

WOODBURN CLOTHING BANK: OFF TO A GREAT START

In November, I wrote about the 45 families and 73 children that were in need in our community. As much as I would love to say that there is no longer a need, unfortunately I cannot. As a matter of fact, just the opposite is true. There are now 49 families and 75 children who are in need.

The clothing bank at American Legion Post 377 in Woodburn is really taking off. We have helped over a dozen families so far. This is an ongoing endeavor and we will not stop until there is no longer a need.

Our main goal is to help those in need. While we are grateful for what we have received, there are still needs not being met. We are in need of socks of any size as well as adult stocking caps, gloves, mittens and adult boots. There is also a need for cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, softener, toilet paper, paper towels and other items that cannot be bought with food stamps. These items as well as clothing items can be dropped off at the American Legion Post 377 in Woodburn, Indiana.

Our hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. to noon and the third Tuesday of every month from 7:00-9:00 p.m. There is no limit as to how many times you can come in for help. Come down and let us help you!

Again, we thank you so much for your continued support.

—Tonya Thompson,
Coordinator of the Clothing Bank

PAULDING COUNTY LIBRARY PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME RESUMES

The Children's Department of the Paulding County Carnegie Library announces the Pre-School Story Time schedule for 2010. Story Times will be held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1:00 in the afternoon. These popular story times feature "Kooky Kirk" and all of his fun characters. The program is designed to not only introduce preschoolers and their parents to books and reading aloud, but also excite young minds to the joys of reading and the library. Story times usually include reading aloud, crafts, interactive activities, games and lots of surprises. Using their imaginations, children are transported to the wonderful world of stories. Statistics have proven that the earlier children are introduced to books and reading activities, the better equipped they are to enter school and grasp the skill of independent reading.

The first story time for 2010 will be held on Tuesday, January 19th at 1:00 in the Children's Room at the main library in Paulding. They will continue on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. For more information about pre-school story time contact the Children's Department at 419-399-2032.

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THE 2ND ANNUAL ANTWERP DANCING WITH THE STARS HAPPENS JANUARY 17TH!



Among the several contestants competing in this year's "Antwerp Dancing with the Stars" contest are Antwerp Jr/Sr High School students (front, l-r) Jayla Chamberlain and Rachel Banks as well as (back, l-r) Aaron Schneider, Jake Reinhart, Andrew Ehlinger, and Atticus Sorrell. The winners, to be determined by audience contributions, will take home the Crystal Ball trophy shown in the picture.

The 2nd annual Antwerp Dancing with the Stars is set for Sunday, January 17, 2010 at 1:30 p.m.

The following groups of dancers and musical instrumentalists will be competing for the Dancing with the Stars trophy:

Dancers - Steve & Susie Arnold, Rose & Jacob Reinhart, Aaron & Lydia Schneider, Antwerp Alumni Cheerleaders (Audrey Bissell, Trista Franklin, Abey Niebel, Alicia Studer, Katie Taylor, Kelli Walters, and Nicole Zuber), Ty Lee & Emily Shuherk, Rachel Banks & David Griffiths, Square Dancing Group (Gary & Linda Mabis, Barry & Donna DeLong, Alan Franklin & Janean Shannon, and Lee Zuber & Susie Arnold).

Instrumental Musicians - Robin & Jayla Chamberlain, Atticus Sorrell & Andrew Ehlinger, and Antwerp Community Band Members.

The Dance Dolls will also perform during the intermission.

The audience will determine the best dancers/musicians by putting money in your favorite performers' buckets. No contribution is too big or too small. The seven groups with the highest donations will come back to perform in the second round. The one group with the most money in their bucket at the end of the second round will be named this year's champions.

Admission will be charged for this event with pre-sale tickets available at

the home boys' and girls' basketball games through January 15. All proceeds will benefit the Antwerp All-Weather Track Campaign.

V.E.T.S. ANTWERP PEACETIME VETERANS LISTING

We continue this week with our alphabetical Antwerp Peacetime Veterans. An (*) means we are still needing documentation for the Veteran listed:

Charles R Hankinson, David C Hart, Lonnie M Hathaway*, James H Hunt, Max L Johnston, George S Kinsey III, Carl A Kortokrax, Carol A Kortokrax, Gregory L Kutzli, Leon L Layman*, Larry D Mansfield, David A McCreery, James G McCurdy*, John A Meyer, Robert M Miller*, Tad R Pendergrast, Robert Lee Phillips, Robert Leo Phillips, J Todd Philipot, Daniel L Pierce

PROTECTION AGAINST THE SILENT KILLER

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Agent

Now that cold weather has arrived so too has the need for home heating and protection against the "silent killer," carbon monoxide poisoning. According to Ken Giles, spokesman for the U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission, carbon monoxide is called the silent killer because it is a tasteless, colorless, and odorless gas that kills more than 3,000 people each year and sends about 10,000 to hospital emergency rooms for treatment.

The leading cause of poisoning deaths in the United States, carbon monoxide is produced whenever a fuel such as gas, oil, kerosene, wood or charcoal is burned. The amount of carbon monoxide produced depends mainly on the quality or efficiency of combustion. A properly functioning burner, having efficient combustion, produces little carbon monoxide. However, an out-of-adjustment burner can produce life-threatening amounts of carbon monoxide without any visible warning signs.

The main sources of carbon monoxide are motor vehicles, heaters and appliances that burn carbon-based fuels. Space heaters, poorly maintained chimneys and other heat sources can create a toxic buildup of the gas when used with inadequate ventilation.

Proper installation, operation and maintenance of combustion appliances in the home are most important in reducing the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning. Never operate a gas or charcoal grill indoors or run a generator in an enclosed space or outside a window where the exhaust could blow indoors, even if the power goes out. Don't

warm your car up in a closed garage. If your garage is attached to your house, close the door to the house even if you open the garage door while you warm up the car.

Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include headache, dizziness, nausea, vomiting, confusion, and chest pain. Since these symptoms are similar to those of other ailments, carbon monoxide poisoning can sometimes be difficult to recognize. However, if multiple individuals in the same home become ill with the same symptoms when heat sources are operating that is a very good indicator of carbon monoxide poisoning. Left untreated, the result can be unconsciousness, coma, or death. If you suspect carbon monoxide poisoning, go outside immediately and call 911! If others are not able to exit the dwelling, open doors and windows to allow the gas to escape while awaiting assistance from emergency responders.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission recommends installing at least one carbon monoxide detector per household, near the sleeping area. Additional detectors on every level of a home and in every bedroom provide extra protection. Choose an Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL) listed detector that sounds an audible alarm.

WBESC JANUARY GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Western Buckeye Educational Service Center Governing Board Organizational and Regular January Meeting is set for Thursday, January 14, 2010, 6:00 p.m.

The meeting will take place at the Paulding ESC Office, 202 N. Cherry St., Paulding, OH.

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OBITUARIES

Jeanne J Bryan, 77, of Paulding, Ohio passed away Sunday, January 10, 2010 at her residence.

Jeanne was born in Defiance on January 1, 1933, the daughter of the late Dorothy (Ehrman) & Chester Raymond Butler.

She was a homemaker and member of Paulding Church of Christ. On June 9, 1951 she married Robert Bryan, who passed away May 21, 1998.

She will be sadly missed by her children: Robert, Jr and Julia both of Ocklawaha, FL, David and Michael, both of Paulding; five brothers: Raymond, Earl, Carl, Ernest Richard and Gary all of Washington State; five sisters: Sharon Kelley of Idaho, Patricia Escobar and Sandy Heilman both of Washington State, Linda Edwards of Fort Wayne and Cheryl Smead of Oregon; three grandchildren: Cassidy and Cody Bryan, and Thomas Beaulaurier; and three great-grandchildren.

Jeanne is preceded in death by her brothers: Allen and David Butler; and sisters: Emma Place and Rita Searl.

Memorial Services are Saturday, January 16, 2010 at 11:00 a.m., Paulding Church of Christ.

Memorials are to the church. Arr. by Dooley Funeral Homes of Antwerp & Payne, Ohio. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Joseph Henry Ott, 98, of Antwerp, passed away Saturday, January 9, 2010 at Manor House Assisted Living.

Joe was born in Payne on June 12, 1911, a son of the late Anna (Papenbrock) and Henry Ott.

He worked at Payne Co-Op and was a member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish & Knights of Columbus.

On November 9, 1935 Joe

married Marie Meyer, who passed away November 28, 1986.

He will be sadly missed by his son, Chuck (Bev) of Hamilton, IN; grandchildren: Rhonda (Joe) Friend of Cecil, Renee (Brian) Dirrim of Edgerton, JaCee (Bob) Franz of Hamilton, IN and Randy of Antwerp; seven great-grandchildren; and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

Joe's Mass of Christian Burial is at Divine Mercy Catholic Church, Antwerp on Saturday, January 16, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

Viewing is Friday, 5:00-7:30 p.m. with a Catholic Vigil at 7:30 p.m. at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp. Viewing is also, Saturday, 9:00-9:30 a.m. at Dooley's. He will be laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery.

Memorials are to the church or Antwerp Branch Library. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Carson Paul Manz, 6 days, of Oakwood, died January 2, 2010 at the Riley Children's Hospital, Indianapolis, Indiana.

He was born December 27, 2009 in Fort Wayne, Indiana the son of Timothy R. and Joy E. (Stoller) Manz.

He is survived by his parents: Timothy and Joy Manz of Oakwood; paternal grandparents: Paul and Sandra (Ramsier) Manz of Paulding; maternal grandparents: Craig and Ruth (Klopfenstein) Stoller of Haviland; maternal great-grandparents: Russell and Melvne (Zimmerman) Stoller, and Ellen (Martin) Klopfenstein all of Paulding; paternal great-grandparents, Robert and Inez (Klotzle) Ramsier of Marshallville, OH.

He is preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Alvin Klopfenstein; paternal great-grandparents: Emmanuel and Ruth (Schlatter) Manz and Louise (Drayer) Manz;

and cousin, Elaina Stoller.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 8, 2010 at the Junction Apostolic Christian Church with church clergymen officiating. Burial was in Dotterer Cemetery, Junction.

Donations may be made in memory of Carson to the Children's Department of the Paulding Carnegie Library or Oakwood Carnegie Library.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com. Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding is handling arrangements.

Paul Ray "Bing" Fisher, 77, formerly of Hicksville, died Wednesday, January 6, 2010 at Briarwood Village, Coldwater, OH.

He was born November 25, 1932 in Liberty Township, Mercer County, OH to the late Birchie B. and Charlotte Belle (Hole) Fisher.

Surviving are his son, Mitchell D. Fisher of Payne; a daughter, Kim (Mike) Resendez of Payne; a brother, Lee Fisher of St. Mary's, OH; a sister, Ruth (Larry) Snook of Portland, IN; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by a daughter, Kay Fisher; a grandson; and two great-grandsons; a daughter-in-law, Maggie Fisher; two brothers: John and Buck Fisher; three sisters: his twin, Pauline Braun, Florence Weaver and Iva Alt.

He was a factory worker at International Harvester in Fort Wayne and self-employed in construction for many years before becoming disabled due to a snowmobile accident. He served with the U.S. Army during the rebuilding of Korea.

Services were January 12, 2010 at W.H. Dick & Sons - Hellwarth Funeral Home, Celina, OH. Rev. Mark Wakeland officiated. Burial was in Swamp College Cemetery, Celina.

Memorials to the Alzheimer's Association. Condolences may be sent to dick.hellwarth@verizonmail.com

BETHEL UMC OFFERS MONTHLY SOUP AND SANDWICH DINNER

What is better than a bowl of homemade soup on a cold Wednesday night? How about the company of the people at the Bethel United Methodist Church? The Bethel United Methodist Church invites you to join us the third Wednesday every month for a soup and sandwich beginning at 5:30 p.m. This meal is free and open to the public. Nothing is asked in return for the warm meal but you will be invited to come upstairs for our short contemporary service beginning at 7:00 p.m. This is a very informal setting

with some upbeat music and a short message.

This is just one of the many things happening at Bethel UMC on a regular basis. Sunday morning service begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by Sunday School for everyone. Wednesday night is bible study for adults and teens beginning at 7:00 p.m. We are currently discussing creation versus evolution. The children are invited on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 6:45 for Pioneer Club. This is for children 4 years to 6th grade. The teens meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at noon for Sr. MYF. For more information about anything happening at Bethel, please leave a message at 419-258-2123.

Bethel UMC is located just off Old 24 at the intersection of CR 192 and 73.

THE ONE TRUE CHURCH RESTORATION 10

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

This is the last lesson on Restoration, even though there is so much more to be said. In the past few lessons I have tried to show you the importance of being restored back to the Bible and the truth that is written on every page of this wonderful book. The church that Jesus is the head of was a dominant concern of these who were associated with the restoration movement. What a lot of people today don't understand is that the church was in the eternal purpose of God. Read Ephesians 3:8-11.

Also, in talking about the one true church today, there are those who believe the Lord's church started in 1803 and is just another denominational church, but this isn't true. What people need to do is study the Bible and our teachings and you will soon see that we are following the pattern that God has given for his church. Romans 6; 17 tells us we must obey that form of doctrine which is the New Testament. Some other scripture verses to look at are: 1 Corinthians 4:7; 2 Timothy 1:13; 2 John 1:9-11; Jude 3. Loved ones when we read the word church as it is used in the new testament, the church of God or the churches of Christ, this is speaking of only one church, which is the one true church. Church of God implies ownership. Read John 1:1-3, 14. Jesus did not find it rebellious or derogatory to refer to himself as God. Read 1 Corinthians 15:24. churches of Christ in Romans 16:16 refer to the various congregations of the same faith and practice which met in different geographical locations. This is why I worship in a church of Christ, for they

teach the same doctrine as the apostles, not depending on councils, creeds, church covenants or the doctrines of men. We teach and preach what the apostles did. In New Testament times, at the beginning of the Lord's church there weren't any denominational churches competing against one another, just the one true church.

The one true church, because of elders and deacons and others, who were changing the doctrine of the apostles and adding man's beliefs and opinions, soon saw the apostasy of the one true church. This persecution started in the first century and continued until the last part of the sixth or the first part of the seventh century through the last part of the seventeenth century human history does not record any mention of the one true church, but the New Testament sill had the pattern. There were the reformers but they were more interested in reforming the Catholic Church, than restoring the one true church bought and paid for by Jesus Christ the Son of God.

Because of some faithful men in the late seventeen hundreds, a movement was started that brought people back to the Bible. This movement was called the Restoration Movement and rightly so. As you and I study the Bible and especially the Old Testament, we see that God's people were faithful for a while and then apostatized, they then were told to repent and after repentance they were restored to God. The Israelites were rebellious many times. Paul, writing in Romans 15:4 tells us that "For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope."

The true church in the New Testament was in apostasy for awhile but now there are a few faithful men calling them back to the truth of the Bible. Jesus loves you and so does the Oakwood church of Christ. If you have Bible questions? Call Lonnie Lambert 419-399-5022 or James Potter 419-393-4775. Please remember to spend time in prayer and Bible study.

PAULDING COUNTY LIBRARY JANUARY BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED

The January 2010 meeting of the Paulding County Carnegie Library Board of Trustees is scheduled for Monday, January 25, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the main library in Paulding. All board meetings are open to the public.

WOODBURN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOLDS QUARTERLY MEETING

The Woodburn Chamber of Commerce will be holding its quarterly meeting on Thursday, January 14 at City Hall at 7:00 p.m. Businesses in Woodburn and surrounding area are eligible for membership. Membership is also open to any individual citizen to attend and become a member. Bring ideas on ways to promote the qualities and opportunities of Woodburn and surrounding area.



CHRISTIAN PIANIST JIM HENDRICKS IN CONCERT AT TWIN OAKS UMC

Christian Pianist Jim Hendricks, will be in concert on Sunday, January 17 at 10:30 a.m. at the Twin Oaks United Methodist Church, located at E. Harmon St., Oakwood.

Jim is a dynamic Christian pianist who has performed in churches all across the United States, including appearances at the Crystal Cathedral. He has also performed with such greats as Dave Brubeck, Della Reese, Jack Jones, Rita Moreno and many others.

There is no charge for this concert; however, a freewill offering will be received.



ANTWERP CHILDCARE CENTER

By: Sue Knapp

Antwerp Childcare Center is now open. Located at the Riverside Christian Church on the corner of SR 49 and Rd. 192, Ann Cline (Administrator) is ready to help you out with your childcare needs.

Ann has lived in the area all her life. Her and her husband, Jordan have one child, Wyatt who is 4 months old. She took Early Childhood Education at the University of Toledo and graduated from IPFW, Fort Wayne with a degree in General Studies concentrating on Early Childhood Education and Organizational Leadership.

The Antwerp Childcare Center is open Monday - Friday from 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. with accommodations for part-time and before and after school care. The center will take kids from six weeks to 12 years old and a goal is to be able to provide income-based childcare. For more information you may call 419-506-0435

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FROM THE DOG WARDEN'S DESK

By: Mandy Lichty, Paulding County Chief Dog Warden

This week's featured pet is Miranda. Miranda is a five month old terrier mix. She is a small girl and will probably weigh around 20-25 pounds when she is full grown.

Also at the shelter we have Wolfie, the akita; Ruby, a boxer mix; and Maya, a brindle boxer/rottweiler mix.

We had several dogs adopted last Thursday in spite of heavy snowfall and treacherous roads. What better way to warm up than with a new family dog to snuggle up on the couch with!

If you have pets that live outdoors be sure to provide them with fresh water at least twice a day. In these frigid temperatures water bowls can freeze over rapidly. Also be sure to increase their daily food rationing as they will burn more calories just to keep warm.

Come out and see the dogs on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and Thursdays from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Check the website at petfinder.com

21ST CENTURY ODOT TO MEET OHIO'S 21ST CENTURY MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION NEEDS

Unveiling the state's key two-year transportation initiatives and an overview of the historic investments currently being made in Ohio's multi-modal system, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) today released its 2010-2011 Business Plan by highlighting a "faster and smarter" way to advance the state's major transportation projects.

The 2010-2011 Business Plan also projects a reduction in ODOT's long-term programming deficit by \$2 billion through better management and planning, new federal funding, and lower-than-expected inflation.

"During this biennium, ODOT is delivering on time, on budget, and at the highest level of quality, the largest construction program in Ohio history - 30 percent larger than at any other time

- with personnel levels at a 30 year low," said ODOT Director Jolene M. Molitoris, noting that with federal stimulus funding and ODOT's dedicated federal and state gas tax dollars combined, the department is investing more than \$4 billion into capital and construction projects over the next two state fiscal years.

In the plan, ODOT details the actions taken over the past year to transform the department into a "21st Century ODOT to meet Ohio's 21st Century multi-modal transportation needs." Those actions include the creation of a new ODOT Office of Maritime, which advocates for Ohio's 716 miles of navigable waterway and is leading the U.S. Maritime Administration's Interstate 90/Marine Highway Corridor Program and the Ohio River "Marine One" Corridor.

Other changes include a new Office of Innovation, Partnership and Energy charged with exploring and implementing new transportation technologies, policies, and public-private partnerships; a first-ever ODOT Economic Development Liaison focused on connecting transportation investment and business development opportunities across the state; and a new Division of Equal Opportunity at the forefront of the department's efforts to promote diversity, eliminate discrimination, and encourage more disadvantaged and minority businesses to do work with the state.

With this new Business Plan, the state's Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) will pursue what it calls new "FAST TRAC" procedures to quickly advance major new transportation projects that are economic drivers and have statewide or regional significance.

The members of the TRAC—the nine-member independent council that assists ODOT in selecting the state's largest transportation investments—called for this regulatory reform to "cut red tape" and capitalize on the lessons learned during ODOT's expedited project development process under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

To support this FAST TRAC initiative, ODOT will designate \$100 million over the biennium and a total of \$400 million in the financial plan. In the coming months, the TRAC will also establish criteria to determine how these FAST TRAC major projects (capacity-adding

projects more than \$5 million in cost) advance to construction quickly, including those projects that simply need state approval and not state funding.

"Because of the lessons ODOT learned from the Recovery Act, working faster, more collaboratively, transparently, and multi-modally have become the norm not the exception," Director Molitoris added.

Among the other initiatives unveiled in the Business Plan is ODOT's "Target: Zero" - a renewed focus on safety in the workplace, on construction sites, and with the traveling public to assure zero tolerance for any safety hazard.

On Ohio's highways, ODOT's increased safety efforts—combined with reduced traveling by motorists—have already resulted in 16% fewer fatalities through the end of November 2009. Under the plan, ODOT will establish an annual goal of reducing employee injury and equipment incidents by 20% and reducing total crashes on Ohio's roadways by 5%.

Over the next two years, ODOT plans to use new technology to increase safety, including piloted use of new edge line and centerline rumble stripes that reflect oncoming headlights, use of reflective back plates on traffic signals - designed to make stop lights easier to see, and increased use of cable barriers to prevent cross-median crashes.

ODOT is also committing to "Go with Green" by implementing new environmentally-sensitive practices in its operations. In 2009, ODOT's highway maintenance crews reduced spraying of herbicides by 98 percent and ODOT's snow plows earned the state's first "Ohio Green Fleets" certifications by reducing diesel emissions and using alternative fuels.

Over the next two years, ODOT plans to upgrade many of the department's traffic control devices with LED technology—replacing old incandescent signal lights—which will use less energy (a 90 percent power reduction at a traffic signal) and improve reliability.

ODOT's 2010-2011 Business Plan also offers a review of the department's high ethics and accountability standards, a strong financial plan for the biennium, and the departments' performance and quality assurance measurements.

"For the first time, we also put in writing our commitment to those we serve: Ohio's citizens and businesses," said Director Molitoris. "With the gravity of the challenges facing our state and its transportation system, only by working together as a team—focused on our mission and our commitments with integrity—can ODOT succeed."

In the previous 2008-2009 Business Plan, the department revealed that the cumulative effects of high construction cost inflation and past over-programming, along with other factors, created a forecasted deficit of \$3.5 billion through the year 2015.

During the past two years of the Strickland Administration, ODOT has cut the projected shortfall by \$2 billion through 2017 - a 57 percent reduction in just two years. Among the cost-cutting prac-

tices, ODOT reduced operating expenses by operating at 95% of anticipated costs. This effort will continue through 2017, saving the department \$400 million.

ODOT reduced un-bid emergency contracts and costly change orders on major construction projects, producing at least \$250 million in savings through 2017. The department experienced lower-than-expected construction cost inflation, which helped to reduce costs. And by making smart Recovery Act investments, ODOT was able to advance the completion of important "ready to go" projects and provide an additional half-billion dollars toward future financial planning.

The 2010-2011 Business Plan also stresses the importance of securing a vibrant federal Transportation Authorization bill for the next five years. "Federal funding aimed at developing a safe, efficient, multi-modal transportation system will help position Ohio to compete in the global economy," commented Director Molitoris.

A full copy of ODOT's 2010-2011 Business Plan can be found online at <http://www.dot.state.oh.us/policy/2010-2011BusinessPlan/>.

THIS WEEK IN REVIEW: ODOT CREWS CONTINUE

As winter storms move out of Ohio, crews from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) continue to clear roads and salt bridges and overpasses.

At the height of last week's storms, ODOT had more than 1,300 snowplows and trucks on state highways, plowing and treating 24 hours-a-day. Today, most roadways across Ohio are running clear and wet, while some continue to see slightly slushy conditions. ODOT crews are focusing on bridges, overpasses, and ramps, as those locations are usually the first to refreeze.

ODOT's salt experts estimate that nearly 85,000 tons of salt have been used statewide to combat this round of winter weather. ODOT still has stockpiled roughly 475,700 tons of salt in barns throughout Ohio.

Even with ODOT crews keeping roads safe and passable, safe driving for Ohio motorists begins behind the wheel. During yesterday's snowy conditions, ODOT's snow plow drivers reported seeing a number of driver traveling at speeds too fast for the conditions. During the winter season, speed is one of the leading causes of fatal and injury accidents. ODOT's best advice: in Ice and Snow... Take it Slow.

A growing number of Ohioans are empowering themselves with information before they get behind the wheel by logging in to www.BuckeyeTraffic.org. Between November 1, 2009 and January 6, 2010, ODOT's premier web site received more than 34 million hits; two million more this year than all of winter last year combined.

This web site is available to the public and offers user-friendly, map-based features with updated weather and traffic conditions on Ohio roadways, traffic camera views and traffic conditions before traveling.

Also available through www.BuckeyeTraffic.org is

WOODBURN ELEMENTARY SPELLING BEE WINNERS



Woodburn Elementary conducted its school spelling bee on Thursday, January 7th. There were twenty-five contestants representing the sixth and fifth grade classrooms. Finalist for the spelling bee were chosen by classroom spelling bees. The participants for this year's bee included the following students representing the sixth grade: Micah Allgeier, Katilyn Burns, Lindsey Charley, Jordan Grogg, Alyssa Hoepner, Gavin Keller, Brooke Kinney, Jason Lindberg, Macy Lowden, and Zach Smith.

The fifth grade participants included: Sydnee Ashcraft, Meghan Bair, Quentin Baker, Janetta Brandenberger, Courtney Brooks, Libby

Eich, Olivia Funk, Josey Giannotti, Anna Kneller, Zoe Lowden, Austin Roemer, Shawn Roemer, Sophi Schultz, Keifer Weiks, and Alan Zehr.

Congratulations to Sydnee Ashcraft who spelled the word tutor to win the 2009-2010 Woodburn Elementary Spelling Bee. Sydnee is a fifth grader in Mrs. Salzbrenner's classroom. Her parents are Jason and Kelly Ashcraft. The runner-up in this year's spelling bee is Zoe Lowden. Zoe is a fifth grader in Mrs. Parisot's classroom. Her parents are Chris and Amy Lowden.

Sydnee will participate in the Allen County Spelling Bee that will be held in February. Congratulations Sydnee!

road and weather sensor information. A quick mouse-over will reveal air temperatures, wind velocity, and pavement temperatures at 179 Roadway Weather Information System (RWIS) stations around the state.

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 - 1/6 - Leah Russell, Cloverdale
 - 1/9 - Elizabeth Lust, Antwerp

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

James, my letter and disgust of you flying your flag upside down has nothing to do with my political views. It has nothing to do with whom I voted for in the presidential election. It has nothing to do with the freedom of prayer in school. Also, your sign in your yard had nothing to do with my letter to you! You have all the rights in our country to do what you did; I also have the right to disagree with it. You assuming that I do not care are outrageous. I wrote my letter for one reason—my flag! You did offend myself and other veterans that I have spoken to in the last few months. These same veterans have approached me at our local VFW and shook my hand for my letter to you. I agree with some of your points on our government, but will nev-

er agree with your reaction to them by flying your flag upside down in protest to them.

I wrote that letter for the veteran that is not physically able to. I wrote that letter for the soldier who is fighting our wars in a far off land who does not have the time to reply. I wrote that letter for the soldier's family that chose to withhold their thoughts about your actions and instead, turn them into prayers for their loved one's safe homecoming. I wrote that letter for the deceased veteran who has not the ability to reply. I wrote for those that chose not to serve, since we all are "One nation under God". I wrote that letter for my kids and all future generations so they might know how the many feel about ones disrespectful actions towards our great flag and veterans who served under it. I wrote that letter for myself, knowing that I no longer serve in the armed forces, I will always and never fledgling, serve my country and flag. And lastly, I write this letter to you James, deep down it had to hurt knowing that even though you disagree with so much that our country is doing, you still, as all veterans do, serve that flag everyday. Knowing that when you pass away that flag will be draped over your casket as a symbol of respect for what you did as a service to that flag.

I say this James: Protest, and Revolt, lead a revolution, let your voice be heard. Do what you believe you have to do to change what you believe is wrong with our country and its government. But also remember this, to many people they could care less what sign you put in your yard or what you write in the paper. The reason is they lost respect when they saw the flag upside down on your property for the first time.

You will reply with quotes from leaders and revolutionists from the past on why you were right for what you did and why I am wrong for not doing the same. You will reply with accusations that I do not care about our country and loads of other junk about democrats and republicans. The reason that I wrote the letter was the flag, nothing more.

—Chad Breedlove

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Father Knows Best

There was a family of frogs that lived in a well. This family had all it needed to live a content life because

the well was fed by an active fresh water spring. This spring nourished the family with the small fish and minnows that it fed to them. Once a day, a bucket would come down from the heavens and dip out a bucketful of water. Father frog always told the three baby frogs that they should always beware of the bucket and never go inside it. Each day when the bucket came down, Clark, the oldest of the baby frogs, would look up to the opening of the well and wonder what was out there? He asked his parents why they were never allowed to go out the hole. The father frog would say, "This is the safest place for us to live. Please obey what you are told." But little Clark was never satisfied. So when the bucket came down the next day, little Clark clung onto the side of the bucket until it was to the opening, and then he hopped off and onto the edge of the well. This was the first time Clark had ever seen the world, outside the well. What he saw amazed him. He saw trees, green grass, and birds. Then in the distance he saw a big pond that was full of fresh water. Wow, Clark thought, look at all the water I could have if I only lived in that big pond instead of this small well. Then, Clark began his slow climb back into the well. That night, Clark kept thinking of all that he saw and especially that big pond of water. Well, the next day Clark was waiting for that bucket to come down the well. When it did, he hung onto the side again and rode it up, hopped off at the top and then proceeded to hop around his new world to find that pond of water. When Clark found the pond, he hopped in and thought, "Wow, look at all of this nice water. Why shouldn't I explore this? What's wrong with this?" After a little while in the pond, Clark climbed a tree and in the distance he saw a fresh water lake. A much bigger lake than the pond. Wow, Clark thought, look at that. Clark knew it was time to go back to the well so no one would miss him and know what he was doing.

Back in the well, Clark just couldn't get the big lake out of his mind. So the next day, Clark hitched a ride on the bucket and hopped off the well, hopped past the fresh water pond until he came to the fresh water lake. Clark hopped in. After a time in the lake, he knew he should go back to the well. As Clark climbed out of the lake, he climbed onto a diving platform so he could see what was beyond the lake. To his amazement, he saw a large ocean. Wow, Clark thought, look at all that water. How can it be wrong to want to go there?

So, back in the well that night, Clark kept thinking about the big ocean and how he wanted to see it.

So, you guessed it, the next day Clark caught a ride on the bucket, hopped past the fresh water pond, past the fresh water lake and came upon the ocean's edge. One look at all the water, and Clark wondered why his father always warned him not to leave the well. So, Clark hopped into the ocean and instantly he realized he could not tolerate the water. "Help!" Clark yelled. Instantly, his father swam out and pulled Clark

to shore. Why was his father there?

As Clark and his father were hopping back to the well, the father explained that he saw Clark leave the well every time. The father explained that he knew the pond and the lake were fresh water, but he knew the ocean was salt water. Father frog knew that frogs could not live in salt water and it would kill them.

This story of Clark and his father makes me think about us and our Heavenly Father (God) and all the warnings he gives us through the Bible. How many times do we ignore the warnings of God and his warnings to us as to how we should live our life.

Many times we know the difference between doing what God wants us to do, and what our desires are.

God clearly warns us through his word, the Bible, what rules in life we should follow. Many times we ignore Gods warnings. We think that nobody will ever know. But God knows everything. And you know, the amazing thing about God is that he will let us follow our own desires and learn what trouble it can bring us.

Are there things in your life that you do and know are against Gods will? Maybe today you are swimming in the freshwater pond and tomorrow it will lead you to the saltwater of disobedience. Maybe you are addicted to something, maybe you are stealing from someone, maybe you are cheating in business and the list of maybes can just go on and on. But the good news is, God knows what you are swimming in, but is always there to pull you out when you sincerely call upon his name.

Just remember, if God so loved the world, he surely loves you even more because you are part of the world until you become His. Just be assured of the fact that just as Clark realized the salt water was more than he could handle, when you get to the point that your saltwater is choking you, call upon God with a sincere voice. He is already there ready to pull you ashore.

As the old title line to the TV show says "Father Knows Best."

—Bill Basting

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I'm back! Well, Paulding is starting the year as usual with a almost threatening Editorial about having to pay our outrageous property taxes no matter how bad things are. This editorial was almost an insult as we know we have these taxes! It shows that we have to do everything and the town just sets back and takes our money! If the town wants to help us why not lower these over priced rates! I'll bet if we dug deep into this we would find some of the levies we voted down are being slipped into these rates. It also seems funny that certain people who collect these rates and threaten penalty fines if not paid by due date couldn't pay their bill in my shop on time and had to be sent a non-payment notice! If I go two weeks past the due date on this tax I'm sure I'd get a fine but I suppose when you're "important" in this town you don't have to pay your bill on time! Or maybe they "just forgot".

You "important" people need to remember; we come into this world with nothing and we leave with nothing! You will be remembered for what you do between these times! A lot of you will be remembered for taking advantage of people and using your position to keep increasing bills to put burdens on people they couldn't afford! I hope to be remembered for keeping my shop rates low and speaking out for people who are having trouble paying bills which our Paulding government keeps increasing and doesn't care what we have to give up to pay them! Perhaps next time council voting comes up I may run! All you "important" people don't laugh. I think there are a lot of people in this town who would like someone in there that is having the same trouble paying bills that they are and would really stand up for them and not just shove more bills down their throats!

Paulding's New Year's resolutions are obviously to keep gouging us! My resolutions are to keep writing editorials to question this poor attitude and see if anyone will listen! Happy New Year and see you in the editorials!

—Gregg Gorman

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

On January 6th, my wife and I went to Lima, for a hearing dealing with a proposed consolidation of the Lima mail distribution with the Toledo distribution center. After a 15 minute video explaining the study of this, the floor was open to comments and questions. Nobody who stepped to the microphones were in favor of this! The area mail processing (AMP) is supposed to save the USPS money by consolidating and changing trucking routes. There was no added cost estimates for the added trucking needed to come

from Toledo, and no time or money savings were offered, but the Cincinnati director said a \$1.7 million savings would be seen by this move! Many of the postal unions, local businesses and the city of Lima offered many differences of figures showing that the AMP move would cost over double the estimated savings of closing the Lima facility, and moving to Toledo. One union member stated that the moving expenses allowed in their contract would be over \$1.2 million, the equipment move will cost \$227,000, and many more little expenses that go along with this! But for my wife and I, the single largest cost is service and delivery delays! It's 45 miles from Lima to Oakwood, with a current twice a day pickup and delivery, it's 80-90 miles from Toledo, with a proposed 1 time a day pickup. The current time from Lima to Toledo, or Dayton-Cincinnati is 1 day, for 1st class, 2-3 for 2nd class mail. Under proposed changes, our mail will go to 2-3 for 1st, class, and a 4-5 for 2nd class mail! It looks like the Cincinnati director is considering our area as 2nd, or 3rd class as far as mail is concerned! Her excuse is a reduction of cancelled mail due to people using on-line to pay bills, and she said this over and over again! As far as quality of service, the Lima facility has been well above Toledo and Cincinnati many times, and even processed the anthrax-laced mail in 2001, so as you can see, we need the Lima distribution center to stay in operation! Call Bob Latta, Sherrod Brown, Lynn Wachtmann, Steve Buehrer and also, the consumer affairs manager, Cincinnati district, 1591 Dalton Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45234-9631, and tell them we're not 2nd, or 3rd class citizens, and we want 1st class service from our postal service!

—Mike Porter

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HATFIELDS AND MCCOYS

By: Stan Jordan

Over the years and right now even, neighbors have disagreements and arguments, but the feud between the Hatfields and McCoy's was by far the most infamous in scope and time, and the most useless killings and carnage.

One of the first killings was a flat out murder. Now these people had disagreements for quite a while but the first real bad blood was the killings of Asa Herman McCoy on January 7, 1865.

Sandy River between Kentucky and West Virginia in the back country.

The Hatfields were better off than the McCoy's and were well-connected politically. Devil Anse Hatfield had a lumbering business that was a source of wealth for his family. But he employed a number of people that were not Hatfields along with three McCoy's.

The second battle was over a pig. The McCoy's said it was theirs because of the notches in the ears. The Hatfields said they had it and therefore it

but later she returned to her family. After Johnse wanted to make up the McCoy's arrested him on some old bootlegging charges. He was freed after Rose Anna went to Devil Anse and had him raise a group and they surrounded the McCoy's and took Johnse back to West Virginia before the court convened the next day in Pikeville, KY.

After this happened, Johnse left pregnant Rose Anna and instead married her cousin, Nancy McCoy in 1881.

The feud got hot again when Devil Anse's brother, Ellison was killed by three of Rose Anna's younger brothers, Bob, Tolbert and Pharmed McCoy. Ellison was stabbed 26 times and finished off with a shot in an election day fight over in Kentucky.

The McCoy boys were arrested by Hatfield constables and taken to Pikeville for trial. But Devil Anse organized a group of followers and cut off the constables with the McCoy prisoners before they got to Pikeville. They were taken by force to West Vir-

ginia at night and opened fire. The cabin was set on fire to drive out Randal McCoy. He escaped by making a break, but two of his children were murdered and his wife beaten and left for dead. The remaining McCoy family moved to Pikeville to escape the raids.

The feud took more than a dozen members of both families between 1880 and 1891. That caused the Governors of both states to bring up their militia and stop this war. The Kentucky governor sent his adjutant Gen. Sam Hill up into that country and people waited to see 'what in the Sam Hill' was going on.

In 1888, Wes Hatfield and eight others were arrested by a posse led by Frank Phillips. They were to start trial for the killing of Alfair McCoy during the New Year's Eve Massacre. She was running from the burning house when she was shot. This trial was held up by a lot of hocus pocus and finally the Supreme Court was called to see where this trial would be held. Eventually it was held in Kentucky and all men were found guilty. Seven received life prison sentences. Ellison Mounts called, 'Cotton Top', was executed by hanging. I guess thousands attended the hanging.

The families finally agreed to stop the feuding in 1891. That trial of Johnse Hatfield was the last of the feud trials.

Deaths: Returning soldier, Asa McCoy killed January 7, 1865 probably by Jim Vance's Logan Wildcats; Bill Stanton (nephew of Randolph McCoy) was killed in 1878 for revenge that he testified for Floyd Hatfield in his trial for stealing McCoy hog; Ellison Hatfield was killed on Election Day Massacre in 1880. He died in 1882; In 1882, Tolbert, Pharmed and Randolph McCoy Jr. were tied to Paw Paw trees and murdered. This was on the day that Ellison died. They were killed because they shot Ellison back in August of 1880 and he died in 1882; Jeff was killed in the fall of 1886 because he murdered Fred Wolford; in 1888 Alfair and Calvin McCoy were killed on January 1 at Randolph's house by nine attackers led by Jim Vance. They wanted to eliminate some witnesses.; In 1889, Ellison Mounts was hanged on February 8 for the murder of Alfair.

In 2000, Bo McCoy, descendant and college student, organized a joint reunion of the Hatfield and McCoy clans. More than 5,000 persons attended the reunion. The reunion was named "The Reunion of the Millennium." There are many historical relics and feud sites in parts of West Virginia and Kentucky to visit.

In 1979 descendants of the Hatfield and McCoy families reunited for a week's taping of Family Feud. A pig was kept on stage during the games.

In 2003 a peace treaty was drawn up (suggested by Reo Hatfield) and signed by representatives of the two families in Pikeville. The purpose was to show that Americans could bury their differences and unite in times of crises.

Medical researchers discovered that many McCoy's suffered from Von Hippel-Landau Disease, approximately 75% of the McCoy clan had tumors on their adrenal glands. It is said that symptoms of this disease cause violent tendencies. (info taken from wikipedia)

See Ya!



By: Stan Jordan

#1 Blond Joke

The blond that I know was way overweight, so her doctor put her on a diet. He said, "I want you to eat regularly for two days and then skip a day and repeat this procedure for two weeks. Then the next time I see you, you will have lost at least five pounds." When the blond returned in two weeks she shocked the doctor by losing almost 20 pounds.

"Why that's amazing!" said the doctor. "Did you follow my instructions?"

The blond said she did, "But to tell you the truth, I thought I would drop dead on that third day," she added.

"From hunger you mean?" asked the doctor.

"No, from skipping!!"

#2 Blond Joke

My wife and I attended a dude ranch in Colorado. The cowboy preparing the horses asked the blond lady if she wanted a western or English saddle.

"What's the difference?" she asked.

He said, "One has a horn and one doesn't."

She said, "I will take the one without a horn, I don't expect to run into too much traffic!"

See Ya!

MEET THE MINISTERS

By: Stan Jordan

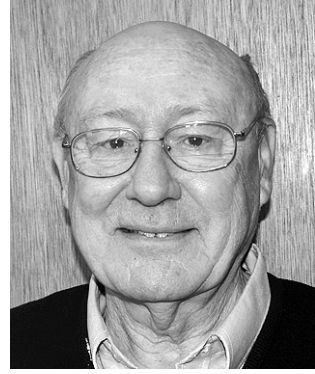
Robert Nighswander was born in Continental, OH in 1934. He went to school there until his Junior year in high school. He came to Antwerp in his Junior and Senior year and graduated in 1952. He then worked at General Motors.

He married Maxine Reinhart in 1953 and they had seven children: Debora, David, Pamela, Cathy, Carol, Brenda and Anthony.

He was called to the U.S. Army in 1954. He was given

a lot of training but he also attended the Fort Monmouth Radar Repair School. This schooling helped him to get a good job later on.

He served in Korea over a year in the 1955-'56 era. He was with the 8th Army doing all kinds of radar work. (I



didn't know it but now they use radar in addition to war times, in weather, mortar locations, as well as artillery and other areas unknown to the common person).

After he returned from Korea he was employed by I.T.T. at Fort Wayne. His Army training helped him there as they built radars used in airports for flight control. I.T.T. Sold these components all over the world and when one of them needed repaired Bob was the person to fix it.

Now right here was where I stopped taking notes and listened to him tell about all the foreign countries that he had been sent to: Saudi Arabia, Turkey, United Emirates, Norway, Germany, Abu Dabi, I can't remember all of them.

Then on one trip he circled the globe from Turkey to India, to Singapore, a few more stops and then into Indonesia. This is where he learned to eat with chop sticks.

Bob tells me he was very careful to try to abide by their customs to observe their culture and their food. If they wanted to give you something, take it or they were upset. Yes, lots of times language was a problem, but he always got by.

Bob was the most interesting person that I have talked to for a long time. He said he never told those people that he owned a house and lawn or

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Old Devil Anse Hatfield and his clan hated the McCoy's because the Hatfields had fell in on the Confederate side and the McCoy's were on the Union Side. Well, Asa McCoy had joined the Union Army but he was discharged because he had broken a leg. While he was returning home the Hatfields murdered him in a cave close to home because he was on the Union Side. All this feuding took place along the Tug Fork River off the Big

was theirs. The person hearing the case was a Hatfield so the McCoy's lost the hog. This was in 1878. In June of 1880, Saton Hatfield was killed by two McCoy brothers, Sam and Paris. The boys were later acquitted because of self-defense.

The feud escalated later when Rose Anna McCoy began an affair with Johnse Hatfield. This was old Devil Anse's son. She left her family to live with the Hatfields

ginia to wait trial. They had to wait to see if Ellison lived or died. He died and the McCoy boys were all murdered themselves as this whole mess escalated. They were tied to some Paw Paw bushes and shot numerous times. Their bodies looked like a sieve.

The escalation would reach it's peak during the New Year's Night Massacre in 1888. Several of the Hatfields surrounded the McCoy house

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Antwerp High School selected Jessica Smith as Student of the Month for December 2009. Jessica is a Senior and a member of the National Honor Society. A couple of her school activities include Senior Class Video and International Club. Jessica is the daughter of Rhonda & Chad Robbins and Tim & Jen Smith. Some of her hobbies include listening to music, spending time with her family and friends. She loves to travel and swim too. After high school Jessica plans to attend the University of Saint Francis and major in nursing.
Great Job Jessica!

Paulding Middle School is pleased to announce that 8th Grader, Brad Matson, has been selected as the December Student of the Month.

Brad is an excellent student who maintains a constant 4.0 GPA. Brad plays saxophone in the middle school Maroon Band and is also a member of the Paulding Middle School Science Olympiad and Science Fair teams. He is a very dedicated, hard working student and has a fantastic work ethic when it comes to his education and all of his extra curricular activities. Congratulations Brad.



Derrick Baksa is a senior at Wayne Trace High School and has been selected as their Student of the Month for December. He is the son of Roger and Susan Baksa. During the past four years Derrick has been active in Student Council, Teachers Aid and Office Aid. He has been nominated to the National Leadership Conference and for the past three years, to the United States Achievement Academy. Derrick is also active in football and is a 4 year letter winner. He has been captain both his Junior and Senior year, 1st Team All Conference Line Backer ('09), 2nd Team All District Line Backer ('09), Paulding County Offensive Player of the year ('09), 1st Team Van Wert Area Line Backer ('08-'09). Mr Baksa is also a 3 year letter winner in Basketball, Honorable Mention All District ('08), Honorable Mention All Conference (08), and Team Captain (09).
Keep up the good work Derrick!

WE ASKED THE STUDENTS TO KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

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two cars. They already envied him and his freedom. He said that in all countries the common person wanted to come to the United States and get an education. The all wanted to be free and not under a dictator and worship who they wanted. That is another place that Bob had to be careful, to watch what he did or said. You know, with Mr. Nighswander's high morals and characteristics, the United States could not have sent a better ambassador.

When you see Bob the next time, ask him to tell you how he conquered the use of the chop sticks. That will tell you about the ingenuity of that fellow.

I asked Bob about his training to become a Deacon in his church and you might not know that he is also an Ordained Minister.

He said he went to school for two years at the Sacred

Heart Seminary in Shelby, OH. He went every weekend and for two weeks each summer for two years.

Bob said that his wife, Maxine, was very supportive for him. He was gone so much from the family but she was always ready to help.

He helps the local priest here at the Antwerp location of the Divine Mercy. That is the reason, to help whenever and where ever he can. Now he has three people taking marriage instructions. He also teaches at Paulding's RICA Program.

I don't see how he has time for hobbies but he likes to hunt and fish. He also enjoys being a clown at children's events.

He and Maxine like to travel. But he likes to spend time with his family and grandchildren. He and Maxine have seven great-grandchildren.

Bob was ordained by the

Bishop at the Toledo Diocese, he is a permanent Deacon. Here are some of the ways he can serve the church: assist in the Liturgy, preside at baptisms, distribute Holy Communion, read the Scriptures and preach a Homily, teach in the Parish School or other religious education programs, lead Bible and Prayer Services, perform charitable works for the poor, the sick and the elderly and others in need, guide people in their works of mercy and in their efforts to become Holy and preside in weddings and funerals. One of Bob's goals is to teach the younger folks about a good family life with two good parents.

Bob wants to help people know Christ and to make Him known. He says, "We are on a journey to eternal life and I want to help people get there."

We, here in this area are very lucky to have a man of this caliber in our midst.

Bob, I really enjoyed this interview with you. I have known you for many years but now I know you a lot better and our townspeople will also.

You have had a very useful life and have helped many people. I think you are a role model for our young folks.

I'm certainly glad that Bob has agreed to another interview. So, readers of my column, we will have another story about Bob's travels and adventures throughout the world.
See Ya!

JOB & CAREER ACCELERATOR

By: Ellen Williams, Paulding Schools

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LADY RAIDERS TRIP UP LCC



Lima Central Catholic took on the Lady Raiders Jan. 4th at the Palace (WT). Wayne Trace took an early lead and never looked back, winning 56-37. Shown here is Sophomore Ashley Saylor shooting near the basket. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

ACES FALL TO PANTHERS



Paulding took on the Aces Monday, Jan 4 at home. The Panthers did a great job and won 53-45. Shown here is Junior Jesse Glass scoring a basket. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

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LADY WARRIORS VS LADY ARCHERS



Woodlan Lady Warriors took on their close competitors at home, Antwerp Archers on Jan. 5th. In an extremely competitive game the Lady Archers pulled out on top at the end with a win 41-35. Shown here is Warrior Freshman Lauren Ehle attempting a shot with Archer Junior Jessie Arnold guarding. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



The Edon Bombers came to the Palace (Wayne Trace) Saturday night (1-9). The Raiders fell behind in the 2nd quarter, but by the time the quarter ended the score was tied. The Raiders fell behind again in the 3rd quarter but made up for it in the 4th, winning the game 45-47. Shown here is Junior Nick LaBounty shooting, scoring, and getting fouled. He then scores on the free-throw. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

RAIDERS SCRAPE OUT WIN FROM BOMBERS

On Saturday, January 9th, the Palace was overheating in the match up between the Wayne Trace boys and the Edon Bombers in HS basketball action. Both teams played give and take the entire game, but in the end the Raiders kept a home victory: 47-45

Score by the quarter:
Edon - 12 11 18 4=45
Wayne Trace - 9 14 12 12=47

Top scorers:
Edon - Hug 13, Wells 10, Koleff 9, Kesler 5, Moore 4, Gibbs 2, Wells 2

Wayne Trace - Baksa 17, Akkerman 9, Beckman 6, Davis 4, Klopfenstein 4, LaBounty 3, Gordon 3, Sherry 1

ANTWERP & WOODLAN LADIES ENGAGE IN HEATED MATCH OF HS BASKETBALL

Skills and talent on both sides of the Lady Warrior & Lady Archers game on January 5, 2010 were equally matched which caused tough defense and fierce offense on both sides of the court. Antwerp pulled it off in the last quarter to strip a victory away from the Lady Warriors: 41-35.

Score by the Quarter:
Woodlan - 10 11 5 9=35
Antwerp - 5 14 9 13=41
Top Scorers:
Antwerp - Bashore 9; Koppenhofer 5, Arnold 9; Stuck 8
Woodlan - Carver 11, Wiedemann 11, Kirkwood 8, Keller 3, Yoder 2

WAYNE TRACE'S SAWYER TEMPLE WRESTLING CHAMPION!

By: Dianna Clemens

The Wayne Trace Varsity team placed fourth at the Dan Piloseno Duals held in Toledo on Saturday, January 9, 2010. The Dual Tournament was made up of eight schools from Genoa, Toledo Central Catholic, Fremont St. Joe, Central Catholic, Edgerton, St. John's Michigan Huron, Lincoln West, and Wayne Trace.

The Raiders crowned one lone champion, freshman Sawyer Temple, 140 lb, was the only wrestler from WT to bring home the gold. This was quite an accomplishment for a freshman considering the top quality of wrestling that this tournament consists of.

Wayne Trace started off the day with a win over Fremont St. Joe by a score of 37-33. It was during the 145 match when Wayne Trace's Tyler Arnett, wrestled the best match of his season. Going into round 3. The score was tied at 0-0. With 48 seconds left, Tyler managed an escape, awarding him one point. After a very hard fought battle at the buzzer, Tyler had won the match over Ben Zysk by a score of 1-0, Katie Clemens 103, Zach Cotterman 125, Kameron Clemens 130, Jacob Taylor 135, and Cody Stahl 152, all scored pins in this round also. Sawyer Temple won by a 10-2 dec.

The next round of action the Raiders met up with the Edgerton Bulldogs. Wayne Trace defeated them 42-36. It was during this match, when two of Wayne Trace grapplers showed that in the sport of wrestling you never quit until the whistle blows.

In the 125 lb. bout, Zach Cotterman was behind by a score of 5-4 to Edgerton's Sam Sata Ria. Not much time remaining Zach came from the bottom, turned his man over on his back and pinned him.

152, Cody Stahl, wrestled an outstanding match, when he met #1 rated Edgerton's 160 lb. Dakota Sheets. The coaches moved Cody to the 160 lb. class to face Sheets. With only 48 seconds left in the third period Cody was behind 10-5. It was then Cody really turned on. He shot a perfect take down on Sheets taking him to his back, and held on for the big pin. Thus defeating the big #1 wrestler from Edgerton.

Kameron Clemens, Josh

Leggitt, Sawyer Temple, Tyler Arnett, all recorded pins also. Mike Boyd was defeated by Edgerton's Josh Gober. Katie Clemens was awarded a forfeit. After this match, Kameron Clemens was removed from the tournament for the rest of the day due to a shoulder injury.

In the third round, Wayne Trace met the #1 rated team in Michigan, Fremont St. John's. This team had four wrestlers rated #1 in the nation.

But during this very tough competition match, the Raiders had two of their wrestlers pull in wins. Katie Clemens 105 lb. pinned over Jacob Schmidt, and Sawyer Temple pinned Travis Curley.

In round four, it was Wayne Trace going against #1 rated Toledo Central Catholic. Sawyer Temple was the lone winner from Wayne Trace. Again Sawyer came out and wrestled another great bout. With 28 sec. left in the period, Sawyer scored a reversal and defeated Nico Covarubisa by a close dec. of 9-7.

In the final round of action the Raiders met Genoa.

Two Raiders wrestlers scored wins, Sawyer Temple pinned Ryan Szmanski and Josh Leggitt pinned over Garrett Scott in the 160 lb class.

"I am so very proud of the way the Wayne Trace Wrestling Program is coming along at Wayne Trace," commented Coach George Clemens III. "We are starting to go into some very hard competition and pull off the individual wins. These kids work very hard, they are a proud bunch of guys, who want to really excel at this sport, and it's beginning to really show."

The Raiders will be back in action on Saturday, January 16, 2010 at Woodlan High School wrestling begins at 9:30 a.m.

"100 YEARS IN 100 DAYS" CELEBRATION IN INDIANA HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL


The Allen County Athletic Conference is pleased to announce that the "100 Years IN 100 Days" tour will be stopping in Fort Wayne on Thursday, January 14, 2010. This is in conjunction with the ACAC Basketball Tournament Boy's Semi-finals. The display will be at the Allen County Memorial Coliseum and will be free of charge to visit from Noon until 4:00 p.m. After 5:00 p.m. you will need to purchase a ticket for the evening semi-final games to have access to the display. Come out and see 100 years of Hoosier Hysteria.

100 Years IN 100 Days

Governor Mitch Daniels tipped off a 100-day statewide celebration of 100 years of Indiana high school basketball by proclaiming December 18, 2009 IHSAA "100 Years IN 100 Days" Celebration Day. The 100-day Celebration, called "100 Years IN 100 Days," was officially announced by Commissioner Blake Ress of the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) as a means to commemorate a century of Hoosier Hysteria and the 100th anniversary of Indiana high school boys basketball championships.


Woodburn Lutheran School

Student of the Month - December '09



Woodburn Lutheran School is proud to announce Nicole Osborn as our December Student of the Month. Nicole is the daughter of Ryan and Jennifer Osborn and is in the fourth grade. She has an older brother, Spencer, who is a freshman at Woodlan Jr.-Sr. High School. Nicole enjoys playing volleyball and was a member of the Junior-Varsity Wildcat Volleyball team this year.

In the classroom, Nicole is a very conscientious student, always ready to participate in discussions and makes sure she has her work complete and in on time! She is a real leader in the classroom, and we are blessed to have Nicole and her family on the WLS team. Way to go Nicole!

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2010 ACAC BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT DRAW

By: Jeff Abbott

The ACAC conference held the 2010 Basketball Tournament draw. Opening games are to be played on Tuesday, January 12 beginning at 6:00 p.m. with the girls' games and followed by the boy's game. This will mark the 87th year for the boys' tournament, making it the longest active basketball tournament in the state of Indiana. This will be 36th running for the girls' tournament. The tournament schedule is:

Tuesday, January 12
- South Adams at Leo; Heritage at Bluffton; Woodlan at Adams Central; Garrett at Southern Wells

Wednesday, January 13, 6:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. - Girls' Semi-Finals

Thursday, January 14, 6:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. - Boys' Semi-Finals

Saturday, January 16, 10:00 a.m. - Girls' Championship; 12:00 p.m. - Boy's Championship

WARRIORS CRUISE TO A WIN OVER PATRIOTS IN GIRLS ACAC ACTION

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan built a big lead over Heritage in the first quarter and then cruised to a 43-24 win in girls' ACAC basketball at Heritage. The Warriors led 16-2 at the first break, getting 4 first quarter three-pointers from 3 different players. Woodlan held the lead at 23-11 at the half and took the lead by as many as 20 points in the second half. Taylor Carver had 17 points for Woodlan and Ashley Wiedemann had 11 points

Score by the Quarter:
Woodlan - 16 7 15 5=43
Heritage - 2 9 7 6=24
Top scorers:
Woodlan - Carver 17, Wiedemann 11, Ehle 5, Keller 4, Yoder 2, Kirkwood 2, Malfait 2

Heritage topped Woodlan 30-18 in the reserve game. The Patriots outscored the Warriors 12-2 in the second quarter to pull away for the win.

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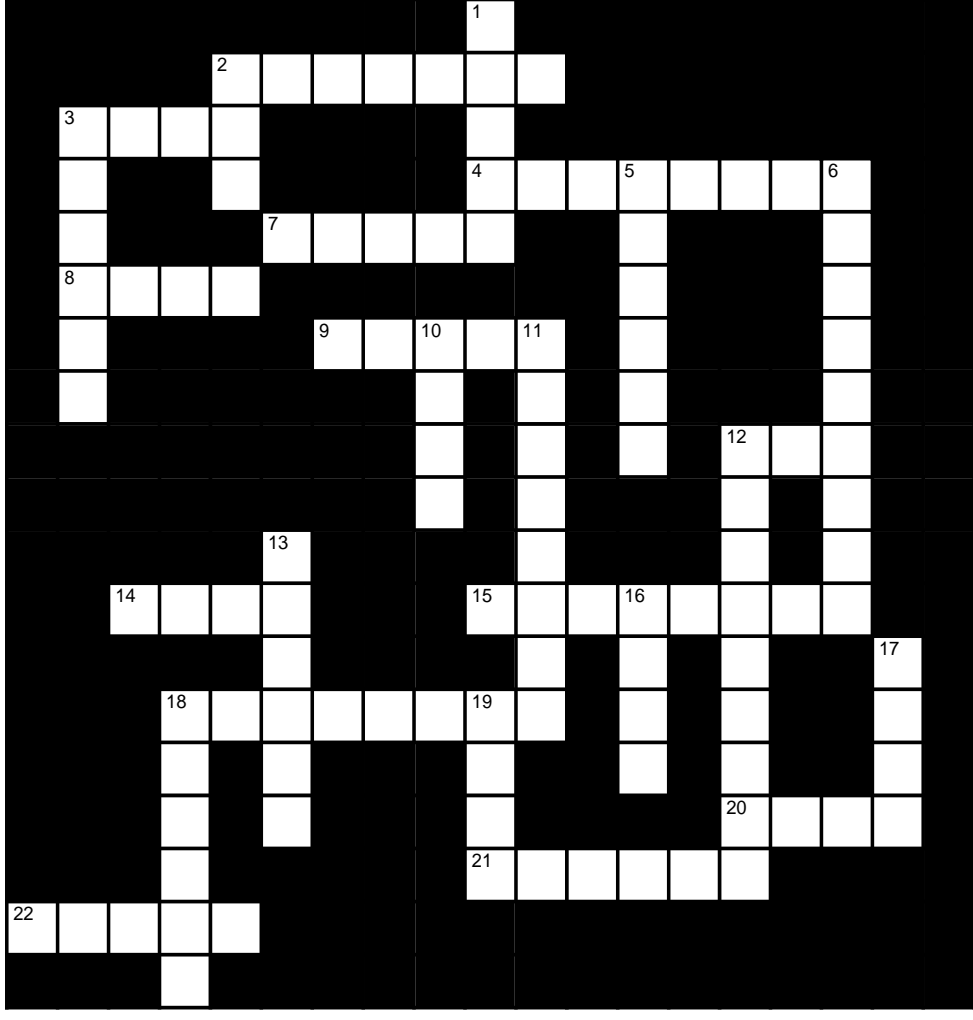
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7. _____ of your eye.
8. No _____ like the present.
9. If you wish to know the mind of a man, listen to his _____.
12. _____ up your sleeve.
14. Let's get the _____ rolling.
15. Don't make a _____ out of a mole hill.
18. _____ are a poor man's riches.
20. _____ a yarn.
21. Three _____ to the wind.
22. _____ the breeze.

Down

1. Everyone pushes a fallen _____.
2. _____ and haw.
3. _____ kettle of fish.
5. Hang by a _____.
6. He's a _____ and a scholar.
10. Between a _____ and a hard place
11. As _____ as a mule.
12. _____ around your neck.
13. _____ by the seat of your pants.
16. _____ as a pin.
17. A _____, though old is not a gift.
18. _____ on to someone.
19. All's well that _____ well.

WOODLAN WRESTLING RESULTS

By: Jeff Abbott
Conference Quad at Woodlan: Garrett 44 Woodlan 22
 285 - Geoff Getts (G) pin Corey Kever (W) :40; 0-6
 103 - August Novy (G) major dec, Travis Normand (w), 15-1; 0-10
 112 - Austin Hammon (W) major dec, Kyle Lanning (G) 13-5; 4-10
 119 - Austin McCray (G) dec Hayden Parisot (W) 7-5; 4-13
 125 - Logan Lee (G) pin Trey Delagrang (W) 3:04; 4-19
 130 - Dylan Grahovac (W) dec Dan Foat (G) 7-4; 7-19
 135 - Cody Zink (W) dec Brayden Moreau (G) 4-2; 10-19
 140 - Shea Novy (G) pin Ty-

ler Kever (W) 1:03; 10-25
 145 - Bryce Schendel (G) tech fall, Justin Normand (W) 24-7; 10-30
 152 - Brett Schendel (G) major dec, Caleb Hathaway (W) 12-4; 10-34
 160 - Alex Brenneke (W) pin, Robbie Wiggington (G) 1:48; 16-34
 171 - Zac McCray (G) pin, Jeremy Salmon (W) 1:21; 16-40
 189 - Austin Gibson (G) major dec, Ethan Gessner (W) 9-0; 16-44
 215 - Ethan Hirschy (W) forfeit, 22-44
Adams Central 50, Woodlan 22
 189 - Ethan Gessner (W) pin David Stoops (AC), 1:02; 6-0
 215 - Nick Heyerly (AC) dec Ethan Hirschy (W) 3-1/OT; 6-3
 285 - Alex Reinhart (AC) pin Corey Kever (W) 1:17; 6-9
 103 - Cody Walburn (AC) tech fall, Travis Normand (W) 16-0; 6-14
 112 - Derek Roe (AC) dec Austin Hammon (W) 11-5; 6-17
 119 - Michael Hirschy (AC) dec Hayden Parisot (W) 3-0; 6-20
 125 - Tyler Rupp (AC) pin Trey Delagrang (W) 2:30; 6-26
 130 - Blake Thieme (AC) pin Dylan Grahovac (W) 5:46; 6-32
 135 - Cody Zink (W) maj dec Zeke Schultz (AC) 10-2; 10-32
 140 - Nathan Bluhm (AC) pin Tyler Kever (W) :46; 10-38
 145 - Jared Schwartz (AC) pin Justin Normand (W) 1:30; 10-44
 152 - Taylor Isch (AC) pin Caleb Hathaway (W) 1:24; 10-50
 160 - Alex Brenneke (W) pin Brady Stevens (AC) 2:25; 16-50
 171 - Jeremy Salmon (W) pin Lee Wefel (AC) 1:56; 22-50
Southern Wells 45, Woodlan 30
 215 - Zach Melton (SW) pin Ethan Hirschy (W) 2:17; 0-6
 285 - Seth Biberstine (SW) pin Corey Kever (W) 2:24; 0-12
 103 - Ben Fiechter (SW) dec Travis Normand (W) 10-4; 0-15
 112 - Austin Hammon (W) pin Jake Mechling (SW) 1:26; 6-15
 119 - Hayden Parisot (W) pin Josh Berry (SW) 4:56; 12-15
 125 - Trey Delagrang (W) pin Cody Watson (SW) :30; 18-15
 130 - Dylan Grahovac (W) pin Korbin Rhamy (SW) 5:17; 24-15
 135 - Darin Fiechter (SW) dec Cody Zink (W) 9-8; 24-18
 140 - Kyle Jones (SW) pin Tyler Kever (W) 1:12; 24-24
 145 - Levi Jones (SW) pin Justin Normand (W) 2:11; 24-30
 152 - Derek McKay (SW) dec Caleb Hathaway (W) 6-1; 24-33
 160 - Alex Brenneke (W)

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pin Cain Grogg (SW) 3:30; 30-33
 171 - Trevor Furnish (SW) pin Jeremy Salmon (W) 3:53; 30-39
 189 - Jacob Miller (SW) pin Ethan Gessner (W) 4:29; 30-45
 Woodlan recognized Andrew Collins, senior at the conference quad meet. Andrew participated in football, golf, and wrestling during his 4 years at Woodlan. He is unable to wrestle this season due to injury. He had a 25-14 record as a wrestler for the Warriors. His future plans are to attend Lincoln Tech in Indianapolis to pursue a career in electronics

EAGLES SWOOP DOWN TO WARRIOR COUNTRY TO CLAIM VICTORY

The Churubusco Eagles flew to Warrior country on January 6 to face off against the Woodlan Warriors in HS boys basketball. The Eagles dominated the entire game and left the evening triumphant: 63-31
 Score by the Quarter:
 Woodlan - 9 6 8 8=31
 Churubusco - 12 14 19 18=63
 Top scorers:
 Woodlan - Bell 5; Romines 7, Patterson 9
 Churubusco - Monk 12; Moodemoas 14; Mathewson 10

ACAC VICTORY FOR WOODLAN GIRLS OVER BLUFFTON

By: Jeff Abbott
 Woodlan opened up to a 24-8 after the first quarter and the Warriors went on to route Bluffton 68-31 in ACAC girls' basketball. Woodlan led 37-15 at the half. Ashley Wiedemann led scoring for the home team, getting 20 points including 5 three-pointers in the game. Nine players hit the scoring column for the Warriors in the game
 Score by the Quarter:
 Bluffton - 8 7 4 12=31
 Woodlan - 24 13 21 10=68
 Top scorers:
 Bluffton - Eisenhut 13, Patterson 6, Brown 5, Betan-

court 3, Mettler 2, Peeper 2
 Woodlan - Wiedemann 20, Carver 14, Keller 9, Numbers 8, Oberlin 6, Ehle 4, Yoder 3, Kayser 2, Kirkwood 2
 Logan Smead's 18 points and Jayrn Malfait's 13 points helped Woodlan to a 42-30 win over Bluffton in the reserve game.

WOODLAN OUTSCORED SNIDER IN GIRLS RESERVE BASKETBALL ACTION

By: Jeff Abbott
 Woodlan outscored Snider 25-14 in the second to get a win in girls' reserve basketball at Woodlan. The Warriors and Panthers were tied at 14-14 at the end of the first quarter and Woodlan had a 28-24 lead heading into half-time. Stephanie Oberlin led 3 players for the Warriors in double figures in scoring with 17 points. Jaryn Malfait had 14 and Logan Smead put in 11 points.
 Score by the Quarter:
 Snider - 14 10 3 12=39
 Woodlan - 14 14 10 15=53

LADY PILOTS BAIL OUT AGAINST RAIDERS

On Friday, January 8, the Lady Raiders of Wayne Trace dominated the Palace court against the Ayersville Pilots. Chalk up another victory for the Lady Raiders: 60-49.
 Score by the quarter:
 Ayersville - 17 12 15 5=49
 Wayne Trace - 9 21 13 17=60
 Top scorers:
 Ayersville - Zachrich 15, Martin 11, Hug 8, R. Cramer 6, Bauman 4, Ondrus 3, Dotson 2
 Wayne Trace - Hockenberry 16, Stoller 12, Fickel 11, Davis 8, Feasby 7, Saylor 4, Padilla 2

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WACHTMANN: DEMOCRATS' TAX INCREASE WILL HINDER OHIO'S ECONOMY

State Representative Lynn Wachtmann (R-Napoleon) recently denounced the passage of House Bill 318 by the Ohio Legislature. The measure will suspend the final installment of the income tax reductions set forth in 2005, obligating Ohio's taxpayers to pay nearly \$900 million in new taxes.

The Senate version of H.B. 318 is a better budget solution than the House Democrat version forced over to the Senate, because it includes measures to test construction reforms and reduce costly mandates on school districts. Among the Senate amendments were initiatives to waive all-day kindergarten mandates for districts that cannot afford it and a pilot project for construction rules. These amendments will reign in government spending and ease the burden on vulnerable school districts.

"I will continue, as I always have, to ensure that the government is operating for the people it was created to serve," Wachtmann said. "The Senate amendments did improve H.B. 318 and I'm glad to see that school districts will not be hit so hard by it. "However, I cannot disregard the fact that H.B. 318 did not seek long-term alternatives, such as cutting waste and reducing the size of government, but instead turned to the taxpayers for a revenue boost. As a tax increase, I believe H.B. 318 will deter Ohio's chances for a full economic recovery."

House Republicans have maintained steadfast opposition to the tax increase included in the House version because it failed to accompany any cost-containment measures, thereby disproportionately growing the size of state government. Governor Strickland and House Democrats supported the retroactive 4.2 percent tax increase while disregarding all House Republican initiatives to reduce wasteful government spending.

"The strength of Ohio is in its industrious people, but in families, farmers and small business owners cannot afford more taxes from their already-bloated government,"

Wachtmann said. "Ohioans will create more jobs if they are able to keep more of their hard-earned money, rather than spending it on tax increases like H.B. 318. Therefore, I will continue looking to Ohio's future and work toward a more efficient, fiscally responsible, and accountable state government."

Although House Republicans believe that the deficit and tax increases could have been avoided by responsible budgeting and enacting multiple cost-efficiency measures, they concur that the Senate bill strikes a better balance for Ohio's immediate and long-term needs.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN A GOOD DAYCARE PROVIDER FOR YOUR CHILD

The following is a guide for parents evaluating their current choice of daycare providers or for those in the market for a new daycare provider. Please investigate thoroughly each of the topic points below before trusting your children with a stranger:

1. Does the Daycare Provider facility/staff have any medical or daycare provider certifications (C.P.R., first aid, babysitter training, etc.), and/or any other credentials for providing daycare services? If you choose to use someone who is not licensed, you do so at your own risk. Does the Daycare Provider facility require immunizations for the children under their care (including the flu shot)? Does the Daycare Provider know the latest medical advice on how infants should sleep to minimize the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome?

2. Is the Daycare Provider facility licensed w/the County Department of Job and Family Services, Children Protective Services, or other governmental organizations?

3. Is the Daycare Provider facility properly zoned to conduct business as a daycare center?

4. Is the Daycare Provider facility insured for daycare operation? Require proof of insurance, and review the limits of those policies.

5. Have you checked with local law enforcement for problems involving the Daycare Provider?

6. Have you checked for reports of child abuse and/or

neglect (whether substantiated or not) with the Department of Job and Family Services and/or Children Protective Services involving the Daycare Provider. Talk to those that made the reports to see if justice was achieved in their cases.

7. Have you checked references of the Daycare Provider's clientele - not just those currently using the facilities services? Has the Daycare Provider watched anyone for more than 1 year and on full-time bases? From birth until they are in school? If so, how many, and who are they? If not, why?

8. What is the community reputation for the Daycare Provider?

9. Visit the Daycare Provider facility several times, at different times of the day, and unannounced!

10. Is potty training available by the Daycare Provider? How is it done?

11. What are the contract terms of the Daycare Provider?

12. What is the discipline policy for the Daycare Provider, not only for your child but all children watched? Are there written guidelines for review? What types of practices are prohibited? Make sure you and your child's Daycare Provider agree on such approaches as discipline, character development, religious observances, and other social and emotional issues to avoid any conflict or misunderstandings, as well as how the Provider's own children are disciplined in front of your children.

13. Who is actually watching your kids at the Daycare Provider's facility? Is the primary Daycare Provider leaving at any time - and if so - who watches your children then - and for how long or often does that occur? Are you advised in advance of these situations? Have you interviewed those other people "filling-in"? You should have the same standards for the "fill-ins" that you do for the primary Daycare Provider!

14. Does the Daycare Provider take your children on road trips, and if so, how often? Are the provided child seats safe and properly installed? Have you personally inspected them? Has law enforcement ever checked them, or instructed the Daycare Provider on how to properly install child seats? Are all the children watched by the Daycare Provider in proper child seats? Does the Daycare Provider ever place children under the age of 13 in front seats?

15. Does the Daycare Provider leave babies in cribs or car seats for the bulk of the day, or where are they placed, and how are they cared for?

16. Does the Daycare Provider provide structured play time (coloring, painting, reading, block building, playdoh, painting, etc.) or is the T.V. on most of the time? (If so - what shows are on [soap operas])? Does the Daycare Provider actually play with the children? Do they play outside - is it fenced?

17. Does the Daycare Provider have documented proof of filing quarterly IRS payroll taxes?

18. Do family/friends/exco-workers/ex-classmates of the Daycare Provider trust the Daycare Provider to watch their own children?

19. Is the Daycare Provider facility staffed by prac-

ticing Christians, who weekly attend church? Does the Daycare Provider follow God's commandments? Does that matter to you?

20. What is the overall child care philosophy of the Daycare Provider? Does this daycare focus more on nurturing and providing quality care? Does it have an academics component? How are Providers trained? What types of enrichment activities are done and how will parents be informed of these? Do all kids do everything or is there a way for youngsters to choose their interests? Is there a daily/weekly/monthly schedule of activities?

21. What are the Daycare Provider's security/safety policies? Inspect the overall environment for comfort, cleanliness, and overall safety protocols. What is the supervision ratio - do you know how many children will be there on any given day? Is there a security check-in and check-out in place and is it enforced? Are toys sanitized on a regular basis? Are there camera monitors? Is the outdoor play equipment installed correctly with proper bedding material for falls?

22. Is Your Child's Care Environment Safe? Be sure to carefully evaluate whether the Daycare Provider has child-proofed the home (electric outlets, stairs, cabinet and drawer locks). Require a detailed explanation of safety precautions and procedures.

23. Do you want a daily report of activities and to know your child's eating/sleeping habits in detail from the Daycare Provider?

You wouldn't trust your child with a stranger, so, how well do you know your Daycare Provider?

LADY RAIDERS POUNCE ON THUNDERBIRDS IN GIRLS HS BASKETBALL

On January 4, 2010 the Lady Raiders of Wayne Trace hosted the Lima Central Catholic Thunderbirds in basketball action. The Lady Raiders were prepared to defend their home turf and triumphed at the end of the evening: 56-37.

Score by the Quarter:
LCC - 12 9 6 10=37
WT - 10 14 15 17=56

Top Scorers:
Lima Central Catholic - Stacia Allen 11

Wayne Trace - Jo Ellen Fickel 13, Janelle Davis 13, Sarah Feasby 12

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL RETIRING BOARD MEMBER



Superintendent, Mark Hartmann recently presented John Taylor, retiring Antwerp Local School board member, with a desk pin set honoring his five years of service on the Antwerp BOE.

ADAM CENTRAL OVER WOODLAN IN HS BOYS BASKETBALL

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan had a 15-6 lead over Adams Central in the first quarter before the Jets trimmed the lead to 15-11 by the end of the quarter and the Jets outscored the Warriors 9-4 in the second half for a 20-19 lead. Adams Central hung on in the second half for a 39-36 win over Woodlan in boys ACAC basketball at Woodlan. Adams Central hit key free throws down the stretch to get the win. Brock Hines led Woodlan scoring with 16 points, including 4 three-pointers in the game.

Score by the Quarter:
Adams Central - 11 9 10 9=39

Woodlan - 15 4 10 7=36

Top Scorers:
Adams Central - Busse 9, Snider 9, Mishler 7, Baumer 6, Luginbill 6, Combs 2

Woodlan - Hines 16, Mumma 7, Patterson 5, Brames 4, Bell 2, Romines 2

Adams Central beat Woodlan 38-30 in the reserve game getting 11 points each from Isaac Luginbill and Kyle Fawcett. Shawn McGettigan and Zach Schwartz each had 8 points for Woodlan.

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Men High Games

1. Rob Johnson 212
2. Ray Delong 208
3. Steve Eager 208
4. David Bauer 203
5. Tony Delong 202
6. Ken Hunt 199
7. Mike Kennedy 198
8. Scott Hungergrast 191
9. Matt Hunt 190
10. Phil Bauer 189

Men High Series

1. Rob Johnson 566
2. Tony Delong 553
3. David Bauer 546
4. Matt Hunt 521
5. Ken Hunt 514
6. Ray Delong 513

7. Chad Geyer 510
8. Jeff Lucas 502
9. Bob Seever Jr. 500
10. Bob Seever Sr. 496

Women High Game

1. Marilyn Provines 200
2. Sherry Reinhart 193
3. Sue Molitor 182
4. Marian Saylor 181
5. Terri Meeks 181
6. Marie Bauer 179
7. Joyce Sander 178
8. Kelli Walters 175
9. Leslie Hughes 175
10. Angie Hudson 172;

Women High Series

1. Sherry Reinhart 552
2. Marilyn Provines 537
3. Angie Hudson 498
4. Terri Meeks 483
5. Sue Molitor 474
6. Marie Bauer 474
7. Kelli Walters 471
8. Charlene Geyer 467
9. April Litzenberg 456
10. Marian Saylor 451

Youth Boys High Game

1. Seth Dailey 180
2. Matt Reinhart 140
3. Shawn Dooley 138

Youth Boys High Series

1. Seth Dailey 458
2. Jarett Bute 378
3. Derek Langmeyer 348

Youth Girls High Game

1. Avrial Sawyer 154
2. Skylar Howell 134
3. Samantha Dailey 93

Youth Girls High Series

1. Avrial Sawyer 408
2. Skylar Howell 487
3. Samantha Dailey 257

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CHRISTMAS PARTY AT LITTLE BLESSINGS DAYCARE



The children at Little Blessings Daycare enjoyed a Christmas party with Santa as the surprise guest. A few of the children visiting with Santa are: Adam Leever, Emily Thrasher, Brandon Vellejo, Alana Eddings, and Chaz Shull.

WAYNE TRACE DEFEATS PAULDING AND SPENCERVILLE IN TRI-MATCH

Wayne Trace 36, Paulding 27
 103 Katie Clemens (WT) won by forfeit
 112 Josh Helmker (PAU) won by forfeit
 119 double void
 125 Zach Cotterman (WT) won by forfeit
 130 Kameran Clemens (WT) won by forfeit
 135 Jacob Taylor (WT) pinned Dalton Sholl (PAU) 1:54
 140 Sawyer Temple (WT) won by forfeit
 145 Jared Detrick (PAU) pinned Mike Boyd (WT) 3:40
 152 Nick Flint (PAU) defeated Tyler Arnett (WT) 9-6
 160 Josh Leggitt (WT) pinned Brandon Shrider (PAU) 1:35
 171 double void
 189 double void
 215 Andrew Smiley (PAU) won by forfeit
 285 Nick Hanenkratt pinned Andy Norling (WT) 3:34
 Wayne Trace 36, Spencer-ville 33
 103 Katie Clemens (WT) won by forfeit

112 double void
 119 double void
 125 Zach Cotterman (WT) pinned Kyler Sawmiller (SP) 5:20
 130 Kameran Clemens (WT) pinned Corey Binkley (SP) 1:11
 135 Jacob Taylor (WT) won by forfeit
 140 Sawyer Temple (WT) pinned Jonas Johnson (SP) 5:50
 145 Austin Lotz (SP) pinned Mike Boyd (WT) 1:47
 152 Robert Brennaman (SP) defeated Tyler Arnett (WT) 11-5
 160 Josh Leggitt (WT) pinned Tyler Shumate (SP) 1:28
 171 Dinnie Burnett (SP) won by forfeit
 189 Jacob Yahl (SP) won by forfeit
 215 Luke Krouskop (SP) won by forfeit
 285 Tyler Obringer (SP) won by forfeit
 Coach Clemens had these comments, "These were very nice victories for our team. The wrestler of the night for our squad was Josh Leggitt. He wrestled very well in both matches and his wins by pins, helped seal the deal in both our victories."

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Alliance Tax Services, LLC, owned by Deb Zimmerman and Denise Sutter is open for business in Hicksville Ohio.

Sutter and Zimmerman opened Alliance Tax Services on May 1, 2009. Each were born and raised in Hicksville and the duo had a combined 23 years in the accounting and tax business before going into business together.

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SECOND ANNUAL BIGGEST LOSER COMPETITION

You made suggestions and we listened. This year's competition will have first, second, and third place prizes for both men's and women's categories. Approximate prize, based on last year's participation, will be \$500, \$300 & \$200 respectively for both men and women.

In addition, we'd like to promote a healthy approach to weight loss for a true lifestyle change rather than a one-time loss. So, half the prize money will be awarded at the end of the 10 weeks, the other half will be awarded six weeks later, if the weight loss is maintained within two percent (or the participant continues to lose). If the top participant doesn't keep the weight off... the second half of the prize money will be awarded to the next biggest loser, etc. Weekly prizes will be awarded to the individual,

who weighs in at Health Fit, and has the greatest percentage of weight loss for the week (one weekly win per participant).

Competition begins on Saturday, February 6, 2010 with the kick-off and weigh in from 8:00 a.m. - Noon in Community Room #1. Half the prize money will be awarded on Saturday, April 17, 2010; with the final prize distributed on Saturday, June 5, 2010.

The cost will remain the same and registrations will be accepted through the fourth week of the competition. We will once again offer a variety of fitness classes for participants. Grab your friends for support and begin your journey to a healthier you!

BIPOLAR DISORDER: TOPIC OF DISCUSSION AT NEXT NAMI MEETING

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Van Wert, Mercer & Paulding Counties will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 18, 2010 at the Drop-In Center located at 407 N. Franklin, Van Wert. The public, as well as family members and friends, are encouraged to attend.

Topic chosen for this month is Bipolar Disorder which affects more than ten million American adults. It is a serious psychiatric condition also known as manic depression. The illness causes extreme shifts in mood, energy, and functioning. These changes may be subtle or dramatic and typically vary greatly over the course of a person's life as well as among individuals.

Bipolar disorder usually begins in adolescence or early adulthood, although it can sometimes start in early childhood or as late as the 40s or 50s. It is important to diagnose and treat bipolar disorder as early as possible. Over the past years, stigma has kept many families from admitting the problem and securing proper help. However as the stigma is being eradicated, more and more people are coming forward and seeking help. Treatment works and people recover!

NAMI is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to improving the lives of individuals and families affected by mental illness. Members of NAMI are families, friends and people living with mental illness. Support groups provide a better understanding of the illness and how to deal with it as well as meeting others with the same challenges. NAMI is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to improving the lives of individuals and families affected by mental illness.

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PAULDING COUNTY CHRONICLES I

By: Caroline Wells Zimmerman

The Traditional Outhouse

It's unfortunate if you are too young to have not had the delightful continued experience of using an Outdoor toilet or "Outhouse"; especially during these days of January when we have had the wind and snow (knee-deep). Even more memorable was the freezing rain in the early mornings (or anytime); also, tornadoes; blizzards and downpours of rain at any time of the year. (Of course, kids and some folks used the "pot" ...but it still had to be emptied). My dad nearly always stepped outside to see "Mrs. Jones" as I recall and did not use "the pot". REAL MEN DIDN'T USE THE CHAMBER POT! My grandma cut her butt when a chamber pot broke under her, so accident happened that way also.

Don't forget, that if you do have an Outhouse that you are tied to using, you have to use it when nature calls even if it's in the middle of the night in the "dark" of the moon, or in the scary moonlight. Even really bad timing is when the wind is blowing badly and you feel that you not only have to hold yourself and your wiping paper down, by you may be all that's holding the Outhouse from blowing away. A lot of you readers will be able to identify with this, I'm sure.

If you are offended by the word "poop" (human waste), then you may not want to continue reading this writing. We are all repulsed by it. It stinks. Outhouses stunk. On the pleasant days ...the smell and the flies! All if the above makes for unforgettable memories of living in Cecil and growing up on the farm before we got an inside bathroom when I was 14 years old.

In Cecil in the 1940-50s nearly everyone had an Outhouse. It was quite an experience walking to the school bus in the cool mornings and seeing the steam rolling out from the backs and crevices of those little necessary shacks. Ours was a WPA cement model, not as visible as many others in town. Our neighbor used to leave his door wide open and tip his hat as we walked by (as his pants were down around his ankles.). People were not as worried about modesty as they are now. If the houses weren't cleaned often enough, the gunk squeezed out of the bottom boards of some of them.

As a kid, you had a chance to check out other people's outhouses without really causing any harm. Some folks put lime onto the heap to keep the flies down. My mom used lye and cleaned it regularly and we had a lid on ours AND we used rolls of toilet paper. Not so with 75% of most of the other Outhouse users. Sears Catalog users were common.

(Needless-to-say I waited until I got home in that case). Kids often played in the holes with sticks; and at one house there were so many kids, I never went back there again after I sat down on a pile that was a bit TOO high. What a gross unforgettable sensation.

My favorite Outhouse that I stopped at (I asked permission and left as I found it) was owned by two old maids. They had doilies and potted flowers in there (and a book of poetry) with a mirror and even a nice brick sidewalk from the house. Of course, the antiquated building had the tall flowers planted all around it and it was always very pleasant and clean. What a difference in people's values.

If you lived in town where your Outhouse was nice and sturdy between other buildings (in town) THAT had to have made a difference in how safe you felt in the weather; however, if your shanty was a board shack on the corner of your garden, you were probably out in the elements when the wind and blizzards blew. NOT a pleasant experience that makes you want to relax to make your natural bodily functions work. It was not a serene, peaceful, relaxed, tranquil environment in which you could catch up on the newspaper.

Even in the summer time the owner COULD make the Outhouse look nice by painting it, putting in a sidewalk up to it; (or a board walk); and planting tall Holly-hocks by it. But it still stunk! Most Outhouses or "toilets" are now gone from Paulding County (I think). We kept ours for a long time after we moved here in 1965 because it had a "3 holer arrangement" with a child's hole made a step lower and the holes were cut with a point in front and the floor was brick-lined and there was a long cement sidewalk out to it with the notable "Holly-hock flowers". I kept gardening pots and things in it for years and kept it for the antiquity of it because it was all filled in. Then we tore it down, put an antique iron arch there and poured a cement pad and got an antique footed iron bathtub to wash the dogs in (or myself). However, I wish I had a nice old antique Outhouse again. Do you have one to get rid of? My number is 419-258-2222.

It all boils down to getting rid of human waste in the most tasteful, least conspicuous; most sanitary way of the day. We are fortunate to be as civilized as we are in 2010. I've often wondered what people will think of our bathrooms in 100 years. Probably pretty primitive!

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1/15 - Chicken tenders, oven potatoes, dinner roll, assorted fruit, milk
1/18 - No school, Martin Luther King Day
1/19 - Southwest salad, tortilla chips w/salsa, assorted fruit, milk
Paulding Elementary
- Breakfast:
1/13 - Assorted cereals, juice, milk
1/14 - Muffin, applesauce, milk
1/15 - Cereal bar, juice, milk
1/18 - No school, Martin Luther King Day
Paulding Elementary
- Lunch:
1/13 - Pizza hot pocket, mixed vegetables, assorted fruit, milk
1/14 - Chili soup w/crackers, bread w/margarine or peanut butter, assorted fruit, milk
1/15 - Hamburger w/bun, cheese slices, oven potatoes, assorted fruit, milk
1/18 - No school, Martin Luther King Day
1/19 - BBQ pork w/bun, corn, assorted fruit, milk
Oakwood Elementary
- Breakfast:
1/13 - Assorted cereal, crackers, fruit, milk
1/14 - Breakfast burrito, fruit, milk
1/15 - Assorted cereal, crackers, fruit, milk
1/18 - No school, Martin Luther King Day
1/19 - Warm cinnamon pancakes, fruit, milk
Oakwood Elementary
- Lunch:
1/13 - Pepperoni & cheese bread stick w/sauce, green beans, fruit, milk
1/14 - Breaded mozzarella sticks w/marinara sauce, corn, fruit, milk
1/15 - Potato soup w/crackers, ham & cheese w/bun, fruit, milk

1/18 - No school, Martin Luther King Day
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ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR 1/13 THROUGH 1/19
Breakfast:
All days - Cereal, crackers, juice, milk
Lunch:
1/13 - BBQ pork on bun or deli wrap, corn, peaches, milk; PLUS: potato bar
1/14 - Tex mex chili or turkey pot pie, salad, apple crisp, milk; PLUS: salad bar or fruit cup
1/15 - Southwest pizza or chicken salad sandwich, applesauce, cole slaw, cheese curls, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cook's choice
1/18 - No school, Martin Luther King Day
1/19 - Chicken strips or pork fritter on bun, noodle soup, pears, corn, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cottage cheese

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS FOR 1/13 THROUGH 1/19
Breakfast:
1/13 - Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk
1/14 - Egg/cheese omelet, toast/jelly, juice, milk
1/15 - Waffles, sausage, juice, milk
1/18 - No school, Martin Luther King Day
1/19 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, juice, milk
Lunch:
1/13 - Cheese or chicken quesadilla, tossed salad, mandarin oranges, milk
1/14 - Chicken noodles, mashed potatoes, roll, yum yum cake w/topping, milk
1/15 - Hot dog/bun, chips/pretzels, carrot sticks/dip, sherbet, milk; WT: beef bites, fries
1/18 - No school, Martin Luther King Day
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"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT:" TRY SOMETHING DIFFERENT



Amanda Hattery, a junior from Delphos Jefferson in the Welding program, works on a project. She will also be one of the helpers in the Welding lab during "Step Into Your Future".

By: Beth Evans, Sr. English teacher

To quote Gwen Stefani of the band No Doubt, "I'm just a girl, I'm just a girl in the world... I'm just a girl, what's my destiny?" Girls in non-traditional career fields is the focus for a special event for 8th grade girls called "Step Into Your Future" held at Vantage Career Center on Saturday, January 30, 2010. Every school year, more and more girls are choosing to attend Vantage Career Center as their destiny in a non-traditional career field.

What is a non-traditional occupation? A non-traditional occupation is one in which women comprise 25 percent or less of total employment. Non-traditional occupations can be found in all major occupational clusters providing many employment options for women. Non-traditional jobs are attractive to women

that if women want to get in on the action... they need to be ready, willing, and able. This means women need to be trained in these non-traditional career fields... and the sooner, the better! Vantage Career Center is the perfect place for girls to get a jump start on the competition and receive training for these much needed and high-paying career fields while still in high school!

Currently, we have nine girls enrolled in five non-traditional programs; breaking it down further this number translates as follows: two each in welding, carpentry, auto technology, auto body, and finally, one in precision machining. One has to wonder, though, did these girls make the conscious decision to attend Vantage in a non-traditional program because they were aware of the statistics? If you ask these girls personally,

Kitchen adds, "My favorite part about auto tech is the hands-on experience of fixing a problem in a car, and also rebuilding engines." When asked what she likes best about her non-traditional career tech field, senior precision machining student Ashley Carr, Antwerp High School, enthusiastically replies, "I enjoy the technical hands-on things, such as problem-solving. I also enjoy being able to show up the guys in the program that think machining is just for boys."

Although all the girls enjoy their program choice, they also recognize that being in a non-traditional career field can be difficult. Hattery points out that the most difficult thing about being a woman in welding is that many men may think she can't do it. However she adds, "So I have to prove myself to be more valuable and better skilled than them." Senior auto body student Brea Variell, Lincolnview High School, sums it up best, "It's sometimes hard to get a job in a body shop being a woman in a man's field." She continued by reflecting on her career path decision, "I wouldn't change it. I love auto

body too much."

Junior Layne Earhart, Wayne Trace, chose to attend Vantage Career Center based on her intended career path. "I chose the carpentry program because it is something I enjoy doing, and I also plan to go to college and earn a degree in architecture after high school." Earhart looked to her future and saw carpentry as an opportunity to gain some valuable hands-on experience that ultimately will give her a jump start on her career as an architect. Whether Earhart realizes it or not, she has made a wise decision as a high school student that will definitely benefit her in the long run.

When asked if they were happy with their decision to attend Vantage in a non-traditional career, all of these girls responded with a resounding YES! So to all you 8th grade girls out there who have an interest in or are considering a non-traditional occupation... these girls and many before them have blazed the trail... all you have to do is register for "Step Into Your Future" on Saturday, January 30, from 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

For more information,

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HOUSE DEMS TAX & SPEND POLICIES COST JOBS 200,000 OHIO JOBS LOST IN 2009

One year to the day House Democrats took the majority, State Representatives Todd Snitchler (R-Uniontown) Lynn Wachtmann and characterized 2009 as a year of devastating job loss and industry deterioration. With Democrat control, true economic reforms have failed to be established to further benefit Ohio's national competitiveness and job climate.

"My legislative colleagues need to usher in 2010 with what Ohioans care about the most—jobs," said Wachtmann. "House Democrats, led by Governor Strickland, have only authored job-killing policies. It is my hope that my fellow lawmakers on the other side of the aisle have resolved this year to focus on jobs."

In the past 12 months, 200,000 Ohio jobs have been lost and unemployment numbers remain in the double digits. Despite the urgency of

the state's economic crisis, the House Economic Development Committee met only a handful of times throughout 2009 and failed to propose any measures to promote economic growth.

"Ohio families and businesses - large and small - deserve better than they are getting from Governor Strickland and the House Democratic leadership that simply failed to lead after gaining control," said Snitchler. "Their legislative priorities, as reflected in the few bills passed this year, confirm that jobs and economic recovery are not a priority."

Recognizing that fixing the state budget requires fiscal discipline and a long-term vision, House Republicans proposed numerous bills to create jobs, encourage business investment and propel Ohio's economy forward. Although many Republican initiatives have been silenced since the beginning of the General Assembly, House Republicans remain hopeful that 2010 will bring bipartisan discussions about Ohio's economic future.



Junior Carpentry students Layne Earhart (Wayne Trace) and Megan Ketchum (Parkway) in the lab at Vantage. They will be helpers during "Step Into Your Future".

because they generally offer higher entry-level wages and a career ladder with pay between \$20 and \$30 per hour (U.S. Dept. of Labor).

So what's all the fuss about? According to the U.S. Department of Labor, women comprise 46.5 percent of the total U.S. labor force. Women are also projected to account for 49 percent of the increase in total labor force growth between 2009 and 2016. As our economy rebounds, it is expected that employment will expand in many of these occupations and, additionally, there will be a strong demand for workers due to retirements and transfers of current workers (U.S. Dept. of Labor). Okay... after a moment of pondering the above statistics from the U.S. Department of Labor, it doesn't take a genius to figure out

they would probably respond with a no. Many of them chose their non-traditional career path because they wanted to be different.

Juniors Amanda Hattery, Delphos Jefferson High School, and Bambi Powell, Van Wert High School, students in welding and auto body respectively, made the decision to attend Vantage Career Center for that very reason. According to Hattery, "I chose welding because it's different, and here at Vantage I can be the one to make a difference." Senior auto tech students, Carrie Kitchen, Continental High School, and Marie Schimmoller, Paulding High School, both chose their non-traditional career field because they love cars and wanted to learn how to work on them. Both enjoy working under the hood of a car, but



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