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## MR. AND MRS. STAN JORDAN CELEBRATES 65 YEARS OF MARRIAGE



Pauline and Stan Jordan celebrated their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on January 12, 2009. They were married in 1944 in Hicksville at the Presbyterian Church by Reverend Mallott.

They have one son, Gale, and have been blessed with seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Pauline worked at Weatherhead for many years. After WWII, Stan was a mail clerk on a train and then worked in the Antwerp Post Office until retirement. After Stan's retirement with the post office he helped his son at Gale's

SOHIO station where West Bend Printing & Publishing now sits. After that he worked at Lucas Plumbing and Heating and also mowed the Mausee Cemetery in Antwerp.

Stan has not quit yet. He writes a weekly column for the West Bend News and has since its beginning in 2005. He gathers information for his column wherever he goes. He and Pauline have traveled distances for articles and he's always on the phone interviewing. They are both quite an asset to the WBN and the community of Antwerp.

## US 24/127 AREA SEWER AND WATER MEETING

By: Sue Knapp

On January 6 at 7:00 a meeting was held at the Extension Building in Paulding to discuss the sewer and water project for the Cecil area, the Vagabond, the Brentwood Trailer Park and the US 24/127 intersection.

Different options were discussed on how to proceed with the project. One of the options was to create a sewer and water district. Creating a co-op was suggested, and going through the county engi-

neer is also an option.

The popular consensus was to go ahead and get the project started.

Tony Langham, Paulding County Economic Development and Otto Gerdeman of GNG Development were the main speakers and on tap to answer questions. Linda Amos from Poggemeyer Design Group detailed the creation of a Sewer and Water District.

A meeting will be held to discuss the options and to start setting up an organization to build and operate the project.

## JAMES TAYLOR FEATURED SPEAKER AT JOHN PAULDING HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S ANNUAL MEETING

The public is cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting of the John Paulding Historical Society to be held Sunday, January 18, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at the Museum on Fairground Drive, Paulding, OH. There is no admission fee, and the building is wheelchair accessible.

Featured speaker is teacher James Taylor of Forest, Ohio, who will speak on the topic: The History of Presidential Campaigns.

Mr. Taylor was recently the subject of an article in *The Courier* concerning his large collection of political memorabilia, but that is just the "tip of the iceberg." Jim Taylor began his teaching career at Hardin Northern High School and was there until 1978 when he became a teacher at Riverdale High School in Mt. Blanchard until 2002. As a varsity football coach, freshman basketball coach and history and government teacher (for which he was honored in 2002 by the OH High School Athletic Assoc. with a state award for exemplary contribution and service), Taylor was honored with many awards for his commitment to historic education and preservation, his leadership abilities and his coaching talents.

He also was awarded "Educator of the Year" by the VFW, OH District Two, and was nominated for "Ohio Teacher of the Year" by the Hardin County Dept. of Education, the Daughters of the American Revolution's "American History Teacher Award" and the Walt Disney "American Teachers Award."

James earned a master's degree from the University of Dayton in 1982. His most recent award was received in 2007 - the University of Findlay's "Distinguished Alumni Award."

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Stan Searing - Coordinator & Committee Member, Brett Kauser - Committee Member, Al Cook - Committee Member, Mike Mott - Committee Member, Pat Ross - Superintendent. Middle: Senior John Kohart, Sophomore Alex Mott, Sophomore Derrick Pease. Back: Coach Chris Etzler, Sophomore Jesse Glass, Senior Garrett Stoller, Senior Andrew Mott, Freshman Katie Kohart.

In 2007, a group of Paulding citizens decided what people had been saying all along: Paulding needs a new athletic weight room. The ceilings were too low, the water was too high (it flooded when it rained or snowed) and over all just too small! After all, it was previously a storage area.

In August of that year a committee decided to take action and start getting funds. A new tax was out of the question, and so they worked with the area people. The donations poured in much faster than anyone could have hoped for.

It took less than a year to collect the necessary donations for building this new facility. Ground breaking was June of 2008. Guess what? The new building was paid in full at the time of ground breaking due to all of the area people who donated their time & money. The final cost was about \$140,000.

The committee didn't purchase everything new in fact the equipment is from the previous building. And the lights have also been refitted for new bulbs and reused from a school struc-

ture torn down, saving quite a bit of money.

This past weekend the new facility, named the Wellness Center, had it's open house and the snowy weather did not keep people away! People from all over the area were invited to see what the excitement was about and loved it! Oh, and the snacks were good too!



Derrick Pease & Jesse Glass enjoying the new Wellness Center.

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## OBITUARIES

**Mary Jane Kinnaley**, 88, of Payne, passed away Friday, January 9, 2009 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mary was born in Brazil, Indiana on August 5, 1920, the daughter of the late Roy and Marguerite (Kastner) Roberts.

She was a homemaker and a member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish of Paulding County.

She married John H. Kinnaley, who preceded her in death.

Mary will be sadly missed by her sons: Edward (Ruth), David both of Payne and John (Diane) of New Haven, IN; five grandchildren: Donald, Kenneth, Michelle, Chad and Daniel Kinnaley; and seven great-grandchildren.

She is also preceded in death by her daughter, Nancy Sue; brother, Billy Earl Roberts; and daughter-in-law, Doretta.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Payne (formerly St. John the Baptist) January 13, with Rev. G. Allan Fillman officiating. She was laid to rest at St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery, Payne.

Her family requests donations to American Cancer Society or St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at [www.dooleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.dooleyfuneralhome.com).

**Theresa E. Wannemacher**, 87, of Payne, passed away Sunday, January 4, 2009 at Dallas Lamb Foundation Home.

She was born in Payne on April 2, 1921, the daughter of the late John and Olive (Zartman) Johnston.

On June 14, 1941 she married Louis Wannemacher who died May 15, 1994.

Theresa was a homemaker, a member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, the Altar Rosary Society, Joan of Arc Study Club, Paulding County Hospital Benevolent Society, Paulding County Farm Bureau, Payne Grange and she was a 4-H Advisor.

She will be sadly missed by her daughters: Rita Colalis of Grayling, MI, Jean (Chris) Geist of Bowling Green and Carol Erickson of Payne; sons: Ron of Fort Wayne, Joe (Marlene) of Menomonee, WI and Tony (Carol) of Payne; sisters: Leona Farrell of Quincy, MI,

Kathleen Brown of Antwerp and Jean Young of Payne; 15 grandchildren; and 34 great grandchildren.

Service was held January 9 at Divine Mercy Catholic Church, Payne, with Deacon David Jordan officiating. She was laid to rest at Lehman Cemetery, Payne.

Memorials are to Dallas Lamb Activity Fund or PCH Home Health Care. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at [www.dooleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.dooleyfuneralhome.com)

**Laura Jean Bland**, 83, of Paulding, died Saturday, January 10, 2009 at the Gardens of Paulding, Paulding, OH.

She was born in Paulding County on July 19, 1925 the daughter of Eugene and Ada (Dickerson) Stephen. She retired in 1988 from the Dana Weatherhead Corp. of Antwerp, Ohio after 20 years of service. She attended the First Presbyterian Church of Paulding, OH. She was a member of the Paulding VFW Post #587 Auxiliary and the Paulding F.O.E. Post #2405 Auxiliary.

Surviving are one daughter, Sue A. Bland of Columbus, OH; two sons: Stephen Bland of Paulding, and Eugene (Brenda) Bland of Centerville, OH; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren; two brothers: Don W. (Donna) Stephen of California and Eugene (Sandy) Stephen of Kendallville, IN.

She is preceded in death by her parents; and two brothers: Roy Allen Stephen and Jack Stephen.

Funeral services were conducted on January 13, 2009 at Den Herder Funeral Home. Burial was in Hedges Cemetery, Paulding.

Memorials to American Heart Association or American Cancer Society. Condolences may be left at [www.denherderfh.com](http://www.denherderfh.com)

## THANK YOU

We wish to give our heartfelt thanks to all who said a prayer, sent a card, sent us food, gave us a call or the many hugs we were given after our mother's passing. A special thanks to Mary and Terry Derck for your constant support and concern, along with all of mom's neighbors.

We'd also like to take this time to tell Shawn and all at Dooley's Funeral Home how special all of you are.

Brian Gaisford, thanks

for your courage at the time of mother's passing.

Wendy and Jessie, your help and support were also so appreciated.

Kristy, thanks for a shoulder to cry on and the time that you spent with us. Our friendship is forever.

Also, to Paulding Visiting Nurses. We truly appreciated your services.

Laura at PVN, your support and kindness and concern on Christmas will never be forgotten.

We can never repay what all of you have given, but we hope to be there for all of you when you need us.

God Bless all of you!

—The family of Norma

F. Butyok,

May 4, 1930 - December

28, 2008

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## MATTHEW 24 LESSON 17

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

Last time I left off I was talking about the Lord coming in the clouds—and this meaning he was coming in Judgment. Today I will give some other scripture verses about coming in the clouds.

In the gospel of Matthew, he uses the word "coming" in a number of different ways. In Matthew 10:23, it is believed that he is talking about the spirit coming on Pentecost as in Acts chapter 2. In Matthew 25:31, here it talks about his coming on the day of judgment. Also there is another scripture verse in Matthew 26:64 when Jesus told Caiaphas at his trial that he would see the son of man sitting on the right hand of power and coming on the clouds of heaven. Notice in Matthew 26:63 that Caiaphas said in this verse, "I adjure you by the living God." The word 'adjure' means Caiaphas is binding an oath on Jesus to give a direct answer to his question.

Notice in Matthew 26:64, Jesus doesn't identify Himself with the misconception of the Messiah they had, but as the son of man in Daniel 7:13, as one who would be the judge of all. Jesus did not tell them that he was the son of God, but that they had said it. Jesus is talking about two Old Testament scriptures which relates to what he is saying Psalms 110. About him sitting at the right hand of power, as well as in Daniel 7:13 about coming on the clouds of heaven. And this is clouds again being used

in a judgment context. Yes, Caiaphas being the high priest, should have been familiar with these scripture verses. Caiaphas, was the last high priest because at Jesus' death he became the one and only high priest. According to what Jesus is saying in Matthew 26:64, Caiaphas could have been alive in 70 AD, not as high priest, because this was taken away from him in 36 AD. According to several dictionaries that I have, as far as I know from my research, there isn't any information about the year Caiaphas was born or died. The lesson is yours.

Remember, Jesus loves you and so do I! Bible questions? Please call (419) 399-5022 or (419) 393-4775.

## FOUNTAIN OF FAITH FREE CLINIC SCHEDULE

The Fountain of Faith has issued a schedule for the Free Medical Clinic. The Fountain of Faith Free Medical Clinic see patients who have no insurance on a first come, first serve basis and there is no charge. The clinic is located at the Community Memorial Hospital in Hicksville.

The NorthWest Ohio Dental Clinic will also be providing services on a limited basis. They do require appointments, do have income requirements and do have a nominal charge. Their first date will be 1/10/09 at Community Memorial Hospital. There phone number to schedule is 1-866-378-6965, other dates TBA.

The schedule for the Fountain of Faith Free Medical Clinic in 2009 - 1/10, 2/7, 3/7, 4/4, 5/2, 6/6, 7/11, 8/1, 9/5, 10/3, 11/7, 12/5.

## THANK YOU

On behalf of the Elders and Employees of the Gardens of Paulding, we would like to sincerely thank Paulding's Fire, Police, and EMS staff for their assistance during our recent winter misfortune. Our public services assured a safe environment for our staff and helped get the building organized so we could resume daily services to our elders. These city employees and volunteers were professional and provided helpful information and insight into our situation. Again, we thank them for their continued dedication and service to the members of our community.

Sincerely,

—The Staff and Elders, Gardens of Paulding

## H&amp;R BLOCK: FORECLOSURES TRIGGER TAX LIABILITIES

New home sales are down. Foreclosures are up. In fact, one out of every 416 homes in America received a foreclosure notice in August\*, leaving many taxpayers scratching their heads to understand their tax liabilities.

"Homeownership is usually a benefit to one's tax situation. But, as more and more people experience a foreclosure, the complexity of their tax situations also increases," said Amy McAnarney, executive director of The Tax Institute of H&R Block (NYSE:HRB).

"Given the current housing market, tax professionals are advising more taxpayers on what they need to do when they file their returns," McAnarney said. "H&R Block tax preparers are seeing first-hand an increase in questions about the tax implications of foreclosures."

The recently passed Emergency Economic Stabilization Act includes tax breaks to Americans involved in a foreclosure, relieving some of their financial burden. EESA extends the Mortgage Forgiveness Debt Relief Act to 2013 - it was originally scheduled to expire at the end of 2009.

Taxpayers will benefit from two kinds of "forgiven debt" on a primary residence. First, in efforts to not foreclose on a home, a lender may let the owner sell the home at a loss and forgive the remaining balance due on the loan. Second, a lender may foreclose on a principal residence then forgive the remaining debt owed. In both cases, that canceled debt is usually classified as

taxable income.

However, the Mortgage Relief Act allows taxpayers to exclude such "forgiven debt" from taxable income, as long as the debt was incurred to buy, build, or substantially improve the residence. The exclusion applies only to acquisition debt to \$2 million. Cancelled mortgage debt which was not used to buy, build or improve a principal residence is not eligible for this exclusion but may be eligible for some other type of relief.

"Because of the decline in the housing market, the number of people who qualify to utilize the new debt cancellation exclusion could increase," McAnarney said. "That's why it's even more important to consult your tax professional to ensure you are correctly utilizing the changes in the tax code involving debt cancellation and foreclosure."

\*according to real estate tracking web site [www.realtytrac.com](http://www.realtytrac.com)

## ANTWERP CONSERVATION CLUB NEWS

We have been working on an indoor air rifle range for the youth. We are now ready for our first shoot for ages 6 to 12 years old. This first shoot will be Saturday, February 7 at 1:00 p.m. at the Club. We would like to have at least one parent with your child.

This will be for boys and girls to teach them fire arm safety and how to shot air rifles. We have the rifles to start with and the ammo to go with it.

If you would like to enter your child call Byron Rasey after 5:00 p.m. 419-258-6772. There may be a small fee to help with the heat bill, lights, etc.

## Divine Mercy Catholic Parish Mass

## Schedule:

Saturday - 4:00 p.m. - Payne  
6:00 p.m. - Paulding  
Sunday - 8:30 a.m. - Antwerp  
Sunday - 10:30 a.m. - Paulding



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**PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 31, 2008**

This 31<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2008, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING 'THEN AND NOW' PURCHASE ORDERS AND PAYMENTS**

WHEREAS, it is certified that both at the time that the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time that the County Auditor is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code §5705.41(D)(1), these purchases must be approved by resolution of the board of county commissioners; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Paulding County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Purchase Orders as submitted by the Auditor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners, County of Paulding, State of Ohio concerning the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**APPOINTMENTS IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

This 31<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2008, the Board of County Commissioners approved the following appointments, to-wit:

Nola Ginter, Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

Joan Tope, Assistant Clerk  
Amanda Lichty, Paulding County Dog Warden

Georgia Dyson, Assistant Dog Warden

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R. Allen Beamer, Paulding County Fire Marshal  
Becky Suvar, Program Manager, Waste Management Education and Awareness Program

Darlene Jordan, Assistant Clerk

Tony Langham, Director, Paulding County Economic Development

Pamela Miller, Administrative Assistant, Paulding County Economic Development

**IN THE MATTER OF PERMIT APPLICATION FROM SAA BRIGHT NET**

Mr. Edward Straley moved to adopt the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby approve permit application from SAA Bright Net to bury a fiber optic cable along CR 115. The work will commence at TR 176 and run south to the Paulding Village limits on CR 115. This will occur in Section 31 of Emerald Township.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE 2007 ANNUAL COUNTY HIGHWAY SYSTEM MILEAGE CERTIFICATION**

Mr. Edward Straley moved to adopt the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, in accordance with the provisions specified in the Ohio Revised Code, Section §4501.04 (Distribution of Revenues), the Board of County Commissioners of Paulding County, Ohio, does hereby certify a total of 320.08 miles from January through December 2008 for Paulding County.

**AUDIT COMMITTEE**

This 31<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2008, the Board of County Commissioners; Tony Burkley, and Edward Straley, met with members of the Audit Committee: Susan Simpson, County Auditor; Tony Zartman, Commissioner elect; Lou Ann Wannemacher, County Treasurer; Carol Temple, County Recorder; and Ann Waldman, Clerk of Courts.

A brief discussion was held regarding the disposal of supplies and equipment.

Lou Ann Wannemacher distributed December's Permissive Sales and Use Tax report for review. It was noted total sales and use tax receipts are down from November figures and also down from the four-year average for December.

Susan Simpson presented her monthly reports. Actual general fund 2007 carryover to 2008 was \$975,865.47. Actual 2008 receipts were \$4,271,701.06 and expenses were \$4,167,185.91. The actual 2008 carryover to 2009 is \$1,080,380.62.

Tony Burkley commented the 2008 carryover was exceptional given the current economic slump. He further stated that local government funding will be decreased by 7% in 2009, which will result in future use of the carryover dollars.

Lou Ann Wannemacher stated Star Ohio announced a 1.10% interest rate on investments. The rate was 4% just last year at this time.

Ann Waldman announced the Title Office has been closed on Monday evenings and Saturday mornings due to budget cuts.

Susan Simpson asked that the committee remind county residents to apply for the Homestead exemption.

She noted several people who qualify are not signed up.

Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be January 28, 2009.

**PAULDING VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 15, 21, AND 29, 2008**

Paulding Village Council met in Regular Session on December 15, 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.

Sutton motioned to approve the minutes of the December 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, seconded by Jeffery. Vote: all yea.

Resolution No. 1230-08 re: Authorizing the Purchase of Supplies for the Year 2009, was read for the third time. Breedlove motioned to approve the legislation, seconded by Daeger. Vote: all yea.

Mayor White noted the following two pieces of legislation were to be tabled until the Special Council meeting scheduled for December 22, 2008:

Ordinance No. 1389-08 re: An Ordinance Amending and Increasing Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the Village of Paulding, Ohio, during the Year Ending December 31, 2008.

Ordinance No. 1390-08 re: An Ordinance to make Permanent Appropriations for Current Expenses and other Expenditures of the Village of Paulding, Ohio, during the Year Ending December 31, 2009.

Daeger presented the Street Committee report. The Committee had met on December 2<sup>nd</sup> to discuss the following:

Tim and Renee Boss were present to discuss potential sign design for Countryside Estates. The signs would attach to the wood frame with an estimated cost of \$285 each.

Rick Weaver of Poggemeyer Design was present to provide an update on resurfacing and new curbs on Cherry Street. Council agreed that the engineering for this project would need to be bid out due to the estimated cost of services.

The Street Committee will

meet on January 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the Request For Qualifications for the Cherry Street project.

Sierer noted the PCFA had met on December 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss the 2009 budget. The trustees agreed to increase the operating budget to \$55,000. Sierer requested Council move into executive session later in the meeting for personnel matters.

Rife motioned to transfer \$50,000 from the Income Tax (#102) fund to the Police (#208) fund at Tope's request, seconded by Daeger. Vote: Rife, yea; Sierer, yea; Daeger, yea; Jeffery, yea; Breedlove, no; Sutton, yea.

Mayor White requested residents use caution this winter while driving on ice and snow. The Village will be reducing the amount of salt used on salt routes due to low supply.

Administrator Wiebe noted he, the Mayor, Tope, Rife, and Winners will be attending an RCap education session on December 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. The session will discuss utility management and finance issues.

Wiebe also relayed a "Water to Cecil" meeting has been scheduled for January 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Extension Building.

Daeger noted the sewage lagoon's fence has been vandalized. Sutton requested that anyone with information on the cause of the damage please contact the Paulding Police Department. Daeger noted that if the vandalism continues hunting will be prohibited on the property.

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

Sutton motioned to approve paying Randy Crawford for 40 hours of vacation, seconded by Daeger. Vote: all yea.

Wiebe noted the Finance Committee had met prior to the Council Meeting to discuss appropriations.

The following Committee meetings were scheduled:

Special Council Meeting - Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

Safety Committee - Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the golf cart ordinance.

Street Committee - Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the Cherry Street project Request for Qualifications.

Recreation Committee - Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30

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

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

Paulding Village Council met in Regular Session on December 22, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. Council President Rife called the meeting to order.

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

Ordinance No. 1389-08 re: An Ordinance Amending and Increasing Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the Village of Paulding, Ohio, during the Year Ending December 31, 2008, was read for the third time. Breedlove motioned to approve the legislation, seconded by Jeffery. Vote: all yea.

Ordinance No. 1390-08 re: An Ordinance to make Permanent Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the Village of Paulding, Ohio, during the Year Ending December 31, 2009, was read for the third time. Council discussed next year's proposed appropriations. Sierer motioned to approve the legislation, seconded by Breedlove. Vote: all yea.

Wiebe presented the Administrator's Agenda. The agenda requested Water Plant and Utility employee's wages be redirected after the first of the year, and a \$45,000 transfer be made from the General Fund to the Water Fund. Sutton motioned to approve the Administrator's Agenda, seconded by Breedlove. Vote: all yea.

Tope requested Ordinance No. 1389-08 be revised to reflect an additional \$27,000 adjustment to the General Fund. A Consensus of Council was taking approving the adjustment.

Kim Sutton requested the public use caution driving in the icy conditions and to be aware of falling limbs.

The following Committee meetings were scheduled:

"Water to Cecil" - Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Extension Building

Street Committee - Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the Cherry Street project's Request for Qualifications.

Recreation Committee

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

The citizens of Paulding County would like to commend Dave Harrow for his years of service to Paulding County as our sheriff. We wish him the best of luck in his retirement and with his new endeavors. We are curious, Dave, what do you have planned for retirement? Best of luck!

—Tim Dauten

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and Park Board - Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

MRBPLG - Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at 319 Wayne Street; Defiance.

Recreation Committee - Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

Committee of the Whole Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. with Julie Ward of RCAP.

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

Paulding Village Council met in Regular Session on December 29, 2008, at 12:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. Mayor White called the meeting to order.

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

Ordinance No. 1391-08 re: An Ordinance Amending and Increasing Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the Village of Paulding, Ohio, during the Year Ending December

31, 2008 and Declaring an Emergency, was read for the first time. Jeffery motioned to suspend the rules and declare an emergency, seconded by Breedlove. Rife motioned to approve the legislation, seconded by Sierer. Vote: all ye.

Sutton motioned to adjourn, seconded by Rife. Vote: all ye.

**TO ALL DANA EMPLOYEES**

Attention to anyone who worked at Dana wishing to attend a dinner buffet held in Sebring, Florida. The dinner will be on Saturday, February 28, 2009 from 11:00-1:15 p.m. at Homer's Buffet in Sebring.

Contact Bill (Fluffy) or Carolyn Luff at 941-751-4882 for more information.

**VANTAGE BOARD HOLDS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

Prior to the regular Vantage monthly board meeting on Thursday, January 8, 2009, the board held a tax budget hearing and an organizational meeting. President Pro-Tem Brian Laudick called the organizational meeting to order and the oath of office was administered. Returning board members beginning new two year terms are Dana Smith (Parkway), Lonnie Nedderman (Crestview), Les Hockenberry (Wayne Trace), Brian Laudick (Kalida) and Robert Herber (Antwerp).

Elections were held and Brian Laudick from Kalida was elected President and Lonnie Nedderman from Crestview, Vice-President. Kevin Landin from Ottoville was appointed Legislative Liaison and Vicki Profit from Lincolnview, Student Achievement Liaison. Regular monthly meetings were scheduled for the first Thursday of each month. Lori Davis was appointed as Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer for Vantage Career Center and was authorized to request tax advances from appropriate county auditors, pay outstanding bills, make general fund transfers and invest active, inactive and interim funds. The Vantage Career Center Board of Education Service Fund was set at \$8,000.

The Vantage superintendent Staci Kaufman, was appointed Chief Executive Officer of Vantage Career Center, Purchasing Agent, Signatory for salary notices and contracts and the official to review and approve student activity budgets. The superintendent was authorized to

extend employment contracts as well as accept resignations between regularly scheduled board meetings when necessary for the efficient operation of the school. The superintendent was authorized to approve staff member attendance at professional meetings and to approve travel and business related expense vouchers, leave forms, etc. The treasurer was authorized to approve travel and business related expense vouchers and leave forms, etc., submitted by the superintendent. The Vantage Board of Education as a whole was designated to serve as Audit Committee for the finances for the school district. The Van Wert Times Bulletin was designated as the official school newspaper. Membership was approved for the Ohio School Boards Association, Association of Career Technical Education and Ohio Association of Career Technical Superintendents. Legal counsel and cashier positions were designated. Petty cash funds were set.

At the regular board meeting, the minutes from the December 4, 2008 meeting were approved along with financial statements for the month of November. The 2010 Vantage Career Center Tax Budget was approved as presented at the Budget Hearing.

Superintendent Staci Kaufman reported a levy update, the status of the Paulding Ag teacher opening, and an update on progress of the administrative advisory committee. Director Bob Vennekotter provided information on maintenance issues due to the recent ice storms and extreme temperatures, usage of the InstantAlert system for weather delays and cancellations and progress of the Carpentry and Building and Grounds projects. Principal Keith Rydell updated the board on the completion of the FFA fruit fundraising project, the Culinary Arts Christmas buffet lunch and dinner, National Technical Honor Society new inductees and the Vantage Toys for Tots drive. He also reported on the ongoing investigation of the December 5 bomb threat. He invited board members and the public to the Vantage Open House and Scholarship Dinner on Monday January 12 from 5:00-7:30 p.m. Adult Education Director Jim Grant reported on a proposed amendment to the Paulding Youth Grant for the remainder of this year, where Vantage will assume program assistance, summer youth and working with younger youth. For the first time, a spring class brochure will be mailed this month to targeted area residences. He also reported on a meeting between Northwest State, Vantage and Wright State Lake Campus where the need for a new store front location was discussed.

In new business, the board: —Approved the following list of contract services for "Step Into Your Future" workshop: Christi Klinger Bok, Sheila Hoskins, Linda McCann, Jill Luginbill, Miranda Brinkman Leatherman and Tyler Miller; —Approved supplemental contracts for the following participants for "Step Into Your Future" workshop: MaryJo Wilhelm, Michele

Prichard, Nancy Keith, Jerry Robinson, Lisa Hatcher, Reesa Rohrs, Shirley Jarvis, Kristy Bidlock, Robin Burns, Nancy Moore and Brent Wright;

—Employed the following as Adult Education instructors, all as needed, as scheduled: Jed Gerold, EMT and Wayne Kargas, ABLE;

—Accepted the resignation of Andrew Rager, Paulding Ag satellite instructor effective December 31, 2008;

—Approved the contract with NOACSC for internet access service agreement effective July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010;

—Held a first reading of NEOLA new, revised or replacement policies.

The Superintendent requested an executive session for the purpose of discussion of employment of personnel. No action was taken.

The next board meeting will be held on Thursday, February 5, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Vantage Cup & Saucer.

**"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON**

Even though Christmas break came a little early for many teachers and students at Vantage and surrounding schools, many good things were happening in the weeks leading up to Christmas.

Vantage students and staff members took the principal's "Toys for Tots" challenge very seriously, and donated over \$1200 and 300 toys to be distributed in Van Wert and Paulding counties.

The Vantage Interact Club (a part of Rotary International for high school students) sponsored a carnival at school as a fundraiser. Several programs had booths and everyone had a great time while raising over \$600. This money will be used to help support the Carpentry program Vantage established at the Bordes School in Haiti. The Interact Club also donated money to assist a Paulding County family with Christmas.

The junior and senior Health Careers classes traveled to the Country Inn in Haviland to sing and visit with assisted living residents. The combined classes also purchased and wrapped gifts for angels from the First Methodist Church Angel Tree with their instructors, Shirley Jarvis and Reesa Rohrs.

**MOX PRICE WINS "THE RUMBLE"**



Mox Price, from Payne, OH, won "The Rumble" at the Fort Wayne Coliseum. Mox raced in the Jr. Honda Division both Friday, December 26, 2008 and Saturday, December 27, 2008. Pictured is Mox with his winning Quarter Midget and his dad, Mark Price. Mox also raced in the

Light 160 class in which he raced with kids up to 13 years of age. Mox placed 4th and 10th in those races.

Mox has been racing quarter midgets for three years. Mox is proudly supported by Sylvia's Country Portraits in Antwerp.



Vantage Sr. Health Career students (clockwise) Kelsey Barnes (Van Wert), Christina Nidiffer (Crestview), Amber Baumert (Antwerp) and Amber Kempher (Van Wert) show off some of the merchandise they purchased for their "angel".

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**ANTWERP HISTORY**

**By: Stan Jordan**  
 This week's picture is of the 1938-39 Antwerp boys' basketball team. We are indebted to Harold Wann for this picture.  
 Dick Crosby was a farmer around Antwerp for awhile

WWII he was engaged in the farming profession. He passed away early in life.  
 Bob Kemerer was a good all-around athlete, mostly football. He was engaged in farming northwest of town. He and Mary Lou had a fine family and some of the boys still live around Antwerp.



Back Row (l-r) - Coach W.H. Horney, Dick Crosby, Bob Hartman, George Magdich, George Bitler, Bob Kemerer, Max Daub-Manager. Front Row (l-r) - Bob Chiles, Max Putman, Jack Yager, Bud Swann, Harold 'Shorty' Ewing

then he became a Methodist minister. He and his wife, Maybelle, had two daughters. He spent many years in the Oakwood area.  
 Bob Hartman was also a good football player. He moved up into Michigan after graduation.  
 George Magdich was also a good athlete. After WWII, he spent most of his life in the Atlanta area. He always came back to Antwerp for each Alumni.  
 George Bitler, after

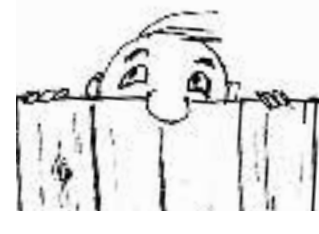
Some of the grandsons have gone off to law school.  
 Max Daub was the student manager. He was also on the unscored upon football team of 1938. He was a farmer over on SR 8.  
 Bob Chiles was probably one of Antwerp's best athletes. I think he was one of the best baseball pitchers. He was a good basketball player too. He went on to be a Methodist minister in the New York area. As I understand he is retired now but

plays a good game of golf.  
 Jack Yager, along with the basketball, was also a good full-back on the football team. His profession was dentistry. He flew his own plane back to Antwerp regularly. He lived down toward Columbus.  
 Budd Swann, a good all-around athlete excelled in all sports. After his discharge from the Marines he lived in the Antwerp area, he and Doris raised two boys and a girl.  
 Harold Ewing was also called 'Shorty'. He was a better football player. After WWII he married and lived just across the line in Michigan.  
 See Ya!

ton Mare. He left Denton to race his horse in North Texas then later he moved down to San Antonio.  
 When the racing petered out, he and a number of fellows gathered up a heard of cattle for all the area ranchers and drove them north to market. When they got to Dodge City they decided to go on north for a better price. After they sold the herd and paid off the hands, he and Joe Collins took the remaining money and went north. They never did pay the ranchers for their cattle. Instead they squandered the \$8,000 on gambling in Ogalla, NE and then on in to Deadwood in the Black Hills.  
 In 1887, Bass and Collins tried freighting without success. Then they recruited some ne'er do wells and started robbing stage coaches.  
 Sam's luck was sometimes bad. At one stretch he robbed seven stage coaches with no loot. In fact, in one robbery, they had to share their water with some of the victims.  
 This wasn't so good, so Joe Collins picked up some drifters along with Bass and they rode south to Big Spring, NE. They held up the Eastbound Pacific passenger train and got \$60,000 in brand new, 20 dollar gold pieces along with four pocket watches and \$13.00 cash from the passengers.  
 After splitting the loot, they decided to go different directions by twos. In a couple weeks, Collins and two others were killed while resisting arrest, but Bass dressed up like a farmer, made it back to Texas and found a new outlaw band.  
 He and his brigands held up a couple stages in the spring of 1878 and four trains within 25 miles of Dallas. They didn't get much money but the citizens were getting tired of the robberies and wanted those men caught. They were chased all over North Texas by a posse' and a special company of Texas Rangers led by Junius Peak.  
 Bass eluded the mobs but one of his henchmen, Jim Murphy, turned informer. Bass's Band rode south intending to rob a small bank at Round Rock on July 19. They got into a gun fight with the lawmen and Bass got wounded. The next morning he was found lying helpless in a pasture field and was brought back to Round Rock. He died there on July 21 on his 27<sup>th</sup> birthday.  
 I have read in other places where they propped him up on a porch against a post and he talked some before he died.  
 There was some discussion over whose bullet hit Bass. He said it was Deputy Sheriff, A.W. 'High' Grimes. He was getting a shave when the gun battle started. Bass said the man who shot him had lather on his face and then passed away.  
 Best known for the big train robbery at Big Springs, NE in September of 1872, he was probably the most notorious Texas outlaw of the 1870's. In four years his bands robbed trains, stages and stores from the Dakota Territory down into Texas and the Mexican border.  
 He was not a killer, but after four years he was wanted by Wells Fargo Agents and Railroad Detectives and scores of lawmen and the Texas Rangers until he was

**NOW READ THIS**  
**By: Stan Jordan**  
 Sam Bass, outlaw, train robber, shyster and all around no goodnic was born in Mitchell, IN on June 21, 1851. He was orphaned before he was 13 years old. He spent five years in the home of an uncle. He ran away and worked at a saw mill in Rosedale, MS. He was there awhile and then left there on horseback and went to Denton, TX. He worked on a cattle ranch for awhile, but being a cowboy did not come up to his liking.  
 He went back to Denton and got a job of handling horses at a Hotel Livery Stable. He then worked for the county sheriff doing odd jobs and spent a lot of time as a freighter between Dallas and Sherman, TX.  
 He became interested in horse racing and acquired a fleet mount called The Den-

shot at that robbery in Round Rock, TX. That town celebrates Sam Bass Day in the third week of July each year.  
 See Ya!



**By: Stan Jordan**  
 As I sat in a McDonald's Restaurant with a soup and sandwich, I noticed an older couple across the room, as it was supper time. The gentleman was eating his supper but the lady was looking all around and not eating at all.  
 So I watched this a little bit and things continued on the same. I didn't know if she was sick or why she wasn't eating, but I knew her food would soon get cold.  
 So I got up a little nerve and asked if she was alright. "I noticed that you are not eating," I said.  
 She said, "Oh, yes, I'm okay. I'm just waiting for Paw to finish so I can use the teeth."  
 See Ya!



**FROM THE DOG WARDEN'S DESK**

**By: Mandy Lichty, Paulding County Dog Warden**  
 This week's featured pet is Michael. Michael is an adult male Australian Shepherd mix. He is already neutered and appears to be quite calm.  
 If you take your dog for a walk be sure to clean their footpads well when you get home. The salt applied to the roads in the winter can cause major irritation to tender little feet. Dogs with very furry feet can get salt built up and imbedded in their fur causing further discomfort.  
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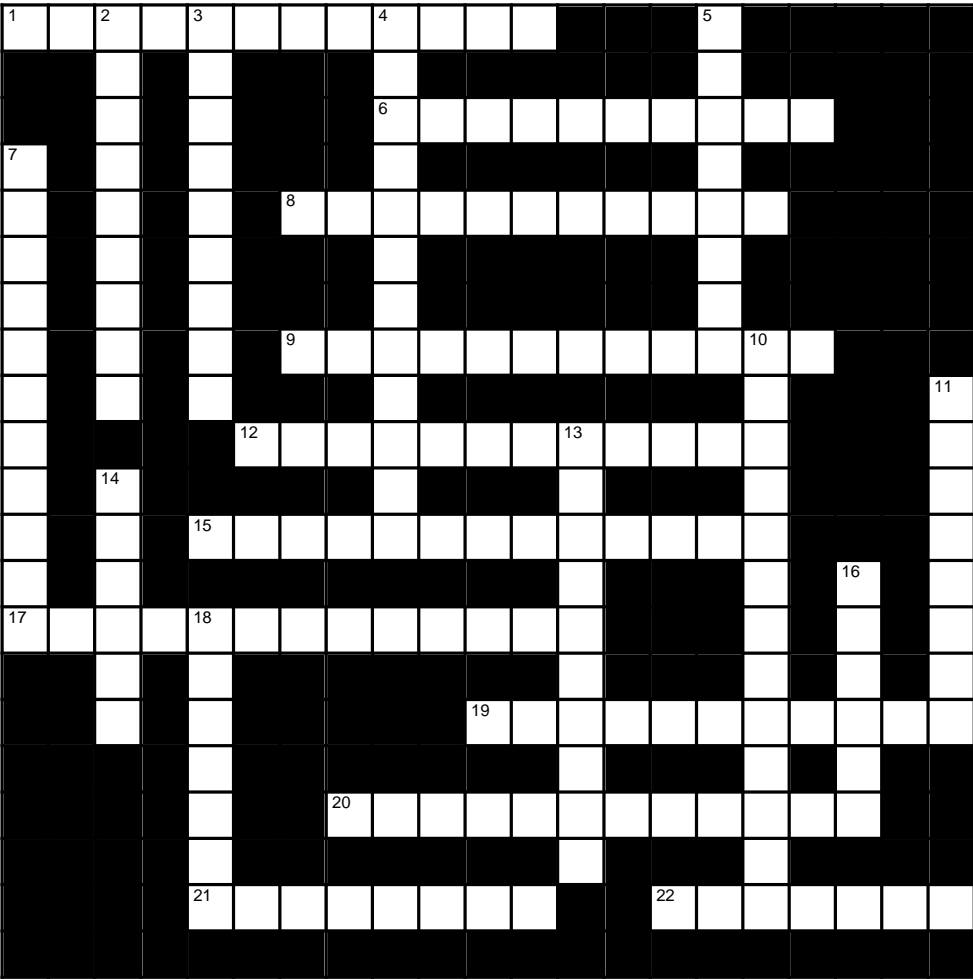
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Directions: The definition of "anagram" is this: a word, phrase, or sentence formed from another by rearranging its letters. Ex. dormitory - dirty room. Have fun figuring these out!



**Across**

- 1. I get bored, man ... (2 words)
- 6. A gentleman ... (2 words)
- 8. Cash lost in 'em ... (2 words)
- 9. Cook, catch her ... (2 words)
- 12. The classroom ... (2 words)
- 15. Detects thieves ... (2 words)
- 17. Twelve plus one ... (3 words)
- 19. So, let's pinch ...
- 20. Alas no more Z's ... (2 words)
- 21. Is no meal ...
- 22. The eyes ... (2 words)

**Down**

- 2. Is no amity ...
- 3. Bad credit ... (2 words)
- 4. Here come dots ... (3 words)
- 5. Detain Me ...
- 7. No city dust here ...
- 10. Search, set, trim ... (2 words)
- 11. A stew, sir ...
- 13. Moon Starer...
- 14. Listen ...
- 16. The IRS ...
- 18. Some ski ...

- 1/14 - Cheese bread stick w/marinara sauce, carrots, assorted fruit, milk
- 1/15 - Chicken alphabet soup w/crackers, bread w/margarine or peanut butter, carrots, fruit, milk
- 1/16 - Breaded chicken on bun, broccoli w/cheese, assorted fruit, milk
- 1/19 - No school, Martin Luther King Day
- 1/20 - Egg & cheese omelet, raisin muffins, oven potatoes, assorted fruit, milk
- Oakwood Elementary
- Breakfast:
  - 1/14 - Coco roos cereal, juice, milk
  - 1/15 - Rainbow yogurt, string cheese, fruit juice, milk
  - 1/16 - Assorted cereal packs, fruit, milk
  - 1/19 - No school, Martin Luther King Day
  - 1/20 - Assorted breakfast bars, fruit, milk
- Oakwood Elementary
- Lunch:
  - 1/14 - Toasted cheese, tomato soup, assorted fruit, milk
  - 1/15 - Taco in a bag, lettuce & cheese, assorted fruit, milk
  - 1/16 - Breaded mozzarella sticks w/sauce, green beans, assorted fruit, milk
  - 1/19 - No school, Martin Luther King Day
  - 1/20 - Popcorn chicken, whipped potatoes w/gravy, bread, assorted fruit, milk

**ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL LUNCH MENU FOR THE WEEK OF 1/14 THROUGH 1/20**

- 1/14 - Tex mex chili or sausage sandwich, mixed vegetables, banana, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cottage cheese
- 1/15 - French toast sticks or pizza burger on bun, sausage links, orange juice, hash browns, milk; PLUS: salad bar or brownie
- 1/16 - Chicken quesadilla or ham salad, lettuce salad, peaches, chocolate chip cookie, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cook's choice
- 1/19 - No school, Martin Luther King Day
- 1/20 - Chicken nuggets or BBQ rib on bun, baked beans, pineapple, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cook's choice

**BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS FOR THE WEEK OF 1/14 THROUGH 1/20**

- Breakfast:**
- 1/14 - Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk
  - 1/15 - Egg/cheese omelet, toast/jelly, juice, milk
  - 1/16 - Waffles, sausage, juice, milk
  - 1/19 - No school, Martin Luther King Day
  - 1/20 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, juice, milk
- Lunch:**
- 1/14 - Hot ham/cheese sandwich, Raider tators, fruit crisp, milk; WT: fajitas
  - 1/15 - Pizza, cheese or pepperoni, tossed salad, peanut butter fudge, applesauce, milk
  - 1/16 - Nacho chips/meat/cheese/salsa/sour cream, mandarin oranges, milk
  - 1/19 - No school, Martin Luther King Day
  - 1/20 - Rotini/meat, mozzarella cheese stick, garlic toast, pears, milk

**PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 1/14 THROUGH 1/20**

- MS/HS - Breakfast:**
- 1/14 - Bacon, egg & cheese croissant, juice, milk
  - 1/15 - Sausage, egg burrito, juice, milk
  - 1/16 - Sausage gravy w/biscuits, juice, milk
  - 1/19 - No school, Martin Luther King Day
  - 1/20 - Cinnamon roll or cherry turnover, juice, milk
- MS/HS - Lunch:**
- 1/14 - Chicken strip bowl w/roll or sub sandwich, baby carrots w/dip, chips, assorted fruit, milk
  - 1/15 - Italian dunkers, green beans, assorted fruit, milk
  - 1/16 - Cheeseburger w/bun, Panther wedges, assorted fruit, milk
  - 1/19 - No school, Martin Luther King Day
  - 1/20 - Cavatini, lettuce salad, bread stick, assorted fruit, milk
- Paulding Elementary
- Breakfast:**
- 1/14 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk
  - 1/15 - Poptarts, juice, milk
  - 1/16 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk
  - 1/19 - No school, Martin Luther King Day
  - 1/20 - Pancake wrap,

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Woodburn Lutheran School Student of the Month -We have reached the half way point of our school year. One of our WLS students who have consistently worked up to his potential is Dylan Gerig, 6th grader, and our student of the month. His teachers appreciate his work ethic and his positive attitude with his classmates and with all of his teachers. He is a leader in a very

positive way for his classmates and for all of our younger students. We are pleased to have him at Woodburn Lutheran School. The picture is from his recent lead role in our Christmas program as "Caesar".

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**By: Sue Knapp**  
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**WINNERS AT LADYBUGS!**

Carolyn Rekeweg from Woodburn won the Grand Prize at the Ladybugs Christmas Open House. A new twist on a 'dozen roses' will provide Carolyn with a rose a week for 12 weeks or three months!

Other winners were Holly Rosswurm - a gift set, Marion Kuehnert - a poinsettia plant and Skip Long - a centerpiece.

**LATTA INTRODUCES LEGISLATION FOR 111TH CONGRESS**

Earlier today, Congressman Latta (R- Bowling Green) re-introduced the following legislation he sponsored in the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress.

—The TRICARE Continuity of Coverage for National Guard and Reserve Families Act of 2009, a bill that allows retired members of National Guard and reserve units with 20 or more years of faithful and honorable service to purchase healthcare that was available to them during their time in active service or after they reach 60 years of age. Currently, members who have retired but are not yet 60 years of age are not eligible for TRICARE, and are referred to as being in the "gray area." Right now there are approximately 220,000 retirees that fall within in the "gray area" and an additional 12,100 service members retiring and entering this status each year. —A bill that would increase the standard charitable mileage rate tax deduction for

volunteers who deliver meals to elderly, disabled, frail, or at risk individuals. High gas prices have recently forced many home meal delivery programs to alter or reduce the amount of routes and meals they can provide. Currently, the standard mileage rate for charitable mileage is 14 cents per mile and, if passed, this bill would bring the charitable rate up for those delivering meals to the current business rate of 58.5 cents per mile.

—A resolution outlining a five-point comprehensive energy reform plan to lower energy costs and increase domestic energy production. The five points are as follows:

1. Expanded use of renewable and alternative energy sources.
  2. Increase in U.S. domestic refining capacity.
  3. Promote and incentivize an increase in conservation and energy efficiency.
  4. Expand and promote additional research and development through new and innovative methods such as public-private partnerships.
  5. Enhancing consumer awareness and education regarding methods to increase energy efficiency and available alternative fuel sources to reduce our dependence on Middle Eastern oil.
- A resolution Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that in order to continue aggressive growth in our Nation's telecommunications and technology industries, the United States Government should "Get Out of the Way and Stay Out of the Way."

**HOW TO REPAIR ICE-DAMAGED TREES**

**By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Educator**

After accessing the ice-damage to your trees, your next step is to determine what damage you can repair. The following guidelines were provided by Ron Wolford, University of Illinois Extension Educator in Horticulture on repairing ice-damaged trees. Broken limbs should be removed. Generally, if the branch has not split away from the trunk, the broken segment should be removed back to the next major adjacent branch. Do not leave branch stubs. Stubs encourage rot and decay.

For trees with tops broken out, remove the snags to the next major interior branch. Generally, this will be a major fork. Avoid topping the tree to allow small side branches to grow out and continue the tree's height growth. These branches will be weak and prone to breakage.

To avoid stripping the healthy bark from the trunk when a heavy, broken limb is removed the 3-step procedure should be used. The first cut is made on the underneath side of the branch about 18 inches out from the trunk. The cut should be approximately half-way through the branch or until its weight first starts to bind the saw. The next cut should be made on top of the branch about 1 to 2 inches toward the end of the branch in front of the bottom cut. Continue cutting until the branch drops free.

The last cut removes the remaining branch stub from the trunk. The cut should be made from the top of the branch at the branch collar. The collar is the slight ridge where the branch attaches to the tree's trunk or another major branch.

In certain situations, a damaged limb may strip healthy bark from the tree. To repair this type of damage, cut any ragged edges of torn bark away from the damaged area. Take care to limit the amount of healthy, tight bark removed. To speed the healing process, the repair cut made with a sharp knife into healthy bark should leave a wound shaped like an elongated football with the pointed ends of the cut running vertically along the trunk or limb or as near parallel to the initial damage as possible.

Trees with split trunks or major limb forks may possibly be salvaged if the split is not too extensive. Repairing this type of damage will involve a cable and brace technique that should be left to a professional tree service.

Corrective pruning to help improve the shape of damaged trees is best done now. The tree will respond quickly this spring if it has not been severely damaged. Take care not to remove more than one-third of original branches. This will severely retard the tree's growth in the spring and may damage it beyond recovery.

Treatment of the trunk and limb wounds with tree paint is not necessary. In fact, research shows that painted areas can lead to increased rot and decay due to trapped moisture in areas where the paint cracks open. You may want to fertilize your tree this spring with a good quality tree fertilizer. Check with a local nursery or garden center, or your county

**Paulding County's Students of the Month**  
**DECEMBER 2008**

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!



Student of the Month for Wayne Trace Jr/Sr High School for December is Senior Sara Priest. Sara is the daughter of Mike & Kathy Priest and Ron & Tracy Richardville. She has routinely won awards and been featured in local newspapers for her athletic ability. Her sports awards are not the only achievements she has earned, she is also a member of the National Honor Society. She has been in volleyball for 4 years, Basketball for 4 years, Track for 2 years and Softball for 2 years. In the little time remaining away from school, she serves with the Big Brother Big Sister organization. Sara plans to major in Physical Therapy at Otterbein after graduation. Good job Sara!

Michele Stuart is the Student of the Month for Antwerp High School. She is a senior and she is the daughter of Kevin and Kristine Stuart.

Michele is a high achiever at Antwerp and has been selected to the National Honor Society. She is currently a varsity cheerleader and is in both band and choir! Michele also participates in SADD and FTA.

While not at school Michele enjoys spending time with her friends, shopping and watching movies.

After high school she plans to attend college and major in radiology. Keep up the good work Michele!



Tiffany Spangler attends Paulding Middle School and is the daughter of Jeff and Melinda Spangler of Oakwood, Ohio. Tiffany is in the seventh grade this year.

Tiffany is a perfect 4.0 student and has been an excellent student her entire academic career. She is an outstanding young lady and a very positive role model for her classmates. She takes her academics very seriously and does a fabulous job in the classroom. She is the type of student all teachers wish to have in their room.

Tiffany is involved in basketball and choir at the school, and some of her favorite hobbies include 4-H, dance, reading books, watching movies, and hanging out with her friends.

We are very proud of Tiffany and congratulate her as being chosen Paulding Middle School's Student of the Month.

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**WACHTMANN SWORN IN AS STATE REPRESENTATIVE**

State Representative Lynn Wachtmann (R-Napoleon) today was sworn in as a member of the Ohio House of Representatives.

"It is an honor and privilege to serve the citizens of the 75<sup>th</sup> House District," Wachtmann said. "I look forward to working on their behalf for the next two years and I greatly appreciate all of their support."

Wachtmann is again returning to the Ohio House of Representative and will serve his second term, having previously served as both a state representative and a state senator. He most recently served as the chairman of the Ohio House Health Committee, in addition to serving as a member on numerous other committees.

Wachtmann is also president of Maumee Valley Bottling, Inc. and a partner in Culligan Water Conditioning. He is a member of numerous organizations including the National Rifle Association, the Ohio Right to Life Society, the Ohio Farm Bureau and the Ohio Township Association. In addition, he is on the board of directors for the Putnam County YMCA.

Representative Wachtmann represents the 75<sup>th</sup> House District, which encompasses Henry, Paulding, Putnam and Van Wert counties as well as Adams Township in Defiance County. He is life-long resident of Napoleon and he and his wife Trudy have two children.

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**CITY OF WOODBURN MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 15, 2008**

Mayor Hoepfner would like to do a sewer project this coming year. He reported, Jim Norden stated there might be some federal money for our project. Ryan Walls stated IDEM inspector was here last week; the City is behind schedule according to the Agreed Order for the repairs. Jim Norden stated we don't know what is going to be approved in next years budget, we need to re-appropriate 2008 funds to 2009 budget; funds can be used for sewer projects next year. Councilman Zimmerman stated doing a sewer project has been looked at numerous times, it's time to pick a section to repair and pick away at other sections in coming years. Mayor would like to finalize plans for Park Lane and do it this year, at the same time get engineering done for the next phase to be done. Indiana Bond Bank has funds available for the project and raising rates now will raise funds for a large portion of the next phase to be completed. Mayor will set

a meeting with Jim Lauer and Ryan Walls to discuss and he will speak with Umbaugh about the rate study. Mayor has a gentleman who has to do community service; Ryan Walls will put him to work.

Lesa reported resident ask for a discount to his utility bill; a water line broke under his house. Councilmen made motions to approve a discount to sewer, all agreed, motion passed. Leary Construction contract is up for renewal this year; they do maintenance and repairs on the Front Street water tower. Councilmen made motions to approve the renewal, all agreed, motion passed. Warrants were presented; Councilmen made motions to approve, all agreed, motion passed. Mayor suspended reading the minutes; Councilmen made motions to approve, all agreed, motion passed. Lesa spoke with the Department of Local Government and Finance concerning the 27 pay periods in payroll for 2008. Our payroll was based on 26 pay periods and without an adjustment employees will not be paid for the last two weeks of the year. Their recommen-

dation was to amend our salary Ordinance for 2009 to include the last two weeks pay for 2008. Lesa presented Ordinance G-08-1183 amending 2009 salary Ordinance. Councilmen made motions to accept Ordinance G-08-1183, and pass in one meeting, all agreed, motion passed. Ordinance was read three times as required, Councilmen made motions to accept after each, all agreed, motions passed.

Councilman Reichhart suggested we send a letter to inform the Indiana Non-Profit agency that the Woodburn Development Corporation has been resolved. He reported the state completed the curb work on Main Street. The curb was poured against the sidewalk; the sidewalk will move and he feels, the curb won't last long. The Christmas decorations will be taken down on January 5<sup>th</sup>; he will contact the Lions Club.

Councilman Zimmerman reported at the Mayor's request he took pictures of the Main Street sidewalk repairs and recorded the temperature. He feels a sewer project needs to be completed in 2009.

Councilman Norden re-

ported on the water Ordinance. Accounts that are two months past due should be shut off on the 17<sup>th</sup> of the month. Once water has been shut off, the entire past due amount must be paid to get water turned back on.

Councilman Clegg ask Mayor if there was any progress with Nelson Peters and the surveyor's office; he would like to see some changes before the next survey needs to be done. Mayor stated it would be after the first of the year before they can meet.

Council Meetings are held at City Hall the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Minutes submitted by Lesa Meadows

**WORK OF 127<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN THE BOOKS**

**Capital Letter Weekly Column by: Senator Steve Buehrer**

The end of 2008 marked the close of the 127<sup>th</sup> General Assembly and my first two years in the Ohio Senate. This session marked an important time in our state's

history, highlighted by the passage of several key bills that could impact the growth of our economy, the strength of our communities and the well-being of Ohio families for generations to come.

Much of the Legislature's work this past session was focused on the long-term growth and stability of Ohio's economy. In June 2007, my colleagues and I approved House Bill 119, the state budget bill for fiscal years 2008-2009, which continued the implementation of tax reform, while also providing a significant property tax cut for seniors, freezing tuition at all Ohio's public colleges and universities and making strategic investments in cutting-edge industries to help attract development and jobs to the state.

Another major piece of this economic growth effort was the passage of House Bill 554, a \$1.57 billion, economic stimulus plan that is designed to make targeted investments in emerging areas of Ohio's economy, important infrastructure projects across the state and the revitalization of old, abandoned industrial sites to make way for new development in our local communities. It is important to note that during debate in the Senate on HB 554, I fought to include an amendment that would have blocked state tax dollars in the bill from going to fund human cloning. Unfortunately, the Governor vetoed the provision.

The General Assembly also approved Senate Bill 221 in April 2008. This comprehensive energy proposal was designed to protect consumers from dramatic spikes in their electricity bills each month while also working to make Ohio a destination for the budding alternative energy industry which can attract business development and jobs to the state.

The Legislature moved a number of other bills the past two years that could benefit Ohio's economy, including Senate Bill 24, legislation that expands the state's Job Ready Sites program to ensure all communities across Ohio have an equal opportunity to participate.

The 127<sup>th</sup> General Assembly also worked hard to honor the service of Ohio's military men and women and help improve their quality of life. House Bill 372, which was approved in December 2007, exempts military pensions from the state's income tax, gives soldiers, who are returning home from service, a six-month window to renew any professional licenses that may have expired and waives probate court costs—which can be as high as \$500—for military families who have lost a loved one in battle.

In addition, my colleagues and I passed bills to create a new Department of Veterans' Services; exempt active duty military pay from state and school income tax for service performed outside Ohio; and protect veterans' from identity theft by blocking certain personal information on military records from public view.

The health and well-being of Ohio's senior citizens

was also a top priority for the 127<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. In addition to the passage of property tax relief in the state budget bill, state lawmakers offered strong support for a measure to increase long-term care options for seniors, eliminated Ohio's offset of unemployment compensation benefits when a person is also receiving Social Security and passed a bill to establish a statewide emergency alert system to help law enforcement locate missing senior citizens.

Working to keep Ohio families and communities safe, the House and Senate approved bills to strengthen penalties for sex offenders, toughen laws targeting repeat drunk drivers and address concerns with school employee misconduct. There were also efforts to protect Ohio consumers from identity theft and predatory lending.

I also introduced several important bills over the past two years. Senate Bill 184, which was signed by the Governor in June 2008, establishes Ohio's Castle Doctrine, affirming the right of every Ohioan to defend themselves and their family from violent intruders in their home.

Senate Bill 263 would have established a criminal penalty for using a deceased military persons' persona for commercial purposes. A similar measure was included in Senate Bill 248 and approved with strong bipartisan support.

In addition, I introduced Senate Bill 174 to ban human cloning in Ohio. While the bill did not pass this session, I will continue to work on the issue in the 128<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.

I also spent a great deal of time the last two years working on transportation issues. In January 2008, I was named Chair of the Senate Highways and Transportation Committee. I also served as Chair of the Fuel Production Task Force and was chosen as a member of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Transportation Priorities Task Force.

While the 127<sup>th</sup> General Assembly accomplished a great deal, there is still much more work to be done in the months ahead. In particular, the Legislature will be responsible for helping craft a new two-year state budget in the spring, which could prove to be quite challenging given current state revenue projections. No matter what happens moving forward, I will continue to be a strong advocate in the Senate for policies that help attract business to Ohio, create jobs, keep taxes low and uphold the values that make our communities strong.

I encourage all residents of the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 [senate.state.oh.us](mailto:senate.state.oh.us).

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# THE ARCHER DEFEND HOME COURT IN BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL



The Archers Freshmen team played Holgate Thursday night and won 26-19 in a very good game. Shown here is Corbin Jones scoring in the 4th quarter. Varsity won 39-31. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)



A very close game for Woodlan & Antwerp ladies. Woodlan, ahead at half time, gave up their lead to the Archers who won 37-35. Shown here is Senior Haley Emehiser taking a shot with Senior Kole Schlatter trying to block. Photo by [www.archerpics.com](http://www.archerpics.com)

## WOODLAN WRESTLING DROP THREE MATCHES

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan wrestling dropped three matches in the Conference quad meet. Southern Wells, Garrett, and Adams Central beat the Warriors in their matches. Joe Grueb had three pins for Woodlan, Ben Sowles had a pair of wins including a pin, Jamie Schwartz had a pair of pins, and Austin Hammon had a pair of wins.

Southern Wells 45, Woodlan 33:

103 L Buuck (W) pin, Haviland (SW) :26, 6-0

112 Hammon (W) forfeit, 12-0

119 Green (SW) forfeit, 12-6

125 Schortgen (SW) forfeit, 12-12

130 T Feichter (SW) forfeit, 12-18

135 D Feichter (SW) pin J Buuck (W), 12-24

140 K Jones (SW) pin Conroy (W), 12-30

145 L Jones (SW) dec Brenneke (W) 5-0, 12-33

152 Schwartz (W) pin Grogg (SW) 3:50, 18-33

160 Sowles (W) pin Miller (SW) 2:37, 24-33

171 B Bibestine (SW) pin Salmon (W) 2:21, 24-39

189 Hirschy (W) dec Melton (SW) 3-1, 27-39

215 S Biberstine (SW) pin Gessner (W) 4:47, 27-45

285 Grueb (W) pin Huffman (SW) :28, 33-45

Adams Central 51 Woodlan 22:

103 Roe (AC) pin L Buuck (W) 3:08, 0-6

112 M Hirschy (AC) dec Hammon (W) 5-0, 0-9

119 Z Schultz (AC) forfeit, 0-15

125 Thieme (AC) forfeit, 0-21

130 J Schultz (AC) forfeit, 0-27

135 Isch (AC) pin J Buuck (W) 5:14, 0-33

140 Kaehr (AC) pin Conroy (W) 1:34, 0-39

145 Free (AC) dec Brenneke (W) 5-1, 0-42

152 Schwartz (W) maj dec Stoller (AC) 17-5, 4-42

160 Stevens (AC) dec Sowles (W) 5-4, 4-45

171 Salmon (W) pin Wefel (AC) 4:34, 10-45

189 Hirschy (W) pin Stoops (AC) :56, 16-45

215 Feasel (AC) pin Gessner (W) 2:53, 16-51

275 Grueb (W) pin Reinhard (AC) 5:44, 22-51

Garrett 53, Woodlan 22:

103 L Buuck (W) forfeit, 6-0

112 Hammon (W) forfeit, 12-0

119 Lee (G) forfeit, 12-6

125 Fogt (G) forfeit, 12-12

130 Novy (G) forfeit, 12-18

135 German (G) maj dec J Buuck (W) 10-2, 12-22

140 Schendel (G) tech fall Conroy (W) 20-5, 12-27

145 Isham (G) pin Brenneke (W) 3:10, 12-33

152 McCray (G) maj dec Schwartz (W) 11-3, 12-37

160 Sowles (W) maj dec Nofzinger (G) 10-2, 16-37

171 DeMarco (G) maj dec Salmon (W) 11-2, 16-41

189 Rieke (G) forfeit, 16-47

215 Getts (G) pin Gessner (W) 3:57, 16-53

285 Grueb (W) pin O'Brian (G) :32, 22-53

## WOODLAN WRESTLING NO MATCH FOR CARROLL'S TEAM

By: Jeff Abbott

Carroll won 9 of the 14

matches, including 2 pins and 2 forfeits to down Woodlan 46-15 in wrestling in the Warriors' gym. Austin Hammon (112) got the lone pin for Woodlan. Corey Keever got a pin at 215 in the reserve match for Woodlan.

125 Quinn Ruich (C) forfeit, 0-6

130 Brock Norton (C) dec Cody Zink (W) 8-2, 0-9

135 Jordan Buuck (W) dec Jeremy Shelmadine (C), 3-9

140 Reece Lafever (C) major dec Mike Whitcombe (W), 3-13

145 Jason Walcutt (C) major dec Alex Brenneke (W) 8-0, 3-17

152 Conner Lefever (C) dec Jayme Schwartz (W) 3-1, 3-20

160 Ben Sowles (W) dec Kolby Smith (C) 4-1, 6-20

171 Tyler Thomas (C) tech fall Andrew Collins (W) 16-1, 6-25

189 Marcus Leffers (C) major dec Ethan Hirschy (W) 12-2, 6-29

215 Ben Reusser (C) pin Ethan Gessner (W) 1:27, 6-35

285 Joe Grueb (W) dec Brandon Sutton (C) 7-0, 9-35

103 Logan Ables (C) pin Logan Buuck (W) 3:21, 9-40

112 Austin Hammon (W) pin Tyler Jordan (C) :57, 15-40

119 Camron Knafel (C) forfeit, 15-46

## WAYNE TRACE WRESTLING: COTTERMAN AND TAYLOR GO 5-0

On January 3, 2009 the Wayne Trace varsity wrestling team competed in the Toledo Central Catholic team tournament. The Raiders finished the day 3-2, placing fifth, defeating Fremont St. Joe 62-12, Lincoln West 55-21 and Edgerton 48-30. The two losses were from Genoa 44-36 and Bedford Michigan 62-12.

Individual results:

Lindsay Mathews 1-0, Katie Clemens 3-1, Kameron Clemens 4-1, Joe Stahl 4-1, Zach Cotterman 5-0, Jacob Taylor 5-0, Mike Boyd 2-3, Josh Leggett 2-3, Cody Stahl 3-2, Tyler Arnett 2-3, Aaron Harris 3-2, and Angelo Harris 3-2.

## LATTA STATEMENT ON H.RES. 5

On Tuesday, the House of Representatives passed H.Res. 5, a rules package for the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress which limits the amount of debate legislation will receive. Specifically, H.Res. 5 eliminates the ability to highlight key policy differences during floor debate. After voting against H.Res. 5, Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) made the following statement:

"It is disheartening on the first day of session in this new Congress that the Democrat majority has already enacted a rule to make the legislative process more partisan and less transparent. This rule will impact spending bills that Congress will consider by eliminating the opportunity to provide policy alternatives, as the Democrat majority is silencing the will of the minority to allow opposing opinion and debate. With government spending at an all-time high and a deficit approaching \$1.2 trillion, spirited debate should be fostered to ensure taxpayer dollars are being spent wisely."

## BISHOP DWENGER DEFEATS WOODLAN IN WRESTLING



Woodlan hosted Bishop Dwenger at home January 8th. Woodlan did well but had too many early forfeits. Final score 46-23. Shown here is Ben Sowles (160) winning by decision 12-4. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)

By: Jeff Abbott

Bishop Dwenger ran off 5 straight wins and 7 of 9 in the lower weight classes to build an unsurmountable lead over Woodlan and went on to defeat the Warriors 46-23 in a wrestling match at the Woodlan gym. The Saints were aided by 3 straight forfeits at 119, 125, and 130 by Woodlan. Joe Grueb (285) and Jordan Buuck (135) got pins for Woodlan. Corey Keever got a pin at 285 in a reserve match for Woodlan.

215 Isaac Evan (BD) pin Ethan Gessner (W) 2:52, 0-6

285 Joe Grueb (W) pin Scott Campbell (BD) 5:48, 6-6

103 Austen Vore (BD) pin Logan Buuck (W) 3:33, 6-12

112 Cameron Scher (BD) dec Austin Hammon (W) 11-6, 6-15

119 Brandon Baccari (BD) forfeit, 6-21

125 Mike Nix (BD) forfeit, 6-27

130 Cory Delaney (BD) forfeit, 6-33

135 Jordan Buuck (W) pin Russell Coonan (BD) 3:09, 12-33

140 Mike Whitcombe (W) dec Brian Porter (BD) 7-5, 15-33

145 Jordan Venderly (BD) pin Alex Brenneke (W) :52, 15-39

152 Jayme Schwartz (W) major dec Daniel Ryan (BD) 10-2, 19-39

160 Ben Sowles (W) major dec Jon Porter (BD) 12-4, 23-39

171 Brandon Berghoff (BD) dec Jeremy Salmon (W) 8-1, 23-42

189 Peter Waikel (BD) major dec Ethan Hirschy (W) 12-0, 23-46

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**DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC SCHOOL'S SPELLING BEE WINNER**



Divine Mercy's annual spelling bee was held on Thursday, January 8, 2009. After several rounds of competition, 5<sup>th</sup> grader Kiana Recker emerged as the champion.

5<sup>th</sup> grader Hollie Wannemacher was runner-up. Kiana will go to Antwerp School on February 9, 2009 to participate in the Paulding County Spelling Bee.

**WOODBURN ELEMENTARY SPELLING BEE WINNER**

Woodburn Elementary School conducted its school spelling bee on Thursday, January 8. There were twenty contestants representing the sixth and fifth grade classrooms. Finalists for the spelling bee were chosen by classroom spelling bees. The participants for this year's bee included the following students representing the sixth grade: Chelsea Richhart, Vickie Cook, Tynan Easterday, Rebekah Dignal, Sam Berz, Chantey Baker, Brooke Romines, Ethan Basting, Levi Lengacher, Jazmine Williams.

The fifth grade participants included: Alyssa Carlson, Lindsey Castle, Zach Smith, Michelle Kresbach, Kristen Goldin, Lindsey Charlie, Kaitlyn Burns, Micah Allgeier, Maddie Bullerman, Kaitlyn Miguel.



Ethan Basting spelled the word 'futility' to win the 2008-2009 Woodburn Elementary Spelling Bee. Ethan

is a sixth grader in Mrs. Diana Foust's classroom. His parents are Dan and Jennifer Basting. The runner-up in this year's spelling bee is Jazmine Williams. Jazmine is a sixth grade student in Mrs. Diana Foust classroom. Her parents are Bernard and Janet Williams.

Ethan will participate in the Allen County Spelling Bee to be held this spring.

**DR. RAMUS TO SPEAK AT COMMUNITY MEMORIAL DIABETIC SUPPORT GROUP**

Community Memorial Hospital's diabetic support group would like to welcome Dr. Ramis DDS as the guest speaker on Wednesday, January 14, 2008. Dr. Ramis will be discussing recent findings related to diabetes and oral health. The support group, facilitated by Barb Donley, is held on the second Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in Community Room Three at Community Memorial Hospital. Diabetics and family members or interested friends are welcome. Topics vary from month to month and include subjects such as health care, cooking and lifestyle concerns. There is an open forum for participants to ask questions, share experiences, recipes, etc. For more information contact Barb Donley at Health Fit of Community Memorial Hospital 419-542-5680.

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**SAVANNAH ROUGHTON WINS PAULDING EX. VILLAGE SCHOOL GEOGRAPHIC BEE**



Students from Oakwood Elementary, Paulding Elementary, and Paulding Middle School competed in the National Geographic Bee Finals on January 8, 2009. Savannah Roughton, the first place winner, will advance to the next level of competition, a written examination. Savannah will move one step closer to a chance at a \$25,000 scholarship. The school-level Bee, at which students answered oral questions on geography, was the first round in the 21<sup>st</sup> annual National Geographic Bee. The Bee is sponsored by

the National Geographic Society. Austin Miller was the first runner-up.

Shown in the first photo are Austin and Savannah. All competitors are shown in the second photo: From left to right, first row: Chantal Monnier, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, Molly Meeker, 4<sup>th</sup> grade; Second row: Haley Porter, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Jacob Dingus 6<sup>th</sup> grade, and Morgan Riley, 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Back row: Samuel Ladd, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Austin Miller 8<sup>th</sup> grade runner-up, Savannah Roughton 8<sup>th</sup> grade winner, and Kaitlyn Roughton, 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

**PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND DISMISSALS**

**Admissions:**  
1/7 - Edith Marsh, Antwerp; Vern Vogel, Paulding; Jane Kutzli, Antwerp  
1/10 - Elizabeth Elrod, Defiance; James Johnson, Antwerp

**Dismissals:**  
1/6 - Jeannine Sinn, Paulding; Richard McDougall, Paulding  
1/7 - Ursie Hemenover, Paulding  
1/8 - Vern Vogel, Paulding  
1/11 - Elizabeth Elrod, Defiance

**DANCING WITH THE STARS IN ANTWERP**

In case you are having a withdrawal from the highly popular show "Dancing with the Stars," Antwerp's All-

Weather Track Committee has found a solution. They will be a hosting their version of "Dancing..." on January 18 at 1:30 p.m. in the Antwerp High School Auditoria.

Couples young and old will be dancing for the coveted "Dancing with the Stars" trophy. There will be two rounds and the couple ending up with the most votes (donations) will win the title of Antwerp's Best Dancers along with the coveted trophy.

For your enjoyment, The Dance Dolls will perform during the intermission and the concession stand will be open.

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**THE PAULDING COUNTY VETERAN'S SERVICE COMMISSION'S BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2009**

January 26  
February 23  
March 30  
April 27  
May 18  
June 29  
July 27  
August 31  
September 28  
October 26  
November 30  
December 14

Meetings begin at 9:00 am. For information call 419-399-8285

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**PDR FOUNDATION DONATES TO ANTWERP HIGH SCHOOL'S ALL-WEATHER TRACK**



Financial support continues to come in many forms for the Antwerp All-Weather Track Campaign. Shown here is Pat Ryan, president of the PDR Foundation, and Steve Arnold, Antwerp HS Principal/All-Weather Track Campaign Coordinator. Mr. Ryan and his wife, Debbie, have recently made a "Platinum-Level" donation of \$10,000 toward the construction of an all-weather track in the village of Antwerp.

The All-Weather Track Committee, a branch of both the Antwerp Athletic Booster Club and ACDC, has raised over \$100,000 since its inception in 2006. The group's goal is to raise at least \$200,000 to complete this project. Phase I, which primarily included the asphalt layer of the track,

**GMC QUIZ LEAGUE BEGINS FOR NORTHWEST OHIO HIGH SCHOOLS**

High school quiz team members from Antwerp, Ayersville, Central Local, Edgerton, Holgate, Hicksville, Northeastern Local, and Wayne Trace began their 2008-2009 Green Meadows Conference Quiz League season the first week of January. Quiz league meets are held after school on Thursday afternoons beginning at 4:00 p.m. The league tournament is scheduled for the morning of February 27, 2009 at Northwest State Community College.

Quiz team members have been practicing and are prepared to answer questions in American Literature, Math, World History, Fine Arts, Life

Science, English Literature, U.S. Government, Physical Science, World Geography, and U.S. History. The public is invited to attend quiz league meets and may obtain more information from the participating high school or from Nancy Mills NWOESC Gifted Education Supervisor/GMC Quiz League coordinator.

was finished in October of 2008. Phase II, which will be the all-weather surface, will begin as soon as the necessary dollars become available. Individuals interested in being part of the track campaign should contact Mr. Arnold (419-258-5421), Cindy Schlatter (419-542-6577), or Cord Ehrhart (419-258-8191) or attend an Athletic Boosters meeting on the second Wednesday of each month at 5:00 in the Antwerp Board of Education room. Individuals interested in making monetary donations toward this project should make checks payable to the Antwerp Athletic Booster Club and mail them to P.O. Box 615, Antwerp, OH 45813. Donations may be tax deductible.

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**GMC QUIZ LEAGUE SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 15**

January 15:  
Ayersville at Holgate  
Edgerton at Antwerp  
Wayne Trace at Hicksville  
Fairview at Tinora

**GMC QUIZ LEAGUE WEEKLY RESULTS**

These are the results from

the January 8<sup>th</sup> competitions of the area GMC Quiz League:

At Wayne Trace - Ayersville 49, Wayne Trace 34

At Edgerton - Tinora 58, Edgerton 22

At Fairview - Fairview 56, Hicksville 44

At Antwerp - Antwerp 53, Holgate 39

**PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL'S SPELLING BEE WINNERS**

Paulding Middle School conducted their Spelling Bee on January 6, 2009.

Champion was Steven Strayer, 8<sup>th</sup> grader of Paulding. Steven is the son of Suzanne and Matthew Strayer. His winning word was 'nozzle.'

Runner up was Ashlyn Strahley, 6<sup>th</sup> grader of Paulding. She is the daughter of Connie and Jeff Strahley. She missed the word 'squawky.'

**NEXT NAMI MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 19**

The first meeting of the New Year for National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 19. The Paulding, Mercer, Van Wert group meets at the Drop-In Center at 407 N. Franklin, Van Wert and all meetings are open to the public.

A Support Group Discussion is planned which provides an opportunity for everyone to talk and share and relax over a cup of coffee. You soon learn that you are not alone but with others who understand and that sharing experiences can be very beneficial.

The purpose of NAMI Ohio which began in 1982 is to help individuals and families affected by serious biological brain disorders. What began as a small group of concerned family members has grown to 60 affiliates across Ohio. The purpose is to help individuals and families affected by serious biological brain disorders.

A number of educational programs and workshops are provided with one of the most popular being Family-to-Family which is a free 12 week course for families with loved ones who are experiencing the effects of a serious

mental illness.

The course is scheduled to begin in Lima on Thursday, February 26, and is held at the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board office on Allentown Road from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. The classes are taught by trained family members Nina Gibson and Olwen Pritchard.

To obtain more information or register for classes, please contact Nina at 419-225-6689 or ninae4@embarqmail.com. Or, contact the local outreach person at 800-541-6264, 419-238-2413 or send e-mail to namivw@roadrunner.com.

**PAULDING COUNTY 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL VETERANS BOWLING TOURNAMENT**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Paulding County Veterans Organizations Bowling Tournament is set for January 17, 2009 at the Antwerp Alleys, Antwerp, Ohio.

This year's tournament will be hosted by the Antwerp V.F.W Post 5087 Men's Auxiliary. The five person team tournament is open to all members of Veteran's Organization in Paulding, Antwerp, Grover Hill, Payne, Oakwood, Sherwood, OH and Woodburn, IN. Teams may be any combination of members, Regular, Auxiliary, Sons, or Social.

Please contact Greg Bauer for more details. Space is limited and entries will be considered on a first come basis. Call Greg at 419-258-6725 or 419-506-0266.

**VALENTINE BOXES FOR SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN**

The VFW Auxiliary Post 5087 will again be collecting items to send overseas for Valentine's Day. This year students at Antwerp High School will be helping us collect items too.

We need addresses of local service men and women who are overseas to send the packages to. Please contact Sue Molitor at 419-506-0390 or leave the addresses at the VFW for her.

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**

Chloe Ann Williams was born on January 8, 2009 at 12:38 p.m. She weighed 8 lb. 11 oz. and was 20½ in. long.

Her parents are Shelby Williams and Jessica Neeley. Her grandparents are Karen and Robert Williams of Payne, and Tonya Neeley of Van Wert. Great-grandparents are Ralph Williams of Payne, Ethel Flaugh of Payne, and Mary Peifry of Upper Sandusky, OH.

**FROM PAULDING COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY**

Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney Joseph R. Burkard announced that the Paulding County Grand Jury indicted 13 persons on Thursday, January 8, 2009.

Demetreus J. Taylor of Paulding, aggravated robbery, F-1

Matthew J. Merriman, theft F-5 2 counts, forgery F-5

Kristopher P. Richhart, theft F-4

Richard R. Keeterle of Defiance, theft F-5

Kevin M. Martz, Jr., Van Wert, non support of dependents F-5

**ERIE INSURANCE AND ANTWERP HIGH SCHOOL: LOOKIN' OUT FOR TEEN DRIVERS THROUGH POSITIVE PEER PRESSURE**



Dan Fowler presents \$2,000 check to AHS Student SADD President, Victoria Zuber.

Thanks to a \$2,000 grant from Erie Insurance and it's Lookin' Out program, students from Antwerp High School in Antwerp, Ohio will continue to spread the word about safe driving among their peers.

"Car crashes are the top killer of U.S. Teens," said Erie Insurance agent, Dan Fowler of the Leland Smith Insurance Agency, who is partnering with the students at Antwerp to implement the program. "In fact, teen drivers are involved in twice as many crashes as other drivers."

Lookin' Out is different from other safe driving programs, as it is rooted in student-driven approach of positive peer influence. Through Lookin' Out, teens create a series of events and activities addressing risk factors such as lack of seat belt use, speeding and other reckless behavior, driving under the influence and distractions such as loud

music and cell phone use.

The Antwerp Lookin' Out committee has planned a number of other activities throughout the school year that will be funded by this grant including:

- White Out Day
- Lookin' Out Dance
- Flowers and Ribbons for Prom promoting safe driving
- A visit from the Lookin' Out Safety Bug, a mechanically engineered car that simulates impairment, and more.

"The Lookin' Out program is really making a difference in the schools," Fowler added. "And the students at Antwerp are to be commended for their proactive efforts."

Since its 2001 inception, Lookin' Out has been launched in more than 100 high schools and awarded more than \$350,000 in grants. This marks Antwerp's second year participating in the program.

Kevin W. Carlisle of Van Wert, trafficking in drugs F-5

Matthew J. Brown of Van Wert, sex offender registration F-4

John W. Washington of Van Wert, failure to comply with order or signal of police officer F-3

Carl B. Wright, IV of Cecil, felonious assault F-2

Christopher D. Suffel of

Paulding, deception to obtain a dangerous drug F-5

Gary E. Schaffer of Paulding, non-support of dependents F-4

Alisha D. Monroe of Van Wert, illegal processing of drug documents F-5

Toby Plotts of Melrose, theft F-4

-Joseph R. Burkard, Prosecuting Attorney

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