

THE END OF AN ERA

By: Sue Knapp

When my family moved from Fort Wayne to Woodburn (Butt Road) in 1966 it took some getting used to.

One of the things mentioned was, "Now it will take you more than five minutes to pick up one item at the store." Well, that was the case, but we could get all we needed from Norm's Super Dollar or just "Brenneke's." I remember Norm and his son Ken. Ken wasn't very old, he was older than me, I was 17 at the time.

I married a local boy (Steve Knapp) and we moved to Harlan. We still shopped at Norm's. I didn't drive at the time, so Steve would do the shopping. His favorite lunch meat was Football Loaf or something called Thringer. I think Norm's was the only place to get it.

Here's a little bit of history of Brenneke's that I trudged up:

Henry Brenneke founded the Brenneke Store around 1912. After his death, his widow, Carrie Brenneke, managed the store until 1943 when their son, Norman, assumed the management. They carried a full line of dry

goods and groceries.

After 1955, this store became a super market, as the dry goods was discontinued at this location. In 1965, the store was completely modernized and redecorated and the name changed to Norm's Super Dollar. (taken from *Bringing Back the Good Old Days*).

From what I understand, the store was in the Brenneke Family (Ken) until it sold to a Fort Wayne man, Jim Milliman around seven years ago and became Woodburn Fresh Foods. In the meantime, Brenneke's built a hardware behind the store and is now called D&B Hardware owned by Duane Bultemeier.

Steve Coomer, from Monroeville, was a faithful employee for 30 years, working for the Brenneke's and then for Jim Milliman. He has seen all the changes, all the comings and goings of the Brenneke family. Steve's memories will be the good years he spent at the store, a lot of good memories and he will miss the people and customers most of all.

The fall of the store has been due to the competition. It is so hard for the independent stores to compete. We have to be very careful or the independent stores will be gone. Not only will the stores be gone but excellent customer service along with smiles and listening ears (if you need to talk).

The economy is bad, the government is trying to bail everyone out. I don't know if it will work, but I do know for some, it is to little to late.

THOMPSON - SIDNEY



Kelli Renee Thompson and Patrick Michael Sidey, both of Fort Wayne, are planning a wedding on June 20, 2009 at Saint Joseph United Methodist Church, 6004 Reed Road.

Their parents are Dan and Lorrie Baker of Antwerp, and Wayne Thompson of Hicksville; and Jim and Diane Sidey of Athens, PA.

The bride-elect graduated from Antwerp Local Schools, and International Business College. She is employed by Aetna. Her fiance graduated from Athens

Area Schools, Athens, Slippery Rock University, Slippery Rock, PA, and Indiana Wesleyan University. He is employed by Prairie Quest Consulting.

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Dr. Rolf Daniel, Provost of the University of Saint Francis, has announced students named to the Dean's List for the Fall Semester 2008. These students have maintained a 3.5 grade point average on a four-point scale and have carried at least 12 credit hours.

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OBITUARIES

Norma M. Warner, 62 of Paulding, died Friday, February 20, 2009 at St. Joseph/Select Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was born June 8, 1946 in Paulding County, Ohio the daughter of George "Bud" and Connie (Ross) Tipsword. On December 26, 1982 she married Richard Warner who preceded her in death on July 30, 2007. She worked for ten years at Sheller Globe retiring in 1983. She was also a child-care provider in Paulding.

She is survived by three children: Jeff (Deb) Haney of Grover Hill, Tim (Donna) Haney of St. Mary's, GA, Tracey (Jeff) Philpot of Paulding; four step-children: Terry (Sue) Warner of Defiance, Becky (Donald) Gipple of Toledo, Jeanette (Richard) Nye of Taylorville, GA, and Judy Schwanke of Hampstead, NC; one brother, Robert (Connie) Tipsword of Sherwood, OH; four grandchildren; and many step-grandchildren; and step-great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Richard; step-mother, Mildred (Bair) Tipsword; one brother, George Tipsword; and a grandson, Ethan Haney.

Funeral services were February 25, 2009 at the Den Herder Funeral Home with Neil Myers Jr. officiating. Burial was in St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Paulding County

Senior Center. Condolences may be left at www.denherderfh.com.

Cathryn M. (Lippott) Whetstone, 93 of Payne, died Thursday, February 19 at the Dallas Lamb Foundation Home, Payne.

She was born June 30, 1915 in Payne, Ohio the daughter of Dee and Audrey (Smith) Treat. On January 4, 1936 she married John Lippott who preceded her in death on September 15, 1961. Also, preceding her in death is her second husband Robert Whetstone who died in 1994.

She worked as a secretary at the Allen County Co-Op, New Haven High School, and the former Delagrang Ford. She was a member of St. Jacobs United Church of Christ, Payne and a Past Matron of the Order of The Eastern Star #281, Payne.

She is survived by a son, Richard (Nancy) Lippott of Columbus, OH; a daughter, Dorothy (Gerald) Long of Fort Wayne, IN; five grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husbands: John Lippott and Robert Whetstone; and two brothers: Robert and Marion Treat.

Memorial services and burial will be held at a later date.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Dallas Lamb Foundation Home activity fund; to the St. Jacobs United Church of Christ; or Paulding Area

Visiting Nurses and Hospice. Condolences may be left at www.denherderfh.com

Consuelo "Chelo" Vallejo, 76 of Paulding, died Wednesday, February 18, 2009 at St. Joseph's Hospital, Fort Wayne, IN.

She was born March 5, 1932 in San Antonio, Texas the daughter of Tefilio and Aurora (Mendoza) Camposano. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by a son, Rogelio Vallejo of Paulding; three daughters: Sylvia Garcia, Rose Marie Gonzales, and Margie Rodriguez all of Paulding; fifteen grandchildren; twenty-six great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandson.

She is preceded in death by her parents; two brothers: Elieso "Sarge" and Tefilio Camposano; a great-grandson, Garry Estevan Garcia; and a great-great grandson, Damian Martinez.

Funeral services were conducted February 23, 2009 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with Rev. Ben Lowell officiating. Burial was in Paulding Memorial Cemetery, Paulding.

Donations may be made to Paulding Area Visiting Nurses & Hospice. Condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com



Helen S. Wannemacher, 98 of Payne, died Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at Dallas Lamb Foundation Home, Payne, Ohio.

She was born November 23, 1910 in Monroeville, Indiana the daughter of David Dwight and Lucy (Smith) Castleman. On October 2, 1929 she married Herman J. Wannemacher, who preceded her in death on July 2, 1985. She was a member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Payne; a member of the Altar Rosary Society; St. Catherine's Circle;

Joan of Arc Study Club; Payne Grange; and a lifetime member of the National Farmer's Union. She was a volunteer for the Dallas Lamb Foundation Home, Payne for 25 years and for the Paulding County Hospital Benevolent Society.

She is survived by three sons: Jerry (Evelyn) Wannemacher of Bellbrook, OH, Carl (Judy) Wannemacher of Fort Wayne, and Maurice (Elaine) Wannemacher of Payne; a daughter, Ann (Dan) Olwin of Payne; daughter-in-law, Barbara Wannemacher of Kettering, OH; twenty-two grandchildren, including the grandchildren she raised after their parents death in 1966: Jean (Dick) Laukhuf of West Palm Beach, FL, Joan (Caspar) McCloud of Canton, GA, Susan (Mark) Friedrich of Loxahatchee, FL, and Kevin (Kathy) Kast of Port Clinton, OH; three step grandchildren; forty-seven great-grandchildren; five step-great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren; and two step-great-great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; a son, Bernard Wannemacher; a daughter and son-in-law, Betty Rose and Ray Kast; two grandsons: Joe and Danny Wannemacher; a granddaughter, Cindy Wannemacher; three brothers: Herman, Walter, and Ervin Castleman; and a sister, Theresa Stasell.

A Mass of Christian Burial was conducted February 21 at the Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Payne, with Rev. G. Allan Fillman officiating. Burial was in St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery, Payne.

Donations may be made to Masses; Dallas Lamb Foundation Home Activity Fund; or Paulding Area Visiting Nurses; or Divine Mercy Catholic School. Condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

BELIEF

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

Today as I drive through many towns and through the country, I see many names for different churches. What is so different about these churches is that as I search the scriptures the names are not found. As I further study and turn to Britannica Encyclopedia, I see that they are started by man. In Matthew 16:18, Jesus said I will build my church. Then if Jesus is going to build His church, shouldn't it be named after Him? It tells us this in Romans 16:16.

Loved ones, it makes a difference when someone says one church is as good as another, because when Christ comes the second time, it will be for His church and then the Judgment. It does matter what we believe. For instance, go all the way back to the Book of Genesis 4:3-5 where we can read that God had respect for Abel's offering, but to Cain's offering God had no respect. Hebrews 11:4 says Abel's offering was by faith and in faith, or belief, Abel offered a more excellent sacrifice. Cain's was rejected because he believed he could do it his way and be accepted of God, but was rejected. Loved ones, the teaching of salvation by faith only through grace isn't taught in the Bible; not by the writers of the New Testament. This teaching and the teaching of 'once saved always saved' were started in the 4th century, and the Lord and apostles were in the 1st century. This teaching came about by those who had departed the Lord's church. Look at Naaman in the Old Testament book of II Kings 5:1-14. Naaman was a great and honorable man who was full of valor, but he was also a leper. God told his messenger what Naaman needed to do to be cleansed of his leprosy by

dipping seven times in the Jordan River. Naaman thought something spectacular would happen, but he wasn't healed until he obeyed what God had told his messenger. Naaman's belief was worthless; he could not be healed in the way he wanted to be healed. Our faith or belief matters. If there is no book, chapter and verse for what someone teaches, and it must be kept in its context, then reject it.

Jesus loves you and so do I! Any Bible questions please call (419) 399-5022 or (419) 393-4775.

IS GOD LOST?

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

There were two notoriously bad brothers, rascals from the cradle. Whenever anything out of line would happen around the little town, they would catch the blame, and they were usually the guilty parties. After a fire at the school, the boys' parents, driven to the point of distraction, decided they would send the older boy, who was ten, down to counsel with their pastor.

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The boy still said nothing. The pastor thundered one last time, "Young man, I said, Where is God?" The boy bolted out of the office at this tactic, raced home and went upstairs to pack. Noticing his brother looking at him he declared, "You'd better pack too, brother. They've lost God and I know they're gonna blame us!"

Cute story, isn't it? But the real tragedy isn't that God is lost—the real tragedy is that most people are lost.

The Bible tells us that we are born as sinful creatures and that we willingly commit sin throughout our lives. Such selfish choices have separated us from God.

But the good news is that through Jesus Christ's death on the cross, our sins can be forgiven and we can be made whole, complete, and fulfilled—as God originally intended.

However, just because Christ has died on the cross for sins, everyone is not automatically transferred into the family of God. That happens only as each individual personally chooses to accept God's provision of salvation, by believing in Christ's payment for our sins by faith.

When a person chooses to trust Christ's sacrifice for his/her eternal salvation, the Lord forgives our sins and makes us a child of God.

Have you ever made that

decision to trust Christ? For many years I had attended church and lived a good life. But I had never taken that step of personally inviting Christ to be my Savior and Lord.

When I trusted in Jesus' death for my sins and asked Him to be the Lord of my life, my life was transformed. Not right away, mind you. I didn't sprout angel wings or rush out and buy a harp. But what I began to notice was that over the next number of weeks I sensed myself changing on the inside.

I began to have a different attitude. My priorities began to shift. I started to have a new desire to do the right things and an increased discomfort with some of my old habits and patterns.

Slowly God began to change my life. Not only did I now have the promise of eternal life, but God was also making me fit for this present life. God wasn't lost—I was. But not anymore.

OAKWOOD VILLAGE MEETING MINUTES FROM 1/26/09

A regular council meeting was held on 1/26/09. Those attending were Ron Coleman, Bill Baker, Jim Varner, Mark Figert, John Keyes, and Bill Sherry.

After the pledge, roll call was taken by clerk. All council members were present with Mayor Henke presiding.

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

Todd made a motion to accept financial reports and payments of bills, Phil seconded, all in favor, no opposed.

EMS gave several reports concerning the runs for 2007 and 2008; this included various aspects of runs in detail. Bill also mentioned that he had put together a letter concerning the transport policies. He went on to explain the letter and why, but Phil stated that the taxpayers are the ones who vote and we need to consider the taxpayers wishes. Bill stated that if council wants to change the procedures, then they can have the responsibility along with it. We have responsibility of patients and I think this is the way it is. It use to be that the squad made the decision, it became a mix match therefore we have to have guidelines to go with. This will take time but would work out.

The Mayor says that Bill has a point—it all depends on who's wanting and where, we just can't satisfy everyone.

Bill asked why we couldn't have the back up unit considered as main unit so we could easily transfer to preferred hospital. Bill stated that this would be nice but would cost too much money and to understand that we would still need regulations, plus manpower. Its like the Mayor states, we just can satisfy all. Bill stated that he wants the best for his patient in the back of squad. It should be put in paper per council so everyone has the opportunity to understand the procedures of Oakwood EMS. Bill will get put in the paper of West Bend News, Paulding and Defiance. Bill gave copy to Bill Sherry for Paulding Progress.

EMS Procedures for Education is three attempts to pass test, its laid out in detail explained Baker. If paramedic wants reimbursed, they must pay for and the Village will reimburse student at a two year interval. (Amount to be reimbursed divide by 24 months). This will be the monthly reimbursement amount. If prior to the payoff and student quits the village, the payments will be stopped.

Bill stated there shouldn't be a problem because the education is reimbursed by the state.

Bill asked to go into executive session to discuss personnel, therefore Phil made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel, Jake seconded, all in favor. Phil made a motion to come out of executive session, Todd seconded, all in favor.

The fire reports were reviewed, there were consisting of details in runs for 2007 and 2008. Employees who trained worked and attended meet-

ings. Jim Varner mentioned that the fire personnel are required to have CEU as the EMS.

Jason Baker is going to Firefighter II class and would like to reimburse Jason for the classes. The department agreed to pay at almost \$700.00. The state will reimburse the department for education. The Mayor stated that there shouldn't be a problem. The breakfasts were put on hold for the time being. The department will inform council of starting back up again when doing so.

Police report was given. Mark mentioned that he received a check for \$560.00 for reimbursement of education. Mark also had several reports showing his detail of work for 2008.

Village Administrator gave report. He mentioned that he will be maintaining the cement area for Briceton Gas. He was unaware that it was his job but will be handled.

The mayor stated that there will be a letter out to Bullinger on Main St. for vehicles etc.

Resolution 08-R-16 concerning Identity Theft Policy had its 3rd reading. Phil made a motion to accept the resolution, Don seconded, all in favor, no opposed.

The Mayor asked clerk if Branham was in for building permit, clerk stated he had called but wanted to talk to Mayor so clerk gave Branham phone number to reach mayor and clerk never heard anymore. Mayor states that we will give him a couple of weeks and go from there.

It was stated that the street that is not stoned is a mess, someone had drove through it and John stated that the Hitchcock residence had a water leak and that's how it got all muddy and then someone drove through.

The Clerk brought up about the MJ Auto being behind in paying his rent. Mayor stated that he talked to him and he was going to pay by the 15th of month, but apparently he didn't make it. He will check out.

The Salary Ordinance was handed out to council members. In reviewing Jim Varner stated that the fire department will remain at wages and does not wish for any changes. Phil stated that in reviewing ordinance that EMS is not in Ordinance, Clerk stated that she did not type up and knew nothing of this ordinance. Carolyn asked if you didn't type up, who did. Clerk stated she had no idea. Mayor stated he typed up. Jake gave it to him to type. Clerk mentioned that there either was a mistake or for some reason ordinance moved her to part time and no benefits. Todd stated no mistake, you will be required to work Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:00-4:30. No work on Tuesday or Thursday. He continued to say that the clerk is the highest paying person in the village and that he could go to Defiance College and get a graduate for the price that we are paying you.

Todd mentioned that clerk makes too much money and going to hourly and will be required to punch a time clock. There is money missing from 2003 audit per the Auditor. Clerk stated there was no money missing or there would have been charges from the state. The audit was that there was unaccounted for, not missing. The clerk

MELROSE POSTMASTER VISITS OAKWOOD FIRST GRADERS



Pictured is Postmaster Shelly Roughton from the Melrose Post Office who came to teach First Graders at Oakwood Elementary about stamps, letters and how the post office handles the mail.

stated that the reason of that was because when the bank went down, the auditor told the clerk to adjust the funds but the Mayor told her not to do it, therefore they were never adjusted. The clerk told council that she has never stolen from the village and has always donated to the Village and has never asked for a raise. This is a bunch of bull.

Don Adams stated that he thought that this was the same ordinance as before; it seems to me that someone is doing a little back stabbing here. Carolyn asked why it is only the clerk that you are squeezing. Jake stated that they will look into the family insurance at a later date.

It was decided to table until the next meeting so the Ordinance can be properly done. Don stated that they should leave as the old one was, Phil seconded.

The clerk told council that the Village Administrator had been aware of this but she felt that council should know that her office would be closed January 30, and return on February 9.

Resolution 09-R-02 reappropriations Phil made a motion to pass, Todd seconded, all in favor.

Resolution 09-R-01 Transfer \$5,000.00 to police department Phil made a motion, Jake seconded, all in favor.

The clerk asked about paying the library \$200.00 a month for electric, she didn't know if she should continue since money is tight. It was made clear to continue to pay.

Carolyn Evans stated that someone was at grocery store and seen advertisement

of Danny Akers doing business out of garage. This is not zoned for business. Mayor stated that he will check out.

She also stated that she received a visit from a businessman and wondered why the town cop can't issue a parking ticket for cars parked more than two hours as sign stated. Phil made a motion that the signs should be taken down as there has never been a ticket issued since signs were put up, Don seconded, all in favor, no opposed.

The mayor mentioned that he had a visit from Joe Mead for about an hour. He was asking about getting the same person who painted his buildings to paint the library like they painted his buildings.

Carolyn asked the mayor why everyone else got a copy of clerk's warning letter but her. Mayor stated it must have slipped his mind. Carolyn asked the mayor to name the people that he states are complaining of her service. The mayor replied that he was not going to discuss in public meeting. Clerk stated to mayor that it was concerning her and she also wanted to know who. Mayor said he would not discuss.

The mayor wanted to proceed with meeting and appoint organizational heads.

Park - Judy Densmore
Finance - Todd Dangler as chairman, Adam Baker and Jake Meeker

Street - Don Adams, Carolyn Evans, and Phil Stucky

Phil made a motion to adjourn, Todd seconded, all in favor no opposed.

Next regular meeting is scheduled for 2/23/09 at 7:30 p.m.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Occupational therapy: Skills for the job of living!

Caring for an older adult can be rewarding and fulfilling, but can also place great physical, emotional, and financial demands on those who take care of them. More than 80% of late-life care is provided by unpaid family members. Are you one of these people? Are you caring for a family member, spouse, or friend? Do you sometimes feel you might need assistance whether that is physical assistance or just advice? I would like to take this opportunity to tell of my profession and my workplace. I am an OTA, an occupational therapy assistant. I am currently attending the University of Findlay to obtain my masters degree in occupational therapy. Occupational therapy is skilled treatment that helps individuals achieve independence in all facets of their lives. Occupational therapy assists people in developing the "skills for the job of living" necessary for independent and satisfying lives. We work with clients to regain

skills for whichever occupations are important to them. Some of these skills include dressing, bathing, grooming, writing, driving, or cooking. Occupational therapists can work in a variety of settings ranging from school systems, outpatient clinics, hospitals, the military, home health, or nursing facilities. I have worked in a variety of settings, but I now work full time for Encore Rehabilitation Services at the Gardens of Paulding skilled nursing facility. I absolutely love my job. I love the elderly population and all the joy and wisdom they have to share with all of us. You may not know this, but occupational therapists can help caregivers achieve a balance in which the older adult's needs are met as well as the rest of the family's. Sometimes the needs of a caregiver are secondary to those of the aged person in need of care. But failing to meet one's own needs can lead to stress, depression, and physical problems on the part of the caregiver. At The Gardens of Paulding we provide comprehensive therapy services that include not only occupational therapy, but physical therapy and speech therapy as well. Our energized dynamic team is determined to bring you or your loved one excellent rehabilitative care. We consult with one another continuously to look at the whole picture and more importantly the whole person. Occupational therapists set themselves apart in that they are specially trained to look at each individual in a holistic manner. We look not only at any physical ailments the person may have, but at the emotional needs as well. Occupational therapists strive to provide truly client-centered care which focuses treatment interventions based on the needs and desires of the client. Whether a person's occupations include gardening, cooking, sewing, painting, homemaking, or care giving (just to name a few), occupa-

tional therapists are there to incorporate these occupations into daily rehabilitation. Our rehab team will work with you throughout the entire process to ensure your needs and your loved ones needs are met. If you or your family member is with us for short term rehab, we also offer home safety assessments prior to discharge back to home. This helps to ensure the environment your family is returning to is safe for them to function in.

Thank you for taking the time to read of my passion, my profession: Occupational Therapy. April is Occupational Therapy month. Please look for upcoming notices and events sponsored by our rehab team of Encore Rehabilitation at the Gardens of Paulding.

—Katie R. Laukhuf, B.S.,
OTA/L,
Occupational Therapy
Student, The University of
Findlay

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

With economic hard times upon us, perhaps it is time for everyone to think about their own area or town. With gas prices "back down" it is still easy for some to travel to bigger towns to shop and dine out. Back at home, however, your local businesses are suffering from the economic times. Perhaps it is time for everyone to think about patronizing their own area businesses to help ensure their survival and the convenience of having groceries and hardware etc. only minutes away.

—Phillip Piersma

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Free foreign trade agreement! Does anybody really think this helps America! If you do I've got some ocean front property in Nevada I'll sell you real cheap. All I see this doing is taking American jobs and flooding it with cheap crap products! I'm in the auto repair business and I'm ready to quit. Almost everything I use is made in China and it doesn't fit; doesn't work and won't last!

I'm not getting down on the people that work at the parts places. This is what their company carries so they have to sell it! It just makes we that install it look bad when people bring their cars back with a failed part. I spend more time making a part fit than it takes to install it if it was correct in the first place!

Another China product I'm sick of is athlete shoes. I used to have a pair last for years and actually wear out the soles or heels! Any more these things just fall apart within a year and I don't wear them as much as I used to as

I wear work shoes (which also don't last) all day. I have spent good money on brand name shoes and they are no better!

I am all for the buy American; and say no to China and other foreign products that people are starting to get tired of. We have a good man running our country finally and hope he and the government will get American companies to produce quality American products and put America to work!

And, yes, I do shop occasionally at Walmart (or Chinamart as I call it) but my purchases are limited to pet foods, vegetables and food products.

I hope that President Obama will listen to our pleas and put America to work producing quality, affordable products that we can be proud of!

—Gregg Gorman

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Raymond Carl-Richard Hagerman was born on January 7, 2009 at 8:24 a.m. He was born at Lutheran Hospital Ft. Wayne, IN. He weighed 5 lbs. 7 oz. and was 17½ inches long.

His proud parents are Dan and Desirae Hagerman. He was also welcomed home by his sisters: Tatem, Olivia, and Hailey, and brother, Isaak.

Proud grandparents are Tom and Shelly Dobbelaere of Paulding, Bernard English Jr. of Oakwood, and Russell and Carolyn Hagerman of Paulding.

ANTWERP SCHOOL RE-UNION COMMITTEE PLANS WEEKEND EVENT

Another meeting was held at the Essen House, February 18 to discuss the Antwerp School Reunion to be held August 7, 8, and 9. This A.C.D.C. sponsored event is for all persons who ever attended the Antwerp School and will be held the same weekend as the Antwerp Chamber Day in the Park. The weekend will be kicked off with a "record hop/meet and greet time" on Friday night. Spike and the Bulldogs will be the band at the "big Saturday night dinner/dance event". Then a breakfast will be held Sunday morning to finish out the weekend. It is important to get information out to every class member and class reps are needed to insure reserved seats and meals. We don't want anyone left out. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 18, at 6:00 p.m., at the Essen House. For immediate information contact Tony Langham 419-258-2609, Karl Mielke 419-258-2455 or Christy Williamson 419-258-1110.

V.E.T.S. VALENTINE'S DAY CASH WINNERS



Keith West presenting Michelle Dooley with \$600.00 for her first place winning ticket. She has graciously given her winnings back to the V.E.T.S. The winning tickets were drawn by Barry Delong.



Keith West presenting Steve Devau with \$100.00 for his second place winning ticket in the V.E.T.S. raffle. Keith is assisted by grandchildren Sam, Mary, Anna, and Leah West.

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ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan
 This picture is loaned to us by Keith West. The more I look at it the more of Antwerp's History unfolds in my head.
 The first young fellow right in front is Charlie Donat. Now Charlie was in the First World War, so that means he was probably born in 1896. He could have been at least 18 years to be in the Army, so this picture was taken around 1908 or 1910, you notice the wooden guns.

dissension and the acres were sold to the Horns and Sam Banks moved to town. I think the Banks were related to the Horns.

I know a lot of the Banks' people and liked them all. They lived on West Washington Street.

I can sit and look at the picture and dream my head off. I'll bet those boys killed a thousand screaming Indians as well as elephants, buffaloes and tigers. Oh, to be young and carefree again.

I'm really in debt to the Keith West Family for bring-



ing in this picture. I could have joined those boys and killed my share of Indians.
 See Ya!

WOODBURN: SMALLEST INCORPORATED CITY IN INDIANA

Written by: Gaylen Goff Statler and Juanita Becker

Mr. Otto Schepelmann retired in 1958, having served as a business man in our town for 50 years. Prior to becoming a blacksmith, he was employed by the Woodburn Tile and Brick Company, where his father was part owner. For five seasons he worked at the kiln, burning the tile and in the winter he was unemployed; therefore he went to Wabash, IN and worked in the railroad shops during the winter.

In 1908, he married Anna Faulkner and went to work for George Stinger as an apprentice blacksmith. Mr. Schepelmann had always had a desire to become a blacksmith and wanted to learn under George Stinger who was a very capable person in the trade. At this time \$2.50 per week was considered a fair wage and he continued

with this arrangement until 1912, when he decided to go into business for himself on East Main Street. Horses were the main means of providing transportation and supplying power for machinery, and for 22 years Mr. Schepelmann was kept busy shoeing horses. In one day with the help of his brother, Chris, they topped the record by putting on 86 shoes.

As the horses faded out of the picture, cars and modern farm machinery replaced them. At this time, Mr. Schepelmann started to buy and sell wool and a few hides. During the depression, the price of wool dropped as low as six cents per pound, in comparison with \$1.45 per pound in 1951, at which time he discontinued this operation. During his peak in the wool business, it was common to ship by rail a 12,000 pound carload going to Boston. James Gerbers, previous to this time, had assumed the welding and repair portion of the business.

The year 1958 must have been very exciting for both Anna and Otto because this was the year of their Golden Wedding Anniversary as well as his fiftieth year as a blacksmith.

In 1964, Mr Schepelmann received a fifty year membership ring from the Masonic Lodge #296 F&AM of Harlan, which was presented to him by the Grand Marshal of Indiana.

Mr. Schepelmann told us how he enjoyed every minute of his active business career; knowing him, you would agree that he really has gone "all out" for his business associates and friends.

Mr. Schepelmann is retired and lives with his wife, Anna, on East Main Street.

Copied from the 1914 Woodburn News: "Quite an event and coincident occurred Monday in town when the barber poles of both barbershops were erected. The Bert Shaffer barber pole has received a new trimming up and was placed upon a cement foundation and that of J. W. Eby was also put upon cement. Both of these pole raisings took place at about the same hour. Mr. Eby expects to repaint his pole soon."

Mr. Genrich and Mr. Saylor were among the first barbers in town. Mr. Genrich had his shop at the present site of the Simon Stucky home on Main Street where he also manufactured large, black cigar.

Taken from 'Bringing Back the Good Old Days, Woodburn Centennial -1865-1965' written with permission.

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND DISMISSALS

- Admissions:**
 2/17 - Brittany Kutzli, Paulding
 2/18 - Gary (Mike) Bowers, Paulding
 2/20 - John Moore, Paulding; Judith Densmore, Oakwood
Dismissals:
 2/16 - Mary Hinschlager, Paulding
 2/18 - Brittany Kutzli, Paulding
 2/21 - Gary (Mike) Bowers, Paulding
 2/22 - Judith Densmore, Oakwood



By: Stan Jordan

Pat and Mike were sitting on the porch swing and Pat told Mike that his nephew was an accordion player.

"Is that right?" Mike said.
 "Yes, he was in a long distance music contest. He played the Beer Barrel Polka on his accordion for 23½ hours without stopping."

Mike said, "WOW! I'll bet he won the contest, didn't he?"

"No, he didn't," Pat said.
 Mike retorted, "Well, who in the world did win the contest?"

Pat said, "Another fellow stood up and played 'The Stars and Stripes Forever.'"

Friends and readers, you won't find a story this week about the gunmen in the Old West. But just hang in there, I will have one next week and a few after that. Bat Masterson, Wild Bill Hickock, Wyatt Earp, etc.
 See Ya!

HEALTH, BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY FAIR IN PAULDING

Paulding County Senior Center cordially invites you to participate in our 8th Annual Health, Business and Industry Fair on Wednesday, March 18, 2009 from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Paulding County Extension Building.

We are excited to invite all health and service agencies as well as area businesses and industries. We have room for approximately 60 tables so get you reservation in early. We feel it's important for residents of Paulding County to be aware of the choices they have for health and nutrition, financial assistance, educational services and business and industries. If you would like to participate in this large community event contact Marsha Yeutter at 419-399-3650.

Homemade soup and sandwiches will be available from 11:00-2:00, carry out also available.

THANK YOU

I wish to thank everyone who kept me in their prayers, paid a visit, made a phone call or sent a card while I was in the hospital or since my return home. Your care and concern are very much appreciated.

God Bless each of you.
 -Francis Coughlin

LADY RAMS STAMPEDE THROUGH ARCHER COUNTRY IN VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Tinora Lady Rams were on fire Thursday night as they went to Antwerp for some girls varsity basketball. They started out tough and kept up the advance all evening. Final score was 16-30 a Rams victory.

Score by the quarter:
 Tinora - 6 13 5 6=30
 Antwerp - 0 7 6 3=16
 Top Archer scorers:
 #10Winslow 5, #20Bashore 4, #22Arnold 6

DAVE CARR RETIRES



By: Stan Jordan

We just spent an enjoyable afternoon with Dave and Joyce Carr. Dave is retired from a truck driving career that took about 40 years of his life. He told us a lot about his daily life in that big eighteen wheeler.

Dave was born just south of Hicksville. His parents were John and Eileen Carr. They had two boys and three girls, and Dave was next to the youngest.

His grandfather was Ralph Carr, you older folks will remember him as the banker in Antwerp in the late 1940's and early 1950's. That's when Antwerp Exchange Bank was just north of the Oasis.

Dave started to school in Hicksville. They then moved to Gardener IL. After a while they moved back to Paulding and he went to school there.

Dave joined the U.S. Navy in 1959 and served his country well until 1965. But I'm going to do a column about his years in the Navy and his ship, The Lenard Mason, a destroyer, down the road a ways.

He and Joyce married in 1963, December 25 at midnight on Christmas Eve. They had two children, Lynne and Jennifer and raised Dave's niece, Beverly. They have five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

After his discharge from the Navy, he found employment at the Johns Manville Co. in Defiance for awhile. Then he went to the B.F. Goodrich plant. He was a foreman there, but he liked the

outside and wanted to work outdoors. So, after seven years he left Goodrich and started driving a truck and trailer for North American Van Lines. Then he drove five years for Central Transport. From there he drove for six years for Overland Express. He ended up at Sam Hornish, Sr. Trucking and retired from there last November after 22 years. He liked the Hornish people very much. He even watched Sam, Jr. grow up. As a boy, Sam Jr's sister would bring him to the terminal and he was always a pleasant little fellow.

Then he hauled a lot of Chrysler products out of Indy.

His last couple of years he had a dedicated route, hauling out of Auburn and Garrett, IN to Toledo. He said this was an excellent job and he enjoyed it very much.

For about 98% of his career, he owned his own tractor and trailer. I think he wore out seven tractors. He figures he drove between 4-5 million miles, accident free.

His box of memories includes rings, knives, buttons, plaques, tie tacks, commendations and fancy papers, all hard earned.

The most he's looking forward to is time with his grandchildren. He likes to garden, loves the pool and taking care of the yard. He and Joyce have traveled a lot and expect to do some more.

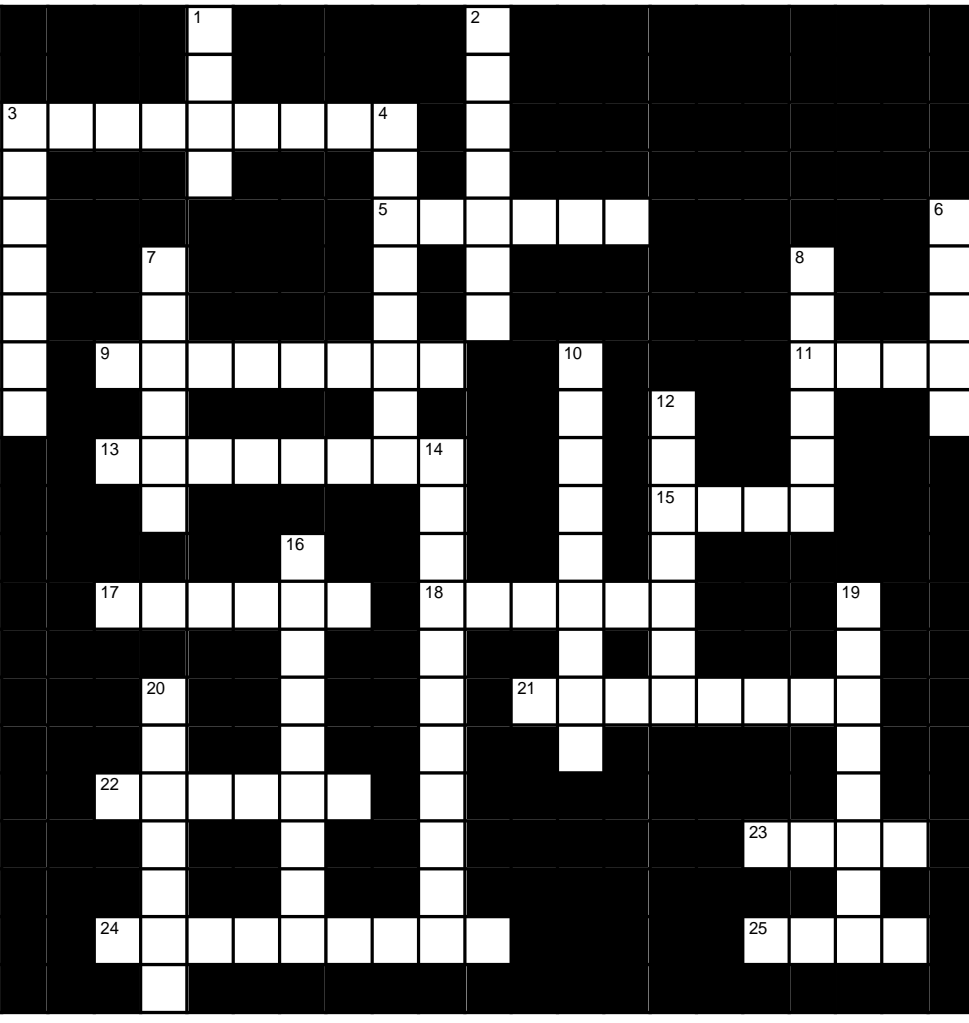
Dave and Joyce, it was an enjoyable afternoon, thank you for the interview.

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Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 3. See the USA in your WHAT.
- 5. _____ take me away!
- 9. Once you pop, you just can't stop.
- 11. Just do it!
- 13. The pause that refreshes. (2 words)
- 15. Bet you can't eat just one.
- 17. You can trust your car to the man who wears the star.
- 18. Promise her anything, but give her THIS.
- 21. You're in good hands with WHO?
- 22. Our repair men are the lonliest guys in town.
- 23. We try harder.
- 24. Nothin' says lovin' like something from the oven.
- 25. Ring around your collar.

Down

- 1. Quality is Job 1.
- 2. Nobody does it like WHO? (2 words)
- 3. Does she or doesn't she?
- 4. Run for the border. (2 words)
- 6. It takes a licking and keeps on ticking.
- 7. When it rains, it pours.
- 8. Where's the beef?
- 10. M'm, m'm good!
- 12. The best part of waking up is _____ in your cup.
- 14. Mama mia, that's a spicy meatball! (2 words)
- 16. You deserve a break today.
- 19. Breakfast of champions.
- 20. Please don't squeeze the WHAT.

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3	9	1	2	5	7	4	6	8
1	4	9	5	2	8	7	3	6
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While many may think of heart disease being closely related to a condition seen in men, women are just as, if not more, susceptible to this condition. An estimated 8,000,000 American women are living with heart disease, and nearly 500,000 American women die each year from cardiovascular disease (heart disease and stroke). Coronary heart disease is the leading cause of death amongst women, killing nearly twice as many women in the United States than all forms of cancer.

In a study published in the Journal of Vascular Surgery, several characteristics were discovered that may place women at higher risk for developing these diseases. The possibility of developing a vascular condition greatly increases after menopause. Thanks to technology and advancements in medicine, women are living far past the onset of menopause. Another possible factor is the size of the carotid and vertebral arteries in the neck. Women's arteries are smaller, and it takes less plaque build-up in these arteries to impede blood flow, which could lead to a stroke.

Preventive health screenings can alert women to these types of conditions before a catastrophic event occurs. 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, located at 202 E. River Street.

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.

Life Line Screening uses ultrasound technology to scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries, which can lead to a stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms, which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs, which is a strong predictor of heart disease; and a bone density screening for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis.

For more information regarding the screenings or to schedule an appointment, call 1-888-653-6441. Pre-registration is required.

Antwerp United Methodist Church has been a community presence in Antwerp for 167 years. Located at 202 E River St., Antwerp UMC holds weekly Sunday worship services at 8:30 am (contemporary style) and 10:30 am (traditional style) along with Sunday School at 9:30 am. We also have a Mid-Week Ad-

venture children's program on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:30 pm for children 3 yrs old - 6th grade and our Extreme Youth program for Jr. and Sr. High students at the same times. Antwerp UMC is also the host sight for the Antwerp community Christian Food Pantry providing food assistance for community members who find themselves in emergency need. The church can be reached at 419-258-4901.

OSU EXTENSION TO HOST AG DAY

The Ohio State University Extension Office of Paulding County will be hosting an Ag Day Program on Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at the Paulding Extension Center located on the Paulding County Fairgrounds.

Ag Day promises to be an

informative day with a presentation from Chris Bruynis on the new farm bill in the morning. After lunch Greg LaBarge will discuss precision agriculture with a focus on field and management maps. This will be followed by a panel discussion by area fertilizer dealers and will conclude with precision ag updates by area equipment dealers.

Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the morning session at 9:30 a.m. The program will finish by 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Anyone interested in attending is asked to please call the Extension Office at 419-399-8225 to help aid in better program preparation. More information is also available on our web site at: <http://paulding.osu.edu/agriculture-natural-resources/aghome>.

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Cheering for Wayne Trace Raiders

Wayne Trace recently had their annual Freshman/JV/Varsity Routine which the girls pulled off beautifully. The cheer routines that you see at cheerleading competitions come from hard work and lots of practice. Shannon Olwin, co-coach along with Jody Denning of the Wayne Trace Cheerleaders, said, "These girls work hard! We have 8-15 hours of practice per week not counting our sports games."

The cheer coaches work with the youngladies to come up with the acts & routines. Many times to help the girls, the coaches will invite past and/or college cheerleaders to help them. Recently Lauren Denning, graduated from Wayne Trace several years ago and is a Junior at Bowling Green State University, came and helped the girls be motivated and gave them some great ideas.

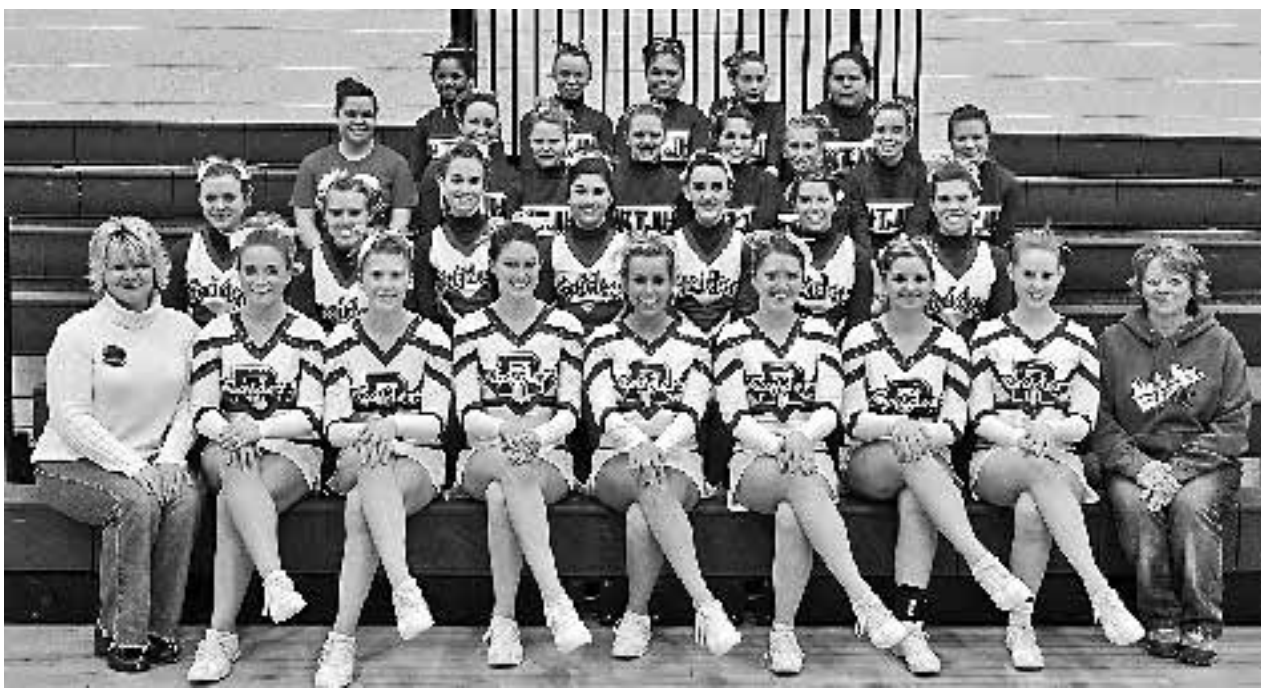
Shannon has been coach for the past 9 years and Jody for 5 years. They have worked hard to build the cheerleading up at this school and are very proud of each one who

has come through their program. The squad usually has 4-5 competitions each year and have won 1st place twice at Kings Island's Americheer Nationals. The young ladies in this program also have productions at county fairs and parades around the area.

What makes cheerleading fun? "All of the memories we get to make!" stated Jess Holmes, Senior. Jess has been cheering for 8 years. She may not like all the practices and hard work, but she loves the friendships made and knows it's worth it to see how much excitement it brings to the whole game.

Currently Wayne Trace cheerleading is working on rebuilding the program. The squad lost quite a few cheerleaders since there were many seniors on the team last year. The worst injury that Wayne Trace has dealt with was a broken ankle of the coach Denning's own daughter.

Why do some girls choose cheerleading? Junior Brenna Dunham said, "It's something new and an extension



(L to R) 1ST ROW: Coach Shannon Olwin, Kirsten Olwin, Alesha Mobley, Molly Long, Jessyca Holmes, Brenna Dunham, Holly Ludwig, Lauren Holtsberry, Coach Jody Denning 2ND ROW: Megan Pierce, Rebecca Eberly, Emily Shuherk, Olivia Hook, Britney Rosswurm, Carlee Sinn, Ashley Strickler 3RD ROW: Coach Heidi Knauss, MacKenzie Haney, Jordan Elick, Audrey Grear, MacKenzie Flagle, Brittany Jenkins, Sara Nickols, Michala Elliott, TOP ROW: Justina LeTeur, Shannon Boroff, Allie Laney, Treanna Bidlack, Carla Mosier. Pictures available at www.westbendnews.net

of gymnastics. It's great and there is a closeness that we have between the girls."

Cheerleading involves serious physical endurance. They must stay in top condition to do what it takes

for cheering throughout the year. These young people may not know what all it takes when they try-out, but shortly they will. Molly Long, junior, says "we help the crowd and that helps the teams we cheer for."

The coaches had one final thing to say concerning these girls, "They're underrated and unrecognized, but we are proud of them and how they come together as a team. It's awesome!"

WT'S SARA SCORES!



Wayne Trace invited Holgate over for a girls basketball game. The ladies held well until the later part of the game. The Raiders ended the game with a loss 38-44. The first basket of the game was made by senior Sara Priest. Sara has been injured for most of the basketball season in a bad fall during a game. Prior to the accident she was one of the top scorers. Coincidentally, Sara plans to major in Physical Therapy after she graduates. Good job Sara! More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

WAYNE TRACE HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING NEWS

By Dianna Clemens

This year's GMC Wrestling Championship title came down to the team with the most numbers. Having the most wrestlers on your team proved to be the magic potion to claiming the GMC Title this year.

With the exception of a couple of WT classes, the overall competitiveness was just not there.

Even though the Wayne Trace team placed four of their wrestlers in the top spots, they did not have the number it took to get to the top.

Wayne Trace's, Cody Stahl, fell just short of his first GMC Title. Cody finished Runner Up at 145 lbs. In his first two rounds he pinned Brad Boden Bender, from Tinora, in 2:19 and then he pinned Paul Pierce, Hickville in a time of 2:14.

It was Round 3 when Cody met up with #2 seed, Fairview's Greg Meyers. He did what he has done so many times this season, pulled another upset against a top seed wrestler. When the match was over Cody defeated him by a 10-4 dec.

After losing to #1 seed, Josh Goebel, from Edgerton, he came back and pinned Ayersville's Rob Schwiter in a fall of 2:41.

Raider, Angelo Harris, grabbed a fast 48 sec. pin against Tyler Blainship from Ayersville and he won by a 11-4 dec. over Andrew Keber from Tinora.

Tyler Arnett, who is a very light 152 pounder, pinned Doc Pilgim, Edgerton, in 5:02.

Katie Clemens, 103 pounds, placed 2nd and Zack Cotterman, 125 pounds, was 4th.

"This year's conference title came down to the team with the biggest numbers of wrestlers," commented

Coach George Clemens. "There was a lot of juggling around the wt classes and we were not able to do that, with the exception of Cody Stahl. Our kids just did not wrestle well today," he continued. "But we can't worry about what's over. We've got to focus ahead. Sectionals are only a week away and we've got to get them ready for that."

WAYNE TRACE CLUB WRESTLERS DO WELL IN TOLEDO

The Wayne Trace Wrestling Club participated in the Ourway District Tournament on February 15, 2009, which was held at Owens Community College in Toledo.

Eight wrestlers participated and all eight placed. Placing first was Dylan Laney, George Clemens IV and Aaron Miller. Placing second was Hunter Long. Placing third was Tyler Showalter. Placing sixth was Brandon Laney, Caleb Schultz and Zaine Cotterman.

ANTWERP BOYS VARSITY POINT STATS AS OF 2/23/09

- Win/Loss record: 15-3
- #3 Bryson North - 19 FT, 2 2PT, 1 3PT, 26 Pts
- #5 Quinn Tempel - 5 FT, 9 2PT, 6 3PT, 41 Pts
- #10 Logan Lucas - 8 FT, 9 2PT, 6 3PT, 44 Pts
- #11 Isaac Yenser - 0 FT, 0 2PT, 0 3PT, 0 Pts
- #12 Justin Johnson - 3 FT, 1 2PT, 0 3PT, 5 Pts
- #15 Adam Taylor - 53 FT, 70 2PT, 16 3PT, 241 Pts
- #21 Jordan Koppenhofer - 15 FT, 21 2PT, 11 3PT, 90 Pts
- #22 Travis Woodard - 24 FT, 36 2PT, 0 3PT, 96 Pts
- #30 Beau Kobee - 0 FT, 0 2PT, 0 3PT, 0 Pts
- #32 TJ Short - 78 FT, 95 2PT, 17 3PT, 319 Pts
- #42 John Rindahl - 28 FT, 27 2PT, 0 3PT, 82 Pts
- #50 Shaile Chamberlain - 3 FT, 5 2PT, 0 3PT, 13 Pts

RAIDERS FRESHMEN PICKUP A WIN



An exciting night for the Freshmen Raiders team last Tuesday. Wayne Trace took on the Lincolnview Lancers at home and won 47-36. Shown here is Keegan Olwin attempting a basket. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

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NORWELL TAKES DOWN WARRIORS



Woodlan took on Norwell Friday night. The JV team worked hard but the Warriors could not get past Norwell's defense and lost 31-48. Shown here is Sophomore AJ Stites being fouled on a shot attempt. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



The varsity Warrior boys team also took on Norwell and it wasn't pretty at all. Woodlan got hammered 83-39. Norwell's offense and defense were impenetrable for the Warriors. Shown here is senior Chris Malfait attempting a shot near the basket. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

SW RAIDERS TAKE OUT WARRIORS

By: Jeff Abbott

Southern Wells got 4 second quarter three-pointers when Jake Ripperger came into the game and the Raiders outscored Woodlan 23-5 in the period to take a 40-25 led into halftime. The Raiders went on to down the Warriors 67-47 in boys' ACAC basketball at Woodlan. Woodlan led 20-17 after the first quarter before the Raiders put up a three-point barrage, hitting 5 in the second quarter and 9 in the game. Brock Hines of Woodlan was the leading scorer in the game, hitting for 15 points including 3 three-pointers for the Warriors.

Score by the quarter:
Southern Wells - 17 23 15=67

Woodlan - 20 5 8 14=47
Southern Wells - Ripperger 14, Harris 14, Roush 9, Fiock 9, Prible 8, Penrod 7, Leas 4, Douglas 2

Woodlan - Hines 15, Malfait 7, Gorrell 6, Bell 5, Lortie 5, Evans 5, Mumma 2, Rydell 2.

The Raiders had 3 players in double figures and Southern Wells down Woodlan 58-52 in the reserve game. Cameron Kinsey scored 19 points for the Warriors.

LADY WARRIORS CRUSHED BY KNIGHTS IN SECTIONAL SEMI-FINALS

By: Jeff Abbott

Bishop Luers led Woodlan 19-6 after the first quarter and 32-10 at the half and the Knights went on to whip the Warriors 80-24 in the South Adams girls' basketball sectional semi-final at Berne. Kelsey Wyss led the Knights with 20 points in the game. High scorer for the Warriors was Bethany Hogue with 7 points.

Score by the quarter:
Bishop Luers - 19 13 21 27=80

Woodlan - 6 4 3 11=24
Bishop Luers - K Wyss 20, Hathaway 11, Ridley 11, Watts 8, Young 7, Oberley 5, Gruss 5, Barnett 4, Anspach 4, Stout 3, M Wyss 2

Woodlan - Hogue 7, Carver 6, Kayser 5, Bontrager 4, Kirkwood 2

PAIRINGS FOR THE 99TH IHSAA BOYS' BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

By: Jeff Abbott

Pairings were announced for the 99th IHSAA Boys' Basketball Tournament to start around the state on Tuesday, March 3.

South Adams Sectional - 2A:

Opening Game - Tuesday, March 3, 7:00 p.m.. Woodlan vs Adams Central

Semi-Finals - Friday, March 6, 6:00 p.m., Bishop Luers vs Bluffton; 7:30 p.m., South Adams vs Woodlan/Adams Central winner

Championship Game - Saturday, March 7

WOODBURN: SMALLEST INCORPORATED CITY IN INDIANA

By: Gaylen Goff Stetler and Juanita Becker

Taken from: 'Bringing Back the Good Old Days - Woodburn Centennial - 1865-1965' (with permission)

The history of grain marketing in the Woodburn area, is also the history of Wood-

WARRIORS FLAG CORPS PERFORMS



The Woodlan Flag Corps gave a riveting performance at half-time during the Woodlan vs Norwell game. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

burn. Earliest recordings of real estate transactions of the area, where the first grain elevator was built, was a purchase from Jacob Habegger, of Adams County, by the Woodburn Elevator and Milling Company, in April 1896. In June 1900, Wehrenberg and Bushing, mason contractors, were hired to build an elevator on the west side of Union Street. This elevator was purchased by a group of interested farmers in January of 1917. This organization, The Woodburn Equity Exchange, was headed by Conrad Roemke, President; E.L. Knoblauch, Vice-President; H.A. Boesch, Secretary and Treasurer; and A. J. Ward and Jonathan Schumacker, Directors.

The company grew with the community and to supply the area farmers with the most modern ways to market their products, a 185,000 bushel grain elevator and grinding mill was constructed directly across the street from the old elevator in 1946. The 150 foot concrete building soon became a land mark and identified the town of Woodburn for miles around. Today the company meets the needs of the farmers with commercial feeds, fertilizers, seeds and quick and courteous service, while marketing their grain. The company has had four managers: Edwin R. Moser, A.L. Lynde, J.E. Augspurger and at present, Ezra W. Stoller, who came to the company in 1940. The present directors include: P.E. Henebry, President; Chris Roemke, Vice-President; Harold Stiver, Secretary and Treasurer; and Ezra Shanebeck and John Breit.

James F. Butt, Sr., and Richard Johnson, owned the stockyards in our town about 1885 to 1923. The yards were located on the plot of ground on main Street, where Frank Helmke now lives.

Mr. Butt was a prominent stockman and was widely known for the Duroc-Jersey hogs he raised. When the hogs were ready for market, it required about half a day to move them. They usually moved about 200 at a time, and several men were needed to drive the hogs down the road to the stockyards. At a later date, double deck wagons drawn by horses, were used to transport the hogs to market. Before the location of the stockyards at Woodburn it was necessary to drive the hogs to Hicksville, Ohio. Mr. Butt's son-in-law, Ray Hostetler and son, James Butt, Jr. were associated with the business at one time.

Some of the ads in the book from businesses from 'back in the day' are: Fueling Store since 1907; Coomer Farms, Virgil and James Coomer; and Fort Wayne National Bank.



The Lady Archers had a great game last week against Stryker. The girls, especially in the last couple minutes, pulled ahead with a 40-31 win. Shown here is sophomore Toni Winslow scoring a lay up. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



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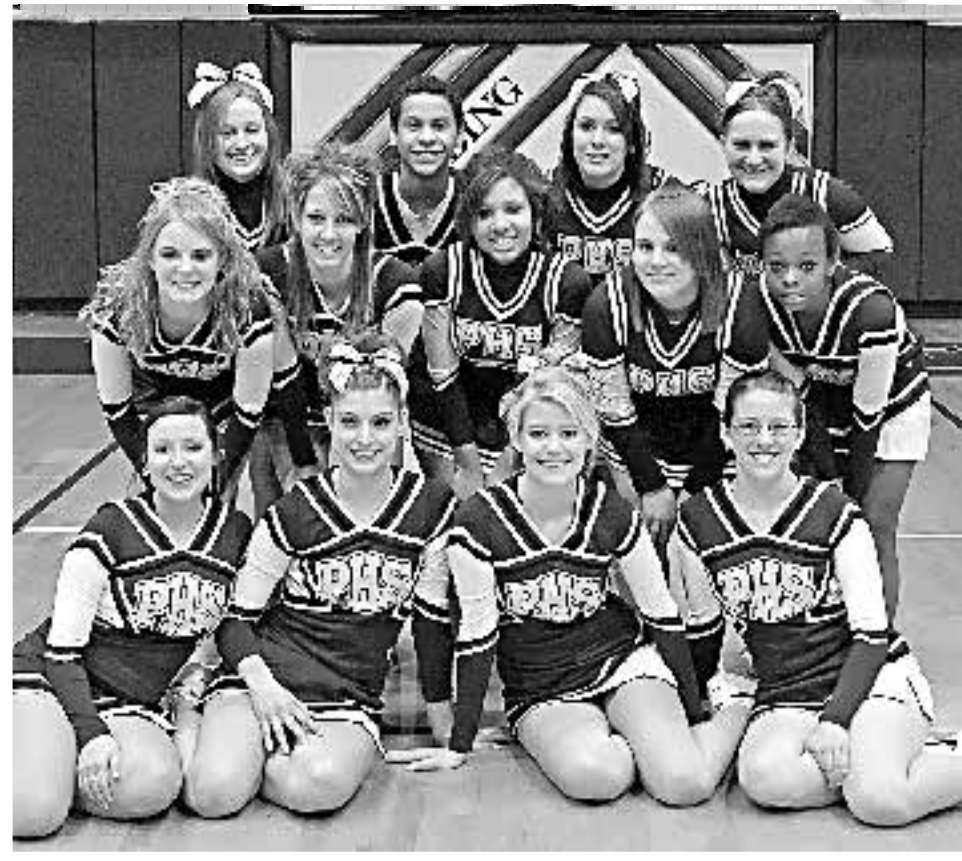
On February 28 the Antwerp boy's basketball program will host its Ninth Annual Boys 5th and 6th Grade Basketball Tournaments. This year's one-day tournament draws teams from five Ohio counties: Adams, Defiance, Paulding, Van Wert, and Williams, and one from Wells County in Indiana.

Annual participants: Ayersville, Edon, Hicksville, Fairview, Paulding, and Wayne Trace will join the host Antwerp teams, along with newcomers: Van Wert Lincolnview, a team from Peebles, located in Adams County in southern Ohio, and Norwell, Indiana.

The tournament begins at 8:30 Saturday morning, with new games beginning every 45 minutes following. Teams will play pool format, guaranteeing each team at least three games throughout the day. Pool winners in both grades will play in championship games at approximately 5:15 that afternoon.

There will be plenty of good food served in the concession stand all day. Parents of Antwerp players of all ages, annually donate plenty of food and drinks to help make this a positive event for the Antwerp basketball teams, program, school, and the community. Langham's Silkscreening will be selling T-shirts to commemorate the occasion. New for the Moms this year, will be a jewelry booth sponsored by the V.E.T.S. committee, as they continue their fundraising work to improve and restore the Riverside Park Memorial Monument. This annual tournament is a total cooperative effort of the Antwerp Local School Administration, Antwerp coaching staff, player parents, and many other

Panther Cheerleading



Front Row (L to R): Sarah Williams, Melinda Slattman, Katie Keeran, Audrey Nice
Second Row: Jessica Manz, Kaitlin Relyea, Kim Black, Anjelica Yoh, Iesha Ingol
Third Row: Becca Wilhelm, Derrick Echols, Patty Shaffer, Audrey Smiley
Not shown: Connor Pease. Pictures available at www.westbendnews.net

community members that volunteer time to help make this tournament enticing to other basketball programs, both near and far, year after year.

The cost of admittance covers fans for an entire day of games in both gyms. All proceeds from the tournament help offset costs for other tournaments for boys in all grades throughout the spring and summer. We hope you will come out and enjoy a day of sports and festivities at the Antwerp Local School, and see what the future of boy's basketball has to offer. For questions about the Antwerp tournament contact Tim Copsey 419-258-2024, or Coach Scott McMichael at the Antwerp Local School.

Following the Antwerp tournament, you can also see the Paulding County school teams participate in the Paulding tournament March 7, the Wayne Trace tournament March 14-15, and the Lincolnview tournament March 20-22.

BUEHRER INTRODUCES GRANTS FOR GRADS PROPOSAL TO KEEP EDUCATED MINDS IN OHIO

State Senator Steve Buehrer (R-Delta) today introduced legislation designed to encourage more college graduates to live and work in Ohio, strengthen our ability to compete for job development and work to repair a damaged housing market that has ravaged many of our local communities. Senate Bill 5 would establish the Grants for Grads program to provide grants to recent college graduates to be used toward a down payment on the purchase of a home in Ohio.

"In recent years, we have seen an exodus of highly-skilled college graduates from Ohio to other states, while other students leave Ohio to go to college and don't come back," explained Buehrer. "This trend is draining our communities of talented minds, while hurting our ability to compete for investment and create jobs in a changing economy."

According to data compiled by the Ohio Board of Regents from 2001-2006, 27 percent of college graduates, who earn a bachelor's degree in Ohio, leave the state within six months after graduation. These numbers grow even higher for post-graduate degree earners.

SB 5, which has been targeted as a legislative priority for Senate Republicans during the 128th General Assembly, is designed to combat this "brain-drain," by not only encouraging Ohio college students to stay in the state after they graduate, but provide an incentive for Ohio residents, who chose to attend college out-of-state, to return to Ohio once their degree is complete.

The bill 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.

"Ohio has always had a strong, dedicated workforce, but to keep pace in today's highly-competitive economy, it is critical that we work to increase the number of skilled, college graduates living and working in the state. Grants for Grads would be an important tool in this effort," said Buehrer. "The program gives graduates an incentive to establish roots in one of Ohio's communities, begin their career, and hopefully, continue to work here for years to come."

Buehrer explained that grant amounts would be determined by the level of the degree a graduate earns, including \$2,500 for an Associate Degree; \$5,000 for a Bachelor's Degree; and \$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 5 years. Grantees may transfer the grant to another home as long as they continue to live in Ohio.

"The Legislature has taken important steps in recent years to improve Ohio's business climate, grow 21st Century industries and bring high-paying jobs to our communities. While these efforts will continue, we must also focus on keeping educated minds in Ohio to fill the jobs of the future," said Buehrer. "Grants for Grads would help bring this next generation of workers to our state and put Ohio on a path toward future economic growth."

SB 5 uses Ohio's current fraud protection laws to ensure that Grants for Grads is administered fairly and equally to all applicants. The bill would also require the Ohio Auditor's Office to perform an annual internal audit of the program.

Paulding cheerleaders really love what they do. "I like cheerleading because it's like dancing," stated Katie Keeran. Katie is a senior at Paulding and will be attending Bluffton University in the fall. She, along with the other seniors are beginning to realize how much they will miss being with their younger friends. Senior Melinda Slattman said, "It's sad because it's our last year here."

Many of these young people have been cheerleading nearly as long as they can remember. "I've been cheering since the fifth grade. The only thing I regret is waiting too long to be brave enough to perform the back hand-spring," Senior Sarah Williams says. It takes a lot more than just memorizing the lines to the cheers. A cheerleader at Paulding has to be agile, physically fit, able to perform with others & keep time. A lot of practice and gymnastics goes into cheerleading. Each one gives their best to the fans and their team playing the game. Cheerleading may not be considered a first tier sport, but getting people motivated to perform their best on the

court takes more time & effort than many of the other sports.

The cheer coaching staff is working hard to rebuild the cheerleading at Paulding. Brittany Schaefer, a 2006 Wayne Trace graduate, is also attending college at N.W. State Community College in Paulding (satellite office) and assistant, Melissa Harder is a teacher at Paulding. Even though Brittany has only been with the squad for several months, the young people have really taken a liking to their new coach. "I really like Brittany," says Senior Audrey Nice, "she has really helped the program here!"

Currently Paulding does not work on routines to perform at events. Coach Brittany has plans at some point to change that and participate in judged events, and perhaps even mounting (cheerleaders who lift other cheerleaders into the air as part of a routine). She loves the cheerleaders & cheerleading at Paulding.

Coach Brittany says concerning the Paulding cheerleaders, "It's been a great experience and they have come so far!"



The JV Lady Panthers produced a good win against Defiance last Tuesday. Paulding beat the Bulldogs 33-13 in a fast game. Shown here is junior Macee Adams attempting a shot. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



The Bulldogs played at Paulding last Tuesday. The varsity Panther girls lost in a close match 41-44. Shown here is junior Shelby Erford scoring a basket. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

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Feb 28, 8:00 pm	Wayne Trace vs Spencerville/Parkway Winner



 PAULDING - VAN WERT

ANTWERP JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY VS. THE P.C. TIGERS



Faculty members at Antwerp Jr./Sr. High School played host to the P.C. Tigers on Friday, February 13, 2009. Spurred on by a loud and raucous Antwerp student body, the visiting Tigers held off a fierce, late second-half run by the teachers to pull out a 61-53 victory. Trailing by as much as twenty-two points late in the second half, the teachers mounted a serious comeback and cut the deficit to six points with just over a minute left. But the Tigers made two

shots down the stretch, which sealed their win.

Shown in the picture is the game's leading scorer, Dustin Goodenough, hitting one of his many shots that would lead his squad to victory in the first-ever game played between these two teams. Shown in the background, hustling after the rebound, is Tiger post player Nathan Culler while Tiger guard Virginia Moyer watches the action.

CITY OF WOODBURN MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 2, 2009

Gregg Guerrattaz with Financial Solutions was present to ask council to consider his company for the water and sewer rate study. He works with New Haven, and many other Cities in our area. Knowing our City Budget will help with recommending where the rate should be set. Mayor Hoepfner would like to keep our utility rates comparable to other communities in our area. Gregg has guaranteed he will do the water and sewer rate study for \$1500.00-\$2000.00 cheaper than the other company we are looking at. Councilmen made motions to use Gregg for the rate study, all agreed, motion passed. Gregg explained how to use unspent funds from 2008; we can move funds to the Rainy Day Fund or do an additional appropriation to use the funds; he recommends leaving it in 2008 and encumbering it for use in 2009. Councilman Reichhart stated refuse charge for 2009 is set at \$9.00; Gregg stated we could charge \$2.00 for administration fees.

Residents from College St. and Stenger St. were present. They have picked up baggie's full of nails out of their driveways and the alley running between Stenger St. and National City Bank parking lot. Barricades were placed at both ends of the alley until the ice melts and the maintenance department can clean up the nails. The stumps on the corners of the alley and Stenger St. are placed on City easement; resident commented this causes people to drive into his yard when using the alley; Mayor will get stumps moved. Councilmen Mason and Clegg feel this alley should be asphalted. Mayor will have city attorney send a letter to the property owner showing the alley belongs to the city.

Jim Lauer is locating taps for the first phase of sewer repairs. State highway permits will be obtained for the waterline repairs. Councilman Norden feels the line crossing 101 in front of Rob's restaurant should be replaced while doing repairs. Jim Lauer recommends stubbing a line to go under the tracks. He feels we may be ready to go for bids by the end of the month. Mayor stated the hydrants being closed too quickly may be causing a hammer effect and busting water lines; he recommends the fire department use the hydrant closest to the storage tanks. Jim Lauer presented agreement for engineering construction plans for phase 1, in the amount of \$5500.00, all councilmen agreed to approve. Councilmen made motions to include sewer line repairs, from Fahlsing to Elm St., in the first phase of repairs, all agreed, motion passed. Mayor stated after looking at Chief Carpenters contract and the Employee benefit ordinance, full time employees are eligible for a maximum of \$5000.00 to be paid toward health insurance annually, and up to \$2000.00 for reimbursement of out of pocket expenses. Marking the police car was discussed. Chief Carpenter stated the decision was up to the council, but he would like to leave it as is. Because this was tabled at the last meeting, it needs to be

discussed and voted on again. Councilmen made motions, if Chief Carpenter agrees to meet state codes the decision is up to him, Councilmen Zimmerman, Mason and Clegg voted yes, Councilman Norden and Reichhart voted no, motion passed. Chief Carpenter wants to leave the car unmarked.

Ryan Walls stated there are three stub lines and doesn't feel another one is necessary. He recommends putting in a relief valve on the new water line to help with the pressure of closing hydrants to fast. A hydrant on Fahlsing Rd. was hit and needs to be replaced; he will get a price on a new one. He ordered 10 LED flashers for the barricades.

Warrants were presented, Councilmen made motions to approve, all agreed, motion passed. Minutes were presented from 1-19-09 and 2-2-09 meetings. Minutes from 1-19-09 were not voted on. Councilmen made motions to approve both meetings minutes, all agreed, motion passed. Two residents are asking for a discount to sewer due to a leak. The Grocery store is asking for a discount due to a leak. Councilmen made motions to approve discounts, all agreed, motion passed. The UAW Hall was billed; they were supposed to be turned off but maintenance needed to dig up and replace the valve, due to the bad weather this couldn't be done. Councilmen made motions, to write off the bill due to equipment malfunction, all agreed, motion passed. Lesa and Beth will be attending a conference March 8-12. City Hall will be closed; the message on the phone will be changed and will include a phone number for water emergencies.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45. Minutes submitted by Lesa Meadows

PAULDING VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 2/2/09

Paulding Village Council met in Regular Session on February 2, 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, and Randy Daeger. Sutton was absent. Administrator Wiebe and Solicitor Jones were also present.

Sierer motioned to approve the minutes of the January 20th meeting, seconded by Jeffery. Vote: all yea.

No legislation was presented.

Breedlove presented the two Safety Committee's reports from January 27th. The following issues were discussed:

—Recommended giving Porter's Sanitation a 3% increase for services; therefore, increasing the Village's cost from \$10.78 per resident per month to \$11.10. Residents' billings will increase from \$11.00 to \$11.50 per month. Rife motioned to approve Porter's 3% increase, seconded by Breedlove. Vote: Rife, yea; Breedlove, yea; Jeffery, yea; Sierer, yea; Sutton, yea; Daeger, no.

—Rob Gerken was present to discuss a proposed weekly curb side recycling program for Village residents. He would like to provide each

ANTWERP CONSERVATION CLUB NEWS



The Antwerp Conservation Club sponsored an air rifle shoot on February 7 for area kids ages 6 through 12. The event was attended by four girls and 17 boys, each accompanied by at least one parent or responsible adult. The morning began with an educational session on gun safety and firearm use, taught by Dave Fisher, a certified NRA instructor. Then the kids were broken down into small groups and taken to the upstairs indoor range for hands on individualized instruction. There were a lot of smiles as many of the participants shot some very tight groups. Their joy was shared by proud parents and the club members who donated their time to make it a fun and successful day. Four dozen hot dogs, four bags of chips and six cartons of pop attest to the

fact that everybody worked up an appetite. As the weather warms, we will move outdoors for more advanced instruction with this group, as well as competition shooting. Stay tuned for future dates.

Our next scheduled introductory class will be held on Saturday, March 14 at 9:00 a.m. for boys and girls 12-15 years old. (in Antwerp and surrounding areas) Each participant must be accompanied by an adult. Guns, ammo and targets will be supplied by the Conservation Club. Please call Byron Rasey at 419-258-6772 to register.

This program was made possible by grant money from the Paulding County Area Foundation and donations from the Hicksville Eagles Lodge and Dr. William Brickner.

resident with a 22 gallon tote and weekly pickup service for a cost of \$2.50 per month. Mr. Gerken would like to conduct his own survey to see how many Village residents are open to this type of program.

Another option that was discussed, was allowing Gerken to set a trailer in the Village parking lot and allowing residents to drop off their recyclables at their leisure.

Mayor White noted Mayor's Court collected \$655 in the month of January 2009. He also noted that he, Wiebe, Pat Ross, and Rob Giesige (representatives of Paulding Exempted Village Schools) recently attended a seminar in Lima regarding the "Safe Routes to School" program. The school has received a \$1,000 grant for engineering and plan writing costs. The Village has agreed to partner with the school on this project.

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

Regular Session.

The following Committee meetings were scheduled:

Committee of the Whole - Wednesday, February 4th at 5:30 p.m.

Recreation Committee - Monday, February 9th at 5:30 p.m.

Committee of the Whole - Tuesday, February 17th at 5:30 p.m.

Utility Committee - Monday, February 23rd at 5:30 p.m.

Jeffery motioned to pay the bills, seconded by Daeger. Vote: all yea. Daeger motioned to adjourn, seconded by Rife. Vote: all yea.

RECYCLING WITH THE ANTWERP BOY SCOUTS THIS WEEKEND

The Boy Scouts of Antwerp will be recycling on Saturday, February 28 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. at the Antwerp Fire Hall. They will take cardboard, glass, newspaper in brown bags, aluminum and steel cans.

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GOOD CITIZEN WINNERS HONORED AT DAR MEETING



Gloria Fast, Emily Smith representing Lincolnview High School, Melissa Bloomfield of Van Wert High School and Eve Kohart of Paulding High School

The Isaac Van Wert Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution met February 7 at the Brumback Library in Van Wert to honor their Good Citizen winners. Antwerp, Crestview, Delphos Jefferson, Lincolnview, Parkway, Paulding, Spencerville, Van Wert and Wayne Trace High Schools were invited to select a student to represent them in the contest. The seniors are selected on grade average,

school activities and community involvement, besides writing a 500 word essay.

This year the Chapter honors Hannah Saylor as their recipient of the "Madonna of the Trail" traveling trophy. Emily Smith of Lincolnview, Alyssa Evans of Parkway, Eve Kohart of Paulding, Melissa Bloomfield of Van Wert and Chelsea Williamson of Wayne Trace received Certificates and the Good Citizen pin.

MANOR HOUSE WELCOMES

By: Jennifer Ramsier

Louella Bender

The Manor House welcomes Louella Bender, our newest resident. Louella moved here from the Defiance area. Louella is a mother to Diann Bergman and the late Donna Bender.

Growing up, Louella attended school in Defiance and then moved with her family to the Latty area where she graduated from Latty High School which is now part of Wayne Trace.

After Louella got her start working in the tomato factory in Napoleon, she then worked several years at the Defiance county Health Dept. and the Social Security Office in Defiance. While at the Social Security Office she helped to implement Medicare benefits, which was a big job at that time.

Louella was married to Richard Ralph Bender for 23 years. Louella attended the First Church of God in Defiance. She enjoys watching movies and being able to see the United States and other places through them.

Louella commented that she loves the Manor House, the people there and the food. Welcome, Louella!

Eugene (Gene) English

Eugene (Gene) English has recently moved in to the Manor House. Eugene's wife, Thelma, is also a resident.

They have been married for over 30 years. Between the two of them they have three children. Gene's daughter is Jeannie Jennings.

As a child, Gene lived in Delaware Bend. He had two sisters and attended school there.

Later in life Gene joined the Navy. He spent many years aboard the ship. After his life in the Navy, Gene worked at Ohio Art in Bryan as an engineer.

Because of his love of the water, Gene built his own boat and took it down the Mississippi River and up along the inter-coastal part of the United States.

Gene and Thelma lived many winters in Florida where Gene spent a lot of time fishing.

When Gene moved to the Ney area he and Thelma cleared land to build a new home.

Now we welcome them both home at the Manor House.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD MOBILE IN PAULDING

The American Red Cross Blood Mobile will be coming to Paulding on Thursday, February 26, 2009. They will be at Paulding Middle School gym from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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The Village of Antwerp wants to announce that representatives from CCA, the village's tax administrator, will be at town hall on Monday, March 2, 2009 from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to help village residents with their municipal income tax questions and assist in filling out their municipal income tax returns. Walk-ins welcome, no appointment necessary. CCA will also be at Town Hall on Saturday, March 28, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Call 419-258-2371 for information.

PRESCHOOLERS FROM ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS MEET OTHER STUDENTS FROM GERMANY AND CHINA



Recently a teaching moment appeared at the front door of Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschool! Tara Miller happened to stop in and had three foreign exchange students with her! We were able to meet Yao from China and Felix and Josi from Germany. We learned how to say hello and good bye in both languages and even counted to

five in their native tongue. What an opportunity for our preschoolers to be able to meet others from across the globe! Shown here with Yao, Felix and Josi (left to right in back) are the boys and girls in the morning class of four and young five year olds. These students are taught by Mrs. Chris Adams and Mrs. Ann Miller.

GROVER HILL BALL ASSOCIATION TO HOLD SUMMER BALL SIGN UPS

Grover Hill Ball Association will be holding summer ball sign ups. Sign-ups will be March 11 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., March 14 from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m., March 18 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. and March 21 from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. All these will be held at N&N Quick Stop in Grover Hill. For questions or more information please call 419-587-3452.

BOY SCOUT BRUNCH ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

The Boy Scout Troop 143 of the Antwerp area will hold their annual fundraiser on Sunday, March 8, 2009. The All You Can Eat Pancake and Sausage Brunch will be open from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the VFW Hall in Antwerp.

GMC QUIZ BOWL LEAGUE SCORES FOR 2/12

These are the GMC Scores from the week of February 12th:
At Fairview - Wayne Trace 16, Fairview 29; Wayne Trace 24, Fairview 13
At Edgerton - Ayersville 28, Edgerton 14; Edgerton 17, Ayersville 16
At Tinora - Holgate 14, Tinora 17; Holgate 15, Tinora 21
At Antwerp - Hicksville 8, Antwerp 28; Hicksville 28; Antwerp 20

The GMC Scholastic Bowl will take place on Friday, February 27, 2009 at Northwest State Community College, Archbold, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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By: Cpt. Ryan Swihart, Executive Officer, 589th SIG Co., grandson of Gerry Shidler of Cecil

Originally published on the 1st Armored Division website

Holiday cheer has come in many forms this year for Soldiers in the 589th Signal Company. While 2nd Brigade Combat Team personnel were recently asked to uproot and move from their previously comfortable digs at Forward Operating Base Hammer, the Soldiers comprising the "Voice of the Rock" have found ways to adapt, overcome and discover a new purpose and enthusiasm.

Though away from their friends and family for the Christmas Season, more than forty 589th Soldiers at Camp Stryker have become re-energized thanks to a different and more diversified operating environment. While personnel working in maintenance, supply, and logistics have found Camp Striker to be a godsend for ease of operations, the noted boost in morale can, in part, be attributed to the greater abundance and variety of activities Soldiers can now engage in while on and off duty. The 589th Signal Company operations clerk, Pvt2 Ryan Danko notes, the move to Camp Stryker has been nothing short of spectacular. Days filled with dust storms and nothingness at FOB Hammer have been replaced with meeting new people everyday, having weekly cookouts and coming to work daily with a smile. It's a clean slate and a fresh start for us all.

One activity that 589th Soldiers have adopted during their down time is a lawn game known as "Corn Hole." The corn hole game is a com-

mon fixture all over the Midwest, and is rapidly spreading on the East and West coasts. It started in Cincinnati, Ohio in the 1960s and is still very popular in that area. In Michigan, the corn hole game is called "bean bag toss." Essentially, the game consists of two wooden platforms on opposing ends with a hole cut out in the center. Players team up in pairs and attempt to outscore opponents. Three points are awarded for bean bags thrown into the hole, one point is awarded for a bean bag thrown onto the platform, and no points awarded for throws that miss altogether. When the 589th arrived at Camp Stryker in late October, they discovered that their RIP (relief in place) counterparts from the 101st Airborne Division had built the game platforms and were leaving them behind.

Ssg. Justin Jacobsen, a JNN Platoon Section Leader in 1st Platoon, 589th Signal Company says, "corn hole has been a great way for our Soldiers to have fun and release stress." Whether players are athletic or not, the game "Corn hole" along with other activities available on Camp Stryker has proven to be a great escape for Soldiers feeling anxiety and restlessness from the current deployment. First Sergeant of the 589th Signal Company, 1sg. Mary Tyler, undoubtedly takes great pride in her newly developed bean bag throwing skills. She remarked, "after I execute my daily work-related tasks, I close out my day by executing the Company Executive Officer, Cpt. Ryan Swihart in an intense game of Corn Hole... he's a rookie."

While members of the 589th Signal Company will not be huddled around the fireplace with family this year on Christmas Day, they will likely be huddled around a Corn Hole board with comrades and friends.

"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": VANTAGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CLASS HOLDS TRIKE-A-THON



Vantage senior Early Childhood Education students and their teacher gather all the preschoolers together for a group picture during the Trike-A-Thon. Pictured (standing in back) Brittany Bauer from Continental, Mrs. Marcia Osen-ga, Sr. ECE teacher, Brianna Martinez from Paulding, Erica Whitt from Van Wert and Ashley Lantz from Van Wert.



Erica Whitt, a senior in the Vantage Early Childhood Education program from Van Wert, supervises as preschoolers pass under a crepe paper and balloon tunnel during the St. Jude's Trike-A-Thon.

On Wednesday February 4, Vantage preschoolers pedaled their way around an inside track for the St. Jude's Trike-A-Thon. Prior to the event, preschoolers took part in tricycle safety activities taught by Early Childhood Education seniors Ashley Lantz and Erica Whitt, both from Van Wert High School.

The goal of this project was to educate the children on tricycle safety while riding in their local communities and raising money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. The mission of the hospital is to advance cures and means of prevention for pediatric catastrophic diseases through research and treatment. Re-

search is focused specifically on cancers, acquired and inherited immunodeficiencies, infectious diseases and genetic disorders.

To raise money for the cause, a jeans day was held at Vantage. At the same time, the preschoolers were also raising money by getting sponsors to pledge money for each lap around the track they completed. A total of \$830.03 was raised.

The senior ECE students chose to support St. Jude's hospital for their FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) chapter projects. The students will be participating in a regional competition on February 28 at Vantage.

ONLINE ENCYCLOPEDIA

By: Ellen Williams, PEVS

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OHIO CROPLAND VALUES AND CASH RENTS 2008-2009

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Educator Paulding County

The "Ohio Cropland Values and Cash Rents" survey is conducted annually drawing on the expertise of numerous professionals that are knowledgeable of Ohio's cropland markets. Surveyed groups include farm managers, rural appraisers, agricultural lenders, OSU Extension Educators, farmers, and Farm Service Agency personnel.

One hundred eighteen surveys were completed, analyzed and summarized. Respondents were asked to give responses based on three classes of land in their area; "top" producing land, "average" producing land and "poor" producing land. The preliminary survey results are summarized for the entire state of Ohio, Northwest Ohio, and Southwest Ohio. Preliminary results are shown below for Northwest Ohio.

According to Barry Ward, Production Business Management OSU Extension, Ohio cropland values show signs of falling slightly while cash rents show signs of leveling off or seeing modest increases depending on the region and land productivity. Ohio cropland values are expected to decrease from 2.4% to 4.9% in 2009 while cash rents are expected to range from a decrease of 0.24% to an increase of up to 1.24%.

The list below shows the average of each row, the standard deviation of the data for that measure, average plus one standard deviation, and average minus one standard deviation. These latter two numbers reported indicate a range within which about two-thirds of the responses in the data for that measure will fall.

Ohio Cropland Values & Cash Rents Northwest Ohio:
Top:
 Corn Yield: Bu/Acre - 179.50, average; 198.49, 160.51, standard deviation
 Soybean Yield: Bu/Acre - 55.47, average; 62.85, 48.09, standard deviation
 Market Value per Acre - 2008 - \$4894.19, average; \$5756.37, \$4032.00, standard deviation; 2009 - \$4803.05, average; \$5659.83, \$3946.27, standard deviation
 Rent per Acre - 2008 - \$164.13, average; \$185.92, \$142.34, standard deviation; 2009 - \$161.06, average; \$180.60, \$141.51, standard deviation

Average:
 Corn Yield: Bu/Acre - 143.42, average; 158.86, 127.99, standard deviation
 Soybean Yield: Bu/Acre - 42.86, average; 48.48, 37.23, standard deviation
 Market Value per Acre - 2008 - \$4120.24, average; \$4739.65, \$3500.83, standard deviation; 2009 - \$3996.88, average; \$4636.79, \$3356.96, standard deviation

Rent per Acre - 2008 - \$129.84, average; \$148.28, \$111.39, standard deviation
 2009 - \$129.67, average; \$149.90, \$109.43, standard deviation

Poor:
 Corn Yield: Bu/Acre - 109.26, average; 128.56, 89.95, standard deviation
 Soybean Yield: Bu/Acre - 31.74, average; 38.62, 24.87, standard deviation

Market Value per Acre - 2008 - \$3189.02, average; \$3767.12, \$2610.93, standard deviation; 2009 - \$3014.10, average; \$3596.51, \$2431.69, standard deviation

Rent per Acre - 2008 - \$95.34, average; \$110.75, \$79.93, standard deviation
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