30

### DISTRICT CALENDAR EVENTS

Mar. 1	SAT Tests	
Mar. 1	FFA State Ag Sales-Columbus	
Mar. 1	FFA State Evaluations-Plain City	
Mar. 1	Oak PTO Carnival	4:30-7:00
Mar. 3	Sci. Olym. Bstr Mtg-Aud	7:00
Mar. 4	Oak JH Scheduling for 6th Graders	
Mar. 5	FFA Officer Mtg.	7:00 a.m.
Mar. 5	Oak Visits Cooper Comm. Library	
Mar. 5	Athletic Booster Meeting	7:00
Mar. 5	CHURCH NIGHT	
Mar. 6	ASVAB Test-Cath Ed Center	7:40
Mar. 7-8	State Fair Musical-Auditeria	8:00
Mar. 9	Daylight Savings Time	2:00 am
Mar. 10	FFA Chapter Meeting	7:00
Mar. 10-14	OGT Test-Gr 10/Pract. Test-Gr 9	(2-hour delay for JRS/SRS not taking tests)
Mar. 12	Oak Staff Health Fair	
Mar. 12	Oak February Student/Month Lunch	
Mar. 12	CHURCH NIGHT	
Mar. 13-14	Pldg Staff Health Fair	
Mar. 13	FFA District Ag Mechanics	
Mar. 14	End of Third Nine Weeks	
Mar. 14	FFA Officer Applications Due	
Mar. 14	Preschool Screening	12-4:00
Mar. 14	Dist Choir Contest-Niswonger Performing Arts Center-VVHS	8:00
Mar. 15	Dist Band Cont-VVHS Gym~8:00	
Mar. 16	PALM SUNDAY	
Mar. 17	St. Patrick's Day	
Mar. 17-20	OGT Make-Up Test Week	
Mar. 17-18, 20, 24-25, 27	Master Dr. School	
Mar. 18	FFA District 1 Inv.-Wauseon	
Mar. 18-21	Washington, D.C. History Trip	
Mar. 18	Board Meeting-Adm Bldg	7:00
Mar. 19	Grade Cards Sent Home	
Mar. 19	FFA Officer Meeting	7:00 a.m.
Mar. 19	CHURCH NIGHT	
Mar. 20	Oak Spring Pictures	
Mar. 20	FFA Dist. 4 Spring Contest-Celina	
Mar. 21	GOOD FRIDAY-NO SCHOOL	
Mar. 21	FFA Bsktball Marathon-PayneElem	
Mar. 23	EASTER SUNDAY	
Mar. 24	NO SCHOOL	
Mar. 25	M.S. Spring Pictures	
Mar. 24	Band Bstr Mtg-Band Room	7:00
Mar. 26	Oak/PE 5th/6th Gr Choir Concert @ P.E.	2:00
Mar. 26	FFA Officer Interviews	2:45-5:30
Mar. 26	CHURCH NIGHT	
Mar. 27	Oak/PE 5th/6th Gr Choir Concert @ Oak	2:00
Mar. 28-29	Nat. Honor Soc. Trip-Chicago	
Mar. 29	Quality Assur.-Ext Center	10:00-12



Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative, Inc. recently recognized these employees for their dedication and years of service. Front row: Alan Kohart - 15 yrs, Tom Man-

gette - 10 yrs, Jeff Ferris - 20 yrs. Back row: George Carter - 20 yrs, Fred Pieper - 15 yrs., Rusty Rager - 20 yrs. Missing from photo: Jess Landrum - 35 yrs.

**UPCOMING EVENTS AT WOODBURN BRANCH LIBRARY**

**Family Night at the Library** - Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25, 2008, 6:30 p.m. Bring the family and join us at the library for stories, games, and crafts.

**SMART START STORYTIME** - Fridays, March 7, 14, 21, 28, 10:30 a.m. Each program features finger plays, songs, stories of various lengths and crafts.

**PAWS to Read** - Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20, 27, 6:30 p.m. Meet Wilson our trained and certified dog and his owner.

**Yarn Lovers Gathering** - Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20, 27, 2008, 3:30 p.m. Do you knit or crochet? Do you want to learn one of these crafts? We have people that can get you started and people that can teach you new techniques. Crafting is more fun when you do it with friends.

**Beginning Internet Instruction** - By Appointment Only. Adults we will be glad to show you how our new on-line catalog works, along with ways to use the Internet. Call for an appointment.

**Missing pictures? We have a stack of pictures here at West Bend News from previous publications.**

**ANTWERP VETS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE FIRST MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 16, 2008**

The positions of chairperson, treasurer, and secretary, as well as other information-gathering roles for our committee were filled.

Our committee's mission is to create an all veterans memorial, including Civil War soldiers. The base of the existing Civil War statue, in Antwerp Memorial Park, has and continues to deteriorate and we feel the timing is perfect to repair/replace the base and incorporate the statue into a new commemorative design.

A letter to the County Commissioners, written previously to the meeting with regard to our project, generated a response from that agency. Commissioners have expressed an interest in viewing the Antwerp Memorial Park and have the desire to work towards a solution.

Several dozen local, as well as county citizens, have expressed interest in providing assistance with the project in one form or another.

Information pertinent to our project will be presented at our next VETS meeting March 5, 2008, 6:00 p.m. at Essen House. We invite the public to attend.

**PAYNE CUB SCOUTS AND BOY SCOUTS ANNUAL SCOUTING FOR FOOD**

Notice for the Payne community: On Saturday, 1 March, Payne Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts will distribute bags for their annual Scouting for Food Program to feed local, needy families.

Scouts will place a special bag on your front door, asking you to fill the bag with non-perishable food items. Place the bags, containing your donations, outside your front door the next Saturday morning, March 8. Scouts will retrieve the bags sometime that morning. There is a special difference this year.

Life Scout Jared Long is working on earning the rank of Eagle Scout. For his Eagle Scout Community Service Project, Jared has developed a "Green Flyer."

The "Green Flyer" is a tri-fold brochure. It is a guide of what families and individuals can do at home to conserve natural resources, save energy, help our environment, and save money. Each bag will contain a copy of the "Green Flyer." Please check the Scouting for Food bag for your copy.

The following businesses and organizations contributed to making Jared's Eagle Scout Community Service Project possible.

- Brett Electric: Ohio Electric Contractor
- Den Herder Funeral Home Inc.
- Fraternal Order of Eagle's #2405
- Kiwanis Club of Paulding County
- Order of the Eastern Star: Hesperian Chapter #281
- Payne Chamber of Commerce
- St James Lutheran Church Women of the ELCA

**PAULDING LIBRARY BOARD MAKES BUDGET CUTS**

The Board of Trustees of the Paulding County Carnegie Library has made some serious decisions regarding the library's budget. Prior to 2008, Ohio's public libraries were funded by the Local Library Government Support Fund (LLGSF) which was a percentage of the personal income tax. This funding has been frozen with zero growth since 2001. Ohio's new administration has changed the way libraries are funded. Now public libraries receive 2.2% of Ohio's general revenue fund. When Ohio's economy grows, so does the general revenue. But during these challenging economic times, libraries are facing a low, zero or negative growth rate. Therefore, the anticipated recovery to library funding is unlikely.

The library Board of Trustees have operated for the past six years by tightening spending and relying on limited reserves to meet expenditures with hopes that eventually library funding would not only be restored, but also experience growth. The Board has been committed to keeping library staff employed, not closing branches or cutting hours, and maintaining the highest standard of library service to patrons. However, the following decisions have been made.

-Effective March 1<sup>st</sup>, all library locations will close on Saturdays at noon.

-The board has decided to proceed with the process of

putting an operation levy on the ballot in November.

-The board regretfully has cancelled all continuing education activities except for Ohio Library Council conferences.

-Effective immediately there will be a hiring freeze on Library Page positions.

-A full-time position of youth service Library Clerk (left vacant by a recent resignation) will be replaced by two part-time employees.

The board and staff maintain their commitment to providing the highest standards of library service while at the same time operating in a fiscally responsible manner. The Paulding County Carnegie Library has operated since 1916 and currently serves the citizens of Paulding County through the historic Carnegie library in Paulding and branches in the villages of Antwerp, Oakwood and Payne. For more information about the library and library services contact Susan Pieper at 419-399-2032 or visit the library's website at www.pauldingcountylibrary.org.

**OSU EXTENSION TO HOST MORTALITY COMPOSTING CERTIFICATION TRAINING**

PAULDING, OHIO—The Ohio State University Extension Office of Paulding County and the Northwest Ohio Livestock Producers will be hosting an Ohio Livestock Mortality Composting Certification Training at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 6, 2008 in the Extension Building located on the Paulding County Fairgrounds.

Instructors for this training will be Glen Arnold, Ohio State University Extension Educator, and Dale Ricker, Ohio State University Extension Associate. This training session will certify an operator in composting approved livestock mortality species and is available to all Ohio livestock producers.

All who are interested in attending are asked to pre-register by Wednesday, March 5. To pre-register, call the Paulding County OSU Extension office at 419-399-8225.

**STUDENT DISPLAY AT ETECH STAE TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE**



Five students from Paulding Exempted Village Schools were part of a student display at the Etech State Technology Conference in Columbus, Ohio, on February 4,5, and 6. These students showcased the work they had done working with tablet pc's in the class-

room of Debra Paputsakis. They shared their expertise on the tablet pc with other teachers and school administrators throughout the state. Students attending were Audra Phlipot, Katie Kohart, Alex Knodel, Jack Meriwether, and Jared Ross.

**WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 2/27 THROUGH 3/4**

- Breakfast:*  
 2/27 - Pancakes or waffles, sausage, milk  
 2/28 - Egg/cheese omelet, toast/jelly, milk  
 2/29 - Turnover, milk  
 3/3 - Pizza, milk  
 3/4 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, milk  
*Lunch:*  
 2/27 - Walking taco, meat/cheese/lettuce/salsa, corn, peaches, milk  
 2/28 - Hot dog/bun, carrots/dip, chips/pretzels, sherbet, milk  
 2/29 - Bacon/cheeseburger sandwich, french fries, pears, milk  
 3/3 - Hot ham/cheese sandwich, green beans, apple-sauce, sugar cookie, milk  
 3/4 - Sloppy joe sandwich, smashed potatoes, mixed vegies, mixed fruit, milk

**GMC QUIZ LEAGUE COMPOSITE & WIN/LOSS SCORES**

- Antwerp: Composite total score - 532; Win/Loss - 12-2.  
 Ayersville: Composite total score - 418; Win/Loss - 5-9.  
 Edgerton: Composite total score - 284; Win/Loss - 4-10.  
 Fairview: Composite total score - 475; Win/Loss - 12-2.  
 Hicksville: Composite total score - 471; Win/Loss - 7-7.  
 Holgate: Composite total score - 234; Win/Loss - 3-11.  
 Tinora: Composite total score - 498; Win/Loss - 12-2.  
 Wayne Trace: Composite total score - 275; Win/Loss - 1-13.  
 GMC Scholastic Bowl tournament will take place Friday, March 7, 2008 at Northwest State Community College, Archbold from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**Village of Antwerp Tax Notice**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS FOR THE WEEK 2/27 THROUGH 3/4**

MS/HS - Breakfast  
 2/27 - Ham, egg & cheese croissant, juice, milk  
 2/28 - Mini pancakes, sausage, juice, milk  
 2/29 - Sausage gravy w/ biscuits, juice, milk  
 3/3 - Breakfast hot pocket, juice, milk  
 3/4 - Tator tots & cheese, sausage links, juice, milk  
 MS/HS - Lunch  
 2/27 - Idaho Nachos, bread stick or pepperoni pizza, corn, assorted fruit, milk  
 2/28 - Mandarin chicken, salad, garlic toast, assorted fruit, milk  
 2/29 - Bar-B-Que pork sandwich, cheddar munchers, assorted fruit, milk

3/3 - Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes w/gravy, bread or cheeseburger on a bun w/tator tots, fruit, milk  
 3/4 - Biscuits & gravy, tator tots, sherbet, assorted fruit, milk  
 Paulding Elementary  
 - Lunch  
 2/27 - Corn dog, vegetable, fruit cup, milk  
 2/28 - Ravioli, green beans, bread, fruit cup, milk  
 2/29 - Fish on a bun, au-gratin potatoes, fruit cup, milk  
 3/3 - Meatball hot pocket, vegetable, fruit cup, milk  
 3/4 - Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes w/gravy, bread, fruit cup, milk  
 Oakwood Elementary  
 - Lunch  
 2/27 - Breaded chicken on a bun, peas, fruit, milk  
 2/28 - Chili soup w/crackers, bread, fruit, milk  
 2/29 - Toasted cheese, corn, fruit, milk  
 3/3 - Hot dog on a bun, mixed vegetables, fruit, milk  
 3/4 - Ham & cheese on a bun, scalloped potatoes, fruit, milk

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**PART-TIME RECEPTION-IST** position open at the Animal Clinic of Paulding. Must have prior experience. Call for information at 419-399-2871 or send resume to 308 E. Jackson St. Paulding, OH 45891. 9-10p

**A&W ROOTBEER STAND** now accepting applications for car hops and kitchen help. To apply please call, 258-9341. 7-9

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**POOL, DECK Shuffleboard, Snooker and Quiz tournaments.** Entry deadline 3/19/08. Lynn Lichty. 7874 US 24, Antwerp, OH 45813.

**LOTS FOR RENT, HOMES** in Leinard's Manufactured Homes Community in Antwerp, 419-258-2710. tf

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**BLOW OUT WINTER SPECIAL:** Whispering Pines Apts. in Paulding. We have vacancies & we're looking for you! 2 bedroom apts for rent. First month's rent FREE with NO deposit for qualified applicants. 13 month lease & good references required. Basic cable TV included as well as trash pick up. Please call 419-399-2419, M-FRI, 8-4, weekends or after 4 call 419-399-3441 or 419-576-8117. 8-11

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**FOR SALE:** OLIVER - 1800 gas tractor - paint faded, \$4400.00. 419-587-3461. tf

**FORT DEFIANCE Antiques, 511 W. Second St., downtown Defiance across from Defiance County Courthouse. Hours Mon-Sat, 10:00-5:00, 419-782-6003. We buy estates—large & small. 6-18**

**BUYING OLD TOYS** - comics - coins - jewelry - watches - stamp collections - antiques - estates. 419-399-3353. 7-12p

**DEADLINES FOR CLASSIFIEDS IN THE WEST BEND NEWS IS MONDAYS @ 12 NOON!**

**ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOLS LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 2/27 THROUGH 3/4**

2/27 - Chili soup w/crackers or chicken nuggets, cheese fries, mixed fruit, cake, milk; PLUS: salad bar or pineapple crisp  
 2/28 - Tacos or burrito, diced potatoes, pretzels, peaches, milk; PLUS: salad bar or breadstick w/cheese cup  
 2/29 - Cheese pizza or chicken salad sandwich, celery sticks, pineapple, chips, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cook's choice  
 3/3 - Salisbury steak on bun or vegetable beef soup w/crackers, mixed fruit w/marshmallows, corn, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cook's choice  
 3/4 - Chicken fajita or assorted pizza, trail mix, salad, pineapple, milk; PLUS: salad bar or grapes

This is an opportunity to see some of the artistic talent from Paulding County. There is no charge.

**OSU EXTENSION AND PAULDING COUNTY FARM BUREAU TO HOST SAFETY PROGRAM**

PAULDING, OHIO—The Paulding County OSU Extension office and the Paulding County Farm Bureau will be co-hosting a farm machinery and equipment transportation safety program titled "Farm Transportation Safety and Regulations of the Road." The program will be held on Tuesday, March 18 in the Extension Building. The program will begin at 10:00 a.m. and be completed around 12 noon. The presenters include Larry Gearhart, Local Affairs Director for the Ohio Farm Bureau, Paulding County Sheriff Dave Harrow, and a representative of the Ohio Highway Patrol office. The program will focus on machinery and equipment transportation on local roads and highways, local law enforcement concerns and general motor vehicle guidelines and regulations.

If you have any questions regarding this program, contact the Paulding County OSU Extension office at 419.399.8225 or email at lops@shire.1@osu.edu

**"DESTINATIONS": AN ART SHOW**

**By: Sue Knapp**  
 Wayne Trace and Antwerp School have collaborated and will present an art show at Wayne Trace School on March 1 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. The exhibit will have artwork by students from the 4<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grades along with faculty and staff exhibits. Different choral groups will provide music and refreshments will be offered.

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**CITY OF WOODBURN  
MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY  
04, 2008**

Location: Woodburn City Hall. Date: February 04, 2008. Time: 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor Richard Hoepfner, Councilmen Mike Mason, Clarence Riechhart, Bob Zimmerman, Jim Norden, Ron Clegg, and Lesa Meadows.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge followed by the reading of the minutes, with no corrections.

Mayor Hoepfner stated if anyone is interested in going, there will be a meeting on Bill 1001 on February 26 at 7:00 p.m. at New Haven in the Police Training room.

Mayor would like to set goals for sewer project, getting signs made, and fixing curbs on Main Street. Councilman Reichhart stated the state will send someone to look at the curbs on Main street when the weather gets nicer. Mayor stated the wood may be donated for the new signs.

Lesla stated included in warrants was the payoff of the Ford F-350 in the amount of \$11,992.87. Councilman Riechhart made 1<sup>st</sup> motion to pay entire amount out of Riverboat fund, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Mason, all agreed, motion passed. Warrants were presented, totaling \$54,947.45, check #'s 5974-5995. Councilman Reichhart made 1<sup>st</sup> motion to pay all warrants, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Mason, all agreed, motion passed. A mailbox was damaged when plowing snow on Park Lane. Council agreed to replace.

Councilman Reichhart ask about the \$75,000.00 we are to receive from the Allen County Regional Water Sewer District for the Havenwood Bond portion of the Platter Parkway project. Lesa stated we should receive a check in the next couple weeks.

John reported a problem at the water plant; he thought it may be bad wires or the pump. M C Wheeler will be out this week to fix it.

Councilman Mason reported the ropes on the flags

at the police station have come undone; John will repair. Councilman Reichhart looked at the drain at the maintenance building and agrees it needs to be wider; maintenance will get some quotes. He is also going to speak with CMS about the roof leaking; will report at next council meeting.

Councilman Zimmerman would like to implement a plan of action for repairing the sewer problems. He would like to review the data, decide where to start and set a time frame to start. Mayor will ask Jim Lauer to attend the next council meeting. Councilman Zimmerman would also like to see Woodburn promoted, with new signs, flyers and through the web site.

Councilman Clegg would like to start the 401K this pay period. Lesa will start deductions. Mayor Hoepfner reported the children's home will be holding their auction on October 18, 2008 at the Woodburn community center, details will be announced at a later date. There was discussion on bringing back a festival to the city.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Lesa Meadows

**SALT AND SAFE DRIVING  
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COLUMBUS—With nearly 275,000 tons of salt on hand and more on the way, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) stands ready to battle the next winter storm.

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On average, ODOT uses 650,000 tons of salt each winter season. As of February 19, ODOT had used 600,000 tons of salt around the state.

Winter conditions call for different driving tactics. ODOT's message of "Ice and Snow... Take it Slow" means

slower speeds, slower acceleration, slower steering, and slower braking.

ODOT's highway safety experts say when it snows, use your head not your feet. Slow down for wet, snowy, or icy conditions; when visibility is poor; or when conditions are changing or unpredictable. Don't turn your vehicle into an 'off-road vehicle' by driving too fast for the conditions.

Motorists can learn about up-to-date closures and delays before leaving home or work by logging on to www.buckeyetraffic.org. The site was recently upgraded to include the latest mapping technology, allowing motorists to view road conditions, construction information, live traffic cameras, and events that may affect their travel.

During the recent February 12 snowstorm, Buckeye Traffic was hit more than 5 million times - the highest single-day usage in the site's history.

If the weather is bad, remember, Ice and Snow... Take it Slow... or Just Don't Go.

**SUSAN SIMPSON HOSTED  
NORTHWEST DISTRICT  
AUDITORS' ASSOCIATION  
MEETING**

Paulding County Auditor, Susan K. Simpson, was the host for the Northwest District Auditors' Association meeting held recently. The meeting was at Grant's Reception Hall near Antwerp with 15 counties in attendance from the NW District. There are 22 counties total in the NW District Auditors' Association and each county takes turns hosting these monthly meetings. There are normally nine meetings held throughout the year, not holding some meetings due to holidays and conference. Auditor Simpson advised that these meetings are structured to receive updates on legislative matters, educational training, and keeping in touch with other county auditors on county procedures and policies.

Auditor Simpson said, "These meetings are helpful and very important, especially to new county auditors. It allows for county auditors to exchange information, support, and keep up to date on the ever changing state regulations and policies. Since coming into office I have been able to receive a lot of assistance from neighboring county auditors as well as county auditors across the state. We are able to exchange ideas and information to help

support each other in fulfilling our vast job duties." The state also requires county auditors to attend continuing educational courses throughout their term in public office. The County Auditors' Association of Ohio, which is a statewide organization, offers various training courses to meet the needs for continuing education for county auditors. The state association also works with various legislators and organizations at the state level providing support and information for county auditors.

**INFORMATION FOR VOTERS FROM THE PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

The Board of Elections of Paulding County, Ohio, wishes to inform voters that the Presidential Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, the 4th day of March, 2008, at the following locations:

- Auglaize Twp - Fire House at SR 637 and RD 169;
- Benton Twp - Township House at SR 500 and RD 33;
- Blue Creek Twp - Haviland Community Center;
- Brown East & Oakwood and Brown West & Melrose - Oakwood Legion;
- Antwerp Village and Carryall Twp - St Mary's Center;
- Crane Twp & Cecil - Cecil Fire House;
- Emerald Twp - Township House at RD 133 and RD 218;
- Harrison Twp & Payne Village - Payne Legion Hall;
- Jackson Twp & Broughton - Township House at RD 126 and RD 131;
- Paulding Village 1, 2 and 3 - Co Extension Bldg at Fairgrounds;
- Latty Twp & Grover Hill - Township House, 204 E Jackson ST;
- Paulding Twp & Latty Village - Township House at SR 500 & RD 87;
- Washington Twp - Township House, SR 114 & RD 177

This is to choose delegates and alternates to the National Convention, to nominate party candidates for Representative to Congress (5th District), Justice of the Supreme Court (commencing 1-1-09 and 1-2-09), Judge of the Court of Appeals (3rd District) (commencing 2-9-09), State Representative (75th District), County Commissioner (commencing 1-2-09 and 1-3-09), Prosecuting Attorney, Clerk of Court of Common Pleas, Sheriff, County Recorder, County Treasurer, County Engineer, and Coroner, and to select members of the State and County controlling committees of political parties.

The Polls for the Election will open at 6:30 a.m., and remain open until 7:30 p.m. on March 4, 2008. Please VOTE and help make Paulding the county with the largest percentage of voter turnout in Ohio.

If you have any questions please stop in or contact the office at 105 East Perry Street, Paulding, 419-399-8230. Email address: paulding@sos.state.oh.us <mailto:paulding@sos.state.oh.us>

Office hours are 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday - Friday, through the election. In addition, the office will be open on Saturday, March 1 from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.



**WINTER IN PERSPECTIVE**

By: Angel Steiner

The dip in the mercury, the bite of the wind, the short daylight hours—all of these things can bring out the worst in people. You know what I mean. You may even be guilty. "Ooooh, I hate this cold!" "Why does it have to snow again?!" "How many days until spring?!" Sound familiar?!

For Bryce and I, we welcome the chilly months with open arms and anticipation. The crisp air feels so clean. The snow is so pure. The short days allow for more intimate times shared indoors with our family.

Bryce and I chose to get married on February 3, 1996. The high temperature that day was -3 degrees Fahrenheit and the low that night was -12 degrees. Now, why, you may ask did we want to get married in the dead of winter? Well, that's another story; ask me another time. But we have both always loved winter, so that will be the excuse for the sake of this story.

We hadn't been able to do much for our anniversary for the last two years (for obvious reasons) but this year we had an opportunity to get away that was "in our backyard".

We stayed at Lazy Island Lake. It is in the middle of nowhere (which was perfect for Bryce and I). Now, we don't have any nostalgic memories of Paulding County in years past, we have just recently called Paulding County our home. What I can tell you is that when we arrived at Lazy

Island Lake it was love at first sight. The landscape was coated in ice and snow. The sleeping trees were monstrous and mature. The lake was so picturesque with the island it took my breath away. We took a walk around the perimeter of the lake and found this gigantic rock that was probably a landmark. We saw animal trails all over the place. It was such a restful time.

The cottage at the lake is just a perfect place. Modern conveniences way out in the boonies—who woulda' figured? We had satellite, TV, a microwave, washer & dryer... We set up house—just the two of us (boy, was it strange fixing breakfast for only two instead of 6!) and let our imaginations soar. We pictured summer vacations and winter getaways for our whole family.

Riebersals, your Lazy Island Lake is a rare find, a true diamond in the rough.

**PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND DISMISSALS**

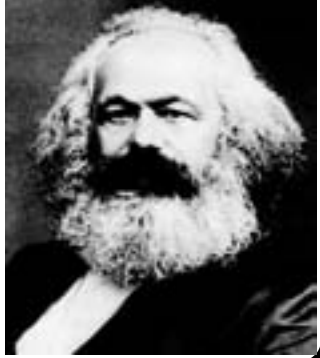
- Admissions:*  
2/21 - Edith Bradbury, Antwerp; Bernetia Verfaillie, Paulding; Brooklyn Bakle, Paulding  
2/23 - Doris Kohart, Payne  
2/24 - Daniel Rojas, Payne  
*Dismissals:*  
2/18 - Makayla Suffle, Paulding  
2/22 - Edith Bradbury, Antwerp; Brooklyn Bakle, Paulding



The area flood waters froze and then the water dropped leaving a very interesting effect on the trees.

**He advocated for the concept of an Income Tax...**

Karl Marx, one of the "Founding Fathers" of Communism, called for a "Heavy and Progressive Income Tax" in the 2nd plank of his Communist Manifesto. Nearly all Politicians and Police Officers in the United States today stand in full support of that Communist Principle.



Presented by Phillip Piersma

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