

VILLAGE PLAYERS LASSEED MOON IN “IT’S A WONDERFUL LIFE”



Village Players are putting on the play “It’s a Wonderful Life” at the Huber in Hicksville. Shown here is George Bailey and his children. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

By: Angel Steiner

“It’s A Wonderful Life” is a dramatization by James W. Rodgers and is based on the film by Frank Capra. The setting is a small fictional town of Bedford Falls. It focuses on the life of a man named George Bailey... Wait a minute! What am I doing?! Everyone already knows this story, right?

As we all know, George learns by the end of the story how important he is to ev-

eryone he knew in Bedford Falls – his friends, family, and towns folk were all influenced simply by his existence in their lives. This story is a timeless classic that has been shared in many households around the country... and possibly around the globe during the holiday season.

The Village Players of Hicksville took on a noble and daring task by attempting to measure up to this masterpiece of yuletide enter-

tainment. With their simple, yet tactfully done sets, excellent cast & crew, including a superb display of characterization on the parts of Jeff Crabill of Antwerp (George Bailey), Julie Barth of Hicksville (Mary Hatch Bailey), and Jamy Shaffer of Edgerton (Mr. Potter), the Village Players filled those mighty big shoes of Frank Capra quite nicely. The show had it all – Clarence Oddbody AS2, Zuzu and her petals, Violet’s sensual wiles, and who could forget “...and dance by the light of the moon.”

Folks, you don’t have to travel to Detroit or New York City—you don’t even have to go to Fort Wayne, to see a quality live theater production. The Village Players’ “It’s a Wonderful Life”, brought to life the performance that gives us all wet cheeks every time we hear the song “Auld Lang Syne.”

If you missed this past weekend’s performances, you need not worry, for they are going to do it again this weekend – December 18 and 19 at 8:00 p.m. and December 20 at 2:30 p.m. at the Huber Opera House in Hicksville.

Whether on a big screen or a small stage, this story of George Bailey never fails to deliver its message. In the words of Clarence Oddbody AS2, “Remember, George: no man is a failure who has friends,” and “You see George, you’ve really had a wonderful life.” Take a break from the hustle and bustle, and settled in to enjoy this heart-warming holiday play.

HOLIDAY HOURS AND DEADLINES FOR WEST BEND NEWS:

December 18 (5:00 p.m.): deadline for news and ads for Christmas issue (December 23) **December 24 & 25:** Closed for Christmas! No West Bend News between Christmas and New Year’s (December 30).

December 31 (5:00 p.m.): Deadline for issue 1 of West Bend News (January 6th issue) **January 1:** Closed for New Year’s!

NAMI DECEMBER MEETING: DECEMBER 21, 2009

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Van Wert, Mercer and Paulding Counties will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 21st, at the Drop-In Center which is located at 407 N. Franklin Street, Van Wert. This is several blocks South of Vantage Career Center. All interested persons are invited to attend.

NAMI is the largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to improving the lives of persons living with serious mental illness and their families. A nationwide organization founded in 1979, NAMI has become the nation’s voice on mental illness, with affiliates in every state and in more than 1,100 local communities across the country.

NAMI is dedicated to the eradication of mental illnesses and to the improvement of the quality of life of all who are affected by these diseases—both the consumers and their family members and friends.

To learn more about the disorders, log on to www.nami.org. The local affiliate may be reached by e-mail at namivw@roadrunner.com or by calling 800-541-NAMI (6264) or 419-238-2413.

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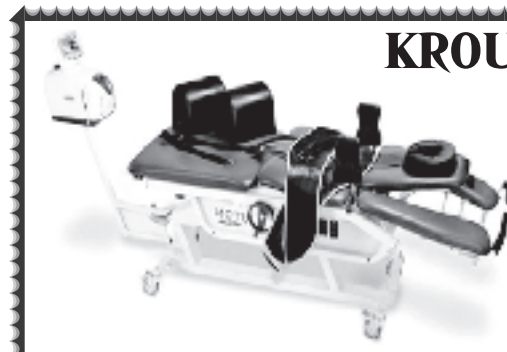
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OBITUARIES



Doris B. La Bounty, 89, of Payne, died Saturday, December 12, 2009 at the Gardens of Paulding, Ohio. She was the widow of Russell A. La Bounty Sr., who died December 27, 1994.

Surviving are one daughter, Roxann La Bounty of Payne; three sons: Russell (Connie) La Bounty Jr., Charles (Susan) La Bounty and John (Pennie) La Bounty all of Payne; 10 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Betty Gleitz of Niles, MI.

Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 16, 2009 at Divine Mercy Catholic Parish Payne, Ohio. Rev. G. Allan Fillman will officiate. Burial will be in Wiltsie Cemetery, Payne, Ohio.

Memorials to: Masses or the Gardens of Paulding Activities Fund. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Larry E. Finnegan, 74, of Paulding, died Monday, December 7, 2009.

He was born in Broughton, Ohio on June 29, 1935 the son of Floyd and Inella (McCullough) Finnegan. On November 29, 1959 he married Shirley Lytle who survives. He was employed by Dinner Bell Foods, Defiance and Advanced Trucking Fort Wayne. He was a member of First Christian Church, Paulding,

and was a member of the US Marine Corps serving during the Korean War. He was a member of Paulding VFW Post #587; Paulding FOF #2405; and Payne American Legion #297. He was a member of the Model Airplane Radio Club "Prop Floppers"; Uncle Sam's Motorcycle Club, Paulding; and NRA.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley Finnegan; mother, Inella Finnegan both of Paulding; four daughters: Diana Finnegan of Paulding, Kellie (Eric) Morningstar of Highland Ranch, CO, Terri (Brent) Richards of Decatur, IN, and Cindi Jo (Joe) Finnegan Foltz of Punta Gorda, FL; a sister, Betty Lou Laukhuf of Bowling Green, OH; seven grandchildren: Olivia, Amber, Ozzy, Ciera, Ryan, Sage and Brooke; and two great-grandchildren: Leticia "Sam" and Gavin "Gus".

Funeral services were conducted December 10, 2009 at First Christian Church with Rev. Greg Bibler officiating. Burial was in St. Paul Cemetery with military rites accorded by Paulding VFW Post #587.

Donations may be made to Paulding Area Visiting Nurses & Hospice or to First Christian Church. Online donations may be sent to www.denherderfh.com



G. Michael Bowers, 60, of Paulding, died Saturday, December 12, 2009.

He was born January 15, 1949 in Fort Wayne, Indiana

the son of Bob and Evelyn (Tester) Bowers. On November 9, 1985 he married Rose A. McGrath, who survives in Paulding. He was employed by Stykemain Chevrolet Pontiac of Paulding retiring in 2006. He was a Vietnam US Army veteran; 1967 graduate of Antwerp High School; a member of Vietnam Veterans of America, Defiance; VFW Post #587, Fraternal Order of Eagles #2405; and American Legion of Antwerp. He loved spending time with family and friends fishing and camping; 50's and 60's music, and cruising in his 1972 Chevy Nova; and his dog "Gunner".

He is survived by his wife, Rose Bowers of Paulding; his step-mother, Sherry Bowers of Coldwater, MI; four children: Stacy (Jason) Calhoun of Glendale, AZ, Stephanie Ball of Churubusco, IN, Steve (Lena) Mawer, and Jon (Monette) Mawer both of Upper Sandusky, OH; 11 grandchildren: Whitney, Madeline, Mason and Corbin Calhoun, Taylor Bowers, Kennedy McMichael, Chloe Ball, and Seth, Troy, Owen and Emma Mawer; two brothers: Alan (Sue) Bowers of Ney, OH, and Jim (Sandy) Bowers of Antwerp; a sister, Linda (Joe) Messmann of Payne, OH; and two step-brothers: Matt (Tonya) Bowers of Coldwater, MI, and Bobbie (Scott) Welke of Quincy, MI.

He is preceded in death by his parents and brother Dennis.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, December 17, 2009 at the Antwerp United Methodist Church with Rev. Michael Schneider officiating. Burial will be in Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding with military graveside services.

Visitation will be 2:00-9:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 16 at Den Herder Funeral Home, and one hour prior to services on Thursday at the church.

Donations may be made to Antwerp War Monument. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com



Raymond R. Bender, 79, of Antwerp, died Saturday, December 12, 2009 at Convoy Care Center.

He was born to the late Helen (Knapp) and Herbert Bender on April 15, 1930 in Fort Wayne and moved with

his parents to Antwerp in 1933. Because his mother's ancestors (the Major family) had settled in Antwerp before December 31, 1880, he qualified and was a member of the First Families of Paulding County, part of the Paulding County chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society.

Ray was a retired owner of Bender's Garage on Ohio 49 just south of Antwerp. He also had been employed by U.S. Rubber, C&Y Oil Co. and the Antwerp Local School District. He also was a member of the Masons for more than 50 years. Raymond was an avid reader, particularly interested in regional and U.S. history. He had graduated from Antwerp High School in 1948. In the 1950s, Raymond served for nine years in the U.S. Army Reserves, rising to the rank of master sergeant. As a youth, he had been a member of Boy Scouts of America, Troop 143, and he later served as its scoutmaster.

On December 13, 1952, Raymond married Martha Townsend, who survives. He will be sadly missed by his wife, Martha; daughter, Alice of Paulding; a son and daughter-in-law, Alex and Beth of Reynoldsburg, OH; and two grandchildren: Andrea and Collin Bender also of Reynoldsburg.

Services and masonic rites are at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, Wednesday, December 16, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. Rev. Don Leckrone will officiate. Viewing is one hour prior to his service.

Preferred memorials are to the Paulding County Visiting Nurses or the activity fund at Vancrest Convoy Care Center. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Richard C. Parrish, 82, of Cecil, passed away Friday, December 11, 2009 at his residence.

He was born in Paulding, on November 9, 1927, a son of the late Elizabeth (AuFrance) and Walter Parrish.

Dick graduated from Paulding High School and proudly served in the U.S. Army Air Corp as a Sgt from 1945 to 1948 and held the Middleweight and Light-Heavy Boxing titles, while at Keesler Field in 1946.

He retired from LaFarge, Paulding and was a member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish & the Paulding Eagles.

Dick married Pauline Sanders, who passed away in 1971. In 1976 he married Donna Watson Crabill, who survives.

He will be sadly missed by his wife, Donna; sons: Richard (Cheryl) and Stephen (Joyce) both of Antwerp, Ronald (Jean) of Hicksville, Kenneth of Edgerton, Joseph Crabill of Fort Wayne, and Jeffrey (Christine) Crabill of Antwerp; daughters: Anna Conley of Antwerp and Christine Parrish of Thousand Oaks, CA, Lonna (Don) Nelson of Suffolk, VA, Pamela (Craig) Mills of Wapakoneta and Kimberly (Jim) Bowers of Paulding; brothers: Robert of Ossian, IN and Russell (Pauline) of Paulding; 22 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

His funeral service was at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, on December 15, 2009. He was laid to rest at Immaculate Conception Cemetery.

Memorials are to Antwerp United Methodist Church or Divine Mercy Catholic Church. Condolences and

fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com



Paul D. Holtsberry, 82, of Paulding died Monday, December 7, 2009 at Van Wert County Hospital, Van Wert, OH.

He was born in Hedges, Ohio on March 11, 1927 the son of Paul and Ruth (Phillips) Holtsberry. On July 1, 1949 he married Betty Jane Good who preceded him in death on July 19, 2008. He was a US Army veteran. After 47 years of employment he retired as plant manager in 1992 for Nuturn Corporation of New Castle Indiana and the former Paulding Grizzley Plant where he was production manager. He was an avid golfer, NASCAR, baseball, and aviation enthusiast.

He is survived by three daughters: Paula (Charles) Coe, and Patricia (Todd) Messman both of Paulding, and Linda (Jeffrey deceased) Royer of Van Wert; nine grandchildren: Andrew and Jon Coe, Holly Gray, Jeremy Priddy, Mackenzie Hilty, Harrison Messman, Morris, Tessa, and Paul Kipper; and eight great-grandchildren: Alexandra, Blake and Jena Priddy, Daylen and Jace Hilty, Charlie, Eva and Madeleine Coe; and four sisters: Alice Foust of Antwerp, Ramona Fillman of Paulding, Clara Marie Moden of Cecil, and Ruth Elaine Underwood of Van Wert; and his dog "Barney".

He is also preceded in death by his parents and wife.

Funeral services were conducted December 11, 2009 at Den Herder Funeral Home, with Rev. Ben Lowell officiating. Burial was in Hedges Cemetery, Paulding County with military graveside rites accorded by Paulding VFW Post #587.

Donations may be made to Retinitis Pigmentosa Institute for Fighting Blindness. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com



Gladys Marie Gaut was born in Oakwood, Ohio, on March 12, 1911. She was one of two daughters of William and Rose Turner. Her sister and brother preceded her in death.

Her late husband, Marcell C. Gaut was a businessman and inventor who lived in Payne, Ohio for many years before they moved to Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Gladys worked at their furniture store, Gaut Furniture and Electric as well as the Strand Movie Theater in Payne that they owned for several years. In moving to Fort Wayne, she worked at Patterson Fletcher and Gass's Bridal Shop.

Three daughters were born to this union: Marsha (Gene) Conwell, both deceased, Myrna (Don) Snyder and Miriam Gaut. She has six living grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

Gladys, a loving mother and a devoted Christian woman will be greatly missed by her family.

A service celebrating her life was held December 15, 2009 at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Payne.

A lunch was served for family and friends at the church immediately after burial at Wiltsie Cemetery in Payne.

Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding is handling arrangements. Online condolences may be made to www.denherderfh.com. Donations may be made to St. Paul United Methodist Church.



Irene A. Hormann, 92, of Antwerp died Friday, December 11, 2009 at Golden Years

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Homestead. Born in Marion Twp., she was the daughter of the late Christ and Mary Lepper. She was a member of Christ Lutheran Church, Woodburn. She retired in 1973 from Western Auto Warehouse with over 22 years of service.

She is survived by her children: Ruth (John) Kennedy, Betty (Dan) Koppenhofer and Larry (Liz) Hormann all of Antwerp, and Kenneth (Marjean) Hormann of Wolcottville; siblings: Norman Lepper and Florence Voirol both of Fort Wayne; 20 grandchildren; 49 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, Edgar G. Hormann in 1991; daughter, Beverly Taylor in 1993; and siblings: Ralph Lepper and Frances Damman.

Services were December 14, 2009 at Christ Lutheran Church, Woodburn. The Rev. Tim Edwards officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery. Preferred memorials to Christ Lutheran Church or Worship for Shut-ins.

Arrangements were handled by E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven, IN. www.harperfuneralhome.com

THANK YOU

The family of Jacqueline Yenser wishes to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, food, gifts, Gideon Bible donations, and donations to the Yenser Family College Fund.

We also appreciated the services of the Dooley Funeral Home and Pastor David Dignall, and also the Woodburn Emergency Response team.

We were overwhelmed with your loving, kind, and thoughtful expressions of sympathy.

—The Families of Tim Yenser, Russell Yenser, Kenny Stabler, Jack Gerber



Ivan Gerig from Christ Lutheran Church presents a check in the amount of \$3,000 to Woodburn Food Bank Director, Patti Shuler

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS TO ALL FROM CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH, WOODBURN

Christ Lutheran Church, Woodburn, was blessed to be able to pleasantly surprise the Woodburn Food Bank Director, Patti Shuler, with a donation in the amount of \$3,000. Christ Lutheran collects food for the food bank on a regular basis, but we make a concerted effort to contribute in the month of December.

Christ Lutheran want to recognize the Woodburn United Methodist Church for housing and managing our local food bank, and also to the food bank director, Patti Shuler.

Christ Lutheran extends blessings—peace, love, and joy—of the season to each one of you in our community, and we invite you to attend any of the following services we will be having to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus.

Wednesday, December 16 at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Edwards will tell us about "Christmas Wisdom - The Story of the Wise Men." The Church Council will be serving an

Advent Supper from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. preceding the service and anyone is welcome to attend.

Sunday, December 20, at 8:00 a.m. (Heritage service) and at 10:30 a.m. (Contemporary service) Pastor Edwards will present the message "Jesus as Messiah - Out of the Blue."

Thursday, December 24, (Christmas Eve) at 7:00 p.m. our Sunday School children will share the good news of Jesus' birth. Pre-service music will begin at 6:30 p.m. Also on Christmas Eve at 11:00 p.m. Pastor Edwards will present "Christmas Love - The Story of God's Gift to Us." Beautiful Christmas music will be sung at both services.

Friday, December 25, (Christmas Day) at 9:00 a.m. we invite you to join in singing Christmas carols and hear Pastor Edwards present his message "Baby Blue and Royal Purple."

CEREMONY OF LESSONS AND CAROLS IN ANTWERP

The Divine Mercy Parish (Antwerp location) choir will present "A Ceremony of Nine Lessons and Carols" on Sunday, December 20 at 4:00 p.m. in the Church of Divine Mercy (Antwerp location). The church is located at 303 S. Monroe Street in Antwerp, Ohio. The service is non-denominational and is free and open to the public.

This service is based on the traditional Festival of Lessons and Carols made popular by Kings College Chapel of Cambridge University in England.

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols is a format for a service of Christian worship celebrating the birth of Jesus which is traditionally followed at Christmas. The story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus is told in nine short Bible readings, interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols and hymns. These carols and hymns are sung by the choir and the congregation.

The Antwerp Divine Mercy choir consists of about 24 voices from the parishes' Antwerp location under the direction of David Jones. The groups keyboardist is his wife Sally Gillette-Jones. The Ceremony of Nine Lessons and Carols is presented for the first time at the Antwerp location. The presider for the service will be the Very Reverend Alan Fillman, pastor of Divine Mercy Parish.

There will be fellowship and refreshments following the service in the parish hall next to the church.

For further information contact David Jones at 419-258-2351 dasajones@mchsi.com or the Divine Mercy Parish office at 419-399-2576.

THE ONE TRUE CHURCH RESTORATION #8

By: James Potter, Oakwood church of Christ

Today is the last one of Calvin's five-point creed. The title of this one is: Perseverance of the Saints. Looking back at the names of the others, Total Hereditary Depravity; Unconditional Election; Limited Atonement; Irresistible Grace; Perseverance of the Saints; Notice the underlined letters, take these letters and it spells the name of Calvin's creed.

Calvinists teach that the elect cannot fall from grace, but will persevere and ultimately be saved regardless of what they do or how they live. Sam Morris, a denominational evangelist, in his writings "Do a Christian's Sins Damn His Soul?" had this to say, "We take the position that a Christian's sins do not damn his soul. The way a Christian lives, he says, his character, his conduct, or his attitude toward other people has nothing whatever to do with the salvation of his soul. This often is called the doctrine of eternal security or once saved, always saved. Some say if one goes back into sin after his call, it is a sign he was never of the elect." Does the Bible teach this?

Notice what the Bible says in 2 Peter 2:20-22. Notice in verse 20, it says, "If they have escaped the corruption of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and are again entangled in it and overcome, they are worse off at the end than they were at the beginning. It would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than to have known it and then to turn their backs on the sacred command that was passed on to them. Of them the proverbs are true: 'A dog returns to its vomit,' and, 'A sow that is washed goes back to her wallowing in the mud.'" This is in direct conflict with this writings of Sam Morris and anyone else who teaches this doctrine.

1 Corinthians 10:12 tell us to take heed lest we fall. Those that teach we can't sin or can't fall from grace are teaching what Paul told us not to do in Galatians 1:6-10. Also in Galatians 5:4, this tells us here that if we are trying to have salvation by following the Law of Moses, we have fallen from grace.

Study the book of Hebrews about falling from grace, especially these chapters: Hebrews 2:1-4; 4:1; 11; 6:4-8. Loved ones, if you want to believe the false teaching of Calvinism, that is entirely up to you. After all, we live in a wonderful country that allows freedom of religion. It is up to you to determine if you are following the New Testament in your lives. Remember Jesus will determine your destination after this life, not the United States government! He will base His judgments on what He has sent to us through the New Testament. Each individual will stand before Jesus and answer for the deeds done in our lives, whether good or bad. I have truthfully shown in God's word what God says, not what I say and I would rather be-

lieve what God says than any man. Just remember this: that Christ came to this earth to die to give us salvation. Our obedience to His words are essential. In Mark 16:16 He says, "He that believes and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believes not shall be damned."

Please read Philippians 2:5-11, Hebrews 4:12-16 and 1 John 1:6-10. The question I need to ask is are those who teach Calvinism walking in darkness with man's teaching or in the light of God's word? Jesus loves you and so does the Oakwood church of Christ. Please study your Bible; this is where truth is, not in the doctrines or teachings of man. Bible questions? Please call (419) 393-4775 for James Potter or (419) 399-5022 for Lonnie Lambert.

HOLIDAY SURPRISES

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

I read about a man who gave his wife something very unexpected and unusual for Christmas this past year.

In speaking to a friend he said, "I don't understand it. My wife hasn't spoken to me at all since last Christmas."

"Oh, really?" replied the friend. "Why's that?"

"I'm not sure," responded the man. "About all I could think of is that I had asked her what she wanted for Christmas. She said, 'Oh, just surprise me.'"

"So, at three o'clock on Christmas morning, I sat up in bed, gently shook her awake, leaned over, and hollered, 'Boo!' Since about that time she hasn't said a whole lot to me..."

We all enjoy surprises at Christmas, but not exactly that kind. As I mused about that cute story I got to thinking that there are some other surprises that we could give to others at the holidays.

How about surprising someone with an act of kindness? Or why not go out of your way to give someone a sincere compliment, a note of encouragement, or phone call

just to lift their spirits?

The scriptures tell us in I John 3:18, "Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth." John is stating here that we should not merely just talk about loving others but demonstrate love to others in practical ways.

I can't think of a better way to reflect the love of Christ to others than to show them love in down-to-earth ways. We are so often quick to criticize but slow to compliment.

We tend to be quick to anger and slow to tolerance. We think we are too busy to jot someone a note, yet realize that we are willing to take time to do the things we truly want to do.

I can't think of a better Christmas gift or New Year's gift than to surprise someone with an act of love. I'm sure they'll appreciate it more than surprising someone in the middle of the night by yelling "Boo!"

V.E.T.S. VIETNAM ERA LISTING FOR "R" AND "S"

Here is our list of names collected for "R" and the beginning of the listing for "S". We are in need of documentation for several of these listed this week and (*) behind the name means we need your DD-214.

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THE SUNDANCE KID

By: Stan Jordan

Harry Longabaugh had been serving 18 months in the jail at Sundance, Wyoming. He was arrested in 1887 for horse thievery.

Harry was born in Mount Clare, PA and not a whole lot is known about him until he got arrested in Sundance.

This is how he got the name of The Sundance Kid. There were a few years that it is known that he worked on a big commercial ranch in Canada called the Bar U Ranch in Alberta.

In 1886, he met Butch Cassidy, his real name was Robert LeRoy Parker. So Butch and the Sundance Kid fell into some robberies and other lawlessness and formed The Wild Bunch Gang.

In 1896 these guys and the rest of the gang pulled off a long list of train robberies in the Old Northwest.

In 1969, a movie was made called Butch Cassidy and The Sundance Kid. Well, as usual, the movies made the robbers as a non-violent gang and is not true.

There was another member of the gang called Kid Curry. His real name was Harvey Logan and we wrote about him a few weeks ago.

I guess there is no evidence of The Sundance Kid killing anyone until that big shoot out in Bolivia.

Now this guy, Kid Curry, who had joined the gang, he killed a number of men and sometimes the media got mixed up because of the closeness of their names.

The police followed Kid Curry (Harvey Logan), to their hideout at the Hole in the Wall in Wyoming and there was two policemen wounded there.

Longabaugh and Logan used an old cabin near Cody, Wyoming before they robbed a bank in Red Lodge, Montana. There was also a cabin in north central Wyoming. These natural hideouts had been used by other desperados.

The movie made the participants out as non-violent

men, but records show that a number of people were killed by members of the gang.

Logan, or Kid Curry, killed five policemen alone. That brought out a lot of wanted posters as much as \$30,000 dead or alive.

This Hole in the Wall hideout was near Kaycee, Wyoming. This place was on the high ground with a good view in all directions. It was almost impossible to get in without being noticed.

On February 20, 1901 Butch and The Sundance Kid wanted to live in a quieter atmosphere so they sailed to Buenos Aires and Longabaugh took his lady friend, Etta Place, along with them.

We really don't know much about those two in Bolivia but this we do know.

On November 3, 1908 a courier from the local silver mine was going along the trail with the payroll. He was robbed by two American bandits. So they traced Parker and Longabaugh to a small hotel in San Vicente, Bolivia. A few of the local police, a couple friends and two soldiers shot it out with who they said was Butch Cassidy and The Sundance Kid.

Over the years reports have come out that both of our outlaws returned later to the States. Now you are always going to have tales about anyone famous surfacing after they have been dead for many years.

But in this case, Harry Longabaugh, alias The Sundance Kid, returned to Duchesne, Utah and lived under the name of William Henry Long and died in 1936 and is buried in a cemetery there. In December of 2008 his body was exhumed and tested to see if he was Sundance. So far the tests have not been read. However, until those two bodies in Bolivia are found and tested some of these claims will stay unsolved.

Claims of Butch Cassidy or Robert Parker, that he returned to Spokane in 1910 and built up his own factory. But in the Great Depression of 1929 he lost it all. He returned to the Hole in the Wall

area and looked for some buried loot that he had stashed but found nothing. He died in 1937 at the Spokane County Poor House. It makes interesting reading but it doesn't follow the movie at all.

But I'm inclined to believe this ending over the movie's ending. But again, it was over 100 years ago.

See Ya!



By: Stan Jordan

Snakes also known as Garter Snakes (Thamnophis) can be dangerous. Yes, grass snakes, not rattlesnakes. Here's why. A couple in Sweetwater, Texas had a lot of potted plants. During a recent cold spell, the wife was bringing a lot of them indoors to protect them from a possible freeze. It turned out that a little green garden grass snake was hidden in one of the plants. When it had warmed up, it slithered out and the wife saw it go under the sofa. She let out a very loud scream.

The husband (who was taking a shower) ran out into the living room, naked, to see what the problem was. She told him there was a snake under the sofa. He got down on the floor on his hands and knees to look for it. About that time the family dog came and cold-nosed him on the behind. He thought the snake had bitten him, so he screamed and fell over on the floor. His wife thought he had had a heart attack, so she covered him up, told him to lie still and called an ambulance. The attendants rushed in, would not listen to his protests, loaded him on the stretcher, and started carrying him out.

About that time, the snake came out from under the sofa and the Emergency Medical Technician saw it and dropped his end of the stretcher. That's when the man broke his leg and why he is still in the hospital. The wife still had the problem of the snake in the house, so she called on a neighbor who volunteered to capture the snake. He armed himself with a rolled-up newspaper and began poking under the couch. Soon he decided it was gone and told the woman, who sat down on the sofa in relief. But while relaxing, her hand dangled in between the cushions, where she felt the snake wriggling around. She screamed and fainted, the snake rushed back under the sofa.

The neighbor man, seeing her lying there passed out, tried to use CPR to revive her. The neighbor's wife, who had just returned from shopping at the grocery store, saw her husband's mouth on the woman's mouth and slammed her husband in the back of the head with a bag of canned goods, knocking him out and cutting his scalp to a point where it needed stitches. The noise woke the woman from her dead faint and she saw her neighbor lying on the floor with his wife bending over him, so she assumed that the snake had bitten him. She went to the kitchen and got a small

bottle of whiskey, and began pouring it down the man's throat. By now, the police had arrived. Breathe here...

They saw the unconscious man, smelled the whiskey, and assumed that a drunken fight had occurred. They were about to arrest them all, when the women tried to explain how it all happened over a little garden snake! The police called an ambulance, which took away the neighbor and his sobbing wife.

Now, the little snake again crawled out from under the sofa and one of the policemen drew his gun and fired at it. He missed the snake and hit the leg of the end table. The table fell over, the lamp on it shattered and, as the bulb broke, it started a fire in the drapes. The other policeman tried to beat out the flames, and fell through the window into the yard on top of the family dog who, startled, jumped out and raced into the street, where an oncoming car swerved to avoid it and smashed into the parked police car.

Meanwhile, neighbors saw the burning drapes and called in the fire department. The firemen had started raising the fire ladder when they were halfway down the street. The rising ladder tore out the overhead wires, put out the power, and disconnected the telephones in a ten-square city block area (but they did get the house fire out).

Time passed! Both men were discharged from the hospital, the house was repaired, the dog came home, the police acquired a new car and all was right with their world.

A while later they were watching TV and the weatherman announced a cold snap for that night. The wife asked her husband if he thought they should bring in their plants for the night. And that's when he shot her.

See ya!



MEETING THE MINISTERS

By: Stan Jordan

The minister at the United Methodist Church here in Antwerp is Mike Schneider.

His parents were Don and Jan Schneider and lived in Laredo, Texas. His father was in the Air Force, they also had a daughter.

By school time, his folks had moved to Virginia. He went to school at Hampton, VA for the first two years. Then his father was moved to Beaver Creek, OH. He went there to school from the 3rd to the 8th grade. That was in the Dayton area.

Then his father was sent to Germany at the Ramstien Air Force Base. He attended high school in Kaiserslautern, Germany. His folks moved back to Beaver Creek, Ohio and he graduated from there in 1984.

TOP SELLERS AT ANN'S PRESCHOOL



Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschool recently participated in a Celebrating Home fundraiser! It succeeded because of all the parents, grandparents, relatives and friends who purchased something from our adorable little sellers! Shown here are our top two sellers: Daylen Hilty and Paige Hull. They were both presented with an I Spy book and their moms even got a special surprise! These children are both in the morning class of four and young five year olds with Mrs. Chris Adams and Mrs. Ann Miller.

When he was in Germany he attended Sunday School and met Kimberly Adams there and that was his future wife. Her folks were also Air Force people.

He attended Divinity School at Wheaton College in Wheaton, IL. He was the primary support minister.

He did grad work at Duke Divinity School, he finished that in 1993.

He married Kimberly after finishing college at Wheaton, IL. This was on July 23rd, 1988. They have four children: David—a senior at Vantage, Lydia—a freshman, Aaron—8th grade and Hanna—4th grade.

When Mike started his ministry he was Associate Pastor at Van Wert for 2½ years. Then he served at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church at Huber Heights for 3½ years. That is in the Dayton, Ohio area. After that, he was pastor at the Monford Heights United Methodist Church in the Cincinnati area for about 6 years. He was then sent to Antwerp and he has been here about 4½ years.

He told me that this is his best appointment. He said he thought Antwerp would be too rural, but he loves it here and the people.

Mike and his family really fit in well here. He just finished doing six performances of the CC Banks production of "A Christmas Carol" this past month. He had done a little drama while in college at Wheaton.

His hobbies are: traveling, gardening and woodworking (if he has time).

He told me they all love it here, love the relationship with the community and hope they can stay here for a number of years yet.

He stresses he is a minister and he wants to bring God's light to the community. His door is open at all times for anyone that he can help and is always looking for new ways to bring God's love to the area.


We here at the WBN are glad that the Schneider's have been located here and hope they're here many more years.

See Ya!

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In response to James Powell's most recent bull on why he flew his flag upside down for months.

Every time I drove past your home I felt like I was being spit on. You flying your flag upside down disrespected everything that myself and every other veteran has sacrificed for this country.

There is a reason why I did not stop to see if you were in distress—I did not care! I figured since you sat in your house and wrote letters to the editor about how bad this country is, you could have taken the time to write a letter asking for help. You claim that people who voted for the right to burn the flag should be burnt with it, I claim that if you disrespect the flag like you did, you should also be burnt with it. I bet the fifty-some thousand veterans that died in Vietnam are proud of you flying the flag upside down. You should have just desecrated their grave; it would have been the same effect. Yes, you do have the right to do what you did but being a veteran that you are, you disrespected yourself and every other veteran.

Just because I do not fly a flag in my front yard does not mean that I do not care, and that I am not patriotic. My belief is that no flag is better than your spit in the face of every veteran inverted flag.

—Chad C. Breedlove

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

My name is Joshua Poulson. I'm in the fourth grade and go to Antwerp.

Last year was my first year in 4-H. I don't have animals, I only did still projects.

My project was on tractors. I enjoyed working with Mom and Dad on my project about learning about tractors.

I liked 4-H meetings and getting to know other kids. My advisors were very, very nice. I liked testing in the Paulding County Fair. I won the big first place trophy. I got to go to the Ohio State Fair. I didn't end up winning, but would like more chances. My whole family went and enjoyed every part.

I had a blast at 4-H Camp Palmer. It was the best thing of 4-H. I had fun and would like to go every year. Someday I want to be a counselor, maybe on staff.

If you can, please help the Extension Fund.

Sincerely,

—Joshua Poulson

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

You go Greg! It is too bad that people didn't show up for Jacci's presentation on catch and release. I'm going on my 4th year at Friends of Feline Rescue Center, and I can tell you, no one, and I mean no one, has seen the abuse and neglect of animals until they have volunteered there. It's horrendous that people think animals don't feel. Trust me, they do. They are terrified when they come to the rescue and it takes days, sometimes weeks to show them we care about them and to get them adoptable. Some aren't adoptable and never will be. Some are blind, burned, have broken bones and stab wounds. One fella had his private area glued together with bond-o. I could go on about what we see, but my request is like Greg's. If you don't want a pet who will grow old with you, then don't get one. Animals love to be loved and will love you back if you don't abuse them. People don't forget that these are God's creatures too. He didn't create them for your sick amusement or abuse.

—Peggy Scarpelli

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In response to the teachings of Mr. James Potter and Mr. Lonnie Lambert, I would once again like to respond. Mr. Potter is correct in stating the five points of Calvinism. Where he is mistaken is that most denominations are in agreement with him, and I mean most. Was John Calvin correct in all of his writings? Of course not. Was he correct in his five points of Calvinism? Yes, why? Because they are biblical! Let's examine them from both a biblical and social view.

#1: Total Depravity. Can't you look around you Mr. Potter; can't you see it? 60 to 70

million people murdered in the Spanish Inquisition because they wouldn't bow to the whims of Rome; 35 to 45 million murdered in the cultural revolution by Mao; the Mau Mau revolution in Kenya that killed hundreds of thousands in the early 70's; Hitler and the Holocaust; 25 to 30 million people murdered in Russia by Stalin; a few million more in Cambodia by Pol Pot? What about serial killers Mr. Potter? What about John Wayne Gacy in Chicago, murdering all those boys and burying them under his house, what about Ted Bundy killing all those young girls; or Jeffery Dahmer? Yes, Mr. Potter, the human race is depraved, we inherited that from the Federal Head of the human race, Adam; do all act like this, no they don't, but the tendencies and possibilities are there.

#2: Unconditional Salvation. The only requisition on the part of man is that he be a sinner and we all are (Rom. 3:23). And Jesus came into the world to save sinners, did He not? Salvation is of the Lord (Jonah 2:9). God is in the salvation business, let Him take care of that because there is nothing we can do to earn it.

#3: Limited atonement. If atonement was provided for all then all would be saved, would they not? The Catholic Church will tell you that if you don't believe in seven sacraments and seven only you are to be anathema, that means you are going to hell. This was established by the Council of Trent. I believe in two, Baptism and the Lord's Table, therefore according to them, I'm lost. The Nazarenes believe in a 2nd work of Grace, that is you can reach a point in the Sanctification process where you stop sinning and from that point you may make some "mistakes." There are others who believe that if you are not baptized in the name of Jesus only, you are lost. Others believe that if you are not baptized, you are lost, (sound familiar)?

These are just a few examples, Mr. Potter and Mr. Lambert. You are trying to convince the world that if that sign in front of your building does not read, "Church of Christ," then we are nothing but false prophets and not Christians. May I be so bold as to have you answer this question in your next letter? Acts 20:28 says, Feed the, "Church of God"; 1 Cor. 1:2 says, Unto the "Church of God"; 1 Cor. 10:32 says, nor to the "Church of God"; 1 Cor. 11:22 says, despise ye the "Church of God?"; Gal. 1:13, the apostle Paul says, I persecuted the, "Church of God"; and finally in 1 Tim. 3:15, Paul calls it the Church of the Living God. Do we have two Churches or Is Jesus Christ and God one and the same? Many want to declare that Judas was saved, but Jesus said he went to his own place and it would have been better if Judas had not been born, yet Jesus chose the 12, didn't He? Doesn't The Bible say that Jesus gave His Life a ransom for MANY?

#4: Irresistible Grace. Fellas, the human race consists of spiritually dead people, we are at war with God. If man were left to his own to choose God or Sin, he would choose Sin every time. We have become content in our sin because we were born sinners (again that's why babies die, Rom. 6:23). We have no choice but to sin, until we have been

regenerated, then We have the Holy Spirit in us to guide and correct us. Is Grace irresistible? Ask Jeremiah, chosen to be a prophet while in his mother's belly, what if he would have said 'no' to God? Would God have made a mistake by choosing him? No! Look at the thief on the cross, look at the conversion of the Apostle Paul—is grace irresistible? You bet it is and we should thank God every day that it's so.

#5: Perseverance of the Saints. It is God who gives Salvation and preserves us to the end. Jesus said, "No man can pluck them (the redeemed) out of my hand. Isaiah tells us in 51:6, His salvation is forever! But of all the scripture I could lay before you gentlemen, I will give you this one. The only difference between a saved person and a lost person is that the saved person has the indwelling Holy Spirit, Jesus said in John 14 that He was going away, but that He would send another Comforter, His Holy Spirit. In John 14:16, Jesus said that the Holy Spirit would not only be with us, but would be in us forever! Fellas, that's a long time. Now 2 Thessolonians 1:9 tells us that the lost will be out of the presence of the Lord, But Jesus tells us that the Holy Spirit, who is God will be with us forever. Is that a contradiction? Neither is it the perseverance of the saints, but the Perseverance of God Himself. So fellas, don't try to take so much credit. Are we to obey? Absolutely! But, answer me this. What limit do you fellas put on yourselves to keep or maintain your salvation? I rest in the Word, not on my own qualities

—Kenny Barnes, Calvary Bible Church

ANTWERP SPANISH CLUB SINGING CAROLS



Pictured here are members of the Antwerp High School Spanish Club singing carols to students in both the elementary school and high school buildings on a recent school day. The club, under the direction of Spanish teacher Mr. Courtney Bird, participates in a variety of activities, all with the goal of bringing better understanding of both the Spanish language and the Spanish culture.



FROM THE DOG WARDEN'S DESK

By: Mandy Lichty, Paulding County Chief Dog Warden

This week's featured pet is Chloe. Chloe is a one year old schipperke mix. She is a medium size dog and would love to have a home for Christmas.

Charlie, a young male border collie, and Ruby, a boston terrier boxer mix are still hopeful that they will go home soon too.

We have a special reduced adoption fee for the month of December that is posted on our petfinder site. Please

check the website to see if any new dogs have come into the shelter at www.petfinder.com. Be sure to keep your puppies and kitties away from the holiday decorations. Tinsel and garland can cause major intestinal problems if swallowed and glass ornaments can shatter and cause paw injuries.

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LADY PANTHERS WIN VS ACES!



The Lady Panthers invited the Lady Aces to Paulding for a basketball game December 8th. Paulding took over the game in the second half with a final score of 67-47. Shown here is Junior Hayley Clellan attempting a basket. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



The Lady Archers took on Kalida at home Dec 10. Antwerp struggled from the beginning with a halftime score of 10-16. Kalida finished the game with a 49-26 win. Shown here is Senior Megan Koppenhofer sinking a 3 pointer. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

KALIDA DRIBBLES TO VICTORY OVER ANTWERP IN GIRLS BASKETBALL

On the brisk Thursday evening of December 10, the Kalida girls basketball team traveled to Archer country for some girls high school basketball. Despite the cold, the gym was heated up quickly, and the Kalida girls dominated the night: 49-26.

Score by the quarter:
Kalida – 8 8 23 10=49
Antwerp – 10 0 8 8=26

Antwerp's top scorers:
#10 Winslow – 1 2PT, 2 Pts
#12 Reinhart – 1 2PT, 2 Pts
#14 Jones – 1 3PT, 1 FT, 4 Pts
#15 Delgado – 2 FT, 2 Pts
#20 Bashore – 1 2PT, 2 Pts
#21 Koppenhofer – 2 3PT, 6 Pts
#22 Arnold – 2 FT, 2 Pts
#32 Stuck – 1 2PT, 4 FT, 6 Pts



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LADY FALCONS FALL PREY TO LADY ARCHERS

On Saturday, December 12 the Archers dominated their home turf against the Fayette Lady Falcons. Archer earned a victory for the evening: 41-16.

Score by the quarter:
Fayette – 5 4 0 7=16
Antwerp – 6 8 14 13=41
Top Archer Scorers:
#10 Winslow – 2 2PT, 1 FT, 5 Pts
#14 Jones – 2 2PT, 2 FT, 6 Pts
#21 Koppenhofer – 1 3PT, 2 FT, 5 Pts
#22 Arnold – 1 2PT, 1 3PT, 6 FT, 11 Pts
#24 Smalley – 2 2PT, 4 Pts
#32 Stuck – 4 2PT, 2 FT, 10 Pts

LADY ARCHERS BLOW AWAY BOMBERS

On Tuesday, December 8, Antwerp took on Edon in High School Girls basketball.

The Lady Archers came out victorious: 44-20.

Score by the quarter:
Edon – 6 4 5 5=20
Antwerp – 17 11 8 8=44
Archer scorers:
#10 Winslow – 2 2PT, 4 Pts
#14 Jones – 1 2PT, 2 Pts
#15 Delgado – 1 FT, 1 Pt
#20 Bashore – 3 2PT, 6 Pts
#21 Koppenhofer – 4 3PT, 12 Pts
#22 Arnold – 5 2PT, 1 3PT, 13 Pts
#32 Stuck – 2 2PT, 2 FT, 6 Pts



THE MAJOR AWARD

By: Sue Knapp

As you are going around the courthouse in Paulding, notice Fessel Jeweler's window. Yes, that is the famous leg lamp that you see. Also in the window is the Red Rider BB Gun (remember, "You'll shoot your eye out!"). These nostalgic items are the two famous story lines in "The Christmas Story." They are also playing the movie in the store.

Bob Fessel and his whole family are big "The Christmas Story" fans. The leg lamp and BB gun was purchased at The Christmas Story House or museum. The leg lamp will remain in Fessel's window, go to Fessel's house front window then back to the store.

This does bring back good, fun memories and the holidays wouldn't be complete without watching "The Christmas Story."

CORRECTION

In last week's issue Aunt Logan Emerson was omitted from Trayton Gross's birth announcement. We apologize for this oversight.

WOODLAN WINS IN OVERTIME AGAINST THE JETS

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan and Adams Central battled back and forth at Monroe and the Warriors came home with a 44-38 overtime win over the Jets. The Warriors and Jets started slowly, with Woodlan holding a 6-4 lead after the first quarter. Adams trimmed the lead to 16-15 at the half before falling behind further in the third quarter 25-21. A 15-11 fourth quarter for the Jets sent the game into the 4 minute extra session. Woodlan had the advantage, outscoring the Jets 8-2 to get the conference win in girls basketball. Taylor Carver led the scoring in the game with 24 points.

Score by the quarter:
Woodlan – 6 10 9 11 8=44
Adams Central – 4 11 6 15 2=38

Top scorers:
Woodlan – Carver 24, Keller 6, Wiedemann 5, Kirkwood 4, Ehle 3, Numbers 2
Adams Central – Carroll 17, Lehman 9, Keller 4, Lee 4, Ripley 2, Harvey 2

HICKSVILLE MASONS HOLD LAST STATED MEETING OF THE YEAR

Richard Wann opened the Lodge and the Pledge was give. Thinking of you cards were signed and sent to members Jim Corkwell and R.P. Green. Birthday cards were sent to Terry Derck December 25, Tod Perry December 20, Byron and Bing Rasey December 15, Dick Savage December 24, Wm. Kenny Wonderly December 14, Calvin Worden December 16, and Sgt. Don Payton December 12.

The members in attendance included Doyle Johnson, Russell St. John, Dick Savage, Hanson Lilly, B.J. Kline, Ron Farnsworth, Scott Ruppert, Robert L. Stotler Jr., James Kline, Richard Wann, Bill Metz, Tim Betts, and Charles Carey.

The Thanksgiving Breakfast report was made. Approximately 150 Masons from all over the Tri-State were served breakfast that morning. This 62nd annual event was one of the most successful in recent years. If you ever drive through town around 5:30 a.m. on Thanksgiving and wonder why all the cars are parked on High from Main to Maple, this is the reason. The Lodge is already planning for the next Thanksgiving Breakfast.

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There was no mercy for Bluffton at the Lady Warriors Basketball game December 11. An impressively aggressive Woodlan won 68-31 in a not-so-close game against the Tigers. Shown here is Junior Taylor Carver scoring 2 points. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

Scott Ruppert suggested that another donation be made to the Special Olympics this year. All members unanimously agreed. Every June, all Masons in Ohio meet at Jesse Owens Stadium to observe the annual Special Olympics of Ohio. During the past year, the Masons of Ohio raised \$205,000 for this worthwhile charity. This represents donations from more the 325 Lodges,

along with many individual donations.


Richard Wann called for a special meeting to confer the second degree on our newest candidate in preparation for the Inspection which will be on Friday, January 15. With no further business, all retired to the dining room for fellowship and some of Sue Wann's famous "Corn Bread and Bean Soup."

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PANTHERS ATTACK WT IN BOYS BB



Paulding had a full gym Saturday, December 12 against the Raiders. Paulding started off strong in the first half with Wayne Trace coming back to tie the score at one point. This was a close game throughout with the Panthers on top at the end 43-35. Shown here is Junior Travis Keeran attempting a basket. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

ACAC OPENER ENDS IN DEFEAT FOR WARRIORS BOYS BASKETBALL

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan fell behind to Garrett 17-5 after the first quarter and 36-14 at the half and the Warriors dropped their fourth straight 61-42 to start the season. It was the ACAC opener for the boys' basketball team. Clint Romines and Cameron Evans each had 8 points in the loss for Woodlan.

Score by the quarter:

Woodlan - 5 9 12 16=42

Garrett - 17 19 8 17=61

Top scorers:

Woodlan - Romines 8, Evans 8, Patterson 7, Schwartz 7, Mumma 4, Hines 4, Bell 3, Stites 1

Garrett - Gruwell 26, Parsell 11, Yarian 6, Chester 6, Porter 4, Snyder 4, Kessler 2, Frickey 2

Woodan won the reserve game 40-32 but dropped the 'C' team game 41-27

CADETS TAKE OUT WARRIORS

By: Jeff Abbott

Concordia took an early lead on Woodlan and had a 13-2 advantage after the first quarter. The Warriors and Cadets played just about even in the second quarter,

with Concordia outscoring the Warriors 13-11 for a 26-13 lead at the half. Concordia pulled away in the third period, pumping in 23 points while holding Woodlan to just 7 points. Nick Patterson led Woodlan scoring with 9 points.

Score by the quarter:

Woodlan - 2 11 7 14=34

Concordia - 13 13 23 12=61

Top scorers:

Woodlan - Lortie 4, Bell 2, Schwartz 2, Romines 4, Patterson 9, Evans 6, Mumma 7

Concordia - Chrsan 15, K. Oetting 15, Rogers 11, Rshawans 10, Starks 2, P. Oetting 2, Kindig 2, Harris 2

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By: Ellen Williams, Paulding Schools

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VILLAGE OF PAULDING COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 11/16/09

Paulding Village Council met in Regular Session on November 16, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. Mayor Greg White called the meeting to order.

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

Sierer motioned to approve the minutes of the November 2nd meeting, seconded by Jeffery. Vote: Rife, yea; Breedlove, yea; Jeffery, yea; Sierer, yea; Sutton, abstain; Daeger, yea.

Ordinance No. 1401-09 re: An Ordinance Amending and Increasing Appropriations for Current Expenses and other Expenditures of the Village of Paulding, Ohio, during the Year Ending December 31, 2009, was read for the first time.

Ordinance No. 1402-09 re: An Ordinance to Make Permanent Appropriations for Current Expenses and other Expenditures of the Village of Paulding, State of Ohio, During the Year Ending December 31, 2010, was read for the first time.

Ordinance No. 1400-09 re: Ordinance for the Employment of Michael C. Jones for the Village of Paulding, Paulding County, Ohio, was read for the second time.

Resolution No. 1238-09 re: Authorizing the Purchase of Supplies for the Year 2010, was read for the second time.

Tony Langham, Paulding County Economic Development Director, was present on behalf of Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative (aka REA). He requested the Village begin dialogue with the REA regarding an Enterprise Zone Agreement for their planned expansion at their new facility. It was agreed that Tony Langham will schedule a meeting with Village Council at REA's convenience.

Finance Director Tope presented Council with a new liquor permit request from Alan W. Griffiths at 117 W. Perry Street. Sutton motioned to approve the request with no hearing, seconded by Breedlove. Vote: all yea.

Solicitor Jones noted the Village has received the inspection report for the old Barnes Hotel. Police Chief Randy Crawford has mailed certified letters to Aaron Powell and Contemporary Caterers c/o Gar Gross notifying them of the defects found, and granted thirty (30) days from the date of receipt to make the necessary repairs. The letter also advised that if the necessary repairs were not made the Village may take the necessary steps to have the building demolished.

Mayor White presented the first item on the Administrator's Agenda. Rife motioned to approve assessing Terry K. and Dawn M. Dysinger for delinquent utilities for their property located at 777 N. Cherry Street, seconded by Jeffery. Vote: all yea.

PATRIOTS PIN WARRIORS IN WRESTLING MEET

By: Jeff Abbott

Heritage scored 3 pins to start the match against Woodlan and the Patriots then hung on to down the Warriors 39-29 at Woodlan. Heritage got pins at 189, 215, and 285 to start the match, then picked up a pin at 140, and then sealed the match with a pin at 171. Woodlan pins came at 112, 125, and 152.

189 - Taylor Scott (H) pin Ethan Hirshy (W) 5:49, 0-6

215 - Ethan McCullough (H) pin Ethan Gessner (W) 3:14, 0-12

285 - Josh Mitchell (H) pin Corey Kever (W) 3:34, 0-18

103 - Travis Normand (W) dec Brandon Bennett (H) 9-8, 3-18

112 - Austin Hammon (W) pin Kevin Emerick (H) 1:55, 9-18

119 - Alex Richman (H) dec Haydan Parisot (W) 6-1, 9-21

125 - Trey Delagrang (W) pin Jacob Sitko (H) 5:21 15-21

130 - Chandler Scott (H) dec Dylan Grahovac (W) 13-7, 15-24

135 - Cody Zink (W) tech fall Nick McClure (H) 21-6, 20-24

140 - David Berning (H) pin Tyler Kever (W) 2:41, 20-30

145 - Owen Strahm (H) dec Justin Normand (W) 8-4, 20-33

152 - Caleb Hathaway (W) pin Sam Reyna (H) 2:50, 26-33

160 - Alex Brenneke (W) dec/OT Cody Conrad (H) 5-3, 29-33

171 - Tyler Unsicker (H) pin Jeremy Salmon (W) 1:53, 29-39

Sutton thanked Sierer for his time and effort at the new Lela McGuire Jeffery Park.

Sutton motioned to grant extensions to All-Purpose Contracting (to May 15, 2010) and Welling Construction (thirty (30) days) to complete their work at Lela McGuire Jeffery Park; seconded by Sierer. Vote: all yea.

Solicitor Jones noted he had contacted Hoeffel Engineering regarding the Village's liability insurance for the new ball complex. Tony Hoeffel advised him the Village should place the facility on its insurance once Contract B is completed.

Wiebe requested approval of items #2 and #3 on the Administrator's Agenda which included:

—Reconfirming and authorizing Change Order #3 (installation of gates) for the new ball park.

—Approval of Change Orders #6 and #7, along with extension of contracts.

Sierer provided an update on construction at the new ball park. The following items were included:

Finished:

—Roof and concession stand ceiling,

—Power vent, exterior doors, and serving windows installed.

—Restrooms,

—Outdoor lights at Zachary Arend field installed,

—Memorial slab and concrete entrance has been poured.

Remaining:

—Storage room ceiling, gutters, downspouts,

—Plumbing,

—Interior Painting and Countertops,

—Transformer,

—cement work around concession stand and walkway to parking lot,

—dugout roofs and fencing,

—installation of waterline,

—grading and leveling of remaining dirt,

—top layer of parking lot and grass seeding to be completed in the Spring

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

Wiebe noted the fencing to be placed around the old hotel has been ordered, but an install date has not been set.

Wiebe also relayed the engineer on the Cherry Street paving project has requested boring be done to assess the sub-base of the street. The boring should be completed sometime in December. He noted the utilities near the Bowling Alley will be assessed for repair or replacement prior to paving.

Consensus of Council was taken approving R&C Fence repair damaged fencing on the 2nd field at Reservoir Park. Vote: all yea.

The following Committee meetings were scheduled:

—PCFA - Thursday, December 10th at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

BRAVES SCALP WARRIORS IN BOYS BASKETBALL



Woodlan Boys could not get past Blackhawk's defense, though the second half was much better than the first. The Braves won 38-49 Saturday, December 12. Shown here is Junior Brock Hines scoring a basket. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

On Saturday, December 12, The Blackhawk Christian School Braves entered the Warrior's gym in high school basketball action. The Braves were too much for the Warriors, keeping the advantage the entire game: 49-38 (BC)

Score by the quarter:

Woodlan - 5 7 9 17=38

Blackhawk Christian - 11 14 12 12=49

Top scorers:

Woodlan - #10 Bell 2 2PT,

4 Pts; #11 Hines 2 2PT, 5 3PT, 4 FT, 23 Pts; #22 Romines 1 2PT, 3 FT, 5 Pts; #32 Patterson 1 2PT, 2 Pts; #50 Mumma 1 2PT, 2 FT, 4 Pts

Blackhawk Christian - #5 Sitller 2 2PT, 4 FT, 8 Pts; #12 Zimmerman 2 FT, 2 Pts; #24 Byrd 3 2PT, 1 3PT, 7 FT, 16 Pts; #32 Desmonds 1 2PT, 2 Pts; #34 Kisler 6 2PT, 1 FT, 13 Pts; #42 Howard 3 2PT, 2 FT, 8 Pts

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SANTA MAKES A STOP AT WOODBURN LUTHERAN SCHOOL



Sitting on Santa's lap is Brook Gerken

Santa stopped in at Woodburn Lutheran School on December 5. There were lots of kids waiting to see him with their lists. Pictures were taken and treats were passed out. Everyone was excited that

Santa would take time out of his busy schedule to visit the school.

This was the second year for this outreach as is sponsored by Christ Lutheran Church of Woodburn.

THE GERMAN LANGUAGE

By: Hayley Feichter

I reported to you in my first article that my classes in school would be in English while I learned German. Well, it turned out to be quiet different. Instead, almost all of my classes are taught in German! However, I happen to attend one of the only bilingual schools in Stuttgart meaning not only is English class taught in English, but so is Biology.

What am I doing to learn German? I am taking an intensive course at the language school here in Stuttgart. I started my course the last week of September and it ended December 3rd. The course was held each Monday-Thursday from 1:30-5:30. Yes, that's right... 4 hours, 4 days a week of pure German! It was long and hard... but I'm progressing quickly!

In my course, there were 21 people from all over the world! We had people from north, south, east, and west—with countries including: China, Nigeria, Bulgaria, Turkey, Canada, and, of course, the USA! I was by far the youngest, with others ranging in age from their early 20s to early 50s. We are all here for different reasons. A couple people are here because their spouse lives here, some followed jobs, and then there is me—just here for the amazing experience! We have become somewhat like a family because we are all at the same level, regardless of age or wisdom, when it comes to learning German. We're all very supportive and are trying to tackle this language!

We have a workbook that we follow along with the teacher's lessons and, of course, Hausaufgaben (homework). Because I am still unable to understand the majority of what is going on in the classroom, I take my German homework to school for my friends correct, if needed, and help me out! I've also started, on my own, a small project with my friends. At night, I write about my day (in German of course) and take it to them the next day to correct! Naturally, I have plenty of grammatical errors, but they tell me that they can understand it! It's great practice for me!

As far as my progress... I'm nowhere near fluent, but I've most definitely improved! If you speak fairly clearly and somewhat slowly, I can understand 90% of typical small talk or easy daily topics. But when people speak really fast and use big words and topics I didn't even know existed, I'm lost in a heartbeat! But my friends are really impressed with how quickly I've progressed and how much I can understand. For any of you who haven't ever attempted to

learn a foreign language... it's easier said than done! When you are at my level and know a decent amount of vocabulary and basic sentence structure, then understanding it is not too hard. But when I have to reply in German, words just swirl around in my head and I put together really grammatically incorrect sentences and even spout out "denglish" (Deutsch plus English)! But my friends just giggle along with me and correct me! It's great! My host family and friends are now speaking about 80% German with me unless I don't understand or they KNOW I won't understand!

Many people have asked me if German is a hard language. Everything is only as hard as you make it out to be. But... it's not easy! German is actually the closest language to English. And it is certainly easier than attempting to learn Japanese! The alphabet is nearly the same, with just a few differences in pronunciation. For instance, the V sounds like an F, the W sounds like a V, and the I sounds like an E. Once you have those memorized, things flow easier. The German language also has the accent, called an umlaut, which you may know about. German is a very "throaty" language. Even the most feminine of girls can't make German seem "cute." I love the language, but it's going to take lots of practice to get the "R" to roll in the back of my throat and the perfect hard, hissing "ch" sound, but I'm optimistic that I will have it in no time!

So, besides the pronunciation, the only other thing about German that is difficult to grasp, is which article to use with each noun. English has one article: the. German has three: der, die, das (masculine, feminine, neutral). Not only is memorizing all the nouns PLUS the article difficult enough, but you need to know the gender of the word in order to use the correct form of "no", "the", and "a". At times I feel like I am in over my head, but I know I'll get there eventually!

My German gets better everyday and I get lots of practice, ALL the time! When I can say something in German (even just a word or two), I do! And I'm always trying to read the newspaper and whatnot! Although I'm not quite thinking or dreaming in German yet (that'll come soon though!), I'm starting to understand things without translating them into English first! It's a great feeling! In another month or two, I hope to be nearly fluent. So my Hausaufgaben (homework) to you: brush up on your German! I'll be ready and eager to speak in German with you when I return!

GEN KOTSU KARATE STUDENTS ATTEND AREA TOURNAMENTS



Several students from the local Gen Kotsu Karate class attended tournaments in the area with excellent results. Chet Miller, age 6, from Paulding, and Shayla and Trinity Wieland, ages 7 and 6, of Antwerp, are pictured above showing their medals.

The first tournament, held November 22nd, was the 17th Annual Martial Arts Benefit held at Delphos Jefferson High School, with proceeds to go to the National Honor Society. Chet took 2nd place in kata (forms) and 4th place in sparring. Shayla placed 3rd in kata, and her sister Trinity took 1st place in both sparring and kata.

The next tournament was the Alliance Martial Arts Tournament held at the Celina YMCA on December 5th. Proceeds from this contest went to benefit a firefighter

and another Ft. Recovery resident in need of a kidney transplant. This time Chet won 1st in sparring and 3rd in kata, while Shayla and Trinity took 1st in kata and 2nd in sparring in their respective divisions. Sensei Baker was unable to attend this tournament due to a scheduling conflict, but did participate in the Delphos tournament taking grand champion.

Gen Kotsu Karate is located in the Raise the Barre Dance Studio at 103 S. Main St. in Paulding, on the south east corner of the square and offers classes for kids, adults and families. For more information call 419-399-3222. You can also read the article posted in the West Bend News from November 25th to understand what Gen Kotsu is about.

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LATTA, HOUSE REPUBLICANS CALL ON WHITE HOUSE TO AVOID COMMITMENT IN COPENHAGEN

On December 7th, Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green), a member of the American Energy Solutions Group, joined over 30 House Republicans in sending a letter to President Obama, asking him and his administration not to make any binding commitments at the upcoming Climate Change Convention in Copenhagen, Denmark.

"As your negotiators prepare for this important summit, we would urge you not to let them portray ill-conceived carbon regulations under the Clean Air Act or action by the OMB as appropriate substitutes for Congressional action on comprehensive energy legislation. We urge you to allow Congress to appropriately deliberate over your personal proposals and not use unilateral action by the EPA and the OMB to press forward any binding agreements at the Conference," the letter states.

"Just as the House Democrat leadership ignored the will of the American people in passing Cap and Tax, the largest energy tax ever, President Obama and his administration should not ignore the wishes of Congress by entering into commitments on climate change regulations in Copenhagen. There is still much delibera-

tion left on this jobs killing, national energy tax legislation that Congress must undertake," Latta stated after signing the letter.

PAULDING COUNTY GRAND JURY INDICTMENTS

Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney, Joseph R. Burkard, announced that the Paulding County Grand Jury indicted 11 persons on Thursday, December 10, 2009.

Jeremy A. Justinger of Paulding, Burglary, F-2

Bobbi Berry of Paulding, Complicity, F-2

Jason E. Justinger of Paulding, Burglary, F-2

Deborah D. Grub of Paulding, Forgery, F-5; Theft, F-4

Larry J. Copey of Antwerp, OVI, F-4

Pamela Barajas of Paulding, Trafficking in drugs, F-3

Katrina M. Barajas, Permitting drug abuse, F-5; Complicity to trafficking in drugs, F-3; Trafficking in drugs, F-2

Julian Z. Zamora, Trafficking in drugs, F-1; Permitting drug abuse, F-5 2 counts; Trafficking in drugs, F-2

Tina M. Neer, Permitting drug abuse, F-5; Complicity to trafficking in drugs, F-3

Derek M. Showalter of Paulding, Trafficking in counterfeit controlled substance, F-5

Cody A. Goings of Paulding, Permitting drugs abuse, F-5; Complicity to trafficking in counterfeit controlled substance, F-5

SUSIE'S FAMILY BAKERY



By: Sue Knapp

After waiting anxiously, Susie's Family Bakery on 116 E. Jackson Street in Paulding has opened.

Sue Knapp has been well-known by many for baking cakes and working at Chief. She has done both for over 20 years.

Sue has always wanted to open a bakery and when East of Chicago Pizza went out, Denny (Sue's husband) said, "Let's go for it."

This is a real family endeavor with son, Brian, his wife, Julie and daughter, Sarah, helping along with mom, Sharon Cooper, and Irene Egnor. Dave Cooper made the sign out front and the counter top.

The carpentry, plumbing and fixing-up was done by Denny and his brother-in-law, Lily and Keynzi Knapp. Denny and Sue's grandchildren, also help out.

The decor is really interesting. Jay Dangler furnished Denny and Sue with post cards of Paulding. David Cooper then enlarged them into 8x10 pictures that

are displayed and then made them into a boarder that extends over one wall.

Everything from this bakery is made from scratch. Donuts, rolls, pies (from mom's and grandma's recipes), cookies, cakes, cupcakes, desserts, and noodles are made. Susie's has seating for 24 people for your convenience. They also have beverages to go with your snacks. The case is filled everyday and there is a constant flow of people in and out getting their items before the items run out.

You may make special orders anytime. They will have Christmas cut-out cookies as well as candies ready for this Christmas season.

Denny and Sue appreciates everyone for their support and are ready to serve you with your bakery needs. Their hours are Tuesday-Friday, 6:00 a.m. - mid-afternoon, and Saturday from 6:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. The bakery is closed Sunday and Monday. You can call 419-399-2253 for information or to place orders.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES FOR 12/7/09

This 7th day of December, 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 THE 2009 ANNUAL COUNTY HIGHWAY SYSTEM MILEAGE CERTIFICATION:

In accordance with the provisions specified in the Ohio Revised Code, Section 44501.04 (Distribution of Revenues), the Board of County Commissioners of Paulding County, Ohio, does hereby certify a total of 319.99 miles from January through December 2009 for Paulding County.

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2009 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 170):

The Commissioners amended the 2009 Annual Appropriation and directed the County Auditor to appropriate unappropriated funds in Fund 170:

Fund 170 - Wireless 911, 170-001-00007/911 Wireless, \$12,521.47

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2009 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-002):

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

FROM: 001-002-00008/General Fund/County Auditor/Other Expenses TO: 001-002-00014/General Fund/County Auditor/PERS

AMOUNT: \$728.16

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2009 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-013):

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

FROM: 001-022-00001/General Fund/Insurance/Health Insurance TO: 001-013-00007/General Fund/Insurance/Coroner/PERS

AMOUNT: \$32

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2009 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 002):

The Commissioners modified the 2009 Annual Appropriation and directed the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in Fund 002:

FROM: 002-001-00006/Dog & Kennel/Workers' Comp TO: 002-001-00005/Dog & Kennel/PERS

AMOUNT: \$19.81

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2009 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 009):

The Commissioners modified the 2009 Annual Appropriation and directed the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in Fund 009:

FROM: 009-001-00043/Engineer-Gas Tax/Laborers-Workers' Comp TO: 009-001-00045/Engineer-Gas Tax/Office PERS

AMOUNT: \$436.32

FROM: 009-001-00046/Engineer-Gas Tax/Laborers-Workers' Comp TO: 009-001-00045/Engineer-Gas Tax/Office PERS

AMOUNT: \$1,829.47

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2009 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 062):

The Commissioners modified the 2009 Annual Appropriation and directed the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in Fund 062:

FROM: 062-001-00007/Emergency 911-Workers' Comp TO: 062-001-00006/Emergency 911/PERS

AMOUNT: \$1,961.06

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2009 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 077):

The Commissioners modified the 2009 Annual Appropriation and directed the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in Fund 077:

FROM: 077-001-00002/Fire Marshal/Workers' Comp TO: 077-001-00004/Fire Marshal/PERS

AMOUNT: \$4.24

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2009 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 162):

The Commissioners modified the 2009 Annual Appropriation and directed the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in Fund 162:

FROM: 162-001-20103/Victims' Assistance/Medicare TO: 162-001-20102/Victims' Assistance/PERS

AMOUNT: \$45.74

IN THE MATTER OF HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR THE PAULDING COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES FOR THE YEAR 2010:

The Commissioners approved the Holiday Schedule for 2010 recommended by Corey Walker, Director of Paulding County Ohio Department of Job and Family Services as follows:

January 1, 2010, Friday, New Years

January 18, 2010, Monday, Martin Luther King Day

February 15, 2010, Monday, Presidents' Day

April 2, 2010, Friday, Good Friday - Closing at 11:30 a.m.

May 31, 2010, Monday, Memorial Day

July 5, 2010, Monday, Independence Day

September 6, 2010, Monday, Labor Day

October 11, 2010, Monday, Columbus Day

November 11, 2010, Thursday, Veterans' Day

November 25/26, 2010, Thursday/Friday, Thanksgiving

December 24, 2010, Friday, Christmas

IN THE MATTER OF SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH MAXIMUS, INC. AND PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO, DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES:

The Commissioners entered into a Software Maintenance Agreement with Maximus, Inc. to provide the Paulding County, Ohio, Department of Job and Family Services with any updates or modifications to the Program Expenditure Tracking (PET) System for Windows

and to correct any problems with the System software. This agreement is effective for the period from January 1, 2010, through December 31, 2010, at a fee of Two Thousand One Hundred-Fifty Dollars and 00/100 (\$2,150.00) for the twelve (12) month period.

IN THE MATTER OF PAULDING COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB & FAMILY SERVICES' MEMBERSHIP IN PUBLIC CHILDRENS' SERVICES ASSOCIATION OF OHIO (PCSAO):

The Board of County Commissioners approved Paulding County Department of Job & Family Services' membership in the Public Children's Services Association of Ohio (PCSAO) for 2010, said membership dues being Nine Hundred Nineteen and 88/100 Dollars (\$919.88) for the twelve (12) month period from January 1, 2010, through December 31, 2010.

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING PAULDING COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR ACCENT PAULDING COUNTY JOB CENTER:

The Commissioners authorized Corey Walker, Director of Paulding County Job and Family Services, to enter into an 18 month lease agreement with Emerald Division, LLC in the amount of \$665.00 per month for office space for ACCENT Paulding County Job Center.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING A 'GOOD CAUSE' PLAN FOR THE PAULDING COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES:

The Commissioners authorized Corey Walker, Director of Paulding County Job and Family Services, to adopt a "Good Cause" plan, said plan to be effective Monday, December 14, 2009.

Meeting Notes of Appointment: Corey Walker, DJFS - Mr. Walker had several routine matters to present to the Commissioners (see resolutions above). He also announced he would staff the office on December 24, 2009, for those who may need assistance. Mr. Walker then stated the Jacob Eaton Children's Home will soon be able to accept residents.

Melinda Krick, Paulding Progress - Ms. Krick met with the Commissioners with questions regarding the 2010 budget. The Commissioners noted the 2010 budget is based on estimated revenue which is \$3,568,240.00. Elected officials have been given their budget worksheets and the dollar amount of what their budget needs to be for 2010. Budgets are due in by December 9. Elected officials will have the option of setting their own office hours, if it is necessary to meet budget cuts. Paulding County residents will notice a change in reduced services and convenience.

Clerk's Notes: Autopsy contract with Lucas County Coroner for 2010 was signed and mailed. There was no increase in individual autopsy charges from 2009.

LATTA NATIONAL GUARD RESOLUTION PASSES HOUSE

On December 1st, Congressman Bob Latta introduced House Resolution 940, recognizing and honoring the National Guard on the occasion of its 373rd anniversary on December 13, 2009. Yesterday, it passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 401-0.

Congressman Latta made the following statement after passage of the Resolution:

"From the American Revolution to the current Global War on Terror, these citizen soldiers have defended the peace and security of America. It is important that we recognize the sacrifices of these service members and provide continued support to ensure its readiness and success."

In addition to thanking members of the National Guard for their service, the Resolution recognizes the Guard's response following the events of September 11, 2001. Also, the legislation en-

ANTWERP WRESTLERS COMPETE IN FIRST EVER SCHOOL WRESTLING MATCHES



History was made on Saturday, December 5, 2009, as student/athletes from the Antwerp Local School competed in their first-ever interscholastic wrestling competition. Eighth graders Mason Gerken and Dallas Smallwood along with seventh graders Jarett Bute, Reimien Jackson, and Colin Perry took to the mats at the Wayne Trace JH Invitational, which officially marked the beginning of competitive

courages providing necessary resources toward supporting the National Guard's role in protecting America's security, honors the families of Guard members by expressing its condolences and gratitude to those who have lost loved ones in their service to our Nation, and recognizes the critical role that the National Guard has played in protecting the freedoms and liberties of America's citizens.

WACHTMANN: LAWMAKERS FROM COLUMBUS OR WASHINGTON? HARD TO TELL THE DIFFERENCE

State Representative Lynn Wachtmann (R-Napoleon) today issued the following statement:

"As 2009 draws to a close, it is disheartening that Ohio's political leadership has been locked in a budget stalemate that has put families and businesses at risk. The ineffective liberal leadership in the House and Executive branch has marred Ohio's recovery and progress which mirrors the short-sighted spending of the Democrats in Washington. Those same Washington Democrats announced yesterday they are preparing to raise the federal debt ceiling by as much as \$1.8 trillion before the New Year. The politi-

wrestling for Antwerp Local School. A club sport for the past two years, wrestling has become a team sport this year for interested seventh and eighth grade students. A total of seven student/athletes make up this year's inaugural squad.

Shown in the picture is Mason Gerken, just having won the first interscholastic match in Antwerp School history.

cal fat cats who were elected to serve the people are so out of touch with their constituency that they continue to support measures that they know taxpayers oppose.

It is long overdue that the House Democrats start representing the people who elected them on Main Street, not High Street in downtown Columbus. Ohioans need their representatives to stop squandering their tax dollars and to start living within their means. Forcing another tax increase without even attempting to reduce spending waste is irresponsible to the people who rely on us to fix Ohio's economy.

The Democrat majority that controls Ohio has maintained the status quo and blocked all Republican measures to reduce waste or create jobs. Instead, they are attempting to bully their tax increases through the Senate without considering any alternatives. Their failure to work in a bipartisan, professional manner has hammered yet another nail into Ohio's coffin as more jobs and businesses leave the state. Small businesses and families are making tough choices in this bad economy, and the Democrats have promoted job-killing policies instead of becoming more efficient."

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VILLAGE OF CECIL MEETING MINUTES FOR 10/19/09

The village council of the village of Cecil convened in regular session from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Village Firehouse meeting room. Mayor Gene Sheets called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present: Julie McCloud, Gene Sheets, Rolando Ceballos, Chad Buchholz, Donna Manz, Mary Kupfersmith, Carlene A. Turner, Maxine Keegan. Visitors: Maxine Keegan.

Vacant Council seat:
Mrs. Maxine Keegan approached the council and Mayor with an interest to fill the vacant council seat by Cathy Johnston in the September meeting. Mayor Sheets appointed Keegan to the council and her oath of office was read and sworn in before the present council members.

Old Business:
Firehouse heating system:
Julie McCloud, Council President, motioned to have Clerk Turner investigate the needed financing to have a new heating system installed in the Firehouse Bay Area, seconded by Mary Kupfersmith, vote taken and all members were in favor. Clerk Turner will report her findings at the next meeting.

Snow Removal Bids for Year 2010:
The village received two sealed bids for snow removal. Bids were received from Solid Ground and Vogelsong Excavating. The council reviewed both bids and a motion was made by Donna Manz to accept the bid from Vogelsong for the 2010 year,

seconded by Julie McCloud, a vote was taken and all members were in favor.

Street Repair Bids:
The village received only one sealed bid from Strable Paving in regards to our Bid Advertisement for two street repairs. The village has ample funding in the Street Funds and this needed to be utilized to maintain our revenue from the state. Road 216 (the west dead end of Plum Street) will be paved for the sum of \$11,190, the Second Street dead end at Duquense will be paved for the sum of \$8,240 and a 3rd estimate for the repair of Second Street between Main Street and Duquense was accepted for the sum of \$5,985. Mary Kupfersmith motioned to accept all three bids with clarification on the Rd 216 bid on the length, seconded by Chad Buchholz, a vote was taken and all members were in favor.

Dead and Diseased Trees on Village Property:

Julie McCloud contacted two people in regards to cutting down a couple of dead and diseased trees on village property. A small tree on the park property can be removed by Vogelsong for \$50.00, the other tree is much larger and has grown up between two power lines. The cost to remove this one would be \$1,000 to Vogelsong, plus the cost for AEP to disconnect and reconnect power to those homes involved. The council moved to wait on the larger tree, but gave Vogelsong permission to remove the smaller one. No estimates were received from Saylor.

Storm Drain Emergency Repairs:
Clerk Turner has met with Solicitor Gorrell regarding the legal use of street funds for emergency storm drain repairs.

Since a portion of the storm drain needing repairs runs under Main Street just north of TR 224, the village wants legal review of the use of these funds. Further information will be provided at the November meeting.

Approval of September Minutes:
Mary Kupfersmith motioned to approve the September 2009 minutes as written, seconded by Donna Manz, vote was taken and all in favor.

Approval of Management Reports and Bills:

Mary Kupfersmith motioned to approve the monthly bills and management reports as presented by Clerk Turner, seconded by Julie McCloud, vote taken and all members in favor.

New Business:

Ohio Plan Insurance Renewal:
Clerk Turner shared the new policy information with the council received from Conrad Beck with VS Beck Insurance in Archbold; Mary Kupfersmith motioned to accept the renewal policy, seconded by Julie McCloud; however, the council would like to review their options for insurance for the next renewal period in hopes of finding a lower premium. Vote was taken and all in favor.

Current Sewer Appropriation & Projected Costs for 2010:

The council will table this discussion until the November meeting.

Ribbon Cutting for New 24:

Mayor Sheets shared with the council that the ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for October 29th at approximately Noon. They have it set to take place at the Ohio/Indiana Line for those who would like to attend. The Village of Cecil

will be required to sign off on paperwork for the maintenance for a portion of the old US 24 that lies within the village limits. Paperwork should be coming this next week via US Mail.

Roof Leaking in Firehouse:

There is a leak in the roof around a vent leading to the men's rest room. The council asked Mary Kupfersmith to contact Lonnie Smith for an estimate to repair that leak before winter sets in. More information to follow at the November meeting.

Park Fundraiser & Misc.:

Hilly Billy Festival brought in \$509.60 Plus money not yet counted through the FFA Tractor Pulls.

Lowe's is willing to donate new rest room exhaust fans with light, they just require a letter from the village stating what is needed.

Mary Kupfersmith to provide the council with cost for the final poly coat for new floors. Information to be shared at next meeting.

Motion to Adjourn until November 16, 2009:

Mary Kupfersmith motioned to adjourn the meeting until November 16th at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Chad Buchholz, vote was taken and all members in favor. Meeting adjourned.

All formal actions of the village council of Village of Cecil concerning and relating to the adoption of resolutions and/or motions passed at this meeting were adopted in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SANTA CLAUS COMES TO EAST ALLEN AG AND TURF



By: Sue Knapp

East Allen Ag and Turf in Woodburn hosted Santa Clause on December 5. A line of kids waited patiently to sit on Santa's lap, tell him their wants and wishes and get their picture taken with him.

The children also received a special treat.

Pictured here sitting on Santa's lap is Mercedes Neireiter, and Colten Neireiter is on the tractor. This festive tradition is an annual event at East Allen Ag and Turf.

DONATION TO ANTWERP SCHOOL'S PENNIES FOR PEOPLE



Pictured from L to R, ACFCC Board Members Amy McCrery, Aimee Lichty, Student Council Members, Kendall Billman, Keaton Altimus, and Teacher Patti Kammeyer.

Antwerp Local School Student Council receives a donation for their "Pennies for People" fundraiser from Antwerp Community Fellowship and Care Campus Board Members. The ACFCC generously donated \$100 to help the student council buy gifts for local families for Christmas. The Pennies for People program has "adopted" 17 children this year and plans to help make their Christmas wishes come true. In addition to toys and stockings for every child, they will receive two outfits, shoes, hats, gloves, jacket and an assortment of personal hygiene products. The Student Council will also help a number of local families by fulfilling requests for

items ranging from food to household cleaning products. When the Staff of the Antwerp School system saw how hard the children were working to provide for these families, they collectively decided to forgo any gifts from appreciative parents and students, and instead asked for the cash value to be donated to the Pennies for People fundraiser. The Student Council will be taken to the Alco on Friday to purchase the remaining items for the lucky families. You can still donate to this worthwhile cause at the office of the Antwerp school, just let them know it's for Pennies for People and the kids will make sure your gift gets into the right hands this Christmas.

VANTAGE BOARD HIRES NEW ADULT DIRECTOR

The regular December meeting of the Vantage Board of Education was held on Thursday, December 3, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Vantage Cup & Saucer. The Board approved the regular meeting minutes for the November 12, 2009 meeting and the financial statements for the period of October 1, 2009 through October 31, 2009.

Correspondence included BOE mileage reports for July to December, Adult Ed Director's Report and Ohio Regents/ Farm Business Planning Letter. Recognition of the guests was held. Guests at the meeting were Steve Peters, Supervisor, Brenda Wurst, Building and Grounds Aide, Kelly Horstman, Math Instructor and Pete Prichard, ABLE/ Transitions Coordinator. Board President, Brian Laudick appointed Dana Smith Treasurer Pro-Tempore due to the absence of Treasurer Lori Davis who was ill. Brian Laudick was nominated and the motion passed to elect him President Pro-Tempore for January 2010.

Staci Kaufman gave the Superintendent's update which included discussion of the owner's representative survey results, final levy campaign fund report, a brief summary of the options for the continuation of the Farm Business Planning program and current repair issues with

failed boiler and air compressor units in the building. Kelly Horstman gave a presentation about her Facebook homework page. Board Members starting new terms in January will be Ron Bradford, Continental and Kevin Landin, Ottoville. Tam Stoller will be representing Paulding Exempted Village Schools and Sally Snyder will serve as Lincolnview's board member. New board members for Van Wert and Fort Jennings will be named soon.

Pete Prichard was employed as the Adult Education Director effective January 1, 2010. The Board approved a supplemental contract for Jo Mohr as Fruit Coordinator. They also employed the following list of Adult Education employees, as needed, as scheduled for the 2009-2010 school year: Carolyn Fast, Basket Making, Theresa Snyder, Computer Instructor and Pat Vogel, Welding. Other items were the resolution retaining construction counsel for Ohio School Facilities Commission Vocational Facilities Assistance Program project and related locally funded initiatives. Also, a resolution was passed to set the maximum reimbursement for tips on meals at 20% of the bill.

A holiday dinner was held and the board recognized the service of Jim Grant, Adult Education director who will be retiring effective December 31, 2009.

The next meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Thursday, January 14, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Colors of Christmas – Coloring Contest

West Bend News wants to see the Christmas spirit in our young people! So if you can color and are between the ages of 0 and 12 years of age, color the page below, fill out the entry form, and send it to:

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Men High Games

1. Ray Delong 536
2. Jerry Vancleve 208
3. David Bauer 205
4. Bowie Reid 199
5. Dan Rohlf 192
6. Scott Lichty 191
7. Jeff Lucas 188
8. Kris Reinhart 185
9. Alan Grant 176
10. Barry Grant 175; Mike Walley 175

Men High Series

1. Ray Delong 580
2. David Bauer 540
3. Jeff Lucas 530
4. Bowie Reid 509
5. Kris Reinhart 502
6. Barry Grant 493
7. Chad Geyer 485
8. Scott Lichty 478
9. Craig Womack 477
10. Kevin Taylor 469

Women High Game

1. Jeanett Womack 209
2. Marie Bauer 191
3. Marian Saylor 191
4. Angie Hudson 188
5. Mary Brown 188

6. Stacy Hopkins 181
7. Marsha Rohrs 181
8. Charlene Geyer 180
9. Nikki Phares 178
10. Carol Kortokrax 175;

Paula Lichty 175

Women High Series

1. Marie Bauer 547
2. Angie Hudson 520
3. Charlene Geyer 516
4. Carol Kortokrax 497
5. Paula Lichty 483
6. Stacy Hopkins 481
7. Mary Brown 480
8. Jeanett Womack 478
9. Marsha Rohrs 475
10. Joyce Sanders 470

Youth Boys High Game

1. Derek Langmeyer 143
2. Kaleb O'Donnell 136
3. Hunter Scott 126

Youth Boys High Series

1. Kaleb O'Donnell 381
2. Derek Langmeyer 348
3. Jacob O'Donnell 318

Youth Girls High Game

1. Avrial Sawyer 185
2. Skylar Howell 129
3. Connor Howell 121

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1. Avrial Sawyer 444
2. Skylar Howell 354
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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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Village of Cecil, Resolution 09-09 "A Resolution to establish supplemental appropriations within the Street Fund 2011 for the purpose of contracted street repairs and emergency storm sewer repairs 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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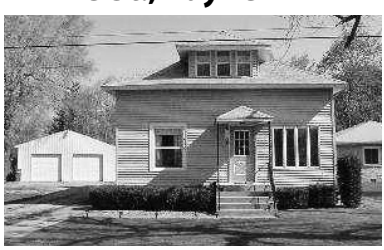
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KOENN - STREICHER



Bill and Rainell Koenn of Cecil announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Jill Lynette to Jordan Timothy Streicher, son of Cindy and the late Timothy Streicher.

The bride-elect is a 2004 alumna of Paulding High School and graduate of Rudae's School of Beauty Culture. She is employed as a stylist at Lindsey & Company

Hair Studio in Paulding.

Her fiance is a 2000 alumnus of Continental High School and a 2004 graduate of the University of Findlay. He is employed at H&K Chevy Buick in Continental.

The couple will exchange wedding vows with a nuptial mass on December 31, 2009 in Divine Mercy Catholic Church in Paulding.

POINSETTIA CARE

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Agent

The poinsettia is the most popular Christmas season plant. It was introduced into the United States in the late 1820's from its native Mexico by our first ambassador to that country, Joel Robert Poinsett. The plant was first known and probably is still best known for the bright red leaves or bracts that surround the inconspicuous, small, yellow, true flowers. The colorful parts of the poinsettia, the bracts, are actually modified leaves. The poinsettia flower is small, green or yellow, and situated in the middle of the bracts.

Proper care of poinsettias will keep your plant looking attractive for a long time. The conditions inside our northern homes often are not ideal for poinsettias, natives of the tropics. Under unfavorable conditions, the leaves will turn yellow and drop off; the bracts may also drop. Since the poinsettia is greenhouse grown at temperatures of 60-70°F with high relative humidity and maximum sunlight, homeowners should try to simulate these conditions for best home care.

The poinsettia thrives on bright, sunny natural daylight; at least six hours daily is recommended. Placement near a sunny window is ideal. To prolong the bright red of the bracts, temperatures ideally should not exceed 70° F during the day, or fall below 65° F at night. Be sure to avoid placing the plants near drafts, fluctuating air currents, excess heat and dry air from appliances, fireplaces or ventilating ducts.

Poinsettias do best with a moist soil condition, not too wet and not too dry. Water the poinsettia thoroughly when the soil surface feels dry to a light touch. The best indication of a thorough watering is when the water begins to seep through the drain holes at the bottom of the inner pot. Water until enough of the water barely begins to seep through the drain holes. Be sure to discard any excess water, as poinsettias left sitting in water may suffer from permanent root-rot damage.

It is not necessary to fertilize your poinsettias when they are in bloom during the holiday season. However, after 6-8 weeks, a balanced, all-purpose household plant fertilizer mixed ½-strength will help maintain the rich, green foliage color and promote new growth. Repeat once more in another 6-8 weeks.

A wilted plant may drop its leaves prematurely. If wilting does occur, water the plant thoroughly to moisten the soil, then re-water again in 5 to 10 minutes, but never allow the plant to stand in excess water.

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"Today's high school students are submitting, on average, seven to nine college applications, a marked increase from the two to four applications submitted just 10 years ago," says Rusty Greiff, vice president of Sylvan Learning College Prep. "This fact, coupled with the reality that a person with a college degree earns over 70 percent more than someone without one, raises the stakes in college prep—especially in today's economic environment."

Getting a college education requires a lot of time, effort and careful planning by parents and students working together. It provides knowledge and skills students will use for the rest of their lives as well. Given the importance of the ACT test, college prep experts at Sylvan Learning create a highly personalized and targeted approach that focuses on the exact skills needed to successfully answer test questions. The program offers twenty-two lecture hours and two timed practice tests with specialized tutoring available in specific subject areas.

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ANTWERP CHILDCARE CENTER, INC. SET TO BEGIN AT RIVERSIDE FAMILY CENTER



Pastor Regan Clem of Riverside Christian Church, and Chris Feichter, director of Antwerp Childcare Center.

By: Sue Knapp

Antwerp Childcare Center, Inc. is a non-profit organization run by a board. Members include Chris Feichter as Chairman, Darline Clemens (daycare owner in Defiance), Gini Turnbull, Kim Askins and Denise Kinder. These ladies have worked very hard to make this possible for Antwerp.

Riverside Family Center (home of Riverside Christian Church) will be the setting of the Antwerp Childcare Center, Inc. This will help fill a real need in the community.

The Antwerp Childcare Center will be open year-round except for holidays. The Childcare Center will serve children from six months to 12 years. Before and af-

ter school times will also be accommodated. The hours will be from 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. To start off, the daycare has openings for five children. The Antwerp Childcare Center is working on getting licensed, expanding and accepting more children.

Regan Clem, pastor at Riverside Christian Church, is pleased that the building will be used to benefit the community throughout the week.

The Antwerp Childcare Center is targeted to open after the first of the year. Teachers and subs are needed for different age levels. To apply, send your resume to P.O. Box 299, Antwerp, OH 45813. To register your child or for more information call Chris at 419-258-2386.

LATTA CALLS FOR FULL FUNDING OF CAROLINE PRYCE WALKER CONQUER CHILDHOOD CANCER ACT

On Friday, December 3rd, Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) sent a letter to Office of Budget and Management Director (OBM) Peter Orszag asking for the full funding of the Caroline Pryce Walker Conquer Childhood Cancer Act in his Fiscal Year 2011 budget request. The Caroline Pryce Walker Conquer Childhood Cancer Act of 2008 was introduced by former Congresswoman Deborah Pryce (R-OH), in memory of her daughter who passed away due to childhood cancer. The bill passed the House of Representatives during the 110th Congress by a vote of 416-0 and a unanimous vote in the Senate.

Congressman Latta's letter was co-signed by 13 members of the Ohio Congressional Delegation.

Earlier this year, Congressman Latta was successful in securing approximately \$10 million in the FY 2010 Labor, Health, and Human Services Appropriations bill as passed by the House to fund a portion of the Caroline Pryce Walker Conquer Childhood Cancer Act. These funds were directed to the National Cancer Institute (NCI) in order to conduct special research into pediatric cancers. With this re-direction of funds, cancer cluster studies such as the ongoing study occurring in Clyde, Ohio will be able to receive funding from the NCI for their ongoing research into the Clyde Childhood Cancer Cluster.

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