



(l-r) Shelia Caliguire, Guidance Counselor; Sandra Freeman, Coordinator, Gifted Services, Western Buckeye ESC; Darcie Reinhart; Steve Arnold, Principal, Antwerp HS

### DARCIE REINHART RECEIVES FRANKLIN B. WALTER ALL-SCHOLASTIC AWARD

Sandra Freeman, Western Buckeye Coordinator of Gifted Education, is pleased to announce Darcie Reinhart, a senior at Antwerp High School has been selected as the Paulding County recipient of the Franklin B. Walter All-Scholastic Award. The annual award was established in 1989 by Ohio's County Superintendents to recognize and promote student achievement and academic accomplishment. Only one senior from each county within the state receives this annual honor.

Darcie is the daughter of Joan Garbaciak and Rusty Reinhart of Antwerp. Currently ranked first in her class, she plans to attend the

Ohio State University with a major in mechanical engineering. Miss Reinhart and her parents will be honored at a luncheon at the Ohio Educational Service Center Association's Conference in Lewis Center (Columbus) on April 14, 2010. She will also receive a book scholarship from the Western Buckeye ESC.

The award bears the name of Dr. Franklin B. Walter, who served as State Superintendent from 1977-1991. During his tenure, Dr. Walter worked with three governors, significantly improved public education in the state, and brought Ohio's schools to the forefront of the nation's attention. He has received numerous honors and has earned the respect and admiration of educators nationwide. His integrity, leadership, optimism and commitment serves as an example for all.

### COOPER FARMS BEGINS EXPANSION PROJECT

Cooper Farms has begun construction on the first phase of a 50,000 square foot expansion at their Cooked Meats Plant.

"We are very excited about the expansion of our cooked meats plant in Van Wert, Ohio," said Gary Cooper, COO of Cooper Farms. "The additional 50,000 square feet will be used for up to six new high speed deli meat slicing lines and eventually employ about 150 additional team members," he continued. "Our overall business continues to grow and we now employ over 1,400 team members."

The addition will increase Cooper Farms' Clean Room Slicing (CRS) capabilities, which provides an extremely clean environment in which deli meat is sliced and packaged. Once completed, this addition will essentially op-

erate as a stand-alone plant to provide the most sanitary conditions and highest quality product, only interacting with the existing plant to receive cooked product for slicing.

"We look forward to the expanded business that this addition will provide," said Dale Hart, General Manager of Processing. "This addition will give us the opportunity to pursue additional slicing business."

The first phase of construction, set to be complete June 1, will encompass 6,000 square feet of the expansion. This phase will create room for a 50 percent growth in present slicing capacity. The second phase will provide room for three more lines to be added as volume increases. Also included in the second phase is a new break and locker room area. This phase of the addition is set to be completed by fall of 2010.

Since the addition will essentially operate as a stand-

### W2 VOLLEYBALL CLUB 11'S WIN CHAMPIONSHIP!



Congratulations to the 11's team of the W2 Volleyball Club on their tournament championship at the Decatur Force Little Diggers Challenge on February 20, 2010. This was the first ever championship for the W2 Volleyball Club.

From left to right: front row - Makayla Hissong, Corey Uetrecht, Kaylee Smith, Emily Gustin; back row - coach Ashley Malfait, Sydney Moore, Makayla Knoblauch, Teddie Sauer, Lily Alt, Lindsey DeCamp, Hailey Cramer.

alone plant it will have its own electrical and mechanical systems as well as its own maintenance, quality control, sanitation, human resources and office space. It is

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**OBITUARIES**

**John R. Kesler**, 69, of Oakwood, died Thursday, March 4, 2010 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, IN.

He was born May 4, 1940 in Dupont, OH to the late Gerald and Ashley (Bibler) Kesler. John married Debbie Grindstaff, who survives in Oakwood, on February 4, 1977.

He was a lifelong farmer and owned Kesler Farms. He was also a member of the Dupont Church of the Brethren, Dupont; a member of Farm Bureau, Belgian Draft Horse Association; and a Brown Township trustee. He enjoyed woodworking, especially making furniture. John loved camping with his family and friends as well.

Also surviving him are four sons: Dave (Patsy) of Oakwood, Bill (Melissa) of Arthur, Bob (Tina) of Oakwood, Denny (Karen) McVay of Paulding; two daughters: Doreen (Rex) Andrews of Melbourne, FL and Abby (Kevin) Hornish of Oakwood; 16 grandchildren; three brothers: Lee (Danna) of Florida, Claud (LaDerge) of Dupont, and Stanley (Karen) of Florida; and two sisters: Marjorie Hazelton of Continental and Marvel Warren of Nevada.

Preceding him in death were a son, Eric Kesler; and a brother, Charles Kesler.

Funeral service was March 8, 2010 at Twin Oaks United Methodist Church, Oakwood with Rev. Terry Porter and Rev. Jeffrey Mullinix. Burial was in Sherman Cemetery, Oakwood.

Memorials are to Oakwood EMS or Oakwood Library Association. Condo-

lences may be sent to [www.heimmeyerfuneralhome.com](http://www.heimmeyerfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements by Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Oakwood



**Richard L. "Dick/Polo" Yant**, 66, loving son, husband, father and grandfather, of Oakwood died Monday, February 22, 2010 in Mazatlan, Mexico.

He was born on December 6, 1943 in Defiance to O. Lavern Yant and Alice M. Robinson. He married Christine M. Lauro on September 30, 1967.

He was a Vietnam Navy DT3 veteran; a former member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Junction, later Divine Mercy Catholic Church, Paulding; a caddy, then assistant golf pro at Kettering Golf Course, Defiance; a laborer at GM and its local 211; and a Chauffer for Lorretta's Limousine, then Premier Limousine. He enjoyed retrieving golf balls from local golf courses and spending his winters in Mazatlan, Mexico.

Surviving him are his wife, Christine M. Yant of Oakwood; two sons: Aaron (Sara) Yant of Champaign, IL and Eric Yant of Holgate, OH; one daughter, Brenda (Drew) Munger of Paulding; six grandchildren: Ashley and Jared Yant, Ian and

Alyson Munger, Caleb and Megan Yant; three brothers: John Yant of Columbus, OH, Thomas L. Yant of Defiance, Robert (Roxan) Yant of Defiance; three sisters: Dorothy (Mehdi) Kajami of Philadelphia, PA, Peggy (Robert) Thatcher of Evans, GA, Pamela (Michael) Seibenick of Defiance; one brother (in spirit), David (Rita) Iliff and his children: David and Sarah Iliff; many nieces, nephews, cousins and his many close family friends; and his mother, Alice M. Yant of Defiance.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Funeral services were March 8, 2010 at Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding, Father David Tscherne and Father Allan Fillman officiated. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Defiance. Military graveside rites by VFW Post 3360. Memorials to American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, donor's choice or to the Vineyard Church, Mazatlan, Mexico.

Hanenkrath-Clevenger-Schaffer Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. [www.HCSFuneralHome.com](http://www.HCSFuneralHome.com)

**THANK YOU**

We would like to thank all of you who supported us with the kind thoughts, prayers and others acts of kindness during the loss of our mother, Clara Belle. We offer a special thanks to Rev. Schneider for his comforting prayers and the moving service. Also a thanks to the Methodist ladies for the fine meal. A special thanks to Barry DeLong for his fine vocals at the funeral. We are especially grateful to the staff at the Dallas Lamb Home for making Clara Belle and us comfortable during her last days. Finally, another special thanks to our neighbors on Woodland Dr. for their support and contributions.

—Penny & Larry Ryan,  
Joan Baker

**WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS:  
JESUS AS CHRIST**

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

Today in our study, let us focus on Jesus as the Christ. Later on we will have a study on Jesus as the Messiah, and Jesus as the savior. So get your Bible and Strong's concordance as we study together also remember to pray and ask God for help in your studies.

The name Christ means the anointed one.

**The Pre-existence of Christ:**

Affirmed in the Old Testament, Psalms 2:7; Confirmed by Christ, John 8:58; Proclaimed by apostles, Colossians 1:15-19.

**The Birth of Jesus Christ:**

Predicted, Isaiah 7:14; Fulfilled, Matthew 1:18-25; In the fullness of time, Galatians 4:4

**The Deity of Jesus Christ:**

Prophecy of Jesus Christ: Isaiah 9:6; Acknowledged by Christ, John 20:28-29; Acclaimed by witness, John 1:14-18; Affirmed by apostles, Romans 9:5, Hebrews 1:8

**The attributes of Christ:**

All powerful, Matthew 28:18; All Knowing, Colossians 2:3; Ever-Present, Matthew 18:20; Eternal, John 1:1-2,15

Please remember that Jesus is the Christ, the messiah and the savior. This is all speaking of one person.

Bible questions you can call 419 393-4775 for James Potter or 419-399-5022 for Lonnie Lambert. Jesus loves you and so does the Oakwood church of Christ. Please remember to give God a part of your day in prayer and Bible study. You will be surely blessed in this.

**WOODBURN LUTHERAN SCHOOL CELEBRATES NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK 2010**

Recently, Woodburn Lutheran School held a Preschool Program and Open House. If you missed this great opportunity to learn more about Woodburn Lutheran School, now is a great time. Beginning March 7, Woodburn Lutheran School will join thousands of other schools across the nation in celebration of National Lutheran Schools Week. Lutheran Schools have been established in the United States since 1640 and educate over 130,000 preschool students, 120,000 elementary students and another 19,000 high school students! The students at Woodburn Lutheran will be celebrating in many different ways, including activities such as singing for the associated congregations (Christ and Zion Lutheran Churches), "Stop Everything and Read", Concession Sales (funds donated to the "Building Fund" for a Lutheran School in Liberia), Jump Rope for the Heart Association, Ronald McDonald Assembly, Book Fair, Bring a Guest to Lunch, Bowling, Breakfast, Fish Fry and more! May God bless all of those whose lives have been touched by the outreach of Woodburn Lutheran School.

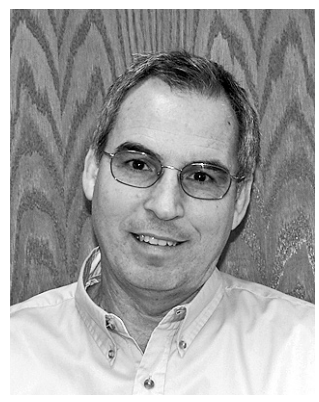
**"EMERGE" BENEFIT FOR AL RIDGWAY AT ANTWERP COMMUNITY CHURCH**

The Antwerp Community Church is to host "Emerge", a concert benefit for Al Ridgway who has stage four cancer.

This benefit will take place on March 14 at 7:00 p.m. The concert will feature the talents

of both TC & the Sunshine Band and Al Ridgway & the Fireballs.

A love offering will be received during the event for Al Ridgway.



**LIFE OF JOEL DESELM**

**By: Stan Jordan**

He was born in Fort Wayne in February of 1953. His parents were Jim and Betty Lash DeSelm. He has an older brother and a younger sister. He graduated from Elmhurst High School in 1971. He graduated from Ball State University in 1975 with a Masters in Education. He then attended Huntington College and received a Masters in Christian Ministry.

He taught school in Bluffton for seven years in the elementary grades. He also did some coaching at that time.

In 1982, he was the Pastoral Minister at the Fort Wayne Missionary Church. In 1988 he came to the Woodburn Missionary Church and has been there for twenty-two years. This church is over 100 years old—from 1906 until now. In the last forty years the church has had two ministers.

When he came here in 1988, the congregation was 200, it has since grown to over 900 parishioners with two services.

He met his wife, Judy Nifong, while attending Ball State. She came from around the Plymouth area. They were married on May 25, 1975. That was on Judy's birthday. They have three boys: Nathan (Lisa) live in South Bend; Chris (Audra) have one boy and live in South Bend; Andrew lives in South Bend.

Mr. DeSelm teaches at Bethel College in Mishawaka Grad School. He speaks a lot to the young folks and takes a couple trips in the summer to the church's campsites.

He writes a column for The West Bend News, and has written a column for the East Allen Courier for over twenty years. He also writes a devotional for the church's web site twice a week.

He feels his ability to speak and communicate is a trait, given to him by God. He says the church tries to reach out in all four directions and welcomes any and all who will come. Less than one half of the congregation comes from the Woodburn zip code area.

He has traveled extensively for speaking engagements: India, Spain, Costa Rica, Jamaica, Japan, and Taiwan. He has been in the Holy Land and Israel four times. He also speaks to Pastors and Lay People. He is always well received at his engagements.

I asked about his hobbies. He likes to jog and stay in shape; he likes to work on and with computers and likes to spend time with his grandson.

As an outreach, the church puts on a Living Last Supper at Easter. This production includes forty people. It is put

on three times during Holy Week and is well-attended. It is recommended that you come early.

He lives a few miles north of Woodburn and loves this area and considers it a joy to serve the church and area, to bring the Word of God to all who will listen anywhere and at anytime.

See Ya!

**WHY DID YOU STOP?**

Many people have stopped going to church for one reason or another. They are too busy, they have to work on Sunday morning, the kids are too noisy, someone made them mad, they didn't like the minister.

Maybe you have never been to a church for anything but a wedding or funeral. Which ever applies to you, it's not too late to start or start again. Pastor Mike Pennington is the new Pastor at the Presbyterian Church in Antwerp. While he is new here, he is not new to the area. Pastor Mike grew and went to school in Paulding. And he has a strong desire to serve the Lord by teaching them about Jesus. Pastor Mike wants the world to know that Jesus is a God of forgiveness and love. Nothing you could do is bad enough to make God stop loving you.

A new generation of children is being raised without the knowledge of God and at the Presbyterian Church; we would like to change that. Sunday School will be starting here on March 14 at 9:15 a.m. The children will hear stories from the bible on their level and learn of the forgiveness and love of God. The adults and teen class will be a basic class specifically for people who don't know much about the bible or God. It will be a time to ask questions and get answers.

Pastor Mike also understands that families are afraid their children will disrupt the service. That is why he has arranged a Jr. Church setting for small children. They will hear a lesson about Jesus downstairs while church happens upstairs. His goal is to teach the word of God to everyone at a level they can understand. Pastor Mike wants to get to know you and your needs.

The Presbyterian Church is located on West River Street (old 24) in Antwerp, next to the Dooley Funeral Home. Service time is 10:30 and on March 14, Sunday School will begin at 9:15. Everyone is always welcome. Watch this paper for more news from the Presbyterian Church.

**PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND DISMISSALS**

- Admissions:**  
2/24 - Nancy Weisenburger, Oakwood  
2/28 - Lorine Ross, Paulding  
3/1 - Alyssa Dysinger, Paulding  
3/1 - Dianna Clemens, Paulding  
3/1 - George Bright, Antwerp  
3/3 - Susan Keeler, Paulding  
3/6 - Laura Pease, Paulding  
3/7 - Evelyn Thompson, Paulding  
**Dismissals:**  
2/28 - Nancy Weisenburger, Oakwood  
3/2 - Alyssa Dysinger, Paulding  
3/5 - Dianna Clemens, Paulding  
3/5 - Susan Keeler, Paulding  
3/7 - Lorine Ross, Paulding

**Divine Mercy Catholic Parish Mass**

*Schedule:*  
Saturday - 4:00 p.m. - Payne  
Sunday - 8:30 a.m. - Antwerp  
Saturday - 5:30 p.m. - Paulding  
Sunday - 10:30 a.m. - Paulding

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**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**

Benji and Tricia Grant of Antwerp are proud to announce the arrival of Logan Philip, who was born December 23, 2009 at 2:18 p.m. at Dupont Hospital, Fort Wayne. Logan weighed 7.8oz. and was 21.5 inches long at birth. Grandparents are Philip and Gloria Grant, and Jack and Paula Lichty all of Antwerp.

**FASCHING**

**By: Hayley Feichter**

I had previously written an article about different festivals in Germany. I briefly talked about the Fasching/Carneval, but since the main celebrations were held here recently, I want to re-explain it with more details. Carneval, also known as Faschings in the southern part of the country, technically begins on November 11 and is a season of celebration that lasts until the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday.

On November 11, there are big parties and parades in Cologne (not as prevalent here in Stuttgart) and then more activities occur the week before Ash Wednesday. The Monday before Ash Wednesday is called Rosen Montag and the Tuesday is Fasching Deinstag. In smaller towns, celebrations are held on weekends before, but in bigger cities, like Stuttgart, their festivals are held on Monday and Tuesday. We also had the whole week of February 15-19 off of school. But not all of Germany is the same. In northern Germany, they hold smaller celebrations and still go to school.

So what are we celebrating? Well, that's not really clear to me. I'm sorry that I can't explain that more, but no one was really able to give me a clear answer! However, during the week of Fasching, Monday and Tuesday are spent eating a lot because on Wednesday starts the fasting period. But that's about all I could understand about Fasching.

Like I said before, they don't celebrate Halloween in a big way, but Carneval is celebrated just as much or more than American Halloween. During these celebrations, it's crazy! I went with my American friend, Nicole, to her small town's Fasching Parade and had SO much fun! It was a parade through the main downtown with many different groups of people and music groups, such as our marching bands. Except their bands are not associated with school and involved adults too. Each group had people dressed in identical costumes. Most costumes were NOT pleasant looking and included a lot of witches, goblins, and other mysterious creatures!

The costumed paraders found it quite amusing to scare you or come over and mess up your hair or throw confetti all over you! In addition, they thought it was more fun to "kidnap" people and kids! They would just come

up to people and pick them up, throw them over their shoulder, and keep walking! They would also have strings and wrap people up! Or take strollers with kids in them down the street! Nicole and I were freaking out, but everyone else seemed to be enjoying themselves, so we loosened up a little too!

Another festival I went to wasn't a parade, but rather just a huge party in the center of the city. It began around noon and lasted until late into the night. At this fest there was a big stage where groups would play very loud, up beat music and everyone would stand around and eat, drink, and be merry! Lots of fun to be had by all! The only comparison to Carneval in the USA is like our celebrations and parades for Halloween and Mardi Gras in New Orleans.

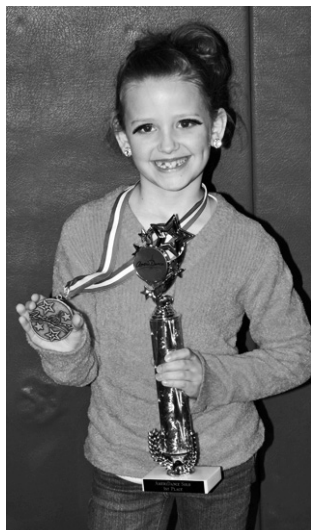
**LOCAL GIRL JUST WANTS TO DANCE**

**By: Sue Knapp**

Julianne Roop, daughter of Doug and Melissa Roop has danced since she was four years old. She then told her parents that she was born to dance.

Julianne attends the Kim Hohman Dance Works in Van Wert. She competed in the Findlay Dance Classic, an AmeriDance Competition on Saturday, February 27. Julianne placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the mini solo division and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the youth trio ensemble along with Larissa Laudick and Kylie Hohman both of Van Wert.

She is on 8 different competition teams plus trio and solo. Julianne is trained in tap, clog, jazz, lyrical, pro-



duction, acro (acrobatic dance which she dances with older kids), hip-hop and pom.

Julianne's parents see dance instilling self-confidence, self-esteem and team atmosphere in her. They also use dance to set Godly examples.

Julianne's next dance competitions are on March 12 in Columbus and March 20 in Dayton.

Julianne wants to be a cheerleader at Ohio State, study dance and become a dance instructor. Julianne has three older brothers and attends Payne Elementary.

**WBESC MONTHLY BOARD MEETING SET**

The Western Buckeye Educational Service Center Governing Board Meeting will meet on Thursday, March 11, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the Paulding ESC Office located at 202 N. Cherry, Paulding, OH 45879.

**THE SOUND OF MUSIC TO BE PRESENTED BY ANTWERP HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT**



Antwerp High School presents *The Sound on Music* on March 19 at 7:00 p.m., March 20 at 7:00 p.m. and March 21 at 3:00 p.m. in the Antwerp Local Schools Auditoria. Tickets can be purchased in the Antwerp High School office during school hours.

When Maria, a postulant from Nonnberg Abbey, proves too high-spirited for the religious life, she is dispatched to serve as governess for the seven children of a widowed naval Captain, Captain Von Trapp. Her growing rapport with the youngsters, coupled with her generosity of spirit, gradually captures the heart of the stern Captain, and they marry. Upon returning from their honeymoon they discover that Austria has been invaded by the Nazis, who demand the Captain's immediate service in their navy.

Playing the roles in this production are: Maria Rainer—Christy Goudy, Captain Georg Von Trapp—Ty Lee, Sister Berthe—Rose Doctor, Sister Margaretta—Samantha Smith, The Mother Abbess—Jessica Betzer, Sister Sophia—Ann Reinhart, Franz, the Butler—Bo Hawley/Erik Miesle, Frau Schmidt, the housekeeper—Jayla Chamberlain, Liesl—Lauren Cline, Friedrich—Aaron Schneider, Louisa—Kirsi

Smith, Kurt—Ed Reinhart, Brigitta—Rachel Stewart, Marta—Maddie Turpening, Gretl—Kennedy Trabel, Rolf Gruber—Andrew Stewart, Elsa Schraeder, Baroness—Erin Hughes, Ursula—Beth Reinhart, Max Detweiler—Ryan Giradot, Herr Zeller—Steven Girlie, Baron Elberfeld—Erik Miesle, Admiral Von Schreiber—Bo Hawley, A postulant—Samantha Seslar, Baroness Elberfeld—Beth Reinhart, Frau Zeller—Kelsea Burns, Sister Irmagard—Beth Reinhart, Sister Christina—Kelsea Burns, Sister Ruth—Amanda Zielke, Sister Mary Catherine—Katie Hunt, Sister Lawrence—Dionicia Burk, Sister Naomi—Rebecca Brandenburg, Sister Hannah—Natalee Bump, Sister Sarah—Maria Bradbury, Sister Elizabeth—Dani Daugherty, Sister Esther—Elizabeth Rister

Nuns Chorus and party guests include the following people: Julia Balsler, Lauren Barrand, Elaina Berry, Elizabeth Bond, Lydia Carr, Haley Greene, Emily Hamman, Connor Howell, Nikki Hughes, Allyssa Jackson, Rebecca Major, Erin McCrery, Samantha Provines, Magdalene Reinhart, Bailee Sigman, Olivia Tempel, Kelsey Titus, Claire Van Vlerah, Gabby Zuber. Directors are Mary Smith and Chris Feichter. Choreographer is Julie Hall.

**COOPER FARMS DONATES \$6,000 TO HAITI RELIEF**

Following the devastating earthquake in Haiti, Cooper Farms team members pulled together to help the victims in a big way. After all was said and done, the Cooper Farms team donated \$6,000 toward Haitian relief.

Each of the four divisions—Oakwood, Van Wert, Fort Recovery and St. Henry—held a raffle, from which proceeds would benefit Haitian relief and one winner from each division would receive two vacation days. The St. Henry division team members raised the most money with \$1,165, followed by Fort Recovery with \$1155, then Van Wert who raised \$406 and the Oakwood division with \$200. Cooper Farms subsequently matched the team member's \$2,926 in donations, and then some.

The check for \$6,000 was presented to Linda Thieman's Haiti Fund. Thieman is a St. Henry native who has done quite a bit of missionary work in Haiti. This money will go directly to an effort to rebuild an orphanage. She is heading to Haiti the first part of March and is very aware of the importance of making sure this money is put directly in the right hands, as she is committed to helping the people of Haiti.

**About Cooper Farms**

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Cooper Farms combines tradition and teamwork to produce the healthiest and most flavorful product assortment for today's consumers. They dedicate themselves to providing customers with individual attention in producing all their private label and Cooper Farms brand products.

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

In response to Mr. Barnes and Mr. Lambert. Gentlemen, please understand I mean no disrespect to either of you:

Some churches believe that in addition to accepting the Lord as your personal savior you also have to be baptized to be saved and other churches believe that accepting the Lord as your savior is what you have to do to be saved and baptism is not required. It has always been that way and no matter how much it is argued it will probably never change. I believe one way is correct and one isn't, but I am not going to argue what side I agree with or tell people how absurd they are because I don't want

to let my bickering discourage anyone from knowing the Lord. Instead I want to share something else with all of you! Jesus Christ died on the cross for you. He died so your sins can be forgiven and you can have eternal life in Heaven. That truth right there makes me care a lot less about whose religion is right and a lot more about my relationship with the Lord! Let us give God the praise and glory he deserves, that is what I want my voice used for! "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your father in heaven." Matthew 5:16.

If anybody is interested in hearing more about Jesus and how he died for you please feel free to e-mail me, I would love to invite you to come to church with me! Tiffany\_treat@hotmail.com.

After writing the above, I asked for an opinion of someone I admire because I want to make sure that all I do is glorifying to God. I wrote that letter from my heart and still mean it, but after studying some scripture I feel that I need to share my belief. The point I am trying to make is that we should witness to the unsaved and help lead them to the Lord, so if I am going to do that I need to do it right. Gentlemen, I am still in no way wanting to bicker or argue with any of you, but I heard something from a wise man that made a lot of sense to me—if I am trying to share the Gospel it isn't bickering.

With all of that said, I want you all to know Jesus, I want you all to be saved and I want to see everyone of you in heaven so I am going to share some scriptures with you because I sincerely do care.

Let's look at Mark 16:16, "He who believes and is baptized will be saved but he who does not believe will be condemned." In that verse it says he who does not believe will be condemned, not he who is not baptized will be condemned. Also in 1 Corinthians 1:14 Paul says, "I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius." Paul was an apostle of Jesus, he was a Holy man who wanted to bring people to Christ. If it is true that you have to be baptized to be saved, why would Paul, a Godly man, be thanking God that he didn't baptize someone?

Ephesians 2:8-9, "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God not of works lest anyone should boast."

Look at verse 8 again, "For by grace you have been saved through faith." It does not say you have been saved through baptism.

I just want to be clear to everyone, you cannot be saved by baptism, you have to trust that Jesus Christ is your personal savior. I believe baptism is a very positive thing, it is a symbol of your faith in the Lord, an act of obedience, but it is not necessary to be saved. Right before Jesus died on the cross he said "It's finished." He died on the cross for your sins. He did not say, "It's finished, now go get baptized." God Bless,

—Tiffany Treat

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

**War of Religions**

I was standing in a food pantry line last week talking with a dear friend of mine discussing poverty and what was happening in our own lives, when he asked me, "How is your wife doing?" and asked if she was still studying under the Jehovah's Witnesses.

I told him yes she was, and was very happy in her search for the truth. That she was exhorted about someday being baptized in her faith. My friend, of course, knew that I supported her in her endeavors. At that point my friends number was called to receive his food and the like. Then, seated next to me, this elderly gentleman said, "You know Jehovah's Witnesses are from Satan!"

This writer doesn't claim to be a theologian in any manner, and what little I know about religion comes from not studying all the great writers but from my grandmother. Her commonsense approach to God still lives with me these sixty-one years later.

It all comes down to right and wrong, and knowing the difference. I am a great student of history. And in my search over the years religion has played a major role in a great many wars. From as far back as the Crusades until the present. As I stated, my beliefs came to me by my grandparents, and their grandparents.

I don't recall the author of these words but he said, "If there were no God, it would be necessary to invent one." He said that because human kind needs something in their lives greater than themselves. It is the backbone of morality, and the endless search for truth.

The war of religion, comes from differences of opinion, our parents influence on our young lives, and is passed on throughout time itself. This war passes on, different interpretations of what we're to believe, differences in our faith, personal devotions, and convictions.

Religion has spanned prejudice and class envy, hatred and insecurity. These things will never change until that day, when all of us are faced with our Creator. Then and only then we know what was right and wrong.

The small church where I was raised had a pot-belly stove in the center and on cold days, while the preacher taught the lessons of that day, the congregation stood around the stove, warm-

ing one side, then turning to warm the other. My grandmother said, In hell you won't be able to turn away from the heat." That sums it all up for me. A commonsense truth to follow God's way and not the other.

I don't remember Jesus saying to his disciples you Baptist, or Catholics, or any other religion, go and preach the Gospels. He said, go and teach what God has shown you. Love your neighbor, do unto others, love your parents, etc.

Jesus taught us how to receive eternal life, not how to argue amongst ourselves, over the titles that have come about by man and his obsessions with who's right or wrong. Yet this stupid battle among all religions seems destined to destroy the very life that God gave us. It seems our Founding Father had it right that the government, nor any other person, could infringe on the religious beliefs of another. They gave us the tools to live side by side, yet while all the religions of all the world are at each others throats, religion itself may very well be our downfall as a nation.

I personally believe in the words of Jesus Christ, not of any particular faith. As I believe it was intended to be.

My wife's family have disowned her for her search for the truth. They still think Mary is more important than Jesus.

My family has also expressed their extreme differences with what my wife believes.

To my wife's family, and to mine: You are not welcome in my home! Both her and myself have sought God in our home the way we see fit. It is my duty as her husband to protect her in whatever she wants to do. That's what my marriage vows stated before God himself.

The Bible states, "His name is Jehovah." Can't argue with the Bible. The Witnesses have been in my home (and are welcome), and I have been to their Halls of Worship, and I did not see any horns protruding from their heads like this old gentleman has said. In fact, I see people who welcome you, and you somehow sense that they are genuine in their beliefs. They do exactly what Jesus told them to do, they witness.

No other religion or faith in the town of Paulding has ever done this, and to the extent to even welcome me or my wife to their congregation. This tells me that the Jehovah's Witnesses are about

God's work.

And that's what I want my wife to be, in the truth, with God or should I say, Jehovah. Stop in at the Kingdom Hall in Antwerp, or Defiance sometime. You're welcome.

—James Powell

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

As much as has been written about what documentation is needed for getting names printed on the new Veteran's Monument, it's not clear exactly what is needed. I ask those committees in charge to write back in this newspaper what people are to do if they cannot find their "DD14", and who and where to take it (if they can). Thanks again for this info and for your patience.

—Caroline Zimmerman, 419-258-2222

**PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES FOR 2/22/10**

This 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2010, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Tony Zartman, Tony Burkley, Edward Straley, and Nola Ginter, Clerk.

The Board of County Commissioners awarded the FY '09 CDBG Senior Center Vehicle Purchase Project to Integrity Automotive Group in the amount bid by them of \$13,738.00.

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**BASKETBALL TEAMS FROM ANTWERP'S PAST**

**By: Stan Jordan**

Here it is basketball sectional time, the Antwerp coaches have a very good ball club, with an 18-2 record this year and we hope they can get some more wins.

Tim Copsey, the official/unofficial keeper of the sports statistics for the Antwerp Ar-

Mike Bute - Hon. Mention GMC  
 Ty Koppenhofer - Hon. Mention GMC  
 Coach Clemens - Dist. 7, Div. 4, Coach of the Year; Crescent News, Boys Basketball Coach of the Year.  
 1990-1991 Team  
 This was two years later and the Archers had another good basketball team. Their final record was 20-4. They



chers brought me some data on two other good basketball teams that we had in the last few years.

This picture is of the 1988-1989 team. From left to right: Tim Clemens, coach; Mike Bute, Tim Overmeyer, Ty Koppenhofer, Dan West, Jared Kennedy, Brad Lucas, Jason Hormann, Ken Kemerer.

This team's overall record was 23-2. They won their first game in the Regional Tournament beating Cincinnati Country Day School, 62-44. Then they lost to Springfield Central Catholic, 58-44. Some of these boys went on to be pro. This is the only time that the Archers won any games at the Regionals in the Hobart Arena in Troy. These boys played good ball and their overall record was 23-2.

Jason Hormann - 12; Ken Kemerer - 12; Jared Kennedy - 12; Dan West - 12; Brad Lucas - 12; Mike Bute - 11; Ty Koppenhofer - 11; Tim Overmeyer - 11; Wade Balsler - 10; Shawn Brewer - 10; Matt Hormann - 10; Scott Warner - 10; Aaron West - 10.

Jason Hormann - 1st team Dist. 7; 1st team GMC  
 Ken Kemerer - 2nd team Dist. 7; 1st team GMC

were 6-1 in the GMC—2nd place.

That year they won the Sectional Tourney, 43-30 over Delphos St. John. They won the District 37-21 over Marion, and 53-49 over St. Henry.

Wade Balsler - 12; Shawn Brewer - 12; Matt Hormann - 12; Jason Reeb - 12; Scott Warner - 12; Kevin Fulk - 12; Brian Bowers - 11; Chad Geyer - 11; Joel Kammeyer - 10; Chad Franklin - 10; Reggie Clem - 10; Curtis Lichty - 10.

These boys won the Sectional at Van Wert. They beat Delphos St. John 43-30. They won the District at Elida. They beat Upper Scioto Valley, 56-40. They won over Hardin Northern, 60-34. Then they lost in the first game of the Regional to Miller City, 39-37.

The extra awards were:  
 Shawn Brewer - 1st team Dist. 7; 2nd team GMC  
 Wade Balsler - Hon. Mention Dist. 7 and GMC  
 Matt Hormann - 2nd team GMC  
 Coach Clemens - Crescent News Basketball Coach of the Year.

In that 3-year span of 1989-1991, Antwerp Archers

were 60-11; they had two Sectional Championships; two District Championships; and one Regional Semi-Final.

In 1989, they won the Van Wert Sectional for the first time since 1985. The boys had a string of 38 wins in a row at home from 1988-1990.

We here at the WBN are very grateful to Tim Copsey for all his help and knowledge on these teams.

As you remember, Tim is also the voice of the Antwerp Archers Football team for the home games. Mr. Copsey has worked hundreds of hours completing his records of all of Antwerp's old and new sports achievements. If you have such a question, he can answer it. Tim, many thanks for your help and keep up the good work!

See Ya!

**THE THOMPSON SUB**

**By: Stan Jordan**

The Thompson Sub Machine Gun is a legend of American History. I will tell you what I know of its existence and usage over almost 100 years.

Mr. Thompson was a General in the Army and he wanted to replace the bolt action Springfield Rifle with a weapon with faster fire power.

I'm not going to dwell on his trouble of getting backers for his financial part. The WWI was just over and the



new B.A.R. (Browning Automatic Rifle) just came out at the end of WWI. It was used as a weapon to clean out the trenches in France. It had lots of fire power and muzzle velocity for the job, but it was too heavy and awkward for quick use in a small area. The B.A.R. was the best small arms weapon the U.S. ever produced for the type of warfare at that time.

At the close of WWI the U.S. brought back every single one of the B.A.R.s from Europe so that no country would copy it and build their own version.

The French had an alternate rifle that fouled up with mud and sand and was usually incapable of doing the job it was meant for in WWI.

But this story is about the Thompson Sub and why it was needed. He started to work on it in 1917 as it was needed in the Trench War. But WWI ended and he was still working on his 1917 model.

It was a .45 caliber with about 920 foot per second muzzle velocity. Now that's considerably less than their .30 caliber rifle that had a muzzle velocity of 2700 feet per second. But that was plenty for what it was made to do. It had a stick or a drum magazine and was called 'The Annihilator'. He put this on the market in 1921. It was priced pretty high. It was \$200.00 and a new 1921 Ford was only \$400.00.

The USPS bought some for their armed guards, some large police departments and some soldiers in Nicaragua. They liked the MI 921 but said the round lacked power. The Illegal Irish Republic purchased a number of guns for their revolution.

At this point and time,

Thompson got most of it's notoriety from the Depression Era and the Prohibition gangsters. They were used in the Saint Valentine's Day Massacre and the Hollywood films made use that fact for publicity for their films. It was referred to as 'The Gun that made the Twenties Roar.'

The Thompson was known by a number of nicknames: the Tommy Gun, the Trench Broom, the Trench Sweeper, the Chicago Piano, the Chicago Typewriter or even the Chopper.

The Thompson was liked a lot by the criminals, soldiers and police alike. It had a large .45 caliber round and a lot of fast fire power.

If you took off the drum or stick type clip, it would fit nearly into a violin case. The Chicago Mafia done just that. The movies and cartoonists of that time used the crooks carrying the violin case in a lot of pictures.

There are two Mafia killers standing on a corner in Chicago. They have on black felt hats, long black overcoats and chewing on a big fat cigar. In the other hand they have a violin case and they just don't look like musicians. A couple doors down the street a door opens and a fellow comes out carrying a huge base violin in a carrying case. The one mobster is astonished and looks at his friend and says, "He must be carryin' one of 'dem anti-aircraft guns."

By now the government wouldn't let you buy a tommy gun so the 'hoods' would raid a police station and steal theirs. John Dillinger did just that in Auburn, IN and they also stole their bullet-proof vests. They also robbed other police stations for the same reason.

Back in 1938 the Thompson Sub Machine Gun, called the M1A1 was adopted by the U.S. Military. At this time the gun had a 'Cuts Compensator' (that's cooling fins on the barrel), a new rear sight and a carrying handle on the top. It did not carry the drum-type magazine because it rattled and made a noise. It was designed for non-coms, corporals through staff sergeants.

In our tank, the driver and assistant driver carried the M9 or 'Grease Gun'. The loader carried an M1 Garand Rifle, the gunner (such as myself) was armed with a Tommy Gun and the tank commander carried the A.U.S. .45 automatic. We had a 'Sherman' tank or sometimes called a M3.

About every country had some Thompsons: Russia, England, China, Australia and Canada. For close in combat you couldn't beat it. This was the M 1928 M1A1. This was issued in WWII after all other models were exhausted.

The Thompson Sub Machine Gun was a weapon of its own on distinction. It was the best for what it was made for. Close in, quick work with killing power.

There were 1,700,000 of them produced from 1938 on. Every theater of operations and every allied country had some. The .45 caliber round of ammo came in a box about 8 inches by 10 inches and 8 inches high. This ammo was loose and you had to fill your own clips. It might be a Thompson, a Grease Gun, and automatic pistol, a 6 shot revolver or some other .45 caliber weapon.

I know I have only touched on the history of the life of this weapon. It was used in all walks of American life.

To be honest with you, as I sit here and finish this column, I feel a little sadness thinking about the end of this

weapon and the B.A.R. and the carbine and the M1 Garand and the two .45 caliber pistols.

They are just like I am, they got old.  
 See Ya!

**THE ROUTE OF THE PONY EXPRESS**



**By: Stan Jordan**

The route of the Pony Express started in St. Joseph, Missouri. That was way up in the Northwest corner of Missouri. The railroad and pretty good trails were completed to there.

The U.S. Mail Service wanted to get a fast safe route from here to Sacramento, California. That was in 1860. It was a success to start with. But it was only in business about 1½ years—until October of 1861. At the start of the war between the states, the Pony Express was canceled.

But here is the route the riders used. There was a horse relay station about every 10 miles.

It left St. Joe and went to Marysville, Kansas. It turned northwest there on into Fort Kearney, Nebraska. It followed the Great Platte River Road through Gothenburg, Nebraska and passing Courthouse Rock, Chimney Rock and Scotts Bluff and just the edge of Colorado at Julesburg and then into Fort Laramie, Wyoming. It ran past Independence Rock, Devil's Gate and Split Rock and from there into Fort Bridger.

Fort Bridger was the separation point. If you wanted to go to Oregon or Washington you turned north on the Oregon Trail. But if you were going to California to Sacramento or to the gold fields you turned south to

Salt Lake City, Utah.

In 1859, a Captain James H. Simpson of the U.S. Army Engineers, blazed a trail through Central Nevada and the riders used this trail across the Utah-Nevada Desert and the Sierra-Nevada Mountains near Lake Tahoe and then into Sacramento. This was a trip of 1900 miles and generally it took about 10 days.

A rider changed horses about every 10 miles, but he rode for seventy-five to a hundred miles as fast as his horse could carry him.

The Pony Express was the first big try at hooking the east and west together. It took some good tough riders and horses to cover their appointed relay. Don't forget there was always the hostile Indians.

The American Civil War done in the Pony Express. Wells Fargo took over some of their work and territory.

The train and telegraph came along and pretty much done in that stage coach and mail part of Wells Fargo. But all this helped settle the west and bringing peace and prosperity together.

Yes, I can close my eyes and see those fellows and their small fast horses pounding over the desert sands and into that adobe building and on another horse and off into Early American History.

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DEVIL'S TOWER

By: Stan Jordan

The Devil's Tower National Monument is in Crook County in extreme northeast Wyoming. The Indians called it Mato Tipila, which means Bear Lodge. It is near Sundance and The Belle Fourche River.

It rises 1,267 feet from the surrounding terrain and the summit is 5,112 above sea level. It is a monolithic igneous intrusion or volcanic neck located in the Black Hills.

It was declared a National Monument in 1904 by Pres. Theodore Roosevelt. The first National Monument to be so and it is under the governing of the National Park Service. It has about 400,000 visitors per year.

In 1815 there was an expedition led by Col. Dodge and this was called Bad God's Tower, by the Indians, but the Government Interpreter made an error and called it Devil's Tower and that has been its name since then.

The Indian names for the monolith included: Aloftona Rock by the Kiowa, Bear's House by the Cheyenne and Crow, Bear's Lair by the Cheyenne and Crow, Bear's Lodge by the Cheyenne and Lakota, Bear's Lodge Butte by Lakota, Bear's Tipi by Arapaho and Cheyenne, Tree Rock by the Kiowa and Grizzly Bear Lodge by the Lakota.

The oldest rocks around Devil's Tower, they say, were laid down about 225 million years ago and this was a shallow sea.

From all the reading that I have done about the West, about six states were a shallow sea at that time.

There are dozens of these stone monoliths spread all over the middle west. The general belief is that hundreds of earthquakes pushed these monoliths up from the bottom and they still remain. Then about sixty-five million years ago the Rocky Mountains and the Black Hills were uplifted and, of course, they still remain.

Magma rose right up through the crust and intruding into the layers sedimentary rock.

There are all kinds of sandstone, limestone and mud stone remaining from the lake. A rock called Hullett Sandstone, is I guess, a low grade sandstone that is resistant to weather. It forms the nearly vertical cliffs that is around the tower.

But wind, rain, sun and the ravages of time have eroded the Tower more than we can guess and this goes on at this time also. Different expeditions and excursions and learned professors all have different ideas about how this tower came about and all of them make sense.

Water and snow gets into the side columns of the tower. Large pieces of the column break off and fall. So that tells us that at one time Devil's Tower was once a lot taller and wider than it is now.

There are a number of legends about the Tower. It seems each tribe had their own tales handed down from generation to generation. There are many books and pamphlets written on these monoliths. But the best thing is for you to visit them yourself. They belong to the people and are generally free admission.

The Devil's Tower is way north of the Oregon Trail. The fur trappers came across it first back in 1859. There are many of these monoliths, lacoliths and batholiths spread all over the great mid-northwest. If you haven't visited them you are missing some of the grandeur of this great nation of ours.

My neighbors, Kenny and Jan Hahn tell me to go to Mount Rushmore and then to Chief Crazy Horse's Monument, then the Badlands and Deadwood then over into Wyoming. There is so much to see, Jan Hahn told me that she looked so much she wore a hole in her glasses.

I will see you at Devil's Tower.

See Ya!

## PAULDING COUNTY CHRONICLES I

By: Caroline Wells Zimmerman

*Pontiac or Charloe? Ohio Indians—Where did they come from?*

Have you ever walked where an Indian walked? If you lived along the rivers of Paulding County you have done just that. The Auglaize and Maumee Rivers were passages of foot trails and canoes for hundreds of years before the white man ever came to this part of the country. The great black swamp made it impossible

for habitation very much before the 1750's. It is not known exactly how long the OTTAWA Indians had a village at Charloe. There is still evidence of an Indian cemetery and the beautiful view of the Auglaize River tells one why the spot was picked for the Indian village.

The northeast corner of what is now Ohio was, before explorers penetrated the region, the territory of the Erie Indian Culture, or Cat Nation. In 1655 the Erie were completely wiped out by the confederation of the warlike Iroquois, known as the five (later six) nations. For many years, after that, the Ohio country was virtually uninhabited. The vast tract of virgin forest was subject to rival territorial claims before the Revolutionary War. Colonial Charters extended their boundaries indefinitely to the west. French and English explorers and traders asserted their respective rights. And then, there were conflicting agreements set up with the Indian tribes of Ohio.

The MIAMI, from Wisconsin, penetrated into western Ohio in the early 1700's. They had already established villages in Illinois, Michigan, and Indiana. The principal village in Ohio was Pickawillany (near the present Piqua) but their strongholds dotted throughout the Maumee and Miami Rivers. Little Turtle was their firm leader and they won some victories.

The SHAWNEE were migrating from Pennsylvania westward in 1690 and were forced further into Ohio's Scioto Valley by 1750. These famous chieftains were Tecumseh, Cornstalk, and Blue Jacket. The DELAWARE also came from the east, defeated by the Iroquois and lived in the Muskingum and Tuscarawas River Valleys. The WYANDOT were a segment of the HURON pushed out of eastern Canada by the IROQUOIS. They first settled in northern Michigan and then migrated into the Maumee and Sandusky valleys.

The TUSCARORA and the MINGO or SENECA Indians were fragments of the Iroquois confederacy that migrated to the Ohio country. The villages of the former were in the eastern part of the state, while the MINGO settled on the upper Ohio, Upper Scioto, and Sandusky Rivers. The eloquent chief Logan was a Mingo.

In addition to the major tribes, there were minor tribes, allied at times with the other powerful tribes and also collaborating with the French and English.

The OTTAWA tribe from Ontario and the upper Great Lakes settled in northwestern Ohio. The famous Indian chief Pontiac belonged to this tribe. Charloe was just one of the villages of Ottawa Indians located in Northwestern Ohio. It is certain that Chief Pontiac visited them all with Charloe being honored as well. If you have walked in Charloe, you have walked in Pontiac's moccasin tracks.

Do you have a PAULDING COUNTY Family Tree or even a tiny root? If so, please send your query to: Caroline Wells Zimmerman, 7292 Rd. 176, Antwerp, Ohio 45813.

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ISABELLE AT THE MANOR HOUSE

Isabelle Coe Koehlinger has called the Manor House home for several months. Isabelle was the daughter of Charles and Almeda Coe. She had four brothers and one sister. Isabelle and her siblings attended school in Payne.

Isabelle married Art Koehlinger and had two daughters: Judy Blalock and Jane Limber. While raising her daughters, Isabelle was a full-time housewife and mother. She enjoyed playing cards with friends during her spare time.

Isabelle attends church each Sunday at the Manor House and enjoys visiting with her new friends during meals. She also enjoys frequent visits from her family.

The Manor House enjoys having Isabelle as part of our growing family.

## LIVESTOCK QUALITY ASSURANCE FOR JUNIOR FAIR EXHIBITORS

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Educator

American consumers have become more health conscious about the food they eat. To meet consumer needs and concerns, livestock quality assurance programs are being implemented. These programs are designed to educate producers in management and production techniques that improve food quality and safety, encourage high industry standards and boost consumer confidence.

The youth quality assurance program introduces youth to the responsibilities associated with food animal production and teaches skills necessary to produce a safe and wholesome food. Interactive lessons on animal management techniques and practice in ethical decision-making related to food animal production are included. Program results indicate participants gain skills in animal management techniques and the youths' opinions about consumer expectations have been positively influenced. Furthermore, the program provides a successful model for including character education with subject matter education.

When youth producers begin a project where the final product is food, they also

## INDIANA NEWS CENTER VISITS ANTWERP



By: Sue Knapp

On March 1<sup>st</sup> Indiana News Center (channel 21) visited Antwerp. They wanted to do a story on how Antwerp is affected by the new US24 opening up.

Jeff Neumeyer talked to Sarah Keeran, Mayor DeLong and some business owners. They all agreed that the noise was less and were glad the truck traffic was gone.

Sarah Keeran commented on ODOT fixing up E. River Street this spring and the fact that downtown was more accessible. By not having all the truck traffic the streets will

assume a legal and moral obligation to produce a quality, wholesome, and safe product for consumers. It is critical that young producers are consciously aware of these responsibilities and understand their implications. Only with such an understanding will they adopt practices and procedures that allow them to fulfill their obligations to consumers.

Because of a desire to instill this understanding in youth, quality assurance education has become a major focus for our fair livestock exhibitors. As youth learn to implement quality assurance practices, they will develop an awareness and skills that will affect their current projects. In addition, they will develop an appreciation for food safety and responsibility that will form the foundation for their future contributions as

hold up much better. Mayor DeLong commented on the loss of revenue from Mayor's Court. Anita Friend from Friend's Furniture commented that not having the trucks passing through was better on the buildings, as they would vibrate. Christy DeLong of the Pit Stop said that her revenue has gone down, but she is glad that the truck traffic is not there anymore.

All in all the new US24 has been a good thing and Antwerp is adjusting to the changes and making it a positive thing.

producers and consumers.

To educate our youth on the importance, value and promotion of a wholesome food product, two Paulding County Quality Assurance Programs have been scheduled. The first program is scheduled for Thursday evening March 18 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and a second program will be held on Saturday morning March 20 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Both programs will be held in the Extension building. Youth and their parent(s) or guardian(s) must attend a Quality Assurance program before they can exhibit their animal in a junior livestock show sponsored by the county agricultural society.

Remember, we are producing a product that demands quality and is safe for consumption.

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**"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": VANTAGE PRESCHOOLERS LEARN A TRADE!**



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**MOBILE/MANUFACTURED HOME PROCEDURES**

We have had many questions regarding the transfer procedures when you purchase/sell a manufactured home. A seller must be certain that the buyer follows through with each step, because his or her name will stay on the Title office, Treasurer's and Auditor's records until the new title is issued. Therefore, the seller is still legally obligated to pay taxes until such time

these offices are notified of the transfer of ownership through the following steps, (we recommend that the seller and buyer come to the Courthouse together and:

**First** step for the buyer (or seller) of a new or used manufactured home is the Treasurer's office to verify that taxes are paid for the full year, and to receive the Treasurer's stamp on the original title.

**Next** step is the Auditor's office. Your title (the seller's signature) must be nota-

rized before you can convey and transfer a manufactured home. Here you will need to file a Conveyance Fee Statement and pay appropriate fees.

**Then**, the next step is having a new title made with the Clerk of Courts Title office which has relocated in the basement of the Paulding County Courthouse.

**FINALLY**, Take your new title back up to the Auditor's office. They will need to update their files as to the new owner's home and address information. This is an important step, this removes the old owner's file and transfer's ownership in the Auditor and Treasurer's offices. Now your new home is officially yours!

Here is more helpful information to answer questions we have been asked:

When you are planning to move your manufactured home in or out of a location, you must obtain a 'Relocation Notice' (moving permit) from the Auditor's office which allows you legally to transport your home. A new law passed in 2000 requires a permit to move a mobile home or manufactured home. Failure to purchase the permit will result in a \$100.00 fine for both the MH owner and the mover. All manufactured homes must be registered within 30 days of placement in our county.

1. You should also take the time to check with the Township and Village you are moving into, to find out if you need a zoning permit.

2. When a manufactured home is destroyed, whether physically torn down by someone or by natural causes, ie. Fire, tornado, etc..., a 'Destroyed Form' needs to be filed with the County Auditor. Again, taxes must be paid in full, to file this form. Then take the title to the Title Office to inactivate it. If you do not, the title will still show ownership in your name. This will notify the Auditor and Treasurer that you no longer have your home, and taxes will be stopped. If these forms are not filled out, taxes will continue to accrue and will be the owner's responsibility.

We hope by sharing this information it will help minimize confusion when procedures involving manufactured homes are unclear. If you have any questions, please feel free to call any of these offices in the Paulding County Courthouse, we're here to help!

—Lou Ann Wannemacher  
Paulding County Treasurer

**V.E.T.S. RECEIVED MORE DOCUMENTATIONS**

V.E.T.S. has received many military documents recently. We are still looking for these discharged veterans we feel are from the Antwerp Local School District and do not have documentation turned in to V.E.T.S.

**VIETNAM ERA:** (1960-1980) Burleigh Bittenger, Ronald W Colwell, George W Doctor, Ronald L Fraley, Chester Edwin Hahn, James Carl Hahn, William J Jackson, Allan Nicholaa Kelble, Dean Edward Laker, Frankie J Lichty and Robert Elden Lichty, Ronald Harry Mabis, Robert Mark Miller, William J Nelson, Everett Ray Nickols, Jerry L Saylor, Phillip G Schaffner, Leonard Lee Schibley, John Lee Smith, Howard Thomas Snyder, Kenton Dean Stairhime, Adam David Wagner, Joseph Charles Walker

**KOREAN ERA:** (1950-1959) Jerry Lee Boyce, Richard Leroy Brown, Arthur Franklin Griffis (1958-1962), Leon LeRoy Layman, John Potth Jr (buried in Rochester Cemetery), Byron Rasey

**WORLD WAR II ERA:** (1939-1949) Don Wilson Curtis, Harold Ewing, William B Hinsch, Dean E Jump, James B Lynch, Tede Mann, Wendell Mann, Fred Spragens, MD, Howard E Wentworth

These names were derived from public sources and will remain on the NOT CONFIRMED listing awaiting military information. One of the following: discharge documents, cemetery name and tombstone photo with military info or proof of military service by other means, such as a photo in uniform, dog tag, or Veterans ID Card will be needed to qualify.

March 31, 2010 is the deadline to submit Veterans names to be engraved at no charge on the Antwerp Veterans Memorial tablets.

Questions or check out any name: contact Karen Sanders (419) 399-5764, Keith West (419) 258-2232 or Nancy Lichty (419) 258-2026

**2010 V.E.T.S. EVENTS**

\$8,000 is still needed to be able to install the engraved name tablets and complete the Veterans Memorial in the Antwerp Park. V.E.T.S. would like to extend our gratitude for the recent donations from area businesses, memorials, individuals and the "spare change" jars adding nearly \$17,000 since the first of the year.


Our February 27<sup>th</sup> bake sale brought in \$426. Favorite recipes baked by area cooks filled the table with delicious goodies and the generous buyers opened their wallets without hesitation. Within three and a half hours we sold out! All proceeds will go toward the V.E.T.S. memorial fund.

2010 Upcoming fund-raising events:

April 10<sup>th</sup> - V.E.T.S. will sponsor a Texas Hold 'em Poker event at the Antwerp VFW hall. Time & details will be listed soon.

May through September from 5:00-7:00 p.m., V.E.T.S. will sponsor Cruise-Ins at Antwerp's Veterans Riverside park for 2010. Oldies music, good food, raffles and fun for everyone makes each event worthwhile to get up off the

Woodburn Elementary  
**Student of the Month - February '10**



Woodburn Elementary's Student of the month is Michael Singer.

Michael is 11 years old. His parents are Brad and Wendy Singer. He has a 9-year old brother named Matt.


Mike plays the alto saxophone in the Woodburn Elementary Band. His favorite subject at school is math.

His best friend is Wil Stuckey. Some of his favorite foods are steak, tacos and rice.

In Mike's spare time he enjoys golfing, playing video games, watching Star Wars and building with Legos.

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couch and enjoy a stroll down memory lane! So popular in 2009, we received requests to do it again. Free will donation, everyone welcome.

June 19<sup>th</sup> - V.E.T.S. will be providing food at the annual Advance Chassis Car show.

July 24<sup>th</sup> - V.E.T.S. will be providing delicious Broaster Chicken Dinners, frozen treats and beverages in front of Floyd Ramsier's law office during the annual Big Boy\$ Toy\$ Car Show downtown Antwerp. You won't be disappointed at this event, over 100 classic cars will fill Main Street for you to enjoy.

Questions: Contact Nancy Lichty (419) 258-2026, Keith or Joyce West (419) 258-2232 or Karen Sanders (419) 399-5764.

**OAKWOOD GLEANER ARBOR #759 MEETING MINUTES FOR 3/4/10**

The March meeting was held at the Twin Oaks fellowship hall in Oakwood on 3/4/10. President John Pier recognized the 20 different service groups who came to receive their funds from our Samaritan project through the home office in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Eileen Kochensparger had our opening prayer. The boy scouts led our pledge of allegiance. Roll call and minutes were read. There were 51 in attendance. We received a thank you note from Rev. Ginter - missionary to Vietnam and an invite to participate in the Business, Industry, and Health Fair on 3/24 at the PC extension building. We are planning to do this. We received matching

funds from the home office to donate to the Haiti project through Doctors Without Borders program. We had six members help with the Grover Hill food pantry. We had one gleaner scholarship application mailed in. We are waiting on the weather to plant a tree for the Habitat for Humanity house in Haviland. Our new business is planning to read at Oakwood school on May 3 and serve a snack for the rehearsal of the 3rd grade Memorial Program and Joint Hands Day. This is to get the ball park ready for the season working with the area boy scouts on May 1.

Cards were signed for Dick Parrish, Allen Hornish, Danielle Tumblin, and John Kessler. Our Fraternal Communicator, Ruth Benien, reported that Shirley Dick had a stroke. Officer training on April 17 in Findlay at the Country Inn and Suites. Fred and Phyllis Merritte had a nice luncheon.

—Bonnie Pier, reporting

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# Paulding County's Students of the Month

## FEBRUARY 2010

Paulding County has great students and we want to recognize them and their achievements. Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative, Inc. has teamed up with the West Bend News to bring you this information. We will be delivering different schools' students each month from OUR county. Congratulations to these young people!



Paulding Elementary has selected Cade McGarvey for the West Bend News February Student of the Month.

Cade is a fine student in fourth grade whose parents are Travis & Stacy McGarvey. He has a younger brother named Blake and a dog named Trader.

Cade is Creative & Conscientious, always achieving above and beyond, dependable and determined, enthusiastic and eager to learn.

His hobbies include golf, basketball and baseball.

Someday Cade would like to become a pastor or, perhaps, a marine biologist. *Congratulations Cade for a job well done.*

Antwerp Elementary selected Anne Miesle as student of the month, nominated by 6th grade teacher Mrs. Cooper. "Anne is a very responsible student. She has a great attitude toward school and interacts well with her peers. She is a pleasure to have in class," stated Mrs. Cooper.

Anne's parents are Pat and Joni Miesle. She has 2 older brothers, Bryant and Erik. She has a beagle named "Beagle". Her hobbies are dancing and sports, mostly softball. Her favorite subject in school is math. She says, "Math is fun and not boring, sometimes challenging." Her favorite food is Macaroni and Cheese, from the box or homemade. When asked if there was anything else to know about her she said she loves to spend time with her family and friends.

*Great Job, Anne.*



Oakwood Elementary is pleased to announce Nate Gee as our West Bend News Student-of-the-Month! Nate is in Mrs. Bockrath's and Mrs. Thornell's 6th grade classes. He is the son of Nathan Gee and Kimberly Butler. Nate has 3 siblings and he lives near Melrose with his family and dog, Milo.

Nate works hard at school to achieve honor roll grades and is a positive leader for his classmates. He likes being able to think through math problems. This past fall, Nate had a lead part in the 6th grade musical, "We Haz Jazz."

When not in school, Nate enjoys playing football in the fall on the Paulding little league team and summer baseball for Oakwood. Nate also likes to play on his Wii at home. With Nate's love of sports, is it any wonder he wants to be a professional football player?

Nate says: "Do your best and give everything a good try."

*Keep up the good work Nate!*

**WE ASKED THE  
STUDENTS TO KEEP  
UP THE GOOD WORK.**



**FROM THE DOG WARDEN'S  
DESK**

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

This week's featured pet is Missie. She is a five year old pointer labrador mix. Missie is house-trained and will sit up and dance for a treat.

Also, at the shelter we have Buddy, a one year old deaf beagle; Vinnie, a very handsome six month old shepherd mix; and Betty, an older very calm beagle.

The shelter is open for adoptions Tuesdays from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Thursdays from 3:00-5:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 11:00 a.m.

- Noon.

The dogs can be viewed 24 hours a day at [petfinder.com](http://petfinder.com) and [adoptapet.com](http://adoptapet.com)

We have had SEVERAL dogs in the shelter already this year with electric fence collars on and numerous complaints from people with dogs running all over the neighborhood that have electric fence collars on. If you have an electric fence for your dog please check the batteries often and make sure your dog is thoroughly trained with the collar and the boundary line. There are many variables that can make an electric fence not work properly. Dead batteries, loose collars, too much fur where the prongs make connection, and a dog that learns the zap is not that bad—if it means I'm free—are just some of the problems with them. I know I will not make a lot of friends with sellers of electric fences but I must say I do not like them and I would not

trust the safety of my dog to one. If you do have an electric fence, please make sure the dog has identification on its collar because odds are while you're at work and think your dog is safe in his fence, he could very well be strolling around the countryside and end up getting a ride to the shelter.

### TOP 10 REASONS TO SPAY AND NEUTER YOUR PET

1. Your female pet will live a longer, healthier life. Spaying helps prevent uterine infections and breast cancer, which is fatal in about 50 percent of dogs and 90 percent of cats. Spaying your pet before her heat first offers the best protection from these diseases.

2. Neutering provides major health benefits for your male. Besides preventing unwanted litters, neutering your male companion prevents testicular cancer, if done before six months of age.

3. Your spayed female won't go into heat. While cycles can vary, female felines usually go into heat four to five days every three weeks during breeding season. In an effort to advertise for mates, they'll yowl and urinate more frequently-sometimes all over the house.

4. Your male dog won't want to roam away from home. An intact male will do just about anything to find a mate. That includes digging his way under the fence and making like Houdini to escape from the house. And once he's free to roam,

he risks injury in traffic and fights with other males.

5. Your neutered male will be much better behaved. Neutered cats and dogs focus their attention on their human families. On the other hand, unneutered dogs and cats may mark their territory by spraying strong-smelling urine all over the house. Many aggression problems can be avoided by early neutering.

6. Spaying or neutering will not make your pet fat. Don't use that old excuse. Lack of exercise and overfeeding will cause your pet to pack on the extra pounds-not neutering. Your pet will remain fit and trim as long as you continue to provide exercise and monitor food intake.

7. It is highly cost-effective. The cost of your pet's spay/neuter surgery is a lot less than the cost of having and caring for a litter. It also beats the cost of treatment when your unneutered tom escapes and gets into fights with the neighborhood stray.

8. Spaying and neutering your pet is good for the community. Stray animals pose a real problem in many parts of the country. They can prey on wildlife, cause car accidents, damage the local fauna and frighten children. Spaying and neutering packs a powerful punch in reducing the number of animals on the streets.

9. Your pet doesn't need to have a litter for your children to learn about the miracle of birth. Letting your pet produce offspring you have no intention of keeping is not a good lesson for your children-especially when so many unwanted animals end up in shelters. There are tons of books and videos available to teach your children about birth in a more responsible way.

10. Spaying and neutering helps fight pet overpopulation. Every year, millions of cats and dogs of all ages and breeds are euthanized or suffer as strays. These high numbers are the result of unplanned litters that could have been prevented by spaying or neutering.

### NEW GRANT FOR PAULDING COUNTY DOG SHELTER SPARKS 3 NEW PROGRAMS

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

I am very pleased to announce that the Paulding County Dog Shelter has applied for and won a grant to start a county wide spay neuter program. The grant was won from the Ohio Pet Plate Fund.

We are hoping to have three basic programs designed to dramatically decrease the number of unwanted and homeless dogs abandoned at the shelter.

The first will be a voucher program for dogs adopted at the shelter to be spayed or neutered at a low cost.

The second will be a program for low-income county residents to apply for a voucher for a low cost or no cost spay for their female dog.

The third program is what we are calling "Spay the Mamas" We have several litters of puppies abandoned at the shelter every year. A lot of these litters are repeat litters from the same mother dogs. This program will require the dog owners to surrender the puppies to

### DEFIANCE COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY HOLDS 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ANTIQUE SHOW



The Defiance County Humane Society will hold its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Antique Show and sale on Saturday, March 13, 2010. It will be held at the local 211 UAW Hall located at 2120 Baltimore Street in Defiance.

They will host 30 dealers offering a wide range of quality antiques. The show has been very successful the last four years, with returning dealers from Michigan and Indiana, as well as Ohio.

All proceeds from this event will help cover the operating costs of the Defiance County Humane Society that

serves Defiance County and the surrounding counties. Last year the Shelter took in nearly 2,200 animals and worked very hard to adopt or place them into Rescue Groups or reunite lost pets with their owners.

This is fun-filled time for antique lovers and the perfect time to get out of the house after the long winter. Food and beverages will also be available.

The doors will open at 11:00 a.m. and the show will run until 5:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Cerda at 419-393-4270.

the shelter when they are between 8-10 weeks of age. In exchange for surrendering the puppies the owner will receive a voucher to have the mother dog spayed at no charge. By surrendering the puppies we can make sure that they are all spayed and neutered when they are adopted.

These programs may sound a bit ambitious, but with this grant we at least have a place to start.

I will be applying for more grants for these programs but the biggest source of support will have to come from the community. We have some great ideas for some fundraisers and I hope we can keep these programs running for many years to come. With Paulding County being without a humane society we all just have to work together to improve the lives of our four legged friends.



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# WAYNE TRACE-SECTIONAL CHAMPS WITH LAST SECOND SHOT



Wayne Trace participated against Ayersville in the Sectional Championship at Hicksville after the Antwerp game. WT won the jump but soon fell behind at one point in the first half 11-21. The boys didn't let that get them down and by the half pulled back within 4 points. The Raiders kept up the second half and with a last second shot beating the Pilots 50-49. Shown here is senior Derrick Baksa scoring for the Raiders. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)



Antwerp went against Edgerton in the sectional championship game Friday 3/5. Both the Archers and Bulldogs played very well in a tough game. The Archers lost 46-47 in a hotly contested 4th quarter. Shown here is Antwerp senior John Rindahl getting hit hard, falling on his back, yet no foul called in a game where the officiating left much to be desired. A great season the Archers had! More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)

## ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 3/10 THROUGH 3/16

**Breakfast:**  
All days - Cereal, crackers, juice, milk  
**Lunch:**  
3/10 - Chicken patty or Salisbury steak on bun, broccoli w/cheese & rice, orange smiles, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cook's choice  
3/11 - Coney dog or Burrito, mixed fruit, green beans, milk; PLUS: salad bar or apple crisp  
3/12 - French bread pizza or Egg salad sandwich, carrots, pineapple, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cook's choice  
3/15 - Brat or Pork fritter on bun, au gratin potatoes, mixed fruit, milk; PLUS: salad bar or celery w/peanut butter  
3/16 - Tacos or Chicken strips, corn, pears, milk; PLUS: salad bar or fruit

## BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS FOR THE WEEK OF 3/10 THROUGH 3/16

**Breakfast:**  
3/10 - Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk  
3/11 - Egg/cheese omelet, toast/jelly, juice, milk  
3/12 - Waffles, sausage, juice, milk  
3/15 - Pizza, juice, milk  
3/16 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, juice, milk  
**Lunch:**  
3/10 - Rotini/meat, green beans, garlic toast, pineapple, milk  
3/11 - Breaded chicken sandwich, seasoned fries, peaches, milk  
3/12 - Cheese or Chicken quesadilla, tator tots, sherbet, milk  
3/15 - Hot dog/bun, french fries, pears, milk; WT: Chili dog  
3/16 - Pizza: Cheese or Pepperoni, corn, applesauce, PB fudge, milk

## PEVS BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 3/10 THROUGH 3/16

**MS/HS - Breakfast:**  
3/10 - Sausage, egg & cheese muffin, juice, milk  
3/11 - Waffles, sausage links, juice, milk  
3/12 - Sausage gravy w/ biscuits, juice, milk  
3/15 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk  
3/16 - Sausage biscuit, tator tots, juice, milk  
**MS/HS - Lunch:**  
3/10 - Taco salad or Breaded chicken w/bun, baked beans, assorted fruit, milk  
3/11 - Turkey gravy w/ whipped potatoes, bread, apple dessert, milk  
3/12 - Fish & shrimp, macaroni & cheese, coleslaw, assorted fruit, milk  
3/15 - Idaho nachos, bread stick or Chicken pot pie w/ biscuit, assorted fruit, milk  
3/16 - Teriyaki chicken salad, garlic toast, assorted fruit, milk  
**Paulding Elementary - Breakfast:**  
3/10 - Oatmeal cereal bar, graham crackers, juice, milk  
3/11 - Muffin, applesauce, milk  
3/12 - Yogurt, whales, applesauce, milk  
3/15 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk  
3/16 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk

**Paulding Elementary - Lunch:**  
3/10 - Chicken noodle soup w/crackers, mini carrots, bread w/margarine or peanut butter, assorted fruit, milk  
3/11 - Pizza sticks w/marinara sauce, green beans, fruit, milk  
3/12 - Fish w/bun, au gratin potatoes, assorted fruit, milk  
3/15 - Sloppy joe, scoops, tator tots, pretzels, assorted fruit, milk  
3/16 - Chicken strips, whipped potatoes, gravy, bread, fruit, milk

**Oakwood Elementary - Breakfast:**  
3/10 - Pancake sausage on a stick, fruit, milk  
3/11 - Breakfast burrito, fruit, milk  
3/12 - Assorted cereal, fruit, milk  
3/15 - Assorted cereal, crackers, fruit, milk  
3/16 - Sausage biscuit, fruit, milk  
**Oakwood Elementary - Lunch:**  
3/10 - Spaghetti w/meatballs, lettuce salad, bread, fruit, milk  
3/11 - Chicken noodles, whipped potatoes, bread, fruit, milk  
3/12 - Cheese pizza, corn, fruit, milk  
3/15 - French toast, mini sausages, fruit juice, applesauce, milk  
3/16 - Pork chop, whipped potatoes, gravy, bread, fruit, milk

## BLUFFTON ENDS WOODLAN'S 09-10 BASKETBALL SEASON IN SECTIONAL PLAY

**By: Jeff Abbott**  
Bluffton ended Woodlan's basketball season with a 51-27 win by the Tigers to advance to the semi-finals of the boys' basketball sectional. Chandler Okey and Cody Cochran each scored 13 points to pace Bluffton. Brock Hines had 13 points for the Warriors.  
Score by the quarter:  
Bluffton - 16 6 23 6=51  
Woodlan - 8 5 6 8=27  
Game scorers:  
Bluffton - C Cochran 13, Okey 13, K Cochran 8, Landrum 6, Vanderkolk 5, Leising 3, Patterson 2, Bowman 1  
Woodlan - Hines 13, Mumma 6, Emehiser 6, Romines 2

## PAULDING COUNTY INDEPENDENT INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, INC. TAKING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The Paulding County Independent Insurance Association, Inc. would like to announce we are again taking applications from all Paulding County high school seniors for scholarships. Students who are home schooled or who attend private school and live in Paulding County are also eligible to apply. Scholarship applications can be picked up from your guidance office or at any of the local Paulding County Independent Insurance agencies. The deadline to return the application is Friday, April 16, 2010. The scholarships will be presented at the senior awards ceremonies at each school in May. (For those home school or private school students, the scholarship will be mailed.) We are proud of our students and wish them the best in their future!

# PAULDING OVER FAIRVIEW IN SECTIONALS



Paulding and Fairview went against each other in the first game of sectionals at Defiance H.S. The Panthers, ahead at the half 32-23, had a fantastic game outscoring the Apaches 66-50. Shown here is senior Justin Riley adding two points to the scoreboard. More photos at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net) Paulding went on to play Tinora in the sectional championship on Friday 3/5 only to fall to the 2nd seed 53-35.



Allen East vs Paulding game postponed twice only to end up playing Monday the night before the sectional match up. In the final game of the season, the Panthers crushed the Wildcats 58-30. Shown here is senior Jordan Monnier being fouled in a shot attempt. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)

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**MISS MESSY VISITS ANN'S PRESCHOOL!**



Miss Messy (also known as Becky Suvar from the WMEA program) recently visited the children at Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschool on "Monday!" We mixed and measured and made a magnificent mess making play-doh with her! We also talked about recycling and using things again

and again which we do a lot of at preschool!

Shown here from left are: Evan Daniels, Miss Messy, Ashlyn Goings and Ashlyn Eaton. These children are in the morning class of four and young five year olds with Mrs. Chris Adams and Mrs. Ann Miller.

**LSC INTERNSHIP HAS BEEN AN EDUCATIONAL AND REWARDING EXPERIENCE**

Capitol Letters Weekly  
Column by: State Senator Steve Buehrer

"Each year, the Ohio General Assembly hires 20 interns through the Legislative Service Commission to serve a one year internship in Columbus. These young people, who are generally recent college graduates, serve full-time roles as members of the staff in legislators' offices. My career in state government began as an LSC intern in 1990. This year, Kendra Kromer, a recent graduate of Ashland University, has been assigned to work a portion of her time in my office. I asked Kendra to write a column this week on her experiences so far this year in the Ohio Senate."

—Senator Steve Buehrer

It is hard to believe that it was just three months ago that I started my internship with the Legislative Service Commission. The LSC Internship is a 13-month program intended to provide college graduates with experience working in the Ohio Legis-

lature. I was assigned to the Ohio Senate Republican Caucus and to Senator Buehrer's office. At the time of placement, I did not fully realize how lucky I was to be placed in Senator Buehrer's office. As time has progressed, I am continually thankful to work with Senator Buehrer and his staff. Reflecting on these past three months, I would like to share some of the experiences that I have had thus far.

The first time I met Senator Buehrer was when he came and spoke to my class of interns during orientation. We had many speakers during the week, but I remember Senator Buehrer standing out as a result of his honesty and sense of humor. A former intern himself, he was able to offer advice and encouragement for the year that lay before us. He told us that the internship experience is really what we make it. That being said, he encouraged us to take advantage of every opportunity that presented itself, even if this meant making sacrifices and putting in long hours. I took his advice to heart and during my time here, I have tried to be diligent in every task I

have been given.

Working in Senator Buehrer's office has given me the opportunity to work on a variety of projects and to meet a variety of people. One highlight was working with Senator Buehrer to tape an Ohio in Focus segment. The segment covered the newly-created War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission, and I had the opportunity to meet leading historians on the issue. These historians provided valuable insight on Ohio's involvement in the War of 1812. The project also gave me a glimpse into the world of broadcasting and how it can be used in the legislative process.

Another memorable experience in my internship was when Senator Buehrer ran for a leadership position. I still remember standing in the South Hearing Room during Senate Insurance, Commerce & Labor Committee and nervously waiting to hear the results of the vote. I, along with the rest of his staff, were overjoyed when we heard that he would be the new Senate Majority Whip. The Majority Whip is responsible for monitoring legislation and securing votes for legislation on the floor for the majority party. I was fortunate to have the opportunity to stand with Senator Buehrer and his staff as he was sworn into his position on the Senate floor. Standing up there, I realized that we had become a sort of family. I know that each of us felt proud and thankful to be a part of Senator Buehrer's team. The office is a place where I feel comfortable, welcomed and appreciated, and I am sure that if you have ever met Senator Buehrer, you have felt the same way.

In my three short months of working here, I have already developed a deeper understanding and appreciation for what the Ohio Legislature does. It amazed me how hard each Senator works for the people of their district. This is especially true of Senator Buehrer and he has shown me what it means to be a public servant. I hope that one day I can serve my community to the extent that he does every day. I am looking forward to the rest of my internship, as I can only imagine the knowledge to be learned and the experiences to be had. That being said, I encourage any interested college graduates to apply for the internship program. It is a unique and rewarding experience for anyone interested in public service and government.

For more information or to request an application and instructions, please visit [www.lsc.state.oh.us/internship](http://www.lsc.state.oh.us/internship) or call (614) 466-3615. All applications should be mailed to Ohio Legislative Service Commission, Internship Coordinator, Vern Riffe Center, 77 South High Street, Ninth Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-6136.

**PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL'S ONCOLOGY/HEMATOLOGY CLINIC**

The chemotherapy clinic at Paulding County Hospital started in January 2006. The obvious advantage of having a cancer/chemo clinic in the local hospital was that people could get their services in their hometown—no need to drive to get their chemotherapy and see their oncologist. Often patients are exhausted

and feel ill when their chemo is completed so the closer to home the better.

Paulding County Hospital is fortunate to have Dr. Raj Gunda available to run the clinic as she has more than 20 years of experience as an oncologist/hematologist. When the chemo clinic started there were two patients in the clinic. Now, four years later, this clinic routinely sees many more patients in the clinic. PCH provides chemo Monday through Friday if needed. Other services offered at the clinic are bone marrow biopsies and oncology/hematology consultations and evaluations.

Cindy Woodring, Kathy Webb, and Terri Meeks are three RN's who have been trained chemo nurses with the program since its inception. The nurses are vital to the programs' success. They underwent rigorous training to become certified and continue to learn by attending ongoing continuing education and keep up to date with new treatments and diagnostic procedures. The chemo clinic staff are always available for the patients to answer questions or when issues come up. Often they are called by the emergency department if one of their patients comes in and the ER nurses are unfamiliar with ports or issues. The nurses are very involved with the local American Cancer Society, including local fund raising drives such as Relay for Life.

**USED BOOK SALE COMING TO COOPER COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

The Oakwood Library Association will be hosting a Used Book Sale in the Community Room of the Cooper Community Library on March 8-13 during library hours. The Cooper Community Library is a branch of the Paulding County Library system.

**PAULDING LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING CHANGED**

Due to a conflict in schedules, the March meeting of the Paulding County Carnegie Library Board of Trustees has been moved to Monday, March 15, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the Payne Branch Library. All board meetings are open to the public. For more information contact the library at 419-399-2032.

**MONTHLY NAMI MEETING SET: MINDS ON THE EDGE: FACING MENTAL ILLNESS**

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Van Wert, Mercer and Paulding Counties will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 15, at the Drop-In Center at 407 N. Franklin, Van Wert. The public as well as members are invited to attend.

A DVD entitled "Minds on the Edge: Facing Mental Illness" will be shared. The film which has been released to PBS stations was originally released at NAMI's 30<sup>th</sup> Conference last fall which launched a national outreach campaign.

The program has a provocative format. It presents hypothetical cases based on real issues, requiring 12 panelists to role-play and put their principles to a test.

**4-H OUT OF TOWNERS VISITS OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADERS!**



Michelle and Jowaine Grimes, and Kris Skeldon of The Out of Towners 4-H Club visited Oakwood Elementary's third graders. They gave a presentation on the oppor-

tunities and events that 4-H offers. Pictured with Michelle and Jowaine Grimes, and Kris Skeldon are Miss Hornyak's third grade class.

NAMI leaders featured in the program include Fred Frese, Ph.D., who lives with schizophrenia and almost steals the show. Dr. Frese is from the Akron area and is known nationally for delightful presentations.

The local NAMI affiliate may be reached by calling 419-238-2413 or 800-541-NAMI (6264). E-mail is [namivw@roadrunner.com](mailto:namivw@roadrunner.com).

**2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL HICKSVILLE RUN-N-GUN SHOOTOUT**

Hicksville High School will host the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Hicksville Run-n-Gun Shootout on Saturday, April 10, 2010. This tournament will take place at the Hicksville High School and will be limited to the first 16 teams registered. Participants must be 18 years or older and not involved in an interscholastic sport according to state high school guidelines.

For information on rules, signing up, etc., please contact tournament manager, Josh Freese (419) 487-3737, [freesej@hicksvilleschools.org](mailto:freesej@hicksvilleschools.org). All proceeds go to the Hicksville Aces Softball team. Full entry fee must be received no later than Wednesday, March 31, 2010.

**ANTWERP BRANCH LIBRARY MARCH NEWS!**

We have several programs planned for March! Preschool Story Time dates are March 10 and 24 from 10:30-11:00 a.m. St. Patrick Day's craft on March 12 from 3:00-4:30 p.m. "Library Tea Party" on March 15 from 6:30-7:15 p.m. This program is for girls and their moms or grandmothers. Please bring your own tea cup! After-school movies will be showing on March 9, 16, and 23. Please call the library for titles and times or visit our web site at [www.pauldingcountylibrary.org](http://www.pauldingcountylibrary.org). Friends of the Antwerp Branch Library meeting is on March 29 at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Stop in and see us soon!

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**VILLAGE OF ANTWERP  
COUNCIL MEETING MIN-  
UTES FOR 2/22/10**

All were present with Sarah Keeran not able to attend.  
Fiscal Officer Report: Monies received and contract signed for 2010 fire contract from Harrison Township. Dale Rekegew at \$150 per acre for 5 years.  
Administrators Report: Ryan asked if the Village could get an estimated cost on the Harmann Railroad Crossing. CCA will be in the Village Town Hall on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 - 7:00 p.m. to answer any questions residents have on their Village Income Tax Forms. Keeran and Mayor Delong met with representatives from Atwood regarding raising their water bill. Atwood stated they could not take an increase at this time. Mayor noted council will propose a new increase and meet with them at a later time. OPWC awarded a grant for E. River Street waterline replacement from Island Street to Shaffer Road. The total project cost is \$235,250.00. OPWC Grant, \$117,625.00; OPCW loan (at 0% for 30 years), \$94,100; Village share, \$23,525.00. Mayor Delong and Administrator Keeran met with the Crutch family regarding the property that the Depot is sitting on, Gorrell's have given an appraisal of \$1,700 for this small lot. This appraisal was mailed to the Crutch family.  
Bid documents are being prepared by Maumee Valley Planning Organization for the demolition of 2 vacant houses on Oswald Street. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources has a grant program for the removal and replacement of ash trees that are located in the Village right of way or on Village owned property. Owners that have ash trees on private properties will be encouraged to have them removed. Announcements made on 2/17/10 by the U.S. Transportation Secretary did not include the Maumee & Western Short Line through Paulding, Defiance and Henry Counties for freight line improvements. The Port Authority for these counties had applied for grant

dollars and were not funded.  
Police Report: There were 106 calls for service and 19 offences.  
EMS Report: There were 20 runs for January 15 - February 15 with a total of \$2,531.88 collected for January.  
New Business: Rudie Reed has had several complaints about snow removal on Stone Street, the contractor is not cleaning the street properly. Reeb also noted that Cleveland, Canal, and Buffalo have extreme potholes, Council also asked if the berms in the Village could be addressed where there are washouts.  
Ordinance #2010-02: An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to enter into a contract with Crane Township for Providing Emergency Medical Service.  
Ordinance #2010-03: An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer to enter into a contract with Harrison Township for providing Emergency Medical Service.  
Ordinance #2010-4: An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer to enter into a contract with Carryall Township for providing Emergency Medical Service.  
Ordinance #2010-05: An Ordinance authorizing the Village Fiscal Officer to transfer funds to the Police fund in the amount of \$27,500.00.  
Ordinance #2010-06: An Ordinance approving, adopting and enacting American Legal Publishing's Ohio Basic Code, 2010 Edition, as the Code of Ordinances for the Municipality of Antwerp, Ohio.  
Ordinance #2010-08: An Ordinance authorizing the Village Fiscal Officer to transfer funds to the water fund in the amount of \$50,000 and declare the same to be an emergency.  
Ordinance #2010-07: An Ordinance authorizing the Fiscal Officer to amend appropriations and declaring it an emergency.  
Resolution #2010-01: A Resolution requesting the County Auditor to certify to the Village of Antwerp the total current tax valuation and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by 1 Mill for a renewal levy for current expenses.

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**VANTAGE BOARD HOLDS MEETING**  
The regular March monthly board meeting of the Vantage Board of Education was held on March 4, 2010. The minutes from the February 4, 2010 regular meeting was approved along with financial statements for the month of January 2010. A resolution to accept the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorize the necessary tax levies and certify them to the county auditor was passed. A resolution was also passed authorizing the School District to earmark funds for the next 23 years to the Maintenance Fund to satisfy the maintenance of completed facilities as specified in the Project Agreement between Vantage Career Center and Ohio School Facilities Commission.  
Superintendent Staci Kaufman provided the board with updates on the Construction Project and Maintenance Advisor Interviews, a review of the proposed Superintendent and Treasurer evaluation forms, Administrative Policy revisions, and Statewide Open Enrollment reviews. Director Bob Vennekotter reported on BPA, SkillsUSA and FCCLA contest results, student participation in the Fort Wayne Building Contractors Association Construction Career Academy, Vantage being the site for the 2010 Region IV FCCLA Skill Events competition on Saturday, February 27, and Webxams. Principal Keith Rydell updated the board on Senior Capstone Presentation day progress, the development of new Programs of Study for Welding, Precision Machining, Cosmetology, and Industrial Mechanics (a state requirement for programs that are transitioning to Tech Prep status), results of a study to offer Summer Physical Education this year, Spring OGT Week schedule. He also announced that the Vantage Bloodmobile will be held on April 15 and 16. Adult Education Director Pete Prichard reported that the Medical Assisting 0309 class held its graduation ceremony on February 16 in the Cup-n-Saucer. A dinner was held in their honor and was attended by their families. The North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement visit is scheduled for April 20, 21 and 22. Adult Education has developed a new admission procedure for students, scheduled for fall implementation and is also implementing a monthly student progress review for full-time programs starting March 1, 2010.

In new business, the board:  
—Employed the following list of employees, as needed, as scheduled: Bob Vennekotter, Director, Tom Mershman, Student Services Supervisor, Mary Ann Hall, CTE Supervisor, Ruth Fogle-Brickner, ISS Monitor, Theresa Jones, Cook, Dave Young, Maintenance Supervisor, and Brenda Wurst, Building & Grounds Aide;  
—Approved a supplemental contract for Amy Grothouse and Susan Smith, Cosmetology Articulation Meeting and Linda Bales, Medical Office Management, to be reimbursed by the College Tech Prep Consortium;  
—Employed the following as Adult Education personnel, as needed, as scheduled: Jim Grant, ABLE Instructor, Carol

Shaefer, Health Careers;  
—Appointed Bob Vennekotter as the District's Homeless Liaison per school policy;  
—Approved Brewer Garrett Co., 6800 Eastland Rd., Middleburg Heights, Ohio, 44130 as the commissioning agent for the OSFC Project;  
—To approve the Project Agreement between Vantage Career Center and Ohio School Facilities Commission;  
—To approve the architects agreement for the OSFC Project pending overall approval of the contract by the OSFC;  
—Acknowledge GRADS Program, Adult Education and Staff for the extra work and donated items to the Crisis Care Line/House of Transitions in the amount of \$1924.68;  
—Approve submission of equipment list to the Rothacker/Lampe Request administered by the Van Wert County Foundation;  
—Approve the Satellite agreements between Ottoville Local School District, Van Wert City School District, Paulding Exempted Village School District, Delphos City School District and Vantage Career Center for the 2010-2011 school year;  
—Approve the retirement of Linda Morris, Early Childhood Education Instructor, effective at the end of 2009-2010 school year;  
—Resolution to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Vantage Career Center Board of Education and the Vantage Teachers Organization for grievance payment;  
—Resolution to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Vantage Career Center Board of Education and the Vantage Teachers Organization for 2010-2011 school year;  
—Approved the Vantage Career Center school calendars for 2010-2011, 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school years;  
—Approved an overnight field trip to Columbus, Ohio for State BPA Contest from March 18, 2010 to March 19, 2010;  
—Approved an overnight field trip to Columbus, Ohio for State FCCLA Contest from April 15, 2010 to April 16, 2010;  
—Approved an overnight field trip to Columbus, Ohio for Skills USA State Contest from April 23, 2010 to April 24, 2010;  
—Approved an overnight trip to Haiti for 1 advisor and 2 students from April 4, 2010 to April 12, 2010. All student expenses will be paid by the participants;  
—Accepted a donation of \$294.22 from Communities For Kids to be applied to student fees of Paulding County students;  
—Accepted a donation of a 1997 Ford Thunderbird, from Stanley Sheehan for the purpose of educational training in the Auto Tech Program;  
—Accepted a donation in the value of \$186.00 from Pitsenbarger Supply Company for the purpose of educational training in the Auto Body Program.  
The Superintendent requested an executive session for the purpose of discussion of employment of personnel.  
The next board meeting will be held on Thursday, April 8, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. in the Vantage Community Meeting room, followed by the All Boards Dinner in the Cup & Saucer Restaurant.

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**WYTHE HIGH SCHOOL NAMES FEBRUARY'S STUDENTS & TEACHER OF THE MONTH**



Wayne Trace Jr/Sr High School recently named Mrs. Sharon Rice as the "February Teacher of the Month." Chelsea Dempsey and Danielle Miles are shown presenting Mrs. Rice the award. Mrs. Rice also received a \$25 gas card as part of the award.



Wayne Trace Jr/Sr High School recently named their "February Students of the Month." Those students include: Front - Jehane Hoagland, Sean Durre, Shannon Boroff, Hunter Martin, Haley Saylor, Gina Sinn, Diana Majors, and Gavin Wiseman. Back - Zach Mansfield, Dalton Sinn, Andy Norling, Alex Korte, Sylvia Young, JD Stoller, Kelly Zartman, Rachel Long and Gary Klopfenstein. Absent from the photo are Emilie Linder and Jessica Alba.

**HOUSE BUDGET COMMITTEE UPDATE FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2010**

**Weekly Update by: Congressman Bob Latta**

On February 1<sup>st</sup>, President Obama submitted his Administration's FY 2011 Budget proposal with a record breaking cost of \$3.8 trillion dollars. This budget proposal includes a \$2 trillion dollar tax increase over the next ten years and projected record deficits. This proposal will double our nation's debt in five years and triple it in ten years from FY 2008 levels. The non-partisan Congressional Budget Office has stated that under current spending levels, by 2020, American taxpayers will be paying \$2 billion dollars per day in interest alone on the national debt.

Over the last two months, the House Budget Committee, of which I am a member, has held hearings on the FY 2011 budget. The committee has heard testimony from Douglas Elmendorf, Director, Congressional Budget Office (CBO), Peter Orszag, Director, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and Timothy Geithner, Secretary, Department of the Treasury. Their testimony confirmed the fact that our nation's current spending and borrowing levels are unsustainable and I have reiterated my serious concerns with this during these hearings. You can read my opening statement that was submitted to the record during Director Elmendorf's testimony on my blog. My YouTube Channel has been updated with my questions to the witnesses as well.

After hearing testimony from the above mentioned offices and departments, I have the gravest concerns about the direction this country is heading and the seriousness of the economic crisis. During the question and answer portion of the hearings, I continually reiterated the high unemployment rate in Ohio's 5<sup>th</sup> District and all the sacrifices that companies and employees have made to be able to remain in business. In addition, I stressed the economic recovery is not coming quick enough, especially with the out of control spending recommended in President Obama's budget. The federal government must reign in its spending and cut costs, just as businesses and families across Ohio's 5<sup>th</sup> District have done.

While the President has made multiple public statements on the fiscal state of our nation, he has yet to put these words into action with meaningful reform in terms of spending and borrowing. In addition to the staggering numbers from the FY2011 budget proposal, the President and Congressional Democrats continue to push legislation with \$1 trillion price tags; health care reform, the failed "stimulus" package, and the largest ever national energy tax, commonly known as "cap and tax." Similar to this budget proposal, these pieces of legislation are financed with massive tax hikes or simply not paid for at all, tacking hundreds of billions onto our national debt. To date, the only action the President has taken to cut spending was to place a "spending freeze" that

only applies to 13 percent of total spending, frozen at spending levels higher than less than two years ago.

As we continue to hold Budget Committee hearings, I look forward to hearing from additional members of the Administration on how they plan to bring serious reform to our nation's out of control borrowing and spending levels.

**VILLAGE OF PAULDING MEETING MINUTES FOR 2/16/10**

Paulding Village Council met in Regular Session on February 16, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. Mayor Greg White called the meeting to order.

Finance Director Top called roll with the following members present: Barb Rife, Kim Sutton, Jim Guede, Mike Trausch, Roger Sierer, and Randy Daeger. Administrator Wiebe and Solicitor Jones were also present.

Sierer motioned to approve the minutes of the February 1st Council meeting, seconded by Sutton. Vote: all yea.

No legislation was presented. Sierer presented the Utility Committee's February 16<sup>th</sup> minutes. The following items were discussed:

—*Sewage Lagoon project* (estimated project cost \$413,300) - The Village has been awarded an Issue 1 grant for \$200,000, and will be applying for a CDBG grant for an additional \$200,000. Wiebe noted that because legislation is already in place to increase sewer rates over the next two years rates will be at an acceptable level during the construction phase of the project to qualify for grant monies. The Maumee Valley Planning Organization will be assisting the Village with preparing the grant application.

—*Lift Station* - A transducer will need to be installed in the lift station's air bubbler system to allow it to measure the water level in the clear well up to thirty feet. Also, Mike will be getting an estimate to replace lift pump #3.

—*Water Plant* - The Village has received \$2,313.32 to date from the State of Ohio Health Department's fluoride reimbursement program. This program must be applied for yearly, and can reimburse the Village for up to 90% of the cost of fluoride equipment. The Village intends to use this program during the construction of the fluoride room in the proposed water plant; therefore, saving approximately \$10,000.

—*Chemicals* - The water plant will begin receiving ultrafloc in 4x4' totes. This will not only allow the plant to store more product (275-gallons/tote) in the same amount of space, but will also save the Village approximately \$1,000 per year in shipping costs.

—*Dewitt Pump Station* - The electrical system of a pump at the pump station is experiencing failure. Guede noted the problem pump is currently at Schweller's after a wiring change was unsuccessful. Wiebe noted materials, such as rubber gloves, are getting stuck in the pumps therefore ruining them. Trausch inquired if something is wrong with the control panel that's not allowing the pump to trip out before being burnt up. Wiebe noted he will discuss the idea with Schweller.

—*Truck Replacement* - The water plant will be replacing the 1990 Chevy Pickup truck that was recently retired due to high mileage and various costly repairs.

Council approved a liquor transfer for Los Gallitos from Socorro Torres to Jennifer Hart with no hearing request.

Rife motioned to approve the Administrator's Agenda authorizing Wiebe to assess a residence owned by Carolyn J. Baird and Keith Baird Jr. for delinquent water, sewer, and refuse; seconded by Trausch. Vote: all yea. Wiebe commended the Billing Office for their efforts in collecting delinquent account balances.

Mayor White thanked the Street Department for their efforts to keep the streets clear of snow. Sutton also thanked Kauser Trucking for their assistance in removing piled snow from Village streets.

Jones requested Council move into Executive Session for legal matters.

Daeger inquired if the Police Department had been notified of concerns regarding junk vehicles. Mayor White noted he had spoken with Chief Crawford, and decided to wait until the weather breaks to prevent tearing up yards.

Sierer thanked Mike Winners, Water Plant Superintendent, on his efforts to save the Village money by participating in the fluoride reimbursement program and suggesting changing to ultrafloc totes rather than drums.

Wiebe noted he will be sending correspondence to the Ohio EPA in response to their letter regarding the Village's sewer rates being less than 1% of Median Household Income ("MHI").

Daeger motioned for Council to move into Executive Session for legal matters, seconded by Trausch. Vote: all yea. Council returned to Regular Session.

Rife made a motion authorizing the Village to send correspondence to Porter Sanitation requesting a one-year extension to the Solid Waste contract, seconded by Trausch. Vote: Rife, yea; Sutton, yea; Guede, yea; Sierer, yea; Trausch, yea; Daeger, no.

The following meetings were scheduled:

- Recreation Committee - Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.
- Grounds & Buildings Committee - Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.
- Street Committee - Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

**DR. SEUSS DAY CELEBRATED IN AND OUT OF THE CLASSROOM**



On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, Carlee Turner of North Garden Place Apartments, Antwerp, invited the children of the complex to come to a 100 year Dr. Seuss Birthday Party. Several of the children of the complex attended and enjoyed cookies and milk and the reading of one of Dr. Seuss's books, *I Wish That I Had Duck Feet*. Loretta Baker, fiscal officer of the Village of Antwerp

came to read to the children. After the reading, a winner was drawn from a basket to receive the book read that night. The winner was Nataleigh Bidlack. All of the other children received helium balloons. Carlee announced the next feature would be held March 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. where a leprechaun would be in attendance. Be sure to wear green!



Dr. Seuss Day was celebrated at Paulding Elementary with a visit from the cat in the hat. Shown with the cat are some of Mrs. Kohart's kindergarten children.

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