

WEST BEND NEWS THANKSGIVING TUR- KEY WINNERS & NEW WINTER CONTEST

By: Sue Knapp
Congratulations go to Kimberly Bender from Hicksville, Ohio and Jim Thomas from Defiance, Ohio who each won a turkey from the West Bend News for the Thanksgiving drawing.

We at West Bend News appreciate all who sent in their names.

In last week's issue we introduced a new contest. This contest calls for imagination and is for kids 18 years and younger. It's a Comic Strip contest. Clem's from Jefferson Pointe is sponsoring it and the prizes are big. We are looking forward to looking over all the entries, so get your thinking caps on and get to drawing. Watch the West Bend News for more information and the entry blank.

CARING FOR POINSETTIAS

By: Kylee Baumle, Master Gardener

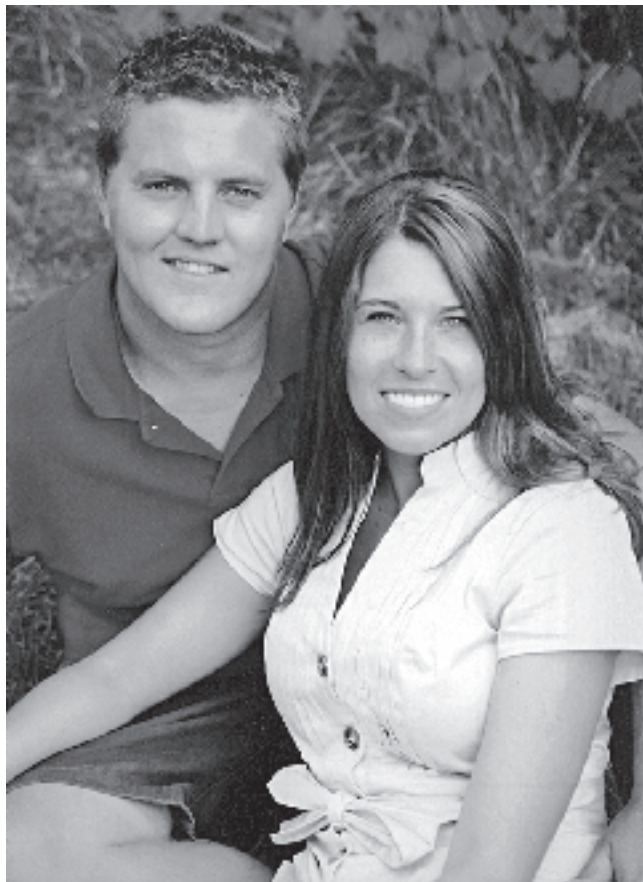
It's hard to go anywhere this time of the year without seeing poinsettias. Red ones, pink ones, white ones, purple ones. Wait—purple ones? Well, yes. It seems that you can now have poinsettias in just about any color of the rainbow, if you want to. I prefer the original colors, but there are some interesting new varieties out there.

While I don't buy a poinsettia every year, I'm always tempted. Nothing really screams Christmas like these red flowers. But wait! It's not really the flowers that grab my attention – it's the bracts. That's what those red/pink/white/purple leaf-like things are.

Now bracts are associated with the flowers, but most of the time they go unnoticed. A couple of exceptions to this are that staple of southern gardens, bougainvillea, and the plant of the moment,

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OVERMYER – ZARTMAN



Larry and Marti Overmyer of Payne, Ohio, are announcing the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Leslie, to Kyle Zartman, son of Terry and Pam Zartman of Antwerp, Ohio.

Leslie is a 2002 graduate of Wayne Trace High School and attended Bluffton University where she majored

in Business Administration. Leslie then attended the Ohio State University of Nuclear Medicine Technology and is employed at Defiance Regional Medical Center and Dekalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn, Indiana.

Kyle is a 2002 graduate of Antwerp High School and attended the Ohio State University where he majored in Education. He is employed at Four County Career Center in Archbold, Ohio.

The couple will exchange vows on Saturday, December 11, 2010, at Antwerp United Methodist Church.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and help. Everyone has been so wonderful and helpful during the illness, and loss of my dearest friend.

—Virginia Kunesh,
Eugene A. Gray family

WCCH CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

You are invited to a Christmas Open House at the Woodburn Christian Children's Home. Bring your family, bring your friends or just come by yourself. There will be tours and refreshments served. The Open House is scheduled for Saturday, December 4th from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 5th from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. All of the children and staff from the Woodburn Christian Children's Home hope to see you there. WCCH is located at 24902 Notestine Road, two miles east of State Road 101.

The Woodburn Christian Children's Home is a ministry of Christian Churches and Churches of Christ. Since 1972, this special home has provided a Christian family environment for children who are homeless or who have other special needs. Throughout these years about 200 young

people (ages 6-21) have been a part of our family. Some of these young people have been reunited with their families, some are in college and others have Christian families of their own.

The Woodburn Christian Children's Home is supported entirely by voluntary contribution. We receive no federal, state or county support. We are entirely dependent upon our private contributors whose strong support enables this ministry to operate on a cash basis.

WCCH operates very efficiently. Our cost of caring for a child is about half the average cost of similar childcare throughout the tri-state area. Children are evaluated for placement on a needs basis. Family participation is on a sliding scale. Over the years, numerous children have been accepted for placement even though their parents had little or no ability to pay.

—Daniel Grant,
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OBITUARIES

Former Oakwood resident, **Sarah Renee Reinhart**, 29, of Dayton, OH died Tuesday, November 16, 2010.

She was born in Defiance, Ohio on January 29, 1981 the daughter of Dennis and Sue (Bair) Reinhart. She attended Bryan City School and was a 1999 graduate of Paulding Exempted Village Schools. She attended Liv-



ing Hope Church, Kettering, Ohio.

She is survived by her parents: Denny and Sue Reinhart, of Oakwood; a daughter, Sydney Perrott of Dayton; her grandparents: Robert and Ruth (Troyer) Reinhart of Defiance, and Roberta Bair of Paulding.

She is preceded in death by her brother, Andrew; and grandfather, Charles "Junior" Bair.

Private funeral services were conducted Monday, November 22, 2010 at Sherman Cemetery, Charloe, Ohio. Memorials in Sarah's memory may be made to Dennis or Sue Reinhart for Sydney's education. Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, handled arrangements.

Agnes L. Brush, 92, of Cocoa, FL, formerly of Hicksville, went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, November 18, 2010. Agnes was born November 6, 1918 in Allen County, Indiana and peacefully passed away at the Wuesthoff Hospice Care Center in Rockledge, Florida.

Agnes was a member of Grace United Methodist Church in Hicksville and of the Order of the Eastern Star #248 in Bryan, OH. She was an avid gardener, loved fishing, playing cards and bingo.

Agnes is survived by two sons: Ray and his wife Sandra of Cocoa, FL, Ken and his wife Sue of Seattle, Washington, as well as a daughter, Margaret (Susie) Adkins and her husband, Wayne of Hillsville, VA; four grand-

children: Kimberly Clisby, LeAnn Adkins, Randi Ondo, and Kevin Brush; as well as three great-grandchildren: Hannah and Sarah Clisby and Riley Ondo.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Ray and Effie (Hall) Sowers; her husband of 37 years, Glen; her brother, Richard Sowers; and a granddaughter, Jessica Brush.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, December 4, 2010 at Grace United Methodist Church, Hicksville, at 10:00 a.m. Agnes will be laid to rest beside her late husband at Scipio Cemetery in Harlan, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Arthritis Foundation or to a charity of choice. Online condolence may be shared at www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com.

Clifton Hicks, 73, of Payne, passed away Monday, November 22, 2010 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Clifton was born in Fredsville, Kentucky on September 4, 1937, a son of the late Julia (Wireman) and Bertral Hicks.

He worked at BF Goodrich, retiring in 1997 but also worked at Permaglass. He was a member of Continental Missionary Baptist Church.

On June 11, 1960 he married Clotine Slone, who survives. He will be sadly missed by his wife; daughter, Angie (Neil) Gordon of Paulding; son, Greg (Nata) of Bowling Green, KY; grandchildren: Katie, Vlad and Nika Hicks, and Josiah Gordon; sisters: Terrie Baumgartner of Indianapolis and Donna DeVore of Payne; brothers: Billy Joe of Antwerp, Carles, Jacky and Lacy Dean all of Payne. He is also preceded in death by his sister, Bruxie Smalley; and brother, Adrain.

Services were at Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River St., Antwerp, November 27, 2010. Pastor Bruce Robertson officiated. Burial was at Lehman Cemetery.

Memorials are to Continental Missionary Baptist Church. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Ruth L. Hurley, 92, of Antwerp, died Monday, November 22, 2010 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, IN.

She was born in Putnam County, Ohio on July 31, 1918, the daughter of Clarence and Augusta (Brant) Vandemark.

She was a graduate of Vaunsville High School. On January 30, 1937 she was united in marriage with Blake Hurley and he proceeded in death in June, 1984. Ruth worked along side her husband as a Ladies Assistant at Hurley Funeral Home.

She was a member of the St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Elida, Ohio and a

50 year member of the Order of the Eastern Star #248, Bryan, Ohio.

Ruth is survived by three daughters: Janet (Ted) Durre of Hamilton, IN, Nancy Smith of Hicksville, Karen (Terry) Bowman of Fort Wayne, IN; 10 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchild; four step-grandchildren; sister, Peg Stenette of Arizona; and brother, Robert Vandemark of Ayersville, OH.

She was preceded in death by her husband; three brothers; three sisters; and son-in-law, Jack Smith.

Funeral services for Ruth were November 27, 2010 at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville with Pastor Ruth Solo officiating. Burial will be at Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Memorials may be made to Crippled Children & Adults Society or a charity of the donor's choice. Online condolences may be shared at www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com.

Elma E. Richmond, 90, died Thursday, November 25, 2010 at Heritage Park Nursing Home, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

She was born on June 24, 1920 in Hicksville, OH, the daughter of Fred and Clara (Sackrider) Brown. She was a graduate of Hicksville High School with the class of 1938. Elma was united in marriage on June 15, 1946 to Kenneth Richmond and he preceded her in death on October 16, 1999.

She was a lifelong homemaker and farmed along side her husband. She was a member of New Haven United Methodist Church where she belonged to the women's group, baked pies and cooked for church dinners.

Elma is survived by two sons: Ron (Jan) of New Haven, Mark (Judy) of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren: Darran (Grace), Monty, Deloris (Marty) Faulkner, Kyle, Logan; seven great-grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; seven step-great-grandchildren; five siblings: Lillian Davis, Dick (Barb) Brown, Darrell (Elaine) Brown, Marylou (Walt) Myers and Doris Brown.

She was preceded in death by her husband; five siblings: Fonda Hicks, Marian Holloway, Millie Pignataro, Jack and Gene Brown.

Funeral services for Elma were November 29, 2010 at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, Ohio. Burial will be in Newville Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Heritage Park Activity Department, Family Hospice of Berne, Indiana, or Alzheimer Association. Online condolences may be shared at www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com

Dr. James Allen Hilbert, 67, passed away with his family by his side on Thursday evening, November 25, 2010.

Jim was born on May 7, 1943 in Hicksville, OH, the son of Dr. Allen and Eloise (Countryman) Hilbert. He was a 1961 graduate of Hicksville High School. James was united in marriage with Luci (Blasing) on August 7, 1965.

Jim proudly served six years, 1964-1970, in the United States Navy aboard early nuclear submarines,

the Argonaut and John Adams. He was named Outstanding Recruit of Company 261 at the Naval Training Center in San Diego, CA.

Dr. Hilbert earned his doctorate degree from The Ohio State University - College of Optometry in 1975. He was a Beta Sigma Kappa Honor Student and was awarded the Bausch & Lomb Outstanding Achievement Award. Post-graduation, James returned to Hicksville to partner with his father. His dedication and care for his patients continued until his death.

Dr. Jim was a Clinical Associate of the Optometric Extension Program Foundation and an active participant in the Behavioral Vision Project. To Jim, vision is the ability to organize and understand what we see. He brought a practical attitude and steady gentle hand to his work. Through vision therapy, he wanted his patients to use their vision to guide them through life.

Jim always had a strong sense of pride for Hicksville and loved being an active member of the community. He was a member of the Ohio Optometric Association, Rotary International (past President of the Hicksville Rotary Club and involved in the Student Exchange Program), Vice President of the Hicksville Development Corporation, Hickory Hills Golf League, Township Zoning Board, and St. Michaels Catholic Church. He had a passion for sailing, tinkering, and a love for the outdoors. Jim always strived to do his best in all "projects," large or small.

Jim is survived by his wife, Luci; father, Allen; daughter, Lauri (Tim) Turnbull; and son, Scott all of Hicksville; one sister, Linda (Jim) Grow of Rockbridge, OH; two grandsons: Tyler (Melissa) Turnbull of Twinsburg, OH and Stuart Turnbull, Columbus, OH. He was preceded in death by his mother, Eloise.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, December 2, 2010 from 2:00-8:00 p.m. at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, OH with a wake service at 8:00 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be on Friday, December 3 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Hicksville. Burial will be in Lost Creek Cemetery.

The family requests that memorial contributions be made to Fountain of Faith, Hospice, or Huber Opera Civic Center. Online condolences may be shared at www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com.

Cheryl S. Hayes, 62, of Van Wert, OH passed away on Saturday November 27,

2010 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, IN.

She was born on July 14, 1948 in Sweetwater, TN to June (Alexander) Sewell Harrison and Kenneth Sewell.

Cheryl married Dick Hayes on September 6, 1975. She attended First Baptist Church, Van Wert, OH; and worked as Secretary/Treasurer for the Hayes Construction Co., Van Wert, OH.

She is survived by her husband Dick of Van Wert; children: Amber D. (Chuck) Evans of Van Wert, Tiffany J. (Joe) Hudson of Convoy, OH; grandchildren: Brandon, Sydney, Hailee Hudson, Paige and Nathan Evans.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Call will be 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 1, 2010 and 12:00-2:00 p.m. Thursday, December 2, 2010 at Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home & Crematory

Services will be 2:00 p.m. Thursday, December 2, 2010 at Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home & Crematory, Van Wert, Ohio. Burial will be at Woodland Cemetery, Van Wert, Ohio. Rev. Steve Robinson and Deacon John Rager will officiate.

Preferred memorials to the grandchildren c/o Dick Hayes. Condolences may be sent to agfhc@embarqmail.com

Michael Duane Bauer, 64, of Orland, IN died Saturday morning November 27, 2010 at the Cameron Hospital, Angola, Indiana.

Michael was born August 17, 1946 the son of Duane and Barbara (Wiedelman) Bauer.

He was a 1964 graduate of Fairview High School. He was united in marriage to Sue Sevrence in 1986.

Michael was employed by JAT Trucking, Fort Wayne, Indiana. He enjoyed his family and fishing with his nephews.

He is survived by his wife, Sue; a daughter, Rose (Herb) Hart; his mother, Barbara Parrott of Hicksville; two sisters: Patricia Appel of Hicksville and Carol Mayberry of Corunna, IN; a brother, Dan Bauer of Fort Wayne, IN.

He was preceded in death by his father, Duane M. Bauer in 1970.

The funeral service will be at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 1, 2010 at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, Ohio. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Burial will be at Spindler Cemetery, Mark Township, Ohio.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Crippled Children and Adult Society. Online condolences may be shared at www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com.

"NONES" ARE LOOKING FOR AUTHENTICITY

Winning the Battle for a Generation Column by: Rick Jones, Executive Director, Defiance Area Youth for Christ

If there's a trend that's alarming among our young people, it is their trend of leaving church. Among young adults in the U.S., sociologists are seeing a major shift taking place away from Christianity. Recent studies have brought the trend to light. Among the findings released in 2009 from the American Religious Identification Survey (ARIS), one stood out. The percentage of Americans claiming "no religion" almost doubled in about two decades, climbing from 8.1 percent in 1990 to 15 percent in 2008.

The trend wasn't confined to one region. Those marking "no religion," called the "Nones," made up the only group to have grown in every state, from the secular Northeast to the conservative Bible Belt. The Nones were most numerous among the young; a whopping 22 percent of 18- to 29-year-olds claimed no religion, up from 11 percent in 1990.

The study also found that 73 percent of Nones came from religious homes; 66 percent were described by the study as "de-converts."

Other survey results have been grimmer. At the May 2009 Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life, top political scientists Robert Putnam and David Campbell presented research from their book *American Grace*, released last month. They reported that "young Americans are dropping out of religion at an alarming rate of five to six times the historic rate (30 to 40 percent have no religion today, versus 5 to 10 percent a generation ago)."

Clearly, this generation is looking for authenticity, integrity, transparency and stability, which tragically, is something many of us superintending this generation have let down.

The Apostle Paul emphasizes this very thing when he says... Ephesians 4:25-32 (NIV) "25 Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body. 26 "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, 27 and do not give the devil a foothold.

"28 He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need. 29 Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up ac-

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According to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. 32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT PASSOVER

By: James Potter, Oakwood church of Christ

Today our subject is Passover. The word means a Jewish Festival commemorating the Exodus from Egypt.

It was a memorial for the time that God passed over the children as he fulfilled the last plague on the nation of Egypt for not letting His people go free. I would encourage you to study Exodus chapter twelve about the Passover.

Today I would like for us to focus in on Jesus as our Passover. So get your Bible and concordance and after prayer, asking our heavenly Father to help us, we will get started.

1. The Passover Kept.
A. At Sinai - Numbers 9:1-4 please study.
B. At the conquest of Jericho - Joshua 5:10 - "now the children of Israel camped in Gilgal, and kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month at twilight on the plains of Jericho."

C. Passover was kept by Christ - Matthew 26:18-19 - "and He said, Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, the Teacher says, my time is at hand; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples. So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them; and they prepared the Passover."

D. It was a feast of the Law of Moses which all faithful Jews kept.

2. Passover is typical of the Lord's death.

A. Lamb without blemish - 1 Peter 1:19 - "but with the precious blood of Christ,

as of a lamb without blemish and without spot."

B. Jesus is the sacrificial Lamb of God - John 1:29 - "the next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

Acts 8:32-33 - "The place in the scripture which he read was this: He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so He opened not His mouth. In his humiliation His justice was taken away, and who will declare His generation? For His life is taken from the earth?"

Christ is our Passover this side of the cross - 1 Corinthians 5:7 - "therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover was sacrificed for us.

Jesus, the sacrificial Lamb was offered so that His blood could cleanse us from our sins."

Hebrews 9:12-14 - "Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"

Please continue your study on the Passover, both in the Old Testament and about Christ being our Passover lamb. Bible questions please call Lonnie Lambert at 419-399-5022 or James Potter at 319-393-4775. Jesus loves you and so does the Oakwood church of Christ. Loved ones are you being obedient to our heavenly Father in prayer and Bible study. God loves us, but as children we must be obedient.

"STAR OF LOVE" PRESENTED BY ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

The children of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Paulding, will present "Star of Love" on Sunday, December 19, 2010, at 10:15 a.m.

The program is a worship services that remembers Abraham and Sarah, King David, and the story of Jesus' birth.

Plan to kick off your Christmas week with a special time of caroling and hearing the story that is central to the Christmas season. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be served after the program.

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

For many people, the approaching Christmas holiday does not bring with it the joy and happiness advertised on television or in greeting cards. Psychologists have long known that the contrived good cheer of the holiday season can actually make some people who are dealing with heartbreak feel worse.

Holidays in our culture are often about families, and togetherness. The "Blue Christmas" concept serves an important function for those who have lost loved ones, whose family is far way, serving in the military, or just disconnected. The biggest relief for people who are grieving comes when it is named. The Blue Christmas service confronts feelings of grief and loss head-on.

Blue Christmas services include an emphasis on candles, with people in the congregation invited to come forward and light a candle in memory of someone or to mark an event in their lives. These services have a more quiet, somber feel than a traditional Christmas worship service.

We invite you to a Blue Christmas service of remembrance and reflection on Sunday, December 19 at 4:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 601 Flatrock Drive, Paulding. All are welcome to participate in this service.

For more information call 419-399-2320.

BASIC FARM & HOME STORE

By: Sue Knapp

The name of this new establishment says it all. The Basic Farm & Home Store is a place where you can get those items that are sometimes hard to find. Marvin and Mary Schwartz liked the settlement here in Northwest Ohio, so they decided to move from Berne and have been here since June. They have 10 children, of which two are married; and they also have two grandchildren. The kids will help them a lot in the store.

The neat thing about this is that Marvin's grandfather started a store in Berne called D.L. Schwartz Co.—it is in its 75th year. Marvin's dad then ran it, now Marvin runs it and Mary and the children will run The Basic

Farm & Home Store.

The store will provide sad irons, noodle makers, parts for pressure cookers, etc., non-electric lighting, meat grinders, horseshoeing tools, horse supplies, stove-pipe, chimney cleaners, hand tools, wood clothes racks, cast iron pots, shovels, pressure canners, Aladdin lamps and much more.

The store is located at 7794 Gingrich Road, Hicksville, Ohio (directions are in ad in this issue).

The hours are: Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; closed Wednesday and Sunday.

The Basic Farm & Home Store will officially open Friday, December 3rd.

WOODLAN VS. BELLMONT BOYS BASKETBALL RESULTS

The Woodlan Warriors played host to the Bellmont Braves on November 27, 2010. The Warriors accepted defeat to the Braves with a final score of 43-68.

Score by the quarter:
Woodlan - 7 15 12 9=43
Bellmont - 17 15 17 19=68

Top scorers of the game:
Woodlan - Romines 10; Hines 9; Patterson 9; Emehiser 7; Mumma 6
Bellmont - Baker 16; Selking 16; Fuelling 14; Lehrman 6; Smith 6; Fullenkamp 5; Hake 5

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poinsettia. You have to look closely to see the actual flowers of these beauties. They're the tiny things at the center of the bracts, which are a kind of guard petal for the flowers.

Bracts serve a purpose in these special plants. With the flowers being so small and pretty much non-fragrant, how would pollinators such as bees and butterflies find the nectar? That's right - the colorful bracts flash their bright colors to attract them. Once they get a closer look, they find their target. Pretty neat, huh?

I've been successful at keeping bougainvilleas for a long time. Mine are going on five years old now. I overwinter them in the basement where it's a cool 58°. At this temperature, they go dormant and lose all their leaves, but come spring, they leaf right out again when I take them outside. But what about poinsettias?

Poinsettias are a little trickier, but not impossible. I've met several people who claim it's easy to keep a poinsettia long after Christmas is over. What do they do? The key is to water only when the surface gets dry. Use the sticky finger trick to test for soil moisture. (Stick your finger into the soil about an inch. If you feel moisture, don't water.) Be sure it's in a sunny location and out of the way of drafts. Drafts are a sure way to kill your poinsettia.

You can keep your poinsettia going indefinitely this way and even if you aren't successful at saving it past Christmas, they're inexpensive enough to buy just because they're a beautiful way to decorate for the season.

PAULDING PUTNAM ELECTRIC CO-OP GOES OVER THE TOP FOR UNITED WAY



Paulding Putnam Electric Co-op located in Paulding, has gone all out in support of United Way of Paulding County's 2010/2011 Campaign. Joanne Mobley and Renee Boss took on the role of in-house coordinators and along with an employee campaign, planned two "fun"raisers during the month of November.

A contest held one Friday morning, complete with coffee and donuts, required employees to bring in their baby pictures. Photos were all posted on a board for everyone to guess who's who. Donations were collected to be part of the contest and also to enjoy refreshments.

Winners were 1st - Jim Brown, 2nd - Justin Tope, and 3rd - Linda Vance.

The second event was a chili cook-off. There were eight pots of delicious chili ranging from sweet to fiery hot! Employees made donations to be able to taste and judge each one. Doug Johanns came out on top with 1st place, Joanne Mobley took 2nd, and Rusty Rager earned 3rd.

Participation winners were Rusty Rager - a vacation day, and \$5.00 gift cards from Subway, Dairy Queen and McDonalds were Jay Denny, Terry Minic, Andy Overman, Jesse Landrum, Steve Kahle and Laura Durre.

Donations raised were

\$3,759.00 from the employee campaign, \$107.55 from the Baby Photo Contest, and \$128.15 at the Chili Cook-off, for a grand total of \$3,994.70! A good time was had by all and the monies raised will work towards improving the health, education and income of the residents of Paulding County.

If you would like to be a part of the 2010/2011 United Way Campaign by either donating or volunteering, please call 419-399-8240 or go on line to www.united-wayofpauldingcounty.org

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PAULDING ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH FOR OCTOBER



These students were named Students of the Month for October for Paulding Elementary. The character trait for the month was Work Habit.

Kindergarten (Front row, l-r) – Ethan Foltz, Karli Gable, Alyssa Postelwaite, Ashton Manz

First Grade (Second row,

l-r) – Lydia Brewer, Jazmin Fauver, Alivya Bakle, Taelyn Etzler, Alex Tressler

Second Grade (Third row, l-r) – Luke McCullough, Sydney Reineck, Adrian Manz, Elyse Manz, Blake McGarvey

Third Grade (Fourth row, l-r) – Brandon Jackson, Megan Garrity, Owen Car-

nahan, Tyrel Goings

Fourth Grade (Fifth row, l-r) – Eugene Hemenway, Brandon Scott, Raven Bussing, Megan Tope, Jaret Miller

Fifth Grade (Back row, l-r) – Jocelyn Camposano, Emma McMaster, Miah Coil, Abby Adams, Alexis Griffith

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES FOR 11/17/10

This 17th day of November, 2010, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

Tony Zartman, Tony Burkley, Edward Straley, and Nola Ginter, Clerk

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:

Warrants documented as 173221 through 173227 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING 'THEN AND NOW' PURCHASE ORDERS AND PAYMENTS:

The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on November 16, 2010, Warrants numbering 172995 through 172206 totaling \$57,325.56; and it is certified that both at the time that the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time that the County Auditor is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly ap-

propriated and free from any previous encumbrance; and pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code §5705.41(D)(1), these purchases must be approved by resolution of the board of county commissioners; the Paulding County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Purchase Orders as submitted by the Auditor; and it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners, County of Paulding, State of Ohio concerning the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2010 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 062):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2010 Annual Appropriation and hereby direct the Paulding County Auditor to appropriate unappropriated funds:

Fund 062 – Emergency 911, 062-001-00012/Equipment Upgrade, \$200,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2010 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-001):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2010 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:

FROM: 001-001-00002/General Fund/Commissioners/Salaries-Employees

TO: 001-001-00001/General Fund/Commissioners/Salaries-Officials

AMOUNT: \$5,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2010 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-017):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2010 Annual Appropriation and hereby di-

rects the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:

FROM: 001-017-00002/General Fund/Sheriff/Salaries-Employees, Sheriff

TO: 001-017-00008/General Fund/Sheriff/Office Equipment

AMOUNT: \$4,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2010 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-017):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2010 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:

FROM: 001-017-00003/General Fund/Sheriff/Salaries-Employees, Jail

TO: 001-017-00008/General Fund/Sheriff/Equipment/Sheriff

AMOUNT: \$10,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2010 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-017):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2010 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:

FROM: 001-017-00006/General Fund/Sheriff/Supplies/Jail/Outhousing

TO: 001-017-00008/General Fund/Sheriff/Equipment/Sheriff

AMOUNT: \$16,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2010 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 009):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2010 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:

FROM: 009-001-00021/Engineer/Contract Projects

TO: 009-001-00015/Engineer/Other Expenses

AMOUNT: \$5,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2010 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 009):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2010 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County

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PAYNE ELEMENTARY STUDENTS SPONSOR DRIVE FOR NEIGHBORS IN NEED



Wayne Trace Payne Elementary is sponsoring a canned food and non-perishable item drive along with Neighbors in Need until December 9th. 105.7 The Bull came to our school to help kick off the drive. A

group of our first graders are standing next to our display of some of the items we have already collected. We give these items to Job and Family Services who then distributes them to families in Paulding County.

LOVIN' THOSE BABY TURKEYS!



Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschoolers were recently visited by Mrs. Cassie Jo Arend, Communications Coordinator at Cooper Farms, with three adorable baby turkeys! We learned that baby turkeys are called poult and all about their pipping tooth and already developing feathers. We had

a great time learning new things and snuggling! Shown here from the left are: Elli Barton, Jamy Hunt, Cassie Jo, and Devan Egnor. These children are in the morning class of four and young five year olds with Mrs. Chris Adams and Mrs. Ann Miller.

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Recently, the Malice MMA team competed in Michigan at Ground and Pound 14 in the Adrian Armory.

Ryan Hogans was matched against a kickboxer with a ten pound weight advantage and four previous fights in the cage. Ryan was the underdog in this match, but stepped up to the task without hesitation and defeated his opponent in less than a minute. The match started with Ryan's op-

ponent absorbing a few kicks to his lead leg that prompted him to lead a take down. Ryan wrestled with his opponent and was able to attain the mount position where he began to land multiple unanswered blows causing the ref to call the match. For pics, videos, and information on upcoming events please visit WWW.MALICEFIGHTERS.COM

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Auditor to transfer funds:
FROM: 009-001-00037/Engineer/Land
TO: 009-001-00015/Engineer/Other Expenses
AMOUNT: \$3,800.00
IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2010 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 009):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2010 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:
FROM: 009-001-00039/Engineer/Ditch Assessments
TO: 009-001-00015/Engineer/Other Expenses
AMOUNT: \$3,200.00
IN THE MATTER OF RECEIVING AND AWARDING QUOTES FOR GENERAL OBLIGATION NOTES:

This 17th day of November, 2010, the Board of County Commissioners received quotes from County banking

institutions to borrow funds in the amount of \$121,653.52 for a general obligation note:
—Antwerp Exchange Bank, 2.50%
—First Financial Bank, 2.33% (plus Bonding Counsel fee of \$500.00)
—State Bank & Trust, 3.78%

A motion was made by Mr. Tony Burkley to accept the bid from the Antwerp Exchange Bank at the rate of 2.5%.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE CONSENT LEGISLATION REGARDING THE PAU/DEF-24-ABANDONMENT, PID 82895:

The Board of County Commissioners, Paulding County, Ohio, has identified the need for the described project:

This project proposes to resurface County Route 24 (formerly known as US Route 24) from the Indiana State line to the City of Defiance,

excluding the overlap with US 127 and the portion inside the Village of Antwerp that was reconstructed in 2010. This project also includes the resurfacing of Wentworth Street in Antwerp which was used as a haul road during the construction of relocated US 24. The work involved in this project is part of an earlier agreement between ODOT and Commissioners of Paulding County, Ohio, where this future project was a condition required by the Board of Commissioners of Paulding County, Ohio, for assuming ownership and maintenance responsibility for this route; now, therefore being in the public interest, the Paulding County Commissioners give consent to the Director of Transportation to complete the above described project; the Paulding County Commissioners shall cooperate with the Director of Transportation in the above described project as follows:

ODOT and FHWA shall assume and bear one hundred percent (100%) of the necessary costs of the State's highway improvement project. In the event that the Paulding County Commissioners request certain features or appurtenances be included within the State's highway improvement project's design and construction, and which features and appurtenances are determined by the State and FHWA to be not necessary for the State's project, the Paulding County Commissioners shall contribute 100% of the cost of those items; and the Paulding County Commissioners agree that all right-of-way required (if applicable) for the described project will be acquired and/or made available in accordance with current State and Federal regulations. The Paulding County Commissioners also understand that right-of-way costs include eligible utility costs. The Paulding County Commissioners grant the Director permission to purchase or appropriate in the name of the Paulding County Commissioners any property necessary to complete the project. The Paulding County Commissioners agree that all utility accommodations, relocations, and reimbursements will comply with the current provisions of 23 CFR 65 and the ODOT Utilities Manual, and be it further upon completion of the project, and unless otherwise agreed, the Paulding County Commissioners shall:

(1) provide adequate maintenance for the project in accordance with all applicable state and federal law, including, but not limited to, Title 23, U.S.C., Section 116;
(2) provide ample financial provisions, as necessary, for the maintenance of the project;
(3) maintain the right-of-way, keeping it free of obstructions; and
(4) hold said right-of-way inviolate for public highway purposes.
The County Commissioners of said Paulding County are hereby empowered on behalf of Paulding County to enter into agreements with the Director of Transportation necessary to complete the above described project.

This resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure to expedite the

WAYNE TRACE HIGH SCHOOL'S NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION



On Wednesday, November 24, Wayne Trace High School held its induction ceremony into the National Honor Society. The new inductees are:

Front - Tyler Arnett, Kelly Zartman, Sarah

Feasby, Rachel Long, Kari Myers, Megan Pierce, Beth Ross.

Back - Christian Raab, Ryan Jewell, Tate Church, Pete Sinn, Zach Cotterman, Gary Klopfenstein, Reuben Stoller.

highway project and to promote highway safety. Following appropriate legislative action, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval, otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Judge Tiffany Beckman, County Court - Ms. Beckman met with the Commissioners to discuss the probation program director position. She explained the primary duty is to apply for and track grants. She further stated the probation audit went well this year. Judge Beckman then discussed her intentions regarding transitioning from County Court to Common Pleas, stating she will be available to assist whomever is recommended to fill her term at County Court. Her current term at County Court is until December 31, 2012. Under the Ohio Constitution, the Governor holds the authority to fill vacant judicial posts in Ohio courts. The Ohio Judicial Appointments Recommendations Panel (OJARP) was created to assist the Governor in the selection of judges for vacancies in Ohio courts. OJARP Members evaluate the qualifications of applicants for judicial vacancies and then make non-binding recommendations to the Governor based on their evaluations. Ms. Beckman is anxious to begin her Common Pleas judgeship January 1, 2011.

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- 12/8 - Chicken nuggets or Fish on bun, peach crisp, corn, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Peanut butter bar
- 12/9 - French toast sticks or Spicy chicken on bun, hashbrown, fruit, milk; PLUS: Chicken w/rice bar, salad bar
- 12/10 - Pepperoni pizza or Turkey salad sandwich, carrots w/dip, applesauce cup, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Cook's choice
- 12/13 - Taco dog or Vegetable soup w/crackers, tator tots, mixed fruit, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Pudding cup
- 12/14 - Chicken fajita or Corn dog, baked beans, orange smiles, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Cottage cheese

Menus are subject to change.

ANTWERP ALLEYS HIGH SCORES FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 26, 2010

Mens High Series

1. Phil Bauer 567
2. Robert Johnson 563
3. Mike Walley 562
4. David Bauer 559
5. Ray Delong 527
6. Craig Womack 496
7. Kris Reinhart 489
8. Jeff Lucas 488
9. Benji Grant 487
10. Chris Jones 484

Mens High Game

1. Phil Bauer 211
2. Mike Walley 201
3. David Bauer 199
4. Craig Womack 194
4. Robert Johnson 194
5. Chris Jones 192
6. Ray Delong 191
7. Chad Franklin 186
8. Kris Reinhart 177
9. Jerry Vanclave 173

10. Jeff Lucas 172

Womens High Series

1. Marie Bauer 579
2. Sherry Reinhart 493
3. Lisa Syndram 488
4. Kim Brown 479
5. Paula Lichty 469
6. Marilyn Provines 467
7. Leslie Hughes 450
8. Kendra Eaken 441
9. Angie Hudson 430
10. Sue Molitor 423

Womens High Game

1. Marie Bauer 213
2. Sherry Reinhart 192
3. Lisa Syndram 186
4. Marilyn Provines 183
5. Fay Sitton 182
6. Paula Lichty 171
6. Kendra Eaken 171
7. Leslie Hughes 171
7. Leslie Ross 168
8. Kim Brown 166
9. Sheila Bassett 164
10. Kelli Bradbury 163

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Sunday 18th & 19th 2:30 pm
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(watch for times in next issue)

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PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL

By: Stan Jordan

On Thursday, November 18, Dr. Gray had Pauline, my wife, admitted to the Paulding County Hospital with acute pneumonia and a fast heart beat.

As I was just a by-stander or just a 'lookers on' I was able to watch the staff and technicians do their work and I am very proud at what I saw and how I was treated. Let me tell you about it.

By the time we signed all the forms and get her down into her bed and settled down, it was almost 7:00 p.m. As I was pretty hungry, I went down to the cafeteria. As I was unaccustomed to their routine I asked for help at the counter. I asked what they had for supper. The server was Kathy Scott and she said, "Meatloaf, ham or hamburger patty." She had such a pleasant voice, I was at ease right away.

I said, "I will have a piece of ham please." "Now do you want some mashed potatoes and gravy?" "I would like a little bit, please." "I don't give little bits!" Kathy replied. "Would you like some broccoli or baked beans?"

I said, "I like good baked beans, I will take two spoon-fuls." Kathy said, "I made these beans and they are good, I guarantee it!" Well, she was right, those were good baked beans. I am a connoisseur of baked beans.

When I was in the Army I never complained about having beans. I still like good soup beans. Kathy helped me carry my tray to the table and Deb Stevenson brought me some coffee and said, "You can help yourself to the salad bar and some dessert, it is all included

in your \$3.00 bill."

Bridgette Pack, a native of Germany, came over and sat down and we discussed the little I knew about the country. I was overwhelmed by the courtesies extended to me.

On Sunday at dinner time I asked Beth, down by the nurses' station if I could use the wheel chair to get to the cafeteria, which seems like 50 kilometers away.

She said, "Well, Stan, let me call Alice Cornell and see if she can't bring you a plate of lunch." Well, by golly, she did make the call and Alice was there in a couple of minutes—with apple pie also!

There was another time that Deb pushed me down to the cafeteria and back in the wheel chair.

Those employees and the girls at the nurses' station by room 106 are very helpful and knowledgeable and will lean over backward to help you.

I was so taken by their kindness I just had to write a column on it.

Back in 1775 Ben Franklin told me that, "Happiness is where you find it." And, by golly, I sure enjoyed my days at the Paulding County Hospital.

See ya!

THE SOLOMON ISLANDS

By: Stan Jordan

About all I got to go on here is my memories of talking with my brother, Jim, who was a TSgt. In the heavy weapons platoon of the "A" Co. of the 148 Inf. Regt. Of the 37th Div.

The Air Force flying over Lunga Point or Guadalcanal in early 1942 noticed that the Japs were building an air field.

The Marines invaded that island on August 1942, because they needed an air field as bad as the Japs. Well this was some of the worst fighting in the Pacific. The Americans wanted to turn the Japs away from Australia.

Well, the Americans captured the air strip early but the fighting went on for months to hold the strip now called Henderson Field. But Guadalcanal is a heavily forested island, very hot with thick undergrowth. But it controlled the ground, sea and skies in that area.

The Army now had their eyes on the Island of New Georgia which is one of a group of islands called New Georgia Islands, what makes up the Solomon Island chain that reaches for 1,000 miles from down by Australia up to New Guinea.

The 148th Reg. went into New Georgia and a number of small occupied islands on June 30 of 1943.

That is a very rugged country and very thick underbrush. This place was secured on August 23, but the fighting in the Islands carried on for a month.

There were a lot of naval battles around here, like the Battle of Kulagulf in 1943.

The Japs' base on New Georgia was called Munda, this was the main objective for the U.S. This war started on the 5th of August, 1943. Their the Japs' port of Bairoko Harbor, north of Munda, was not secured until August 25.

In the area on the point of Rendova, this is the area where Lt. John Kennedy and the Patrol Boat 109 were rescued from.

Just off the north of New Georgia is the big island of Kolombamoara. This is between the Battle of Kolombamoara or the second Battle of Kula Gulf, this on the night of July 13-14, 1943.

A Japanese Tokyo Express of 10 ships of all kinds, no carriers, came down this slot to land troops on Vila or Kolombamoara by the way of Kula Gulf. This was the night of July 19, 1943.

The Americans had about 12 warrior ships. The U.S. 37th Division had been put on New Georgia to attack Munda and also some raiders put ashore to seize Bairoko, a Jap base, to keep them from attacking the Americans and supply ships and to keep the Tokyo Express away.

Well, the Japs finally evacuated the island at Cape Esperance on the west coast on February of 1943.

Well, 'A' Company fought long and hard here, and then was taken off and resupplied with men and equipment and rested up for another campaign.

But this battle meant a lot to the U.S. forces. It slapped the Japs but gave them a good airstrip—not too good to start with—as the Japs bombed it every night. This was resupplied by the Tokyo Express. This was the Battle of Lunga Gulf. The battle site lost so many ships here it was called Iron Bottom Bay. When the fighting stopped here, the Japs was turned to the north and on their way out for good.

The 37th Division was all tried and true veterans after Guadalcanal was secured. The U.S. turned to the north and started working toward their main target, Tokyo.

This entire area is one of the many, many islands in the Solomon Island Chain.

More on the Solomon's next week.

See ya!

CMH FOUNDATION WATER THERAPY POOL CAMPAIGN A SUCCESS!

The Community Memo-

rial Hospital Foundation's 2010 Water Therapy Pool campaign was a huge success. The hospital is in the process of renovating the former surgery section to prepare for the installation of the water therapy pool.

Here at Community Memorial Hospital, patients' needs always come first. We know that warmth, comfort, and privacy are all issues important to our patients, and this year's support campaign addresses these needs.

Warmth - We are raising dollars to purchase a blanket warmer for the Medical-Surgical Department. A warm blanket brings both comfort and a feeling of security to a patient. Keeping patients warm has several additional advantages: less shivering means patients are more relaxed and can breathe easier; warm patients come out of the anesthetic faster; and warm patients also show a reduced incidence of heart problems.

Comfort - We need an additional epidural pump. An epidural pump is used for pain relief during the delivery of a baby, as well as after surgery. The very small amount of pain medicine from an epidural provides the same pain relief as a larger dose given by mouth or vein. Using less medicine decreases the side effects, which can slow recovery. In addition, with an epidural, patients are awake and alert, but able to sleep when they wish.

Privacy - We would like to add privacy curtains in our Medical-Surgical rooms. While our rooms are private, these curtains will provide additional privacy protection for our patients.

These needs total \$12,300. Your gift, whatever the size, will be applied towards the purchase of these items. Your generosity will also be recognized in the spring publication of our newsletter, Healthy Happenings.

Excellent healthcare, close to home, is one of those things that cannot be taken for granted. Please review the giving options on the enclosed envelope and call with any questions. For questions, please contact Michelle Waggoner in our foundation office at 419-542-5566.



By: Stan Jordan

Susie's husband had been slipping in and out of a coma for several months. Things looked grim, but she was by his bedside every single day. One day as he slipped back into consciousness, he motioned for her to come close to him. She pulled the chair close to the bed and leaned her ear close to be able to hear him.

"You know," he whispered, his eyes filling with tears, "you have been with me through all the bad times. When I got fired, you stuck right beside me. When my business went under, there you were. When we lost the house, you were there. When I got shot, you stuck with me. When my health started failing, you were still by my side. And you know what?"

"What, dear?" she asked gently, smiling to herself. "I think you're bad luck."



BILL METZ RETIRES

By: Stan Jordan

Bill was born in Hicksville in 1948. His parents were Lowell and Eloise Metz. There was two other boys—Tom and Kevin. He graduated from Hicksville High School in 1966.

Bill's father was Lowell Metz and he owned the Metz Clothing Store. Bill worked there from the time he was a freshman all through high school and about a year after graduation.

Bill's father was adamant that he go to college. He went three years to Defiance College and received his B.S. Degree in Education. He then got his Masters in Administration from Dayton in 1988. Bill taught nine years at Hicksville and taught Jr. High Social Studies and coached football and basketball.

He married Joan Derck in 1970 and they have four boys: Rick, Ryan, Jason and Curtis.

After teaching in Hicksville for nine years he went to work at the International Harvester Plant in Fort Wayne in supervision. He was there about five years and the plant moved to Springfield.

In 1984, he finished out as teaching for someone here in Antwerp and he was hired full time the next year.

He taught 22 years here in Antwerp in Jr. High Social Studies. He also assisted as a football coach three years. He helped start the girls softball in Antwerp. They need to get a junior varsity and varsity team. Over the years they had some very good teams. Twice they were District Champs, also the Green Meadows Conference Champs. He received an award for having over 100 victories with the girls softball.

I remember when I wrote

about the girls' team I was impressed about their knowledge of basic softball. They had good pitching, batting and base running, but mainly what to do with the ball if it came to you.

It was impressed by the catcher and second baseman. They worked smoothly together, this all comes from good coaching. Antwerp High School is considered a powerful girls softball school.

Bill retired from teaching in 2007. He had 31 years total, nine years at Hicksville and 22 at Antwerp.

I asked about hobbies and he said he has a Harley Davidson that he likes to ride. He is also a golf lover. He volunteers at the United Methodist Church pretty regularly and sometimes over at the Huber Theater.

He is a very busy man in the Hicksville Masonic Lodge #478. He has been the secretary there for many years. The lodge has about 150 members now, about 40 from Antwerp.

He is now the District Deputy Grand Master of the 5th District. This is a three year job, and in the first four months of this year he was very busy. He must visit all 14 lodges in the district once a year. He also writes a column for the Hicksville News Tribune. He is a very busy guy, but that is the way he wants it to be.

But he still finds time for his grandchildren. He has four: Austin is a sophomore at Hicksville; Ashlyn is in the 5th grade and he has a set of twin grandchildren also, Sophie and Chloe.

Bill, we enjoyed your visit to the WBN and hearing your experiences. I wish I had your ambition, but I still couldn't fill your footprints.

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FROM THE DOG WARDEN'S DESK

By: Mandy Lichty, Paulding County Chief Dog Warden

This week's featured pet is Mack. He is an adult male blue heeler. He is very well behaved and eager to please. Mack has already been neutered and is house trained.

The holiday season brings many new and interesting events for our pets. For many pets all of the new people and chaos can be too much for them. Sometimes it is best to put them in a quiet room with their crate or bed where they can relax and be safe.

The shelter will be open Thursday evening from 5:00-7:00 p.m. 2011 dog licenses go on sale December 1st. If you have any questions about the adoptable dogs or license sales call 419-399-9728 and leave a message.

HELP!

The Antwerp VFW will be fixing and delivering fruit baskets for the elderly, home bound and nursing homes on December 4th at 9:00 a.m. at the VFW Hall. We need help with this, and you don't have to be a member to help.

Call Nila Dunderman for more information at 419-258-3675.

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS & DISMISSALS

Dismissals:
11/16 - Virginia Dunson, Paulding

The Tricks And The Trade-offs

(NAPSA)—When it comes to managing health care costs, the more you know, the more you may be able to save. That's one reason it can be a pretty healthy idea to learn all you can about Medicare, especially in light of recent changes.

Here are a few facts and figures you may care to contemplate:

- Medicare changes each year and you need to review and make sure your coverage is up to date with your health and budget needs.

- Many private-sector insurance plans offer coverage that's equal to or even beyond what Medicare provides. These include Medicare Advantage plans (Part C), such as HMOs and PPOs; Medicare Supplemental Insurance (known as Medigap) plans, which cover many of the expenses that traditional Medicare doesn't cover; and Medicare Part D coverage, the Prescription Drug benefit program, that is in Medicare itself or available at various levels of coverage and cost via private insurers.

- There are "tricks to the trade-offs." Traditional Medicare is accepted by many participating (though not all) physicians and hospitals across the country. With access to a broader network of doctors and hospitals, however, you "trade off" that access for higher co-pays and premiums.

That's why many consumers purchase Medigap insurance—to cover the cost of services that Medicare doesn't cover in full. Medicare Advantage Plans (Part C) can reduce your out-of-pocket costs and premiums in certain cases. Their coverage and benefits are the same as traditional Medicare and you'll likely pay less in out-of-pocket costs. You may not, however, have as broad a network of doctors and hospitals as you might in traditional Medicare.



A recent Nielsen survey showed more than 8 million older Americans research health care information for themselves online.

- If you're not sure which plan is right for you, it can be a good idea to start your research soon. For most people, Medicare enrollment for 2011 begins November

15 and ends December 31, 2010. Check with your doctors to see which plans they have contracts with for 2011.

One place to do so is at a unique new website called www.joppel.com. There, you and your family (or anyone who assists you with health decisions) can review Medicare options in the privacy of your own home and make an informed decision based on your health and budget needs for 2011.

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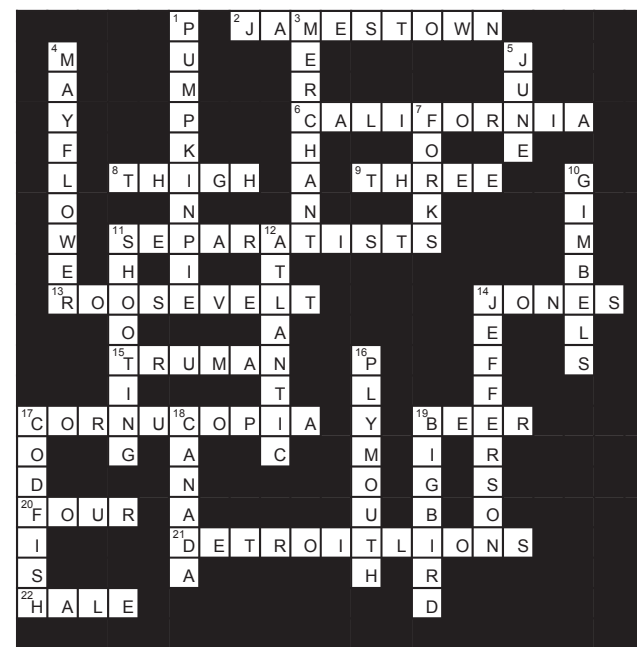
Snow Fun: Cool Ideas For Winter Play And Warmth

(NAPSA)—When cold turns to snow, playing outdoors is a great way for kids and adults to stay fit and have fun for free. In 30 minutes, a 150-pound person burns about 143 calories building a snowman and about 159 calories having a snow fight.

To help you get energized and excited for snow season, author Birgitta Ralston offers projects for wintertime fun in her new book "Snow Play" (Artisan Books), plus a few ideas on how to stay warm and dry.

- **Grab some drinking straws and head outside to make frozen critters.** If the snow isn't sticky, slowly mix some water into snow to give it the right consistency. Flatten a small patch of ground with your hands. Sink four straws into the ground to create the legs of the animal. Compress the snow around each straw to keep them securely in place. Shape snow into a round or oblong ball for the body of your animal. Add a shortened straw for a tail and carefully push the body into the legs. Create a small head from compressed snow and carefully push it onto the body. Take photographs to record your work so you can reflect back on it when the snow's all melted away.

For such extended outdoor activities, you may appreciate waterproof Sport Squall Gloves from Lands' End that keep hands toasty and fingers flexible, with an interior sheath that holds hand warmer packets for up to seven hours of heat.



The answers to "Happy Thanksgiving Trivia"



Snow? No problem. Outerwear that keeps you cozy makes frolicking in the snow more fun.

- **Make an ice slide.** Start on a hillside or large pile of snow. Plan where the slide will start and where it will reach level ground. On one side, create steps by carving notches into the snow. Press a shovel into the snow horizontally, then vertically to create 90-degree-angled steps. Use a shovel to carve out a slide on the opposite side of the mound; it should be about a foot deep. Add curves, but not too sharp, as that will slow down the sliding. Pat down the sides of the slide from the top. Let it freeze overnight. The slide should be ready to use the next day.

Consider snow pants that feature Cordura nylon reinforcements at the knees and seats. Features such as SnowGuard cuffs and waterproof, windproof fabrics in the Expedition Down coats and jackets keep the chill

out while using one of nature's lightest insulators.

- **Engage your neighborhood in a snowball challenge.** Find a fresh field of sticky snow and pick your team. Determine how long the contest will last. With your team members, start rolling a small snowball along the ground, patting down the snow that sticks. Continue to roll it, adding more snow until it's too big to move. Smooth out the surface of the snowball and measure each snowball with a measuring tape to determine a winner.

Having waterproof boots with good traction makes pushing a giant snowball seem a snap. Snow Plow Boots for adults and kids at Lands' End feature high-traction soles and a cinch at the top to lock out snow.

- **Stay warm and dry by dressing in layers that you can shed as outdoor activity increases.** Consider fleece as a base layer. ThermaCheck fleece offers softness, lightweight warmth and wind resistance. Pay special attention to extremities such as ears, fingers and toes, where heat loss is quick and common. Seek out waterproof and windproof garments with features such as sealed seams. Choosing brightly colored coats, hats and scarves makes kids easier to see in the snow.

- **Learn more.** For more information, to order online or to find stores, visit www.landsend.com or call (800) 800-5800.

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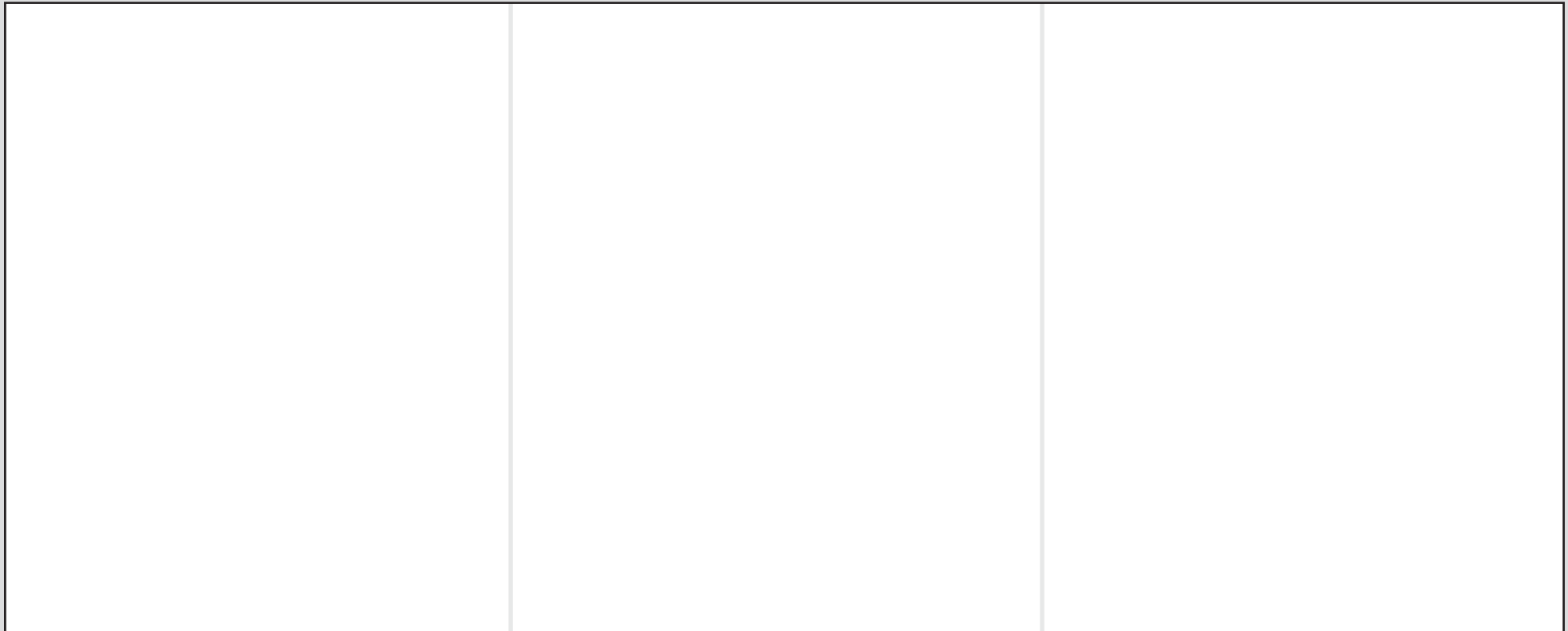
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VANTAGE CAREER CENTER'S WINTER SPORTS ATHLETES



Front row: Megan Stutz, Parkway, Basketball; Kayla Waldron, Van Wert, Bowling; Amelia Wiseman, Van Wert, Cheerleading; Kirsten Olwin, Wayne Trace, Cheerleading; Shelby Osborne, Lincolnview, Basketball; Kim Black, Paulding, Cheerleading.

Back row: Mr. Tony Unverferth, Pandora-Gilboa MS Basketball Coach; Eddie Hibbard, Wayne Trace, PC Basketball; Brandon Antoine, Paulding, Wrestling; Cody Dills, Continental, Basketball; Greg Rue, Ottoville, Basketball; Brandon Jarrell, Paulding, Wrestling; Chris Thatcher, Van Wert, Bowling; Shane Robenalt, Van Wert, Swimming; Keegan Olwin, Wayne Trace, Basketball; Michael Boyd, Wayne Trace, Wrestling.

graham crackers, juice, milk
Paulding Elementary

- Lunch:

12/8 - Beef fingers, corn, bread, fruit, milk

12/9 - Pancakes, sausage, hashbrowns, cheese snack, fruit, milk

12/10 - BBQ pork w/bun, oven potatoes, fruit, milk

12/13 - Fish sandwich, broccoli tots, assorted fruit, milk

12/14 - Egg & cheese omelet, hashbrowns, raisin muffin, fruit, milk

Oakwood Elementary

- Breakfast:

12/8 - Assorted cereals, crackers, fruit, milk

12/9 - Breakfast burrito, juice, milk

12/10 - Assorted cereals, crackers, fruit, milk

12/13 - Warm pop tart, juice, milk

12/14 - Hot biscuit w/jelly, egg, fruit, milk

Oakwood Elementary

- Lunch:

12/8 - Mini corn dogs, oven potatoes, fruit, milk

12/9 - Chicken noodle soup w/crackers, carrots/celery sticks, bread, fruit, milk

12/10 - Cheese pizza, green beans, fruit, milk

12/13 - Breaded mozzarella sticks w/marinara sauce, green beans, fruit, milk

12/14 - Chicken fajita, mixed vegetables, doritos, fruit, milk

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PAULDING ELEMENTARY STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN CAREER DAY

Paulding Elementary School was host to a Career Day on Friday, November 19, 2010. Over 20 people from the community came in to present information to the students on their career or hobby. The following are pictures of some of the presenters who shared their afternoon with the elementary students.



Becky Suvar talks to students about the importance of recycling.



Brian Schlatter shows some students how he tests the PH balance in milk before it is made into cheese.



Ohio State Highway Patrolman Alec Coil is shown taking a quick break from his presentation to congratulate Nick Manz who received a fifth place award in the Ohio State Highway Patrol Bus Safety coloring contest.



John Fortune demonstrates to students some of the jobs of an EMT. Here Kyle Kelly is shown on a backboard.

BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS FOR WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS FOR 12/8 THROUGH 12/14

Breakfast:

12/8 - Pancakes, sausage, milk, juice

12/9 - Egg/cheese omelet, toast/jelly, milk, juice

12/10 - No breakfast served

12/13 - Pizza, milk, juice

12/14 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, milk, juice

Lunch:

12/8 - Mac/cheese, mini corn dogs, mandarin oranges, milk; WT: Pork BBQ

12/9 - Walking taco, meat/cheese/lettuce/salsa, sour cream, corn, pineapple, milk

12/10 - Cheese or pepperoni pizza, carrot sticks w/dip, strawberries, milk

12/13 - French toast sticks, sausage links, hashbrowns, 100% juice, milk

12/14 - Nacho chips, meat/cheese, corn, pears, milk

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JEFF CRABILL WINS ARTIST AWARD



The Philadelphia Watercolor Society has announced that Antwerp artist Jeff Crabill, whose painting "Wax Works-Hard Wax", was accepted into the annual show, has won the Windsor & Newton/Watercolor Artist Magazine Materials Award. The painting is a still-life of "hard rock" records, such as KISS, Everclear, and Guns n' Roses, with rock & roll artwork mixed in among them. In the center is a bright green vinyl record on a turntable.

The Philadelphia Watercolor Society is currently holding its 110th anniversary exhibit at the GoogleWorks Gallery For The Arts in Reading, Pennsylvania, with the opening reception on October 10, with the show to run to the end of November.

The exhibition's full name is "The Philadelphia Watercolor Society's 110 Anniversary International Exhibition Of Works On Paper", and as implied, it is open to artists in the United States as well as other countries. Over 290

entries were received from 26 states, and Denmark. Of these, 91 were accepted into the show, and of these, awards were awarded to about 18 pieces.

"It's very humbling to have my work recognized by such a talented group of artists and judges. I mean, I'm just a guy from a small town in a corner of Ohio. To have its merit be recognized on this level is really gratifying. In fact, I've had three paintings accepted in the past few years, and also won the 'Newman & Saunders Gallery Award' in 2008. Maybe they just like me there."

"Actually, I've met the requirements to be called a 'signature member', which means I can add the initials 'PWS' after my name. I keep forgetting, though. I'm sure that would surprise anyone who knows me."

The painting has been on display at the Indigo Gallery, at 309 Clinton Street, in Defiance, along with other original artwork, but Jeff says, "Maybe I'll keep it at home for a little while. It's been a long time since seen it! So if you would like to see this painting, or just come visit, feel free to call (419)506-0744 and set up a time. I'm usually home, and more than happy to show off my work."

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Hold The Butter. Olive Oil Is The Big New Thing In Baking

(NAPSA)—It may be the hottest thing in baking, and chances are you don't even know about it.

With the USDA issuing new "Dietary Guidelines for Americans" that focus on battling obesity and related health problems, limiting saturated fats is on everyone's mind. But what can replace butter and shortening in baked goods without sacrificing one iota of their sinfully good taste?

The answer: olive oil. "Olive oil is a smart choice for increasing your intake of monounsaturated fat," says Lisa A. Sheldon, MS, author of the "Olive Oil Baking" cookbook. "It also has 70 percent less saturated fat than butter."

Understand: We're not talking the kind of olive oil you pour on salads. Sheldon's recipe below is made with Pompeian Extra Light Tasting Olive Oil, and the result is one very tasty, moist and lightly textured pound cake. Another plus, in general, of olive oil over butter in baking? Less is more: A recipe calling for 1 tablespoon (3 teaspoons) of butter, say, requires only 2½ teaspoons of Pompeian.

Cranberry Walnut Pound Cake

Serves 12-16

- Ingredients:**
1 cup all-purpose flour
1 cup whole wheat pastry flour (OR) 2 cups all-purpose flour
½ tsp. baking powder
¼ tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. salt
½ tsp. cinnamon
4 large eggs
1½ cups granulated sugar
½ cup Pompeian Extra Light Tasting Olive Oil
1 tsp. vanilla extract
½ cup low-fat sour cream



Cranberry Walnut Pound Cake

- ½ cup finely chopped walnuts
- 1 cup fresh cranberries, finely chopped

Preparation:
Preheat the oven to 350° F. Generously coat a Bundt pan with oil.

In a small bowl, combine the flours, baking powder, baking soda, salt and cinnamon.

In a large bowl, beat the eggs with a handheld mixer until light and slightly increased in volume. Add the sugar slowly while continuing to beat. The mixture will become light and fluffy. Add the olive oil and vanilla extract and beat another 2 minutes.

Alternately add the dry ingredients and the sour cream to the batter, beating between additions. Gently fold in the chopped nuts and cranberries.

Transfer the batter to the prepared pan.

Bake at 350° F for 60-65 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean.

Cool in the pan on a wire rack for 10 minutes. Then invert the pan onto rack to remove and cool completely.

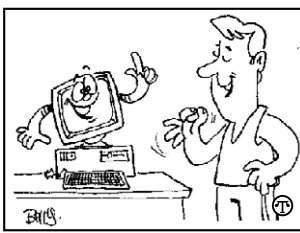
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HEALTHY IDEAS

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To keep family members healthy, get yourself and all children 6 months of age and older vaccinated against the flu. For more information, talk to your doctor or contact the Centers for Disease Control at (800) CDC-INFO or www.flu.gov.



Even small changes can make a big difference to a child's health, says Rob Bisceglie, executive director of Action for Healthy Kids. For resources to help keep your family healthy, visit www.ActionforHealthyKids.org/FamilyCorner or call (800) 416-5136.

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The Pac Is Back

Icon Celebrates 30 Years; Welcome To The Party

(NAPSA)—He was born of a simple, brown laminate cabinet plonked in the corner of a bustling arcade in 1980. Not much to look at, back then. But, of course, humble beginnings seldom are.

Fast-forward to today, 30 years and a cultural phenomenon later, and the iconic Pac-Man is the most recognizable video game character of all time.

How does such an icon who has achieved everything celebrate his 30th birthday? Simple. Throw a giant party and invite everyone.

Enter "PAC-MAN Party," Pac-Man's latest gig in a laundry list of hit titles spanning as many gaming platforms as there have been bad hairstyles since its first release.

A Nintendo Wii exclusive, Namco Bandai's "PAC-MAN Party" is a collection of more than 45 minigames and challenges that will call on every trick Pac-Man has learned over his 30 years. Play as the icon alone or with up to four friends for motion-controlled games of racing, eating, giant snowball rolling and more.

With curling, tennis and golfing also among the litany of sporty and fun minigames packed in, it's clear no one throws a party like Pac-Man.

The game has three modes of play:

- Story Mode—Explore all the game board worlds and meet



Pac-Man is back with a new birthday party-themed game.

familiar faces and new characters.

- Minigame Mode—A quick fix for those wanting the immediate rush of competition.

- Party Mode—A more in-depth party experience that has up to four friends traveling across different themed boards in a race to collect the most points.

But being the ever hard worker that Pac-Man is, "PAC-MAN Party" comes packed with the original arcade versions of "Galaga" and "Dig-Dug." And, of course, the original "Pac-Man" we first fell in love with 30 years ago under the neon lights of 1980s arcade America.

WETZEL MOTORCYCLE CLUB DONATES TO WASSENBERG ART CENTER



The Wassenberg Art Center of Van Wert recently received a sponsorship donation from the Wetzel Motorcycle Club to help support the art center's summer Art Camps for Children. From left, Seth Baker, Interim Director of the art center, ac-

cepts the donation from Danny McPhail, representing the Wetzel Motorcycle Club. For information on the Wassenberg Art Center and its programs and exhibits visit www.vanwert.com/wassenberg or call 419.238.6837 or toll free 1.888.238.3837.

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— Susan K. Simpson, Paulding County Auditor

Hints For Homeowners

Home Theaters Can Be Fun And Affordable

(NAPSA)—More homeowners are now giving entertainment a room of its own—converting dens, guest rooms, garages and basements into home theaters. What do you need? Here are a few tips on getting started:

- **Decide where you can fit the home theater and come up with a game plan.** Will the room serve a double purpose or be solely for entertainment?
- **Make a list of what you need and research the latest entertainment systems.** A true home theater should have a projector, a screen, a Blu-ray player, a speaker system, maybe a gaming console or a multimedia computer and other accessories. Decide where you want to sit, where the screen should be, and how you want to set up the room.



A portable high-definition home theater projector can be the centerpiece of your home entertainment system.

blems typically associated with clogged filters, such as overheated lamps, are reduced.

Subdued scenes are easy to hear with the projector's quiet engine that has an ultrahushed noise level. And at less than 8 pounds, the projector can be taken almost anywhere. With its built-in 1.5x zoom ratio lens, as well as a digital keystone correction, setup is easy and more flexible for various room configurations.

• **Get comfy.** Once you have the technology down, get a comfy recliner, couch and some chairs, a popcorn machine and a small fridge for cold drinks. To decorate, consider posters of your favorite films or sport teams. Now you're ready for a big-screen theater experience right in your own home.

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MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PLANS - Prescription drug plans - open enrollment now through 12/31/10. Medicare supplement plans. Guy Boylan & Associates, 112 S. Main St., Hicksville, OH. 419-542-7390 or 800-686-3572. 48-51

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FOR RENT: 3 bdrm, 1 bath home, gas heat, recent windows and siding. 419-258-8314. References required. 48-49

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1 BEDROOM NICE APT. FOR RENT in Woodburn, IN. Has appliances, water, and sewage paid. Rent is \$375 per month with \$375 deposit. No pets allowed. Call 260-632-9322. 47-49

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FIREWOOD FOR SALE: Split, stacked & delivered. 419-428-3115. 47-49p

TGIF: Cecil Presbyterian Church, Sat. Dec. 11 from 8:00-11:00 a.m. Donations will be accepted on Sunday, Dec. 5 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. and on Tues. & Thurs. the 7th & 9th from 2:00-8:00 p.m.

62" PROJECTION FLAT SCREEN TV (Hitachi) with stand, 5-disc surround sound system. Really nice. 3 years old. \$1,500. Call 419-487-0914, Kenny, after 4:00 weekdays. 47-48p

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DEADLINE FOR THE CLASSIFIEDS & "FOR SALE BY OWNER IN THE WEST BEND NEWS" IS MONDAYS AT 12 NOON!

Giving The Gift Of Staying Connected

(NAPSA)—Cell phones have become the simplest and most popular way to stay in touch, but while they are used for talk these days, they are used just as much for texting, chat, e-mails, sharing photos, Web surfing and social networking.



Mobile phones have become part of how we communicate, make plans, and find places to visit and things to buy. It's only natural that cell phones are a highly desirable gift every holiday season—because it's something that everyone needs. Yet cell phones have been difficult to give as gifts in the past because they generally come with a two-year contract, as well as the potential for unexpected overages or "bill shock."

This holiday season there may be more cell phones given as gifts, with so many prepaid options now available that make gifting easy.

Now, that's no longer the case. Mobile phones are available without a contract with great value and quality handsets including smart phones. When choosing a phone to give as a holiday gift, there are three easy steps you should follow:

paid plans available on the Sprint Nationwide Network. Virgin Mobile offers \$25- or \$40-monthly Beyond Talk plans for those who message and surf more than they text, with unlimited messaging, e-mail, Web and data, plus hundreds of talk minutes.

1. Choose a phone. Depending on the recipient, determine if you need a basic phone or one with bells and whistles like a smartphone. Check to see what the handset offers.

Boost Mobile has the \$50 Monthly Unlimited plan with Shrinkage—for every six on-time payments, your cost is reduced by \$5 down to as low as \$35. It includes unlimited talk, text and Web.

Does it have a music player, digital camera, Qwerty keyboard, stereo Bluetooth and mobile Web? Don't settle for less than you want—you don't have to—but also don't pay for more than the person needs. Prepaid no longer means shoddy cell phones. For example, you can get Androids and BlackBerry: On Boost, look for the Motorola i1, and Virgin Mobile recently launched the Samsung Intercept. Both brands carry the BlackBerry Curve 8530.

3. Activate the phone. These phones are activated easily on the handset, online or automatically by phone. You can carry over an existing phone number or ask for a new one.

2. Choose a plan. There are several affordable monthly pre-

Once the phones are activated, you or the gift recipient can add money to the account to pay for the monthly charge.

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 For more information, visit www.boostmobile.com and www.virginmobileusa.com.

Help thy brother's boat across, and lo! thine own has reached the shore.
 —Hindu Proverb

The future is called "perhaps," which is the only possible thing to call the future. And the only important thing is not to allow that to scare you.
 —Tennessee Williams

Charity begins at home but shouldn't end there.
 —Scottish Proverb



Everything in creation has its appointed painter or poet and remains in bondage like the princess in the fairy tale 'til its appropriate liberator comes to set it free.
 —Ralph Waldo Emerson

The average American spends two years of his or her life waiting for meals to be served.

For sale By Owner
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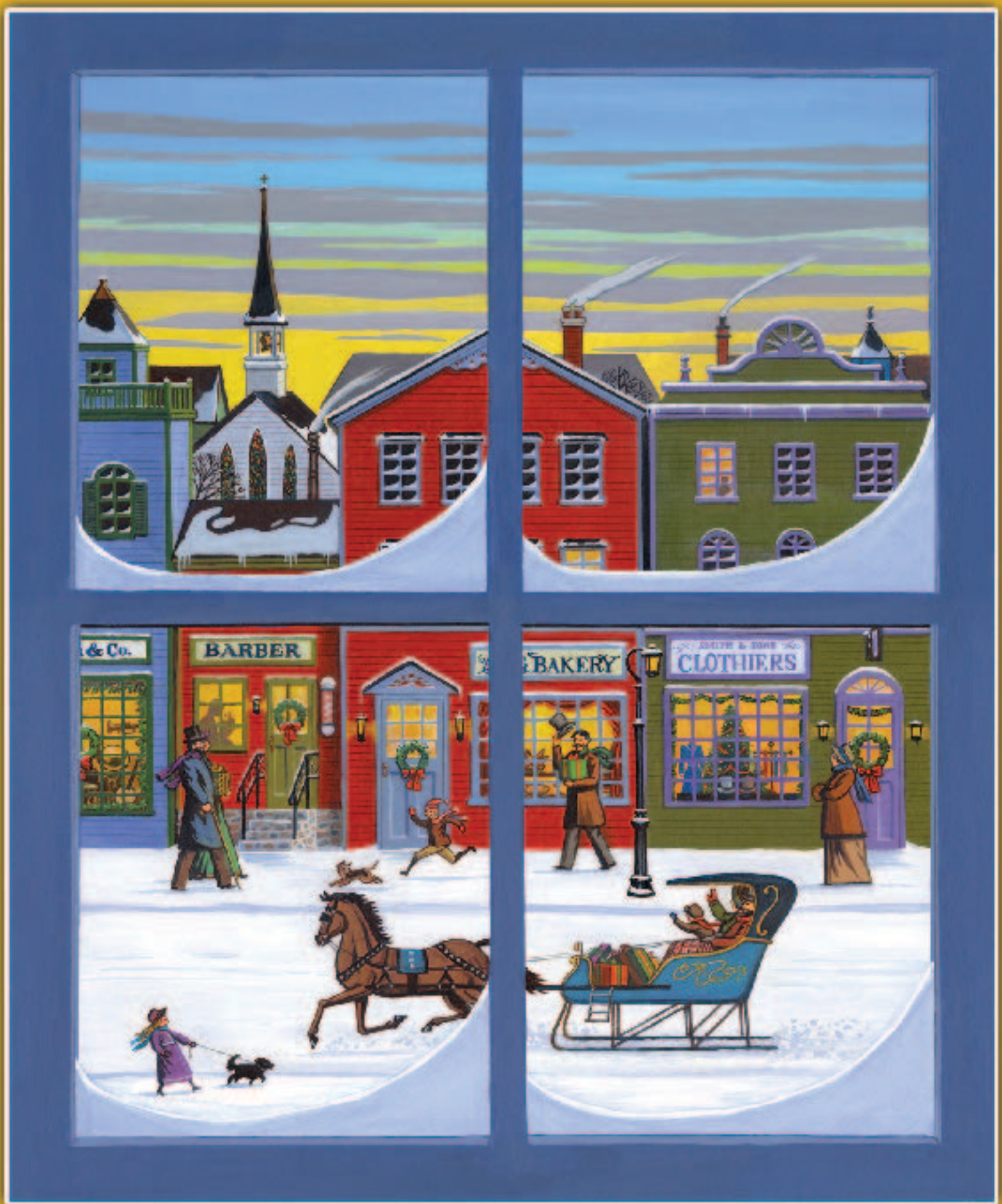


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