

PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL MAKES AN IMPACT



L-R Emily Pastor, Suzanne Reinhart, William Deisler, Laurel Wehrkamp, Hannah Farr

By: Sue Knapp

This group of kids at the Paulding Middle School are setting an example for their peers. The Student Council at Paulding Middle School is committed to helping out, teaching their peers good moral values, responsibility and leadership skills.

These kids work very hard and are able to work independently, they are also very reliable.

Laurel Wehrkamp, 8th grade, President; Suzanne Rinehart, 8th grade, Vice President; Lee Ann Favorito and Jill Hatcher, Student Advisors; Mr. Dave Stallkamp, Principal, is very perceptive with student issues, he listens and has a lot of faith in this Student Council.

Some of the fund-raiser projects the Student Council are involved with include: The Wounded Warrior Project,

The Honor Flight of Northwest Ohio and the Stuff A Bus for the Paulding Food Bank. They filled the whole bus this year and unloaded it. They also participate in Christmas for Kids, and also act as host and hostess for different events. The 8th grade Student Council presented the Veteran's Day Program with the whole council being involved in preparing the program. They also plan events every nine weeks for the kids who have received no disciplinary referrals. At the end of the year they have a carnival for the kids who have had no referrals or one referral for the whole year—games, prizes and refreshments are in the planning.

The student council is chosen this way: two kids are picked from each home room; the Student Council serves a one year term, and the kids are eager to run year after year.

Kudos go to these kids for their hard work and dedication to the betterment of their school and community around them.

REP. WACHTMANN ISSUES STATEMENT REGARDING 1ST SENATE DISTRICT VACANCY

Representative Wachtmann (R-Napoleon) today announced his decision to not seek the appointment to the Ohio Senate 1st District seat being vacated by Senator Steve Buehrer (R-Delta). This means that Wachtmann will continue serving as a member of the Ohio House of Representatives representing the 75th House District, which encompasses Henry, Paulding, Putnam and Van Wert Counties and Adams Township in Defiance County.

"I have received a number of calls supporting a bid for the Senate, for which I am grateful, but at the end of the day, it simply boils down to the fact that we in Ohio have a number of tough issues to tackle and I firmly believe that I can best serve my constituency by remaining a member of the Ohio House," said Wachtmann.

WBESC DECEMBER BOARD MEETING ANNOUNCED

Western Buckeye Educational Service Center Governing Board Regular December Meeting will be on Wednesday, December 8, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. This meeting will take place at the Van Wert ESC Office which is located at 10730 W. Lincoln Hwy., Van Wert, OH.

TWO FORMER RAIDER RECEIVERS SIGNIFICANT TO NCAA DIV. III COLLEGE FOOTBALL TEAMS



Zach Gerber (#21 Mount St. Joseph College) was the second leading receiver on the MSJ Lion football team. Zach recorded 20 receptions for 278 yards and 1 touchdown. He had an average of 13.9 yards per reception while averaging 27.8 yards per game. Zach is a 2008 graduate of Wayne Trace.



Jay Priest (#85 Ohio Northern University) was the leading receiver on the ONU football team. He recorded 41 receptions for 404 yards and 3 touchdowns. He had an average of 9.9 yards per reception while averaging 33.7 yards per game. Jay is a 2007 graduate of Wayne Trace.

Recently two former Wayne Trace Raider football wide receivers were tops on their teams at the college level. It's a rare event to have two players from the same small school, play the same position, and have an impact on their college football teams! This should inspire other student/athletes in the Paulding County area that if they dedicate themselves, work

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OBITUARIES



Robert I. Simpson, 89, of Paulding, died Saturday, December 4, 2010 at the Gardens of Paulding, Paulding. He was born January 6, 1921 in Cecil, OH, the son of Floyd and Mabel (Dysinger) Simpson. On June 5, 1947 he married Mable I. (Hartwick) Simpson, who died May 10, 2007.

He was a lifetime farmer, who never retired. He was a World War II Army veteran, a member of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church of Paulding, OH, a member of the John Paulding Historical Society, Cecil Grange #2735, he served on the Paulding County Hospital Board for 28 years, Gideon's International, Paulding VFW Post 587, Defiance D.A.V. Post #36, Payne American Legion Post #297, former Paulding County Fair Board Member, ASCS Board Member and a retired U.S. Postal Mail Carrier delivering mail for 28 years.

Surviving are two daughters: Delores (Joe) Howell of Convo, OH and Cathy (Tim) Callahan of Maumee, OH; two sons: Kenneth (Deanna) Simpson and Charles (Susan) Simpson both of rural Cecil; one sister: Mary Jane (Robert) Gilbert of Fort Wayne, IN; 11 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 8, 2010 at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Paulding. Rev. Karen Stetins will officiate. Burial will be in Rochester Cemetery, Crane

Township Paulding County, Ohio where the Paulding VFW Post #587 will conduct military graveside rites. Calling at the church will be Wednesday morning one hour before services from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Memorials to St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church of Paulding, John Paulding Historical Society or Gideon's International. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com.

Joey R. Baxter, 44, of Paulding died Friday, December 3, 2010 at Paulding County Hospital.

He was born March 8, 1966 in Paulding, Ohio, the son of Henry Thomas Baxter Sr. and Loretta (Harp) Baxter. On July 2, 1983, he married Deborah (Mickey) Font Baxter, who survives. He was a student at Northwest State Community College.

Surviving are his wife, Deborah (Mickey) Font Baxter of Paulding; son, Thomas Baxter of Defiance; his mother and step-father, Loretta and Ronald Gipple of Hicksville; a brother, Rodney (Bernadine) (Kay) Baxter of Paulding; a sister, Misty Mattern of Paulding; and a step-brother, Toby Gipple of Bryan.

He was preceded in death by his father; and three brothers: Larry Baxter, Henry Thomas Baxter, Jr., and Bill Hueppelsheuser.

Services will be at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 8, 2010 at Hanenkrath-Clevenger-Schaffer Funeral Home, Defiance, with Rev. Pat Holt officiating. Burial will be in Sherman Cemetery, Paulding County.

Preferred memorials are to the family. Condolences may be left at www.HCSFuneralHome.com

Lila Miller, 78, of Port Charlotte, FL died Sunday November 28, 2010, at H&S Manor, Port Charlotte.

She was born May 4, 1932 in Paulding County, Ohio to the late Elmer and Sadie (Stoller) Riggenbach.

She attended Melrose and Oakwood Schools and

Archbold Technical School of Nursing. After graduation she worked at the Dallas Lamb Nursing Home, Payne, Ohio.

Lila married Wilbur Miller, who survives along with their four children: Ronald of Antwerp; Bradley (Julie) of Cincinnati, OH; Nanette (Tom) Buzard of Delphos, OH; and Dr. Valerie (Tim) Smith of Mechanicsburg, OH; also surviving are two stepchildren: Donna (Dave) Miller and Kenneth (Therese) Miller of Leo, IN. Lila leaves 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; two sisters: Florence (Jim) Treece of Florence AL and Lorena (Ramon) Steffen of Bluffton, IN; and one brother, Clarence of Northport, FL.

Preceding her in death were seven brothers: infant Orville, Everett, Elmer Jr., Glen, Vern, Ersel, and Mervin; and five sisters: Carol Tarr, Myrna Moser, Arlene Carnahan, Eleanor Tope, and Melvine Zink.

Lila and her husband Wilbur had a second home in Port Charlotte, Florida since 1990. They were members of the Port Charlotte United Methodist Church, 21075 Quesada Ave., where they have many close friends.

A memorial service was held December 11, 2010 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, Ohio with Rev. Paul Miller officiating. Burial was at the Middle Creek Cemetery, Grover Hill, OH.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Sidney M. Smith II, 62, of Hicksville died Tuesday, November 30, 2010 at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville.

He was born October 13, 1948 in Fort Wayne, IN, the son of Sidney M and Betty (Singleton) Smith.

He attended Hicksville High School. On October 18, 2003 he was united in marriage to Cheryl Hayes and she survives. Sidney served in the United States Marines Corps during the Vietnam War. He was retired from Fort Wayne Clutch and owned Buckeye Boarding Kennel for the last five years.

Survivors include his wife, Cheryl; two sons: Sidney "Butch" (Cathy) Smith of Hicksville, Jeff Smith of Florida; granddaughter, Amanda Smith of Hicksville; two brothers: Roel (Megan) Moreno of Pleasant Lake, IN, and Fernando (Rachelle) Moreno of Wapakoneta, OH; seven sisters: Sharon (Larry) Blanton of Kendallville, IN, Elia Van Dyke of Spencerville, IN, Elvia (Walter) Stickney of Garrett, IN, Elda (Carl) Collins of Hicksville, OH, Elisa Castillo and Ella (Pryce) Vires, both of Butler, IN and Betty Ann (David) Stockwell of Copperas Cove, TX.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and an infant son.

There will be no funeral service. Burial was December 7, 2010 at Six Corners Cemetery with military honors accorded by Hicksville American Legion #223.

Memorials may be made to Defiance County Animal Shelter. Online condolences may be shared at www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com.

Leanna Coil, 87, died Monday, November 29, 2010

at Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Hicksville, OH.

She was born August 25, 1923 in Sandusky, OH, the daughter of Gustave and Lena (Boisen) Hildebrand. On November 14, 1942 she married Harry H. Coil Sr. who preceded her in death on August 4, 1995. She attended First Christian Church, Paulding and a member of the Ladies Church Group. She was chairperson for Paulding County Republican Party and a member of O.E.S. Corona Chapter #95.

She is survived by her children: Peggy (Clarence) Vaughn of Sherwood, Carolyn (William) Wieland of Cecil, Jane Ballow and Sue Coil both of Hicksville, Jim Coil and Russell (Nanci) Coil of Paulding; 18 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; two sons: Mark and Harry Jr.; two brothers; two sisters; a grandson and a granddaughter.

Funeral services were conducted December 2, 2010 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Burial was in Paulding Memorial Cemetery, Paulding, OH.

Donations may be made to Leanna Coil Family or Carolyn Wieland. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Robert E. Arend, Sr., 82, of Mark Center, passed away Sunday, December 5, 2010, in the Defiance In-Patient Hospice Center after a year long struggle with cancer.

Bob was born on April 6, 1928, the son of the late John and Marjorie (Greek) Arend. He served his country in the Korean Conflict and was a member of the Sherwood American Legion.

On June 20, 1953, he married Martha J. Clouse, who survives. He worked for 44 years at Greif Corporation (fka Continental Can and Drum) in Van Wert, Ohio.

He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church-Hicksville, OH and a former member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Cecil. He was an avid private pilot and member of the International Flying Farmers, International Cessna 195 Association and a charter member of the former Defiance County Flying Club. He enjoyed flying, working on his farm, roller skating to organ music, camping, playing pinocle, and spending time with his wife of 57 years and his family.

Surviving are his 10 children: Robert (Sue) E. Arend of Mark Center, Janice (Tim) Dickerson of Celina, Lisa (Dan) Blosser of Bryan, Marcia Mitchell of Bryan, Geraldine (Gregory) Gause of Mark Center, Michelle (Gordon) Penny, Daniel (Jennifer) Arend of Ohio City, Aimee (Jeffery) Taylor of West Unity; Jennifer (Jay) Brown of Defiance; and Howard (Katie) Arend of Sherwood. Also surviving are 32 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 9, 2010 at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Hicksville, Ohio with Father Jim Holerin of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Bryan, presiding. Internment will follow in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Cecil.

Friends may call on Wednesday, December 8, 2010, from 2:00-5:00 p.m. and 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Preferred memorials are to Inspired Ink, Sherwood, OH or for masses in memory of Bob, American Cancer Society or Community Health Professionals Inpatient Hospice. Online condolences may be shared at www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com.

ANTWERP COMMUNITY YOUTH CENTER'S CHRISTMAS TREE FUND-RAISER

By: Sue Knapp

It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas. The Antwerp Community Youth Center (on the old 424 across from the park outside of Antwerp) is selling Christmas trees this year. What fun it is to be out in the brisk air watching people picking out just the right tree, or wreath or buy-



Roma Steiner picking out a tree.

ing the beautiful garland. It is so different than getting your tree out of storage from a box. One couple came in and picked out a tree. They had always cut their trees before their tree farm closed. Some people wanted to bring their kids back to help pick the tree out. That is what memories are made from.

The ACYC Vision: For Youth to encounter God by developing relationships with people who already know God. Their Mission Statement: Believing in today's youth, the ACYC is a safe and fun Christian gathering place where youth can be mentored and learn to develop relationships.

The ACYC is planning to open in 2011. They have a wish list—if you would like to make a donation or help with renovations you can call Stacie at 419-506-0307.

The trees are being sold in the evenings from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. until they're gone.

TO BE READY & AVAILABLE

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

Sometimes one of the hardest things for me is "to be ready and available to be used by God." The following true story illustrates the scriptural truth found in 1 Peter 3:15 (NIV) "15 But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect..."

Michael Ramsden, a co-worker with Ravi Zacharias, shared the following true story about a minister from Iran. As the minister was driving with his wife, they stopped in a small Iranian village to purchase some water. Before entering, the minister noticed a man holding a machine gun and leaning against the wall outside the store. The minister's wife looked at the man's face and the gun, then put a Bible in her husband's hand and said, "Give that man this Bible." Her husband looked at the man—his menacing beard and his machine gun—and replied, "I don't think so." But she persisted, "I'm serious. Give it to him. Please, give him the Bible."

Trying to avoid the issue, the husband said, "Okay, I'll pray about it." He went into the shop, purchased the water, climbed back into the car, and started to drive away. His wife looked at him and said, "I guess you didn't give him the Bible, did you?" Looking straight ahead, he replied, "No, I prayed about it and it wasn't the right thing to do." She quietly said, "You should have given him the Bible," and then she bowed her head and started praying. At that point, he turned around and told his wife, "Fine! If you want me to die, I will."

When the minister returned to the store, the man with the machine gun was still standing against the wall. The minister approached him and placed the Bible in his hand. When the man opened it and saw it was a Bible, he started to cry. "I don't live here," he said. "I had to walk for three days in order to get to this village. But three days ago an angel appeared to me and told me to walk to this village and wait until someone had given me the Book of Life. Thank you for giving me this book."

The minister became a courageous witness for Christ. Eventually, along with many other co-workers in the Iranian church, he was martyred for his faith.

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MEMORIES MADE AT GARDENS OF PAULDING



By: Sue Knapp

When it all comes down to it, memories, that's all we really have. You see the 'old' people sitting around and reminiscing and if you are at a 'young' age you're thinking, "I'm never doing that."

Well, there will come a time when you will remember 'back in the day' and you will cherish those memories of childhood times and wish it could be the same way.

Many, many people turned up on the evening of December 2 to watch the dedication of a Memorial for those who have passed. There was laughter and tears as Director of Nursing, Pam Beck, reminisced about the loved ones and the memories made that will not be forgotten.

The residents are not the only ones loved, their fami-

lies are also involved and have made a big impact on the Gardens.

The Memorial Wall has been in the planning stage for around five years. Pam Beck, Sue Dangler and Mindy Edwards did the planning and promoting and with the kindness of family and friends along with private contributions the Memorial Wall became a reality.

The evening started with piano music from Sue Wilhelm and there were three beautiful poinsettias that were donated for the evening and for the residents to enjoy during this holiday season. The evening ended with refreshments and people going up to the Memorial and looking for the names of their loved ones and taking pictures.

WOODBURN UNITED METHODIST PRESENTS CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Woodburn United Methodist Church will be presenting the Christmas Cantata, "There Is A Bethlehem" on Sunday, December 12 at 9:00 a.m. The cantata was created by Dave Clark and Tony Wood, arranged by Marty Hamby, orchestrated by Steve Mauldin and is under the direction of Dawn Patterson. This cantata leads us along the path followed by Mary and Joseph as they traveled to Bethlehem for the birth of Jesus. It helps us to realize that 'at Christmas time we often celebrate the arrival, while overlooking the journey'. So, join us for the journey.

The cantata begins with the 'Come to Bethlehem Medley'. This medley includes the joyous 'Angels We Have Heard on High', the majestic 'How Great Our Joy!' and concludes with the much-loved 'Joy to the World!'

Our journey to Beth-

lehem then begins with 'Come, Emmanuel Medley' which includes the haunting 'O Come, O Come, Emmanuel', continues with the beloved 'Hark! The Harold Angels Sing', and concludes with the sweet 'O Little Town of Bethlehem.'

Next, the audience will meet Mary and Joseph as they journey to Bethlehem. We get to listen in on their conversation as the choir leads them into 'Almost Bethlehem'. We then follow Mary and Joseph again as they learn that 'That's Where Faith Begins.'

As their journey continues, we see Mary and Joseph realize that 'I Can't See God (but I Know He's There).'

A final narration by Mary leads the audience into 'His Name is Jesus Medley.' This medley contains a reprise of the heart-warming 'O Little Town of Bethlehem' with a solo by Annette Ruppert. This is followed by 'His Name Is Jesus' and then segues into the stirring 'For Unto Us A Child Is Born.'

The audience will then

be treated to a moving ballad called 'He Drew Closer' sung by Dick Hall, as we learn how Jesus drew close to the entire world on that long-ago night.

Finally, the cantata concludes with the 'Finale Medley'. This medley begins with the lovely title song, 'There Is A Bethlehem', which contains a solo by Dawn Patterson. We then move on to a reprise of the rousing 'Joy to the World', and conclude the cantata with a reprise of the moving 'Angels We Have Heard on High.'

The members of the choir include the following: Soprano—Margaret Coleman, Joyce Drayer, Stacey Patterson, Annette Ruppert; Alto—Ruth Corn, Lyda Cutchin, Sandy Hobbs, Dawn James, Dawn Pat-

terson; Alto/Tenor—Diane Hall, Margot Tester; Baritone—David Drayer, Dick Hall; Bass—Tom Cutchin, Travis Ruppert; Narrators—Caleb Hall (Joseph), Kaytlen Tester (Mary), Dawn Patterson; Sound Tech—Sean Patterson

Pastor Terry McDonald and the members of the Woodburn United Methodist Church would like to invite the public to join us in our celebration of 'The Reason for the Season' by attending our worship in music. Refreshments will follow the performance in the fellowship hall. Woodburn United Methodist Church is located at Highway 101 and Becker Road behind the Mainstreet Oasis Marathon Gas Station in the middle of Woodburn.

COOKIE WALK AT PAULDING UMC



Paulding United Methodist Church women will be holding a Cookie Walk and the church Relay for Life team will be selling handmade items in their church located at 321 North Williams St. on

Saturday, December 11, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Pictured getting these items ready are (l-r) Louella Thomas, Joan Luginbuhl, and Annette Adkins.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

As we end another year and enter this special season, the Friends of the Playground Committee want to acknowledge the hard work that has gone into our park. If you made use of our great park recently, you may have noticed new walkways leading to the playground. Nick Longardner took the lead role in these improvements along with the help of Josh Longardner, Matt Hormann, Jake Yenser, Chad and Brad Franklin. Their time and talent made this project possible.

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ODOT INVESTS \$15 MILLION IN NEXT GENERATION CLEAN AND GREEN BUSES

Call it an early Christmas present: as part of the Ohio Department of Transportation's three-year \$150 million pledge to assist Ohio's transit agencies, ODOT is directing \$15 million to the purchase this year of more than three dozen "Clean and Green" buses and transit vehicles across the state.

"The demand for greener transportation choices continues to rise, especially among Ohio's next generation," said ODOT Director Jolene M. Molitoris. "In Ohio's cities, nearly two-thirds of all bus trips are work-related, providing young people with access to education, first-time jobs, homes and a quality way of life."

In all, ODOT will help transit agencies purchase 38 new vehicles, including electric-diesel hybrid buses, cleaner ultra-low sulfur diesel vehicles, and buses that run on biodiesel or compressed natural gas.

In October, ODOT identified additional federal transportation dollars made available through significant project savings and supplementary federal resources. With those flexible federal funds, ODOT targeted \$50 million to make immediate investments in transit, and pledged similar funding in each of the next two fiscal years.

Under this 21st Century Transit Partnerships for Ohio's Next Generation, the new funding is helping to preserve existing transit services by providing \$25 million in operational support, \$15 million in clean and green new vehicles, and \$10 million for innovative new services—all to better connect Ohioans to job centers and new opportunities.

For the current fiscal year, ODOT's Office of Transit has already allocated the \$25 million in operational assistance and is currently accepting applications to fund \$10 million in innovative new services.

As part of budget information submitted this week to the Ohio Legislature, ODOT identified similar levels of funding—\$50 million in each state fiscal year 2012 and 2013—to continue this important investment in Ohio's transit system.

"Under Governor Strickland, ODOT has identified new ways to invest in transportation choice," added Director Molitoris. "This criti-

cal investment will not only allow the state to help preserve services—so buses can continue to arrive on time and help people get to work and school—our investment in new vehicles will improve fuel efficiencies and reduce maintenance costs, so our transit agencies don't have to spend so much on gas and repair costs."

A.C.D.C. NEWS

By: Denny Lee

Aimee Lichty and Amy Miller were two new members elected to serve on the board of the Antwerp Community Development Committee during the annual meeting held on November 30th. It is worthy of our atten-



tion when young people such as these are willing to serve on a committee for the advancement of the community. If young people fail to answer a call to duty that organization is doomed to failure. Caleb O'Donnell and Brian Miesle were two representatives from Antwerp High School that volunteered to attend the meeting to learn about the A.C.D.C. and how it functions. Tina Conley is another young person that has been an asset to the committee in its fund raising efforts. These young people are on other organizations within the village which ensures that Antwerp has a vibrant healthy future.

John Bry, a certified Main Street planner and Paulding County Engineer Travis Garvey were the key-note speakers that came to Antwerp to inform the public of many exciting choices for the community. Mr. Garvey detailed ongoing projects that effect all who live in this area. The annual meeting of the A.C.D.C. always proves to be highly informative and answers many questions that people have on their minds. Communication is the key to any organizations success, and that is the purpose of the committee in holding these annual meetings that are open to the public. Input from the community and support from its inhabitants is what makes this grassroots organization a success.

One of four new entrance signs to the village that the committee has purchased was on display and is going to be very attractive to motorist as they enter the city limits of Antwerp. The long list of other donations the committee has been able to dispense to various organizations is impressive to say the least. Financially supporting various groups in these challenging economic times speaks volumes about this town and the people that live and work in Antwerp, Ohio. Normally, when reports are given at an annual meeting they can best be described as somewhat boring. This, however, was not the case at this meeting as reports were given about the expansion of the Manor House Assisted Living, the bi-

cycle path along road 424, the housing project at Maumee Landing, new banners for the downtown area, handicap accessibility at the ball field, a batting cage, new church downtown, and a new youth center.

The summary of the annual meeting can best be described as a wealth of positive information. The meeting was attended by people from a small town that refuses to be snuffed out of existence by shopping malls and suburban lifestyles. This town has it all, from a Stan Jordan that continually reminds us of whence this town came, to youth leaders that guide the minds of future Antwerp citizens. It is because of the caliber of people that reside

here that one day these youth will be proud to call Antwerp, "My Hometown."

REINDEER OR CARIBOU

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Educator

Reindeer and caribou are two names for the same species, with reindeer generally referring to the domesticated variety that are herded by humans and pull sleighs. Reindeer were first domesticated approximately 2000 years ago in the Arctic Circle by the Lapps as they would herd them in much the same way as other countries herd cattle.

Such reindeer live mostly in Scandinavia and Siberia and are typically smaller with shorter legs than their wild caribou relatives. The largest reindeer can reach up to four feet high at the shoulder and weigh as much as 250 pounds. Each reindeer can pull up to twice its own weight, making it an ideal animal for pulling a sleigh loaded down with any amount of cargo.

Reindeer are well-adapted to living in cold regions and under rugged conditions. They can smell-out food even when it is buried under deep snow and have large broad hooves which act like snowshoes to support them on snow and boggy ground. These hooves emit a "clicking" sound as the animal walks, caused by a tendon in the foot rubbing

against a bone. Reindeer possess a fur coat of hollow hairs that allows for their survival in the cold Arctic. These hollow hairs taper down tight against the body to trap heat and cover the short, curly underfur, and their fur coat also enhances their ability to swim by keeping them afloat. Their fur is able to insulate so well that falling snow does not melt on their backs.

Reindeer driven by Santa Claus are the only known flying reindeer in existence, believed to have been endowed with the power of flight by virtue of magic corn given to Kris Kringle by a great and wonderful wizard. Through this magic corn, the strength of the reindeer is increased threefold, their stamina increased to infinity and their hooves can manipulate the air as though it were solid ground. Thus, a complement of nine reindeer would be able to pull a sleigh brimming with 13,500 pounds of toys for an unlimited amount of time.

So, if you hear the clickety, click, click of tiny hooves, you may want to ask yourself if you have been naughty or nice. And don't forget the cookies and milk for the jolly old elf with the red suit and rosy red cheeks.

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ANTWERP'S OLD CHURCH OF GOD

By: Stan Jordan
I got an email the other day from an old friend, Stan Coplin. He wanted me to tell about some of the older people who attended The Church of God that sits on the north side on East Daggett Street. So I made some phone calls and I'm glad to write that story.

I know my mother, Dollie Jordan, played the piano because we always complained the beast was out of tune and I didn't know much about that.

I think Mrs. Eva Murphy led the singing, she was also sort of a first sgt. over the congregation and she drove a '27 or '28 Pontiac.

We had some fine families from Hicksville named Timbrook, brothers Royal and Lavon. Lavon and wife, Dorothy, had David, Victor, Wayne, Mary Lou and Phillip. Royal had one daughter.

These were very good people who worked hard and ended up as big farmers. They were big donors to the Church. There were hard times and money was scarce.

Some of the other families were: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Putman, they had Gerald, John, May, Kathryn and Marjorey. Kathryn married a man named Roger Flood and they had a daughter, Georgia Lou. Lots of people

remember her. She retired out of the First Federal Bank of Defiance and lives in Van Wert. Years later Mr. Putman died, Stella married a man named George Bischoff. There was the Harry Bissell family also the William and Dollie Jordan family, there were three boys and later two girls. The John Ours family, and their boy Forrest was killed in WWII. The Martin Neidhart family and the Granny Sweet family; the Ralph Coplin family, they had one boy and two girls. Ralph was the Parson sometimes, sometimes the fill-in and later was the Pastor of Record. Olive Chaulkins and Mary Evans—Mary was an RN and was later killed on US 24 down by the Bend Road. Olive went on to marry Frank Parrett and they had a son named Bill. Tot Gustin and his grandchildren; Urcel Brown and her sister, Betty Laney. The Hart family, that I wrote about last week—I think five boys and a girl. The Henry Helsel family, they had seven girls. The Anna Miller family, Ralph and Lulu Schooley family—Ralph had acquired a family bakery and could fill in as a Pastor. His bakery was just north of the Banks Memorabilia Bldg. There was a Mettert Family and their son was killed in WWII. He was a crew member of a BF17 Bomber. Ralph Coplin was a minister and Mrs. Coplin was a school teacher. Ralph filled in as Pastor and later on became the full time Pastor.

Stan tells me he doesn't remember when, but the church folded up and moved down on the corner of East Canal and Kroos Drive. I talked to Stan Coplin the other day and he remembers Pete Murphy putting coal in the heating stove in the corner. I said he probably also bought the coal.

I started going over to

the Methodist Church when I was in the sixth grade.

This has been a very enjoyable afternoon. I talked to Stan Coplin for a long time and then I called David Timbrook. I sat at my desk and remembered lots and lots of people of a by-gone era. The world turns and the story goes on.
See ya!

MIKE MASON

By: Stan Jordan
We interviewed Mike Mason at the Country Times Market restaurant in Antwerp on December 1st. We had a restaurant full of peo-



ple and the old Antwerp nostalgia ran belly button deep.

Michael was born in Woodburn in 1960. His parents are Carl and Barbara Malfait Mason, Mike was their only child. He graduated from Woodlan in 1978.

He worked for Trinity Lighting in New Haven for many years. He started working in the maintenance department at Parkview Hospital in 1991 and continues his employment there.

In the meantime he married Julie Atchley of Antwerp. They have one child, Nicole, who lives in Fort Wayne and has two boys.

Mike is in his 3rd four year term on the Woodburn Council. He has volunteered at the Woodburn Fire Department since Hector was a pup. He has seen and helped the W.F.D. go from a struggling infant to the power house it is now. That is one of his main loves and joys.

We talked about the Woodburn achievements in the last few years. He mentioned the new water tower, the new wells at Woodlan and for the new sewers and streets. He is grateful for the grant money. He is glad a new hardware store has been opened. He hopes that they can get a grocery store to come in. The new flags and poles help beautify their town.

A number of the merchants are keeping Christmas season celebration. He states Woodburn is a town that helps each other and he is proud to be part of it. He also remarked about his close ties to the town of Antwerp.

I asked about his hobbies and he has quite a few of them. He likes hunting and fishing, he has a skeeter Bass boat, an ATV and a snowmobile, but no motorcycle.

He is a shooting enthusiast and belongs to the Antwerp Conservation Club, and he shoots there quite often.

He is a city backer, that is a person that every town needs a lot of. I have been a friend of the Mason family for many years, and I am very fond and proud of that fact.

Mike, keep up the good work!
See ya!



By: Stan Jordan
Hearse

This nice looking business woman was standing on the corner of walk and don't walk.

As she saw a taxi coming, she hailed him down and he stopped right away. She entered the cab and gave him the address, 1514 Elm Street.

As they traveled down the street she wanted to ask the driver a question, so she tapped him on the shoulder.

Oh, gosh, he just went berserk, he jerked the wheel to right and then the left and over corrected a little and finally got stopped on the edge on an off ramp.

She apologized for startling him. He wouldn't have any of that. He said it wasn't her fault, he was at fault.

After a little jawing, back and forth, she said she was very sorry she upset him.

Well, then he went on to tell her that this was his first day as a taxi driver and he was a little nervous.

She said that certainly could easily happen.

Then she asked him what he had done in the year's past? He then explained that for years he drove a hearse.

This story was given to us by Oley McMichael.
See ya!

SOLOMON'S

By: Stan Jordan
After I retired from the postal service, I mowed

the cemeteries for Roland 'Pudge' Kennedy.

At that time my brother, Jim, was retired from Phelps Dodge, around 1991, and lots of times he would drive into the East Cemetery and bring a couple coffees. I would sit on the mower and he on a good sized tombstone and we would talk about those old times or fishing and I would listen to him tell about "A" Co. and their chores in the South Pacific back in WWII.

He was very proud of "A" Co. and the battles they were in. The heat and humidity raised a lot of trouble with his skin as the summer came and the weather got hot, the ever discouraging heat rash came back around his belt and he would be miserable all summer. I don't think he ever got any help for the rash. It was diabetes that got him in 1993.

We would sit and discuss the wars and this is some of the things he told me about the battle for Guadalcanal, then right on up the chain of Islands. In a battle called 'Second Battle of Kula Gulf' the Japanese really socked it to the Yanks while in the 'Sea'. For instance, the night battle cost the Japs one light cruiser and cost the Americans one destroyer (sank) and three light cruisers (all shot up bad). Now on over the land battle, the Yanks were holding their own and winning some fights, but the Tokyo Express brought in new troops and supplies each night.

The slot from the Upper Solomon's by the way of Kula Gulf on into Kolo-

manbangara almost every night in July of 1993, then through the Blacret Straits. The Americans didn't have enough planes and ships to stop them.

Jim said by now the Japs had been turned back and they no longer had their eyes on Australia. The first part of the American Plan had worked well.

After months of tough fighting the Islands were secured and the troops got some much needed R&R, a lot of it right there on the Islands of Bouganville.

We had gone far, the war was turning for the better, but we had lost a lot of good boys. The Japs were falling back to the Leyte Gulf to resupply and lick their wounds. Japan had took a lot of planes, as by now the U.S. Army, Airforce and Navy planes were all better than the Zero's and a lot of the good Jap pilots had been lost. The Japs were all gathering on the Philippines, around the Zulu Sea and Leyte Gulf. The longer the Americans waited to invade the Philippines the better to dig in.

More next week on the Philippines.

See ya!

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LADY WARRIORS WIN BIG AGAINST ADAMS CENTRAL



Saturday, December 4 Woodlan took on Adams Central at home. The game started off close but as the clock wound down the Warriors score went up. The Jets crashed to Woodlan 35-55. Shown here is Warrior junior Katie Knoblauch attempting a lay-up. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

WOODLAN WARRIORS FALL TO GARRETT IN LAST SECOND SHOT



Friday, December 3 Woodlan took on Garrett at home. The boys had a great game and kept the score close. With just several seconds left the Warriors were ahead by 2 points, Garrett got the ball off a free throw, scoring a half-court shot for three points, winning the game 46-45. Shown here is junior Nick Patterson scoring for the Warriors. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

WAYNE TRACE JH WRESTLING OPEN SEASON AT HOME

The Wayne Trace Jr. High wrestling team opened their season Saturday, December 4, at home. They were among the 15 teams that participated in the annual Wayne Trace Jr. High Invitational Wrestling Tournament. The Raiders crowned two individual champions—George Clemens IV and Tyler Showalter. Both boys went undefeated for the day. Placing in the runner up spot were grapplers, Jacob Dingus and Josh Reel. Zaine Cotterman, Justin Pierce each placed 3rd and Matt Baxter placed 4th. Another Wayne Trace wrestler who failed to place, but Coach Dennis Stabler thought deserved recognition, was Grant Gillett.

“Grant is not one of our outstanding wrestlers,” said Coach Stabler, “but he came into the tournament today with a positive attitude and won us two matches. He shows so much potential.”

Coach Stabler continued, “Coming in today we knew the competition would be tough, we were in a line up of 15 teams, three of which were W.B.L. schools. I think the kids did a great job, we had two champions, two runners-up, two 3rd places and a 4th. As a team we placed 4th. So I am pretty well pleased. We have some work to do,” he continued. “Next Saturday we are competing in another competitive 15 team tournament at Allen East. I am very hopeful that our team should be able to place in the top two spots.”

Overall team standings:

Elida 266pts., Celina 218pts., St. Marys 198pts., Wayne Trace 162½pts., Allen East 126½pts., Spencer-ville 120pts., LCC 91pts., Ada 85pts., Van Wert 51pts., Columbus Grove 48½ pts., Ottawa Glandorf 47pts., Hicks-ville 41pts., Antwerp 40pts., Lincolnview 16½ pts., Ayers-ville 2pts.

VANTAGE BOARD MEETS

The December meeting of the Vantage Board of Education was held on Thursday, December 2, 2010, prior to the annual holiday dinner. The treasurer’s report included the approval of the November 11 regular board meeting minutes and the financial statements for October, 2010.

Several staff members attended the Board meeting and offered comments to the Board in public session. Superintendent Staci Kaufman gave a brief construction update and announced that Bob Herber, Dana Smith and Les Hockenberry would be starting new two year terms on the board. Discussion was held regarding President Pro-Tem for the January meeting. Guests Michelle Martz of the Van Wert Leadership Program and Erin Bowser of Horizon Wind Energy gave brief presentations. There were no other administrative reports.

In new business, the board:

—Approved supplemental contracts for: Jo Mohr, Fruit Coordinator; MaryJo Wilhelm, Annette Klinger, Jerry Robinson, Lisa Hatcher, Nancy Keith, Brent Wright, Stacie Leiter, Kent Taylor, Linda McCann, Christi Klinger Bok, Tyler Miller, Miranda Brinkman Leatherman and

Nathan Carnahan, all for the Step Into Your Future workshop;

—Employed the following list as Adult Education instructors, as needed, as scheduled: Craig King, Fire Protection, Jim Grant, Life Skills, and Cary Hengstler, Health Careers;

—Resolution to appoint Lonnie Nedderman as President Pro-Tem for the January 2011 Organizational Meeting;

—Approve the resolution for a Community Reinvestment Area tax abatement request of 100% for 5 years and waiver of the 45 day notice requirement from the Village of Kalida for Triple D Enterprises;

—Approve the Superintendent to develop education partnerships with Horizon Wind Energy and Iberdrola Renewables.

The Board met in Executive Session for the purpose of the discussion of employment of personnel; no action was taken.

The Tax Budget Hearing, Organizational Meeting and regular January Vantage Board of Education meeting will be held on Thursday, January 6, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cup & Saucer Restaurant at Vantage.

WARRIORS TOP OFF BLAZERS

The Woodlan boys basketball team traveled to Eastside on November 30 for some High School basketball action. Woodlan brought a win back to Warrior country: 51-41.

Score by the quarter:

Woodlan – 3 11 18 19=51
Eastside – 7 14 6 14=41

Top scorers of the game:

Woodlan – Emehiser 16; Patterson 10; Hines 9; Mumma 8
Eastside – Mack 21; Dielman 7; Brow 6

ANTWERP BRANCH LIBRARY NEWS!

The Antwerp Branch Library has many activities lined up for the month of December. While the chill is in the air, come on down to the library and warm up with one of these:

—We will be having story time for children on December 8th and 15th at 10:30 a.m.

—On December 11th from 12:00-12:30 the library will be hosting a “Christmas Cookie Exchange”. Bring in three dozen cookies—two dozen will be exchanged and the remaining one dozen will be taken over to the Manor House Assisted Living residents. It is requested to bring a container to take the two dozen cookies that you have chosen home with you. You will leave with a variety of cookies while adding to the holiday spirit of the residents at the Manor House.

—December 13th is our Great Escape Book Club meeting at 6:30 p.m. You are invited to join us!

—On Tuesday, December 14th we will have an after school movie from 4:00-5:40 p.m. Please call for title and information.

—December 17th will be our Christmas Make-N-Take craft for children from 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Woodburn Elementary School

Student of the Month - November 2010



Hannah Sharrar is a student at Woodburn Elementary School in Woodburn, Indiana. She is the daughter of Mike and Casey Sharrar. She is in Mrs. Strautman’s third grade class and is eight years old. She is a fun-loving, high spirited girl who enjoys crafting, jumping rope, kickball, singing, swimming and decorating her room. Her favorite season is winter and one of her favorite things to do is to go sledding on her neighbors big hill. She also likes winter because it means she gets to help decorate her house for Christmas and her birthday near Christmas too. Hannah’s favorite subjects in school are math and art. She hopes to someday be an artist and finds much inspiration from her art teacher, Mrs. Maroney. She has two brothers, Nick and Spencer and two sisters, Mackenzie and Maryella. She is the middle child and tends to be the peacemaker of the family.

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12/16 – French toast stix, sausage links, juice, milk
12/17 – Sausage gravy w/biscuits, juice, milk
12/20 – Breakfast pizza, juice, milk
12/21 – Tator tots w/cheese, sausage links, juice, milk

MS/HS – Lunch:

12/15 – Walking taco w/salsa & sour cream or Breaded pork w/bun, baked beans, assorted fruit, milk
12/16 – Potato soup, ham & cheese croissant, assorted fruit, milk
12/17 – Chicken tenders, oven potatoes, assorted fruit, milk
12/20 – Popcorn chicken bowl or Stromboli, broccoli & cauliflower, chips & dip, milk
12/21 – Teriyaki chicken salad, bread stick, assorted fruit, milk
Paulding Elementary – Breakfast:
12/15 – Cereal bar, graham crackers, juice, milk
12/16 – Muffin, crackers, applesauce, milk
12/17 – Pancakes, applesauce, milk
12/20 – Cereal bar, graham crackers, juice, milk
12/21 – Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk

Paulding Elementary – Lunch:

12/15 – Pizza, green beans, fruit, milk
12/16 – Salisbury Steak, whipped potatoes w/gravy, bread, fruit, milk
12/17 – Corn dog, baked beans, pretzels, fruit, milk
12/20 – Chicken alphabet soup, mini carrots, bread w/margarine or peanut butter Christmas cookie, fruit, milk
12/21 – Hamburger w/bun, oven potatoes, fruit, milk
Oakwood Elementary – Breakfast:
12/15 – Assorted cereals, crackers, fruit, milk
12/16 – Breakfast burrito, juice, milk
12/17 – Assorted cereals, crackers, fruit, milk
12/20 – Warm pop tart, juice, milk
12/21 – Hot biscuit w/jelly, egg, fruit, milk
Oakwood Elementary – Lunch:
12/15 – Pepperoni & cheese bread sticks w/pizza sauce, corn, fruit, milk
12/16 – Potato soup w/crackers, hot dog w/bun, fruit, milk
12/17 – Taco in a bag, lettuce w/cheese, fruit, milk
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12/21 – Chicken strips, whipped potatoes w/gravy, bread, sherbet, milk
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Paulding County's Students of the Month

NOVEMBER 2010

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

Haylee Dominique is a fourth grade student at Paulding Elementary. She is the daughter of Laurie and Jason Dominique. Haylee has two brothers, Ethan and Kyle Dominique. She likes to read books and play games with her family. Her favorite subject in school is science because she likes doing experiments and learning about the earth. Haylee hopes to grow up and be a famous softball player. She would like to be a bus driver if she doesn't become a softball player.

Haylee's teachers have a lot of nice things to say about her. Here are comments from her teachers. "Haylee is extremely polite. She is very helpful in the classroom and is willing to assist any of her classmates." - Miss Shininger; "Haylee is a friendly, conscientious student. She is self-confident and will always be a pleasant addition to any class." - Mrs. Jones; "Haylee is a hard worker who always has a positive attitude. She does what is asked of her." - Mrs. Altenburger; "I enjoy Haylee in my classroom. She always has a ready smile and is a kind person." - Mrs. Tope
Congratulations to Haylee on being chosen as Student of the Month!



Antwerp Elementary School's student of the month is 4th grader, Tim Major. Mrs. Geyer, Tim's homeroom teacher, nominated him because of his wonderful effort in reading class. She says Tim is always attentive, and he concentrates on doing his best work. Tim has been involved in Mini-Archer football and also plays summer baseball.

During a recent parent-teacher conference, Mrs. Geyer learned that Tim never has to be told to do his homework or get ready for school. He is self-motivated and has an excellent attendance record.

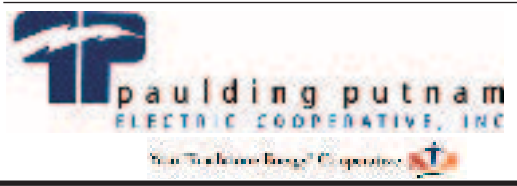
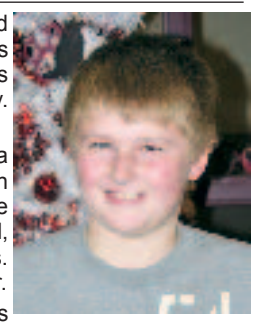
Tim has lots of friends at school and would possibly like to play pro football or go into the culinary arts when he grows up.

Tim is the son of Maria Gonzales Major and the late Tom Major.

Oakwood Elementary is pleased to announce that Logan Bradford is our West Bend News Student of the Month! Logan is in Mrs. Pier's and Ms. Brimmer's 5th grade classes at Oakwood Elementary. He is the son of Chad & Kristy Bradford. Logan has an older brother, Cody. He lives outside of Oakwood with his family, his dog and three cats.

Logan works hard at school to achieve honor roll grades and to be a positive leader for his classmates. His favorite subject is math. Logan is a first year member of our 5th/6th grade band program where he is learning to play percussion instruments. When he is not in school, Logan enjoys playing football, basketball and baseball for local teams. He is also involved in 4-H. Last year, Logan showed goats at the fair.

Logan's advice to other students is: "Work Hard!" Logan's teachers can assure you he puts his advice into action here at Oakwood Elementary! Congratulations, Logan!



CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE FINE STUDENTS AND KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

ANTWERP ALLEYS HIGH SCORES FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 3, 2010

- Mens High Series**
1. Craig Womack 566
 2. Robert Johnson 563
 3. Jeff Lucas 545
 4. Bowie Reid 521
 5. Phil Bauer 513

6. Ray Delong 505
 7. Mike Kennedy 489
 8. Chad Franklin 487
 8. Barry Grant 487
 9. Scott Hudson 483
 10. Darren Yerks 476
 10. Mike Bute 476
- Mens High Game**
1. Robert Johnson 219
 2. Mike Kennedy 208

3. Craig Womack 203
 4. Barry Grant 194
 5. Bowie Reid 193
 6. Deon Daugherty 191
 7. Jeff Lucas 190
 8. Bob SeEVERS Jr 188
 9. Phil Bauer 186
 10. Scott Hudson 183
- Womens High Series**
1. Angie Hudson 591

2. Sherry Reinhart 590
3. Marie Bauer 566
4. Kim Brown 553
5. Carol Kortokrax 511
6. Lisa Syndram 497
7. Paula Lichty 487
8. Fay Sitton 469
9. Leslie Ross 462
10. Jeanette Yerks 459

- Womens High Game**
1. Marie Bauer 226
 2. Sherry Reinhart 214
 3. Kim Brown 204
 4. Angie Hudson 201
 5. Carol Kortokrax 182
 6. Lisa Syndram 177
 6. Linda Rhoad 177
 7. Leslie Ross 175
 7. Nikki Phares 175
 8. Leslie Hughes 172
 9. Jeanette Yerks 170
 9. Paula Lichty 170
 10. Karen Laker 164
 10. Sheila Bassett 164

BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS FOR WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS FOR THE WEEK OF 12/15 THROUGH 12/21

- Breakfast:**
- 12/15 - Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk
 - 12/16 - Egg/cheese omelet, toast/jelly, juice, milk
 - 12/17 - Waffles, sausage, juice, milk
 - 12/20 - Pizza, juice, milk
 - 12/21 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, juice, milk
- Lunch:**
- 12/15 - Chili soup w/crackers, peanut butter sandwich, cheese stick, carrot sticks, sherbet, fruit, milk
 - 12/16 - Breaded chicken sandwich, smashed potatoes, peaches, milk
 - 12/17 - Cook's choice, milk
 - 12/20 - Fiestado, corn, mixed fruit, milk
 - 12/21 - Chicken nuggets, tator tots, fruited jello w/topping, milk
- Menus are subject to change.

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 12/15 THROUGH 12/17

- 12/15 - Spaghetti or Burrito, cheesy bread stick, pears, corn, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Chocolate chip cake
 - 12/16 - Creamed turkey on bun, green bean casserole, apple crisp, cookie, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Cook's choice
 - 12/17 - Chicken quesadilla or Egg salad, pretzels, salad, applesauce cup, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Cook's choice
 - 12/20-12/31 - No school, Christmas break
- Menus are subject to change.

ANTWERP BOYS FALL TO PAULDING PANTHERS



Saturday, December 4 Antwerp took on Paulding at home in boys basketball. The Panthers took the lead, ran and never looked back with a win 46-27. Shown here attempting a shot is Paulding senior Travis Keeran fouled by Archer senior Jordan Koppenhofer. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

LADY ARCHERS SHOOT DOWN PANTHERS

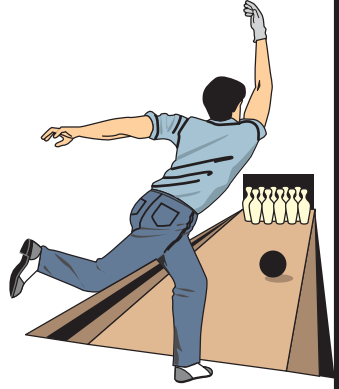


Tuesday, November 30 Paulding played Antwerp at the Archer gymnasium. The Archers won 58-41 on a strong victory for the girls. Shown here is Archer senior Alaine Wetli attempting a basket with Paulding senior Kass Hammon moving to block the shot. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

FREE BOWLING
December 18, 2010

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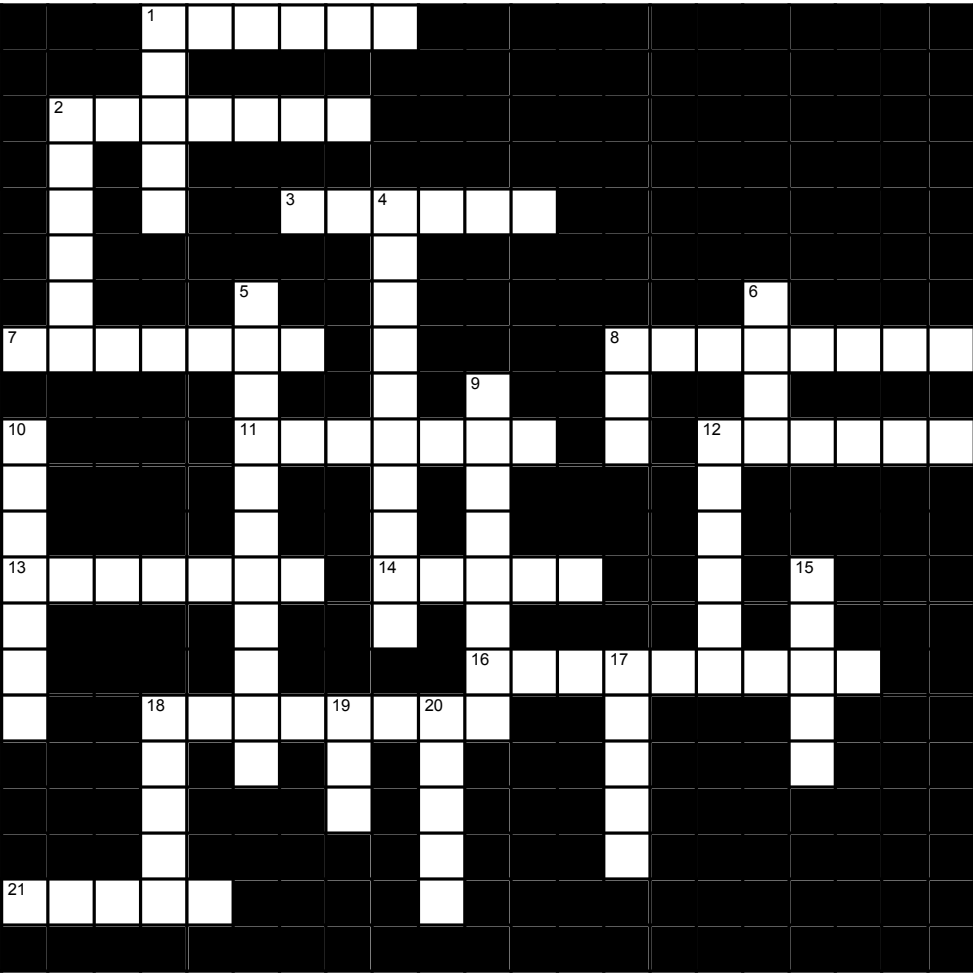
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Crossword Puzzle



Across

1. This state has the only royal palace in the U.S.
2. The only bird that can walk upright.
3. The only planet that rotates on its side.
7. Baskin-Robbins is the only ice cream company to make this flavor.
8. The only U.S. president to never marry.
11. The only metal that's liquid at room temperature.
12. Hawaii is the only state that grows this crop.
13. This city has the only drive through post office.
14. The only river that crosses the equator twice.
16. The only country that is also its own continent.
18. The only animal born with horns.
21. This is the only U.S. president to resign.

Down

1. This is the only food that doesn't spoil.
2. The only rock that floats in water.
4. The only continent without snakes or reptiles.
5. The only bird that can fly backward.
6. The only U.S. state that uses a pennant shape for a flag.
8. The only flying mammal.
9. This state boasts the only diamond mine.
10. The only president to be granted a patent.
12. The only part of the human body that has no blood supply.
15. This is the only U.S. state with one syllable in its name.
17. The only part of the human body that can't repair itself.
18. This is the only lizard to have a voice.
19. The initials of the only President elected four times.
20. This famous singer made a donut ad in the 50's.

... and possibly more than three feet of snow where the heavier bands persist. Even the areas south of Buffalo, that had more than 40 inches overnight on Wednesday and Thursday could have this same snowfall amount over the next several days and weeks. Even Northwest Ohio, and Northeast Indiana, could see several inches of snow from this event especially in the northern most counties such as Steuben and Langrange.

Now for snow, after the clipper last weekend left around an inch across southern portions of this area and even one or two inches over us, it brought a reinforcing shot of cold air with it. With that cold air in position over us for the foreseeable future, any storm that moves over the air will bring snow. One such storm is predicted for the weekend of the 11th and 12th of December which could spread snow as far north as Northwest Ohio as the storm system crawls over the Lower Ohio Valley and Tennessee Valley.

Upcoming
WEATHER
Forecast

Wed, Dec 8 - Mostly Cloudy
High 26° - Low 14°

Thu, Dec 9 - Mostly Cloudy
Hi 31° - Low 27°

Fri, Dec 10 - Snow Showers
High 36° - Low 17°

Sat, Dec 11 - Mostly Cloudy,
High 33° - Low 26°

Sun, Dec 12 - Snow Shower,
High 29° - Low 14°

Mon, Dec 13 - Snow Shower,
High 23° - Low 13°

Tue, Dec 14 - Partly Cloudy,
High 26° - Low 20°

Then the storm could move off the coast near Delaware, intensify, and spread heavy snow and high winds over much of the east coast. Now depending on the track of the storm, if it moves farther north, then we should get more snow before the storm redevelops off the coast. If it moves farther south then we shouldn't get anything but a few flurries. Also, another storm is possible that has been showing on GFS models but it is too far ahead to go into details with this storm.

With the patterns going the way they have been this year, I believe that in the last half of December, there will be a much stormier pattern brewing. Even though it won't be near as cold as it will be in mid-month, I still think that it will get snowier the week of or the week before Christmas allowing for possibly a foot of snow to be lying on the ground by Christmas morning.

According to Long-Range Meteorologist Joe Bastardi, 50% of the nation could have a white Christmas with more than one inch of snow on the ground in most places. He believes this will happen when several large snowstorms traipse across the country over the next several weeks, with one being a Nor'easter, one hitting the Midwest and lower Great Lakes (our area), and one last one hitting the Midwest again. Bastardi also believes that the extent of the snow could be as far south as southern Kansas stretching to Southern Virginia

Answers to "Sudoku puzzle 12/1/10"

5	9	7	6	3	4	1	8	2
6	8	4	7	1	2	3	5	9
2	1	3	5	8	9	4	7	6
9	7	5	1	2	3	6	4	8
4	6	8	9	5	7	2	3	1
3	2	1	8	4	6	5	9	7
8	3	9	2	6	5	7	1	4
1	4	6	3	7	8	9	2	5
7	5	2	4	9	1	8	6	3

CMH AUXILIARY PURCHASES AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS



The Community Memorial Hospital's Auxiliary recently purchased three AEDs (automated external defibrillators) for our Antwerp, Edgerton and Harlan clinics. An AED is a portable electronic device that automatically diagnoses potentially life threatening cardiac arrhythmias and treats them through defibrillation

until an emergency squad can arrive. In the picture, Michelle Waggoner accepts a check from Carol Smith, Auxiliary Board President. Seated next to her is Barb Boggs. In the back row from left to right is Carolyn Blalock, Betty Guilford, Jeannine Luderman, Joan Linder, and Carol Weidenhamer, Volunteer Manager.

WOODBURN LUTHERAN SCHOOL THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION



What a wonderful blessing it was to see the WLS gym filled with guests for our first ever Thanksgiving feast! The capable WLS kitchen staff prepared and served almost 300 turkey dinners. Our students contributed by making the vari-

ous desserts for the celebration, and they also provided some light entertainment following the meal. We had assistance greeting guests, pouring coffee, serving food, carrying trays, directing chimes, producing artwork, and cleaning up!

and North Carolina. The days following Christmas could be very cold but then temperatures could moderate leading to a possible ice storm at the end of December or beginning of January.

I also think that the first three quarters of January will be very stormy but warmer. As opposed to the original forecast, I don't think that January will be near as warm as originally thought around here, but I still think that it will get warm enough for maybe a flooding event in mid-January but that is about it. By

the end of January, though, I think that the pattern will reverse itself somewhat and lead to much colder conditions over the Great Lakes and because the East will remain warm I think that heavy snowstorms will form at the end of January closing out January with the coldest air of the season.

Since the cold weather is already here, all you need to do now is prepare for even colder weather in mid-December and then stormier weather. Stayed tuned for weather updates so that you don't get caught by surprise this winter.

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COLD, COLD & MORE COLD... AND SOME SNOW

By: Josh Steiner

Cold temperatures have been very prevalent over our area for the last week and should continue with temperatures the next several days in the 20's and 30's. With this setup, any storm systems that move over our area will produce snow. There is also the possibility of several storms over the next several weeks.

First of all, (exactly as predicted) cold weather has spread over the Great Lakes and Eastern United States with below freezing weather mainly over the Great Lakes and upper Midwest. Models are showing a much colder air mass arriving in the area on Wednesday—today. If this happens, temperatures will likely be in the mid- to upper- 20's for the rest of the week with temperatures warming up a bit for another possible storm hitting our area on the weekend of the 11th and 12th of December. Also, with the cold air mass moving over the Great Lakes, the Lake Effect snow machine will be kicking in, producing one to three feet over the traditional ar-

MONTHLY SENIOR BREAKFAST AT GARDENS OF PAULDING

There will be no senior breakfast at Gardens of Paulding for the month of December. Enjoy the holiday season, and see you in January.

PAULDING COUNTY CHRONICLES I

By: **Caroline Wells Zimmerman**

Jackson Twp. Schoolhouse

The State of Connecticut bought the land the old Jackson Twp. Schoolhouse stood on in 1894. However, our courthouse in Paulding, Ohio was not built until 1888. When my sister (who just turned 77 years old) attended this school they always joked that they were attending a "Connecticut-owned School." Is it still so?

It is the old McCabe school grounds in Jackson Township. "The land had been sold to the Ohio school board in 1896 with the condition that if the land ceased to be used for educational purposes that it be returned to Connecticut." The Connecticut Times (newspaper) story says that Treasurer Adorno is "irked." He said it's a 'give-a-away' at \$50 in 1896 is now apparently valued at only \$36. At least that is the figure in his only offer to date from the people in Ohio."

"Prosecuting Atty. Edward W. Kuns was instructed

by the school board to contact Connecticut, but he received no reply."

"Then Asst. Pros. Harvey Hyman tried and got a letter which was turned over to the Paulding Co. Auditor, D.J. Endsley." Hyman told the Connecticut officials that they might as well give the land back to the school board, since an Ohio acre isn't worth much to the state. They felt that the buildings will sell for more money if the land is included.

The question was at that time do we (or does it now?) owe Connecticut, Ohio taxes for the years that it was in the hands of Connecticut? Is it still in the hands of Connecticut? Do they owe us money?? Does ANYONE know where we stand on this property?

Also... if a crime should occur on the grounds, would the criminal be tried in Connecticut or Ohio? The answer to that is "Ohio" state jurisdiction in Article 4, Section 3. Connecticut could call out the Militia!

"Connecticut's ownership of the acre came to light after the one-room school was abandoned two years ago and the board wished to sell the buildings. (If that is so, how could have the students have known much earlier?) Note: "Two years" came from the old newspaper.

The Commonwealth of Connecticut apparently knew nothing of it until the officials began to receive letters from Paulding.

Note: the information in this was taken in part from a News-Sentinel News item (date illegible) and other information. If you have other information or pictures please contact: Caroline Wells Zimmerman, 7292 Rd 176, Antwerp Ohio 45813.

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"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": 2010 VANTAGE NUMERACY COMPETITION



The Vantage senior Early Childhood Education team of (l-r) Kayla DeMoss, Brittani Price, Amelia Wiseman, and Cori Rueille took top senior honors in the Numeracy Challenge.

By: **Jean Minnig, Vantage Math Teacher**

On Monday, November 22nd, the Vantage Cup and Saucer was turned into a frenzy of "math mania" as the 2010 Numeracy Competition between programs took place. All 16 programs at Vantage provided several math problems, related to the program area, to be used in the compe-

the teams were provided with ten problems to be solved in 20 minutes or less. The top 14 teams moved on to Round two, and then the top seven teams competed in Round three. The final round consisted of four teams: Jr. Network Systems, Jr. Precision Machining, Sr. Early Childhood, and Sr. Carpentry. The winning junior team was



The Vantage team of Kody McCague, Gage Regedanz, Nicholas Coon and Phillip Stemen, representing junior Network Systems took first place in the junior division of the Numeracy Challenge.

Each program was represented by one junior team and one senior team of four members each.

Armed with calculators, pencils, and paper, Round one of the competition began with 28 teams. In each round,

Network Systems consisting of Nicholas Coon (Parkway), Kody McCague (Paulding), Gage Regedanz (Parkway), and Phillip Stemen (Ft. Jennings). Senior Early Childhood was the victorious se-

nior team—Kayla DeMoss (Lincolnview), Brittani Price (Van Wert), Cori Reuille (Wayne Trace), and Amelia Wiseman (Van Wert).

In the spring, these two teams will represent Vantage at Owens Tech in Findlay where they will compete against other career centers.

THE SUN IS SHINING, WHY IS ODOT BRINING?

Every year as the transition from fall and ultimately to winter occurs, the question is asked, "Why is ODOT treating the roads when there is no snow in the forecast?"

The Ohio Department of Transportation District 1 has been out in recent weeks treating area highways with brine, a salt and water solution, which when dry appears as white stripes on the highway.

The ideal time to apply brine is before it's needed. "The idea is to have the material on the roadway so it's there, ready to work when the weather comes," said Leonard E. Brown, ODOT District 1 deputy director.

Salt and other chemicals are used to treat roads because they are a freeze point depressant which means they lower the temperature at which water goes from a solid state to a liquid state.

This time of year is especially crucial for timing the application of brine. "Frost on the overhead bridges is our main concern right now. Our crews have been concentrating on treating bridge decks so they won't become slick," said Luke Johansen, district highway management administrator.

It's best to apply brine when roads are dry, rain is not forecasted for the next 24 hours, temperatures are expected to remain between 20-35 degrees Fahrenheit and when sufficient brine material

does not appear to be present.

It's a delicate balance, but one that ODOT has been successful in achieving since it began using brine technology in the mid 1990s.

With brine application units in each county in the district's eight-county region which includes Allen, Defiance, Hancock, Hardin, Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert and Wyandot counties, and also two, 5,500 gallon brine tanker trucks, district highways can be treated in a relatively short amount of time.

FROM THE DOG WARDEN'S DESK

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

This week's featured pet is Mack. Yes, I know he was last week's featured dog, but he still needs a home. He is a young adult blue heeler, already neutered, and house-trained. He has also tested positive for heartworms. A very nice family from the Bryan, Ohio area has generously made a donation to pay for his heartworm treatment. He will be treated at the Animal Clinic of Paulding and then he will be ready to go home for the holidays.

Mack is very well-behaved and spends most days in my office napping on the rug. He does well on a leash and knows most obedience commands. He would be best suited to a family with children older than 10 and preferably with a fenced yard.

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ENERGY CHANGE ISN'T EASY FOR A REASON

With a new congressional session comes a recycling of the old proposal to raid the jurisdiction of the House Energy and Commerce Committee. This seems a bizarre moment to advance the idea that a group, which didn't stand up to the Barack Obama-Nancy Pelosi axis on its radical energy and environmental initiatives, should now take over the work of the committee that did. (Rep. Doc Hastings's Opinion piece, "One Energy Panel Better for Nation," POLITICO, Nov. 22)

The fact is that unparalleled tenacity and teamwork characterized Energy and Commerce Republicans while we were in the wilderness. Our members blended this tenacity with meager resources and went up against the power of a united Democratic majority.

Remember cap and trade? What was supposed to be an unstoppable, greased-pig markup on the Obama administration's signature cap-and-trade bill was turned into a fight by the 23 determined Republicans on Energy and Commerce.

Four long days and nights spent in Room 2123 of the Rayburn building found Republicans sharply disputing Democrats and their theories about global warming and the U.S. economy. Deals were offered and rejected, while 300 Republican amendments piled up on the clerk's desk and majority members were forced into extended debate on 47 of them.

The process exposed the ragged seams of the majority strategy and laid bare the failings of their absurd cap-and-trade scheme. Today, the tattered Waxman-Markey bill is gathering dust on a Senate shelf, consigned in part by the sunburn it received from exposure to the Energy and Commerce Committee.

But some say that success in blocking this threat to the American economic system is yesterday's news. They now say that the hard work keep-

ing energy available and affordable is done—it's someone else's turn to take over. Some even say that consolidating power over every facet of U.S. energy in a kind of college of congressional cardinals seems like an innovation.

We note that if those things were to happen, they can't stop by stripping just the Energy and Commerce Committee of its responsibility.

The line for surrendering responsibility gets long fast. In alphabetical order, first comes the Agriculture Committee. That would necessarily lose oversight of both the Rural Utilities Service, which regulates electric co-ops, and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, which oversees energy commodities. And what about the Foreign Affairs Committee's oversight of international energy issues—including nuclear 123 Agreements?

Or the Homeland Security Committee's responsibilities for energy as part of emerging threats, infrastructure protection and emergency response? Or the Oversight and Government Reform Committee's authority over domestic policy and government management? Or the Science and Technology Committee's jurisdiction over energy research and development? Or the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee's pipeline jurisdiction? Or... well, the list goes on and on, doesn't it?

Putting all of Congress's energy eggs in one super basket might make sense in a sweeping and comprehensive restructuring of the House system—until the idea is confronted with the sacrifice of knowledge and good sense for the sake of creating an artificial efficiency.

It's no accident that energy is our committee's first name, because it is inextricably linked to the U.S. economy.

Even if you don't care much about the jobs, growth and opportunity fueled by energy, separating energy policy from environmental policy seems a particularly bad notion. In a jurisdictional sense, divid-

ing these intertwined matters would create an environment committee invested with actual power—and unencumbered by the inconvenience of actual knowledge.

Instead of a committee with a built-in brake on radicalism, we fear we would have a panel with legislative authority and subpoena power that is dominated by people who, in varying degrees, view energy as the enemy.

Energy policy is more than digging and drilling. It covers energy markets, generation, efficiency and conservation, information, interstate transmission, electric reliability, nuclear power and rate-making, plus all the regulators of those areas.

The Natural Resources Committee has a strong lineup of expert members who understand and ably handle public land issues. We bow to their wisdom in those matters, because we respect their judgment and informed views. But the effective management of public lands is hardly an analog to the assembly of U.S. energy policy that drives world energy policy.

Policy-making on the Energy and Commerce Committee is about applying a unique storehouse of knowledge and experience—some of it hard-earned, indeed—toward ensuring reliable, low-cost energy for making and doing things that generate a robust American economy.

What's being proposed is a grab. It is not a thoughtful reorganization of energy jurisdiction, nor does it advance the "all-of-the-above" strategy that Republicans advocate for cutting reliance on foreign energy, improving the environment, reviving the U.S. economy and putting people back to work.

Some say change isn't easy, but we haven't had enough. Others have been talking about how changes over the past four years turned their lives upside down—and they just turned to Republicans to undo the recent past.

The Energy and Commerce Committee is equipped to begin working on energy policy on the first day of the new Congress. Others will have to go to school first.

Rep. Joe Barton (R-Texas) serves as the ranking member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee. Reps. Fred Upton (R-Mich.), Cliff Stearns (R-Fla.), Ed Whitfield (R-Ky.), John Shimkus (R-Ill.), Joseph Pitts (R-Pa.), Mary Bono Mack (R-Calif.), Greg Walden (R-Ore.), Lee Terry (R-Neb.), Mike Rogers (R-Mich.), John Sullivan (R-Okla.), Tim Murphy (R-Pa.), Michael Burgess ((R-Texas), Phil Gingrey (R-Ga.), Steve Scalise (R-La.) and Bob Latta (R-Ohio) serve on the committee.

OAKWOOD GLEANER ARBOR #759

The November meeting was held at the Twin Oaks Fellowship Hall. President Kevin Hornish opened with the pledge and Dick Parrish gave the prayer. The local eye doctor, Dr. Doug Wine gave an interesting talk on how he settled in Oakwood and "the aging eye". Eileen Kochensparger thanked us for donating 10 Christmas tree bags for the John Paulding Historical Society. We also thanked Mary Lou Lloyd for putting up our Christmas

Tree. Abby Hornish will be getting five gifts from the Elf tree at Oakwood. Dick Parrish gave us the history of the JPHS and things they would like to do in the future. They are always in need of volunteers and money. 95% of their bills are for gas and electric. They will be having a membership drive soon. Helen Parrish served cookies and pop. Our next meeting is December 27, 7:00 p.m. at the fellowship hall. We need to assign where our Samaritan money is to go. Topic - How did you spend Christmas.

—Bonnie Pier, reporting

THOUGHTS WHILE PUTTING UP MY CHRISTMAS TREE

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

What someone needs to invent is the perfect Christmas tree ornament hanger. You know what I'm talking about... those little wire thing-a-ma-jigs that are shaped like mutated fish hooks. They're supposed to fit (notice the emphasis on the word 'supposed') in the top of the ornament and then 'hook' over the bough of your Christmas tree (which, by the way, is another myth). Invariably, we never have enough of these little gadgets. There seems to be a mathematical formula related to Murphy's Law which states that the number of wire hangers you find in the Christmas decorations box will be equal to the number of Christmas ornaments you own, divided by four.

I don't know where those gizmos disappear to. Either they fall off and hide in the cracks of our decorations box between January and November, or we've got some mice in our attic with rather unusual appetites. In any case, we have a critical shortage of those crazy things every year. And rather than break down and spend a lousy 79 cents for a box of new ones, you know what I'll do? I'll try to fashion new one's out of paper clips! (Don't look so smug—you've tried the same trick!). As we all know the paper clip sculpture doesn't work so hot either. I haven't come up with a good solution yet on how to successfully hang stuff on the tree so it'll stay put.

But you know, there is one sure-fire way to hang something successfully on a tree. Nails. When something is nailed to a tree, it doesn't come off very easily. As a matter of fact, the most beautiful ornament ever was nailed to a tree.

And the Ornament hung there very successfully.

The Ornament didn't fall off the tree.

In fact, It stayed there until they took the tree down.

The called the tree a cross. They called the Ornament, Jesus.

Perhaps that explains why, at the DeSelm household, there is a spike nail hanging way back inside our Christmas tree. It's a reminder of the One Who hung on a tree and gave us the most wonderful Christmas gift of all... salvation.

I pray that this Christmas, in the midst of the tinsel and bows, you'll want to consider Jesus Christ—not just as a baby in a manger, but as a Saviour on a tree. And when you run out of ornament hangers, you'll be reminded of Nails.

SOLDIER STEPHEN VISITS ANN'S PRESCHOOLERS!



Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschoolers were recently treated to a visit from a real soldier! Staff Sergeant Stephen Gonzalez, Sr., came to visit his son's class and tell us all about his job. He has been in the Air Force for 17 years as an engineer and will be headed to Afghanistan in January. He showed us lots of pictures and marked on our map where Afghanistan

is. We promised to give his son LOTS of hugs and to send Soldier Stephen lots of letters and pictures!

Shown here from the left are: Olivia Longstreth, Soldier Stephen, Little Stephen, his mom, Nina Gonzalez, and Hunter Coutts. These children are in the afternoon class of four and young five year olds with Mrs. Chris Adams and Mrs. Ann Miller.

CMH RECOGNIZES SERVICE MILESTONES



CMH recently recognized this quarter's service award milestones. From left to right: Carol Weidenhamer (10 years), Betty Meyer (10 years), Lori Wein (5 years), Carolyn Whitacker (25 years), Denise Battershell (5 years), Lorrie Gorrell (20 years), Sha-

ron Klima (5 years), and, Lisa Bereszazi (15 years). Not pictured: Donna Hubert (10 years), Sonja Proxmire (10 years), and Stacie Stairhime (5 years). We are only as good as our team members!

Missing pictures? We have a stack of pictures here at West Bend News from previous publications.

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PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS & DISMISSALS

Admissions:
11/22 - Barbara Delno, Antwerp
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WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT THE BOOK OF LIFE

By: James Potter, Oakwood church of Christ

Today the subject we will be studying will be the book of Life. So let's have prayer, asking our heavenly Father to help us in our study. So get your Bible and concordance and we will get started.

1. The Book of Life contains:

A. The names of the saved - Philippians 4:3 - and I urge you also, true companion, help these women who labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the Book of Life. You can know, by studying the Bible, let the Bible be your guidebook, not man.

The Book of Life contains the deeds of the Righteous - Malachi 3:16-18 - then those who feared the Lord spoke to one another, and the Lord listened and heard them; so a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the Lord and who meditate on his name. "They shall be mine", says the Lord of hosts, on the day that I make them my Jewels. And I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him. Then you shall again discern between the righteous and

the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve HIM (NKJV).

2. The Book of Life excludes:

Those who are renegades - Exodus 32:32-33 - yet now, if you will forgive their sin—but if not—I pray, blot me out of your book which you have written. And the Lord said to Moses, whoever has sinned against me, I will blot out of my Book.

The Book of Life excludes those who are Apostates. Revelation 13:8 - all who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world (NKJV).

3. The Book of Life affords basis of:

A. Joy - Luke 10:20 - never the less do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven (NKJV).

B. Hope - Hebrews 12:23 - to the general assembly and church of the first born who are registered in heaven to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of Just men made perfect (NKJV).

C. Judgment - Daniel 7:10 - a fiery stream issued and came forth from before Him. A thousand thousands ministered to Him. The court was seated, and the books were opened.

D. And the dead was judged - Revelations 20:12-15, please read.

Please continue your Bible study on the Book of Life. Are you absolutely sure your name is written in the book of Life? The study is yours. If you have any questions please call (419) 399-5022 for Lonnie Lambert or (419) 393-4775 for James Potter. Jesus loves you and so does the Oakwood church of Christ. Remember to pray and ask God for help in your studies.

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LATTA REPEATS CALL FOR PERMANENT EXTENSION OF CURRENT INCOME TAX RATES

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) made the following statement reaffirming his call for a permanent extension of the current income tax rates. Without action by December 31, 2010, the current income tax rates will increase, causing the largest tax increase in our nation's history.

"Today marks thirty days until the largest tax hike occurs in our nation's history, and we have yet to see any action to stop it. Over the past four years Democrat control of the United States House and Senate, Congress has failed to take action in preventing this tax hike which will affect every taxpayer in America.

"According to the Heritage Foundation, Ohio's Fifth District will stand to lose on average over 1,500 jobs per year over the next ten years if these cuts are not extended. In the same ten year time frame, total disposable income per household will decrease by over \$4,000 and district-wide individual income taxes will increase by \$635 million. With an already struggling economy, we cannot afford more job losses, decreased income and tax increases that come from inaction.

I have repeatedly called for a permanent extension of the current income tax rate at all levels. IF passed, these tax cuts will continue to help our struggling economy create jobs and spur economic growth. It is of the utmost importance that Congress pass and the President sign into law, a permanent extension of these tax cuts at current levels."

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JAKE REINHART COMPETES IN BONDO KICKBOXING TOURNAMENT



Jake Reinhart, (right) is pictured with kickboxing Bondo tournament director and the head of Kickboxing for the state of Ohio, Sam Jones. Jones has coached many world champions and has beaten world famous Chuck Norris.

Jake Reinhart, a 2010 graduate of Antwerp High School, recently traveled to Hicksville to compete in the 39th annual Bondo Kickboxing Association Tournament.

Eighty-five competitors showed their stand up ability. Jake made it through the morning rounds of competition and quickly advanced to the evening finals. The tournament hosted kickboxers and Muay Thai fighters from all over the country. The tournament itself is a combination of Kickboxing and Muay Thai which allows shin kicks, leg kicks and leg sweeps along with regular kickboxing.

Jake advanced with mostly technical knockouts. Where an opponent is given an eight count and cannot continue on in the match.

Jake is an assistant instructor at the Den/Hammer House MMA Gym of Hicksville. He teaches kickboxing and ju jitsu (submissions grappling) both gi and no gi classes. Jake is also a North American Grapplers Association (NAGA) Champion and will be competing in Las Vegas next year.

Jake will be furthering his training with 5x World Kickboxing Champion, Kathy Long, who will be here from California, doing training at the new gym and with other UFC fighters like Jason Reinherdt, Gideon Ray, Shonie Carter, Brian Gassaway and possible Wanderlei Silva next year. Jake is also an undefeated MMA fighter.

FOUNTAIN OF FAITH FREE MEDICAL CLINIC

In June 2007, in a partnership program between Hicksville Community Service Center and Community Memorial Hospital, Fountain of Faith Free Medical Clinic opened its doors for the first time. Our goal is a simple one, provide free medical care to the uninsured residents of Hicksville and the surrounding communities. Fountain of Faith Free Medical Clinic does not accept any local, state or federal governmental monies. And from the very beginning, the extraordinary support of Community Memorial Hospital, local churches, local organizations and our friends and neighbors have made this medical mission possible. Now, Fountain of Faith Free Medical Clinic is coming to Antwerp!

Fountain of Faith Free Medical Clinic provides not only medical office visits, but with the amazing support of Community Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne Radiology, Fort Wayne Medical Laboratories and Fort Wayne Cardiology is able to provide free labs, x-rays, procedures and EKG's to patients. With the support of Hicksville Pharmacy and now Antwerp Pharmacy we are also able to assist patients with medication costs on a limited basis. We see patients for both acute and chronic illnesses and we don't turn patients away based on residency.

But medical care just fixes

the body. At its heart, the free clinic is a beacon for Christ to heal the soul. Fountain of Faith Free Medical Clinic provides patients with Bibles, Christian CD's DVD's and other materials free of charge. Clergy members from local churches are on hand every clinic to council, pray or even just talk to patients in need.

Illness can feel overwhelming and without health insurance or means of care, illness can feel insurmountable! Fountain of Faith Free Medical Clinic with its partners Community Memorial Hospital and Hicksville Community Service Center are here to provide peace of mind in difficult times. Letting our friends and neighbors know, "you are not alone."

Fountain of Faith Free Medical Clinic provides services on a first come, first serve basis. Your first Antwerp Clinic will be held on 1/22/2011 from 8:00-10:00 a.m. at Antwerp Family Health Center, 422 West River Street, Antwerp, Ohio. Future Antwerp clinic dates to be announced. Patients must NOT have any type of medical insurance including but not limited to Medicaid, Medicare or Private Insurance. As a strictly volunteer mission, Fountain of Faith Free Medical Clinic cannot provide medical care, medical services, medication refills or medication changes between clinic dates. For future dates and times please contact Hicksville Community Service Center at 419.542.7173.

PAULDING COUNTY RESIDENTS HELP MAKE THIS YEAR'S TROOPSGIVING A SUCCESS



Residents of Paulding County were amazingly supportive of the recent "Troopsgiving" efforts to support those in the military who will be deployed over the holidays. The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 587 collected items to send to the troops and the youth groups from Paulding United Methodist Church and Divine Mercy Catholic Parish participated in a scavenger hunt on Sunday, November 14 to collect items and donations. Over 30 students participated in the scavenger hunt. Items were then sorted and boxed up. Thanks to the generosity of the community, the group was able to fill 25 large flat rate shipping boxes considerably full. Each box included a hand made Christmas card signed by all who participated and a thank you note for their service to our country.

of Bowling Green, KY, with a percentage of sales benefiting a designated local non-profit organization.

COUPON BOOKS DISCONTINUED

Cash Bonanza Coupon Books benefiting Community Health Professionals' Hospice program will not be offered in 2011. Certificates from the 2010 coupon book are still good and will be honored until they expire on January 30, 2011.

The soft cover books containing promotional offers and discounts for food, merchandise and services at local merchants have been sold in the Van Wert area for several years by the Cash Bonanza Marketing Company

Community Health Professionals' Hospice program has been the benefactor of the program since 2007; Crime Stoppers had participated in the program before CHP. It is not known at this time if another local organization will participate in the program in the future.

All questions or concerns regarding the coupon book should be directed to Cash Bonanza Marketing, PO Box 51088, Bowling Green, KY 42102-4388, 270-202-8920.

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Individual chemotherapy rooms are provided for each patient by friendly staff members. Paulding County Hospital also features convenient parking and an easy registration process where people are treated as friends - not numbers. Chemotherapy is available Monday through Friday and is just one of the many quality services available at Paulding County Hospital.