

## ANTWERP 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADER AND GRANDFATHER MAKE HISTORICAL FIND



Pictured left to right - John (Bill) Rose, Brandon Pendergrast, Nate Tessler, Mark Kibbey, Susan Chambers and Brian Zimmerman

Brandon Pendergrast and his grandfather, John (Bill) Rose are fishing buddies and go out collecting Darter fish for their aquariums and do Stream Quality Monitoring for the Ohio Scenic rivers. The SQM project is part of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

On September the 5th, 2009 while collecting they found one Eastern sand Darter in the Maumee River. When John reported the find to Brian Zimmerman of the ODNR in Columbus, Ohio (who is also a collector), Mr. Zimmerman stated that the find would be doubtful be-

cause they had not been reported in the Maumee River in Ohio for over 100 years. Upon sending a photo of the catch to Mr. Zimmerman, he identified it to be *Ammocrypta Pellucida*, the Easternsand Darter. They are a small fish that live on the bottom because they do not develop a swim bladder like most fish do.

Upon the identification of the fish, plans were put into place by Mr. Zimmerman to come to Antwerp and check out the location. On November 11th, Brian Zimmerman of the Ohio Department of National Resources, Marc

Kibbey of the Ohio State University Fish Museum, Nate Tessler and Susan Chambers of the Toledo University came to town ready to find these fish. They met with Brandon and John at the local park for the trip ahead. They brought all the equipment needed to do the job, a 6 volt battery powered backpack electroshocker, 20'x4' box net along with seines and hand nets.

At the start of the day with 53 degree weather and 50 degree water, pulling the 20' box net was not going well because we caught too many leaves. Switching over the 8' seine and the electroshocker, it became a success. At the end of the day we had caught



18 Easternsand Darters, 10 Greenside Darters, and lots of minnows in the way of sand, spotfin, redfin, emerald shiners, 1 stoneroller and lots of Brindled Madtom catfish.

Mr. Kibbey preserved 6 of the Easternsand Darters to take back to the Ohio State Fish Museum where they will forever be preserved to share with those in need of the DNA wherever the need may be.

A good trip was had by all. The two from Columbus took back the Easternsand Darters, Susan took some Redfin Shiners and Brindled Madtom Catfish for her aquarium. Nate took all kinds of water and sand samples to do his report for the Toledo University. Brandon and John got to spend a day with some real collectors and take them to one of their favorite collecting places.

## CHRISTMAS TREE SELECTION

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Agent

Selecting the perfect Christmas tree is one of the highlights of many families' pre-holiday preparations. Choosing a tree that is "just right" for you will be easier if you know what species you are looking for. No one species can be considered the best all-around Christmas tree, for each has its own individual characteristics. For ease in identification, Christmas tree species can conveniently be divided into two groups—pines, such as Scotch and white pine, and the single-needle conifers, including the spruces and firs.

All pines used as Christmas trees have their needles attached to branches in groups of two or more, while spruce and firs have individually attached needles to the branches. Other differences important to their use as Christmas trees include pines generally have longer needles and the branches of pines come off of the main stem at distinct intervals, termed whorls, while those of the single-needle conifers emerge all along the stem.

The most effective way for a buyer to evaluate the freshness of a cut Christmas tree is by how firmly the needles are attached to the branches. The easiest way to evaluate this is to lightly grasp a branch of the tree and gently pull the branch and needles through your hand. If the tree is fresh, very few needles will come

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## ONLINE ACCESS TO OUR NATION'S LAWS

How would you like to be able to read the current health care reform act, H.R. 3962: *Affordable Health Care for America Act* in its entirety? Probably overwhelming, but if you could read sections of interest, perhaps that task would not be as daunting. You can access this current House of Representatives resolution as well as all legislative information on the website, THOMAS, maintained by the Library of Congress.

In the spirit of Thomas Jefferson, THOMAS was launched in January of 1995, at the inception of the 104<sup>th</sup> Congress. The leadership of the 104<sup>th</sup> Congress directed the Library of Congress to make federal legislative information freely available to the public. Since that time THOMAS has expanded the scope of its offerings to include the following features and content: Bills & Resolutions, Activity in Congress, Congressional Record, Schedules and Cal-

endars, Committee Information, Presidential Nominations, Treaties, Government Resources, For Teachers, and a Help and Contact page.

This comprehensive online resource includes current activity as well as a searchable database of Bill summary and status. Citizens can search Bills based on key words or the Bill number. Also included are links to historic documents as well as teaching pages about the Supreme Court.

One of the largest searchable databases linked to THOMAS is the U.S. Code. The Office of the Law Revision Counsel prepares and publishes the United States Code, which is a consolidation and codification by subject matter of the general and permanent laws of the United States.

To access THOMAS, point your Internet browser to: <http://thomas.loc.gov/>; or, visit any of your Paulding County Carnegie Library locations and access the site through library computers. For more information contact the library at 419-399-2032.

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**Virgil A. Terrill**, 88, of Hicksville died Saturday December 5, 2009 at Parkview Nursing Center, Edgerton, Ohio.

Virgil was born September 2, 1921 the son of Harry and Vera (Ruppert) Terrill in Paulding County Ohio.

On January 19, 1955 he was united in marriage to Margaret Rhodes.

He was a diesel mechanic at Ryder and North American Van Lines for 34 years. He also worked at Nemco Food Equipment.

Virgil served in the United States Army during WWII in the Normandy Invasion, Battle of the Bulge and the Sigfried Line Battle. He was a recipient of the Purple Heart.

He was a former member of the Antwerp VFW and the Hicksville Kiwanis Club.

He attended the Free Bible Tabernacle, Butler, Indiana.

He is survived by his wife; two daughters: Patty Tomecek of Hicksville and Christine Brown; two sons: Virgil L. Terrill of Hicksville and Joe Larry Sr. of Edgerton; nine grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren; one sister, Maxine Lee of Payne; two brothers: Raymond Terrill of Antwerp and Norman Terrill of Hicksville.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Helen; two sons: John and Dave Larry; and two grandsons: Tommy Larry and David Larry Jr.

The funeral service will be at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Vincent Krotterfield will officiate.

Burial will be at Forest Home Cemetery. Military

honor will be provided by the Hicksville American Legion Post 223.

Online condolences may be shared at [www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com](http://www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com).

**Charlotte L. Wilson**, 65, of Paulding died Tuesday, December 1, 2009 at Community Healthcare Professionals Inpatient Hospice, Defiance, OH.

She was born in Grover Hill, Ohio, on July 27, 1944 the daughter of Steve J. and Doris (Saxton) Baksa Jr. On September 7, 1985 she married Harold D. Wilson, who survives. She attended Calvary Evangelical Church, and was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Harold D. Wilson; her mother, Doris Baksa both of Paulding; two brothers: Howard (Barb) Baksa of Briceton, and Roger (Susie) Baksa of Broughton; nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her father, Steve.

Funeral services were conducted December 5, 2009 at Calvary Evangelical Church, Van Wert, with Pastor Clark Williman officiating. Burial followed at Hedges Cemetery, Paulding.

Donations may be made to Calvary Evangelical Church, Van Wert. Online condolences may be sent to [www.deherderfh.com](http://www.deherderfh.com)

**Donna Lynn Fennig**, 44, of Haviland died Sunday, November 29, 2009.

She was born in Van Wert, Ohio, on July 13, 1965 the daughter of Richard and Carol (Adams) Foust. She was formerly employed by the Goodwill of Van Wert and Spartech Plastics. She was a member of the Paulding Eagles Ladies Auxiliary.

She is survived by her mother, Carol (Frank) Ross of Haviland; her father, Richard Foust of Montrose, MI; three daughters: Jacquelynn Wolford and Kayla Fennig both of Haviland, and Kimberly Spaulding of Alabama; one son, Derek Fennig of Van Wert; a sister, Shannon (Shawn) Puckett of Haviland; three brothers: Wes (Bethany) Foust of Grover Hill, Richard Foust of Haviland and John Foust of Florida; a step-brother, Frank (Jenny) Ross Jr. of Kentucky; a step-sister Mary Thatcher of Convoy; and a half-brother, Matt Foust of Columbus.

Funeral services were December 4, 2009 at the Den Herder Funeral Home with Pastor Steve Robinson officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be made in Donna's memory in care of Den Herder Funeral Home. Online condolences may be sent to [www.denherderfh.com](http://www.denherderfh.com)

**Erma M. Weller**, 71 of Oakwood, died Monday, November 30, 2009 at her residence.

She was born on June 14, 1938 in Paulding County Ohio to Delmar and Methel (Doster) Densmore.

She married Franklin Weller on June 16, 1956. She is a retired beautician. A member of Melrose United Methodist Church, Melrose, and its Women's Club; and member of the Guiding Footstep CCL in Oakwood.

Surviving her are her mother, Methel of Melrose; husband, Franklin of Oakwood; one son, Franklin (Cristen) Weller II of Oakwood; two daughters: Becky Jo (Jon) Thomas of Oakwood, and Kyla Weller of Bryan; seven grandchildren; and one brother, Lawrence Densmore of Oakwood.

She is preceded in death by her father, Delmar; and a daughter, Kendra Weller.

Funeral services were December 4, 2009 at Melrose United Methodist Church, Melrose with Pastor Eileen Kochensparger officiating. Memorials to Melrose United Methodist Church. Condolences may be sent to: [www.heitmeyerfuneralhome.com](http://www.heitmeyerfuneralhome.com).

**V.E.T.S. VIETNAM ERA VETERANS LISTING 'M-P'**

Here's the listing as we have it for the Vietnam Era Veterans 'M-P'. Next week we will do the letter R and begin the list for S.

Ronald H Mabis\*, George M McKeever, Terry L McNabb, William R McVey, David E Mendez, Theodore M Mendez Sr, David N Miller, Larry E Miller, Michael T Moli-

tor, William J Nelson\*, Keith H Nern, Everett T Nickols\*, Jerrald A Overmyer, Robert C Parady, Richard C Parrish Jr, Clarence E Peffley, Aldon L Perkins, Delvan E Perkins, Johnnie W Perkins, Joseph L Phlipot, Donald L Pierce, Norman L Plum, Kemper D Powell, Steven J Provines, Dennis Pugh, Gregory L Pugh\*

**VOLKSFEST**

**By: Hayley Feichter**

One of the biggest topics that comes to mind when people think of Germany is German beer and Oktoberfest. I'm sure if you haven't wondered by now, you're now asking: Hayley, have you been to Oktoberfest?!?! Have you had German beer?!?! Well the legal drinking age is 16 for beer and wine (18 for anything harder such as vodka). So until January, I'm still underage... and I've obeyed the rules!

First of all, Oktoberfest is strictly in Munich. That's the only place where true "Oktoberfest" takes place. But several cities have their own fall festivals. Stuttgart has the second biggest festival, after Munich, called Volksfest. The festivals are identical just different city and name. Volksfest, literally translating into "the people's celebration or feast," was originally thrown by the king for the people celebrating a good harvest season, after they had a long drought. The festival has remained through the years and is now a big fair of drinking. At first glance, you wouldn't be able to tell the difference between a local fair held in our area such as a county 4-H fair, the State Fair, or John Paulding Days, except for the massive beer tents! Volksfest has all the typical fair characteristics: Ferris wheel, bumper cars, various spinning rides, fun houses, games to win prizes, junk food, and vendors. But Volksfest actually has more rides than the Oktoberfest in Munich which is more concentrated on the beer tents.

These famous beer tents are not really a "tent" like you might imagine. They are actually rather huge, two-story, semi-permanent, wooden log cabin type of buildings. In these huge beer tents are rows of long wooden tables and benches, and one big main stage where there is a live band playing traditional German music. Most of the music is very loud and upbeat. The closest genre would probably be rock. But it's such a variety, it's hard to say!

Most of the tents are already full by nine o'clock in the morning and by mid-afternoon they are only allow-

ing in those with "reservations." If you're expecting to go in the evening, forget it! At around 3:00, when they only let reservations in, long lines start forming to wait until there is room. Many people stand in line for somewhere around two hours! It's crazy! I was lucky to get in early and was able to have the experience! They don't ID you, therefore, I could have joined the drinking mess but, of course, I didn't!

Inside these tents it's just fun to watch everyone (many already drunk by noon) have a good time and clap along to the music. It is very crowded! There are SO many people sitting at tables, standing around, and, when a good song started playing, dancing right on the tables! Smoking in the tents is permitted, therefore making it one big, smoky, sweaty, loud drinking fest! The waiters and waitresses would quickly maneuver through the crowds caring seven or more full, huge liter mugs of beer! I was amazed!

I was also amazed with how many people were dressed in Lederhosen and Dirndl! I was definitely in the minority wearing jeans and a sweatshirt! Not only do the waiters and waitresses wear them, but EVERYONE does! It was really cool to see! Although Lederhosen and Dirndl aren't traditional of this area, people still enjoy dressing up and having a good time during the festival! People come from all over the area to enjoy the beer tents, so the city runs a special tram line from the main station to Volksfest and back.

Contrary to popular belief, Oktoberfest/Volksfest actually begins in September! This year it ran from September 25 through October 11 in Stuttgart. This is the three weeks everyone looks forward to all year, and they are over so quickly! There is another festival in the spring which is almost the same. I'll be sure to write about that one too, so stay tuned!

**LATTA OPPOSES DEMOCRAT ESTATE TAX LEGISLATION**

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) made the following statement today after voting against H.R. 4154, the Permanent Estate Tax Relief for Families, Farmers, and Small Businesses Act of 2009.

"The estate tax, better known as the death tax, is one of the greatest problems facing our farmers and small business owners in the United States. This tax punishes the hard work and investments these people have made during their lifetime, forcing many families to sell off land, equipment, and assets in order to pay the tax. With this bill, small businesses and farmers who are already struggling during this economic downturn must pay Uncle Sam instead of hiring more employees or increasing production. Congress must continue to find ways to improve our nation's economy and put people back to work, but this bill only cripples those efforts."

H.R. 4154 would permanently extend the estate tax on assets transferred fol-

lowing a death. The legislation would make permanent the 2009 rate of 45 percent and the \$3.5 million exemption. In addition, H.R. 4154 would not index the exemption rate to inflation. Under current law, the estate tax is set to expire in 2010 and then revert to the pre-2001 levels (55 percent) in 2011.

On March 26, Congressman Latta introduced H.R. 1763, the Responsible Reinvestment Act of 2009, which includes language to permanently repeal the estate tax. During his tenure in the Ohio General Assembly, Congressman Latta was successful in eliminating 78 percent of the estate tax filers.

**ANTWERP ALLEYS WEEKLY HONOR SCORES WEEK OF DECEMBER 4, 2009**

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**ANTWERP COMMUNITY BAND PRESENT A CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

The Antwerp Community band will be presenting a Christmas concert to the public on Thursday, December 17, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. This concert will take place at the Huber Opera House in Hicksville. They will also perform their Christmas concert at the Auditoria of the Antwerp Local School on Sunday December 20, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.



**FROM THE DOG WARDEN'S DESK**

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

This week's featured pet is Holly. Holly is a ten month old Collie/Husky mix. She has a nice short coat with one blue eye and one brown eye. She is quite a beauty.

Also at the shelter we have Lady, a shepherd mix; Marta, a german shepherd mix; Roxy, a very cute beagle/boxer cross; Chloe, a schipperke mix; Winter, a white husky mix; Jax, a 9 week old boxer mix; and Ruby, a bulldog mix.

Want to give someone special a puppy for Christmas? During the month of December you can get an adoption gift certificate at the shelter. The certificate will be valid for the whole year of 2010 and the recipient can come to the shelter and pick out their new best friend. All dogs come with a new leash and collar, their first set of shots, a county license, and a coupon for a discounted spay/neuter!

The dog shelter will be open on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. during the months of December and January. Also come on out and see the dogs on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. and Thursdays from 2:00-5:00 p.m.

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**

Dillan James Swary was born to Anita Colton and Zachary Swary on December 14, 2009 at 2:03 p.m. at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville. He was 7 lb. 2 oz. and was 20.3 inches long. He was welcomed home by his parents and his big sister, Savannah Swary.

**V.E.T.S. PUBLIC MEETING HELD 11/19/09 AT ANTWERP AMERICAN LEGION POST 253**

Financial report: \$21,788.77 is on hand with a reserve set aside from this amount to pay to R.J. Scott Electric when that work is completed. Deposits for this period were \$4794.50 and expenses were \$2035.97.

Harvest Dinner/Dance was held at Grant's reception hall on November 14, 2009. Those that offered their support for the V.E.T.S. memorial project were greeted with a variety of choices from the Buffet & Sundae Bar. Blind Justice was exceptional in performing their Top 40 Country music again this year.

The results of this fundraiser is as follows:

Free Will donations, 50/50, raffle for a beautiful framed Cross Stitch Eagle picture by Linda Brecht, and brew tickets brought in \$229.50. Admission: \$1260.00. We have on hand several nice items yet to be raffled at our upcoming fundraiser events.

Silent Auction donors: Bubba J's Buckeye Café, Mc Donald's, Paulding Progress Newspaper, Advance Auto Parts, Boyd's Automotive, Larson's Body Shop & Paint, Kircher's Flowers, Hanes Lanes Bowling Alley, Paulding Curves, Stykemain Automotive, Liechty Farm Equipment, Brookside Express & Valero Gas station—all from Paulding, offered a nice variety of items and/or gift certificates. Oley McMichael, Riverside Hardware and Lori (Lichy) Hines from Antwerp, & Sauder Village from Archbold donated generously as well. Including miscellaneous items, our auction brought in \$292.00. Various door prize items were given away.

Total expenses related to the Harvest Dance: \$1407.32 for advertising, food, brew, & live band.

**New Business:**

The tablet committee has been asked by Homier Monumental to meet with them to decide on the layout, how many names to engrave and the number of tablets. Karen will work with Mark to set up a feasible date.

Should V.E.T.S. charge for veteran's names to be engraved, should they or their family fail to meet a well-published deadline for engraving?

By unanimous agreement, the committee feels it is in the best interest of our donors that we determine "a cost to engrave on-sight fee" before we make this decision. Our cost per tablet is "all inclusive" for every name engraved on each tablet before it is set at the memorial. A decision was tabled & Homier's will be contacted for this cost.

December 2009 will consist of organization reviews, deciding on upcoming fundraisers, and check out an option to work with the Athletic Boosters on some fundraising events. Karen is to continue with news stories and add pictures to show our progress on as needed basis.

**Reminders:**

Pavers are still available for sale. What better Christmas, anniversary or birthday gift than to say how you feel about a loved one by etching it in granite that will last beyond a lifetime? These do not need to be military related. Forms are available in the entrance lobby at the Antwerp Exchange Bank or from any VETS volunteer. Questions? Call Karen at 419-399-5764 or e-mail sanders@paulding-net.com, and please put "VETS Info" in the subject line.

Donation acceptance is ongoing. Please mail to V.E.T.S. at P.O. Box 742, Antwerp, OH 45813 or drop your spare change (\$1910.55 to date) into any of our donation jars. Your continued support goes toward the engraved name tablets and landscaping at completion of the Veterans Memorial.

**OHIO SCHOOLS MUST BE GIVEN MORE FLEXIBILITY ON GOVERNOR'S COSTLY ALL-DAY KINDERGARTEN MANDATE**

**Capitol Letters Weekly Column by: Senator Steve Buehrer**

Ohio businesses and workers are not the only ones feeling the pinch of a down economy. Many of our state's school districts have also seen their resources diminished by drops in home prices, business closings and reductions in state funding. In fact, under Governor Strickland's evidence-based school funding model, which was approved in July, 427 school districts are projected to receive less state aid in fiscal year 2010 than they received in fiscal year 2009, and 333 districts are projected to receive less state support in fiscal year 2011 than they received the previous year.

Any reasonable person would conclude that during these difficult times, the state should do everything it can to reduce the financial burden on school districts. However, while the Governor's education proposal cuts funding for districts over the biennium, it also includes several costly new mandates on local

schools, two of which—all-day kindergarten and smaller student-to-teacher ratios—are scheduled to take effect over the next two years.

Specifically, the Governor's plan says that all Ohio school districts must offer all-day kindergarten beginning in fiscal year 2011, or the start of the 2010-2011 school year. In addition, schools must operate with a 19-to-1 student-teacher ratio in all K-3 classrooms by the following academic year.

All-day kindergarten and smaller class sizes are both worthy goals, but it is unrealistic and irresponsible to think that our already cash-strapped school districts would have the resources to hire dozens of new teachers and build additional classroom space to meet these requirements without extra funding. The Governor's education plan says that school districts could apply for waivers through the Ohio Department of Education if they are unable to meet these benchmarks; however, the Administration has yet to draft rules for the waiver program. This delay has left many school districts worried that if they don't qualify for a waiver, they will not have enough resources to comply with the Governor's requirement.

Local school officials have contacted many of my colleagues and I to voice these concerns. For instance, a superintendent from a large school district in Butler County testified before the Senate Education Committee in September that in order to meet the Strickland Administration's all-day kindergarten mandate, the district would have to construct an entire new building at a cost of \$17 million and spend another \$2.2 million per year to hire new staff.

In an effort to give our local school districts more time to learn the details of the Governor's mandates and allow the Legislature, Governor and school leaders to weigh the financial and academic impact of these proposals, the Senate has been debating Senate Bill 173. This legislation would delay the effective date of all-day kindergarten until the 2011-2012 school year and push back implementation of the student-teacher ratio requirement until at least the 2012-2013 school year.

It is totally unreasonable for the Governor to expect Ohio's already cash-strapped school districts to foot the multi-million dollar bill for additional classroom space and teachers in order to comply with his mandates, particularly at the same time many districts are struggling to afford the staff and programs they already have in place. All-day kindergarten and smaller class sizes are both commendable goals, but if the state is going to implement these rules, it must be done in a way that not only benefits Ohio students, but doesn't place a costly and unmanageable burden on our local schools and taxpayers.

I encourage you 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. I can also be reached by email at SD01@senate.state.oh.us

**WT JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL NOVEMBER STUDENTS & TEACHER OF THE MONTH**



Wayne Trace Jr/Sr High School recently announced the "November Students & Teacher of the Month". November Teacher of the Month sponsored in part by McDonalds of Paulding and Defiance was Mr. Lyn Bell. Mr. Bell received five Extra Value Meals as part of his award.

November Students of the month were:

Front - Kayla Zuber, Wes Goings, Marcie Doan, Janelle Johnson, Isiah Ross, Kelsey Heck, Jacob Dingus.

Middle - Krysten Rash,

Sarah Lantow, Taylor Campbell, Samantha Spangler, Mr. Bell—Teacher of The Month, Alaina Hickman, Amanda Hill.

Back - Alexis Flores, Kelsey Gerber, Hannah Myers, Pete Sinn, Sarah Feasby, Shelby Carlisle, Samantha Hinchcliff.

Absent from the photo were: Darius Hale, Masison Poling, Dustin Taylor, Brock Worden, Josiah Gordon, and Russel Fulk. The students of the month were treated to pizza and pop for lunch.

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The Payne St. Paul United Methodist Church is holding their annual Holiday Dinner on Saturday, December 12 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Door prizes will be given throughout the evening. Christmas music and singing of favorite carols will be from 7:00-7:30 p.m.

A home-cooked swiss steak dinner, fellowship and music will be enjoyed during this busy holiday season. The church is located at S. Main and Townline in Payne.

**WHITE CHRISTMAS MOSTLY A DREAM**

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

I ran across a UPI news article the other day documenting the fact that white Christmases are often just the stuff songs are made of. Though you would expect most northern cities to look like the many cards you receive this time of the year, the National Weather Service records the following: only 23 percent of Boston and New York Christmases are white. Chicago only checks in at 37 percent and the cities of Milwaukee, Detroit, and Buffalo slide in with percentages in the 40's.

However, Santa's sleigh banks off snowdrifts 87 percent of Christmases in Anchorage, Alaska, and a sure bet is International Falls, Minnesota. One of the coldest cities in the nation, it has a white Christmas 100 percent of the time.

Bing Crosby's dreaming of a white Christmas was, indeed, mostly a hope and a dream for the majority of Americans.

Yet there is a way that anybody can have a white Christmas, without having to move to International Falls, Minnesota. The Bible tells us in Isaiah 1:18, "...though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow."

Jesus came as a baby at Christmas to eventually die

as a Saviour at Calvary, and then to be resurrected as Lord at Easter. His entire reason for visiting this planet was to provide forgiveness of sins to those who would turn to Him in faith.

This year, why not determine to have a "white" Christmas? Believe that Jesus died on the cross for your sins. Personally ask Him to come into your life, to cleanse you and forgive you. Commit your life to Him this season, perhaps for the very first time.

Allow the Christ whom we celebrate this festive season, to make your Christmas truly "white."

**THE ONE TRUE CHURCH RESTORATION #7**

By: James Potter, Oakwood church of Christ

As I continue the study on Calvin's five-point creed called Tulip, so far we have seen Total Hereditary depravity; unconditional election; limited atonement. Today, let us look at irresistible grace.

Calvinists teach that man is wholly depraved and cannot do anything to save himself: thus God must send His spirit directly into the hearts of the elect to cause them to believe; they can neither invite nor reject god's grace. The question I must ask is, does the Bible teach this? The Bible teaches we are saved by grace through faith Ephesians 2:8-9.

Grace is God's part; it is the ground of our salvation; God supplies that which men could never supply.

Faith is man's part; it is the sinner's response to God's free offer of forgiveness through the blood of Christ. The Bible teaches the faith that saves must be an obedient faith, Galatians 5:6; James 2:14-26.

The spirit works in the conversion of sinners through God's word: Ephesians 6:17 tell us God's word is the sword of the spirit. Romans 10:17 tells us that faith comes not by a direct operation of the spirit, but by hearing God's word. Study the Book of Acts: especially these scriptures: 2:14, 36-37; 8:5-6,

12; 8:26-29, 11:14; 16:30-34; 18:8. Look at these conversions and we read in each one, the Word, which is the Gospel was first preached before faith and obedience came. Romans 6:16-18 tells us one must obey from the heart, the form or pattern of doctrine. We are called by the Gospel according to 2 Thessalonians 2:14.

Let's look at Acts 8:26-39. As you read 8:26-33, we see that the spirit is guiding Phillip, verse 29 and in verse 30 Phillip asks the Eunuch, Do you understand what you read? The eunuch replied in verse 31, and then in 32-33 it tells us what the Eunuch was reading, which is from Isaiah chapter 53.

Notice Phillip in verse 35 and beginning at these scripture verses preached unto him Jesus. Notice now, in preaching Jesus, the Eunuch was hearing the word, the apostle's doctrine, and believing and in verse 36 the Eunuch asked Phillip to baptize him. What does Phillip say to the eunuch in verse 37, this is where repentance comes in, Repentance means a change of mind that causes changed actions. Read 1 Corinthians 12:1, 2. He was also confessing that Jesus Christ was the Son of God. After this, both Phillip and the eunuch went down into the water and Phillip baptized him. Only those who receive the grace of God by hearing and obeying God's word are saved. Those who reject it are lost. Mark 16:15-16.

Please remember to study your Bible so that you will know the truth. Jesus loves you and so does the Oakwood church of Christ. Bible questions? Call (419) 399-5022 for Lonnie Lambert or (419) 393-4775 for James Potter.

**LATTA CONTINUES FIGHT AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE LEGISLATION**

Yesterday, Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) gave testimony during the House Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy and Research hearing regarding Climate Change Legislation and its Potential Economic Impacts on the Farming Sector.

"I represent Ohio's Fifth Congressional District, the largest agricultural and largest manufacturing district in Ohio. Recently, I sent a letter to the Chairmen and Ranking Members of the House Agriculture, Energy and Commerce, and Small Business Committees, as well as Democratic Leadership asking them to hold a joint hearing on the impact which climate change legislation will have on the agriculture, manufacturing, and small business sectors. The Midwest is dependent on agriculture, manufacturing and small businesses, and I hear daily from my constituents regarding this issue and what negative effects it will have upon them. I was joined on the letter by Republican Leader John Boehner and Republican Conference Chairman Mike Pence, both also from the Midwest, along with 29 other Members of Congress," Latta stated during the hearing.

On November 20, Congressman Latta sent a letter to Congressman Henry Waxman (D-CA), Chairman of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, Congressman Colin Peterson (D-

MN), Chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture, and Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez (D-NY), Chairwoman of the House Committee on Small Business, calling for a joint hearing of the aforementioned committees to further examine climate change legislation and its effects on manufacturing, agriculture, and small business in the Midwest.

**STUDY SHOWS OHIO'S 3C "QUICK START" PASSENGER RAIL PLAN WILL MEAN MORE THAN TRAINS**

Passenger train stations in Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati, and Dayton will serve as more than just stopping places for trains along Ohio's 3C "Quick Start" Service, according to research by the Ohio Department of Transportation and the Ohio Rail Development Commission.

The proposed six initial stops along the corridor could quickly become booming transportation and activity hubs—offering riders the choice of trains, buses, bikes, and taxis and the opportunity to access new retail, residential, and office spaces.

Rail planners for ODOT and ORDC are reviewing successful passenger service models in other states, including the 97-mile long New Mexico "Rail Runner" between Albuquerque, Santa Fe and Belem. In operation for just three years, the corridor service recently carried its two-millionth passenger.

New Mexico's passenger demands for more than a simple train station caught the ear of developers and local leaders. Late last month, the area's county commissioners voted on plans to transform the existing station space into a mixed-use area offering employment and retail opportunities, housing, and other amenities.

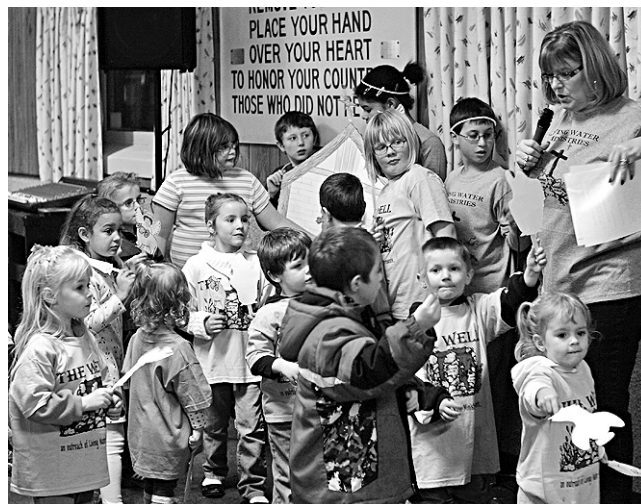
A similar situation in Maine sparked an estimated \$100-million private investment to redevelop a former textile mill just steps from the newly-opened, \$2.5 million dollar Saco transportation center, which serves as a station stop for the popular state-supported Amtrak Downeaster.

"When we see the kind of development of stations and the core areas around them in places like Albuquerque and Saco, Maine," says ORDC Executive Director Matt Dietrich, "it gives us confidence we will see a revival of core urban and town centers where trains will stop along the 3C Corridor."

ORDC and ODOT have been meeting with cities along the 3C corridor to discuss station-area development. The potential locations include historic stations that can be re-used as well as those with the opportunity for new development.

ODOT and ORDC are aggressively pursuing \$564 million in federal stimulus funding for the 3C "Quick Start" Passenger Rail Plan—connecting Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, and Cincinnati with 79 mph passenger trains. The federal stimulus funds could be awarded by the U.S. Department of Transportation as early as the first quarter of 2010.

**LIVING WATER DINNER - WHAT CHRISTMAS IS REALLY ABOUT**



Saturday, December 5th, Living Water Ministries had their Christmas dinner in which the community was invited to participate at Payne American Legion. Many people came having a great dinner provided by Grant's and the kids had a fantastic time participating in the birth of Jesus, learning what Christmas is really about.

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off.

Another way to evaluate needle fastness is to shake or bounce the tree on the bottom of its trunk and observe needle drop. Again, if only a few green needles drop, the tree is probably fresh. When evaluating freshness, do not be concerned if excessive amounts of brown needles fall. Remember, these are the needles that the tree sheds each year. Just make sure the tree is shaken before it is taken into your home.

Other methods of assessing the freshness of a Christmas tree, including needle flexibility, tree color, aroma, and the relative dryness of the bottom of the trunk, are

far more difficult to evaluate and can many times be very misleading.

Once home, place the tree in a cool, sheltered location if you do not intend to immediately set the tree up. A garage or shed is often a suitable storage site. Put the butt of the tree in a bucket of water. Saw off one inch of wood at the bottom of the trunk before bringing the tree in the house. A fresh cut helps facilitate water uptake. Place and secure the tree in its stand and fill the reservoir with water. Check the water supply as least twice a day and add water as needed. Promptly remove the tree when it begins to dry and drop needles.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am replying to the Letter by Heather Landfair—not in the negative, but in thanks that someone else has concerns and feelings for the cats. I am in my fourth year as a volunteer worker at Friends of Feline Rescue Center in Defiance. It is a combination low cost spay/neuter clinic and cat rescue. We get around 300 calls a month from people wanting to get rid of cats/kittens and the large percent are from Paulding County! Two main reasons for this:

#1 The economy; not just national and Ohio, but Paulding and its taxes and forced levies that are taking our money. People can hardly afford to live in this town and are dumping their cats with no thought of their welfare.

#2 Plain stupidity; people get a kitten and its really fun the way it plays, and is active. But in a year the kitten is a full-grown cat and loses its appeal since it doesn't run, jump and play as much! Plus, cats can live 15-20 or more years and people don't think of this and get tired of it; so let's just dump it. These same people yell and scream about pro-life and preach anti-abortion, but think nothing about throwing out a cat or kitten. We see this and all sorts of cruelty at the shelter! It makes me ashamed to be part of the human race at times.

Jacci Moss, who runs the shelter, came over a couple years ago with a film and talked to people at a meeting about TNR (Trap - Neuter - Return) as a way to end the over population, but only about six people showed up. A very large percent of Paulding people just don't care about the animals and just want to whine and complain about them and go about their money gouging ways. Paulding is not a cat favoring town although there are a lot of people, including myself

trying to help! You know who you are and Jacci and I thank you! The rest of you, if you want a cat—be responsible for it. Keep it in, get it fixed, and treat it in a humane way. If you can't do this; don't get one!

—Gregg Gorman

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In the November 4th edition of West Bend News, Caroline Zimmerman wrote a piece on the Nation Flag Foundation Code. I have given much thought to her words and again in subsequent article on the same matter.

Firstly, Caroline, I sincerely appreciate your research, and what I believe to be your true feeling about our nation's colors. Not many people really care anymore about the grave importance that our colors represent.

I must tell you, that I'm one of those persons who inverted the flag. For nearly five months only one person (a Michigan State University student) stopped to inquire about my distress signal. Not the local police, not our city officials, not the Red Cross, not even one of our town's veterans. If my family had been in distress for whatever reason, we could not have counted on anyone to inquire why. This tells me just how many people even have a clue as to what inverting the American Flag means. That in itself is a pathetic shame. I was taught the meaning in Cub Scouts many years ago. Yet not even a Scout troop stopped to inquire. And the other reason

can be that few even notice an American Flag flying in someone's yard. We can easily tell which NASCAR fan lives somewhere, but not an American patriot.

I'm wondering Caroline, do the schools even teach Americanism anymore or do they too have to politically correct?

As I've said my Colors were inverted and I have my reasons. Others have stopped and agreed with me (mostly concerned Vietnam veterans) and share the same fear of Country as I. However, after personal convictions my flag is displayed in the correct manner. I inverted my flag for the reasons you have pointed out. I believe our Country is in imminent extreme danger to life and property. Also that even the presence of God is being threatened.

I am a third generation veteran so the American Flag carries much weight in my family. My belief in America is the same as all those who went to war in defense of our ideals and our way of life. I never believed in killing but taking lives is necessary to protect what is ours, to protect what its all about: Freedom.

In 1962, the government signed into law a proclamation, prohibiting prayer in school! It began there. The Ten Commandments are removed around the nation, a cross in the New Mexico desert has a box covering it. Simply because it offended the ACLU the Pledge of Allegiance has removed the words "under God"; now they in Congress are debating taking all the crossed in Arlington Cemetery down because it offends nonbelievers. Christmas has become nothing more than a spending spree.

But referring to your words "extreme danger to life and property," there was the woman in Boston whose house was taken under "imminent domain" and sold to Pfizer Drug Company. So you see, Caroline, they—the government, can take your property because it suits them. Now the government forgets they work for you and I, they in their greed has put you in imminent danger of life and property.

It has always been a troubling thought to me, why every home in this great county of ours doesn't have the American Flag proudly displayed in their front yard. I wonder, do they not share the pride you and I do? Do they even care? We live in the greatest country, founded on the belief in God and freedom, yet many millions don't even own an American Flag. How many on your street have a flag other than NASCAR or a university flag flying in your neighborhood?

And lastly, Caroline, did you agree with the Supreme Court when they stated "burning the flag" was protected under the freedom of speech clause of the Constitution?

I personally believe those in Congress who voted for that law should be taken out and burned at the stake, as un-American.

Again, thank you Caroline, for your devotion to our nation's flag.

—James Powell

SEASON OF GIVING STARTS FROM WITHIN: PUBLIC URGED TO KICK-OFF HOLIDAYS WITH A BLOOD DONATION

Area residents can give at least three meaningful gifts this holiday season without visiting stores, browsing catalogs, or shopping on-line.

By donating blood through the American Red Cross in the next few weeks, community members can help save the lives of up to three people, and help offset the slump in blood collections that typically occurs around the winter holidays.

"The season of giving starts from within," said Sharyn Whitman, CEO for the Indiana-Ohio Blood Services Region of the American Red Cross. "We're hopeful the holidays will inspire people to give the gift of life and help hospital patients who depend on steady, consistent blood collections year-round."

Blood donations can taper off between Thanksgiving and New Year's when people are busy with shopping, planning festivities or gatherings, community and family activities, or travel. Conversely, blood needs can increase as people injured in seasonal roadway accidents may require emergency transfusions. Regardless of the time of year, the Indiana-Ohio Blood Services Region of the American Red Cross needs about 500 people to come to donate blood every day to ensure an adequate supply of blood for patients in area hospitals.

"Your donation can take on extra meaning this time of

year," said Whitman. "What other gift can you give in about an hour that can help save someone's life?"

Upcoming American Red Cross Blood Drives In Our Area:

Tuesday, December 29, from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in the Church Hall, located at 202 E. River St. in Antwerp.

How to Donate Blood:

To schedule an appointment to donate please call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-3543) or visit IndianaOhioRedCross.org for more information.

Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental permission in some states), meet weight and height requirements (110 pounds or more, depending on their height) and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. Please bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive ID when you come to donate.

About the American Red Cross:

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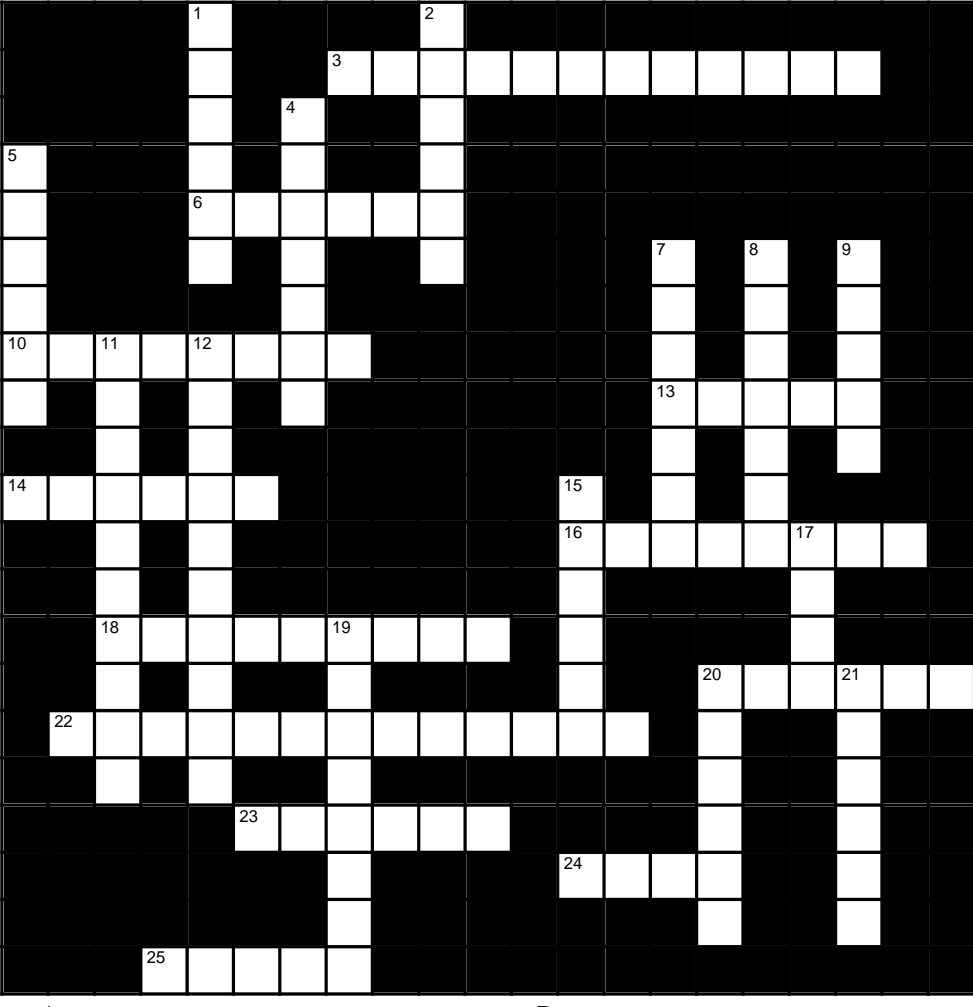
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# Crossword Puzzle



**Across**

3. "Jingle Bells" was originally written for THIS holiday.
6. The color that you get when you mix red and yellow.
10. The number of shapes in the Animal Cracker Cookie Zoo.
13. Some Persian rugs can last 500 \_\_\_\_\_ before wearing out.
14. The name of the loop on a belt that holds the end in.
16. "The Mona Lisa" doesn't have these.
18. Charles Dickens first choice was "Bah \_\_\_\_\_" was changed to "Bah Humbug."
20. The real last name of Dr. Suess.
22. This scientist studies and forecasts the weather.
23. The capital of Texas.
24. The number of turtles in mock turtle soup.
25. The king of spades in a deck of cards depicts THIS biblical king.

**Down**

1. After being a brownie girl scout, what's the next level?
2. At this holiday time, the most candy is bought for the occasion.
4. There are 119 grooves on the edge of THIS.
5. The original name for the Girl Scouts was Girl \_\_\_\_\_.
7. In Tokyo, THIS is faster than a car.
8. If the President and Vice President dies, then who is next in line for the presidency?
9. Scarlett O'Hara's original name.
11. On which TV show would you find Fred, Doris and Arnold.
12. "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" was the first novel written on THIS.
15. The only king in a deck of cards that doesn't have a mustache.
17. The dog's name on Garfield.
19. There are about three \_\_\_\_\_ hot dog vendors in New York City.
20. A ten gallon hat holds less than THIS much liquid.
21. THIS is used as a binder in the production of paper.

**ODOT TARGETS ICE AND SNOW ON BRIDGES AND OVERPASSES: MOTORISTS REMINDED: "ICE AND SNOW... TAKE IT SLOW"**

As temperatures drop across the state on a regular basis, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is targeting bridges and overpasses to keep them free of frost and black ice.

Safety experts at ODOT warn that because bridges and overpasses are up in the air away from warm ground surfaces, they freeze first. ODOT crews use calibrated salt spreaders; they are on every ODOT snowplow. This technology allows crews to adjust the types of ice-melting materials required for each particular situation and the most effective application rates for particular temperature ranges, roadway types and weather conditions.

ODOT combats icing on bridges - more than 14,000 across the state - by pre-treating them before winter storms with a saltwater mixture called brine. Once applied to the road, the water



**ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL STUFFS A BUS**

By: Sue Knapp

The kids at Antwerp Local School have reached out to their community. On Friday, December 4 they filled a school bus with non-perishable food and paper products for the Antwerp Food Pantry located at the Methodist Church.

Patti Kammeyer, third grade teacher, headed up the project. With the help of the Elementary and High School Student Council and the National Honor Society the students had a week to fill the bus and they did. All the seats and a lot of the floor was filled and ready to be taken to the food pantry where the NHS and the High School Student Council would unload it.

"Times are tough and we wanted to make sure every family in Antwerp had food for the holidays and the winter," said Kammeyer.

Travis Lichty, Elementary Principal, said, "I am really proud of the students, staff and community for the effort and I appreciate the way they pitched in. I also thank Mrs. Kammeyer for spearheading this project."

evaporates leaving a salt powder which starts working as soon as conditions are right for ice to form. ODOT also pre-wets salt with brine to help the rock salt stick to the road surface.

Last winter there were 44,000 crashes on Ohio roadways with nearly 9,000 injuries and 80 deaths. Driving too fast for road conditions - one of the leading causes of crashes - contributed to 9,164 crashes last winter.

ODOT has more than 1,700 plow trucks and more than 3,000 drivers ready to clear ice and snow.

Staying alert and being a careful and informed driver is the best way motorists can travel safely this winter. ODOT's best advice: in "Ice and snow... Take it Slow."

Know Before You Go: Up-to-the-minute road conditions are always available by logging onto www.BuckeyeTraffic.org. During events, road conditions are updated as often as necessary, with information such as current weather, roadway surface temperature, general roadway conditions, traffic speed, and how many ODOT trucks are working in the area.

**SANTA ARRIVES AT BOB'S RESTAURANT**

On Tuesday, December 15, Santa will arrive at Bob's Restaurant in Woodburn. He will be there from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Stop on out and have your picture taken with him and have some cookies and punch. Also, starting on December 15, a cook book by Marie Delagrangé—Pie Baker at Bob's—will be available for purchase.

Answers to "Sudoku puzzle 11/25/09"

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

**J'S SUGAR AND SPICE**

By: Sue Knapp

Jeanette Elliott ran Sugar and Spice in Hicksville from 1989-2000. She and her husband then moved to Texas where she was a food operations manager in a hospital and worked with the mentally handicapped. She also started a restaurant at the Sugarland Mall in Herford, Texas with a Buddhist Monk, Gordon Si. They served Yankee food.

Jeanette was born and raised in NW Ohio and wanted to come back to a small town atmosphere, where you know your neighbors as friends.

Jeanette and her husband have a daughter in Florida, a son (deceased) and three grandchildren. Greg Bell (grandchild) is a registered chef and will help her part time. Her husband is in Texas and as soon as the loose ends are tied up will join her here.

Jeanette was looking for a small place that feels like home and where she can get to know her customers. She found that place in Antwerp, Ohio. Located at 116 South Main she opened Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> and her grand opening is Wednesday, December 9. She invites all to come in for a cup of coffee or tea on her and introduce yourself. She is ready to serve

you with her comfort food. She also would appreciate comments on how to be of better service.

Her menu will include a soup and salad bar everyday in conjunction with daily specials reasonably priced. The food will be fresh and homemade. Some of the features include homemade pies, Tex-Mex specials, Hot Ham Dandy Sandwich, Whale Tail Sandwich, Onion Straws and a ½ pound burger. Ice cream is coming in late spring.

Her hours are Monday-Thursday 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. You may call at 419-258-2582 and carry out is available.

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**THE RED RIVER WARS**

**By: Stan Jordan**

The Plains Indian life as they knew it started to disintegrate about 1800. Ohio became a state and soon the people were moving west out to and across the Great Mississippi River. The Plains Indians lived a nomadic life but that was the way they wanted it. The buffalo was plentiful and when they wanted meat they would kill a buffalo, use the bones for tools and weapons and tan the hide for tents, blankets or wind breaks. This along with some vegetables they planted and the plentiful wild life, the Indians got by pretty good as they had for hundreds of years.

Around 1800 the whites were moving west and into the hunting grounds that the Indians had controlled for hundreds of years. After a few skirmishes with the Indians the government set up a number of forts to help protect the whites. But with the outbreak of the Civil War, the U.S. government could not maintain all those frontier forts anymore, so the Indians took advantage and slaughtered a lot of white settlers. They were aggressive with their new control of the Southern Plains.

There was a treaty in 1867 called the Medicine Lodge Treaty and it made two reservations, one for the Comanche and Kiowa and another for the southern Cheyenne and the Arapaho.

The U.S. government agreed to sustain the Indians with blankets, food, guns and ammo to hunt with and

all other supplies and the Indians could hunt anywhere south of the Arkansas River as long as the buffalo roamed there. The Indians agreed that they would stop the raids and attacks on the settlers. Ten of the Chiefs signed the agreement.

But the commercial buffalo hunters didn't pay any heed to the treaty and in a few years the buffalo were all but exterminated. They even went into the reservations and killed the buffalo just for the hides. The plains were covered with the bones of the thousands of buffalo. The Indians' life was slipping away in a hurry.

The U.S. government did nothing to stop the wholesale slaughters of the buffalo. They reneged on nearly all of their promises they made in the Medicine Lodge Treaty.

In 1874 the U.S. Army launched a campaign to remove the Arapaho, Kiowa, Southern Cheyenne, Comanche and other tribes from the Southern Plains and relocate them on reservations in the Indian Country. This was a new push against the Indians and it led to the Red River War and that was the beginning of the end for the life of those Plains Indians.

By the spring of 1874, the land was full of hate, distrust and war. The Indians knew they were losing their life and existence as a nation and the only escape was to drive the whites back to the east.

An Indian Chief named Quanatah Parker and his prophet convinced the people that war was the only answer, and they would attack and destroy the buffalo hunters'

settlement at a place called Adobe Walls.

Quanatah Parker and the prophet had 300 warriors and planned to take the Adobe Walls by surprise. Well, the 28 hunters inside were greatly outnumbered but they had a new type of rifle, a 45/70, and it fired an already made shell and not a musket loader anymore. Well, the Indians realized that they could not win, so a lot of them took off into Texas to raid and do away with any and all whites.

This type of war against the Indians suited the white leaders. Col. Nelson Miles was the overall leader and the Army had every advantage over the Indians.

The Army started to descend on the Indians' stronghold from five directions and they just got closer and closer to the Indians. The plan was to keep pushing the Indians and killing them until they couldn't move anymore.

They were as many as 20 engagements with the Indians there in this area called the Red River area. The well-equipped Army kept the Indians on the run until they could run no more.

The Red River War ended in June of 1875 when Quanatah Parker and his band of Comanches rode into Fort Sill and surrendered.

This was the end of the nomadic life of the Plain Indians. They would never again roam the plains.

The land of the free and home of the brave, for their part, had wafted away.

I wonder... See Ya!

**BITS AND PIECES**

**By: Stan Jordan**

Santa Claus will be at the Antwerp Fire House on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to about 2:30 p.m.

Randy, the photographer, will be on hand to take pictures of your children if you wish. There will be coffee and hot chocolate for the parents and a bag of goodies for the children.

In last week's paper we had the story on the death of the Pillsbury Doughboy. We received a few calls on that story being funny. Well, Cindy Bowers gave us that story and we really appreciate it. See Ya!



**By: Stan Jordan**

Years ago, I was called for jury duty at the Paulding County Courthouse. It was about the mid-1960's right about the time lots of people had a CB radio. Some people had them in their car and even a base unit in their home. Some folks used the CB 'talk' or jargon in their everyday conversation.

The trial was about some sort of disturbance outside of the Wood U Drive In in Oakwood.

The first witness was being questioned by the attorney. The witness was a small fellow about 60 with cowboy-type clothes, boots, overall pants, bright shirt and neckerchief. All very clean and neat, but he sure had a western or horse-man look to him. The judge asked, "I see you

are Joe Slunk, is that right?"

"Affirmative," was the answer.

The lawyer was taken aback a little and then said, "Are you Joe Slunk?"

"Ten-four!" was the strong reply.

The lawyer by now realized that fellow was a CB enthusiast and he said, "I'm going to take that as a yes."

"Roger," was the old fellow's reply.

See Ya!

**CHARLIE WELLS**

**By: Stan Jordan**

Our photographer, Sue Knapp, my wife, Pauline, and I visited in the beautiful new home of Charlie and Joan Wells. It was a nice afternoon of reminiscing and reunion as I have known the Wells family since I was a youngin'.

George and Ruby Wells moved from Kentucky to Payne, Ohio and Charles was born there.

There were eight children in the Wells family: George, Harold, Marjorie, Gene, Lawrence, Snowden, Charles and Linda.

In 1938 they moved to Antwerp to live. The lived out southwest of town on one of the Wetli girls place. It was later to become the Art Koelinger farm. Anyhow, I was about the same age as George and Harold and I stayed over night with those boys a couple times. We all attended the Church of God in Antwerp at that time. The family moved to Indiana about 1944. It was there on US 24, the second house on the north side going west after the Indiana-Ohio State Line. We always called that the Ira Herschberger gas station.

Charlie said that was called Saylor's Lock on the canal. I imagine it was more of a trough over the state line ditch to run the canal water through, sort of an upside down bridge. That starts the south end of the Scipio Road. At that time there was a bridge over the Maumee on the Scipio Road. It was closed in the late 1950's.

The family moved to Woodburn in 1954. Charlie rode the school bus from US 24 and there was a pretty blond girl on the bus everyday. They were sweethearts all through school from grade 7 on. They were married in 1957 and that pretty girl was Joan Gerbers.

They had four children: Jacqueline lives near here and has three children, Brent lives across the river and has two children, Kevin lives in Charlie's old house and has two children, and Kim lives in Salem, IN and has two children. Now, Charlie and Joan have nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

For years Charlie worked out of the Union Office as a tinsmith in the heating and air conditioning office. He named off a dozen new schools that he worked on. He picked up years of experience.

He started his own business in 1977 in his barn behind the house. But he had to expand so he moved the business over to Woodburn. It has been a very successful venture and he retired around 2004.

His hobbies are gardening, he even helps can all the

produce from the garden.

He and Joan like to travel. They have been to Australia, New Zealand, Alaska, Hawaii, Barbados, Switzerland, Ireland, Aruba and Mexico a few times.

On December 27 they will join a group going to Pasadena for the Rose Bowl Parade, then down to Panama and travel all through the locks to the Pacific Ocean and back then to the Caribbean and finally to Fort Lauderdale and then home. That sure sounds like fun.

I started to talk to them about the 'once in a lifetime football team' that Woodlan had about 30 years ago when they went to the state finals.

Well, they sure are football fans alright, but they were telling me about their grandson, Brandon Wells, who goes over to Manchester College.

I've looked over his records while playing football for Woodlan, gosh there is nothing that he couldn't do.

He was not a big man, but he could play defense as well as quarterback, running back and kick field goals.

At Woodlan, Brandon holds the career points total for football. He graduated from Woodlan in 2006. His parents are Brent and Karen Wells. He plans to become an Orthopedic Surgeon.

As a senior at Manchester College he won the Academic Award, the Outstanding Running Back Award, the Special Award, the Sportsman Award, Career Total Points Award (288 a new record), Career Total Touchdowns (33 a new record) and he was second in three categories; total points

in one game, total points in one season and with 2,547 career yards in running.

His coach said he is the best all-around player that he has ever come in contact with.

After reading Brandon's accomplishments I can see why the Wells are such proud grandparents.

Well, Charlie and Joan, we really enjoyed our visit at your house. We here at West Bend News wish both of you the very best in your retirement.

See Ya!

**PHISHING SCAM: CDC SPONSORED STATE VACCINATION PROGRAM FOR H1N1**

CDC has received reports of fraudulent emails (phishing) referencing a CDC sponsored State Vaccination Program for H1N1. The messages request that users create a personal H1N1 (swine flu) Vaccination Profile on the CDC.gov web site.

Users that click on the embedded link in the email are at risk of having malicious code installed on their system. CDC reminds users to take the following steps to reduce the risk of being a victim of a phishing attack:

—Do not open or respond to unsolicited email messages.

—Do not click links embedded in emails from unknown senders.

—Use caution when entering personal information online.

—Update anti-virus, spyware, firewall, and anti-spam software regularly.

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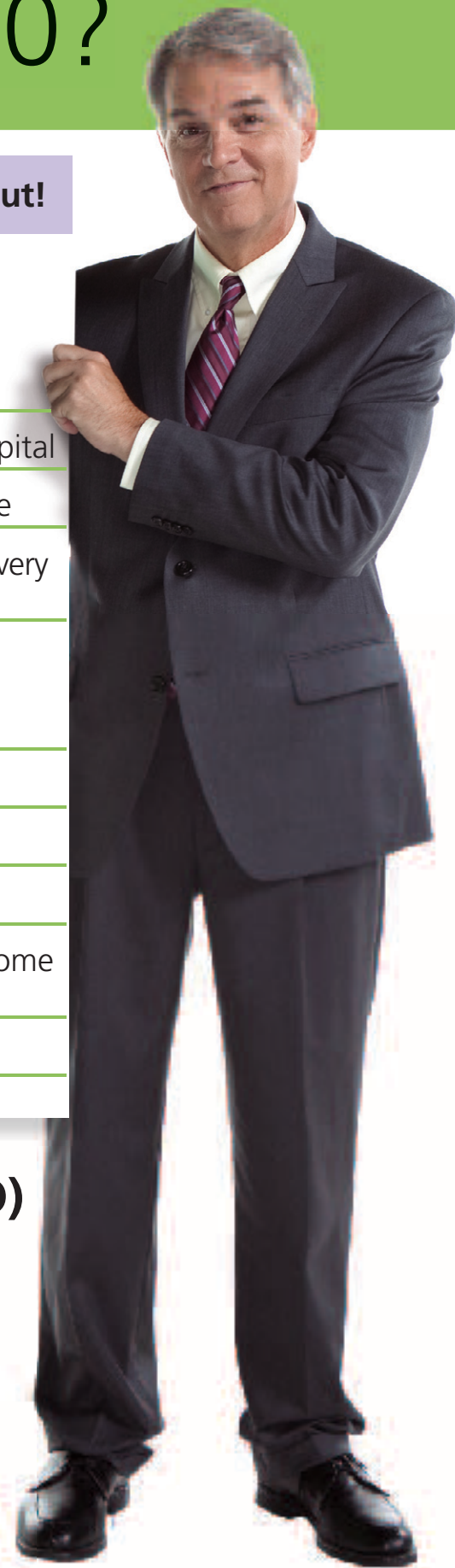
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# HANES LANES SYBL DONATE TO LOCAL FOOD PANTRY



The Saturday Youth Bowling League (SYBL) from Hanes Lanes donated 355 items to the food pantry on November 11. Pictured are several of the 48 bowlers from the youth league presenting the items to Linda Wilhelm,

the director of the Caring and Sharing Food Pantry. The community has always supported the youth league bowlers and they wanted to show their appreciation by giving back to the community.

## PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND DISMISSALS

**Admissions:**  
 11/30 - Janet Hiltner, Continental  
 12/4 - Margarita Bowers, Antwerp  
 12/6 - Mildred Timma, Payne  
**Dismissals:**  
 12/4 - Janet Hiltner, Continental  
 12/6 - Margarita Bowers, Antwerp, transferred to Lutheran

## LATTA STATEMENT ON PRESIDENT'S AFGHANISTAN REMARKS

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) made the following statement after President Obama's speech at West Point.  
 "Now more than ever, our Armed Forces who keep

our nation safe need the full support of Congress and the American people. President Obama's speech tonight outlined a much-needed troop increase in Afghanistan to continue to root out terrorists and train Afghan troops and security forces. This training is crucial, as these troops and forces will eventually succeed United States and Allied forces in keeping Afghanistan safe and prevent the country and region from harboring terrorist organizations."

"Even with increased troop numbers, questions still linger on whether or not General McChrystal will be provided the resources to accomplish the mission. It is my firm belief that our commanders on the ground have the best insight as to what they need to win the war on terror and it is the responsibility the President and Congress to heed that call and provide those resources."

## WOODLAN JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL 1ST TRIMESTER 2009-10

- Woodlan Scholars:**  
*(A average with no grade below a B-)*  
 Grade 7 - Chantey Baker, Thomas Bartle, Brittany Berning, Scott Boroff, Victoria Cook, Rebekah Dignall, Savannah Funk, Alyssa Garver, Kendra Graber, Loren Hahn, Olivia Hostetler, Christopher Jefferies, Cheyenne Kling, Kaylee Moses, Kaleb Nelson, Jason Renner, Chelsea Richhart, Jazmine Williams  
 Grade 8 - Ashley Baum, Mikeila Boroff, Jaelyn Delagrang, Rashed Dial, Tyler Eich, Jared Emehiser, Spencer Garstka, Dakota Gerig, Kadin Gerig, Joachima Hoot, Haley Hostetler, Tyler Kern, Keri Koenig, Erika Kreilach, Alyson Miller, Sidney Mumma, Joshua Raber, Connor Troyer, Garrett Van Brocklin  
 Grade 9 - Lauren Braaten, Kelsey Brown, Edward Cook, Lauren Ehle, Carissa Eisenmann, Clayton Graber, Kimberlyn Graber, Austin Grubaugh, Joshua Hetttinger, Carly Huth, Marisa Komosinski, Blake Miller, Zachary Miller, Timothy Nahrwold, Graham Renbarger, Lori Renner, Hannah Robbins, Olivia Schultz, Rachel Sowles, Cameron Voss  
 Grade 10 - Rachel Biddle, Nolan Bigelow, Logan Buuck, Alyssa Chandler, David Chlebek, Taylor Edgar, Alex Emehiser, Rebecca Estell, Brandon Hathaway, Madelynne Hostetler, Lily Keller, Katie Knoblauch, Ashley Koomler, Alyssa Miller, Kyle Nieuwlandt, Emily Potter, Sarah Pringle, Austin Szilagyi, Luke Weible, Courtney Widdifield, Jared Yagodinski, Cody Zink  
 Grade 11 - Alexander Brenneke, Bethany Carter, Cody Cashman, Kasey Dimke, Nicolas Drewery, Kristen Gerig, Ethan Gessner, Dakota Gideon, Laura Good, Emily Gruber, Grace Keller, Alexandria Kizer, Alyson Knoblauch, Bethany Lawrence, Lauren Lockridge, Zachary McKay, Rachel Miller, Ashley Neunschwander, Stephanie Oberlin, Amy Potter, Evan Powell, Garrett Renbarger, Clint Romines, Jesse Schlie, Joseph Schlie, Patricia Sieger, Payton Spencer, Anthony Stites, Nathan Wiedemann, Werner Wolff  
 Grade 12 - Corbin Bell, Anthony Brenneke, Benjamin Dehr, Jenna Delagrang, Elizabeth Dempsey, Trevor Faull, Serena Fuelling, Celeste Grubaugh, Erin Gruber, Miranda Haifley, Alycia Herndon, Brittney Hetrick, Sarah Hormann, Rebekah Jacobs, Chloe James, Brittney Kees, Michelle Kruse, Matthew Kurtz, Adrienne Lawson, Amanda Lawson, Kaley Lengacher, Korey Lininger, Danielle Meyer, Brandon Moses, Bryan Ridgway, Kristina Schaeffer, Cassandra Schlie, Tyler Schmidtke, Luke Schwartz, Brittany Shinn, Alexandra Spindler, Dustin Vetter, Blake Weil, Charity Wendel, Ashley Wiedemann

- Woodlan High Honors:**  
*(B+ average with no grades below a B-)*  
 Grade 7 - Haley Badgers, Megan Benson, Nathan Brown, Ayanna Collier, Tynan Easterday, Ava Geiger, Dylan Gerig, Nathan Hammon, Caroline Hoepfner, Chase Hunt, Cameron Jefferies, Shelbi Kemp, Bohde Kurtz, Triston Moses, Brooke

- Mullett, Chevy Reeb, Taylor Reuille, Brooke Romines, Elizabeth Sieger, Pauline Alexis Spangler, Madeline Thomas, Ivan Valentour Jr., Caitlin Widdifield  
 Grade 8 - Michelle Aguilar, Alyssa Arnold, Austin Brooks, Stefani Curtin, Spencer Faull, Morgan Franklin, Brooke Gerbers, Morgan Gerig, Tyler Gerig, Benjamin Gruber, Danielle Johnson, Kenneth Knepp, David Kurtz, Darlene Lengacher, Cassandra Lomont, Gena Oberlin, Burgundy Price, Katelyn Ramer, Malinda Schmucker, Melissa Shain, Morgan Spencer, Caleb Stieglitz, Macy Stoller, Adam Strebig, Cathy VanAlstine, Sarah Voors, Rikkilee Werst, Raquel Wolff  
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 Grade 10 - Dakota Bowser, Caleb Clevenger, Cody Daraban, Jared Delagrang, Evan Fritz, Lindsey Good, Austin Hammon, Caleb Hathaway, Brock Hines, Erik Hockemeyer, Tessa Kayser, Alyssa Knoblauch, Ryan Lengacher, Kyle Lininger, Corrine Neal, Justin Normand, Nicholas Patterson, Lindsey Pettyjohn, Jason Price, Shelby Reeb, Lexie Schmidtke, Zachary Schwartz, Leah Stutzman, Logan VanHorn, Mariah Wynn, Courtney Ziko  
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# Colors of Christmas - Coloring Contest

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# WAYNE TRACE JR/SR HIGH STUDENTS COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS



Wayne Trace Jr/Sr High School recently collected gifts and monetary donations for "Christmas For Kids". The drive was again an overwhelming success. Rick Small from "98.1 The Mix" conducted a live broadcast from the school on Wednesday, December 2 from 7:00-9:00 a.m.

The students filled the school van with toys, and were able to raise over \$700 to benefit kids in Paulding County this Christmas season. Mrs. Annette Sinn and Mrs. Rachel Parrett among others helped the students with this project.

## PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 12/16 THROUGH 12/22

**MS/HS - Breakfast:**  
12/16 - Ham, egg, & cheese croissant, juice, milk  
12/17 - French toast sticks, sausage links, juice, milk  
12/18 - Sausage gravy w/ biscuits, juice, milk  
12/21 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk  
12/22 - Tator tots & cheese, sausage links, juice, milk  
**MS/HS - Lunch:**  
12/16 - Idaho nachos, bread stick or stromboli, assorted fruit, milk  
12/17 - Spaghetti & meatballs, lettuce salad, garlic toast, assorted fruit, milk  
12/18 - Chicken tenders, macaroni & cheese, coleslaw,

assorted fruit, milk  
12/21 - Stuffed crust pizza or cheeseburger w/bun, corn, assorted fruit, milk  
12/22 - Beef sandwich, whipped potatoes w/gravy, roll, mini ice cream sandwich, assorted fruit, milk  
**Paulding Elementary - Breakfast:**  
12/16 - Poptart, juice, milk  
12/17 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk  
12/18 - Yogurt, whales, milk  
12/21 - Muffin, apple-sauce, milk  
12/22 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk  
**Paulding Elementary - Lunch:**  
12/16 - Nachos w/cheese, green beans, brownie, assorted fruit, milk  
12/17 - Chicken strips, whipped potatoes w/gravy,

assorted fruit, milk  
12/18 - Hot bologna w/ bun or fish w/bun, carrots, assorted fruits, milk  
12/21 - Pizza stick w/ marinara sauce, green beans, cheese snack, assorted fruit, milk  
12/22 - Turkey gravy, whipped potatoes, bread, corn on cob, milk  
**Oakwood Elementary - Breakfast:**  
12/16 - Rainbow yogurt, cinnamon gold fish crackers, juice, milk  
12/17 - Bob Evans breakfast burrito, juice, milk  
12/18 - Bob Evans breakfast sausage biscuit, grapes or juice, milk  
12/21 - Warm cinnamon bun, juice, milk  
12/22 - Assorted cereals, assorted crackers, juice, milk  
**Oakwood Elementary - Lunch:**  
12/16 - Potato soup w/ crackers, hot dog w/bun, fruit, milk  
12/17 - BBQ pork w/bun, corn, fruit, milk  
12/18 - Soft shell taco, lettuce, cheese, fruit, milk  
12/21 - Popcorn chicken, whipped potatoes w/gravy, bread, sherbet, milk  
12/22 - Cheese pizza, corn, fruit, milk

mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, peaches, milk  
12/17 - Walking taco, meat/cheese/lettuce/salsa, sour cream, corn, pineapple, milk  
12/18 - Chicken nuggets, tator tots, applesauce, milk  
12/21-12/22 - No school, Winter Break

## ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 12/16 THROUGH 12/22

**Breakfast:**  
All days - Cereal, crackers, juice, milk  
**Lunch:**  
12/16 - Blueberry pancake wrap or breaded chicken on bun, hash browns, juice cup, milk; PLUS: salad bar or deviled eggs  
12/17 - Creamed turkey over mashed potatoes, pineapple, cookie, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cottage cheese  
12/18 - Chili cheese wrap or egg salad sandwich, pretzels, salad, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cook's choice  
12/21-12/22 - No school, Winter Break

## THANK YOU

The family of Garry Young would like to express sincere appreciation for all the cards, visits, flowers, and food during his illness and death. Special thanks to his caregivers, Dooley Funeral Home for their care and guidance, pastors Dan Staifer and Joe Allen and organist Dave Snyder for providing a comforting service, and to the church ladies for the delicious dinner. With grateful appreciation,  
—Anita Young, Brian, Beth & Brad, Bob, Amy & Sierra, Jean & family, Sue & Joe Meyer & family P

## AUGLAIZE TWP. FIRE DEPARTMENT TURKEY SHOOT

The Auglaize Township Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting a Turkey Shoot on Sunday, December 13, 2009 at the fire department beginning at Noon. The objective of this shoot is to raise funds for required equipment.

If you mailed 11,500 Postcards (circulation of West Bend News) it would cost \$3220 not including printing charges. A postcard size ad only cost \$84



## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT: TRAYTON RODNEY GROSS

Kayla Emerson and Treavor Gross would like to announce the birth of their child, Trayton Rodney Gross, weighing in at 6 lbs. 3.2 oz. and was 18.9 inches long. Trayton was born at Community Memorial Hospital in Hicksville on December 2, 2009 at 9:24 p.m. Trayton has come into the world much loved. His maternal grandparents are Russ and Michelle Grant and Darin Emerson of Hicksville, and Aunt Kaycee Grant of Hicksville. Great-grandparents, Sue and Steve Knapp of Antwerp, the late Tom Grant and Nancy Grant of Hicksville and Tom and Connie Emerson of Greenwood, SC. Great-great grandparents are the late Jim Hiser, and Lee Hiser of Fort Wayne, the late Ray Bradway, and Margaret Bradway of Kokomo, IN and James and Gladys Emerson of Liberty, KY. Trayton's paternal grandparents are Ray and Julie Gross and Uncle Colin Gross of Antwerp, Great-grandparents Ray, Sr. and Grace Gross of Antwerp and the late Margaret Woodcox, and William Woodcox of Antwerp. Stan and Pauline Jordan of Antwerp are Trayton's great-great-uncle and aunt.

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# LADY PANTHERS SKIRT AROUND ARCHERS IN HS BASKETBALL



Paulding wins against Antwerp at home 37-30 on Tuesday evening in a good match. Photo by www.Archerpics.com

On December 1, the Paulding gym was ready for high school girls basketball. The game was give and take all the way with the Lady Panthers ending with the home victory: 37-30.  
 Score by the quarter:  
 Paulding - 3 12 14 7=37  
 Antwerp - 2 7 9 12=30  
 Individual stats:  
 Paulding - #5 Hatcher 3 2FG, 6 Pts; #23 Carnahan 1

2FG, 2 FT, 4 Pts; #24 Erford 3 2FG, 1 3FG, 1 FT, 10 Pts; #25 Hammon 2 2FG, 1 FT, 3 Pts; #32 Myers 2 2FG, 3 FT, 7 Pts; #45 Farr 3 2FG, 1 FT, 7 Pts  
 Antwerp - #4 A Wetli 1 2FG, 2 Pts; #10 Winslow 1 2 FG, 2 Pts; #20 Bashore 4 2FG, 1 FT, 9 Pts; #22 Arnold 3 2FG, 6 Pts; #35 Stuck 4 2FG, 1 FT, 9 Pts  
 Junior Varsity: Paulding 7, Antwerp 34

# WAYNE TRACE JR. HIGH WRESTLERS PLACE FIFTH: MILLER, THE LONE RAIDER CHAMPION

The Wayne Trace Jr High Wrestling Team competed in the Wayne Trace Wrestling invitational Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. There were seventeen teams that competed, with the Raiders placing 5<sup>th</sup>.

The lone Raider champion was Aaron Miller at the 110 lb. weight class. This was the second time Miller won the invitational, and in doing so, became only the second Raider ever to win back to back titles.

Other placers for the Raiders were as follows: Dustin Taylor, 2<sup>nd</sup> at 80 lb; Zaine Cotterman, 2<sup>nd</sup> at 86 lb.; Jacob Dingus, 2<sup>nd</sup> at 104 lb.; Zack Wesley, 4<sup>th</sup> at 116 lb.; Justin Pierce, 4<sup>th</sup> at 160 lb.

Other wrestlers that competed but fell short of placing were: Isaac Ludwig, Matt Baxter, Casidy Hilkey, and Grant Gillett.

Coach Stabler stated, "Overall, we wrestled well, but we still have a lot of work to do, but for our next tournament at Allen East, we need to finish the job when we get to the finals round. That can make a difference in placing high in the Tournament or winning the whole thing. I felt that several of our first year wrestlers wrestled well. They had no fear, they just went out and wrestled."

Woodlan - T Carver 17, A Wiedemann 15, G Keller 11, M Kirkwood 10, L Ehle 8

Woodlan and Churubusco went to overtime to decide the reserve game with the Warriors coming out on top 30-28. Chelsea Girardot led the Warriors with 8 points and Katie Knoblauch had 7.

# WOODLAN CRUISES TO VICTORY OVER LAKEWOOD PARK

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan cruised to a 58-32 win over Lakewood Park Christian in girls basketball. The Warriors led throughout the game, including by as much as 30 points in the third quarter. Megan Kirkwood hit for 17 points in the game for the Warriors with Ashley Wiedemann and Taylor Carver each adding 12 points.

Score by the quarter:  
 Lakewood Park - 6 7 7 12=32

Woodlan - 10 16 24 8=58  
 Individual scorers:  
 Lakewood Park - A Weaver 14, C Kruse 6, K Kruse 6, J Placencia 2, J Toupin 2, B Taulbee 2

Woodlan - M Kirkwood 17, A Wiedemann 12, T Carver 12, L Ehle 7, L Yoder 6, A Numbers 2, S Oberlin 2

Woodlan breezed past Hamilton in the reserve game 45-18. Stephanie Oberlin put in 17 points for the Warriors and Jaryn Malfait added 10 points.

# WOODLAN WRESTLING AGAINST BLUFFTON



Woodlan invited Bluffton for a home wrestling meet Dec 3. Shown here is Warrior Freshman Dylan Grahovac pinning Sophomore Kedric King in the 130 weight class. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

Woodlan wrestling hosted Bluffton on December 3, 2009.

125 - Seth Higgins (B) pin Trey Delagrange (W) 1:34, 0-6

130 - Dylan Grahovac (W) pin Kedric King (B), 5:23, 6-6  
 135 - Cody Zink (W) dec Bobby Perry (B) 9-4, 9-6

140 - Jon Raugh (B) pin Tyler Keever (W) 3:21, 9-12

145 - Kyle King (B) pin Justin Normand (W) :50, 9-18

152 - Caleb Hathaway (W) pin Donald Mock (B) 2:49, 15-18

160 - Alex Brenneke (W)

forfeit, 21-18

171 - Ben Pfister (B) pin Jeremy Salmon (W) 4:30, 21-24

189 - Ethan Gessner (W) forfeit 27-24

215 - Jose Araujo (B) dec Ethan Hirshy (W), 8-4, 27-27

285 - Corey Kever (W) pin Ty Bowman (B) 1:40, 33-27

103 Isaac Higgins (B) dec Travis Normand (W) 4-2, 33-30

112 - Austin Hammon (W) forfeit, 39-30

119 - Phillip Gerber (B) pin Haydan Parisot (W), 3:41, 39-36



Paulding Junior Derrick Pease gets fouled by Antwerp Senior TJ Short while attempting a shot. Only one point different at half-time separated the teams. The Archers ended taking the second half, winning 54-35. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

# LADY WARRIORS OUTSCORED BY CANTERBURY

By: Jeff Abbott

Canterbury pulled away from a stubborn Woodlan Warriors girls' basketball team in the second quarter, outscoring the guests 17-7 to take a 36-21 at the halftime. Canterbury extended the lead to as many as 21 points in the third quarter before Woodlan battled back to cut the lead to just 7 points and the Warriors fell 64-57. Taylor Carver led Woodlan scoring with 17 points and Megan Kirkwood had 12.

Score by the quarter:  
 Woodlan - 14 7 12 24=57  
 Canterbury - 19 17 12 16=64

Individual scorers:  
 Woodlan - Carver 17, Kirkwood 12, Wiedemann 10, Ehle 8, Keller 6, Yoder 2, Numbers 2

Canterbury - Gerardot 25, Kreiger 16, Farley 10, Wells 6, Noyle 4, Pedro 3

# RAILROADERS PLOWED OVER LADY WARRIORS IN ACAC PLAY

By: Jeff Abbott

Garrett broke open a close game in the second half, outscoring Woodlan 27-7 over the final 16 minutes, and the Lady Railroaders beat the Warriors 43-19 in girls' basketball. It was the ACAC conference opener for both teams. Garrett led 6-3 after the first period and held the lead into the half at 16-12. Woodlan got just 5 third quarter points and just a pair in the final stanza. Taylor Carver led all scorers with 11 points.

Score by the quarter:  
 Woodlan - 3 9 5 2=19  
 Garrett - 6 10 15 12=43

Individual scorers:  
 Woodlan - Carver 11, Ehle 5, Wiedemann 3

Garrett - House 8, Getts 8, Kelham 7, Watwood 6, Singleton 6, Ruse 4, Funk 2, Moynahan 2

# WOODLAN POSTS A WIN OVER CHURBUSCO

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan pulled away with a 16-5 second quarter and the Warriors posted a 61-42 win over Churubusco in girls basketball. Woodlan took the early lead over the Eagles, but Churubusco stayed close to the Warriors, trailing just 15-10 after the first period. Woodlan used strong defensive pressure to force Eagle turnovers and Woodlan built their lead to 31-15 at the half. Woodlan had 4 players hit for double figures in the scoring column, led by Taylor Carver's 17 points.

Score by the quarter:  
 Churubusco - 10 5 12 15=42

Woodlan - 15 16 16 14=61

Individual scorers:  
 Churubusco - A Holloway 12, T Amber 11, H Gross 8, H Monk 4, G Gibson 2, M Young 2, N Wormcastle 2, M Bueker 1

# WARRIORS SCALPED BY BRAVES IN BOYS BASKETBALL

By: Jeff Abbott

Bellmont went on the warpath in the second quarter, outscoring the Warriors 24-0, and the Braves went on to scalp Woodlan 57-26 in boys' basketball. Belmont led just 10-8 after the first period, but shut down Woodlan in the second quarter, forcing Warrior turnovers with defensive pressure and scoring off the turnovers. Nick Patterson led Woodlan scoring with 9 points.

Score by the quarter:  
 Woodlan - 8 0 10 8=26  
 Belmont - 10 24 11 12=57

Individual scorers:  
 Woodlan - Patterson 9, Bell 8, Hines 3, Schwartz 2, Mumma 2, Evans 1, Brames 1  
 Belmont - Fuelling 12, Hunter 10, Fullenkamp 8, Lehrman 8, Hall 5, Smith 4, Baker 4, Selking 3, Kiess 2, Conrad 1

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# Paulding County's Students of the Month

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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!



Antwerp Elementary School's student of the month is Kennedy Trabel. Kennedy is in Mrs. Hammer's Kindergarten Class. Mrs. Hammer says, "Kennedy is always willing to help others. She works extremely hard and is eager to learn. She always has a smile on her face and her positive attitude is contagious."

Kennedy's parents are Larry and Crystal Trabel. She has a little brother, Case, and 2 older sisters, Allyssa and Maggie. She has a cat named Zoe and a fish named Bob.

Her favorite subject in school is Math. Chicken nuggets are Kennedy's favorite food. Great job Kennedy!

Paulding Elementary's student of the month is Tatem Stallard. Tatem is in the 5th grade and in Mrs. Bradford's homeroom. She is the daughter of Shane Stallard and Dan & Desirae Hagerman. Her favorite subject in school is science because she gets to do experiments and she likes animals.

Some of Ms. Stallard's hobbies include taking walks, playing soccer, and having picnics on her family's 5 acre property. She is also active in dance and church. When Tatem grows up she would like to be an artist, or work at an animal shelter. Tatem's teachers are very proud of her outstanding work ethics and the positive attitude that is displayed each and every day. Congratulations, Tatem, we're very proud of you!



Oakwood Elementary is pleased to present Kourtney Thomas as our December West Bend News Student-of-the-Month! Kourtney is a model student in Mrs. Pier's and Ms. Brimmer's fifth grade classrooms.



Kourtney is the daughter of Jon and Becky Jo Thomas. She has one older brother, Seth. Kourtney lives outside of Oakwood with her family and her dog, Zeus.

Kourtney is a role model for students at Oakwood Elementary. She works very hard on her academics, participating in class and completing her school work on time. Her favorite subject is social studies. This is Kourtney's first year in the Oakwood Elementary band, where she is learning to play the flute.

Outside of school, Kourtney is involved in Girl Scouts. A couple of her favorite things to do are to hang out with friends and to play outside. Kourtney loves animals and thinks she would like to be a veterinary assistant when she finishes school.

Kourtney was nominated as our Student-of-the-Month by her art and music teachers, Mrs. Nofziger and Mrs. Wehrkamp. She always displays the character traits that make us proud to say Kourtney is an Oakwood Elementary student!



WE ASKED THE STUDENTS TO KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

## EASTSIDE DOWNS WOODLAN IN BOTH BOYS' & GIRLS' BASKETBALL

By: Jeff Abbott

Eastside, down by as many as 12 in the first half, came back and downed Woodlan 70-64 in girls' basketball at the Warriors' gym. Taylor Carver scored 9 first quarter points and Ashley Wiedemann added 6 for the Warriors and Woodlan held a 21-14 lead after the first quarter. Woodlan built the lead to 12 points early in the quarter before the Blazer offense found its rhythm and came back to tie the game at the half 34-34. Taylor Graber and Juli Zehr each came off the bench to score 5 points in the quarter to key the Eastside comeback. The Blazers continued their hot shooting in the third quarter, building a 14 point lead on the Warriors, led by 9 points from Megan Strock and 8 points from Taylor Conser. Woodlan fought back in the final stanza, shaving the lead to just 2 points, but the Blazers hung on for the win. Taylor Carver led all scorers with 25 points for Woodlan and Ashley Wiedeman hit for 3 three-pointers and 16 points for the Warriors.

Score by the quarter:  
Eastside - 14 20 23 13=70  
Woodlan - 21 13 14 16=64  
Individual scorers:  
Eastside - Strock 22, Graber 12, Conser 11, Zehr 8, Howe 7, Minnick 4, Neireiter 2, Newcomer 2, Moughler 2  
Woodlan - Carver 25, Wiedemann 16, Keller 8, Kirkwood 7, Ehle 6, Yoder 1,

Kayser 1

Woodlan held Eastside to just 2 points in the first period and led until just before the horn sounded at the end of the first half, but the Blazers captured the lead on a shot at the buzzer 19-18 and Eastside went on to down the Warriors 47-35 in the second half of the varsity doubleheader at Woodlan. Eastside built their slim halftime lead to 7 points, 34-27, at the end of the third period and hit 8 fourth quarter free throws to seal the game in the final period. Brock Hines led Woodlan scoring with 16 points, including 4 three-pointers

Score by the quarter:  
Eastside - 2 17 15 13=47  
Woodlan - 9 9 9 8=35  
Individual scorers:  
Eastside - Ward 19, Mack 12, Brow 5, Rodkey 4, Diehl 4, Dielman 3  
Woodlan - Hines 16, Evans 7, Romines 4, Patterson 3, Bell 3, Mumma 2

## BULLDOGS CRUISE PAST WARRIORS IN BOYS SEASON OPENER

By: Jeff Abbott

New Haven cruised past Woodlan 52-29 in boys' basketball in the season opener for both teams at the home of the Warriors. The Bulldogs built an early lead, getting 6 points each from Justin Miller and Joe Zumwalt, to lead 12-1 after the first quarter. New Haven's defense clamped down on Woodlan's shots and the Warriors got their lone point on a free throw with just 36 seconds left in the

quarter. Five players scored for the Bulldogs in the second quarter to help New Haven outscore Woodlan 16-6 in the quarter and lead 28-7 at the half. Miller finished with 18 points for New Haven including 4 three-pointers and Zumwalt added 12 points. Brock Hines led Woodlan scoring with 13 points.

Score by the quarter:  
New Haven - 12 16 17 7=52  
Woodlan - 1 6 17 5=29  
Individual scorers:  
New Haven - Miller 18, Zumwalt 12, Savio 8, Clendenen 5, Sovine 5, Metzger 2, DeCamp 2  
Woodlan - Hines 13, Mumma 4, Bell 3, Schwartz 3, Patterson 3, Evans 3

New Haven cruised to a 34-9 win over Woodlan in the reserve game. Derek Heckley had 9 points to lead New Haven. Woodlan had just 3 players score, led by James Brames with 4 points.

## WOODLAN WRESTLING @ BISHOP DWENGER

Team scores: Woodlan 39, Bishop Dwenger 35  
103 - Travis Norman (W) pinned Brian Trahin (BD) 4:29, 6-0  
112 - Austin Hammon (W) dec Cameron Scher (BD) 5-4, 9-0  
119 - Hayden Parisot (W) dec Tim Burns (BD), 9-7, 12-0  
125 - Trey Delagrange (W) pinned Zach Lake (BD) 2:43, 18-0  
130 - Michael Nix (BD) pinned Dylan Grahovac (W)

1:41, 18-6  
135 - Cody Zink (W) pinned Corey Delaney (BD) 2:51, 24-6  
140 - Russell Coonan (BD) forfeit, 24-12  
145 - Jordan Venderley (BD) pinned Justin Normand (W), 1:05, 24-18  
152 - Carter Delaney (BD) pinned Caleb Hathaway (W) 1:42, 24-24  
160 - Alex Brenneke (W) pinned Ben Evans (BD) 3:41, 30-24  
171 - Brendan Berghoff (BD) pinned Jeremy Salmon (W) 3:40, 30-30  
189 - Peter Waikel (BD) tech fall Ethan Gessner (W) 17-0, 30-35  
215 - Ethan Hirschy (W) dec Will Hilger (BD) 6-4, 33-35  
285 - Corey Kever (W) pinned Sean Ryan (BD) :14, 39-35

## WOODLAN OPENS SEASON WITH WIN OVER SQUAWS

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan opened the 2009-2010 girls basketball season at home, posting a 4-38 win over the Belmont Squaws. The Warriors led 10-4 after the first quarter, saw the Squaws whittle away at the lead and take the lead away from the home team 24-23 after three quarters and then battle down the stretch before freshman Lauren Ehle hit a pair of free throws to give Woodlan the lead and the win. Woodlan newcomer Ashley Wiedemann led scoring for the Warriors with 9 points, Lauren Ehle and Grace Keller each added 8.

Score by the quarter:  
Bellmont - 4 10 10 14=38  
Woodlan - 10 9 4 17=40  
Individual scorers:  
Bellmont - M Gross 10, D Kasmarek 9, C Colclasure 7, M Schultz 7, S Williamson 4, P Schultz 1  
Woodlan - A Wiedemann 9, L Ehle 8, G Keller 8, T Carver 6, L Yoder 5, M Kirkwood 4

## WINTER WONDERLAND LIBRARY PARTY

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in the Children's Room of the Paulding County Carnegie Library in Paulding. Working with donations, the Youth Service team has transformed the department into a Winter Wonderland. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Winter Wonderland Party will be held Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the main library in Paulding, located south of the courthouse at 205 S. Main Street.

Children will have the opportunity to visit with Santa Claus and have their photo taken. Santa's helpers will distribute goody bags to all the boys and girls. Children will also make a holiday craft and enjoy punch and cookies.

This festive event will be spiced throughout with the calling of winning tickets for a number of fun door prizes. Each child will receive a ticket when they sign in at the door. This party is free and no pre-registration is needed. All children and their grown-ups are welcome. Hundreds of children and adults have enjoyed this new holiday tradition. Don't miss out! For more information call the Children's Department at 419-399-2032.

## WAYNE TRACE NHS INDUCTIONS



Taylor Baumle, Kacee Hockenberry, Kelsey Heck, Jessica Wenninger, Abbey Linder.  
Back - Nathan Tumblin, Josiah Gordon, Nick LaBounty, Jacob Eklund, Rick van den Hengel.

On Friday, November 26, Wayne Trace inducted 11 members into the National Honor Society. To qualify, students must possess a 3.5 GPA. Candidates must then submit references and present evidence of Leadership, Character, and Service. A final determination is made by a panel of staff members.

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**THE HIGH-TAX STATUS QUO IS IRRESPONSIBLE TO OHIOANS**

**Guest Column From Representative Lynn R. Wachtmann**

It is no secret that Ohio's budget crisis has been a recurring problem for legislators during this General Assembly. With a nearly \$900 million budget gap, 175,000 job losses and severe decline of our manufacturing industry, 2009 was the most difficult year Ohio has faced in decades. But instead of seeking sustainable fixes to the economic crisis, House Democrats passed a tax increase at a time when Ohio's families are most vulnerable.

In passing House Bill 318, House Democrats have turned to the taxpayers for a revenue boost without seeking long-term alternatives, such as cutting waste and reducing the size of government. There has been much debate about whether this measure is, in fact, a tax increase. Governor Strickland and House Democrats have been very careful to label this scheme a "tax freeze." On the surface, they are correct—House Bill 318 freezes the final installment of the income tax reductions set forth in 2005, ultimately reverting tax rates back to those of 2008.

However, what the Democrats fail to admit is that they are "freezing" your 2009 taxes 11 months too late. And your family's tax rates will retroactively increase 4.2 percent beyond what you had expected back in January. Although you have already carefully planned your budget and cut wasteful spending, Ohio's government has failed to make the same necessary sacrifices. As a result, you will be expected to pay even more in 2009 taxes than anticipated.

Do House Democrats honestly expect the people of Ohio to not see through their scheme? Let's stop the political doublespeak and call House Bill 318 what it is—a tax increase.

It is astounding that House Democrats continue

to support raising taxes during a recession, a shortsighted economic strategy that has consistently failed throughout history. This economic recession could have served as a catalyst for improving the way our state does business, yet House leadership has maintained the "quick and easy" status quo.

This tax increase, along with other unsustainable tactics the House majority will implement during the remainder of the General Assembly, is deterring any chance of Ohio's economic recovery. The fate of Ohio hangs by a thread, and everything we have worked for as a state is resting upon this uncertain time. Ohio is already bleeding jobs and young educated talent. How will more tax increases jump start our slowing economy?

I will continue, as I always have, to ensure that the government is operating for the people it was created to serve. The strength of Ohio is in its industrious people, but families, farmers and small business owners cannot afford more taxes from their already-bloated government. Most every small business and other not-for-profit entities have had to become more efficient to survive this economy, and it is overdue for all entities that receive taxpayer dollars to do the same. Ohioans will create more jobs if they are able to keep more of their hard-earned money. Therefore, it is time to start looking to Ohio's future and work toward an efficient, accountable state government.

Please feel free to contact my office with any comments or concerns. You may write to me: Representative Lynn R. Wachtmann, Ohio House of Representatives, 77 South High Street, 10th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215, or call my office at (614) 466-3760.

**PAULDING LIBRARIES TO CLOSE EARLY AND BOARD TO MEET**

The December meeting of the Paulding County Carnegie Library Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the main library in Paulding. The meeting will be immediately followed by the Staff Appreciation Dinner. All library locations in Paulding County will be closing at 5:00 p.m. so that the staff may attend this event. All Board meetings are open to the public. For more information call 419-399-2032.

**PAULDING COUNTY AREA FOUNDATION TAKES LEAD ROLE IN SUPPORTING OSUE & 4-H PROGRAM**



**Pictured (L to R) Myrna Cook, PCAF Treasurer; Jim Lophshire, OSUE Agent; and Stan Searing, PCAF President.**

Marshall Memorial Supporting Foundation (MMSF), managed by the Paulding County Area Foundation (PCAF), has contributed \$5,000.00 to the Paulding County Ohio State University Extension (OSUE) for the continuation of their services including the 4-H program. Paul Marshall established the MMSF with a donation of 1,400 acres of farm ground. The proceeds from that land are used to assist young farmers in Paulding County. President Stan Searing stated, "The Paulding County Extension Office is very important

for our agricultural community, including our younger farmers. We are thankful that Paul Marshall left his legacy to Paulding County citizens and that Mr. Marshall's action continues to benefit the county." OSUE has lost major funding sources and is running a fundraising campaign to keep their office open in Paulding County.

Anyone wishing to donate can call the OSUE office at 419-399-8225, or the PCAF office at 419-399-8282. OSUE is also asking for part-time office volunteers to help with staffing their office.

**HOLIDAYS AND FALL**

**By: Hayley Feichter**

Falling leaves, pumpkin pie, hot chocolate, chilly weather, bonfires, and s'mores. All of these things and more are what typically come to mind when you think of fall. Along with these characteristics, you also have the much anticipated Homecoming, beloved Halloween, and, of course, Thanksgiving! This is all a very typical American fall. The fall season in Germany also includes falling leaves, chilly weather and special holidays but it has a different feel.

It started getting chilly in early October and by the end of October/beginning of November, gloves, scarves, hats, and winter jackets were in full use! From what I hear from family and friends back home, the weather is very similar. We also changed our clocks here, and fell back a hour in mid-October, so the days seem very short now. I see the sunrise on my walk to the train every morning (around 7:30) and the sunsets around 5:00. So breakfast and supper are both pretty dark. All of the trees changed color into warm shades of oranges, reds, and yellows, the trees have lost their leaves, and there is certainly a significant amount of leaves to kick around!

Because I am in a large

city, bonfires are nearly nonexistent. A lot of my friends have heard about such things, but never been to one. I'm not sure whether it's just because I'm in a large city, or if they really don't have them here. But I'm really craving a s'more! And speaking of s'mores... forget it! No one knows what a s'more is! I've tried very hard to describe them, but they just don't understand the concept of roasting a marshmallow over a fire and eating it between graham crackers with chocolate. Marshmallows are very hard to come by here, but those who have eaten one, say that it's too sweet for them.

So you mean they don't put marshmallows in their hot chocolate? Well, they don't really drink HOT chocolate. They drink something very similar called "Kaokao." Kaokao is basically a chocolate powder mixed with cold milk. I actually really like it, but I am missing my HOT chocolate with marshmallows! They will occasionally warm up the milk in the microwave, but most of the time it's just cold. When I told my friends that we use hot water with the chocolate mix, they all kind of cringed at the thought of it! I will say, it is much richer with milk!

So for those of you who haven't put two and two together yet, Thanksgiving is strictly an American holiday! Therefore, on Thursday, No-

vember 26, I went to school like any other day! No turkey, sweet potatoes, or Grandma's delicious pecan pie! And most importantly, no pumpkin pie! When I asked if they had pumpkin pie here, they all looked at me with a disgusted look on their face. "No... why would you put pumpkin in a pie!?!?" I tried explaining that it was delicious and that it's more like a cheese cake. I guess they will just have to come to America for Thanksgiving one year and give it a try.

The only thing they have like our American Thanksgiving is a season of offering in the churches. If you belong to a church, this is the time of year when you give thanks for what God has provided by taking some sort of offering to your church. I'm not 100% sure of the details, but my host family tried explaining that the church altar would be full of foods and goods that people brought as an offering. This sounded similar to our gathering of canned goods for the local food pantry.

Another holiday Americans look forward to and love is Halloween! Unlike Thanksgiving, Germany does celebrate Halloween... just not nearly to the extent that Americans do! Trick-or-Treating is huge in America, but here, many don't even know what it is, let alone actually go! There were bars and pubs that had a Halloween themed night where people dressed up and went out for drinks, but if you weren't going out to one of those, it felt like a normal night.

However, Germany has its own celebrations. Such as in Köln (cologne)! On November 11 (11/11) at 11:11 a.m. be-

gins their famous Karnival! On 11.11 it is like a holiday in Köln. Everyone is off of work and the partying begins! There is a TV channel on that day broadcasting all the Köln the celebrations and various concerts. I was at a friend's house that night and so we watched the TV, sang along and danced to the music, and had so much fun! My friend tried her best to translate the songs, but most of the time it was just silly lyrics. They take familiar tunes in Germany (most of them not familiar to me) and put new words to them. I was able to sing along to parts of the songs because it was just the same thing repeated.

So Germany may not celebrate Thanksgiving or have a big Halloween, but they certainly have plenty of other festivals... I don't think they are missing out! I have enjoyed experiencing their holidays and traditions, but my heart will always belong to Antwerp where s'mores, trick-or-treating, and pumpkin pie rule!

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**VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD  
COUNCIL MINUTES FOR  
11/9/09**

A regular council meeting was held on 11/9/09. Those attending were Pam Erford, John Keyes, Vicky Long, Susan Barford, Bill Sherry, and Mark Figert.

After the pledge, clerk took roll call with all here except for Todd Dangler. Mayor Henke presided over meeting.

Vicky Long asked council for reinstatement as she had completed her class as required. Mayor Henke stated that that was council's agreement and for Vicky to get with Coordinators for schedule.

Don made a motion to accept the minutes as mailed, Carolyn seconded, all in favor with no opposing.

Jake presented the Mayor with the Verizon phone bill and explained that Ronnie Coleman had used the cell for personal use and created a \$103.00 roaming charge. John asked if we had policy or was it in ordinance. Mayor stated policy.

Dolly wanted to know if she could take payment out of check in two installments instead of one since it was a family emergency. Council agreed. John and Dolly to get with Ronnie.

Jake made a motion for payment of bills, Melissa seconded, all in favor with no opposing.

Mayor Henke told Phil that he had talked to the Fire Chief concerning the truck that was in need of repair. It was decided that as soon as fire has enough money, they would get fixed as this will be a costly project.

Village Administrator presented council with a report, it is on file. The discussion concerning Vicky Long water problem came up, Vicky explained that her husband had ran the water in two weeks a total of eight hours. John stated that they had searched for the problem but at this point they really had not found anything other than Longs water line runs directly from 613 and she has a lot of pressure. John will be doing some chlorine checks to see the levels and both parties will keep an eye on the situation.

Don asked when the restrooms will be shut down for season. John stated that Gary Frederick would like to be present when doing so; it should be sometime this week.

Various town lights need to be checked out again to see if working properly.

Mayor Henke states that the project at park is still under way however; the decision concerning the extra docks has not been made yet from ODNR. The clerk asked about a ribbon cutting ceremony, and Mayor replied that it would have to be sometime after the dock gets put in and it could be January but not sure.

The Mayor stated that he had four more places on the litter list and would get some address and names from clerk after meeting to complete the processing.

The Mayor stated that the Natural Gas people are back in town to get the new signature cards collected. This is needed in order to go to the next step of getting bids out. The Mayor stated that this is important that anyone wishing to have the free hook up, to sign up within the next 30 days. The clerk asked if all streets would have the pipe ran down, Mayor stated no, probably just the streets that have interest as of to date. Any one at later date will have to pay for hook up but the village would also have the cost of running the pipe down that particular street at that time. Dolly was wondering about the finances - would it be cheaper in long run to run all pipes now then to wait until later. The mayor will look into.

John mentioned that the aerator project was approved by EPA; it should go out for bid soon.

The mayor asked the clerk to look into the latest Dog ordinance, because there are several people in town that have dog issues and they need to be addressed. The clerk will get with Mayor.

Jake made a motion to adjourn, Don seconded, all in favor with no opposing.

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**OAKWOOD ARBOR #759  
MEETING MINUTES FOR  
12/3/09**

The arbor was able to put up a tree at the John Paulding Festival of Trees to let the public know who we are and what we do. A lot of our activities were in pictures on the little tree. There were over 1300 people who came to see the trees. There was nice entertainment and a brunch and a spaghetti supper and a silent auction. They were open for four days. A few of our arbor members helped the Historical society.

Our regular meeting was held on 12/3/09. Our chaplain, Eileen, opened with prayer, followed by the pledge of allegiance. Vice President John Pier had the roll call and the minutes read. Our patriotic calling cards were presented to the Paulding VFW to add to their mailing of care packages. Some were also given to the Grover Hill VFW for their care packages.

We picked up five angels from the Oakwood State Bank tree to brighten their Christmas. Eileen will go shopping for them. We had a discussion of what to do with our 4-H helping hands funds. It was suggested that we invite a representative to come and talk to us. We will need to contact the Dog Warden for our animal support Samaritan funds. 10 members had good fellowship while snacking on cookies, sandwiches, veggies, jello and lemonade supplies by the

Pier's. Our next meeting is 01/7/10 at the Twin Oaks reception hall with Vicki Aufrance and Mary Lou Lloyd being in charge of snacks and inviting two people.

**LATTA ANNOUNCES  
PASSAGE OF NATIONAL  
MILITARY FAMILY MONTH  
RESOLUTION**

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) made the following statement after House Resolution 861, which supports the objectives and values associated with National Military Family Month, passed the House of Representatives.

"The families of military personnel understand the sacrifices of commitment to America's interests through service in our armed forces. It is in challenging moments as we face today that we truly rely on the dedication of America's military families."

House Resolution 861 supports the goals and ideals of National Military Family Month, which occurs in November. In addition, this legislation recognizes the sacrifice and dedication demonstrated by military families and encourages citizens of the United States of America to exhibit their appreciation for such individuals by regularly observing National Military Family Month. Congressman Latta was also a co-sponsor of House Resolution 861.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
Village of Cecil, Resolution 09-08 "A Resolution to establish the wages of Council Members, Mayor, Utility Clerk and Village Clerk/Treasurer, to repeal a prior resolution number 06-03 and declaring the same to be an emergency. Approved on November 16, 2009 at the regular session for the Village of Cecil Council. Full Version of this resolution is available by appointment with the Clerk/Treasurer, Carlene Turner

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early age and began teaching and training mixed martial arts on the east coast back in the mid 90's. Justin has been training for the past few years in MMA and has been training with four different teams in Ohio and Indiana to satisfy his appetite for the sport. Most recently Justin's primary training partner, Dave Morris, won the Gladiator Elite Cage fighting championship and will be teaching classes at Malice as well.

Fitness center is open Monday through Friday 12:00-9:00 p.m. Youth and Family classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:00-7:00 p.m. MMA classes are held Monday, Wednesday, Friday 6:00-9:00 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday 7:00-9:00 p.m. Women's total body conditioning will be 4:00-5:00 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday (more classes coming).

Private classes are available from both Rob and Justin by appointment. Malice is offering two free classes to anyone wanting to come try out the gym, so stop by or call for an appointment. You can reach Rob at 260-312-9922 or Justin at 419-769-1779.

## PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES FOR 11/30/09

This 30<sup>th</sup> day of November, 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

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2009 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 007):

The Commissioners modified the 2009 Annual Appropriation and directed the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:

FROM: 007-001-00007/Public Assistance/PRC

TO: 007-001-00002/Public Assistance/Supplies

AMOUNT: \$2,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF ONLINE DOG LICENSING CONVENIENCE FEES:

The ability to purchase dog licenses online by credit card is available to Paulding County residents; any administrative fees, surcharges, or convenience fees as agreed to between the third party and the county for said internet registration services will be considered voluntary and non-refundable and will be paid by any person choosing to pay by financial transaction device; and if a person makes payment by financial transaction device and the payment is returned or dishonored for any reason, the person is liable to the county for payment of a penalty over and above the amount of the expense due. The penalty shall be in the amount necessary to reimburse the county for banking charges, legal fees, or other expenses incurred by the county in collecting the returned or dishonored payment, and no person making any payment by financial transaction device to a county office shall be relieved from liability for the underlying obligation except to the extent that the county realizes final payment of the underlying obligation in cash or its equivalent.

Tony Zartman left the meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2009 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 177):

The Commissioners do hereby amend the 2009 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the County Auditor to appropriate unappropriated funds in Fund 177:

Fund 177 - Victims' Assistance, 177-01-20101/Salaries, \$1,050.00

AUDIT COMMITTEE:

This 30<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2009, the Board of County Commissioners; Tony Burkley and Edward Straley met with members of the Audit Committee: Carol Temple, County Recorder; Ann Waldman, Clerk of Courts; David Harrow, County Sheriff, Travis McGarvey, County Engineer, Susan Simpson, County Auditor, and Joe Burkard, County Prosecutor.

The Permissive Sales and Use Tax 2009 report and the Sales Tax Monthly Breakdown report were reviewed. Permissive Sales and Use Tax, which includes Motor Vehicle Tax, received in November '09 was up by \$1,328.84 from last month; however, down from November '08 by \$20,925.83. Three-year sales tax revenue average for the month of November shows '09 down by \$19,761.63. Year-to-date comparison shows 2009 sales tax revenue 17.6% lower than 2008. Motor vehicle tax was up \$1,511.03 from October '09; but was \$6,626.46 below November '08. Vehicle tax collected was below the three-year average by \$4,308.52 for the month of November.

Susan Simpson distributed reports prepared by her office for review. She reported general fund receipts for October '09 of \$218,962.81, which was down from the same time frame in '08 by \$46,724.24 and below the three-year average for the month of October by \$87,504.76. 2009 year to date general fund revenue of \$3,297,588.26 is down \$477,141.94 when compared to 2008. General fund expenses were down from September '09 by \$17,467.04 and down from October '08 by \$68,097.27. Expenses for October '09 were \$76,235.97 below the three year October average. Year-to-date general fund expenses of \$3,176,581.28 is down \$257,062.77 when compared to 2008.

Ms. Simpson also reported 2010 dog tags will go on sale tomorrow, December 1. Residents will be able to purchase dog tags on line with their credit card. Applicable administrative fees, surcharges, or convenience fees will be considered as part of the fee when residents use the on-line services. Walk-in purchases are only available at the Auditor's Office and at the Dog Kennel. The Dog Kennel will be open on Saturday mornings during the months of December and January from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Carol Temple reported a 13% increase in Recorder's fees collected in 2009.

Ms. Simpson reminded elected officials that all bills due for 2009 must be in by December 21 for payment. She also noted the change in payroll direct deposit effective January.

It was also noted there is now a \$34.00 fee to stop payment on a check. The workers' compensation rate (for payroll purposes) has increased from 1.65% to 1.8%.

Meeting Notes of Appointment:

Brian Shuherk, Solid Ground - Mr. Shuherk met with the Commissioners to discuss a contract for the 2009-2010 winter season snow removal on courthouse square.

Susan Simpson, County Auditor - Ms. Simpson requested the resolution for on line dog tag transactions (see resolution above).

Mandy Lichty, Dog Warden - Ms. Lichty presented her 2010 budget for the Commissioners' review. She reports the Dog Kennel will be open Saturday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. during the months of December and January to facilitate the purchase of dog tags for 2010.

Sheriff Dave Harrow - Sheriff Harrow met with the Commissioners to discuss his 2010 budget. The Sheriff commented the suggested 2010 budget would be the same as it was in 2001. He finds it very difficult to absorb cuts and continue to maintain the service level to the county.

## Things You Should Know About Pneumonia in Adults

(NAPSA)—Did you know that in 2006, the Centers for Disease Control reported that more people in the United States died from pneumonia than the flu? Some people may be at increased risk for pneumonia and don't understand the seriousness of the disease.

Recently, William Schaffner—M.D., president-elect of The National Foundation for Infectious Diseases and chairman of The Department of Preventive Medicine at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine—stated that during flu season, it is important that adults also recognize their personal risk for pneumonia. He also added that pneumonia is sometimes life threatening, and it is essential to be able to identify its symptoms and take preventive measures.

### What is Pneumonia?

Pneumonia is an infection of the lungs. The disease can range from mild to severe, and in some cases may be fatal. Pneumonia can be spread in numerous ways, the most common being airborne droplets from a cough or sneeze.

### What are the Symptoms of Pneumonia?

People with pneumonia often complain of coughing. Complications of pneumonia may include bacterial infection in the bloodstream and lung and infection around the lungs.

### Which Adults are at Risk?

Despite common assumptions that only older people get pneumonia, it can actually occur at any age. While adults over 65 are at highest risk for pneumonia, those with underlying persistent conditions, including heart disease, diabetes and asthma are also at risk.

### Tips for a Healthy Lifestyle

Healthy living habits are important and include:

- Washing your hands frequently
- Covering your mouth when you cough
- Not smoking
- Maintaining a healthy diet
- Exercising regularly
- Drinking alcohol in moderation
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