

AND THE WINNER IS...



All Woodburn Lutheran School Art students entered the Glenbrook Square Times Community Publications holiday coloring contest. Cody Osborn (5th grade) won first prize for his age group and will receive a \$100 gift certificate to Glenbrook Square. All of the entries are on display at Glenbrook Square Mall, near Santa. Congratulations Cody!

OSU EXTENSION AGRO-NOMIC UPDATE

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Educator Paulding County

Performance Trials

The 2010 Ohio Performance Trial results are now available online. The following is a list of trials available and the website address for each:

Ohio Soybean Performance Trials - <http://www.oardc.ohio-state.edu/soy2010/>

Ohio Forage Performance Trial Results - <http://www.ag.ohio-state.edu/~perf/>

Ohio Corn Performance Trial - <http://www.oardc.ohio-state.edu/corntrials/>

The Farmer Tax Guides are in!

If you would like a 2010 Farmer's Tax Guide, you can go online at www.irs.gov or visit your local Extension office.

Pioneer's Soybean Aphid Antibiosis Ratings

Pioneer has developed a rating system to differentiate their soybean varieties in their susceptibility to the soybean aphid. Pioneer indicates the rating scale "should NOT be used for choosing which varieties to select and plant". The intention is for this rating system to be used as a management tool during the summer if, and only if, soybean aphids become a problem. As stated in their information, "ratings should be used by growers to help in determining field scouting priorities and insecticide application decisions should an infestation of soybean aphids occur".

The intent is to use the ratings to select varieties that should be scouted first and then with more frequency, those with a "below average" rating. A variety with an "exceptional" rating should also be scouted, but following those with lower ratings. Pioneer recommends using these aphid antibiosis ratings along with diligent scouting and timely insecticide application. Thus, none of their varieties, nor other companies, should be considered "resistant" unless it is so stated, which will be because they will have the new Rag1 gene that some companies are incorporating into their varieties.

Bahum Bug!

Let us end today's column with a special warning about a terrible pest you might encounter during this holiday season—Bahum Bug! This bug is a member of the family Pessimistidea, which is found throughout the world. Although widely distributed, Scroogium bahumbugnis (Dickens) is rare and short lived. The life cycle, from egg to adult, is about one year, but may vary with environmental conditions. The adult bugs are most active in early December, but early stages can be a problem during November.

The bahum bug affects humans, especially adults, causing irritability. The bug causes victims to have a dull, humorless, cranky appearance characterized by a downwardly turned mouth. Chronic victims may exhibit the following traits: stinginess, hoarding and an overwhelming desire for material objects. This pest commonly infests the minds

and spirits of scrooges and grouches. Infestations can be eliminated by using an integrated pest management program which must involve all family members and close acquaintances.

The following control measures are recommended: install Christmas trees and holly wreaths in heated buildings; install mistletoe sprigs in door arches of infested rooms; ingest eggnog or hot apple cider with cinnamon and cloves; and treat all individuals with generosity and good cheer.

To keep the bug from getting you, remember a quote from Janice Maeditere who stated, "Christmas is not as much about opening our presents as opening our hearts."

4TH ANNUAL LIBRARY WINTER WONDERLAND PARTY

'Tis the season to be jolly and join the party at the Paulding County Carnegie Library. Mark your calendar now for the 4th Annual Winter Wonderland Party to be held on Monday, December 20th in the Children's Room of the main historic Carnegie library in Paulding. Children are invited to visit anytime from 6:00-7:30 p.m. to have their photo taken with Santa. Santa photos will be free and may be picked up on Tuesday, December 21st after 10:00 a.m. Partygoers will also enjoy refreshments, make a craft and go home with a fun goody bag. Enjoy the sounds of the seasons, twinkling lights and beautiful decorations, plus check out the library's selection of fun books and movies during this fun-filled event. For more information contact the library at 419-399-2032.

"ONCE UPON A CHRISTMAS LIGHT" PERFORMED BY PAULDING ELEMENTARY STUDENTS



The Paulding Elementary third graders put on a performance titled "Once Upon a Christmas Light" on Thursday evening, December 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditoria. Shown is the entire group ready to perform under the direction of Mrs. Dawn Sloan.

the program this year: a joyous "Intrada", Holst's three part Winter Suite, which includes the hunting "In the Bleak Midwinter", "Oh Holy Night", "Good Swing Wenceslaus" (that's right, 'Swing'), a "Christmas Spectacular", and the optional sing along "Merry Christmas Everyone". These concerts are our gifts to you, the community that sustains us.

We are deeply appreciative of your continued interest and support. We acknowledge our patrons, whose generous donations make the continuation of our organization possible.

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—The Antwerp Community Band

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PAYNE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DECEMBER MEETING SET
The Payne Chamber of Commerce would like to invite the community to our next meeting this Thursday, December 16. Starting at 12:00 noon, we will discuss the past year and elect officers for the upcoming year. If you are interested in helping cultivate a healthy business environment here in Payne, join us at the Dog House Diner on Main St. in Payne.

ANTWERP COMMUNITY BAND CONCERT
The Antwerp Community Band invites all of the West Bend News readers to attend a performance of our annual Christmas Concert. The first presentation is on Sunday, December 19 at 3:30 p.m. in the Auditoria at Antwerp Local Schools and the encore performance is on Tuesday evening, December 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Huber Opera House. Included in

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OBITUARIES

Pauline M. Grundish, 79, of Montpelier, OH, formerly of Hicksville, passed away Sunday, December 5, 2010 at Evergreen Manor Nursing Home, Montpelier.

She was born on March 9, 1931 in Edgerton, OH, the daughter of the late Charles and Beulah (Walley) Kline.

She was a 1949 graduate of Edgerton High School. On June 2, 1951, she was united in marriage with Richard E. Grundish and he preceded her in death. Pauline enjoyed her women's bible study group.

She is survived by two daughters: Pam (Daryl) Williamson of Camden, MI and Linda (Steve) Turner of Illinois, IL; four grandchildren: Stephanie Turner, Jason Turner, Lacey Williamson, and Katy Williamson; and a brother, Edward Kline of Montpelier, OH.

Pauline was preceded in death by her husband; one brother; and two sisters.

Services for Pauline were December 10, 2010 at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society or to the family. Online condolences may be shared at www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com.

Robin R. Merriman, 48, of Oakwood was carried to Heaven on the wings of an angel Monday, December 6, 2010 at Defiance Area Inpatient Hospice Center after a long hard battle against ALS.

She was born May 17, 1962 in Paulding. She has been reunited in Heaven with her father, Donald Ray Sprow and stepfather, J. D. Hale. Her mother, Carol Lee (Buckleman) Sprow Hale survives in Paulding. On June 17, 2001, she married Paul Merriman, who survives in Oakwood.

Robin has left many family and friends to carry on her legacy and her memory which include her loving husband and mother; two daughters: Tara Erford of Monroe, MI and Elizabeth (Jeremy) Troyer of Oakwood; two sisters: Cheryl (James) Stahl of Oakwood and Patricia Sprow of Paulding; a brother, Rick (Connie) Sprow of Edgerton; two granddaughters: Taylor and Kylie; beloved dog, Delila; and her horses: Tom, Dick,

and Harry.

Robin was a homemaker. She was a member of Auglaize Chapel Church of God, Oakwood. She was a NASCAR fan, especially of Sam Hornish, Jr. and loved gardening, taking care of her horses, and yard work. Robin has left a lasting impression on everyone she came in contact with. Her bravery, gracious personality, and unconditional love will carry all that loved her through the rest of their lives allowing her memory to live on.

Funeral service was December 10, 2010 at Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Oakwood with Rev. Robert Merriman officiating. Burial was in Sherman Cemetery, Oakwood.

Memorial contributions may be made to Community Health Professionals of Paulding and Hospice. Condolences may be expressed at www.heimeyerfuneralhome.com.

Nancy Jane Young, 77, of Oakwood quietly passed away Friday, December 10, 2010 at Paulding County Hospital, Paulding. She had a long battle with dementia that slowly stole her mind and body. She was born February 16, 1933 in Bridgeville, PA to the late Victor and Martha (Berdnik) Calgaro. She leaves behind her loving husband of 55 years, Richard Young, whom were married on November 26, 1955, and survives in Oakwood.

Other survives are her children: Thomas (Marianne) Young of Davis, CA, Tracey (Barry) Koenitzer of Carrollton and Susan (Harold) Dorrington of McClure; a brother, Glenn (Bonnie) Calgaro of Fayette, PA; and eight adoring grandchildren: Patrick and Samantha Dorrington, Kyle, Karrie, Kristy Koenitzer, Caleb, Elizabeth and Helena Young.

Nancy was registered nurse in the Cleveland area. She was a member of Lake County, Florida Quilting Club; Twin Oaks Bible Study; Maple Town Squares of Cleveland; former member of the Busy Neighbors Club of Paulding County extension group. She became a Registered Nurse at West Penn Hospital, Pittsburgh, PA.

A memorial service will be 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 15, 2010 at the Twin Oaks United Method-

ist Church, Oakwood with Rev. Eric Dailey officiating. Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Oakwood, handled the arrangements. Memorials may be given to the church. Condolences may be sent to www.heimeyerfuneralhome.com

DIVINE MERCY CHRISTMAS SERVICE SCHEDULE

Friday, December 24, Christmas Eve:

4:00 p.m. Mass in Payne; 6:00 p.m. Mass in Antwerp; 10:30 p.m. Mass in Paulding;

Saturday, December 25, Christmas Day:

9:00 a.m. Mass in Paulding; No Saturday Evening Masses on Christmas Day;

Sunday, December 26: 8:00 a.m. Mass in Paulding; 9:30 a.m. Mass in Paulding; 11:00 a.m. Mass in Paulding;

Saturday, January 1, 2011: 9:00 a.m. Mass in Paulding; 4:00 p.m. Mass in Payne;

Sunday, January 2, 2011: 8:30 a.m. Mass in Antwerp;

10:30 a.m. Mass in Paulding;

THE STORY BEHIND THE SONG

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

On Christmas Eve in 1818, Franz Gruber, church organist in the little town of Oberndorf, Bavaria, made an alarming discovery. The organ would not play!

For several days previous to Christmas Eve, Oberndorf had been snowbound. Gruber, knowing there was no one in Oberndorf capable of repairing the organ, was afraid there would be no music for this Christmas.

He would hardly imagine Christmas without music. Quickly he went to the vicar, Joseph Mohr, and told him his story. He asked Mohr to write a new Christmas song which could be easily sung without the use of the organ.

Later as Mohr sat reading Christmas stories from his Bible... "Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour..." The words welled up in his soul like a heavenly anthem.

Long into the night he sat meditating on them, as the full meaning gripped his soul, he wrote a poem about the wondrous story.

Early the next day, Gruber took the newly written words and composed a melody. Now the people were gathering at the church. There was one man who could pick out tunes on a guitar. He was asked to accompany the new carol.

The people of Oberndorf loved the song immediately and thus Joseph Mohr and

"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": VANTAGE NATIONAL TECHNICAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTS TWENTY-SIX STUDENTS



Newly inducted members of the Vantage 2010-2011 National Technical Honor Society.

Twenty-Six outstanding Vantage seniors were recently selected as members of the Vantage chapter of the National Technical Honor Society. They were introduced and inducted at the annual NTHS banquet on December 7, 2010, held in the Cup and Saucer restaurant. Guests in attendance at the banquet to recognize this elite group of students included parents, home school principals and counselors, and Vantage teachers and administrators.

NTHS membership is the highest award for excellence in career technical education and is a reliable indicator of performance and leadership in the workplace. Students who achieved a 3.5 grade point average or better, while maintaining a 95% attendance rate at Vantage, were eligible to apply for membership. In addition to submitting a resume and writing an essay stating why they would like to be a part of the NTHS, the students also were required to obtain three teacher recommendations.

The main purpose of the National Technical Honor

Society is to reward scholastic achievement in occupational and career technical education. Membership encourages skill development, honesty, service, leadership, citizenship, and individual responsibility. In addition, students are selected for membership in NTHS as a reward for excellence in workforce education; to develop self-esteem, pride and encourage students to reach for higher levels of achievement; and to promote business and industry's critical work-place values—honesty, responsibility, initiative, teamwork, productivity, leadership, and citizenship.

Students selected for membership in the National Technical Honor Society for the 2010-2011 school year are Clarissa Armstrong (Antwerp), Cosmetology; Malorie Brown (Van Wert), Health Technology; Ashley Collins (Continental), Cosmetology; Aryn Denny (Wayne Trace), Medical Office Management; Ryan Doan (Paulding), Network Systems; Haley Ehrsam (Van Wert) Cosmetology; Sara Gardner (Paulding), Cosmetology; Michael Her-

ron (Ft. Jennings), Auto Technology; Patrick Jackson (Parkway), Network Systems; Megan Ketchum (Parkway), Carpentry; Natalie Kindell (Crestview), Medical Office Management; Haili Knepfer (Antwerp), Cosmetology; Deidre Knippen (Ottoville), Cosmetology; Aaron Manz (Paulding), Carpentry; Anna Morehead (Wayne Trace), Health Technology; Diandra Pier (Continental), Health Technology; Amelia Pierce (Wayne Trace), Cosmetology; Amber Plotts (Paulding), Health Technology; Brittani Price (Van Wert), Early Childhood Education; Dalton Raines (Van Wert), Interactive Media; Breck Ripke (Paulding), Health Technology; Curtis Schroeder (Kalida), Carpentry; Adam Smazenko (Antwerp), Network Systems; Rebecca Stutz (Parkway), Cosmetology; Megan Stutz (Parkway), Medical Office Management; Jeremiah Theis (Paulding), Interactive Media.

Congratulations to these National Technical Honor Society members!

Thank You

A sincere thank you to all the family and friends that attended the unveiling of the Memorial Wall at Gardens of Paulding. Thank you to all that helped to make it possible. Your presence and thoughtfulness is truly appreciated.

Sincerely,

The Gardens of Paulding Staff

NOTICE

The following dates are for The Paulding County Veterans' Service Commission's Board Meetings

January 31, February 28
March 28, April 25
May 23, June 27
July 25, August 29
September 26, October 31
November 28
December 12

Meetings begin at 9:00 a.m.

For information or appointments, please call 419-399-8285

Divine Mercy Catholic Parish Mass

Schedule:

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

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Oh, that the real meaning of Christmas might grip us this season! Perhaps it would if we, like Joseph Mohr, would consider these words: "Unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, Who is Christ the Lord."

The good news of Christmas is that this Saviour is born unto YOU. Unto YOU who have gone astray. Unto YOU who are burdened with cares and worries. Unto YOU who have tried all the world has to offer and come up empty. Unto YOU who need to know the refreshment of forgiveness.

Christ was born into the world to die for us. To save us and deliver us from sin and selfishness. Tonight can be a "silent night" and a "holy night" in YOUR soul, if you will turn to Christ by faith and invite Him to be YOUR Saviour and Lord.

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WAYNE TRACE'S NOVEMBER TEACHER OF THE MONTH



Wayne Trace Jr/Sr High School is proud to announce Mr. Craig Miller as the November Teacher of the Month. Mr. Miller teaches Health, Science, Phys. Ed, and Math at Wayne Trace Jr. High School. Mr. Miller is shown accepting the award from students: Ally Dunning, Jill Ross, and Arlyn Cooper. He received a \$25 gift certificate from Payne Mara Mart as part of the award. Congratulations Mr. C!"

93 DOLLAR CLUB

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

It all started at a Trader Joe's store in Menlo Park, California, in the summer of 2009. A woman named Jenni Ware was standing at a checkout counter, unable to find her wallet. Carolee Hazard saw that Ware wasn't going to be able to pay the bill, so she offered up the \$207 that Ware needed to buy the items in her cart.

The next day, Hazard received a thank-you card and a check for \$300 in the mail. In the card's note, Ware suggested that Hazard use the extra \$93 to get a massage. But Hazard didn't want a massage. She felt she needed to do something else with the money. Unable to come up with any good ideas, she turned to her Facebook friends, asking them what she should do with the extra cash. One of her friends suggested she give the money to the Second Harvest Food Bank of Silicon Valley, an organization whose mission is "to help feed hungry people by picking up and preparing excess fresh food and delivering it daily to social service agencies in Toronto." Hazard liked the idea, so she matched the \$93 with her own money and sent in a check to the Second Harvest Bank for \$186.

But the giving didn't stop there. After more and more people heard about Hazard's gift, the 93 Dollar Club was born on Facebook. This grassroots movement encourages people to give to the Second Harvest Food Bank. Just for fun, folks can give in amounts of \$93 dollars or even \$0.93. And get this: between 2009 and 2010, what started out as a simple act of kindness to help one stranger in one little grocery store has led to others giving more than \$100,000 to help combat hunger.

We find ourselves in a season with Christmas nearing, when giving and being generous has never been more important than right now. The Apostle Paul reminds us in 1 Timothy 6:17-19 (NIV) - "Command those who are rich in this

present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. "Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. "In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS... ABOUT GOOD WORKS

By: James Potter, Oakwood church of Christ

Today, let us look at what the Bible says about good works. As we start this study, first let us see what Paul said in Ephesians 2:8-9: For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God; not of works, lest anyone should boast (NKJV). So get your Bible and concordance and we will get started, after prayer asking our heavenly Father to help us.

For by grace you have been saved:

Grace illustrated; Grace is something unmerited; man does not deserve it and cannot secure it by himself. Ephesians 2:8, Romans 11:33-36, please read. Grace is when God gives us what we do not deserve. Mercy is when He does not give us what we deserve.

Saved through faith; Ephesians 2:8 - the faith that is being talked about here is the Gospel message. Romans 10:17 - so then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God (NKJV). The word here is the Gospel.

The clear picture here is this: God shows grace by offering His son. We don't deserve it and never will.

He shows us the way through Jesus and His disciples (New Testament) what we must do Acts 22:16. We then read what God told them to tell us and obey (obey the gospel) and God promises to cleanse us from past sins and as we walk in the light 1 John 1:7 cleanse us from all sin.

Now about good works: Good works cannot jus-

tify Romans 4:2-6, please read. Good works cannot determine God's election Romans 9:11 for the children not yet being born, nor having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works but of Him who calls (NKJV). We are called by the Gospel to do the works of God, 2 Thesalonians 2:14, Acts 2:38-39.

Good works are not a substitute for grace. Romans 11:6 - and if by grace, then it is no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if it is of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work (NKJV). So in this we see that there is no way that we can be saved by good works. But there are works that we must do in order to be saved, Ephesians 2:10.

James 2:14-24, please read. James is giving an illustration of Abraham, as we see in this, Abraham is obedient to what God is telling him to do. God told Abraham to leave his country and go to a land I will show you (Genesis 12). Abraham obeyed God and left his country. With Abraham this is faith (God telling him what to do) and works, (he doing what God said to do) being done in accordance to what God said. Now if Abraham would have stayed in his country, there would be no works and faith alone would not have been sufficient. Paul shows that works without faith will not justify and lays the emphasis on faith. James shows that faith without works will not justify and lays the emphasis on works. The problem comes from people, who believe that faith is all they need to do to be saved! So we see then that both faith and works are needed, how? By being obedient to what the Lord tells us to do (such as in Mark 16:15-16) this is the Lord's work, we are to be obedient in doing what Jesus says. Faith is what we are to believe as God leads us. Believing in what He says, we do the works He tells us to do.

Please continue your

study on this subject, Jesus loves you and so does the Oakwood church of Christ. Bible questions call 419-393-4775 or 419 399-5022. Please continue studying the Bible and continue to pray for help and guidance to our heavenly father.

CEREMONY OF LESSONS AND CAROLS IN ANTWERP

The Divine Mercy Parish (Antwerp location) choir will present "A Ceremony of Nine Lessons and Carols" on Sunday, December 19 at 4:00 p.m. in the Church of Divine Mercy (Antwerp location). The church is located at 303 S. Monroe Street in Antwerp, Ohio. The service is non-denominational and is free and open to the public.

This service is based on the traditional Festival of Lessons and Carols made popular by the Kings College Chapel of Cambridge University in England.

The 'Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols' is a format for a service of Christian worship celebrating the birth of Jesus which is traditionally followed at Christmas. The nine short Bible readings, interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols and hymns. These carols and hymns are sung by the choir and the congregation.

The Antwerp Divine Mercy choir consists of about 24 voices from the parishes' Antwerp location under the direction of David Jones. The groups keyboardist is his wife, Sally Gillette-Jones. The 'Ceremony of Nine Lessons and Carols' is presented for the first time at the Antwerp location. The presider for the service will be the Very Reverend Alan Fillman, pastor of Divine Mercy Parish.

There will be fellowship and refreshments following the service in the parish hall next to the church.

For further information contact: David Jones 419-258-2351, dasajones@mchsi.com or the Divine Mercy Parish office 419-399-2576

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 -West Bend News

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

This is not easy for me to write. I have debated about doing this for a week but desperate times call for desperate measures. I am a mother and wife asking for help for my family. My husband and I live here in Paulding County and we have five children ages 13, 10, 7, 3 and 1 month. My husband lost his job this summer and is receiving unemployment. If the extension is not reinstated, his unemployment will stop the first week in January and we will be left with no income. We are currently renting a house in Grover Hill and our landlord has been generous enough to work with us on paying the rent. But that will soon come to an end. She has sold the house and we just found out that we have to be out next month. We have no idea where we are going to go. My husband's income is less than \$700/month. I have called Job and Family Services, but their funding was cut last year and they cannot help us. I have called the different apartment complexes that go by income in the county and there are no three bedrooms open. I have been in contact with a few landlords in our area and they have nothing for us. So we will be homeless in a month unless someone out there can help. We would

like to keep our kids in the Wayne Trace school district but we realize that may not be possible. If anyone in the community can help us with shelter and can work with us, it would be a blessing. I can be contacted at 419-786-8030 or m_harris2001@yahoo.com.
—Melanie Harris

NEAR BLIZZARD, ARCTIC AIR & MORE SNOW TO COME

By: Josh Steiner

This past Sunday, contrary to what was predicted days earlier, we had near-blizzard conditions with several inches of snow. On Saturday, the National Weather Service had issued a Winter Weather Advisory for Paulding, Van Wert, Allen, Defiance, and many other counties in Indiana and Ohio calling for 5 to 9 inches of snow while in northern counties such as Steuben, Lagrange, and Williams the National Weather Service issued a Winter Storm Warning calling for 6-10 inches in areas away from the lake and 16-20 inches near the lake. The storm first brought us rain on Saturday evening and night before transitioning to snow around 4:30 a.m. Sunday. The snow then fell heavy at times, up to an one inch per hour from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m., accumulating up to almost four inches in Antwerp. The snow became lighter in the late morning but winds increased causing significant blowing and drifting snow.

Before the paper comes out, Monday and Tuesday are expected to be in the upper teens as a very cold arctic air mass blasts over the area and spreads over the entire eastern United States. During the next several days, the temperatures will moderate somewhat from the bitterly cold temperatures we endured at the beginning of the week to the upper 20's by the end of the week. There is still the possibility of an Alberta Clipper coming in late week and dumping a couple inches of snow but there is still much uncertainty of where this system will hit and how much snow it will dump on us.

According to Accuweather and NOAA, there is the possibility of two more significant snowstorms before Christmas which will coincide with the fact that Accuweather's

Upcoming
WEATHER
Forecast

Wed, Dec 15 - Partly Cloudy
High 24° - Low 11°

Thu, Dec 16 - Snow Shower
Hi 26° - Low 15°

Fri, Dec 17 - Partly Cloudy
High 28° - Low 14°

Sat, Dec 18 - Partly Cloudy,
High 26° - Low 13°

Sun, Dec 19 - Mostly Cloudy,
High 26° - Low 20°

Mon, Dec 20 - Mostly Cloudy,
High 29° - Low 20°

Tue, Dec 21 - Snow Shower,
High 30° - Low 20°

Long-range Meteorologist Joe Bastardi made a forecast saying that 50% of the nation or more will be snow covered on Christmas. The first of these two storms could hit next weekend but there is no knowledge on this storm, such as where it is going to hit, intensity, or timing of this event. The last of these two storms could be one of the worst of the entire winter season. This last storm could hit the east on Christmas Eve. There is much uncertainty with both of these storms, but according to computer models, the last storm could be very intense and could hit this area with high winds and heavy snow on Christmas Eve night into Christmas Day. This also coincides with my forecast of the last half of December being very stormy with a break in the few days after Christmas and then an ice storm around New Year's Day. With these storms possibly showing up in the forecast over the next several days I will keep you updated so that you can keep yourself safe when there are rapidly changing weather conditions.

LIVESTOCK MORTALITY COMPOSTING CERTIFICATION TRAINING

The Ohio State University Extension Offices of Paulding and Putnam Counties and the Northwest Ohio Livestock Producers will be hosting a Livestock Mortality Composting Certification Training at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 16, 2010 at the Twin Oaks United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall located in Oakwood, Ohio at 201 E. Harmon Street.

This training session will certify an operator to compost all approved livestock species and is available to all Ohio livestock producers. Composting is a natural process where bacteria and fungi decompose organic material in a predominantly aerobic environment. During the composting process, microorganisms break down organic materials into a stable mixture called compost. The compost resembles humus, and is spread on farming fields.

Composting, rendering, incineration and burial are the four most common ways to dispose of livestock mortality. To legally compost dead livestock in Ohio producers must attend a certification program.

For producers who utilize composting, sawdust is the most commonly used carbon source for composting livestock mortality in Ohio. Surveys indicate farmers uti-

lizing composting find it a cost effective and convenient method to dispose of livestock mortality.

Please contact the Paulding County OSU Extension office at 419.399.8225 or the Putnam County Extension office at 419.523.6294 to register.

PAULDING CO. CHRONICLES I

By: Caroline Wells Zimmerman

Jackson Twp. Schoolhouse Part II
McCABE SCHOOLHOUSE—Since last there have been several responses to information on this little schoolhouse. Thanks to those readers. I'm sorry that the pictures that were received could not be used; if anyone has an ORIGINAL, we would love to run a copy of it.

As the story goes, "The Connecticut-Ohio land problem is long story. The ownership of the Paulding Co. acre dates to Charles II Charter of 1662." It seems that in 1662 John Winthrop, the young founder of New London, Connecticut, obtained from Charles II of England a charter for Connecticut Colony, which included, among other things, the title to the "Western Ocean."

"In those days nobody had any idea where the western seashore was, but some Pennsylvanians thought they knew where the claims were at the Western Ocean. The Revolutionary War interrupted this quarrel, and then the Continental Congress persuaded Connecticut to accept land out in Ohio where at that time nobody then objected. This was called the Western Reserve. This land was appropriated for the Soldiers of the Revolution. The "Firelands" (Huron Co.) was appropriated for those soldiers whose homes were burned by the British in Guilford, Connecticut."

This brings us to 1786 when Connecticut sold some of the land to promoters who sought to colonize eventually in what is now Ohio. They hoped to either move here or realize on their investments. The money was put into a fund for educational purposes and some of it was distributed to township and such things; some of it was invested. Part of this money was apparently used to buy an acre of land in Jackson Twp.—Paulding Co., which was still held by Connecticut until 1896, in the name of the commissioner of school funds.

About this time the state sold this acre for \$50 to Paulding Co. for a schoolhouse site, with the condition that it never be used for anything else or it would have to be reverted back to Connecticut. When the Jackson Township School Board closed and locked the little red McCabe Schoolhouse for the last time, it should have been back into Connecticut's hands.

This matter got back to Hartford, Connecticut and the Hartford Times noted that although it sold for \$50 in 1896, the acre was now appraised for only about \$36. Immediately bids came in from Mrs. Flossie Fox (who owned the surrounding property). She wanted to fill in the gap in her title which was only 79 acres.

WLS STUDENTS DESIGNATE OCTOBER OFFERINGS TO LOCAL FOOD BANK



Woodburn Lutheran School designated the local Food Bank as the recipient of all chapel offerings received during the month of October. On Tuesday, November 23rd, Isabel Edwards, Sydni Klopfenstein and Dakota Adams, on behalf of all

students at WLS, presented Mrs. Patty Schuller with a check in the amount of \$225 for the Food Bank. It is our hope this donation helps the continuation of this wonderful service the Food Bank provides for the community.

offers to Joseph A. Adorno, Connecticut State Treasurer, from Ohioans who wanted to reclaim it and Connecticut citizens who wanted to preserve a beacon of civilization in the midst of the western aborigines.

However, the then Gov. Chester Bowles of Connecticut signed the bill that returned the schoolhouse and the land in Ohio. It had reverted to Connecticut when it was abandoned as a school according to terms of a purchase agreement made in 1896.

NOTE: Thank you for your continued interest in this above topic. If you would like to contribute any further information, please contact: Caroline Wells Zimmerman, 7292 Rd. 176, Antwerp, Ohio 45813, Telephone 419-258-2222.

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MAYOR RAY DELONG

By: Stan Jordan

Ray DeLong was born on December 22, 1941. His parents were Clifford and Ursie Gorrell-Delong. There was two boys in the family, Paul and Ray. Ray graduated out of Antwerp High School in 1959.

He had a very interesting career in the 18th Airborne Corps. He took training in Fort Leonard Wood then over to Fort Gordon, Georgia. He got his airborne training at Fort Bragg. They were mobilized and ready when the Russians came over to Cuba. Yes, we both agreed things could have been bad. But the whole world is glad that the Russians went back home.

He got his discharge in 1963 and came home and went to work at Phelps-Dodge INCA Division in Fort Wayne from 1964-1967.

He married Nyletta Keating in 1964 and they had two boys: Andrew and Anthony. He worked at the Harvester from 1964-1982 and when the plant closed he didn't want to go to Springfield where the I.H.C. went. He went to work for Spec-Temp and was in Supervision and retired out of there in July of 2008 after 25 years.

Ray was on the Village Council for two full terms—that's eight years. Then he ran for Mayor and so far he has served the Village for 11 years.

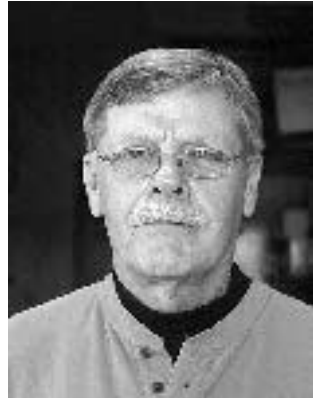
I asked about projects completed during his three years and he said he wants to get the new sidewalks completed. He wants to get rid of some empty houses and house trailers, and so far this has been accomplished; and to get people to keep their area clean and therefore beautify the whole town.

"It is a good place to live, we have so much to be thankful for," he commented.

He is proud to have worked with the V.E.T.S. Memorial, to see all the new flags flying and the new street lights over the new renovated East River Street.

Ray has three grandchildren that he enjoys. Andrew, and son Zachary, live in Antwerp; and Anthony has two children, Madison and Carli, who lives in Antwerp.

I asked Ray about hobbies and does he enjoy retirement. Yes, he surely does. He likes to hunt with bow and rifle: rabbits, deer, squirrel. He belongs to the National Rifle Association and the Antwerp Conservation Club. He says he likes to go over there and shoot and is a big backer of



conservation and wildlife. He likes gardening, especially tomatoes, cukes and peppers and gets them right out of the garden. He is an avid bowler, he bowls one night a week but still carries a hefty 175 average. He likes fishing in the Maumee. It is so peaceful and quiet. He also landed a 25 pound catfish using some shrimp tails and chicken livers for bait. Then you release him so he can grow up. We agreed you just never grow out of Maumee River fishing. Ray likes to golf whenever he gets time. He is also a Cleveland Indians fan in baseball, but in pro football he likes the Chicago Bears. He is an active member of the VFW and the Antwerp American Legion Post.

Ray's brother, Paul, retired from the Air Force after thirty years. He lives in Henderson, Nevada just outside of Las Vegas. Ray's mother, Ursie, lives in The Gardens of Paulding. She is doing pretty well, she is 93 now. Good talking to you, Ray, best of luck to you in whatever you decide to do. See ya!



By: Stan Jordan

Bambi was a blonde girl in U.C.L.A. Law School as a fourth year Freshman. The professor asked her what Roe versus Wade was about.

Bambi pondered the question and finally said, "This is the decision that George Washington had to make before he crossed the Delaware."

This story was given to us by Larry Troutman. See ya!

THE WAR IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC

By: Stan Jordan

After Bouganville, the boys rested and resupplied for the next big push.

The U.S. at this time was better off than anytime since the war started. We had better airplanes and more of them. We had more carriers by now. Actually, by the end of the war, we had 64 carriers, that is counting all of them, the baby flat tops—they converted oil tankers to carriers. Now some of those only carried about 30 planes but they did a great job.

In 1944 our planes could out shoot and out fly the Zero and we destroyed hundreds of theirs and we only lost a few planes. Japan was losing all their experienced pilots.

Back in 1942, the allies said Japan is getting too close to Australia so they cut them off at Guadalcanal, after many months of hard fighting, jungle fighting that the Americans were not used to.

The Japanese could not supply their troops at the very southern end of the Solomon Islands and into the Coral Sea. They didn't want Japan to take Port Moresby.

The allies started to move North after they captured and held Guadalcanal. It was a very slow deadly process because at first the Japs had all the advantages. More troops, more ships, more planes and a lot short supply lines.

The allies were getting stronger with the taking of each Island. A lot of experience and the initiative had swung around to the allies. By now, the Americans had fought their way up to the Philippines and landed troops in Leyte Gulf.

One of the biggest naval battles was here after the troops had landed. The big American fleet moved off to the north and a big Jap's fleet moved in. The Americans were out gunned in about every respect. We had a number of ships with six guns and they had big stuff.

Well, the Americans took the initiative and drove right into their group and in the black of night the Jap's pulled out. But the allies had lost more men and ships, but the Japs moved off.

In the battle the Kamakaze planes were used. The Japs got away to fight another day, but I think this was

the last big navel battle.

The "A" Co. of the 148th Inf. 37th Div. had landed in the Philippines just like MacArthur said they would. There was a lot of heavy fighting from Leyte on north.

The battle at Wawa Dam, the battle for Manila was indescribable, soldiers were like madmen. They raped and killed just because they could on the civilians. The battle was extremely vicious as the prison was well fortified and had to be cleaned cell by cell. It was built so well artillery just bounced off it.

The war moved on north and some of our prisoners were turned loose. What a joyous occasion, after the prisoners realized it was the Americans who were here.

A number of Islands were taken after some heavy fighting. The allies wanted to make a string of air bases for the B-29's to bomb Japan and return.

The invasion of Japan itself was scheduled for November 1st, but in August of 1945, the Japanese were finally captured after we dropped the second Atom Bomb.

I am glad that they dropped the bomb and ended the war, because I was slated to make the invasion of Japan.

"A" Co. was breaking up in early 1945 as the fellows had been in the Army a long time and had a lot of discharge points.

Jim was home by late March and was cold for weeks because he was used to hot weather.

The boys of "A" Co. proved to be good soldiers and fighters. They take a back seat to no one.

See ya!

SNOOPY'S LAST ANTICS

By: Stan Jordan

As the Red Baron was shot down in the early part of 1918, to Snoopy, our WWI Flying Ace, dog fighting had just lost it's glamor.

I, being the rear gunner in his Sopwith Camel, could see the change coming over our great pilot. This just wasn't a challenge anymore.

We flew a number of strafing missions in the area of Bastogne and Liege, but no real fights. In fact it was getting boring with no Red Baron around.

Snoopy was now the leading Ace in the Lafayette Escadrille and The American Expeditionary Forces. We were called home to assist in some Bond Drives.

We were to fly the Sopwith Camel to Paris and land it in the parking lot of The Louvre where it would be enshrined for ever.

Well, Snoopy couldn't just land at the Louvre, he had to come up the Camps Ulysses and do a wing over through the Arch DeTrump.

After a few rolls and drives, he finally sat it down in the parking lot. We were really in trouble. We were late for the official meeting with the Prime Minister, Snoopy had done all those shenanigans with the plane.

We accepted the Croi DeGere and the French

Legion of Merit, while his words died away we ran for an electric train to take us to LaHavre and then by steamer to New York City.

Snoopy was really calm on the ship, I was surprised. He played a lot of tennis with some young starlets and wore his medals all the time.

At the very last minute, our ticket tape parade in New York was called off. I couldn't find out all the articles of the case, but it seems Snoopy had snubbed the hifalutin' female dog that belonged to the wife, with her strings of beads and Pince-Nez, of the Belgium President. To get her revenge, she insisted Snoopy be court martialed and he was.

At the end of the case here are some of the penalties slapped on to Snoopy:

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—To relinquish any and all Chocolate Ice Cream Bars;

—To have 2 weeks on IMS dog food and water;

—To romp and play with

his master.

I'm going to miss those early morning dawn patrols.

See ya!



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LADY RAIDERS SHOOT DOWN GOLDEN BEARS



Wayne Trace took on Bryan at home Tuesday, December 7. The Raiders shot down the Golden Bears with a 54-44 victory. Shown here is junior Sarah Feasby scoring for the Raiders. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

LATTA TO SERVE AS VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR CONGRESSIONAL SPORTSMEN'S CAUCUS IN 112TH CONGRESS

Earlier this month, Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) was named a Vice-Chairman for the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus for the upcoming 112th Congress.

"I would like to thank Congressman Jeff Miller for this opportunity to serve the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus in the next Congress. Sportsmen and sportswomen issues are important for me as a public servant. I look forward to working with all members of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus to protect and advance the values, traditions and rights sportsmen and sportswomen enjoy in the United States," Latta stated.

"Congressman Latta has worked diligently over the years to make sure sportsmen

and the issues that affect us are protected in the halls of Congress and as we look forward to the 112th Congress, sportsman around the country know that he will continue to serve their interests as Vice-Chair of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus," said Jeff Crane, President of the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation.

As a longtime sportsman committed to wildlife and the outdoors, Congressman Latta has championed several initiatives through legislation to promote and protect the betterment of sportsmen alike. Congressman Latta inserted an amendment into H.R. 2480, the Truth in Fur Labeling Act that will protect recreational hunters and trappers from burdensome government over regulation. In 2009, Latta sponsored an amendment and worked with the Senate to ensure that the rights of our sportsmen, first responders and military service members would be protected as the Obama Administration looked to reclassify all "assisted opening" knives as switchblades.

During his tenure in the Ohio General Assembly, Latta introduced the Bald Eagle license plate legislation. The proceeds from these plates are used to purchase eagle habitat and for eagle preservation throughout Ohio. Latta also sponsored the poaching legislation in Ohio which substantially increases the penalties for the illegal taking game in the state. Congressman Latta participates in the annual National Rifle & Pistol Championships in Camp Perry, Ohio and has worked to keep the matches at Camp Perry during his tenure of public service. Congressman Latta also serves as a wildlife education instructor for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife.

MASONS PREPARE FOR INSPECTION

Scott Ruppert opened a Lodge of Master Mason and the Pledge was given. He welcomed everyone who weathered the cold weather.

Those members attendance included Tim Betts, Doyle Johnson, Russell St. John, Richard Savage, Dick Wann, Hanson Lilly, Mike Daniels, Max Kemerer, Aaron Kemerer, Mike Mazur, Steve Schilb, Ken Crouch, Robert L. Stotler Jr., Scott Ruppert, Bill Metz, and James Kline. WB Tim Betts introduced a special guest from Concord Lodge #556, Charles Brown. WM Ruppert recognized the 50-year members in attendance which were Richard Savage, Doyle Johnson, and Russell St. John.

Birthday cards were signed and sent to Gale Grenz, Derrill Kline, Tod Perry, Byron and Bing Rasey, Bob Winslow, Wm. Kenny Wonderly, Cal Worden, Steve King, and Ken Crouch. A get well card was sent to Cora Kline, WB Jim Kline reported that she was in the hospital, but expected to be home in the near future. Bill Metz also noted that 50-year member Robert Skinner was now in the hospital and that a get well card will be signed and sent.

It was announced that the Past Master's Convocation will be held in Liberty Center on Saturday, December 11. Registration will begin

at 8:00 a.m. and the meeting will commence at 8:30 a.m.

Scott Ruppert is going to organize a "Turkey Shoot" at the Antwerp Fish and Game club this summer. He will set up a committee later and funnel all the proceeds to the Special Olympics. He will also institute an "Ask a Brother" night to begin. If everyone that regularly attends meetings would ask one Brother to attend with him, we can increase our attendance and get more Masons active.

Scott Ruppert then called for a special meeting for the purpose of Pre-Inspection to be held on Wednesday December 22 at 6:30 p.m. All officers are to be in attendance to receive their rituals and have a EA practice if needed. With no further business, Scott Ruppert closed the Lodge of MM in full form and harmony and all retired to the dining room for food and fellowship.

LATTA INTRODUCES "THE PROTECTING JOBS IN YOUR STATE ACT OF 2010"

This week, Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) introduced H.R. 6F514, The Protecting Jobs in Your State Act of 2010.

H.R. 6514, if passed would prohibit certain stimulus and disaster relief funds to be used for business relocation incentives. The funds identified under this legislation include funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act ('stimulus package'), and the Small Business Act of 2010. Specifically under this legislation, the funds prohibited may not be used as an incentive for a business to relocate a plant, facility, or other operation, in whole or in part, from one state to another, or to expand such an operation in a state in a manner that will result in a reduction in such an operation in another state.

After the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) was signed into law in 2009, reports surfaced that states were using funds from the ARRA as portions of incentive packages to businesses looking to relocate to their state. In October of 2009, the Dayton Daily News reported that the City of Columbus, Georgia was using stimulus funds to purchase an existing building and construct a new building for National Cash Register to relocate there from their then-headquarters of Dayton, Ohio. In addition to the Dayton, Ohio story, similar stories have been reported in Kansas and New York.

"It is well known now that the stimulus package has been a failure on multiple levels, whether it was the price tag, implementation, or oversight and federal dollars should never be used to pick winners and losers between states when it comes to job creation and retention. As our nation continues to struggle through this recession, the last thing any state needs to worry about is another state poaching jobs from them by using stimulus dollars. The disappointing examples found in Ohio, Kansas, and New York could have been prevented, but with this legislation we can stop it from happening again," Latta stated after introducing the legislation.

PAULDING FALLS TO DEFIANCE AT HOME



The Panthers took on the Bulldogs at the Paulding gym. The Panthers had control of the board most of the game. At half time it was 16-11. Defiance came back and won 40-31. Shown here is junior Daniele Guarnaschelli in a fast break back to score for the Panthers. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

ARCHERS ARROWS STRIKE DOWN FORT JENNINGS



The Archers needed a win against Fort Jennings on Friday, December 10. The Antwerp boys stayed on top of the game the entire time. The final score ended up 56-41. Shown here is junior Bryant Miesle scoring for the Archers. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

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WARRIORS FALL TO CONCORDIA AT HOME



Concordia Lutheran played basketball at the Warrior gym Tuesday, December 7th. The Woodlan boys struggled, came back and fell behind again. Concordia finished the game with a 54-41 win. Shown here is junior Brock Hines scoring for the Warriors. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

LADY PANTHERS ATTACK ALLEN EAST, WINS



Paulding took on the Mustangs at home Thursday, December 9. The Lady Panthers won by 9 in a 55-46 victory against Allen East. Shown here is Senior Ashley Myers attempting a shot for the Panthers. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

WAYNE TRACE HS WRESTLERS OPEN SEASON

On Saturday, December 11, the Wayne Trace Raider wrestling team opened their season at the Lincolnview Invitational. Teams from Ayersville, Coldwater, Spencerville, Delphos Jefferson, Delphos St. Johns, Lincolnview, Stiver, Lehman Catholic, Fairview, Defiance, Columbus Grove, Paulding and Wayne Trace made up the 13 team lineup. The Raiders claimed one champion, Kameran Clemens, 135 lbs. Kameran went perfect for the day, at 6-0 all pins. He just totally dominated the 135 lb. weight class. Placing in the runner-up spots were Zach Cotterman 140 lbs. and Sawyer Temple 145 lbs. Aaron Miller 119 lbs. placed

4th.

In one of the most exciting matches of the day, Wayne Trace's Zach Cotterman, wrestled the #1 seed from Lincolnview, Logan Looser. After a hard fought 3 periods, Zach won by a very close dec. 4-2. Aaron Miller, one of the teams freshmen had a good day also. In his final round he pinned Lincolnview's James Steel for a 4th place finish. Raider grappler Sawyer Temple, just missed a 1st place finish when he was defeated in his final round. Logan Looser from Lincolnview.

Another exciting match for the raiders was in round 2. Tim West 160 lbs. was loosing to Joe Caserez, from Defiance by a score of 8-3. With only 49 sec. remaining in the 3rd period, Tim scored a 2pt. reversal, and went on to claim the pin at the buzzer. Another Wayne Trace wrestler, who will be among the top contenders as the season progresses, is Joe Stahl 119Lbs. He just started wrestling 1 week ago and he shows much potential.

5TH ANNUAL VETERANS BOWLING TOURNAMENT IS SET

The 5th Annual Paulding County Veterans Organizations Bowling Tournament is set for January 15, 2011 at the Antwerp Alleys, Antwerp, Ohio.

This year's tournament will be hosted by the Antwerp American Legion Post 253. The five person team tournament is open to all members of Veteran's Organization in Paulding, Antwerp, Grover Hill, Payne, Oakwood, Sherwood, Hicksville, OH and Woodburn, IN. Teams may be any combination of members, Regular, Auxiliary, Sons, or Social.

Please contact Greg Bauer for more details. Space is limited and entries will be considered on a first come basis. Call Greg at 419-258-6725 or 419-506-0266.

ANTWERP ALLEYS HIGH SCORES FOR THE WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 10, 2010

Mens High Series

1. David Bauer 664
2. Benji Grant 548
3. Craig Womack 527
4. Robert Johnson 526
5. Mike Walley 514
6. Barry Grant 508
7. Greg Shull 502
8. Bowie Reid 497
9. Jeff Lucas 491
10. Scott Pendergrast 490

Mens High Game

1. David Bauer 241
2. Benji Grant 213
3. Barry Grant 198
4. Bowie Reid 193
5. Craig Womack 191
6. Mike Walley 189
7. Kyle Hughes 186
8. Robert Johnson 183
9. Dustin Lucas 180
9. Greg Shull 180
10. Chris Jones 178
10. Phil Bauer 178

Womens High Series

1. Angie Hudson 549
2. Sherry Reinhart 492
3. Deb Lucas 488
4. Sue Molitor 484
5. Marie Bauer 481
6. Terri Meeks 477
7. Mary Brown 467

8. Judy Bowers 466
 9. Nikki Phares 459
 10. Marian Saylor 438
- Womens High Game**
1. Terri Meeks 194
 2. Angie Hudson 190
 3. Deb Lucas 189
 4. Sue Molitor 188
 5. Sherry Reinhart 185
 6. Judy Bowers 177
 7. Tina Conley 176
 8. Michelle Litzenberg 173
 9. Marie Bauer 172
 9. Shawna Litzenberg 172
 10. Marsha Rohrs 169

WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS FOR 12/22 & 12/23

Breakfast:
 12/22 - Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk
 12/23 - Egg/cheese omelet, toast/jelly, juice, milk
Lunch:
 12/22 - Hot ham/cheese sandwich, smashed potatoes, grapes, cookies, milk
 12/23 - Chicken/noodles, mashed potatoes, roll, mandarin oranges, milk
Menus are subject to change.

PEVS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS FOR 12/22

MS/HS - Breakfast:
 12/22 - Sausage, egg & cheese muffin, juice, milk
MS/HS - Lunch:
 12/22 - Country fried steak, whipped potatoes OR Sausage gravy, biscuit/tator tots, assorted fruit, milk
Paulding Elementary
- Breakfast:
 12/22 - Cereal bar, graham crackers, juice, milk
Paulding Elementary
- Lunch:
 12/22 - Ham, sweet potatoes, corn on cob, dinner roll, milk
Oakwood Elementary
- Breakfast:
 12/22 - Assorted cereals, crackers, fruit, milk
Oakwood Elementary
- Lunch:
 12/22 - Cheese pizza, corn, fruit, milk
Menus are subject to change.

PAULDING WINS AT WAYNE TRACE IN BIG GAME



Paulding was invited to the Palace to take on the Raiders Saturday, December 11. Wayne Trace had a strong first quarter, but fell behind as the game proceeded. The Panthers finished with a win 76-40. Shown here is senior Gave Critten scoring for the Raiders. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

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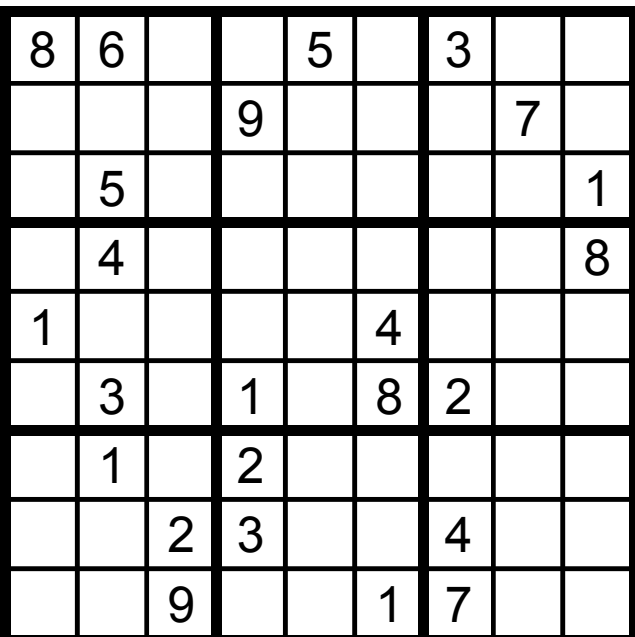
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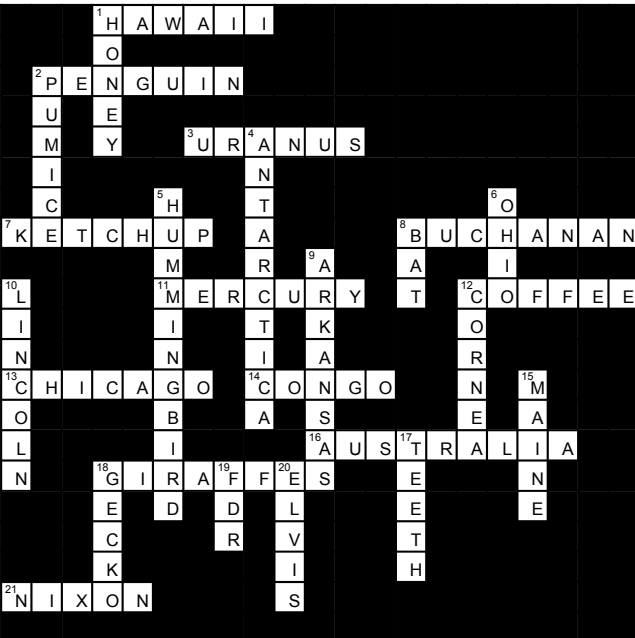
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(NAPSA)—Whether you're a new baker or an old hand, you may be happy to learn you can get instant assistance—live and via e-mail— from full-time consumer affairs professionals with over 140 years of combined baking experience. After all, the holidays are a time when a baker wants to rise to the occasion, and these holiday hotlines, offering great advice and delicious recipes for breads, cookies and pies, can help you be a baking star.

Holiday Hotlines

Hours of operation for these ACH baking brand hotlines are Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Central Time. For advice about using Karo Syrup, call (866) 430-5276 or see www.karosyrup.com/ContactUs.aspx. To learn about Argo Corn Starch and Baking Powder, call (866) 373-2300 or see www.argostarch.com/ContactUs.aspx. For Fleischmann's Yeast, the number is (800) 777-4959 or visit www.breadworld.com/Contact.aspx.

Pie Ideas

When you're ready to start baking, the ACH Test Kitchen can also provide easy-as-pie recipes to inspire you. Here are two for your holiday menus.

Caramel-Glazed Apple Pie uses Karo Corn Syrup to bring out the fresh flavors of apples and spices. In fact, the syrup has been an important addition in homemade pies for over a century and remains an excellent ingredient today. What's more, Argo Corn Starch thickens the filling with satiny smoothness and glossy appearance.

Then there's Black Forest Brownie Pecan Pie, a delicious change from ordinary pecan pie. Traditionally made with dark syrup, this recipe lets you choose either dark or light syrup to add a

Holiday Baking Help At Your Fingertips



A new way to make an old-fashioned pie can make any baker the apple of the eyes of family and friends.

- 3 tablespoons butter OR margarine
- 4 eggs, slightly beaten
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup coarsely chopped pecans
- 1 Keebler Ready Crust® Graham 2 Extra Servings Pie Crust
- 1 can (21 ounces) Comstock® or Wilderness® cherry pie filling
- Whipped cream (optional)

Preheat oven to 350° F. Combine corn syrup, sugar and salt in a small saucepan. Bring mixture to a boil over medium heat, stirring until sugar is dissolved. Boil for 2 minutes. Remove from heat. Add chocolate and butter to syrup mixture, stirring until chocolate is melted and mixture is smooth. Let cool for 5 minutes. Slowly pour chocolate mixture over eggs, stirring constantly. Add vanilla and pecans; mix well. Place pie crust on a baking sheet or pizza pan (for stability). Pour mixture into pie crust. Bake for about 50 minutes, until center of pie is slightly puffed; cool at least 1 hour. To serve, top each slice of pie with about ¼ cup cherry pie filling and a dollop of whipped cream, if desired.

complex flavor and natural sweetness to the pecan filling.

Caramel-Glazed Apple Pie
Prep time: 20 minutes
Bake time: 55 to 65 minutes
Yield: 8 servings

- Apple Pie:**
Pastry for double-crust pie
8 cups peeled and sliced cooking apples (about 4 to 6 large)
¾ cup Karo® Dark Corn Syrup
3 tablespoons butter OR margarine, melted
3 tablespoons sugar
1½ tablespoons Argo® OR Kingsford's® Corn Starch
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
¼ teaspoon salt

9½-inch deep-dish pie pan. Add apples. Combine corn syrup, butter, sugar, corn starch, cinnamon and salt in a small bowl. Pour over apples. Top with second crust, fold edges under, seal and flute. Cut a few slits in top crust to vent. Place a shallow pan under pie to catch any drips and bake for 45 to 55 minutes, until crust is browned and apples are tender. Combine all Caramel Glaze ingredients in a small bowl. Dollop over pie and carefully spread over hot crust. Bake 10 minutes or until topping is bubbly.

- Caramel Glaze:**
¼ cup brown sugar
¼ cup chopped pecans
3 tablespoons Karo® Dark Corn Syrup
2 tablespoons butter OR margarine, melted
1 tablespoon Argo® OR Kingsford's® Corn Starch

Black Forest Brownie Pecan Pie
Prep time: 15 minutes
Bake time: 50 minutes
Yield: 10 servings

- 1 cup Karo® Light or Dark Corn Syrup
½ cup sugar
¼ teaspoon salt
4 ounces semisweet baking chocolate, broken into pieces



A clever combination of brownies and pie can be a big palate pleaser.

Preheat oven to 375° F. Fit one pie crust into bottom of

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS & DISMISSALS

Admissions:
12/1 - Linda Akers, Defiance

ROCKIN' AND ROLLIN' AT THE MANOR HOUSE

By: Sue Knapp
It was a rockin' and rollin' good time at the Manor House in Antwerp on Monday evening, December 6.

A holiday dinner was provided for the residents and their families. An excellent pork loin was the center of the entrée along with BBQ pork and all the sides. Home made pies and ice cream completed the wonderful meal. There were 85 plus residents and family enjoying the evening.

The party started after the meal. Entertainer, Alan Seibert, 'The Guitar Guy', from Grover Hill took the residents back to memory lane with his rendition of the '50's (Elvis), Johnny Cash, '60's and more. Some of the residents (yes, some are party animals at heart) got up and danced. Jeanne danced with Alan and Jane danced to 'Wipe Out'. The residents were smiling, laughing and clapping all through the hour as Alan included them with his entertainment. He asked for requests and was able to sing every one of them. He even sang a requested 'Cool Water'. A myriad of Christmas songs filled the atmosphere of the dining hall.

As the evening drew to an end, everyone agreed that it was a great success, but most were ready to go to their homes and relax. This was an evening that will be talked about and remembered for a long time.

Kudos go to the Manor House for providing a wonderful evening for the residents.

Paulding County Dog License Application

Once again it is time to purchase and renew dog licenses. Licenses must be purchased **December 1, 2010 to January 31, 2011**. Licenses purchased after January 31, 2011 will be assessed a penalty fee of \$15.00.

All dogs over three months of age must have a license and must be wearing the license at all times according to the Ohio Revised Code. Dogs purchased or adopted after January 31 must be licensed within 30 days of purchase/adoption date.

Dog licenses may now be purchased online at www.pauldingcountyauditor.com. A convenience fee of \$2.00 per tag plus a \$0.50 postage fee will be added to all online purchases to cover credit card processing and postage.

Dog licenses may also be purchased at the Paulding County Auditor's Office (office hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Wednesday from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.), or at the Paulding County Dog Warden's Office located at 13387 US 127, next to Jacob Eaton Acres, (please call for open hours at 419-399-9728).

Dog licenses may also be purchased by mail with the form below. Please note that credit/debit card purchases are only available by using the online sales system.

Note: According to Ohio Revised Code, a kennel owner is a person, partnership, firm, company, or corporation professionally engaged in the business of breeding dogs for hunting or for sale. If you are not registered to collect sales tax in Ohio and are in the business of selling dogs, you must be registered to collect and submit Ohio sales tax by purchasing a Vendors' License. **A kennel license can only be purchased at the Auditor's Office.**

After filling out the form below, please mail it along with check or cash and a self-addressed stamped envelope to:

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**VILLAGE OF PAULDING
COUNCIL MEETING MIN-
UTES FOR 11/15/10**

Paulding Village Council met in Regular Session on November 15, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. Mayor White called the meeting to order.

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

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

Sierer presented the Utility Committee's November 3rd report. The Committee met with Joe Hotz and Pete Latta of Jones and Henry Engineering to discuss solutions to regulating the sewage lagoon's pH levels. The Village had been out of compliance with EPA regulations for the summer months of 2009 and 2010. The following items were recommended:

- Replacing the present aerators with five (5) solar powered mixers since the current aerators are no longer cost effective to operate,
- Replacing the effluent lines between the lagoons,
- Installing a flow control chamber,
- Installing a new force main discharge near the west end of the south lagoon,
- Replacing the influent flow meter at the Main Lift pump station.

The engineer's cost estimate for the project is \$450,000.

The Village has already been awarded an \$180,000 Issue 1 grant for the project, and has applied for a CDBG grant of \$202,500 (45% of the project's estimated cost). The CDBG grant is still pending. The Committee anticipates the project will be advertised in December 2010 or January 2011 (depending on funding) with construction to begin in March or April 2011. The project should be completed by the end of 2011.

Resolution 1248-10 re: Authorizing the Purchase of Supplies for the Year 2011, was read for the first time.

Ordinance 1413-10 re: An Ordinance Amending and Increasing Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the Village of Paulding, Ohio, During the Year Ending December 31, 2010, was read for the first time.

Ordinance 1414-10 re: An Ordinance to make Permanent Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the Village of Paulding, State of Ohio, During the Year Ending December 31, 2011, was read for the first time.

Ordinance 1412-10 re: An Ordinance Establishing Rates to be Charged, Collection of Rates and Penalties for Non-Payment of Rates and Charges Relating to the Uniform Service for the Collection, Transportation and Disposal of Solid Waste in the Village of Paulding, was read for the third time. Guelde motioned to approve the legislation, seconded by Trausch. Vote: all yea.

Wiebe presented the Administrator's Agenda authorizing him to assess a residence owned by Michael

H. Gonzales for delinquent water, sewer, and refuse. Guelde motioned to approve the Administrator's Agenda, seconded by Sutton. Vote: all yea.

Solicitor Jones noted he has spoken with Andy Sterling of Rural Development to discuss the Closing Instructions the Village recently received regarding funding for the new water plant. Mr. Sterling requested Jones submit a letter on behalf of Paulding Village Council notifying him of the Village's intent to comply with Rural Development's guidelines and to accept their funding. Rife made a motion to authorize Solicitor Jones to send a letter to Rural Development on the Village's behalf, seconded by Sutton. Vote: all yea.

Daeger inquired about the speed limit on McDonald-Pike. Solicitor Jones noted he had spoken with a representative of ODOT who advised him to contact the County Engineer's Office to do a traffic study, and recommended the Village and County work together to determine the speed limit. Solicitor Jones also noted he had spoken with the County Engineer concerning the traffic study.

The following meetings were scheduled:

—Buildings & Grounds Committee - Tuesday, November 16th at 5:30 p.m.

—Finance Committee - Monday, November 29th at 5:30 p.m.

Sutton motioned to pay the bills, seconded by Trausch. Vote: all yea.

Rife motioned to adjourn, seconded by Trausch. Vote: all yea.

**OHIO LEADERS MUST
PLACE GREATER FOCUS
ON INVESTMENT IN RURAL
COUNTIES**

Last month, Ohio voters sent a resounding message to public officials at all levels of government that they are not happy with the direction in which our state and country are headed. It will now be the job of a Republican-led Ohio General Assembly and Republican Governor to deliver on this demand for change from the electorate by taking steps to dramatically cut state spending, reform how government operates, and implement policies that help to improve our business climate, create jobs, and put our state's economy on a foundation to grow now and in the future.

As part of this comprehensive effort, it is essential that we reexamine where and how the state is investing limited taxpayer resources.

I have the privilege of representing the 26th Senate District, which includes all or part of eight counties in north central Ohio. The region, like most predominantly rural areas, is home to a number of small, tight-knit towns with hard-working people who share a strong belief in God and a deep love and commitment for their family, community and country. These men and women not only farm the food that we eat and manufacture many of the products we rely on everyday, but this rural lifestyle and work ethic help to foster strong leaders who go on to serve in our nation's armed forces, run for public office, or start a small business.

While Ohio's cities are important, our rural coun-

ties have and will continue to play an essential role in the success of our economy and the health and well-being of all Ohioans. If our state is to reach its full potential, we must work to dedicate more resources to strengthen education, grow businesses, and support families in these areas.

However, our state has traditionally poured large amounts of money into urban counties - which hold 50 percent of Ohio's population - while our rural communities have, in many ways, been an afterthought. And, despite these significant investments, many of Ohio's large cities have been on the decline for years.

In February, a panel of state and federal lawmakers, university officials and other community leaders met in Columbus to discuss the findings of a report by the Greater Ohio Policy Center and the Brookings Institution Metropolitan Policy Program called Restoring Prosperity: Transforming Ohio's Communities for the Next Economy. The main theme of the report is that in order for Ohio to achieve economic growth and prosperity in the future, we must invest in our larger metropolitan areas. When I checked state appropriations for the past 10 years, I found that twice as much money was sent to Cuyahoga County than to either Franklin or Hamilton counties, which made the remaining 85 counties' funding pale in comparison.

There is no doubt that Ohio's large urban counties are critical to our state's success. But, as legislators and Governor-elect John Kasich work over the coming months to address Ohio's fiscal challenges, streamline state government, and get our economy moving again, it is important that we throw aside past urban biases and work to achieve a more strategic and effective balance in how the state's limited resources are distributed between our cities and our smaller rural communities.

Poverty exists in both our urban and rural counties. In fact, nearly 20 percent of the population of Marion—the largest city in the 26th Senate District—is currently living in poverty. This is the highest rate of any city in the state.

More, many Ohioans who come from rural counties have been raised to value hard work, family, God and country, and their life experiences have helped instill strong leadership qualities that are a tremendous asset as we work to restore prosperity in Ohio.

Rural Ohio has always had a strong independent spirit. But, for our state to become the best state it can be, greater attention and support are needed in rural counties, not only to help those struggling to find jobs and take care of their families, but also to give people the opportunity to get a good education, start a career, and use their talent and leadership abilities to contribute to our state and local communities.

The 26th Senate District is home to some of the most fertile agricultural land in Ohio, and also to strong educational institutions such as Marion Technical College, The Ohio State University-Marion, Heidelberg University, Tiffin University and Terra Community College. We also have a thriving

'CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS' AT WT HIGH SCHOOL



Wayne Trace Jr/Sr High School recently hosted Rick Small from "98.1 The Mix" for a toy drive and fundraiser to benefit "Christmas for Kids".

The Wayne Trace students, staff, and community, once again did an excellent job of collecting toys and funds for those in need.

ing medical community and successful businesses ranging from Honda of America Manufacturing and Whirlpool to Kalmbach Feed and Advanced Fiber Technology. These institutions and the many caring and committed citizens of north central Ohio need a greater share of the resources of the state to effectuate positive change. It's time legislators got the most bang for taxpayers' scarce bucks.

You can write to her at State Senator Karen Gillmor, The Statehouse, Room 035, Columbus, Ohio, 43215, or contact her by phone at (614) 466-8049. She can also be reached by email at SD26@senate.state.oh.us. In addition, for more information about her work in the Ohio Senate, visit www.ohiosenate.gov/karen-gillmor.

**UPDATE ON WOODBURN'S
CHRISTMAS DECORATING
CONTEST**

An update is needed for Woodburn's Christmas decorating contest to let residents know that registration is not necessary. Just make sure you have your street number visible. Judging will be Monday evening, December 20th. There are cash prizes available.

Any questions call Sandy Heckley at 260-632-4898.

**LATTA CONGRATULATES
UPTON AS CHAIRMAN OF
ENERGY & COMMERCE
COMMITTEE FOR 112TH
CONGRESS**

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) made the following statement congratulating Congressman Fred Upton (R-MI) as the Chairman of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce for the 112th Congress.

"I want to congratulate Fred on his Chairmanship for the 112th Congress. Fred's position will be an asset to our region and the United States as we work towards meaningful health care reform, an 'all of the above' national energy policy, and improving our nation's telecommunications infrastructure."

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AUTHOR & HIS DOGS TALK TO PAYNE ELEMENTARY STUDENTS



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(NAPSA)—Make cards and gifts for your friends and family especially meaningful this holiday season by purchasing from the UNICEF holiday collection. UNICEF Inspired Gifts, the 2010 holiday card and gift collection and several corporate partners offer unique, easy ways to help save children's lives this season.



Supporters can bring hope, happiness and health to children around the world with the purchase of UNICEF gifts that give back this holiday season. Every day 22,000 children die from preventable causes. With the help of supporters, UNICEF is doing whatever it takes to bring the number of unnecessary deaths to zero.

Papier-mache bell set with traditional floral motifs hand-painted by Indian craftsmen can be purchased through the UNICEF holiday collection catalog or online at www.unicefusa.org

UNICEF cards and gifts save children's lives

The sale of UNICEF's holiday cards has raised money to support the organization's lifesaving work for more than 60 years. In addition to these iconic greeting cards, this season's holiday collection includes everything from sparkling ornaments to must-have jewelry and great kids' books. The cards and gifts—from UNICEF—can be purchased online at www.unicefusa.org and at Pier 1 Imports, IKEA and select Hallmark Gold Crown stores.

tional conditions in the region. The bags are made of traditional Ikat fabrics by artisans in Guatemala, and for every FEED Guatemala pouch and FEED 3 Guatemala bag sold at Lord & Taylor stores in the U.S. and online, FEED will donate \$3.50 or \$10.50, respectively, to the U.S. Fund for UNICEF to help support UNICEF's nutrition programs in Guatemala.

Colorful and cuddly

Here's a look at other ways to support UNICEF to do whatever it takes to save children's lives this holiday season:

IKEA soft toys will bring countless smiles to the faces of so many children as a holiday gift, and will also touch the hearts of disadvantaged children worldwide. Continuing its commitment to the idea that all children have the right to an education, for each soft toy purchased in IKEA stores between November 1st and December 24th, IKEA will make a donation of 1 euro (approximately \$1.39) to help support UNICEF and Save the Children's education projects globally. This is the seventh consecutive year of the campaign, which has raised over \$31 million to support 8 million children in 40 countries worldwide. This year, the Soft Toy campaign will also benefit the innovative UNICEF Schools for Africa initiative.

Fashionable and thoughtful

Since the Gucci partnership with UNICEF began in 2005, Gucci has committed over USD \$9 million to UNICEF. To celebrate the partnership, Gucci relaunched the Gucci for UNICEF campaign—a yearlong initiative to extend Gucci's commitment to supporting UNICEF programs in sub-Saharan Africa. The special-edition Gucci for UNICEF Sukey bag, designed by Gucci Creative Director Frida Giannini, is being sold in Gucci stores worldwide and online through February 28, 2011. Gucci will donate 25 percent of the retail price from all sales of the bag to support UNICEF's Schools for Africa campaign in Malawi and Mozambique, where nearly 1 million children have been orphaned by HIV/AIDS.

Other proud supporters are helping as well. For instance:

The FEED Guatemala bags will support UNICEF nutrition programs that help children under the age of 5 in Guatemala,

This holiday season, American Airlines AAdvantage® members can earn miles while helping UNICEF save children's lives.

Through January 15, 2011, for every \$1 you donate to support UNICEF's lifesaving programs, you will earn two AAdvantage miles in return, with a maximum award of 2,000 miles per AAdvantage member.

To learn more or to purchase cards or gifts, visit www.unicef

PUBLIC NOTICE

Effective January 1, 2011 the Village of Antwerp will be using R.I.T.A (Regional Income Tax Agency) instead of CCA (Central Collection Agency). Residents should have received a notice in the mail. Please follow the directions given in this notice regarding municipal income tax collection. If you have any questions please call 419-258-2371.

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ANTWERP'S S.A.D.D. CHAPTER GEAR UP FOR "LIGHTS ON FOR LIFE"



Antwerp Local School S.A.D.D. Chapter would like to remind everyone to drive with their headlights on December 24, 2010. A reminder to be safe and make good choices while driving over the holiday season, "Lights On For Life".

WESTERN BUCKEYE GOVERNING BOARD NAMES BRIAN GERBER SUPERINTENDENT

The Western Buckeye ESC Governing Board held their regular monthly Board meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 8, 2010 in the Van Wert ESC Board Office with all Board members present. Board President Mr. Nick Miller welcomed Board members and school personnel to the meeting. The Board members approved the agenda for the evening, which included approving a contract to employ Brian Gerber as Superintendent of Western Buckeye ESC effective April 4, 2011. Gerber

is currently superintendent of Wayne Trace Local Schools. Gerber was present at the meeting and had these comments:

"I am looking forward to serving the students, staff, and local school districts in Paulding and Van Wert counties as the Western Buckeye Educational Service Center Superintendent. The WBESC has a long tradition of serving students and staff in the areas of curriculum, special education, therapy services, and preschool. I hope to provide the leadership to sustain these strong services by working within the TEAM concept with the school districts in Van Wert and Paulding County."

He added "The students, staff, and community of the Wayne Trace Local School District were a big part of my life for the past 17 years. They will always be a big part of my life. I feel blessed and enriched that I had the opportunity to serve the Wayne Trace Local school district. The Western Buckeye ESC offers many new challenges. Challenges motivate me and drive me. In order to sustain WBESC excellence, it is going to take teamwork.

Total teamwork in all aspects of education is the life blood to successful partnerships in the field of education."

Board President Nick Miller stated "Mr. Gerber is a fantastic individual and has been a great superintendent at Wayne Trace. He will be a great addition to our administrative team. We are extremely pleased that we were able to work this out."

The treasurer's report as presented by Kristine Stuart included the approval of the minutes from the November 11, 2010 regular meeting and the December 2, 2010 special meeting. She also presented the November financial reports and statements for approval.

In the meeting, Superintendent John Basinger reviewed the agenda items with Board members and also updated the Board on recent Western Buckeye activities.

In the business portion of the meeting, the Board:

**Approved the minutes from the November 11, 2010 Regular Meeting and the December 2, 2010 Special Meeting.

**Approved the November financial reports as presented by Treasurer Kristine Stuart.

**Approved a motion to extend Tiffany Grindstaff Family and Medical Leave, effective December 17, 2010, for up to 12 weeks.

**Set the FY11 Fiscal Agent fees for NOACSC at \$22,348.14 (2% increase).

**Approved the new and revised Governing Board policies as presented.

**Approved a motion to set up the 2011 Organizational Meeting for January 13, 2011, at 6:00 p.m., with the Regular January meeting to follow, and appointed Nick Miller as President Pro-Tem for the Organizational Meeting.

**Approved a motion for NOACSC to add a separate Free and Reduced lunch cate-

gory to Harmony and require both the Superintendent and Treasurer to approve use of this category.

**Approved a motion for NOACSC to accept the Non-Disclosure Agreement between INFOhio Tech Support and SirsiDynix.

**Approved the FY11 NOACSC updated appropriations.

The Board went into Executive Session for the discussion of employment of personnel at 5:55 p.m. The Board returned to regular session and the meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m. with no additional Board action. The next regular Governing Board meeting and the 2011 organizational meeting of the Western Buckeye Educational Service Center is scheduled for January 13, 2011 starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Paulding ESC Office.

WILLIAM RUTLEDGE MD JOINS THE COMMUNITY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL MEDICAL STAFF

Community Memorial Hospital is excited to add William Rutledge, M.D. to its medical staff. Dr. Rutledge is an experienced Orthopedic Surgeon specializing in knee and shoulder surgery.

Dr. Rutledge graduated from Indiana University School of Medicine and completed his residency at the University of Arkansas. Dr. Rutledge also completed a fellowship in Sports Medicine. Dr. Rutledge is a member of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, Arthroscopy Association of North America, American Board of Orthopedic Surgery, and the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons.

Dr. Rutledge will see patients in Hicksville on Tuesday beginning in January. To schedule an appointment, call 419-542-5669.

Don't Let Harsh Weather Play Havoc On Your Skin

(NAPSA)—Cold weather outside and dry heat inside can be especially harsh on your skin. Fortunately, you can protect yourself. First, while taking a hot, steamy shower sounds like a great way to warm up on cold mornings, hot water actually removes moisture from your skin. Instead, try to minimize your morning shower time, and use a water temperature that is slightly warmer than lukewarm.

After your shower, it's time to rehydrate. The best time to moisturize your skin is actually right after getting out of the shower, while your skin is still damp. Applying body lotion to wet skin helps trap water, preventing moisture from evaporating.

Don't forget to pay attention to your cuticles and lips. Nail cuticles and lips tend to dry out more quickly than the rest of your body and can be especially painful when they chap or crack. You can keep them moisturized by applying cuticle cream and lip balm. Make it a part of your post-shower routine.

Exfoliating skin is also extremely important, but is something often overlooked. Built-up dead and flaky cells can block moisturizers from penetrating the surface of the skin. Removing this buildup not only helps hydrate skin but makes it look fresh and



Shaving is an excellent way to exfoliate dry skin all winter long.

radiant. Use a body scrub or loofah to slough away dry skin.

Shaving is also an excellent way to exfoliate. It effectively removes dead skin cells, so you should keep shaving regularly all winter long. While you're at it, consider using a shave cream that has aloe, such as Pure Silk Moisturizing Shave Cream, to help you moisturize your legs. Available in eight delicious scents, it prevents the kind of dryness that is often experienced after shaving with only soap and water.

To help keep your skin looking and feeling its best this winter, consider supplementing your skin care routine by exfoliating and using moisturizing skin care products.

Holiday Season Refreshers

(NAPSA)—You can add a special touch to the holidays this year by serving an affordable sparkling beverage that your guests can enjoy all season long with the AriZona Sparkling Green Tea and Berry Spritzer.

The spritzer is an easy, economical and versatile holiday drink that is made with AriZona Beverage's Green Tea with Ginseng and Honey to give it a special twist. Each 20-ounce bottle contains five individual servings of the recipe, making it more cost-effective.

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