

PAYNE CHURCH OF CHRIST WELCOMES NEW PREACHER, DAN STAIFER



By: Sue Knapp

Payne Church of Christ welcomes Dan Staifer as their full-time minister, and his wife, Lori.

Dan and Lori moved into the parsonage the last of February and are looking forward to being involved with the community.

Dan and Lori came from a youth minister's job in North Carolina. Lori worked as a teacher's assistant, likes scrap booking, loves animals and eventually wants to become a stay-at-home mom. Dan plays acoustic guitar, likes history and likes to read. They have a pet guinea pig named Gilbert.

Dan's vision for the Payne Church is to create a community that would fulfill the needs of Payne's young and old alike with the Gospel of Jesus as the foundation.

Payne Church of Christ

service hours are Sunday 9:30 Worship Service, 11:00 Sunday School.

The Worship Service focus is coming together to connect with God and His Word and the Sunday School focus is to connect with each other.

You may contact Dan at 419-263-2092. The Church website will be up at the end of the month and the email address is dan@paynechurchofchrist.com or through his blog danstaifer.com

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FRIENDS OF PAULDING COUNTY CARNEGIE LIBRARY RE-ORGANIZE

A highly successful meeting of the "Friends of Paulding County Carnegie Library" was held on Tues., March 3, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the library's meeting room on South Main Street in Paulding.

The following officers were selected: Garey Conley, President; Larry Meadows, V-Pres.; Wanda Rohlf, Secretary, and Bernice Meadows, Treasurer.

Although an anonymous donor came through with the funds to run the library through this year, it was felt that by getting the "Friends" group up and going again, it could help make a difference at the library in many ways. A membership drive was deemed the most important item of business; and postal cards and grocery store flyers will be appearing yet this month.

The group agreed to host the Spring Book Sale. Watch for information concerning this sale in an upcoming issue of this newspaper.

If you would like more information, please visit the Paulding Carnegie Library website and click on the "Friends of Library" site. The next meeting is scheduled for March 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Paulding main library on S. Main Street.

Interested volunteers are asked to attend the meeting to give the officers input and ideas to promote the library. "To have a friend, you must be a friend," someone once said; and this group needs all the friends it can get! Please get involved in this worthwhile and important group.

—Cara L. Strahley,
"Friends" member

WOODBURN CITY HALL DATES OF CLOSING

The Woodburn City Hall office will be closed March 9-12 and will re-open for regular business hours on March 13, 2009. For water emergencies from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. call the maintenance building at 632-9911. After regular business hours contact you councilman or Mayor Hoepfner. This is only for true emergencies. If you have a question concerning your utility bill call City Hall at 632-5318 and leave a message. Your calls will be returned on Friday, March 13, 2009.

GRENDALL, BUEHRER WORK TO PROTECT THE LIVES OF UNBORN CHILDREN

Advocating on behalf of those who are unable to speak for themselves, State Senator Tim Grendell (R-Chesterland) and State Senator Steve Buehrer (R-Delta) today introduced a resolution urging the United States Congress not to pass the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA), a proposal that seeks to legalize on-demand abortions.

"The ongoing efforts to pass FOCA are an attempt on the part of extreme pro-choice advocates to prematurely end the debate on abortion," said Grendell. "This move is particularly unsettling given the fact that a vast majority of Americans do not support abortions and this practice can often have detrimental effects on women."

If adopted, FOCA would circumvent existing laws that are widely supported by Americans, such as requirements that licensed physicians perform abortions, fully-informed consent and parental involvement. This measure would also prohibit states from enacting similar protective measures in the future.

"FOCA is an attempt to undermine critical efforts at the state and federal level in recent years to stop the killing of innocent human life," said Buehrer. "I urge Congress to reject this dangerous and misguided policy, and I will continue my efforts to further pro-life causes in the General Assembly."

Having been introduced, the resolution will be assigned to a committee for further review.

PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS OFFICE CLOSING

The Paulding County Board of Elections office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, March 12 & 13 so that staff might attend the Elections Conference in Columbus, OH.

V.E.T.S. UPDATE



February 28, 2009 was our "New to You" gently used Jewelry Sale. The generous shoppers allowed us to add \$849.50 towards our Phase II project to build the Antwerp "ALL" Veterans Memorial.

All items for sale were donated by area residents. Most items sold for \$1.00, what a tribute to our generous donors. We had a wide variety of everything imaginable to offer. Folks even gobbled up a big tub of non-working watches!

We filled eight big tables and used both sides of the hallway. Can you believe it? We had shoppers from everywhere looking for a bargain. Well, they all got what they came for by the looks of their sacks and the tally at the end of the day.

V.E.T.S. will be participating at the village-wide two-day Garage Sale at Riverside Park on June 12-13, and all

donated jewelry left will be offered for sale. A Classic Car Cruise-In will follow on Saturday night from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

V.E.T.S. will continue to keep you informed of what we are doing next. It's time to "Raise The Flag" money meter at Riverside Park. It is all of you who participate, drop off donations, and support our cause that will be instrumental in building this memorial.

Donations may be sent to V.E.T.S. PO Box 742, Antwerp, OH 45813.

Note to Veterans: please turn in your honorable service documentation while it's on your mind. This includes active duty Veterans if you have a discharge from re-enlisting. Families of deceased or out of town veterans: please check with V.E.T.S. to be sure your loved ones are included.

* NOTICE *

Paulding County Township Association fish and chicken dinner to be held at the Extension Building at the fairgrounds on March 26, 2009. Serving from 5-7 pm. Tickets can be purchased at the door ~ Carry outs available.



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OBITUARIES

Linda S. Stewart, 67, of Fort Wayne, passed away March 2, 2009 at Parkview Hospital.

She was born in Hardy, Kentucky on July 13, 1941, the daughter of the late Jarvis S. and Ella Maude (Howard) Doan.

Linda worked at General Electric for 33 years where she was a member of the Elex Club and a union steward. Due to her employment at the FBI after high school, she received correspondence from Jackie Kennedy and J. Edgar Hoover.

She will be sadly missed by her daughters: Cindy (Ward) Moya and Julie Lynn Stewart; sons: Stephen C. and James E. all of Fort Wayne; sisters: Martha Farley of Xenia, OH, Kathleen Moore of Harpers Ferry, WV and Lena Ruth Scott of Columbus, OH; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by five sisters; and four brothers.

Her funeral service was at Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River St (U.S. 24), Antwerp on March 7, 2009. Rev. Rick Hawks officiated. She will be laid to rest at Diehl Cemetery, Woodburn.

Memorials are to the charity of your choice. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Edna "Mayfly" Green, 77, of Antwerp, passed away Thursday, March 5, 2009 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was born in Paulding, on April 28, 1931, the daughter of the late Clarence and Roxie (Bosworth) Potts.

Edna was a member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, the Kentucky Colonels, the National Campers & Hikers Assn., Clown Ministry and the Dana Retirees.

On June 16, 1949 she married Clair Green, who died Sept 9, 1997.

She will be sadly missed by her daughters: Brenda (Mick) Whitehouse of Antwerp, Jody (Halley) Wilson of Bellefontaine, Nancy (David) Rea of Anna; sons: Randy (Colleen) of Hicksville and Tony (Diane) of Antwerp; special friend, Harold Hasch of New Haven; sisters: Joy (Dave) Parsons of Carroll and Mary Ellen (Jake) Morse of Paulding; 14 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death are her sister, Fairy Kennedy; and brother, Eldon Potts.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Antwerp, on March 9, 2009 with Very Rev. G. Allan Fillman officiating.

Her family requests donations to Divine Mercy School. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Mary Patricia Lopez, 87, of Paulding, who fought three battles of cancer died peacefully Thursday, March 5, 2009 at the residence of her daughter Kim. She was surrounded with her family as she took her last living breath and will be remembered for her strength, determination and generosity.

She was born September 29, 1921 in Olivia, Texas the daughter of Victor and Eva (Torres) Ramirez. Mary was a long time resident of Paulding and an active participant of the Paulding Senior Center where she enjoyed the activities and friendships. She was a member of Divine Mercy Parish, and was very involved throughout her years with the St. Joseph Church, fund raising and helping to involve the Hispanic Community. She was formerly employed by Dana Weatherhead, Antwerp.

Three daughters survive her: Kim Lopez-Shearn, and Janette Gugi (Douglass) De-gen both of Elida, OH; Carmen (Joe) Fisher of Dewey, AZ; former husband and then heartfelt companion, Jose Lopez of Paulding; a brother, Daniel Ramirez of Colorado; a sister, Josephine Reyes of Paulding; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Her parents and a grandson preceded her in death.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted at 10:00 a.m. on March 14, 2009 at Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding, with Rev. G. Allan Fillman officiating. Burial will be in Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding.

Visitation will be 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. on March 13 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial made to Masses or American Cancer Society. Condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Margaret Rose Sanders, 87, of Paulding, died Sunday, March 8, 2009 at the Defiance Regional Medical Center Defiance, Ohio.

She was born on November 1, 1921 in Paulding, Ohio the daughter of Stephen and Vera (Jozsa) Santo. On May 28, 1949 she married Vincent H. Sanders, who survives.

She was a homemaker. She was a member of the Divine Mercy Catholic Parish of Paulding, Ohio, where she also belonged to the Alter and Rosary Society. She was one of the original members of the Paulding Bunco Club.

Surviving are her husband, Vincent Sanders of Defiance; two daughters: Sandra Sanders and Anita Gibson both of Paulding; four grandchildren: Candace Greiner, Mike Sanders, Grace Gibson and Krystal Miller; seven great-grandchildren: Drake, Dade, Deacon, Gage, Brayden, Raleigh and Alyssa.

She is preceded in death by her parents; two brothers: Stephen and Calvin Santo; three sisters: Rose Free, Betty Eaton and Mary Madarasa.

Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted 10:00 a.m. Thursday, March 12, 2009 at the Divine Mercy Catholic Parish Church of Paulding, Ohio. Rev. G. Allan Fillman will officiate. Burial will follow at Pleasant Grove Cemetery Paulding, Ohio. Calling at the DenHerder Funeral Home Paulding, Ohio on Wednesday, March 11, 2009 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. and one hour before services at the church from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. on Thursday morning.

Memorial donations to: Masses or the Brookview Health Care Center Activity Fund, Defiance, Ohio.

Condolences may be sent to: www.denherderfh.com

MELROSE UMC HOSTS SUPPER

Earl E. Marcom, 91, of Paulding died Sunday, March 1, 2009 at the Laurels of Defiance.

He was born on May 30, 1917 in Coffee County, TN the son of Edward and Zella (Long) Marcom. On June 4, 1948 he married Bernice L. Hand who preceded him in death on May 13, 2005. He was a production supervisor for 32 years at Grizzley Manufacturing, Paulding retiring in 1977. He was also a former boiler operator at the Marsh Foundation Home, Van Wert. He was a member of the First Christian Church, Paulding, the Paulding Eagles #2405, and a lifetime member of the Paulding Fish and Game Club. Earl was an avid fisherman as well as a pheasant and deer hunter.

He is survived by two granddaughters: Teresa (David) Cooper of Grabill, IN and Pamela (Bob) Verfaillie of Sherwood, OH; a daughter-in-law, Pat Marcom of Paulding; four great-grandchildren: Brittini Wrasman, Jennifer Bogan, Jason and Paul Steel; two great-great-grandchildren: Kaden and Grace Wrasman.

He is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Bernice; two sons: Paul Marcom in 1988 and "Jimmy" Marcom in 2004; two sisters: Winona Roessner and Cleo Campbell; and three brothers: Cecil, Oren, and Willard Marcom.

Funeral services were March 4, 2009 at the First Christian Church, Paulding with Rev. Gregory Bibler officiating. Burial was in Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to the First Christian Church, Paulding or to Caring Way Hospice, Defiance, OH. Condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

The Melrose United Methodist Church will be hosting a Bean and Cornbread Supper on March 18, 2009. The supper will be continuous from 4:00-7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

A variety of soups will be served along with ham and beans, sandwiches, pie, cake and beverages. Meal is by donation only.

MANNA FOOD NEIGHBORS HELPING UPDATE

Manna Food for Payne, Paulding, Scott, and surrounding area. Mail in orders must be post marked by March 28. After that they will not be processed. There is a questionnaire on the menu. Please fill this out as it will help to improve service. If you are short an item, please call Ralph Williams at 419-263-2083 or email me at ralphwilliams8@metalink.net before 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 16.

MANNA FOODS TO TAKE ORDERS AT ANTWERP LIBRARY

Manna Food Neighbor Helping Neighbor will be at Antwerp Library on Wednesday, March 18 to take orders. If you mail your order, it must be postmarked by March 28. After that date they will not be processed. In Woodburn, menus may be picked up at the Marathon and the library. In Antwerp, they can be picked up at Our Daily Bread Family Restaurant, Antwerp Pharmacy & Hardware, and the library.

Menus will be available on March 16 after 11:00 a.m. Check the questionnaire. Your opinion will help. If you are short an item, please call Ralph at 419-263-2083 before 5:00 p.m. on March 16.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I was recently in Menard's looking for a drill bit. I did the usual searching for the cheapest with the best quality. I looked at the "Made in" logo on my find: "China." Then my search quickly changed to a "Made in the USA" search. Every brand was made in China. Then I found at the top of the drill bit section, "Made in Montana USA." I then noticed this company had other components for drilling. An old fashioned USA company. The price actually was very comparable to the Chinese made brands.

Why do I tell you this story? It is finds like this that could save this country. No savior of a political party and no loud-mouthed radio host

is going to save this country. It is going to rest solely on our shoulders whether or not this country makes a comeback. From the tires you put on your vehicle to the clothes you put on your kids, please look for the USA logo. Whether you shop Wal-Mart, Meijer, Alco or anywhere, please consider the fate of this country with your purchases. It is going to take a huge leap of faith to bring back this country to where it needs to be.

Sorry to tell you this, your party and their party isn't going to save the country. Your party and their party drives on propagated chaos. And within chaos lies opportunity. What the heck does that mean?! It means the two party system is a joke and only wrecks havoc on this country. It has destroyed America and each party seeks their fortune with our loss.

So the next time you are making a purchase, please consider looking for the USA logo. It just might save your neighbor's job or it just might create a new job. If this country is going to survive, we are going to have to start acting like Americans!

—Tim Dauten

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To borrow from the late radio legend, Paul Harvey, I would like to tell "the rest of the story" about the Ehrhart Museum removal in Antwerp mentioned in a recent letter by Mr. Seslar. (3-4-09).

While Mr. Seslar's comments about the dedication of Otto Ehrhart are valid, as well as the collections being rare and interesting, I would like to point out that several persons were contacted,

meetings were held, and officials in Columbus, Ohio were contacted—all in an effort to save the Ehrhart Museum before the decision to remove it was made.

At the present time, preservation methods are much more advanced than when the Antwerp Museum was opened. Unfortunately, when an official from the State of Ohio visited the Museum a year or so ago, he informed the Village officials that there was a potentially hazardous chemical in the Ehrhart Museum artifacts and collections due to preservation methods used at that time. It had been hoped to move the collection to Paulding; however, due to the unhealthy environment in the building, and due to several collections having virtually disintegrated because of ineffectual preservation methods, there was no alternative but to deem it dangerous to the public.

I applaud Mr. Ehrhart for his vision and dream for the future. In today's environment, however, steps must be taken to protect the public. Too often village officials face lawsuits for a variety of reasons; and Antwerp Village Council would be remiss to place those it serves "in harm's way."

Mr. Seslar stated "very few towns can brag about having it's own museum..." and I would point out that Paulding is one of those fortunate towns in having the John Paulding Historical Society Museum on Fairground Drive in Paulding. The officers have attended many meetings and shared correspondence concerning proper preservation of the items in their care. Perhaps Antwerp residents could visit JPHS to see what it has to offer.

—Cara L. Strahley, Secretary, John Paulding Historical Society

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This letter to the editor is concerning Mr. James Potter and his article in the West Bend News the week of February 25, 2009.

Dear Mr. Potter,

I have not written in answer to one of your articles by restraining myself. But the article in the February 26th issue of the West Bend News needs to be challenged. You said some things in your article that are not according to the Bible.

Concerning the names of churches, I don't believe the name of a church is as important as what is taught inside

the church. I believe that it is important to remain true to the teaching of scripture, and the faithfulness of the people in the church.

The other issue I disagree with is your statement concerning "once saved, always saved." You stated that this did not come into being until the fourth century. I must take issue with that statement. The scripture is full of this doctrine. And the scripture was written by the apostles during the first century after Christ died and was buried, and rose from the dead. By the fourth century they were all dead. Acts 2:41-42 says, "Then they that gladly received His word were baptized (after salvation not for salvation) and that same day there were added unto them about 3,000 souls. And they continued in the apostles' doctrine (teaching of the word) and in fellowship and in breaking of bread (communion) and in prayer." The early church didn't even have a church building of their own. In Acts 2:46&47 it says "And they continued daily in one accord in the temple and breaking of bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."

As far as when Christ returns for his church there will be believers from every church taken up into the air to meet Him. (I Thessalonians 4:13-18) Only Christ knows who are believers and He will take them up to live with Him forever.

There is so much in the scripture I don't quite know where to begin. One thing is that if we had to save ourselves we would never be saved. Ephesians 2:8&9 says, "For by grace we are saved, through faith. And that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast." This means that God gives us the faith to believe. To me this means if God didn't give me the faith I couldn't be saved at all. But we are not saved by faith. We are saved by GRACE.

If we go to I Peter 1:3-5 we read, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy, has begotten us again unto a living hope by the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." If I had to depend on myself to keep myself I would be lost. But since I am kept by the power of God I am safe in the arms of Jesus. No one can keep themselves. Only God has the power to keep our salvation.

Hebrews 13:5&6 says, "Let your conversation be without covetousness: and be content with such things as you have: for He has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we may boldly say, "The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me."

In Titus 3:5&6 it says, "Not by works of righteousness that I have done, but according to HIS MERCY He saved us by the washing (not water) of regeneration, and the renewing of the Holy Spirit; which He shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior."

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I would like to say one more thing. If it were not for the grace of God I would not have ever been saved. And if I had to do my own keeping I would never stay saved. But thanks be to God, He keeps me and will continue to do so until He comes or I die. And either one of those things would be fine with me.

Sincerely,

—Barb Duffey

MUSIC EVENT FOR MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

The 2nd Annual Music Event for Multiple Sclerosis will be held at the UAW Hall on 2120 Baltimore Road in Defiance, Ohio on Saturday, March 14, 2009, from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

A band out of Troy, Michigan called LEGEND will be entertaining with 50's and 60's Rock and Motown. All you "greasers" get you rags on and let's dance! Additional information call Karen Mobley at 419-393-2451.

WHEN JIGGLING WIRES ISN'T GOOD ENOUGH

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

David McCasland tells about a woman whose car was stalled at an intersection. The hood was up, and she flagged McCasland down for help. "I can't get it started," she said, "but if you jiggle the wire on the battery, I think it will work."

McCasland grabbed the positive battery cable and it came off in his hand. Definitely the cable was too loose. "The terminal needs to be tightened up," he told her. "I can fix it if you have some tools."

"My husband says to just jiggle the wire," she replied. "It always works. Why don't

you just try that?"

McCasland paused for a moment, wondering why her husband didn't ride around town with her so he would be available when the wire needed jiggling.

Finally he said, "Ma'am, if I jiggle the wire, you're going to need someone else to do it every time you shut the engine off. If you'll give me two minutes and a wrench, we can solve the problem and you can forget about it."

Reluctantly, she fumbled under the front seat and then extended a crescent wrench through the window of the old car.

As he tightened the battery terminal, it occurred to McCasland how many times he had tried, in his own life, to get a "quick fix" from God. "I have this problem, Lord, and if you'll just jiggle the wire, things will be OK. I'm in a hurry, so let's just get me going again the quickest way possible."

But God doesn't want to "jiggle wires," does He? He wants to take the time necessary to deal with our real problem and fix it. To get the long-term solution to the pressing needs in our lives requires a complete surrender to God and a willingness to proceed on His terms.

We just cooperate with Him in whatever it takes for as long as it takes. As the lady drove away with her tightened terminal, McCasland stopped for a moment and asked the Lord to say "no!" the next time he himself asks God to just jiggle a wire.

It's an easy trap to fall into, isn't it? Too often prayer is reduced to rubbing a magic lamp and telling a genie what you want. We want relief and we want it now.

I trust that each of us will be sensitive to God's movement in our lives and not just ask Him to "jiggle the wire" to keep us going.

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Student of the Month - February '09



Woodlan Jr/Sr High School's Junior High student of the month is seventh-grader Emily Wagoner. Emily is the daughter of Sam and Angela Wagoner of Woodburn. Emily earned this honor not only because she is a strong student, earning an 11.6 GPA on a 12.0 scale, but because she is an exceptionally hard worker who also exhibits respect for other students and teachers as well as a positive attitude. Emily's skill set is not limited to the academic classroom though, as she is also taking piano lessons and is a member of the Woodlan Junior High Band as a flutist. Emily spends a lot of her spare time outside enjoying friends and nature, but is also a dedicated member of the youth group at the East Allen Church of Christ. Emily's favorite subject in school is science and is planning on someday working in the fashion industry or as a cosmetologist.

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ONE SPIRIT: EPHESIANS 4:4

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

Today, I would like to talk to you about the one spirit that the bible tells us about. Before I go any further, I must remind you of what "one" means. The number one means single, only one. This number, because of its solitary position, came to be associated with the idea of unity or independent existence. One also stood for that which is absolute, unique or alone. In the last lesson, I was trying to get you to see that there is only one church as the Bible teaches, and one day Christ will give the church to God (I Corinthians 15:24, the kingdom mentioned here is the church.

Now what does the 'one spirit' mean? Can you see in the meaning of the number one why Paul used it? Look at the meaning again; all of these meanings relate, or I should say, mean there is only

one, and one only and the meanings go along with all the seven 'ones' in Ephesians 4:2-6.

Now to look at the word 'Spirit', notice it is capitalized so this tells us that this is the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit is not an it or that. The Holy Spirit is a comforter or helper. The first mention of the Holy Spirit is found in Genesis 1:3 and was an organizer in creation. The Holy Spirit helps in the work of inspiration and convicts of sins of righteousness and of judgment. The Holy Spirit is a member of the Godhead that empowers the Church. There is three separate members that compose the Godhead; there is a false teaching that says that the Godhead is but three manifestations of one God, or that the Godhead is in reality three gods, which they are not. To see God in the plural look at these verses: Genesis 1:1 - God mentioned here in the Hebrew language is in the plural. Other scripture verses are Matthew 28:19, 3:16; John

15:26; Romans 15:30; II Corinthians 13:14.

The Holy Spirit, assisted by the Father and Christ, now supervises the work of heaven on earth bringing the unsaved to Christ, in overseeing the faithfulness of the Church, and in making preparation for Christ's second coming. Something else I need to say is this: the Holy Spirit is not the author of confusion. So many preachers today say they are led by the Holy Spirit with their different doctrines, manuals, messages they preach, which is not found in God's Holy Word, the Bible. The Spirit guides the believer through God's word. More could be said, but I have run out of space. Jesus loves you and so do I! For Bible questions please call (419) 393-4775 or (419)399-5022.

PAYNE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE HOLDS "I FIND MYSELF BEAUTIFUL FROM THE INSIDE OUT" DAY

"I Find Myself Beautiful From the Inside Out" will be held Saturday, March 14, from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. for girls 4th-6th grade, at the Payne Church of the Nazarene. There will be stations set up for the young ladies: nail care, hair care, skin care, etiquette and poise, fashion and style. A short worship time and a guest speaker will take place as well.

There is no charge to attend, but pre-registration is preferred. For more information, or to register, please call Tracy Hower at 419-263-3202. The Payne Church of the Nazarene is located at 501 E. Orchard St. (SR 500E), Payne.

"VOICES OF SCHIZOPHRENIA" TOPIC OF DISCUSSION AT NEXT NAMI MEETING

The topic of the March 16th National Alliance on Mental Illness support group meeting will be "Voices of Schizophrenia."

Schizophrenia is a serious and challenging mental illness that affects more than two million Americans today. Although it is often feared and misunderstood, schizophrenia is a treatable medical condition. It interferes with a person's ability to think clearly, manage emotions, make decisions, and relate to others.

Meetings for the Paulding, Mercer and Van Wert NAMI Affiliate are held at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Drop-In Center located at 407 N. Franklin, Van Wert. Meetings are open to the public and family members are encouraged to attend and learn more about the health issues as well as how to help their family member and be more supportive.

The NAMI organization was organized by family members 30 years ago, has affiliates in all 50 states and over 220,000 members. The national website which provides information on the many illnesses, medications, available help and suggestions as well as support may be reached at www.nami.org.

NAMI Ohio may be reached at www.namiohio.org. The local affiliate at 800-541-NAMI (6264) or 419-238-2413 or namivw@roadrunner.com.

BRINGING BACK WETLANDS

If you own land that you think might be suitable for creating a wetland, the Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) may be for you. Ohio has lost over 90 percent of its original wetlands since the 1800s, much of it drained for use in agricultural production. Wetlands provide critical habitat for wildlife and serve many important environmental functions, such as filtering sediment and slowing floodwaters. They also provide abundant recreational opportunities.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service can determine if your land would be suitable for the development of a wetland area, and can provide up to 100 percent of the cost of restoration through WRP. Thirty-year or permanent easements can also be purchased by NRCS. Eligible lands include farmed wetlands, prior converted cropland, farmed wetland pasture, farmland that floods from rivers, farmland with somewhat poorly drained soils, and current or abandoned cropland with tile lines, drainage ditches, dikes, or similar alterations. The landowner retains ownership of the land and controls access to the wetland. To learn more about wetlands and WRP, contact Joni Franklin at 419-399-3841 ext 3 or stop by the office at 260 Dooley Drive Suite B, Paulding, OH 45879.

FOCA WOULD REVERSE IMPORTANT PRO-LIFE POLICY IN OHIO

Capitol Letter Weekly Column by: Senator Steve Buehrer

Since the U.S. Supreme Court's historic decision in Roe v. Wade more than 35 years ago, pro-life advocates have fought successfully to pass key laws in several states to protect the unborn. This effort has been particularly strong in Ohio.

During the 123rd General Assembly, the Legislature passed House Bill 351, which banned partial birth abortions in the state unless the mother's life or health is in danger. Four years later, President Bush signed the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003, outlawing the procedure nationwide.

There have been bills to block the use of state funds to support abortion. As part of the budget process during the 124th General Assembly, legislators included a provision that requires any entity that receives state money to be physically separated from a facility that provides abortion referrals or services. In addition, lawmakers passed a proposal that prohibited the state from paying for health insurance benefits that cover abortions.

In 1998, the General Assembly approved House Bill 421, which requires parental consent before an abortion can be performed on underage patients. The bill also says that physicians must meet with pregnant women at least 24 hours in advance of an abortion to review all the necessary information and give a patient sufficient time to weigh their options.

Last year, my colleagues and I approved House Bill 314, which requires that a

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Woodburn Lutheran School principal, Dexter Hoyer, reads to the Pre-Kindergarten class during National Lutheran Schools Week.

woman who is planning to have an abortion be given the opportunity to view any available ultrasound image of the child. By giving expectant mothers access to thorough and accurate information before making this life-altering decision, the hope is more women will choose not to go through with the procedure, thus saving lives.

There have also been efforts to curb unethical science practices. During the 126th General Assembly a bill was introduced to prohibit the use of state dollars for embryonic stem cell research. Also, last session, I sponsored Senate Bill 174, legislation that would ban the immoral practice of human cloning in Ohio.

These widely-supported laws and similar efforts in other states have helped promote women's health, ensure informed consent and parental involvement in the abortion decision and block taxpayer dollars from supporting the taking of human life. Unfortunately, there are people on the other side of the abortion debate who would like to see these important pro-life policies reversed.

In recent years, some members of Congress have been pursuing a radical, pro-choice plan that would undermine popular pro-life efforts at the state and local level. The Freedom of Choice Act, which has been around in some form since 1989, would establish a national abortion policy that would eliminate key regulations designed to protect women from unsafe abortion clinics, direct taxpayer dollars to fund abortions, reverse the partial-birth abortion ban in

Ohio and all other states and restrict the right of parents to be involved in their child's abortion decision. FOCA was last introduced in 2007 by President Barack Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

With a large pro-choice majority in Congress and a supporter of FOCA in the White House, it is only a matter of time before the bill is introduced again. To counter these efforts, State Senator Tim Grendell and I introduced Senate Concurrent Resolution 6, which urges members of the U.S. House and Senate not to pass the Freedom of Choice Act if it is introduced again during the 111th Congress.

FOCA would threaten critical efforts at the state and local level to limit abortions. The General Assembly should send a message now to Ohio's Congressional delegation and other leaders in Washington to reject this dangerous and misguided policy.

In the coming months, I will work to monitor the situation in Washington, while continuing to pursue efforts in the General Assembly that help further the pro-life cause in Ohio and stop the killing of innocent lives.

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

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GUNFIGHT AT THE OK CORRAL

By: Stan Jordan

I'm going to tell you about the Gunfight at the OK Corral as close as I can to the truth and the way it took place. Over the years many movies have been made of it and sometimes it strayed from the truth.

Such as, it took place about 3:00 p.m., not at one hour after sunrise. It was not actually in the OK Corral, it took place in an empty lumber yard adjacent to the corral.

In the movie "My Darling Clementine" and other John Ford movies, it shows 'Ship Rock' and other monoliths from Monument Valley in the background. Well, it made beautiful scenery alright, but Monument Valley is in northern Arizona up close to the 'Four Corner' country and Tombstone is in southern Arizona.

Movie director, John Ford made a deal with the Governor of Arizona to make movies there at very little expense if he would use all the Arizona beauty in the film to forward tourism for Arizona. It played out very well for both sides.

The gunfighters were Wyatt Earp, Morgan Earp, Vir-

gil Earp and Doc Holliday. They fought Frank and Tom McLaury, Billy Claiborne, Ike Clanton and Billy Clanton. Billy Claiborne later claimed he was unarmed at that time, but some reports say that he did fire some. Billy Claiborne did run away into Fly's Photography Shop. Both McLaury's and Billy Clanton were killed. Morgan Earp, Virgil Earp and Doc Holliday were injured.

Incidents leading up to the fight were numerous. Sheriff Behan was on the take from the Clantons to let them run their cattle through town to market. That saved many miles of driving them. They also stole a lot of Mexican cattle. The rustlers known as 'The Cowboys' operated out of Clanton's ranch. Actually, Ike Clanton was one of the most successful ranchers in the area. Ike and The Cowboys spent a lot of money in Tombstone and all the merchants wanted that. Actually, The Cowboys didn't cause any problems until they got drunk, but firing a pistol in town was dangerous and the common folks and police didn't like it at all. So when the Earps posted the law of no one is allowed to carry a firearm in town concealed or not. The Cowboys and Clantons

felt their civil rights or freedom was being curtailed and they resented that rule and all of the Earps because of it. They viewed the Earps as badge-talking tyrants and were picking on them.

The Earps were itching for a good fight regardless of what the film makers said. The Earps wanted to get revenge on the Clantons and The Cowboys because of the murder of one brother and the permanent injury of another brother. There was plenty of accusations and that's from both sides. The Earps were going to get even with the Clantons and do it while wearing a badge. The Earps were city policemen and Behan was sheriff of Cochise County.

The Earps were pretty well liked, lots of people silently agreed with them in wanting to get revenge on The Cowboys and the Clantons. Some people thought it as open banditry in a struggle against law and order. Some thought of it as revenge and a grudge but both sides were looking for a good fight and rot gut whiskey wasn't helping any.

One of the big incidents leading up to the gunfight was a stagecoach robbery on March 15, 1881 in which two people were killed. Doc Holliday became a suspect when Big Nose Kate accused him of it after a fight and extreme jealousy. She said he was part of the robbery but later she recanted the story.

The suspects in the robbery were Luther King, Bill Leonard, John Crane and Harry Head. King ratted on all the others and he got free somehow. All the others were soon killed in other unrelated crimes. But the Clantons called for Holliday's head. They claimed that the Earps played favorites with Doc.

Jumping ahead until noon on the day of the war, which was Oct. 26, 1881. Ike was in all the saloons fully armed and bragging that he was looking for an Earp or Doc Holliday.

Ike was telling him what he was going to do with the Earps. Various people woke up Virgil and Morgan, and told them of all the threats. One of the Earp's slipped up behind Ike on the street and grabbed his rifle and pistol whipped him. They took Ike to court for carrying weapons in town.

Bad threats and accusations were thrown around by both sides. This was very dangerous talk.

Virgil Earp told Ike he would leave his rifle and pistol at the Grand Hotel and he did so. Those weapons stayed there throughout the gunfight which followed.

The Clantons wouldn't stop telling the Earps what they were going to do to them. Wyatt was really upset now by all these threats.

Ike was fined \$25.00 and the trial was over. As Wyatt came out of the court room Tom McLaury was going in. Tom was one of The Cowboys and Wyatt was increasingly irate. He wanted Tom to draw on him, but he wouldn't. Wyatt claimed Tom had a revolver in his waistband. Tom wouldn't draw, so Wyatt decked him with a pistol butt. This put Tom prostrate and bleeding on the street, but he didn't draw his pistol. He knew if he did, he would be a dead man.

About this time, 1:30 to 2:30, Ike's younger brother, Billy Clanton and Frank McLaury came to town. In all the old movies about this gunfight, they led you to be-



NOW SEE THIS

By: Stan Jordan

I was talking to Julie Lucas Hall about this picture and she remembered it very well. The picture was taken at a benefit for Jerry Getrost.

She was seven years old at that time and was battling the flu bug. She remembers the

red dress and black boots.

Mark is the oldest and singing with the mic. To his right is Dave with the guitar. Julie is next, along with Scott and Jeff.

I'm really glad to run this picture because I'm very proud of these kids. The picture was loaned to me by Tony Billman.

Julie and I talked about the night that we dedicated the firehouse, they entertained that night along with other groups. She was four at that time and Jeff was three. This picture is 45 years old.

Thanks again, Julie,
See Ya!

lieve that Billy was Ike's son. But he was Ike's brother, all though he was a lot younger than Ike and he lived at Ike's ranch house.

They arrived in town and learned about the beatings that their friends had taken. Most people believed they came to re-enforce the Clantons. They rode 13 miles from Antelope Springs. Both were armed with rifles and six guns as was the custom when out in the country. Apache warriors had jumped the Calvary just three weeks ago, so the Arizona Territory was far from being tame at this time.

I'm going to stop here and the complete battle at the OK Corral will be in next week's paper. This is too long for just one episode. Sorry about the delay.

See Ya!



By: Stan Jordan

As you know, American football has slowly crept around until it has been played all over the world. All the way down to deepest, darkest Africa, in the jungle. In South Bongo Bongo, they chose up sides and had a game. They were designated as the 'Shirts and Skins'.

The Skins were beating the Shirts pretty bad. The elephant carried the ball all the time for the Skins and

they just couldn't stop him. The Shirt team was just about beat down into the ground by half time. That elephant had scored one touchdown and kicked a field goal. The Skins lead 10-0.

When the second half started the Shirts had a new player, the African-style centipede. Things went a little different when the elephant carried the ball, the centipede threw himself around one of his legs and then the other and down the elephant went. This went on, nearly every play for the Shirts.

Well, Ella, the elephant, was hit hard and fumbled at the goal line and Mike, the monkey, ran the ball into the end zone for a touchdown. It

was now 10-7.

In the last quarter that poor elephant had been hit and downed by the centipede a number of times and she had a charley horse and gave the ball up again.

The centipede wrapped himself around the ball and rolled into the end zone. The final score was Skins 10, Shirts 14.

The second half was a complete turn around by the arrival and play of the centipede.

After the game the coach asked the centipede where he was during the first half.

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Anyone who wants to know more about Freemasonry or is just curious and wants a peek inside the lodge may attend. Lodge members will offer tours and answer questions about the organization. Refreshments will be available.

Freemasonry is the oldest and largest men's fraternity in the world. Thirteen signers of the Constitution and 14 presidents of the U.S., including George Washington, were Freemasons. Today, there are more than 2 million Freemasons in North America, 110,000 of them here in Ohio. The origins of Freemasonry are rooted in the ancient guilds of stonemasons, who built castles and cathedrals during the Middle Ages. The tools used by these stonemasons have been adopted as symbols in the ceremonies and lessons of modern Freemasonry, with the Square and Compasses being incorporated in the emblem of every Masonic lodge.

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FROM THE DOG WARDEN'S DESK

By: Mandy Lichty, Paulding County Dog Warden

This week's featured pet is Roxy. Roxy is a eight month old purebred black lab. Her owners had to move and could not take her with them. She is a well-behaved young girl and is houstrained.

Also at the shelter, we have Sunshine, a female sheltie mix, and Callie, a female collie/chow mix. New dogs come in everyday. Please check the website at www.petfinder.org/shelters/OH709.html

If anyone is looking for a new pet please consider a shelter dog. Due to the far-reaching economic problems the Paulding County Dog Shelter has been taking in a record number of owner surrendered dogs. Last week the shelter had an intake of 25 dogs in just two days! These are happy healthy family pets that are homeless due to house foreclosures and job losses.

The shelter is open for adoptions on Fridays from 2:00-5:00 p.m.

OAKWOOD GLEANER ARBOR #759 MARCH MEETING MINUTES

The March meeting of the Oakwood Arbor #759 was held at the "Gardens" in Paulding. The 4H Jr. leaders helped us with Music Bingo of old songs. This was thanks to the loan from the Country Inn Enhanced Living of Paulding. There were 32 in attendance. Mary Lou Lloyd furnished the prizes and the refreshments were by Vicki Aufrance and Fred and Phyllis Merritte. There was some good fellowship with the friends across the ages. Many thank you notes were received from our Samaritan project and these were shared. Our next projects are to help with the Habitat for Humanity house in Haviland. Right to Read at the school and help with the John Paulding Antique Show on April 25. Kevin Hornish is working on a ball park sign for us. Our state meeting is March 29 at 3:00 at the Elks in Bowling Green. The next arbor meeting is April 2, at 7:00 p.m. at Twin Oaks Fellowship Hall.

—Bonnie Pier, reporting

RECIPE FOR YOUR LIFE HISTORY CLASS ON MARCH 14 AT THE JOHNSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Have you thought about journaling but just aren't sure how to begin? Do you have a creative side that you would like to explore? Would you like to combine journaling and scrapbooking into two works of art you'll always treasure? Then come on out to the Johnson Memorial Library on Saturday, March 14 at 9:30 a.m. for a Recipe for Your Life History Class.

Combine a generous slice of your life history, a dash of nostalgia, several cups of facts and feelings, and 104 deliciously interesting questions that will be provided during the class. Decorate your journal, embellish your memory jar, and learn "the recipe to preserve your life." Enjoy the scrumptious, homemade memories that celebrate something very important...YOU!

This class will be especially fun to do with a friend or family member. And all participants are asked to bring a quart jar and lid, scissors, and a glue stick. The workshop is sponsored by the Hicksville Community Service Center. Class size is limited, so pre-registration is required for this program. To register, please call the Hicksville Community Service Center at 419-542-7173.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING AT ANTWERP EMS BUILDING

The Antwerp EMS will be doing FREE blood pressure screenings at the EMS building at 202 W. Daggett Street, on Saturday mornings from 9:00 a.m. till Noon. This service will take place every Saturday until further notice. This free service is for anyone wishing to keep better track of their blood pressure health.

WOODBURN ELEMENTARY STUDENTS REGIONAL BOUND

On March 21st five fifth grade students and two sixth grade students will be representing Woodburn at the Northeast Indiana Regional Science Fair to be held at IPFW. Woodburn Elementary recently completed its annual 5th/6th grade Science Fair on February 17.

Students' projects were displayed for many classrooms to view. The projects were judged on scientific method, procedures, data collection, and overall presentation. Students were awarded honorable mention, third, second, and first place ribbons. The projects were judged by the Leo High School Honor Society students.

The five representatives from the fifth grade are: Hannah Berz and her project called Which is Greasiest, Brendan Bailey and his project on Parachutes, Lindsey Charley and her project on Ice vs. Salt, Kelly Collins and her project called Don't Get Soaked, and Brooke Gerig and her project called Say Cheese.

The sixth grade will have two presenters. They are: Cory Helmke and his project on Heat from a Light Bulb, and Chantey Baker and her project on Boiling Liquids.

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND DISMISSALS

- Admissions:*
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 - 3/5 - Gary Adams, Defiance
 - 3/8 - Mary Tribble, Paulding

THE THIRD ANNUAL REVERSE RAFFLE IS COMING TO THE ANTWERP SCHOOL



The Third Annual Antwerp Athletic Booster Club Reverse Raffle will take place on Saturday, March 14, 2009, in the school auditoria.

Tickets for this event entitle ticket bearers to a catered meal, various forms of entertainment, and a chance to win one of many prizes, including cash prizes of \$200, \$500, and \$1,000. The evening begins with the meal at 6:00. The raffle will begin sometime around 7:00. You need not be present to win.

In addition to the raffle, the boosters will conduct a silent auction with many wonderful items from which to choose.

Tickets are available in the Antwerp Local School central office (419-258-5421) or by contacting Cindy Schlatter or Steve Arnold.

Rick Small from 98.1 FM will be back to serve as the MC for the evening.

Please come out and support the Antwerp Athletic Booster Club as it continues in its quest to bring an all-weather track for the village of Antwerp.

Shown in the picture are senior runner Hayden Krick, Antwerp Head Track & Field Coach Susan Jewell, and senior runner Alexis Godeke promoting this year's raffle.

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Paulding County's Students of the Month

FEBRUARY 2009

Paulding County has great students and we want to recognize them and their achievements. Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative, Inc. has teamed up with the West Bend News to bring you this information. We will be delivering different schools' students each month from OUR county. Congratulations to these young people!



Megaen Price, in Mrs. Vail's 3rd grade class, is Antwerp Elementary's student of the month for February '09. Megaen always tries to do her best in class. She is a kind and friendly little girl who has gone out of her way in welcoming new students to her classroom. She has a good attitude and always wears a smile.

Her favorite class in school is Art. She has 3 cats and 1 dog. She enjoys riding her bicycle in her spare time. Her parents are Tammy and DeWayne Price.

Oakwood Elementary is pleased to present Collin Gee as our West Bend News Student-of-the-Month! Collin is a 6th grade student at Oakwood Elementary. He is the son of Nate and Kim Gee. Collin has two younger brothers and an older sister. He lives near Melrose with his family and his dog, Honey.

Collin works very hard at Oakwood Elementary, regardless of the difficulty of the task at hand. Currently, his favorite subject is science; he enjoys experiments and inventions during that class. Besides doing his best on his daily school work, Collin is a role model to his classmates, earning the character building award already this year. Outside of school, Collin plays basketball and football.

Collin always displays the character traits that make us proud to say he is an Oakwood Elementary student!



Victoria (Tori) Bradford attends Paulding Elementary School and is the daughter of James Bradford and Karen Bradford of Paulding, Ohio. Tori is in the fifth grade this school year and has Mrs. Bradford as her homeroom teacher.

Tori has achieved all A's in all of her subjects this entire school year. She is an outstanding young lady and a great role model for her classmates. Tori is a very caring student and helpful to others, especially those with disabilities. Tori says that she has even thought about someday becoming a teacher of Autistic children. Her teachers say she is just an all-around great person.

Tori is involved in band, Mini - Panther basketball, her church choir, 4-H, and the Honor Roll. Tori also plans to join dance classes. Her favorite hobbies include outdoor activities such as going on picnics, walking her dog and taking bike rides.

We are very proud of Tori and congratulate her on being selected as Paulding Elementary's "Student of the Month".



VILLAGE OF PAULDING COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 2/17/09

Paulding Village Council met in regular session on February 17, 2009, 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, Ronnie Breedlove, Roger Sierer, Kim Sutton, and Randy Daeger. Councilman Jeffery was absent. Administrator Wiebe was also present.

Resolution No. 1232-09 re:

A Resolution approving an amendment to the solid waste contract with Porter Sanitation, LTD and approving an increased charge for solid waste removal services, was read for the first time.

Ordinance No. 1393-09 re: An ordinance establishing a monthly fee for Village sewer users for payment of debt service, was read for the first time.

Ordinance No. 1394-09 re: An ordinance establishing a monthly fee for Village water users for payment of debt service, was read for the first time.

Ordinance No. 1395-09 re: An ordinance approving, adopting and enacting an

American Legal Publishing's Ohio Basic Code, 2009 Edition, as the code of ordinances for the Municipality of Paulding, Ohio, and declaring an emergency, was read for the first time. Sutton motioned to suspend the rules and declare an emergency, seconded by Rife. Vote: all yea. Sutton motioned to approve the legislation, seconded by Breedlove. Vote: all yea.

Sutton presented the Recreation Committee's report from their February 9th meeting. The following issues were discussed:

The Parks' Board is currently accepting pool applications. They will make their recommendations to the Recreation Committee prior to hiring.

Sierer had received an estimate to paint the pool bottom at a cost of \$16,000. The Committee will request a quote to spot painting the area.

The Committee requested an estimate to repair the pool heater, and also the possibility of installing a thermostat to prevent the heater from running continuously.

An estimate was received to install a pay phone at Reservoir Park. The Committee decided the addition would be cost prohibitive (\$58 to install, \$71 per month thereafter).

Renaming Stokley Ponds. Sutton noted the ODNR does not have any objections to a name change, but signage and flyers have already been produced. Therefore, the Committee decided to leave the

name as it is for now.

Mayor White reminded Council the Paulding Chamber of Commerce banquet is Friday night for those planning to attend. He also thanked the Utility Department for their efforts to keep the road ways clear during recent weather. Wiebe noted Statement of Qualifications (SOQ's) were submitted for the N. Cherry St./North Dr. project. The Committee of the Whole had met prior to the Council meeting. Finance Director Tope noted Hoeffel Engineering had received the highest marks, but Wiebe noted the Solicitor would review and approve the submitted information prior to preparing notices.

Wiebe also noted he and the Mayor had met with representatives of SAA Bright.net regarding installation of a fiber-optic line along Emerald Road to service the school. The internet provider requested approval to bore under the road. Wiebe noted he will contact representatives of Bright.net to schedule a meeting with the Utility Committee to discuss the issue further.

Wiebe presented the Administrator's Agenda, and requested approval for the following two items:

A proposal for engineering services for the "Paulding Wastewater Treatment Plant Evaluation Study" from Jones & Henry.

An agreement with Hoeffel Engineering for the "Design and Engineering Services of the Ball Field/Concession Stand/Restrooms".

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

Wiebe noted Terry Overmyer, Mayor of Fremont, has written a letter to the Lieutenant Governor requesting a meeting with him.

Robb Gerken was present to discuss the curb-side recycling program. Tope noted the Village offices had received approximately twenty responses to date with about half in favor of the program and half against.

PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 3/11 THROUGH 3/17

MS/HS - Breakfast:

3/11 - Ham, egg & cheese muffin, juice, milk

3/12 - Sausage, egg burrito, juice, milk

3/13 - Sausage gravy w/biscuits, juice, milk

3/16 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk

3/17 - Cinnamon roll or cherry turnover, juice, milk

MS/HS - Lunch:

3/11 - Chicken tender wrap or sub sandwich, celery & carrots w/dip, chips, assorted fruit, milk

3/12 - Pizza sticks, green beans, assorted fruit, milk

3/13 - Fish nuggets & shrimp, oven potatoes, cheddar biscuit, assorted fruit, milk

3/16 - Cavatini, lettuce salad, cheese bread stick, assorted fruit, milk

3/17 - Turkey club sandwich, pickle spears, chips, assorted fruit, milk

Paulding Elementary - Breakfast:

3/11 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk

3/12 - Poptart, juice, milk

3/13 - Assorted cereals,

graham crackers, juice, milk

3/16 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk

3/17 - Pancake wrap, juice, milk

Paulding Elementary

- Lunch:

3/11 - Chili soup w/crackers, bread w/margarine or peanut butter, assorted fruit, milk

3/12 - French toast, sausage, hashbrowns, assorted fruit, milk

3/13 - Cheese pizza, corn, assorted fruit, milk

3/16 - Ham deli sandwich, mini carrots w/dip, assorted fruit, milk

3/17 - Hot dog w/bun, oven potatoes, assorted fruit, milk

Oakwood Elementary

- Breakfast:

3/11 - Coco roos cereal, graham crackers, juice, milk

3/12 - Rainbow yogurt, goldfish, cinnamon graham crackers, juice, milk

3/13 - Assorted breakfast, fruit, milk

3/16 - Waffle, mini sausage, juice, milk

3/17 - Assorted cereal, graham crackers, juice, milk

Oakwood Elementary

- Lunch:

3/11 - Ham & cheese sub, oven potatoes, assorted fruit, milk

3/12 - French toast, mini sausage, fruit juice, apple-sauce, milk

3/13 - Cheese pizza, corn, fruit choice, milk

3/16 - Chicken fajita, carrots w/dip, doritos, assorted fruit, milk

3/17 - Chili soup w/crackers, bread, assorted fruit, milk

Paulding Elementary

- Breakfast:

3/11 - Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk

3/12 - Egg/cheese omelet, toast/jelly, juice, milk

3/13 - Waffles, sausage, juice, milk

3/16 - Pizza, juice, milk

3/17 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, juice, milk

Lunch:

3/11 - Walking taco, meat/cheese/lettuce/salsa, mandarin oranges, milk

3/12 - Chicken noodles, mashed potatoes, roll, mixed fruit, milk

3/13 - Broccoli/cheese, breadsticks w/cheese, pineapple, milk

3/16 - Chicken nuggets, Raider tators, mandarin oranges, milk

3/17 - Rotini/meat, cheese stick, carrot sticks, garlic toast, pineapple, milk

Paulding Elementary

- Breakfast:

3/11 - Tex mex chili or chicken strips, orange jello w/smiles, french fries, milk; PLUS: salad bar or jello

3/12 - Chicken fajita or pizza burger on bun, corn, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cookie

3/13 - Cheese quesadilla or egg salad sandwich, salad,

orange smiles, pretzels, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cook's choice

3/16 - Corn dog or sausage patty on bun, green beans, pineapple, milk; PLUS: salad bar or pudding cup

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MANOR HOUSE WELCOMES DONNA HAHN

By: Jennifer Ramsier

The Manor House is very pleased to announce the arrival of Mrs. Donna Hahn. Even though Donna has lived at the Manor House for less than a month she has managed to become the resident scrabble champion!

Donna Elizabeth was born to Charles and Anna Werling nearly 100 years ago. She was raised in the New Haven, IN area and attended St. Paul's Lutheran School in Gar Creek, IN. After graduating from the 8th grade, Donna began nurses training in Beaverdam, WI at the Lutheran Deaconess Hospital. After she had earned her nursing degree, Donna went to work in Indianapolis, IN at a Children's Home. She worked as a nurse there for several years and that is where she met Gilbert Hahn, who would soon become her husband. Donna and Gilbert married and were proud parents to six children: three daughters, Ruth, Virginia and Kathryn; and three sons, Jim, Ken and Chuck.

Donna continued to practice nursing at night while raising her children. Her husband, Gilbert, was involved with farming.

After the children were raised, Donna and Gilbert moved to Missouri for about 16 years, where Gilbert continued farming. Later the couple moved back home to Antwerp and Donna has been here ever since. Gilbert has now passed away.

Donna is a member of Mount Calvary Lutheran Church. Many years ago she taught Sunday School each Sunday at church.

Donna enjoys and is proud of her many grandchildren and great grandchildren. She continues to enjoy reading, doing crossword puzzles and, of course, playing her favorite game, Scrabble.

She has appreciated the good meals at the Manor House, the nice people and the fun activities.

The Manor House enjoys and welcomes Mrs. Donna Hahn.

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WAYNE TRACE SNAG 1ST ROUND SECTIONAL WIN FROM CRESTVIEW



Wayne Trace Boys won their first round of Sectionals 59-53 giving them their 3rd win. The boys came back Friday to play against first seed Delphos St. Johns. Even though the team lost to St. Johns they played well and lost only 60-51. Shown here is Junior Derek Baksa attempting a basket. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

Wayne Trace boys basketball played in the Division IV Sectional on Tuesday, March 3 at Van Wert High School against the Crestview Knights.

The Raiders fought hard and pulled through with a win, 57-53. Wayne Trace's re-

cord now moves to 3-18, and Crestview finished at 4-17.

Leading scorers: Wayne Trace - Tevin Hale 23, Caleb Davis 11, Jason Gordon 10

Crestview - Tony Springer 24, Jordan Gibson 18



Paulding Boys also won their first round of sectionals against Montpelier 54-32 in a not so close match. The boys came back to play Tinora and lost 46-28 at Defiance March 6. Shown here is Senior Bryant Troyer scoring a close shot. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

WARRIORS TAKE EARLY LEAD TO SECURE FIRST ROUND SECTIONAL WIN

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan took an early lead over Adams Central and led at the first break 16-12, the Warriors outscored the Jets 12-4 in the second period to take a 28-16 to half, and the Warriors extended their lead to 41-26 after the third period and Woodlan opened sectional play with a 62-51 win over the Jets at South Adams. Woodlan advanced to the semi-finals against the host Starfires. Woodlan got balanced scoring, getting 11 points each from Brock Hines, Taylor Gorell, and Josh Kinsey. Gorrell fired in 3 three-pointers in the game for Woodlan and the Warriors out-rebounded Adams Central 40-29 in the game.

Score by the quarter:
Woodlan - 16 12 13 21=62
Adams Central - 12 4 10 25=51

Leading scorers:
Woodlan - Hines 11, Gorrell 11, Kinsey 11, Rydell 9, Lortie 8, Malfait 7, Evans 5

Adams Central - Mishler 14, N Busse 10, Andrews 8, N Fiechter 6, Knight 5, B Busse 4, K Fiechter 3, Snider 1



Woodlan competed against South Adams Friday night and lost 55-72 ending the Warrior season with a 2-19 record. Senior Josh Kinsey shown above attempting a shot. Josh led the Warriors with 15 points. Photo by Jerry Spindler.

SEASON STATS FOR ANTWERP VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL

These are the final partial stats for the Antwerp Archers Varsity Boys Basketball team.

Win/Loss: 16-5
#3 Bryson North - 19FT, 2 2PT, 1 3PT, 26 Pts, 7 reb, 12F, 6TO

#5 Quinn Tempel - 6FT, 10 2PT, 9 3PT, 53 Pts, 27 reb, 54F, 13TO

#10 Logan Lucas - 10FT, 9 2PT, 7 3PT, 49 Pts, 17 reb, 19F, 10TO

#11 Isaac Yenser - 0FT, 0 2PT, 0 3PT, 0 Pts, 2 reb, 1F, 3TO

#12 Justin Johnson - 3FT, 3 2PT, 0 3PT, 9 Pts, 6 reb, 3F, 6TO

#15 Adam Taylor - 62FT, 77 2PT, 22 3PT, 282 Pts, 107 reb, 51F, 49TO

#21 Jordan Koppenhofer - 17FT, 22 2PT, 15 3PT, 106 Pts, 48 reb, 64F, 22TO

#22 Travis Woodard - 24FT, 38 2PT, 0 3PT, 100 Pts, 67 reb, 57F, 39TO

#30 Beau Kobee - 2FT, 0 2PT, 0 3PT, 2 Pts, 3 reb, 2F, 0TO

#32 TJ Short - 79FT, 104 2PT, 18 3PT, 341 Pts, 130 reb, 38F, 34TO

#42 John Rindahl - 38FT,

32 2PT, 0 3PT, 102 Pts, 47 reb, 61F, 21TO

#50 Shaile Chamberlain - 3FT, 5 2PT, 0 3PT, 13 Pts, 2 reb, 8F, 3TO

KAMERAN CLEMENS CHOSEN FOR ALL STAR TEAM

By: Dianna Clemens

Wayne Trace's Kameran Clemens has been chosen to become a member of the 2009 Independent All-Star Wrestling Team. The team members are chosen by the Lima Area Wrestling Coaches. On March 17th the All-Star Independent Team will wrestle against the W.B.L. All-Star Team. The match will be held at Columbus Grove High School. Kameran is a freshman at Wayne Trace High School. He wrestles in the 112 lb. weight class. He was a sectional champion and district qualifier.

He is the son of George and Victoria Clemens of Antwerp.

WOODLAN FELL EARLY TO BELLMONT

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan fell behind early to the Belmont Braves, trailing at all stops, but staged a late rally to almost pull out the win in the season finale before heading into sectional play. Belmont led 16-9 after the first quarter, 32-26 at halftime, and built the lead to 47-33 at the end of the third period. Woodlan clawed back into the game, cutting the lead to just 4 points at 56-52, before the Braves sealed the game in the final period hitting 14 free throws down the stretch for a 65-54 win over the Warriors. Seniors Josh Kinsey and Taylor Gorrell led Woodlan in scoring with 9 points each.

Score by the quarter:
Bellmont - 16 16 15 18=65
Woodlan - 9 17 7 21=54

Leading scorers:
Bellmont - Ethan Brege 18, Nick Hall 14, Michael Buuck 13, Derek Thieme 9, Cale Clifton 4, Michael Stidam 3, Tyler Engstrom 2, Clayton Stoppenhagen 2

Woodlan - Josh Kinsey 9, Taylor Gorrell 9, Jerrid Rydell 8, Cameron Evans 8, Brock Hines 7, Michael Lortie 5, Corbin Bell 3, Clint Romines 3, Chris Malfait 2

Bellmont won the reserve game over Woodlan 42-28. A.J. Stites was high scorer for the Warriors with 10 points.

PAULDING COUNTY SPECIAL OLYMPICS NEWS

By: John Claymiller

The Paulding PC Tigers beat Wood County 68-38. On March 14 they play in Bowling Green and they will play the winner of Hancock and Ashland.

The coaches are Mark Holtsberry and John Claymiller.

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AREA HS BASKETBALL TEAMS END SEASON EARLY



Antwerp played Wednesday night against Delphos Jefferson in the first round of the sectional. Jefferson played a hard game against the Archers and won 55-35. Shown here is junior TJ Short attempting a shot. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



Wayne Trace Lady Raiders won the first round of Districts last week. The District finals against Tinora wasn't quite as good. The girls performed well and the 4th quarter, up to the final seconds, saw both teams tied at 29. The Rams ended up scoring and holding the Raiders offense from doing the same giving the 29-31 win to Tinora. Shown here is Senior Renee Bidlack getting fouled on a shot attempt. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

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GMC CHEERLEADING COMPETITION



The GMC competition took place this year at the new Hicksville High School. Several schools from the area competed including Wayne Trace (pictured) and Antwerp.

JV Results: 1st place Hicksville, 2nd place Antwerp, 3rd place Wayne Trace.

Varsity Results: 1st place Hicksville, 2nd place Holgate, 3rd place Antwerp.

Wayne Trace won the Spirit Award. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

SENIOR RECOGNITION NIGHT - WOODLAN BASKETBALL

By: Jeff Abbott
Cheerleaders

Nicole Beck, daughter of Michelle Beck. She is a second year cheerleader and is involved in tumbling outside of school activities. Nicole plans to study pre-med at IUPUI.

Kelly Dykes, daughter of Sue Dykes. This was Kelly's 4th year as a Woodlan cheerleader. She participated in track for two years and the Woodlan Service Club for one year. She plans to study pre-med in college.

Michelle Hoepfner, daughter of Mark & Kim Hoepfner. Michelle is a 4th year cheerleader for Woodlan, ran cross-country for one season and track for two years. She is undecided on her future plans.

Jordan James, daughter of Mark and Judy Peters. Jordan is a 4th year cheerleader for the Warriors.

Taylor Schnebelt, daughter of Jason and Tina Linker. Taylor is a 4th year cheerleader for

Woodlan and participated in the partner stunt group competition at state for two years. She is active in her church youth group and is participating in the school musical this year. Taylor plans to pursue a career in nursing or elementary education in college.

Rachael Strautman, daughter of Rod & Cindy Strautman. Rachael is a four year cheerleader for Woodlan and is a member of the National Honor Society. She is active in the St Paul Lutheran youth group. Rachael is presently attending IPFW and will continue to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Nursing.

Basketball

Michael Lortie (#12), son of Mike and Kim Lortie and April and Jeremy Henry. Michael is a four year basketball player for the Warriors and has played football and baseball for three years. He plans to attend the Motorcycle Mechanics Institute in Orlando Florida.

Jerrid Rydell (#14), son of Mark and Teri Rydell and Brenda and John Kummer. This was Jerrid's 4th season

of basketball for Woodlan and also plays baseball for the Warriors. Jerrid plans to study secondary education in college.

Taylor Gorrell (#24), son of David and Lorrie Gorrell. Taylor is a four year basketball player for the Warriors, played football for three years, and one season of baseball. He will attend IPFW and is undecided on a major.

Joshua Kinsey (#34), son of Randy and Sheila Kinsey. Josh is four year member of the Warriors' basketball team, played football for one season, and will play baseball for a 4th year at Woodlan. He plans to study physical therapy at IUPUI.

Chris Malfait (#50), son of Steve and Brenda Malfait. Chris played basketball for three seasons for Woodlan, football for four years, and will participate in track for a 4th season this year. He is a member of the National Honor Society and will attend Trine University in Angola to major in mechanical engineering and play football.

Nick Lawrence (manager), son of Steve and Darrilyn Lawrence. This was Nick's first year as Woodlan manager. He played basketball for one year, participated in cross-country for four years at Woodlan and will be track for a 4th season this spring. Nick is member of the Woodlan Service Club and plans to attend IPFW for pre-med to become a pediatrician



SAVANNAH ROUGHTON OF PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL ADVANCES TO STATE GEOGRAPHIC BEE!

Savannah Roughton, an eighth grader at Paulding Exempted Village Schools, has qualified to represent Paulding Middle School at the state level of the National Geographic Bee. Savannah received a high score on the state written test, which qualifies her to compete in the state Bee. She will now move one step closer to the chance of a \$25,000.00 scholarship. Savannah was the winner of the school level Geography Bee on January 8, 2009, competing against grade level winners in grades 4-8. The state Bee will be held on Friday, April 3, 2009, at Ohio State University Campus in Mansfield, Ohio. One winner

from each state will advance to the national competition which will be held May 19 and May 20 at the National Geographic Society headquarters in Washington, D.C. The National Geographic Bee is a nationwide contest for schools in the United States. There are three levels of the competition: school, state, and national. Good luck, Savannah, on the state competition!

WOODBURN: SMALLEST INCORPORATED CITY IN INDIANA

Written by: Gaylen Goff
Stetler and Juanita Becker

Taken from: 'Bringing Back the Good Old Days', Woodburn Centennial 1865-1965

It seems that Paul Augspurger has always been interested in cars and aeroplanes. In 1913 Paul Augspurger purchased a garage from Milton Augspurger. The new business prospered and in 1921 a large cement block building was erected at the site of the old one, on the south side of Main Street.

Mr. Augspurger became interested in racing and at one time was declared champion at the Centliver Track where he drove a Roff 16 valve Ford and made the half-mile circuit in 28 seconds. He also won the second event of the day on the three mile track, his timing 3:47.

In 1930 Mr. Augspurger started taking flying instructions and in 1931 took first place in the private pilot division by winning the Aereco Field event and in 1937 he won the Journal-Gazette trophy.

In 1939, Mr. Augspurger together with Loren Rich, Gerald Fuelling and Lester Zehr were instrumental in leasing a 25-acre field at the north edge of town. They erected three hangers at this site and this was the beginning of the Woodburn Airport.

Mr. Augspurger carried the first airmail from Woodburn to Fort Wayne. Postmaster, Louis Fuelling, personally delivered 400 letters and 14 packages to the airport for delivery to Fort Wayne.

During the war years, the airport was discontinued but reopened again in 1945 at its present location west of town and south of SR 101.

After 35 years as an active pilot, Mr. Augspurger retired from flying in 1963. He still operates Auspurger's Ford Garage at the same location where he started his business in 1913, having continued to be a successful merchant in our town for over 50 years.

At the present time Loren Rich owns and operates the airport and there are seven aircraft based there. In 1964 the Rich Flying Service was inaugurated and an instructor was employed.

TINORA/FAIRVIEW TOP GMC ACADEMIC LEAGUE TOURNAMENT; ANTWERP SEASON CHAMPS



The GMC Academic Quiz League held their end of the season tournament at NWSCC on Friday, February 27. Tinora High School's team, coached by Deedra Darby, took home the championship of the tournament. The runners-up was the Fairview team coached by Jake Panico.

The Antwerp team (pictured above) coached by Deb Altic, won the league championship for the season. Kevin

Wilson, principal at Wayne Trace High School and 08-09 GMC League President, made presentations to the teams.

The GMC end of season scores are as follows:

1. Antwerp (10-3), 484
2. Fairview (10-3), 433
3. Ayersville (9-4), 454
4. Tinora (8-5), 432
5. Hicksville (6-7), 340
6. Wayne Trace (5-8), 355
7. Holgate (2-10), 249
8. Edgerton (1-11), 213

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The K-B Super Kids were recently visited by some very special guests to help them celebrate the letter G. Brendan Hornish's dad brought

in their baby goats. They were only six days old! Pictured with the Kindergartners are goats Read and Rose.

PAULDING-PUTNAM ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC ANNUAL MEETING

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the 72nd annual meeting of Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative, Inc. on March 21, 2009. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and the meeting will start at 10:00 a.m. at the Paulding High School Gymnasium.

Members should bring their registration card to be entered into the drawing for either a cash credit to their electric bill or to win an electric grill. If you are unable to attend we will have live audio over the radio on channel 1640AM. A link to the live web broadcast will be made available by visiting www.ppec.coop or www.wpaulive.com starting at 10:00 a.m. With the live web broadcast link you will be able to view the meeting in its entirety from your computer. For further information regarding the annual meeting please visit www.ppec.coop.

CURVES SUPPORTS COMMUNITIES NATIONWIDE WITH 11TH ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

During the month of March, Curves of Hicksville will participate in the 11th Annual Curves Food Drive to benefit local food banks. Collectively, over the past five years, nearly 50 million pounds of food were distributed to local communities all over the world through the Curves Food Drive.

Curves of Hicksville is also giving back to the community by waiving its normal service fee for any new member who brings in a bag of non-perishable groceries and joins between March 9th and March 28th. This promotion will help the women of Hicksville manage their weight and their wallets by joining Curves for free, while also helping feed hungry people in the community.

"The Curves Food Drive is always exciting," said Jerica Steffens, the owner of the Hicksville club, located at 143 E. High St. "We have a chance to help so many people at a time when the food banks are lowest. Especially during these uncertain times, this food is needed more than ever. It's a win-win situation for everyone, and we're very proud to participate."

Others wishing to donate may drop off non-perishable food items at Curves Monday through Friday during business hours through the month of March. For more information, please call Jerica Steffens at 419-542-7400.

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NEED ASSISTANCE WITH decorating your home? Call Judy McCalla, Hicksville. 419-542-6182. Window coverings, blinds, shades, etc. also available. tf

ATTENTION: PLEASE Mark May 30th on your calendar now for the 2nd Annual Road 192 (River Rd.) Garage Sales. (north of Antwerp) Contact Cheryl Stromski at 419-258-2629 for information or to participate. p

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MUSIC AND MOTION FOR "M" DAY!!

Mrs. Stephanie Schweller visited us on "M" day with her friend, Marvin the Monkey! She did Music and Motion with us with singing and dancing. We reinforced the letter M and the sound

it makes, plus we had alot of fun! Shown here from the left are: Ryan Rupp, Kate Laukhuf, Mrs. Schweller, and Claire Schweller holding Marvin. These children are in the morning class of 4 and young 5 year olds with Mrs. Chris Adams and Mrs. Ann Miller.

WAYNE TRACE GROVER HILL & PAYNE ELEMENTARIES HOLD KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION DAYS

Wayne Trace Local Schools will be expanding their curriculum programming by transitioning to All-Day-Everyday-Kindergarten beginning with the 2009-2010 school year. This change is in the best interest of our students and school district. It is a positive when you can double instructional time for younger students in order to increase achievement. Expanding instructional time in the primary grades is one of the key components in raising achievement. We are looking forward to expanding our curriculum programming by offering All-Day-Everyday-Kindergarten next fall.

WT Grover Hill Elementary and Friday, April 3, 2009 at WT Payne Elementary.

The Wayne Trace Local School District will start All-Day-Everyday-Kindergarten in the 2009/2010 school year beginning on Tuesday, August 18, 2009. If your child will be five years of age on or before August 1, 2009, please call Wayne Trace Payne Elementary or Wayne Trace Grover Hill Elementary with the following information: Child's name, child's birth date, child's social security number, parents' names, child's address including the county, and telephone number. Kindergarten packets will be sent to parents the middle of March.

The WT Payne Elementary office number is 419-263-2512, option #4. Ask for Tammie. The WT Grover Hill Elementary office number is 419-587-3414, option #3. Ask for Marcie.

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Thursday, March 12, 9:00-4:00 pm

JIM MILLER GIVES PRESENTATION TO STUDENTS AT DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Jim Miller recently gave a presentation of the facts and fundamentals of Divine Mercy to the students of Divine Mercy Catholic School. This information was espe-

cially important to our students as he explained to them the meaning of our school's name. Shown here with Mr. Miller are Joey Munger, Noah Toppe and Joshua Kuhn.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES FOR 2/11/09

This 11th day of February, 2009, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

Tony Burkley, Edward Straley, Tony Zartman, and Nola Ginter, Clerk

Allowance Of Claims:
Warrants docketed as 155450 through 155556 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment. Adopted on February 11, 2009.

In The Matter Of Authorizing The County Engineer To Sell Equipment At Public Auction:

Travis McGarvey, Paulding County Engineer, has the

following equipment that has exceeded its useful life for the County Engineer's office operation:

No. 42 1982 Ford L8000 Tandem Axle Dump Truck SN-1FDY48041CVA49235, 3208 Cat Engine, 210 H.P., Allison Automatic Transmission, Miles: 74,679 Exceeded

No. 23 1988 Ford L8000, Single Axel Dump Truck, SN-1FDXK82A7JVA13468, Snow Plow and Salt Spreader Equipped, 7.8 Liter Ford Diesel Engine, 210 H.P., Allison Automatic Transmission, Miles: 207,991

No. 8 - 1994 Ford F-150, SN-1FTDF15Y2RLB03078, 1/2Ton, 2 wd, Pickup, 4.9 liter, 6 cylinder gas, Miles: 139,641

No. 16 - 1994 Ford F-150, SN-2FTEF15Y0RCA11854, 1/2 Ton, 2 wd, Pickup, 4.9 liter, 6

cylinder gas, Miles: 197,153

No. 15 - 1998 Dodge 1500, SN-1B7HC16X5W568, 1/2Ton, 2 wd, Pickup, 3.9 liter, V-6 gas, Miles: 149,072

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Adopted on February 11, 2009.

Insurance Committee Meeting:

The Insurance Committee met with the following in attendance: Commissioners Tony Burkley, Edward Straley, and Tony Zartman, Susan Simpson, Dave Harrow, Melissa Munger, Wilma Mullins, Lou Ann Wannemacher, Ann Waldman, and representatives from Wells Fargo Insurance Services of Indiana, Inc., Jim Machock, Carrie Briggs, and Susan Bradtmiller. Mr. Machock introduced himself as our new benefits consultant, replacing Kevin Burns. He provided an 8-month summary for the committee's review. The current partially self-funded product seems to be working well for the county. Claims turnaround averages 3 days from when Pro-Claim Plus receives them. The majority of claims paid are prescriptions. Mr. Machock reminded the committee that May is open enrollment month with the new benefit year beginning June 1, 2009.

Meeting Notes of Appointment:

Sheriff Dave Harrow - Sheriff Harrow met with the Commissioners to review January reports. He presented a breakdown of accounting for general fund expense line items and the 2009 budget projection general information. Sheriff Harrow also reviewed the monthly inmate statement. Also included in his report were a breakdown of the cost for a correction officer and Van Wert County Correctional Facility's boarding fees for January, 2009, for 429 days at \$42.00/day, totaling \$18,018.00 (plus medical/nurse calls and counseling totaling \$1,146.76). Sheriff Harrow announced there are currently 12 inmates being housed at Van Wert County. A contract/agreement was signed from the Van Wert County Commissioners for the housing of inmates. Sheriff Harrow stated the BAD (Bureau of Adult Detention) will be touring the jail next Tuesday. He also announced a full time dispatcher will be retiring next month, stating he is uncertain at this time if that position will be filled as full time. Mr. Harrow reported receiving a new cruiser and

disposing of two old vehicles.

Judge Tiffany Beckman, County Court - Judge Beckman reported she met with representatives from state adult probation regarding the recent closing of the county jail. They discussed the strict BAD requirements for jails. Judge Beckman stated state prison standards aren't as strict as local jails. She also said the state prison population continues to grow, which will increase responsibility on the local level. She explained alternative sentencing, such as SCRAM and electronic home monitoring in lieu of jail time. Both SCRAM and electronic home monitoring have a daily fee. Judge Beckman stated she has secured a grant for \$3,750.00 to subsidize the cost. SCRAM fee is \$11.00/day and electronic home monitoring is \$7.50/day. Both systems are contracted and monitored from Ultimate Protection, Inc. in Canton, Ohio. Judge Beckman also announced the Ohio Supreme Court will be coming to Paulding County this fall to conduct an 'off-site' hearing. It is their intent to visit every county in the state. She is anticipating county students will benefit from observing. The Paulding County Bar Association will host a reception for the visiting justices. Judge Beckman will be observing in Columbiana County this spring to better understand the Supreme Court's expectations.

Dan Litchfield, Iberdrola Renewables Wind Energy - Mr. Litchfield had a prepared slide presentation explaining wind turbines. He explained Iberdrola Renewables is headquartered in Spain, with the United States' home office in Pennsylvania. He stated they currently have 27 projects in 13 states and have several lease agreements in the Paulding/Van Wert County area. Mr. Litchfield described Iberdrola Renewables to be a good fit with an agricultural community. He went into detail, explaining the height, weight, and design of the wind turbines. Mr. Litchfield anticipates this project will start in 2011.

Bob Noneman - Mr. Noneman met briefly with the Commissioners regarding their recent decision to relocate the Title Office.

Ann Waldman, Clerk of Courts - Ms. Waldman provided the Commissioners with January Title Office title count, reporting 200 less titles processed in January than in December, 2008.

NETWORK SYSTEMS INSTRUCTOR DEMONSTRATES NEW TECHNOLOGY AT VANTAGE BOARD MEETING

The Vantage Board of Education met for their regular monthly meeting on March 5. The minutes from the February 5, 2009 meeting were approved along with financial statements for the month of January, 2009. The board passed a resolution to amend appropriations and revenues for FY09 and transfer \$10,000 from the general fund to the cafeteria fund. They also passed resolutions to accept the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorize the necessary tax levies and certify them to the county auditor.

Superintendent Staci Kaufman discussed the Otto-

ville Satellite agreement, administrative, adult education and non-certified contract recommendations, WBESC Master Teacher committee, the Ohio Executive Budget and Education Reform Plan Summary, and the Vantage All Boards Dinner. Director Bob Vennekotter introduced Network Systems instructor Nancy Moore, who demonstrated the new technology of "Motion Capture." Afterward, he provided information on the SkillsUSA and FCCLA regional competitions and the Delphos and Paulding Ag satellites. He informed the board that Vantage has now used 6 calamity cancellations due to weather related conditions and make-up days will be used as designated at the end of the school year. Principal Keith Rydell updated the board on the February attendance marathon, Principal meeting and lab visits, FFA Week activities, Senior Capstone Presentation Day (April 3), Praxis III assessments of entry year teachers, and a special HSTW 2 hour in-service for teacher on March 6. Vantage will host a meeting of career center administrators from the Northwest Ohio HSTW region on March 12. Adult Education Director Jim Grant reported that Ron Schumm will be holding special seminars to alert area farmers to new changes in farm vehicle regulations. He is still waiting to hear the status of the Paulding One-Stop and Youth grants for the next two years. The Governors budget shows a 5% decrease in funding from last year as well as Adult career tech education has been moved to the Board of Regents.

In new business, the board:

-Employed the following list of employees as needed, as scheduled: Bob Vennekotter, Director; Keith Rydell, Principal; Staci Kaufman, Superintendent; Angela Myers, ISS Monitor; Eric Vennekotter, Computer Technician; Mary Ann Hall, Career Tech Supervisor; Pamela Hickey, Ottoville FCS Satellite Instructor; Kay Carter, Adult Education Evening Coordinator; Diana Becker, Adult Education Secretary; Pete Prichard, Adult

Education Truck Driving/ABLE/Transitions Coordinator; Jane Collis, Adult Education Evening Secretary; Jackie Gunsett, Adult Education Financial Aid Coordinator; Dave Young, Maintenance Supervisor; Vicki England, Cook, Roberta Mosier, Paulding Youth Worker/Office Support;

-Approved supplemental contracts for Mike Knott and Sonya Yenser-Hammon for WBESC Master Teacher Committee;

-Employed the following as Adult Education instructors, as needed, as scheduled: Kevin Taylor and Jeffrey Grey, Police Academy, Shirley May and Audrey Pratt, Health Careers and Andrew Berelsman, Fire Protection;

-Appointed Bob Vennekotter as the District's Homeless Liaison per school policy;

-Approved the Vantage Career Center school calendar for the 2009-2010 school year;

-Approved the Satellite agreement between Ottoville Local School District and Vantage Career Center for the 2009-2010 school year;

-Approved a resolution to amend the contract of Staci Kaufman, Vantage superintendent, commencing August 1, 2009;

-Approved confidentiality notice for all emails sent from Vantage;

-Approved an overnight field trip to Columbus, Ohio for State BPA Contest from March 12, 2009 to March 13, 2009;

-Approved an overnight field trip to Columbus, Ohio for State FCCLA Contest from April 15, 2009 to April 17, 2009;

-Approved an overnight field trip to Columbus, Ohio for SkillsUSA State Contest from April 24, 2009 to April 25, 2009;

-Approved overnight trip to Haiti April 5 to April 13, 2009 for Peg Bollenbacher, Donna Myers, Clint Myers, Camille Harting, and Kayla Collins.

The next board meeting will be held on Thursday, April 2, 2009 following the All Board's Dinner.

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