

## JESSICA SMAZENKO NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST AT MVNU

Jessica Smazenko has been named to the dean's list for the 2008 fall semester at Mount Vernon Nazarene University. The dean's list includes all students who carried a minimum of 12 credit hours and have maintained a grade point average of 3.5 or above for the semester.

A sophomore majoring in youth ministries, Smazenko achieved a 3.56 grade point average. This is her second semester attaining dean's list. She recently traveled to Israel and Egypt as a part of the January-term class "The Life and Teachings of Jesus." She is the daughter of Gary and Betty Smazenko of Antwerp, Ohio, and is a 2007 graduate of Antwerp High School.

Mount Vernon Nazarene University is a private, four-year, intentionally Christian teaching university for traditional age students, graduate students and working adults. U.S. News & World Report ranks MVNU in the top 50 Best in the Midwest (Baccalaureate) institutions for the fifth year in a row. With a 400-acre main campus in Mount Vernon, Ohio, and eight additional satellite Adult and Graduate Studies sites throughout the state, MVNU emphasizes academic excellence, spiritual growth and service to community and church. MVNU offers an affordable education to more than 2,500 students from 25 states and six countries/U.S. territories. Learn more at [www.mvnu.edu](http://www.mvnu.edu).

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## BEAM SETTING WILL DELAY US 24 TRAFFIC

Beams for a bridge structure on new US 24 near Defiance will be set in place starting on February 16, 2009 and will cause short-term traffic delays over the next two weeks, said Tim Burkepile, Ohio Department of Transportation District I deputy director.

Crews will be working on the structure which will carry US 24 over the CSX railroad and over Baltimore Street (formerly Ohio 424) at the west edge of Defiance. Work will take place generally between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. each day of the operation.

Work began first over the section which spans the railroad. The beams were set on this section on February 16-17. One-lane traffic was maintained through the area with flaggers.

Beginning Monday, February 23, beams will be set in place for the section of the structure spanning Baltimore Street, which is currently serving as rerouted US 24 during construction of a new interchange. Work is expected to be completed by Wednesday of that week.

Traffic during this phase of the operation will be stopped in both directions at times while crews set the beams over the travel lanes. Traffic is expected to be stopped for no more than 15 minutes at a time, said Burkepile.

Work on the interchange will be completed late this year when four-lane US 24 from the Indiana line to Defiance is expected to open to traffic.

## 20 ROUNDS OF SPELLING CROWNS A CHAMPION IN PAULDING COUNTY



by: Angel Steiner

The atmosphere was casual with just the edge of anxiety. You could almost hear the nervous contestants mumbling words in their heads as they sat on the stage before the competition began.

MC Steve Arnold, Antwerp High School's principal, welcomed everyone to the Paulding County Spelling Bee on February 9, 2009. Sandra Freeman, of Western Buckeye ESC, proceeded through the rules for the evening.

As the students went through the practice rounds of words there wasn't any fidgeting from the spectators—they were engrossed in spelling the words also! The first round of competition eliminated half the competitors. But rounds 9-20 were the ones in which a non-nail biter would pick up the bad habit all too quickly.

Jacob Dingus approached each word with a confident nonchalance—until the dreaded word, virtuoso, which knocked him out and into Runner-Up position. He may have been only runner-up, but he is a virtuoso speller in my book.

Jacob Dingus is a sixth grader at Oakwood Elementary. He is the son of Don Dingus and Tira Ripke.

Miss Dinah Pierce had an intense strategy going into this spelling bee. Before spelling each word she would ask

all the questions that were allowed about the words. In round 19, I felt her confidence waiver slightly as she contemplated the correct usage of the word, pampas. Nevertheless, when Jacob proceeded to spell virtuoso wrong, she couldn't help but let a grin break through her poker face that she had held for the entire evening. Relief spread through her every limb when she heard what would be her championship word, paradox. Still, ever held by her prevailing strategy she still asked the necessary questions, just to be sure she didn't fall into any loopholes, I'm sure.

Dinah Pierce, champion of the 2009 Paulding County Spelling Bee, is an eighth grader with the Christian Home Educators of Paulding County. She is the daughter of Alan and Anna Pierce.

More news about the Regional Spelling Bee in March will be posted as soon as it becomes available.

## GRANTS FOR GRADS PROPOSAL TARGETED AS LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY

Capitol Letters Weekly  
Column by: Senator Steve Buehrer

Ohio has always had a dedicated workforce, but to keep pace in today's highly-competitive, global economy, a critical goal is to keep more skilled, college graduates living and working in the state.

While Ohio attracts thousands of students to its college and university campuses each fall, too many of these men and women leave the state once their degree is complete. According to data compiled by the Ohio Board of Regents from 2001-2006, 27 percent of college students, who earn a bachelor's degree in Ohio, leave the state within six months after graduation. These numbers are even higher for post-graduate degree earners. This migration of graduates has left Ohio below the national average in terms of the degree holding percentage of our population.

Concerned about the impact of this "brain-drain" on Ohio's ability to compete for business development, grow 21<sup>st</sup> Century industries and create jobs, I recently introduced legislation aimed at not only encouraging Ohio college students to stay in the state after they graduate, but provide an incentive for Ohio residents, who choose to attend college out-of-state, to return to one of Ohio's communities with their degree.

Senate Bill 5 would create Grants for Grads, a \$2 million grant program designed to increase the number of college graduates in Ohio by providing assistance with a down payment or closing costs on a home. Every year, 300 grants would be awarded through a random lottery of applicants. Graduates would have 60 days to register for the program, with the goal of receiving 25 percent of the applications from students who attend an out-of-state school.

Grant amounts would be determined by the level of

the degree a graduate earns, from \$2,500 for an Associate Degree to \$10,000 for a Post-Graduate Degree. Grantees would have 12 months to use the money, or it would be placed in a separate fund to be distributed the following year.

In addition, Grants for Grads participants must agree to live in the state for at least five years. Grantees may transfer the grant to another home as long as they continue to live in Ohio.

While the Legislature has taken important steps in recent years to improve Ohio's business climate and bring high-paying jobs to our communities, this effort must also focus on keeping more college-educated minds in the state. Grants for Grads would help attract the next generation of workers to Ohio and further progress that has already been made to grow our economy. Additionally, the proposal may help with the troubled housing market by encouraging home ownership. These purchases will provide a market for homes, which may have been stuck on the market for lengthy periods in the present economic conditions.

SB 5 is one of several bills that were targeted as legislative priorities by Senate Republicans this past week. The list focuses heavily on efforts to attract job development, improve Ohio's regulatory environment and direct the state's limited resources to areas that will boost economic activity.

Senate Bill 1 would allocate the remaining \$340 million in targeted investments from the \$1.57 billion jobs stimulus plan that the General Assembly and Governor worked to pass last year. This money would go to support biomedical research, the development of bioproducts, a co-op and internship program to link Ohio students and businesses, and improvement of Ohio's logistics and

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**Florence M. Hook**, 87, of Payne died Friday, February 13, 2009 at the Paulding County Hospital.

She was born in Payne, Ohio on October 6, 1921 the daughter of Lawrence and Madgelene (Bouillon) Spencer. On April 5, 1941 she married Frederick H. Hook who preceded her in death on November 15, 1995. She was a beautician for 55 years and was the former owner/operator of the ABC Beauty Shop, Payne retiring in 2005. She also attended St. Paul United Methodist Church, Payne.

She is survived by one son, Roger D. Hook of Payne; one daughter, Colleen "Sue" (Larry) Strickler of Payne; two grandsons: Randy (Kathy) Strickler and Lynn (Becky) Strickler both of Payne; one sister, Sandra Coif of Springfield, OH; one brother-in-law, Nedry (Doris) Hook of New Haven, IN; and five great-grandchildren: Kayla, Ashley, Katelyn, Spencer, and Trisha.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Frederick; and two sisters: Maxine Baker and Betty Thompson. Funeral services were February 17, 2009 at St. Paul United Methodist Church, Payne with Rev. Amy L. Haines officiating. Burial was in Lehman Cemetery, Payne.

The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to the St. Paul United Methodist Church, Payne. Condolences may be sent to [www.denherderfh.com](http://www.denherderfh.com).

**Merle Jeffery**, 91, of Paulding went to be with his Lord Monday, February 09, 2009 at the Dallas Lamb Foundation Home, Payne, Ohio.

He was born in Paulding, Ohio on December 23, 1917 the son of Owen and Myrtle (Baker) Jeffery. On October

14, 1936 he married Glendine Smith, who preceded him in death on September 4, 1984. On Sept. 11, 1990, he married Eileen Dindot Vance, who survives. He was a life long farmer, a member of Paulding United Methodist Church, where he served on the church council. He was a 38-year member of the Paulding County Hospital Board and a Paulding Exempted Village School Board Member. He was also a Farm Bureau and 50-year Grange member as well as a board member for the Paulding County Soil and Water Conservation District and a member of Flat Rock Lodge #580 F&AM, Payne, Ohio.

He is survived by his wife, Eileen Jeffery of Paulding; three daughters: Carol (Larry) Todd of Springfield, OH, JoAnne (Jerry) Patterson of Buford, GA and Patricia (Larry) Bowersox of Elyria, OH; a step-son, Mark (Jadine) Vance of Grover Hill; a step-daughter, Sue (Paul) Wilhelm of Paulding; a brother, Ray (Dorothy) Jeffery of Antwerp; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; six step-grandchildren; and four step-great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Glendine; an infant son, Lowell Russell; brothers: Leo, James, Dorris, Delbert, Gale, and Frank; two sisters: Lenna Balyard and Zella Jeffery.

Funeral services were conducted February 12, 2009 at the Paulding United Methodist Church, with Rev. Ben Lowell officiating. Burial was in Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Paulding United Methodist Church. Condolences may be sent to [www.denherderfh.com](http://www.denherderfh.com)

### "KNOW YOUR BIBLE CAMPAIGN" KICKOFF

The church of Christ at Oakwood is announcing their "Know Your Bible Campaign" kickoff on March 1.

This is an attempt to allow those who would like to know their Bible to do so at absolutely no cost to them. It is absolutely FREE! It is all done by correspondence through the mail. No one will call unless requested. For more information you can call 419-399-5022 or 419-393-4775.

### THANK YOU

I am sure this thank you is long overdue. But I was sure if I did not write it, it would not be so. Eight short months ago my loving Mother went home to be with the Lord. She was very tired and that was simply her ultimate goal. Everyone around her helped me in many different ways to keep her comfortable and happy. You see, my father had to go into a nursing home (Hawthorn Court) and they had been married 59 years and she just could not be separated from him. So she made her decision to go with him. They were very well taken care of and loved there, but they wanted to be closer to home, so they were moved to Dallas Lamb in Payne, Ohio on June 2, 2008 and mom passed away 17 days later. May father was heartbroken as was I. Everyone at the Dallas Lamb became just like family to me and mine. No one was more caring than the next. Dad's health just continued to fail and he could no longer do one thing for himself, but there were no complaints from anyone. I did my best to be with him and pray with him every day. Finally, the most glorious day came for him as we prayed, he finally got to go Home and be with the Lord and the love of his life on February 5, 2009. I just want to believe in my heart that that had to be the most glorious reunion and Valentine's gift ever. I just want to say a very big Thank You to each and everyone who has ever touched my parents lives and mine. There was so many which I am grateful to and indebted, that I cannot write every name personally. Thank you especially to Shawn and Michelle Dooley, without them, a lot of people in this area would be lost when they lose a loved one, they are the most caring people ever.

—Patricia and Jon Friend,  
Melissa Boger, Morgan and Harley,  
Heidi Boger, Brianna Graden-Troy Smith,  
David Boger, Phillip and Cameron,  
and all the rest of my brothers and family,  
the Van Horn family

### AFFIRMING OTHERS' ABILITIES

**By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church**

Several years ago, a California aerospace company hired a motivational consultant to examine and stimulate its work force. The consultant interviewed one of the senior vice presidents who told him about a particular section where production and performance were extremely high.

Turnover and absenteeism in this department were the lowest in the company. Morale was very high. What seemed to puzzle the executive was the fact that work done there was mechanical and repetitive.

This group of employees maintained the pipes in the plant. Their job was checking temperatures and pressures. The delicacy of the equipment meant that the pipes had to work within strict tolerances or expensive damage would result. But why was morale so high?

The consultant visited the department and the foreman took him on a tour. The consultant noticed that all the workers wore green surgical smocks. He questioned the foreman about it.

The foreman explained that he got them from his son, a cardiovascular surgeon. The consultant said, "Oh, I see, you wear the surgical gowns for comfort."

"No, no!" the foreman said. "It's because we are basically like surgeons... very much like my son. He takes care of the pipes of the body; we take care of the pipes of the plant!"

"The plant isn't going to have any breakdowns as long as we're working on its 'arteries'. We take care of these pipes exactly the way a doctor takes care of your heart."

Upon further investigation the consultant even noticed the stencils on the workers' lockers said, "Dr." and then the worker's name.

What was happening here? The workers in the maintenance department believed their work was important—just like a doctor's work is important. And because someone affirmed them in such a way that they saw worth and value in what they were doing, their productivity and attitude improved.

I believe that success in a business, in a family setting, or in a church ministry can be realized when each person recognizes that he or she has worthwhile gifts, talents, and abilities. But I also believe that encouragement and affirmation are the keys that unlock the door to success.

How can you encourage and affirm someone today? Who in your own family can you encourage and build up today? What work associate

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could use some kind words of encouragement? To whom within your church could you jot a note to encourage them in their ministry and efforts? If we would develop the habit of encouraging, motivating, and affirming others, the potential for success and increased effectiveness would be limitless.

Check out the maintenance "surgeons" from the California aerospace company if you don't believe me.

### LIVING WILLS AND DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY TO BE PRESENTED AT COOPER COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Twin Rivers Care and Rehabilitation Center of Defiance will be presenting a program on "Living Wills and Durable Power of Attorney" at the Cooper Community Library, Branch of Paulding County Library on Monday, February 23 at 7:00 in the Community Room. This informative class will help educate you when making difficult decisions in difficult times. Please contact the library for more information at 419-594-3337.

### ANTWERP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH TO HOST A LIFE LINE SCREENING PREVENTIVE HEALTH EVENT

Antwerp United Methodist Church is pleased to host the life-saving services of Life Line Screening, the nation's largest provider of community-based preventive screenings, in order to help local residents identify their risk of stroke, vascular disease and osteoporosis before the catastrophic effects of these conditions can occur. The event is open to local residents and will be held on Friday, March 6, 2009 at the church on 202 E. River Street in Antwerp.

"Offering these preventive services can help save the lives of the members of our community," says Pastor Mike Schneider. "Many people are not even aware that these offerings are available to them and yet, these screenings are simple, painless and affordable."

The conditions for which

Life Line Screening screens are considered "silent killers" because they often strike without warning. Symptoms are rarely present and if they are, they are generally subtle, almost unnoticeable. In fact, four out of five people who have had a stroke showed no apparent warning signs prior to their attack. A simple screening may prevent death or disability.

Provided screenings will include:

Carotid Artery Screening – painless, non-invasive Doppler ultrasound is used to visualize the carotid arteries, the arteries that bring blood to the brain. The majority of strokes are caused by plaque build up in these arteries.

Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening –Ultrasound is used to visualize the abdominal aorta, the largest artery in the body, to measure the diameter of the aorta. This measurement can indicate if there is a weakening in the aortic wall which can cause a ballooning effect known as an aneurysm. Aneurysms can burst, which generally is fatal.

Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening – PAD is also known as "hardening of the arteries." Sufferers have a 4-6 fold increased risk of cardiovascular disease. Risk is evaluated through a measurement called the "Ankle-Brachial Index," which is obtained by reading the systolic pressure in the ankle and arm.

Osteoporosis Screening – Ultrasound is used to estimate the bone density of the heel. This can indicate if there is a reduction in bone density, which may indicate the presence of osteoporosis. The heel is used because it is similar in composition to the hip, where disabling fractures often occur.

Atrial Fibrillation is an irregular heart beat (arrhythmia) that affects the atria - the upper chambers of the heart - and is the most common form of sustained arrhythmia. 2.5 million Americans have been diagnosed with atrial fibrillation and for those over age 40, there is a 1 in 4 chance of developing the condition.

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**THIS ARTICLE IS DEDICATED TO MY WIFE, MARY JANE**

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

Honey as I look back over the years, in you I can see, and understand what love is. Honey, as we dated and you told me what you expected in a husband, someone who was an alcoholic, you had faith and love that I could be what you wanted me to be.

The years after we were married that I abused you, your love grew stronger for me. Also, as I saw your faith and love in Christ grow and the memories of being told by others how, as a child growing up, you were telling others about Christ.

Yes, honey, the years have come and gone and the pain has been great for you, but you always tell me that Christ suffered more than you will ever suffer.

Yes, Honey you have shown me what love is really all about. Love is when you would get up at night and feed those you and I did not even know. Love is when you put others first, even though your sickness was greater than theirs. Love, honey, is when you sacrificed your time, your material things, your money, all that you had, just so that you could help someone else.

Yes, Honey, you have a love and a beauty that the world needs so desperately today, a love that is continually reaching out and a beauty that comes from within. You never complain or have a unkind word to say to or about anyone. Yes, honey, what you have shown me about love and beauty, has made me see

what love truly is. Love is giving and not expecting anything in return. Yes, honey, your love has brought me a long way outstanding. Honey, I just want you to know that I love you and that I have found the woman that Proverbs 31:10-31 talks about. Honey, thank you for your patience and love for me, and for our two wonderful daughters. Honey, as you tell me the only way this love can be is because of Christ's love for us, in going to the cross and dying for us.

Please read Proverbs 31:10-31. Yes, Christ loves us, but He does not love our sin. What about your wife or husband? Do you have this kind of love for one another? If you don't then why is that?? My wife and I have a Christ-like love and as each day goes by our love grows stronger for Christ and each other. Jesus loves you and so do I. Bible questions call (419) 393-4775 or (419) 399-5022.

Yes, for those of you who read this, my prayer would be, that you to could love and give, expecting nothing in return. This is how my wife and I love one another, and others, unconditional and our giving to others is also unconditional.

**THE GARDENS OF PAULDING INVITES YOU TO AN INFORMATIONAL EVENT**

On Thursday, February 26, 2009 your family and friends are invited to attend an informational event, with guest speaker Karen Cookson, LCSW, (licensed clinical social worker).

Karen is an outreach coordinator and works closely with Lutheran and St. Joseph Hospitals Generations programs. Karen has years of knowledge working with specific issues and concerns associated with older adults. She will be discussing tips on family interactions that may be helpful when caring for your loved ones. Please feel free to attend, the meeting is very informal. Karen's experience and sensitivity allow for a relaxed atmosphere where

she will be open for any questions you may have in regards to this topic.

The meeting will be held in the front part of The Gardens, please contact Mindy A. Edwards, LSW if you have any questions or are interested in attending at (419-399-4940) or medwards@tloc.com.

Refreshments will be provided; this meeting is free of charge.

**FROM THE PAULDING COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S DESK**

Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney, Joseph R. Burkard, announced that the Paulding County Grand Jury indicted ten persons on Thursday, February 12, 2009:

Kara Parsons of Van Wert, burglary, F-2; Rikki Skiver of Antwerp, Identity Fraud, F-5; William Lands of Payne, Permitting drug abuse, F-5; James Dixon of Paulding, Sexual Offender Registration, F-1; Joseph Hyre of Paulding, Domestic Violence, F-4; Eric Schmidt of Paulding, Unlawful Sexual Conduct with a Minor, F-4 2 counts; David Blade of Hicksville, Driving While Intoxicated, F-4, Failure to Comply with order or signal of police officer, F-3; Andrew Cook, Non Support of Dependents, F-5; Johnathan Hurst, Non Support of Dependents, F-5; Angela Sproul of Paulding, Theft, F-3

(Continued from Page 1) distribution infrastructure, as well as the revitalization of old industrial sites and the preservation of farmland through the Clean Ohio program.

With members of the U.S. House and Senate reaching agreement on a federal economic stimulus bill this past week, Senate Bill 2 will be reserved for the state's blueprint for spending federal infrastructure dollars. The goal is to get these funds into Ohio's economy quickly through an open and transparent legislative process.

Senate Bill 3, the Small Business Empowerment Act, is based on recommendations from the Regulatory Reform Task Force. The bill works to eliminate regulatory barriers that have stood in the way of job creation and economic development in Ohio.

Senate Bill 4 also focuses on improving Ohio's regulatory climate by requiring the Auditor of State to conduct performance audits of several key regulatory agencies to ensure they are working to promote common sense business regulations.

Other priorities for Senate Republicans include a bill to establish special education scholarships (Senate Bill 6); a proposal to require the State Auditor to maintain a fraud reporting system (Senate Bill 7); legislation that would make needed reforms to Ohio's election law (Senate Bill 8); a measure that would establish a state tax credit to encourage the production of motion pictures in Ohio (Senate Bill 9); and a bill to more strictly regulate the transition accounts of public officials (Senate Bill 10). In addition, my colleagues and I will work to pass Senate Joint Resolution 1, which would provide bonuses for veterans of the Persian Gulf, Afghanistan and Iraq conflicts.

For more information

about these proposals and other bills, please visit the Ohio General Assembly website at [www.legislature.state.oh.us](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us).

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

**OSU EXTENSION TO HOST P.A.T TRAINING**

The Ohio State University Extension Office of Paulding County will be conducting a P.A.T. (Private Applicator Training) Recertification program on Monday, February 23, 2009. The program will be held at the Paulding County Extension Center from 6:00-9:15 p.m. Due to a loss of Federal Funding to support Pesticide Applicator Recertification training, a registration fee payable at the door will be charged. To ensure a spot for this training please fill out and return a pre-registration form, this can be obtained from the Extension Office or on our website at: <http://paulding.osu.edu> or contact the Paulding County Extension office at 419.399.8225.

**OAKWOOD GLEANER #759 GIVES BACK TO COMMUNITY**

**By: Bonnie Pier**

The February meeting was held at the Twin Oaks fellowship hall. We donated to 22 local organizations. Many were there and reported what they were able to do with last year's donation. They were really able to reach out to others! Mandy Lichty, our county dog warden, reported on her job. Last year they housed around 400 dogs - about half of them were turned in by their owners because of losing their homes and having to move where dogs were not allowed. She has a connection for semi-loads of dog food from Pedigree in Columbus. She also has medical care through a rescue group and is online for adoptions. She is paid only by the sale of dog tags and fines.

We made a five hundred dollar donation to the Gleaner Scholarship fund. Ruth Benien our Gleaner Fraternal Communicator reported on our 54th Biennial Convention on October 2-4 at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, Michigan. Our Ohio State meeting is on March 29 at 3:00 p.m. at the Elks in Bowling Green. She brought us items for our bingo night next month with the Gardens Nursing Home in Paulding.

Eileen Kochensparger told us about an opportunity to get our arbor recognized by putting up and manning a table at the 8th annual health, business and industry fair held at the Extension building on March 18, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Phylis Bidlack said she could do that. Mary Lou Lloyd had refreshments of valentine candy, cookies, chips and pop. Our next meeting is March 5, 6:30 at the Gardens in Paulding for bingo.

**TWO PAULDING COUNTY GIRLS VIE FOR THE PEONY FESTIVAL CROWN**

**By: Sue Knapp**

On March 27, 2009 the Marsh Foundation Auditorium will hold the Peony Festival Queen Pageant.

The girls will present themselves in floor length evening gowns with judging based on appearance, personality, poise, essay, talent and personal interview plus judging by the committee. The Queen will be required to ride on the Queen's Float during the Peony Parade on June 6, 2009, attend Peony Festival activities, appearances at parades and civic organizations.

The winner will receive a \$1,200.00 scholarship, 1<sup>st</sup> runner up an \$800.00 scholarship, 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up a \$600.00 scholarship, talent winner will receive a \$450.00 scholarship and Miss Congeniality will win \$250.00. Candidates not placing will receive \$175.00 contingent on all the requirements. All scholarships will be paid to the college of the girls' choice.



**Melinda Slattman**  
Melinda Slattman, daughter of Terry and Cindy Slattman of Paulding, is a senior at Paulding High School. She plans to attend Rhodes College at Lima and will enter classes to be a Dental Hygienist. She will use her scholarship to help with tuition. Melinda took an interest in teeth when she acquired braces and now wants to help people with their smiles. She has been active in cheer leading, track, choir and dance. She also helps out at her family business at Terry's Mower Sales and Service in Paulding.

**PAYNE BALL ASSOCIATION HOSTS 2009 SPRING BASEBALL CLINIC**

The 2009 spring baseball clinic will be held on Sunday, March 1.

The featured clinician will be Defiance High School head coach Tom Held with assistance from members of the Defiance and Wayne Trace High School coaching staffs.

Session one will be for boys in grades 1-4 and will run from 12:00 p.m. until 2:30 p.m.

Session two will be for boys in grades 5-8 and will run from 3:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.

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**Audra Woodcox**

Audra Woodcox, daughter of Kevin and Laura Woodcox from Antwerp, is a senior at Vantage Career Center. Audra is enrolled in Medical Office Management. She has been accepted at Hocking College in the nursing program. Laura will use the scholarship money for textbooks.

Audra appreciates Vantage Career Center and has been involved in many activities there such as: a Student Ambassador, National Technical Honor Society, attended Buckeye Girl's State as a representative, represented at World Community Conference, a Goals Card Member, a BPA member and will attend State for this, and belongs to Business Professionals of America.

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**NOW READ THIS**

**By: Stan Jordan**

From 1845 until March 24, 1882, William 'Curly Bill' Brocius, was an American Old West outlaw, gunman, cattle rustler and member of 'The Cowboys' Outlaw Gang of the Tombstone area of the Arizona Territory during the early 1880's.

It was written of Curly Bill that he was the most deadly shot of The Cowboys, that he could hit a running jack rabbit, shoot out candle flames without hitting the candle or lantern or a quarter out of the fingers of some volunteer who was drunk. Brocius was also known for his mean and

and maybes that Curly Bill, might have been involved in 'The Lincoln County War' in New Mexico and fought with Billy the Kid before he started to work for Mr. John Tunstall.

Not much is known about Bill Brocius's early life only that he was nasty and was a member of 'The Red Sash Gang', I think that is the same as 'The Cowboys'. Bill was known to have ridden with these guys and might have been a junior leader under Old Man Clanton.

On May 26, 1881, Curly Bill was shot by a companion after an argument in Galleville, AZ. The bullet passed through his neck and out the

dalupe Mountain Massacre when the Mexican got even by killing six gringos. That is the one where Old Man Clanton got killed while still in his bedroll.

In October of 1880 Brocius shot Tombstone Marshall, Fred Waite. Fred told Curly Bill to turn over his gun to him because he was drunk. It is reported that Bill used what they call a 'spin' with his gun while handing it to Fred. It accidentally discharged and hit the Marshall in the stomach. Earp arrested Curly Bill on the spot but Bill pleaded it was an accident. Fred died two days later and he stated that he thought it was an accident. Wyatt Earp had to sneak him out of town into Tucson because of a lynch party as White was well liked by everyone.

Brocius spent most of November and December of 1880 in jail waiting trial for this action. Brocius was acquitted with a verdict of accidental death. Actually, Earp even testified in Bill's favor, an irony given the later deadly feud.

After the gunfight at the O.K. Corral in October of 1881, Brocius may have been in on an attempt to kill Virgil Earp and the assassination of Morgan Earp, but Curly was not charged because there were no witnesses to either crime.

After the battle at the O.K. Corral some of the Earps went to Tucson to get on the train headed for California. Frank Stillwell and Ike Clanton were making an ambush of the Earps at the train depot. Wyatt had been appraised of this and was armed and ready. Stillwell caught two shotgun blasts in the chest and three .44 caliber wounds, Ike got off easy, they just beat his head in with a pistol butt for being in the ambush. This was the start of Wyatt Earp's three week vendetta ride.

After the killing of Stillwell and during the vendetta ride, Curly Bill was deputized and given a warrant for the arrest of Wyatt Earp. Everyone had some sort of law position. Tombstone Sheriff, John Behan, who was shady and on the take from the Clantons wanted the Earp's dead and gone. The Earp's, at this time, which was in March after the war in October, were living as hideouts in the Whetstone Mountains.

Earp was also looking for Brocius in revenge for killing his brother Morgan. They caught him camping out at Iron Springs as he was cooking breakfast outside his tent. In the gun fight that followed, Wyatt killed Curly Bill with a shot gun blast at about 50 foot. Brocius put a pistol ball through Wyatt's duster coat.

Some folks believe that some other gunmen were in on the murder, Buckskin Frank Leslie, Lou Cooley and gambler Mike O'Rourke as well as Johnny Ringo, but John beat them as he committed suicide.

See Ya!



**By: Stan Jordan**

A few years back the Pope came to America to visit for a few days. Generally he was driven around in his Pope mobile.

It was time to go back to Rome and he was in a NY Taxi on his way to JFK Airport.

The Pope, in all his excellence, still has a little boy left in him. He told the taxi driver that he had always wanted to drive a taxi in New York and would he trade places with him in the car? "I will still pay my fare, but it would fill one of my yearnings of driving a taxi in NY."

The driver, being a devout Catholic was ready to help him out.

So, they traded seats and journeyed on toward JFK. After a few blocks the Pope started to feel a little frisky and he sped up a little. He liked the feel of a lot of horse power and he sped up more. That felt so good he was soon speeding along like any old NY taxi driver.

Sure enough, the police pulled him over. The cop walked up to the window and said, "Buddy, you were speeding way over the limit. What's the hurry?" Then he noticed who the driver was and he was speechless and never had a situation like this before. The book never covered a situation like this.

The policeman called his dispatcher and he was plenty excited, he told him, "I've got somebody big out here, I surely can't write him a ticket or run him in."

The dispatcher said, "Well, who is it?"

"I don't know, but he's big."

"Well, is he a councilman?"

"No, he's bigger than that."

"Well, is he the mayor?"

"No, he must be bigger than that!"

"Well, is he the governor?"

"Oh, no, he's bigger than that."

"Well, now, is he the President?"

"Oh, no, I don't know who he is but he's big!"

"Well, if he's not the President, then who is he?"

"Well, I don't know who he is, but he has the Pope driving for him."

This is an old story, but it is worth telling again.

See Ya!

**OHIO HISTORY**

**By: Stan Jordan**

Annie Oakley was a sharpshooter and an exhibitor marksman. She used a .22 caliber rifle and at 90 feet she could split a playing card edge on and put five or six more holes in it before it hit the ground.

She was born Phoebe Ann Mosey near Willowdell in Darke County, Ohio. At that time it was called Woodland, it was on the rural western border. The village of North Star has a road sign that states that she was born near there. She was born August 13, 1860.

Annie's parents were Quakers from Holliday-



sburg, Blair County, PA. Susan Wise, 18, and Jacob Mosey, 49, were married in 1848. He operated a tavern in Hollidaysburg and when it caught fire and burned down they moved to a rental farm in Patterson Twp. in Darke County. They purchased the farm later on with a mortgage.

Born in 1860, Annie was the sixth child born to Susan and Jacob—they had eight. Her father, who had fought in the war of 1812 died in 1867 from Pneumonia and exposure in frigid weather.

Her mother married Daniel Brumbaugh and they had the ninth child and then Susan was widowed again.

When Annie was eight or nine years old she was put in the care of the Supt. of the county poor farm where she learned to sew and decorate. She was farmed out to a family—that was darned near slavery—where she endured mental and physical abuse. She referred to them as 'the wolves'. When she was reunited with her family again

she was 13 or 14, and her mother had married again to a man named Joseph Shaw sometime after 1868.

Annie began hunting to support her siblings at the age of nine. She sold her game to the locals in Greenville as well as hotels and stores in Northern Ohio. Her skills eventually paid off the mortgage on her mother's farm when she was 15.

Anne's father taught her to shoot the game in the eye to keep from destroying the rest of the body. Annie's reputation as a sharpshooter was well known in this region. In Cincinnati, a traveling shooting act with the well known Frank E. Butler sharpshooter, laid \$100.00 bet on anyone to try to beat Butler.

The hotel owner arranged a match with Annie to be held in Greenville. Annie was 21 at this time. After Butler missed his 15<sup>th</sup> shot, Annie won the match and the bet. After that match, Butler began to court Annie

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nasty sense of humor—like make a preacher dance with gun fire. He also made some Mexican, while at a celebration, take off all their clothes and dance naked in front of their friends. He was a big man in stature only.

There is a lot of rumors other cheek. Bill survived this incident.

I have before me a paper that states Clanton was killed in the Guadalupe Canyon Massacre on August 13, 1881. That has to be an error on the date because Clanton was in the O.K. Corral War that was on October 26 of that same year. I think that the historian should have written 1883 instead of 1881.

Curly Bill made a number of forays and raids with the Cowboys as a leader of the group in the summer of 1881.

It is said that Brocius led an ambush attacking a Mexican Trail Herd in the San Luis Pass killing six Vaqueros and torturing the other eight men. I think this led up to the Gua-

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# Cheerleading at Woodlan

"It's fun. I love camp!", stated Kelly Dykes. Kelly is a senior at Woodlan H.S. And she is one of many who enjoy cheerleading. You may think cheerleading is nothing more than a couple games a week but you would be wrong. Woodlan JV/Varsity High School has 21 cheerleaders for the 2008-2009 school year and unlike other sports that are on a seasonal basis, you will find these fine young people working hard for 11 months out of the year. They receive 1 month off after basketball finishes.

What does it take to be a cheerleader? Talent, energy & endurance. There are at least 60 sporting events the cheerleaders cover throughout the year not counting all of their competitions. Along with the two hour-a-night practices when special events are not happening, and you have a very time-consuming sport.

Julie Lebamoff takes her job as cheerleader coach very seriously. She has been working to build the program up for the past 5 years and has watched it grow from a very small group to what it is today.

She has very good help with assistants Kim Hines & Linda Romines. The team has been to state competitions for the past 3 years and has improved in the judges' eyes each time. Last year the team placed 4th and this year the team came in 3rd. When Julie was asked if the team had a real chance at taking 1st in the near future she replied, "Absolutely! We were very close this year."

Senior Taylor Schnebelt says she loves "being with all my friends & coaches." It's all fun & games right? No, not really. Lauren McKinley, also a senior, says, "We cheer whether the team is winning or losing." She added, "People seem to enjoy seeing us perform and that helps us feel appreciated."

The cost it takes to operate a squad like Woodlan's is over \$6,500 "easily" states the Booster President. The Boosters organize the fund raising events of which there are many. The cheerleaders have also helped with community services including Relay for Life & Special Olympics. Coach Julie & her husband, Dr. Jim Lebamoff, have a



(LtoR) **BOTTOM ROW:** Taylor Schnebelt, Michelle Hoepfner, Jordan James, Alex Lebamoff (Manager), Lauren McKinley, Kelly Dykes, Nichole Beck **MIDDLE ROW:** Lexie Schmidtke, Brittney Kees, Olivia Shaffer, Kaley Lengacher, Sarah Hormann, Lauren Lockridge **BACK ROW:** Julie Lebamoff (Head Coach), Adam Collins, Tessa Kayser, Kayla Stoll, Leah Stutzman, Taylor Edgar, Payton Hunt, Amber Delagrange, Kim Hines (Coach), Linda Romines (Coach) **Not Pictured:** Rachel Strautman and Kali Fournier. Pictures available at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)

handicapped son who the team selected as their manager. The team does a wonderful job of supporting and helping the coach. They have learned much

about giving to help others. This is the best award they have received - Satisfaction of community service.

It seems it takes a little more than

talent, energy & endurance. As a cheer parent stated, "We're a big family. Many friendships have been created and built from this program."

## MASONIC LODGE TO BE FEATURED ON HIX-TV

Joe Stotler opened the Lodge and the pledge was given. The 50-year members consisting of Doyle Johnson, Richard Savage, Estel Cottrell, Elmer Woodcox, and Charles Carey were asked to stand and introduce themselves. Others in attendance included Tim Betts, Russell St. John, Scott Ruppert, Jim Miller, Lee Kallsen, George Underwood, Curtis Metz, Terry Ayers, Dick Altman, Grover Blalock, Brandon Wobler, Ron Farnsworth, Alvin Copsey, Richard Wann, Steve Schilb, James Kline, Joe Stotler, Tom Culler, Bill Metz, Greg Headley, John Gordon, Rick Evans, Dean Phillips, and newest member Michael Villena. Joey Kidd from Sherwood Lodge #620 and Ken Crouch from Bryan Lodge #215 were the welcomed guests that signed

the register.

Birthday cards were signed and sent to Norn Byers February 21, Jack Tongring February 15, Jim Volkert February 20, Bob Volkert February 18, Tyler Fleming February 13, and Charles Fleming February 15.

Joe Stotler gave a short presentation on the roof project. Hicksville Lodge will receive a new roof this spring. The last roof was installed by the lodge in 1981. Letters have been sent to the Blue Lodge members, Chapter members and Masonic Widows explaining the project and donations are now being accepted.

A donation of \$40 was sent to the Fifth Masonic District for complimentary tickets for the Grand Master's Reception which will be held at Northwest State Community College in Archbold this year. Anyone wishing to purchase tickets for this event

which will be on Saturday, March 28, can see Joe Stotler.

It was mentioned that plans for the Open House are progressing rapidly. Chairman Scott Ruppert explained that all Lodges in the state of Ohio will have an open house that will be open to the public. The date has been set for Saturday, March 21 and the doors will open at 10:00 a.m. Tours will be provided by members and refreshments will be served. It was also noted that Joe Graves from Hix-TV has filmed the Lodge rooms. A short history of Hicksville Masonic Lodge #478 was presented by Joe Stotler and Hicksville Chapter #188 was represented by Joey Kidd in this presentation. This short preview will be shown on Channel 12 on the local cable channel in the near future.

The Temple Board will meet Wednesday, February 25 at 6:30 p.m. for election of officers. The next stated meeting will be Wednesday, February 25 at 7:30 p.m. Degree work will be conferred.

With no further business the lodge was closed and all retired to the dining room for Suzy Kline's world famous California Blend soup and all the goodies to go with it.

## SENIOR RECOGNITION - WOODLAN GIRLS' BASKETBALL 2009

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan High School held a Senior Girls' basketball recognition night recently.

Haley Emehiser (#10), daughter of Greg & Sandy Emehiser. Haley played basketball for 4 seasons, 4 years of volleyball, and track for 2 years. She is a member of the National Honor Society and has served as president. Haley is a 9 year member of 4-H. She plans to major in elementary education at IPFW and will play volleyball for the Mastodons.

Bethany Hogue (#11), daughter of Dale & Beth Hogue. Bethany played 4 seasons of basketball for Woodlan and softball for 4 years. She plans to attend Ivy Tech to become either an elementary teacher or physical therapist.

Cheri Knoblauch (#12), daughter of Jeff & Mary Knoblauch. Cheri played basketball for 4 seasons, volleyball for 2 years, cross-country for 2 years, and softball for 4 years. She is a member of the National Honor Society and plans to attend Ball State to study architecture.

Cassie Kayser (#23), daughter of Doug & Christy Kayser. Cassie played basketball for 4 years at Woodlan and ran cross-country and track for 4 seasons. She is a member of Student Council, Woodlan Service Club, and the National Honor Society. She plans to attend IPFW to study business administration or library science.

Laura Renee Spieth (#25),

daughter of Stan Spieth. Laura played basketball for 4 seasons at Woodlan, a member of Student Council for 4 years and serving as president this year. She is a 2 year member of the National Honor Society and 2 year member of the yearbook staff. Laura served as class president last year and vice-president this year and worked on the prom committee. She plans to attend Butler University and major in music business.

Moriah Bontrager (#34), daughter of Craig & Cristal Bontrager. Moriah played 4 years of basketball for the Warriors, 4 years of volleyball, and 2 years of softball. She is member of the Woodlan Service Club and her church youth group. She plans to study exercise science in college.

Sarah Koeneman (#42), daughter of Mike & Linda Koeneman. Sarah played 4 season of basketball and volleyball for Woodlan, track for 2 years, and club volleyball

for 3 years. She is a member of her church youth group and plans to attend International Business College and study to be a veterinary technician.

Gabriela Beck (manager), daughter of Randy & Joy Beck. Gabe is a first year basketball manager, has participated in track for 1 year, and soccer for 2 years. She is a 2 year member of the Woodlan Service Club, is on the yearbook staff this year, and involved in church activities. She plans to attend Ravenscroft Beauty College and earn a degree in esthetics

## GMC QUIZ BOWL LEAGUE MEETS FOR 2/19

These are the GMC Quiz Bowl meets which will take place on 2/19 beginning at 4:00 p.m.

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**LATTA OPPOSES H.R. 1**

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) made the following statement after he and all 178 House Republicans voted against H.R. 1, The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

"Unfortunately, H.R. 1, the Democrat's spending bill, is still fundamentally flawed and the Conference Committee did nothing to change the fact that this is basically a pork barrel bill by the Democrat majority in Congress and the administration. No one had time to read this legislation which will cost American taxpayers over \$1 trillion, in addition to Republicans being shut-out of the Conference Committee process."

As our nation shoulders the burden of a recession and Americans continue to feel the effects of rising unemployment rates, the Democrat majority has decided to send our nation further into debt, passing the buck to our next generation with wasteful spending that does nothing to create jobs tomorrow, next month, or even next year.

Our economy needs fast and immediate relief, and unfortunately, spending \$50 million on the National Endowment for the Arts, \$200 million for volunteerism programs or \$1 billion for the 2010 Census, do nothing to quickly pull our country out of recession. Furthermore, members of Congress have asked repeatedly for numbers showing how many jobs will be created with this package. To date, we have yet to see any statistics that prove this package will work in terms of job creation or reducing the growing unemployment rate. I, along with my Republican Colleagues in the House, believe that the fastest way to recover from this recession is immediate tax relief for small businesses and incentives to promote job growth. The private sector, not the Federal government, is best suited to stimulate the economy and this can be done through tax relief which will put money directly in the hands of American families and businesses- where it deserves to be. House Republicans offered an alternative stimulus package that would create twice as many jobs as H.R. 1, for half of the cost. In Ohio alone, the Republican alternative plan would create an addition 104,000 more jobs than the Democrats' spending bill.

# Archer Cheerleading



**FRONT ROW:** Michele Stuart, Victoria Zuber, Dusty Woodcox, Emily Dolinski, Brittany Black; **MIDDLE ROW:** Jessica Marlin, Amber Greenwood, Demi Hatlevig, Natalie Cottrell, Erica Hamman; **BACK ROW:** Amanda Zielke, BreAnne Murlin, Leah Dolinski, Hannah Tempel (Missing: Rachel Banks). Pictures available at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)

GMCs are coming up soon and Antwerp is working to win. It takes quite a bit of work and they have 15 cheerleaders. "I love cheerleading!" Dustin Woodcox, senior, gives everything he has to this. You get that impression when you talk to any of the cheerleaders at Antwerp. Senior Victoria Zuber loves to cheer at the games, "We help motivate the crowd and the crowd motivates the sport team."

Antwerp's cheer coach is Monica Dohoney. This is Monica's first year coaching at Antwerp but she is no stranger to cheerleading or Antwerp, where she graduated from. It's a busy time for the team as they have approximately 30 sporting events each year. They also have several competitions including the upcoming GMCs at Hicksville March 7. Recently the squad won the Defiance County Fair Competition last August.

These cheerleaders always try to do their best. There are times one of them is not doing so well and, "It's a group effort. Everyone works to-

gether and if one person doesn't do the best they can, we all suffer," says senior Brittany Black. It's a 10 month out of the year commitment for these young people. Some may have a certain season where they are in another sport too.

Several have been in cheerleading for quite some time and others have recently joined. Michelle Stuart, a senior, has been on the squad for 2 years. She says, "We are thankful for our new coach, Monica." Antwerp had a higher turnover rate for coaches than some of the other schools.

The cheerleaders & coaches at Antwerp come up with their own routines each year. The cheerleaders had only two weeks to prepare for the Defiance Co. Fair competition. This is what they are so good at," said coach Monica, "Putting things together quickly and doing a great job!"

Monica has had a great experience with each of the young people, "They help me as much as I help them!"

*Paulding & Wayne Trace will be featured next issue, February 25 (issues 8)*

**WESTERN BUCKEYE ESC PRESENTS "TEST UNSTRESS" A WORKSHOP AT VANTAGE CAREER CENTER**

Teacher from all over the area (Van Wert, Paulding, Mercer, Auglaize, Defiance, Williams, Henry and Fulton Counties) are invited to attend a workshop titled "Test Unstress: Unraveling the Mystery of Constructed Responses" on March 12, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Vantage Career Center, 818 N. Franklin St., Van Wert, OH 45891. Presenters are Virginia McClain, Curriculum Director at the Auglaize Educational Service Center and Jennifer VanMetre, a teacher in Auglaize County.

The workshop is on the topic of the state assessment tests, the Ohio Achievement and Ohio Graduation Tests' constructed, or written, responses and is designed for K-12 teachers. With almost 33% of the points on these tests being constructed responses, it is imperative that administrators and teachers understand the format, answer techniques, rubrics, and the grading process for short and extended response questions. This session will review these critical aspects as well as offer alternative answering techniques for struggling students.

The workshop is free and sponsored by the Western Buckeye Educational Service Center and its Teaching American History grant. The grant is a three year project, funded specifically for professional development for social studies teacher in the northwest Ohio region. It is designed to encourage teachers to deepen and broaden their knowledge of American history, increase the quality of instruction, increase teacher use of primary source materials and improve student achievement. Content for all of the professional development series will focus on making a connection between local and regional historical events and American historical events. Substitute teachers for the teachers attending will be paid through the grant.

For more information, contact grant director, Chris Feichter at [cfeichter@wb.noacsc.org](mailto:cfeichter@wb.noacsc.org). For registration, please contact Jan Smith at [jsmith@wb.noacsc.org](mailto:jsmith@wb.noacsc.org) or 419-399-4711 by March 6, 2009.

**GOING OUT OF BUSINESS SALE AT ROBBIE'S WESTERN STORE**

**By: Sue Knapp**  
Joe Robinson knows horses, growing up showing them he knows all about anything

western. As he grew older he wanted to get into the retail business and opened a western store in Woodburn. After two years he decided to move Robbie's Western Store to Harlan and has been there since 1976.

Joe's mom was raised in Harlan and that helped him decide to have his business in a small town.

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**LATTA ANNOUNCES 2009 CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION**

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) announces the 2009 Congressional Art Competition for Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. The competition is open to all high school students who reside in the Fifth Congressional District.

"The Congressional Art Competition is an excellent chance for high school students across our great nation to showcase their artistic ability, and I look forward to seeing the great artistic talent students in the Fifth District possess," Latta said in today's announcement.

Artwork will hang in the Capitol for the entire year of the exhibition. Congressman Latta's three district offices will accept artwork between April 27 and May 9.

Artwork categories are as follows:

- Paintings: oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.
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- Photography

For further information, you may contact Congressman Latta's Defiance District Office by calling 419-782-1996 or visit <http://latta.house.gov>

**PAULDING "FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY" TO MEET**

The Paulding County Carnegie Library "Friends of the Library" will meet for a reorganizational meeting on Tuesday, February 24 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the meeting room at the main library in Paulding. "The Paulding 'Friends of the Library' still have an active checking account and funds that have been providing support for a variety of library programs," states Susan Pieper, Library Director. "But we would like this group to reorganize and become active again."

Friends of the Library groups traditionally are not-for-profit support groups that raise funds to supplement and fund library programming. Friends groups sponsor book sales, author visits, special travel programs, etc.

For more information about becoming a Friend of the Library please attend the meeting on the February 24. Refreshments will be served. Call the library at 419-399-2032 with questions.

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**By: Ellen Williams, PEVS**

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# RAIDERS LOSE TO PARKWAY IN BOYS' VARSITY BASKETBALL



The Raiders put up a good fight against Parkway Saturday night but ended up short 48-51. Parent's night also took place on February 14. Shown here is Junior Jason Gordon attempting a basket. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)

# WOODLAN OPENED SECTIONAL WITH A WIN OVER SOUTH ADAMS

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan opened the South Adams sectional with a 46-42 win over the Adams Central Flying Jets to advance to the semi-finals at Berne. Haley Emehiser scored 12 points to lead the Warriors to the win. Taylor Carver added 11 points for the Warriors.

Score by the quarter:  
Woodlan - 9 10 8 19=46  
Adams Central - 7 10 10 15=42

Individual point scorers:  
Woodlan - Emehiser 12, Carver 11, Bontrager 7, Kayser 5, Koeneman 5, Kirkwood 4, Yoder 2

Adams Central - Ripley 11, Lehman 9, Carroll 7, Lee 5, Harvey 5, Andrews 3, Tonner 2

# SIX WRESTLERS FROM WAYNE TRACE CLUB QUALIFY FOR ELEMENTARY STATE

On 02/08/09, nine wrestlers from the Wayne Trace Wrestling Club participated in the North West district, held at Oregon Clay High School, near Toledo Ohio. Of the nine, six were able to battle their way through the toughest district in Ohio, and qualify for the Elementary state tournament.

The Tournament will be held on March 21, 2009, at the Marion Veterans Memorial Coliseum, in Marion, Ohio. Those that placed and qualified were Dylan Laney 4<sup>th</sup>, George Clemens IV 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jacob Dingus 3<sup>rd</sup>, Robbie Bowers 2<sup>nd</sup>, Zack Wesley 4<sup>th</sup>, and Tyler Showalter.

# CLOSE WIN FOR LADY ARCHERS AGAINST LADY TIGERS

A close fought match was held on the Holgate court on February 10. Both the Lady Tigers and Archers played a fierce game. The Lady Archers ended the evening with a victory, 28-27.

Score by the quarter:  
Holgate - 3 1 16 7=27  
Antwerp - 11 6 5 6=28  
Top Lady Archer scorers:  
#20 Bashore 4, #21 Koppenhofer 8, #22 Arnold 8, #30 K Schlatter 4, #32 M Schlatter 4

# SOUTH ADAMS BREAK OPEN CLOSE ACAC GAME WITH WOODLAN

By: Jeff Abbott

South Adams broke open a close game, outscoring the visiting Warriors 19-8 in the third quarter and the Starfires came away with a 73-60 win in boys' ACAC basketball at Berne. Caleb Armenta led the Starfire with 21 points, one of three South Adams players to hit double figures. Brock Hines led Woodlan scoring with 18 points.

Score by the quarter:  
Woodlan - 18 13 8 21=60  
South Adams - 15 22 19 17=73

Individual point scorers:  
Woodlan - Hines 18, Rydell 12, Bell 9, Evans 8, Lortie 5, Gorrell 3, Malfait 3, Romines 2

South Adams - Armenta 21, Stutzman 19, Teeter 18, H Moser 5, R Moser 4, Ingle 2, DeArmond 2, Wanner 1, Meshberger 1

# WAYNE TRACE JR. HIGH WRESTLING NEWS

By: Dianna Clemens

The Wayne Trace Jr. High wrestling team crowned two champions at the 2009 GMC tournament held at Edgerton.

Raiders wrestlers Aaron Miller, 86 lb, and Sawyer Temple, 128 lb, was awarded the title of the 2009 GMC champion in each of their weight classes.

During the final championship matches, Miller pinned Alvarado from Ayersville and Temple pinned his opponent Huggs from Fairview.

The Raider squad also had a second place finish. Myranda Stahl, 150 lb, finished second and Tim West, 134 lb, along with Lucas Dull, 172 lb, each took 3rd place.

Overall team placements were: 1. Hicksville, 2. Fairview, 3. Tinora, 4. Ayersville, 5. Edgerton, 6. Wayne Trace.

# LADY ARCHERS FALL SHORT TO ACES IN GIRLS' BASKETBALL

On February 12, the Lady Aces of Hicksville defended their court against the Antwerp Lady Archers. The Lady Archers couldn't get through the Aces' defense and the evening ended with an Aces victory, 32-24.

Score by the quarter:  
Hicksville - 10 8 3 11=32  
Antwerp - 2 8 9 5=24  
Lady Archer top scorers:  
#10 Winslow 4, #21 Koppenhofer 6, #22 Arnold 7

# VAN WERT YWCA SCHEDULES TRAVEL PREVIEW

The public is invited to attend the Spring Travel Preview at the Van Wert YWCA on Sunday, February 22 at 3:00 p.m. The address is 408 East Main, Van Wert, Ohio.

All information will be available for the 2009 travel year plus there will be door prizes and refreshments. A wide variety of trips have been planned from one day mystery and theatre outings to extended. For more information call the YWCA at 419-238-6639.

# AREA VARSITY BASKETBALL GAMES SEE WINS AND LOSSES THIS WEEK



The Wayne Trace/Fairview Girls games were moved to the Payne Elementary this past week. The varsity team won, 70-37, in a not so close game. Shown here is Senior JoEllen Fickel scoring on a jump shot. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)



The Warriors played the Southern Wells Raiders February 12. Woodlan lost 47-67. Shown here is Sophomore Clint Romines attempting a shot. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)

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# PAULDING CROWN WINTER HOME-COMING QUEEN & KING



Paulding's Winter Homecoming Queen & King were selected Feb 13 between the JV & Varsity games. The court included Sophomore Ashlee Beck, Crown Carrier Sydney McCullough, Senior Attendant Breanna Wilder, Queen Kelsie Carnahan, Senior Attendant Ashley Yant, Crown Carrier Kalen Kelly, Junior Attendant Jaclyn Carr. Sophomore Escort Joey Buchman, Freshman Escort Anthony Arellano, Ball Carrier Luke Brewer, Senior Escort Dalton Stallkamp, King Andrew Mott, Senior Escort Zachary Dysinger, Freshman Attendant Kristen Beck, Junior Escort Dakota Vogel. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)



The JV Panthers had an exceptional evening against the Spencerville Bearcats. With the help of numerous 3 point goals Paulding won 40-24. Shown here is Sophomore Logan Stoller attempting a shot from under the basket. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)

## NEW HAVEN PULLED OUT VICTORY AGAINST WOODLAN IN SEASON FINALE

By: Jeff Abbott

New Haven overcame a 17-13 deficit after the first quarter and went on to down Woodlan 55-45 in the regular season finale for both teams. New Haven outscored Woodlan 16-9 in the second period and took a 29-26 lead to the locker room at the half. The Bulldogs held on in the second half, getting 10 second half points from the Kelsey Yoder to help New Haven in the win. Taylor Carver was high scorer for Woodlan with

18 points.

Score by the quarter:  
New Haven - 12 16 10 16=55

Woodlan - 17 9 9 10=45  
Individual point scorers:  
New Haven - Yoder 23, Perry 12, Smith 11, Beard 4, Walters 3, Haas 2

Woodlan - Carver 18, Kayser 9, Koeneman 6, Kirkwood 5, Hogue 4, Knoblauch 3

A 15-5 first quarter propelled New Haven over Woodlan 48-37 in the reserve game. Katie Knoblauch was game high scorer and Woodlan's leading point scorer with 17 in the game including the Warriors' lone three pointer.

## AND THE WINNER IS...

Michelle Dooley was the lucky winner of the \$600.00 from the V.E.T.S. cash raffle and the \$100.00 second place winner was Steve DeVeau. The tickets were drawn at the Antwerp boys' basketball game Saturday night, February 14.

For those of you who are in the spring cleaning mode we are still accepting "gently used jewelry" for our "NEW TO YOU" jewelry sale to be held Saturday, February 28 at the Antwerp Local School. Contact any V.E.T.S. member or there are drop off boxes located at Tips 'n Tan, West Bend News and Kammeyer's IGA.

And now some more of the names for on the memorial:

Gary Michael Bowers, Alton John Fulk, Paul Clifford Delong, Ray Edward Delong, Richard E. Schmunk, Gerald M. Kemerer, James Henry Vanhorn, Basil N. Murphy, Brian (Mike) Swann, George W. Overmyer, Daniel H. Lockhart, William R. McVey, Earl L. Johnston, John McDuffy Hawkins, Robert M. Dawkins, Gerald V. Hawkins, Russell E. Figert

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## CITY OF WOODBURN MINUTES FOR JANUARY 19, 2009

Mayor Hoepfner spoke with Jim Lauer concerning the water main break. He feels the line should be replaced, from Bob's Restaurant to Bull Rapids and the line should be moved into the sidewalk. If the line under Highway 101 from Main Street Oasis to Bob's Restaurant is in casing he suggests replacing it. The buildings connected to that section would be without water for approximately one hour. Councilmen made motions for Jim Lauer to move forward with engineering, all agreed, motion passed. Mayor stated there might be some stimulus money available; possible projects for this money included, Stenger, Hickory, Ash and paving Becker to Slusher. Jim Lauer stated if the stimulus package comes through the financing rate may be 0.5-1%; we would want to do the entire project. Park Lane project was discussed; it is more cost efficient to run new lines behind the homes. Jim will get engineering plans ready for Park Lane and the easement agreement forms. Councilmen made motions for Schnelker Engineering to do repairs on Park Lane, all agreed, motion passed. Mayor negotiated with Pfeister's for the ice storm clean up bill; they lowered the bill. Ryan Walls suggested checking with disaster relief or the Insurance Company to help pay this. Knoblauch's did the clean up in the park; Mayor stated the Township is willing to pay some of this bill; he will speak with Brian Hoepfner. Mayor Hoepfner would like to attend the IACT conference in Indianapolis in February. Councilmen made motions for Mayor to attend, all agreed, motion passed.

Chief Carpenter reported the 2002 Trailblazer will be going to the car auction. Mayor Hoepfner and Chief Carpenter will be speaking with residents on Stenger St. concerning

nails that were put in the alley. This is illegal; if resident responsible is caught they will be held responsible. Councilman Mason made 1st motion to pave the alley, 2nd by Councilman Clegg, Mayor Hoepfner tabled this till he can speak with the City Attorney.

Lesla Meadows went over payables for December and January; Councilmen made motions to pay both, all agreed, motion passed. Lesla and Deputy Clerk Beth Kindinger would like to attend the Indiana League of Municipal Clerks & Treasurers conference March 8-12. This is tabled till next meeting; Lesla may have a conflicting commitment.

Ryan Walls reported on the water main break in front of Bob's Restaurant, stating there were 3 clamps in the hole. Councilman Zimmerman would like to see blinking caution lights on the barricades. Ryan Walls will check into purchasing them.

Councilman Reichhart reported on the Maumee River Basin meeting; stating we need to get an emergency contact list and a plan put into place in the event of a disaster.

Councilman Mason stated he thought Chief Carpenter was suppose to be reimbursed for out of pocket medical expenses. This is tabled until the contract and ordinance can be looked at. Councilman Mason would like to keep the police car as is, with no markings. Councilman Reichhart thought it was decided last meeting to mark the car; it was not voted on. Mayor would like this decision left to the Police Chief. Councilmen made motions to leave the car as is; Councilmen Mason and Zimmerman voted yes, Councilmen Norden and Reichhart voted no, Councilman Clegg abstained. Mayor had the tie-breaking vote; he tabled this issue till next meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:35

## LATTA JOINS HOUSE REPUBLICAN WHIP TEAM

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) joined the House Republican Whip Team this week as an Assistant Whip. As an Assistant Whip, Congressman Latta will coordinate with House Republican Whip Eric Cantor (R-VA) and other members on the Whip Team to advance the agenda of House Republicans for the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress.

"I want to thank Whip Cantor for this wonderful opportunity to serve the Republican Conference. I look forward to assisting the Whip Team in whatever way possible as we work towards our goals and vision for this year and beyond," Latta said.

"Last month, we began our march toward a stronger future for America based on revitalized, common sense ideals," said Congressman Eric Cantor, the Republican Whip. "I'm pleased that Congressman Latta has joined the Republican Whip Team, the team that will act as the cornerstone of House Republican efforts to preserve, protect and create a better tomorrow for working families. This team is comprised of top leaders that will advance a positive vision for the future of our country, a vision based on accountability, transparency and action. I look forward to getting to work alongside of Bob."

# ARCHER WIN, PANTHER LOSS THIS WEEK IN VARSITY BASKETBALL



Paulding varsity boys invited Spencerville to a contest February 13 at home. In a hotly contested game of basketball Paulding lost 52-54. Shown here is Senior Brady Schroeder scoring a shot for the Panthers. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)



What a game Antwerp and Hicksville had Friday night. The game nearly went into a triple overtime, but a shot with 3 seconds left by Archer Adam Taylor put Antwerp ahead by 3 points with a win 53-50. Shown here is Adam making another shot for the Archers. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)

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These 8<sup>th</sup> grade guys learn how to prep vegetables the correct way for their chicken quesadillas during "Step Into Your Future" at Vantage.

Have you ever wanted to weld? Or tear apart a computer and put it back together again? Or put on a chef hat and create a new and exciting recipe in the kitchen?

On Saturday, February 7, fifty 8th grade girls and guys had an opportunity to sample some non-traditional careers at Vantage Career Center. Non-traditional careers refer to those where one gender is represented by less than 25% of the employees.

In the Carpentry lab, the girls built a step stool. They welded bent metal pieces together in the Welding lab to make a swan. In the Network Systems lab, they tested out the latest computer technology for animation applications. The girls even had a chance to work with a female engineer and tried their hand at solving an engineering problem.

The guys learned how to flambé Bananas Foster and make handmade tortilla chips and quesadillas in the Culinary Arts lab. During their time in Health Careers, they learned how to test blood, give an injection, and identify "sick" blood cells. They even sat inside an ambulance to see how a paramedic performs life-saving techniques on a patient.

The goal of "Step Into Your Future" was to introduce students to non-traditional career options, which included fun, hands-on activities in the labs. The day was very fast-paced, interactive and full of opportunities for the students to try new things.

A special thanks to all of the community partners, alumni and Vantage staff members who participated in this exciting day!

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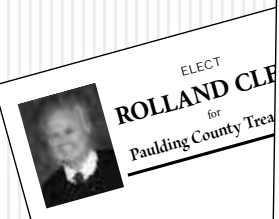


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