

Happy Valentine's Day

OAKWOOD KINDERGARTNERS WORK ON THE LETTER "V"



Oakwood Kindergarten students recently worked on the letter Vv. They read a story about a mouse who wanted to play the violin, then invited Mrs. Erford (one of our 2nd grade teachers) to show and share her violin with them. Pictured with Mrs. Erford is Kalyn Goshia, Aryssa Ramsey and Autumn Yonge.

NAMI SUPPORT GROUP TO DISCUSS: MINDS ON THE EDGE: FACING MENTAL ILLNESS

Topic chosen for the February 15th meeting of the local National Alliance on Mental Illness Support Group is *Minds on the Edge: Facing Mental Illness*.

NAMI has launched a year-long PBS Education, Advocacy Campaign utilizing the film which was produced by Fred Friendly Seminars and has provided copies to NAMI affiliates and other educational organizations.

The campaign will last one year and has a provoca-

tive format. It presents hypothetical cases based on real issues, requiring 12 panelists to role-play and put these principals to test.

The NAMI Support Group of Van Wert, Mercer & Paulding Counties meets at 7:00 p.m. the third Monday of each month at the Drop-In Center located at 407 N. Franklin, Van Wert which is several blocks South of Vantage Career Center. Public is invited to attend.

The support group may be reached at 800-541-NAMI (6264) or by e-mail to namivw@roadrunner.com.

VALENTINE'S DAY ACCORDING TO STAN

By: Stan Jordan
This article was originally run 2/13/08.

This Sunday is St. Valentine's Day. Today we are going to talk about St. Valentine's Day, but maybe not the way most people do. I know we have had that gentleman, a guy named Beau Brummell and Dan Cupid and a number of other love-making go betweens, with a lot of little hearts and bows and arrows.

We are going to look at this "holiday" like Andy Rooney would. He generally sees things from another perspective.

My old friend, Ben Franklin, he wasn't a cowboy, but he swung a wide loop. He said for every action there is a reverse action, and that is pretty much true. Old Ben, he knew quite a bit about electricity and I think he was wired for 240. 2 - 40's

I think this Valentine's Day hoopla is a little overrated and I will tell you why. I know that a man down in Waxahachie, Texas raised some long-stemmed roses and they weren't selling very fast. At the same time a guy in Pennsylvania had a chocolate shop and things weren't moving too good. Well, those guys got together and ran a big advertising campaign and pushed roses and chocolates on that day.

Here are some quips from some boys who never spent a dime on long-stemmed roses

or chocolates:

"When I'm with you, I'm lonesome!"

"If your phone is not ringing, that's me calling."

"If you don't leave, how can I miss you?"

Here is a little English humor:

Two Englishman were standing on the street corner. One says to the other, "I passed your house last night." The other replied, "Thank You!"

Two older Englishmen were riding the bus home after spending a few hours in the pub. One cupped his hands around his face and looked out into the wet dark night. The other says, "Is this Wembly?" The guy slapped and slurred his words and said, "No, this is Thursday!" The other replied, "Thirsty? I am too, let's stop and have a pint!"

A woman lived in our town, In our town did dwell, She loved her husband dearly, But another man twice as well!

A man went down to the sewer, and by the sewer he died, and at the coroner's inquest, they called it sewericide!

A lady wanted to get a companion so she advertised

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WOODBURN ELEMENTARY FIFTH GRADE FRACTION TOURNAMENT



Runner Ups (l-r) Cassidy Wiedenhoef and Josey Giannotti. Champion Shawn Roemer with teachers Mrs. Salzbrenner and Mrs. Price.

The Woodburn Elementary fifth graders competed in a double elimination fraction tournament during the month of January. Students completed in head to head competition with math fraction problems. This tournament is a very exciting and fun activity for students to review adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing fractions. This Indiana math standard will be tested during the Spring ISTEP+ testing. Students had to work on both speed and accuracy when competing in the tournament. Mrs. Salzbrenner and Mrs. Price would like to congratulate the students on an excellent tournament and fine sportsmanship. The winners

and runner-ups from each classroom were rewarded with shopping sprees to the Woodburn Elementary Scholastic Book Fair Congratulations to the 2010 champions, Alan Zehr and Shawn Roemer. Runner-ups include Cassidy Wiedenhoef and Josey Giannotti.

ANTWERP BALL ASSOCIATION POSTPONE REGISTRATION

Due to the weather, last weekend's registration for Antwerp Ball Association was canceled. There will be another chance to register on February 13, 2010 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at the Antwerp Local School.

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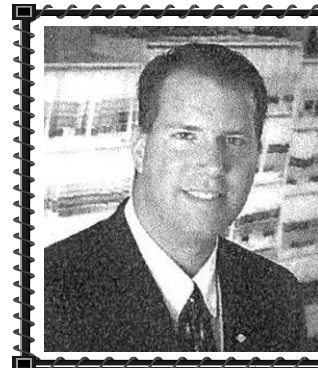
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OBITUARIES

Elizabeth Ann Pepper, 52, of Paulding died Saturday, February 6, 2010 at her residence.

She was born November 28, 1957 in Defiance County, Ohio the daughter of Richard and Janet (Lewis) Slocum. On July 15, 1978 she married Richard G. Pepper, who survives. She worked as a nurses aid for 22 years.

She is survived by her husband, Richard Pepper of Paulding; her father, Richard Slocum of Defiance; a son, Kristopher Pepper of Midland, MI; three sisters: Lori Slocum and Nancy (Jon) Adams both of Defiance, and Tami (Kent) Miller of Ayersville, OH.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Janet.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at Den Herder Funeral Home. Burial will be in Live Oak Cemetery at a later date.

Visitation will be one hour prior to services on Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Elizabeth Ann Pepper family for medical expenses.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Tom Overmyer, 55, of Defiance, formerly of Antwerp, passed away Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at his residence.

Tom was born in Fort Wayne, IN on February 25, 1954 the son of Marjorie H. (Keener) and Donald L. Overmyer.

He worked previously at

SK Handtool and Freightway Systems.

Tom will be sadly missed by his mother of Defiance; children: Kari and Travis both of Fort Wayne, Trinity of West Lafayette, Case, Mariah and Ty all of Antwerp; brothers: Terry "Mike" of Cecil, Tim of Defiance, and Todd of New Orleans.

Tom's father and infant son, Erich preceded him in death.

Services were Monday, February 8, 2010 at Riverside Family Center.

Arr. by Dooley Funeral Homes of Antwerp & Payne. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Thelma Denene Yenser, 87, of Payne died Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at Dallas Lamb Foundation Home, Payne, Ohio.

She was born in Haviland, Ohio on April 29, 1922 the daughter of William Harold and Kathryn Viola (Matthews) Zartman. On July 16, 1938 she married Bernard "Barney" Yenser, who preceded her in death on November 13, 1994. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by a son, Merl Yenser of Payne; two daughters: Linda (Gene) Edwards of Payne, and Barbara (Tom) Rahrig of Novi, MI; four brothers: Lennis Zartman and Dean Miller both of Payne, Bill Zartman of Antwerp, and Larry (Carol) Zartman of Sherwood; four sisters: Olive Dinger, Edith Mills, Hilda Lyons, Genevieve Hoaglin all of Payne; eight grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; a son, Darrel; three sisters:

Thia and Emma Zartman, and Kathryn Fegley; and four brothers: Emmett, John, Harold Jr. and Wesley Zartman.

Funeral services were conducted February 6, 2010 at the Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with Revs. Jim Ayers and Rick Grimes officiating. Burial was in Lehman Cemetery, Payne.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests that memorial contributions be made to The Dallas Lamb Foundation Home. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

John Reeb, 93, of Antwerp, passed away Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Hicksville.

John was born in Antwerp on June 10, 1916, a son of the late Sue (Willit) and Ray Reeb.

He was a mechanic at Leonard Chevrolet, Antwerp. John proudly served in the U.S. Army during WWII and was a life member of Antwerp VFW and American Legion Posts.

In 1964 John married Sarah Marie Roberts, who died in 2004.

He will be sadly missed by his son, Rudie of Antwerp; three grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

Also preceding him in death are his son, Tom and brothers, Richard & Hilton.

Services were February 6, 2010 at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp. He was laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery.

Memorials are to V.E.T.S. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

FOR WHAT WILL YOU BE REMEMBERED?

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

A national leader from Korea was invited to visit the United States. This particular diplomat had never been to America before and was quite excited about the possibility. The time for the big trip arrived and he spent two weeks travelling throughout the United States. He had a productive trip and, upon returning to his homeland, was asked, "What is your most outstanding memory from your trip?"

The man paused, thought for a moment, and then said, "That's easy—the large size of their garbage cans."

As I reflected on that story for a moment it struck me: Of all the things this man saw, experienced and observed while in America, what stuck in his mind was that which Americans throw away. Think about that for a moment. He remembered most of all the stuff that U.S. citizens trash.

It's a sobering anecdote but representative, also, of the way that many of us remember other people. How many people are 'known' for that which they have thrown away? How many people's reputations have been determined by that which they've junked?

Let me give you some examples:

—"That's Leonard. You know him. He's the guy who can't hold a job."

—"Jon? Yeah, he's the one who left his wife last November."

—"See that woman over there? Her name's Sheryl. She was in the top of her graduating class but got involved with alcohol and now her life's a real mess."

—"Who, Stephen? Isn't that the fella whose kids are in and out of trouble with the law? Too bad."

—"She's the older sister of Sue. You know, she's the one who's on her third marriage."

Isn't it tragic when our assessment of an individual consist of that which the person has squandered? And, certainly, I realize that some of the tragedies that befall us are not of our own doing nor completely our fault. However, because of the choices that MANY have made, they have stained their reputation and compromised their integrity so that now others remember them as individuals who basically wasted something precious and valuable.

My encouragement to all of us is to live in such a way that your reputation is something you can be proud of. Live a life of integrity, of compassion, of selflessness, and as an encourager of others so that your name might be one that is held in respect and honor.

It is my desire that when the Lord calls me home, that people will remember me as a loving husband, a devoted father, and a person who sought to make a positive impact on this world for Christ.

I can't think of anything more tragic than to be remembered for that which I wasted. Or to be remembered for the size of my garbage cans.



MEET THE MINISTERS

By: Stan Jordan

The new minister at the Antwerp Presbyterian Church is Michael Pennington, a Commissioned Lay Pastor.

He was born in Defiance and his family moved to Paulding while he was in the first grade. He graduated from Paulding High School in 1979. He also attended the Vantage Career School in Van Wert. He worked at Tempered Glass Plant in Antwerp for 10 years. He drove truck for Gordon Food Service for ten years. In the meantime he married and had three boys: Josh is 25 and lives in Nashville, TN; Danielle lives in Akron, OH; Caitlin lives in Paulding and attends Northwest State.

He met God when he was 30 years old. After a couple years he knew God wanted him to be a minister and work for Him. Michael was leery and worried about speaking before people. But he was filled with the spirit and wanted to lead people to know God. And after his first time at preaching, God helped him through it and he knew he had taken the right road.

He attended the Maumee Valley Presbytery for three years. When he graduated from there he was called a CLP, that means a Commis-

sioned Lay Pastor. After one year of internship, he was the CLP at Montpelier.

He has been doing pulpit supply work for over 10 years. He had filled in here at Antwerp during that 10 years. He is now the minister of record here in Antwerp.

He is engaged to be married to Patti Coon of Bryan. She has three boys: Matt, 24, attends graduate school at Miami of Ohio; Adam, 18, attends Bryan High School and Brian, 16, attends Bryan High School.

Mike feels he is very lucky. He is very happy with his ministerial work. He says it is very fulfilling.

He also is a full-time employee in the Paulding County Engineers Office and loves that kind of work.

In closing, I asked Mike about his goals. It is almost the same as the other ministers that I interviewed: To know God and make Him known. To tell people about eternal life and to help them get there and to share Christ with those who don't know Him.

See Ya!

THANK YOU

I want to thank the Antwerp EMS squad for the excellent care I received, for everyone who has fixed food, sent flowers and cards, and said prayers for me. Thanks to Father Fillman for his visit and special blessings, and to my family and friends for all the visits and help since my accident. Every act of kindness is greatly appreciated. My surgery went well, and hopefully the next 12 weeks of recovery will go quickly!!!

Thank you again for your thoughts and prayers.

—Jan Reeb

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The family of Billie Jo Johnson would like to thank family, friends, customers, neighbors, local area churches, prayer chains, Pastor Jimmy Wright, Heitmeyer Funeral Home staff, Visiting Nurses, Kirscher's of Paulding and Uncle Fudd's crew. For all the cards, flowers, food, donations, prayers, and words during our grief.

—Dalton Johnson,
Wendy & Chuck Sharp,
Dave & Gaye Johnson,
brothers & sisters,
grandparents, Betty and
Glenn Plotts

VALENTINE'S DAY AT THE BUGS!

The Ladybug Flower Shop is at it again! As they gear up of the big day customers are considering the option of delivering that special bouquet to their Valentine on Thursday or Friday. This not only gives the sender a price break, with 10% off, it also would be a way to enjoy that specially designed arrangement prior to Valentine's Day. What a surprise to receive an early bouquet! This would be a sure way to stay out of the Dog House.

THE ONE TRUE CHURCH: THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH #4

By: James Potter, Oakwood church of Christ

A. The New Testament Church Is United:

1. Jesus prayed for unity! Read John 17-20-23

2. Division is strongly condemned: please read 1 Corinthians 1:10-18. Notice

how Paul, the writer of the Corinthian epistles, is earnestly beseeching or pleading with them that they should maintain unity. Paul is telling us that there be no divisions and that we would preach the same message that he and the other apostle's were teaching and preaching. Notice what Jesus told the apostles in Matthew 28:19. Romans 16:17-18. Also read 1 Corinthians 12:12-13 about the one true church.

3. As I have said many times there were no denomination churches in the first century. So those of you who say your church started in the first century have no scriptural references to back up what you say.

B. There Is A Divine Standard Of Morality:

1. Works of the flesh: Galatians 5:19-21; Paul is here telling the Galatians that people who practice and do these things cannot be saved. A tree is known by its fruits. As Christians we show our fruits, whether of the flesh or of the Holy Spirit. Galatians 5:22-25, are the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

C. The Unrighteous Shall Not Inherit The Kingdom Of God:

1. The one true church is God's kingdom on earth, and those who obey Christ's will are added by the Lord to the church (kingdom) Acts 2:47. Christians are not to religiously partake with those who are not of Christ. Read again John 17:17-23. As Christians, we absolutely cannot run with those not of Christ and expect God to bless us.

D. Do You And I Have A Common Hope?

1. Where is the Christian's

common hope? Please read Philippians 3:20-21. Christians who remain faithful are not out of the world right now, but one day will be in heaven.

2. Who are faithful Christians waiting for? Please read 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 whether we are alive or sleep in death we shall live together in Christ.

3. Who are we, as Christians on earth? 1 Peter 2:11

1. Just as our fathers before us, we are pilgrims and sojourners here on earth, seeking our heavenly home.

4. What are we as Christians waiting for on the last day? 2 Timothy 4:6-8. Paul would die at the hands of a sinful earthly judge, but there was a higher heavenly judge who would over turn the earthly judges decision and give Paul a crown of righteousness.

5. And also as Christians we look for new heavens and a new earth. 1 Peter 1:3-5; 2 Peter 3:13.

Please remember to study your Bibles, using your Strong concordance for meanings to words, and you can see the great truths written on every page. For Bible questions, please contact Lonnie Lambert at (419) 399-5022 or James Potter at (419) 393-4775. Remember that Jesus loves you and so does the Oakwood church of Christ.

OAKWOOD GLEANER ARBOR #759 MEETING 2/4/10

Our arbor traveled to the Meadows Nursing Home of Kalida for a sing along to the piano playing of Helen Parrish. Three boy and cub scouts along with their den master Brian Holbrooks from troop 19 of Oakwood told us about scouting and their projects they do to earn badges. They are responsible for keeping three miles of the Buckeye Trail cleared. Some of the fun and learning things they do are Polar Bear camp overnight (no tents - make their own shelter and cook their own food). Camporee at the Van Wert fairgrounds, Klondike Derby, boys working together at the Camp Lakoda in Defiance and a week of summer camp in Defiance.

We had 38 of us and residents sing, dance, and called out our requests. Eileen Kochensparger read the 1 Corinthians 13 - the love chapter in the Bible. Everyone enjoyed the homemade valentine cookies that Mary Lou Lloyd made and the beverages provided by Dick Parrish.

We opened our meeting with prayer and pledge. Dick Parrish chaired the meeting and had received a thank you from the Dept. of Transportation for our two years of roadside pick-up. We signed up for two more years. We will make a donation for Haiti through

the organization of Doctors without Borders. This is being matched by the home office in Adrian, Michigan. We also wanted to help out the Habitat for Humanity house but it is already done, so we want to buy a tree for them later. Eileen told us about a missionary project of Gary Ginter to Vietnam. We voted to help on his expenses. Two Gleaner Scholarships have been given out and more is available - due March 1. CSRA -Community Service Recognition Awards. We are thinking about a youth under 17 - Erin Denning and 17-64 (need someone) and over 65 Apache Etter. These people have helped out in the community and we want to recognize them. Gleaner gives them a nice gift and a lifetime membership certificate.

Our next meeting is March 4, 2010 at the Twin Oaks fellowship hall, 7:00 p.m. We will give out our Samaritan funds. Fred and Phyllis Merritte are in charge of the refreshments and are to invite two people.

NOCAC ANNOUNCES OHIO BENEFIT BANK SITES

The Northwestern Ohio Community Action Commission (NOCAC) will have a representative at the Cooper Community Library in Oakwood on Friday, February 12, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., enrolling people in the Ohio Benefit Bank. They will also be at the Payne United Methodist Church on February 18 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and at the Antwerp Public Library from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on February 23. The representative will also provide information about different NOCAC community service programs.

The Ohio Benefit Bank is a free service that simplifies the process, making it easier—and faster—for you to access the programs you need to be healthy and secure. NOCAC has over 20 trained OBB counselors ready to help check eligibility and prepare applications for Ohio Medical Assistance Programs, Ohio Food Stamps, Ohio Child Care Benefits, Ohio Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), Ohio Prescription Assistance, Ohio USDA Child Nutrition Program, Medicare Rx Extra Help, Ohio Cash Assistance, Ohio Women, Infants and Children (WIC), Ohio Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps (BCMh), Ohio Child and Family Health Services (CFHS), Ohio Senior Community Service Employment Program, Ohio Fatherhood Programs.

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The Ohio Benefit Bank also offers tax preparation assistance. Trained counselors will help clients prepare and file their tax returns at no cost, if they meet the income eligibility requirement of less than \$57,000 per year in household income. If eligible, clients can also claim the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), a special tax refund program for working families and individuals who qualify for the program.

Eligible individuals also can obtain free tax preparation assistance by visiting The Benefit Bank's free online, self-service program at www.thebenefitbank.com. This program is designed to help individuals and families prepare and electronically file their taxes and claim all the credits for which they are eligible at no cost to them. With direct deposit, clients can receive their refund in as few as seven to 10 days.

NOCAC is providing tax clinics at the Paulding Senior Center on February 24, March 3, and March 24, and at the Grover Hill United Methodist Church on March 5. Please call NOCAC at 1-800-686-2964 to set up an appointment.

JESSICA SMAZENKO NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST AT MVNU

Jessica Smazenko has been named to the dean's list for the 2009 fall semester at Mount Vernon Nazarene University. The dean's list includes all students who carried a minimum of 12 credit hours and have maintained a grade point average of 3.5 or above for the semester.

A junior majoring in youth ministries, Smazenko achieved a 3.77 grade point average. She is the daughter of Gary and Betty Smazenko of Antwerp, Ohio, and is a 2007 graduate of Antwerp High School.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I realize there are questions surrounding the Paulding County Auditor's office closing for operations on Wednesdays. Since Friday closures last July, no changes were made to meet workload. It has become unworkable to maintain normal operations. To decrease expenses, I will be reducing staff on Thursdays in the budgetary department. This is necessary to meet the 11% reduction in my 2010 budget. Many county residents are struggling to make ends meet and the same occurs in business. The county commissioners set the general fund budget and each office must operate within the budget given them. What adds to the

complexity of the budgetary process is that each office has different responsibilities and their workload varies.

Since the auditor's office is the paymaster and fiscal office for the county, I realize the affects of closing my office additional hours has a dramatic affect on the county and its residents. In similarity, the affects of not being able to complete our work timely has a dramatic affect on the county as well. The decision I have made was not an easy one; I will continue to monitor my budget and the office operations. My hope is that I will be able to keep operating expenses low enough over the next several months that I may be able to restore office hours.

The auditor's office not only pays the county's bills, but also issues checks for Veteran's Services, Job and Family Services, and other agencies that have public assistance programs. Some of these program payments help those in need within our county. This assistance may keep someone from being evicted or help divert a similar adversity. My office also processes foster care payments and many other payments that directly affect county families, not just the county operations. In addition, payments for the county if not paid timely, will only add to the county's financial burden when late fees and finance charges are added. This will continue to be challenging with existing resources and has even created undependable conditions for county fiscal reporting, payroll and financial management.

I realized closing the office may create added hardship. However, after taking office in March of 2007, I have worked very hard to improve fiscal management within the

auditor's office. With that goal in mind, I have taken these actions because it is what I believe is necessary to maintain statutory duties and proper fiscal controls and yet stay within my budget. I welcome further discussion; please feel free to contact me at my office.

Proudly Serving The Residents Of Paulding County,
—Susan K. Simpson, County Auditor

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

This letter is in response to the many rants of Gregg Gorman. If the taxes to live in town are so outrageous, then why not move outside of the city limits? If you don't like shelling out a huge lump sum for property taxes, then get them escrowed into your mortgage and pay a little bit at a time each month. And did you ever think that maybe your decline in business is because your constant complaining turns off people?

Then the stuff about the library levy raises a whole other conversation. The levy passed because people in the county use and value the libraries. Obviously you have no idea what the library has to offer if you have been there just once in the past 25 years. Just because you don't use it doesn't mean that other people in the county should be denied the right to use it. The libraries have seen an increase in patrons over the past couple years due to the declining economy. A lot of people come in every day to use the computers to look for jobs, check e-mail, pay bills, and many other things. Not everyone can afford to have computers or the internet and having free access to it at the library is very useful! Students all the way from middle school to college are required to do research and turn in papers that are typed. How can they do this if they don't have access to a computer at home? They go to the library! You also have access to pretty much any book you could think of. If none of the libraries in the county have an item you are looking for, you can request it from another library in the state for no cost to you. There are also great educational opportunities for children. Each branch has weekly story times and summer programs. Not to mention the hundreds of children's books that help to strengthen reading skills. You mentioned having people pay to use the library or offer memberships. Do you even realize how much money it costs to run a library? The bills to run the buildings alone are thousands a month, then you add in the cost to purchase new books, CDs, movies, newspapers and magazines. Most of the branches have Friends Groups that do fundraisers to help raise money to support the libraries, but they can't support the library on their own. A majority of the people in this county thought that our libraries were important and needed financial support. That is why the levy was passed. So just pay the less than \$20 it cost you for the library levy and quit complaining!

—Jennifer Dempsey

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Mr. Gorman, If I hated living in Paulding and Paulding County so much I'd quit complaining and move. I'm tired of hearing you whine.

—Kirk Hopkins

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

We'd like to take this opportunity to tell all the teachers and staff at Divine Mercy Catholic School how much we appreciate them. Our children began learning important life lessons on day one. We were amazed at how quickly they learned to read independently and at how well they have grown into their Catholic Faith. The unseen but always present Teacher, Jesus Christ, motivates the students to be kind and respectful with their classmates and the staff.

We continue to be impressed by the generous outpouring of support for our community by our school through Food Pantry donations, fund raisers for the Missions, attendance at Mass, providing Servers for Funerals and many other opportunities to share our time, talent, and treasure.

Our children have been truly blessed for having had this learning environment in which to achieve success in school. They are happy to go to school every day knowing they are pleasing God and making Mom and Dad proud.

—David and Victoria Wilhelm

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Father Fillman, Mrs. Schoenauer, and staff are not only great educators, but really great people. They truly care about the well being of our children and their futures. We currently have two children that attend Divine Mercy Catholic Schools and could not be happier with the education and attention they receive daily. We are truly blessed to have this school in our community.

—the Daegers:
Jeremy, Michele,
Kenadie (1st grade) &
Riley (pre-school)

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Divine Mercy School faculty and staff have demonstrated that beyond just teaching our children, they are truly at the school for the joy of building children's lives and serving God. Each member of the school demonstrates God's love to the children daily. Beyond basic education, which is outstanding, and beyond question, the values and principles that are instilled in our children through Divine Mercy will be beneficial to them for the rest of their lives. Our family feels truly blessed to send our children to Divine Mercy School.

—Kimra Williamson

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

It is with sincere gratitude that we write this letter in support of the Divine Mercy Catholic School. We truly appreciate the daily dedication of the teachers and staff.

Our oldest son, Kyle, graduated from Divine Mercy two years ago and has excelled upon transition to his local public school. He is taking a high school class as an eighth grader and is respected for his positive attitude and excellent moral character. We attribute his educational successes and moral character to the teachers and staff of Divine Mercy Catholic School.

Our daughter, Kiana, will graduate from Divine Mercy this year and has displayed strong academic performance and leadership qualities as a direct result of her education at Divine Mercy Catholic School.

Our twins, Kennadi and Kaden, are in kindergarten at Divine Mercy and have benefited academically and socially from the exuberant dedication of their teacher, Ms. Tieken. They absolutely love going to school each day!

During Catholic School Week, we wish to let the teachers and staff of this wonderful school how much we appreciate them and will always support their efforts.

Respectfully,
—Dennis and Lisa Recker,
Antwerp, Ohio

GET A HEAD START ON THE GARDEN SEASON

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Agent

Home gardeners often seek ways to begin gardening activities earlier not only to extend their harvest of fresh produce but also to improve their chances for "bragging rights" for the earliest or largest vegetables in the neighborhood. Regardless of the gardener's motivation for sheltering tender plants from cold spring or fall conditions, there are significant benefits for extending the growing season and nearly as many tools and techniques to help them do so.

If you are one of those gardeners who is looking for a head start on the growing season, you might want to consider building a cold frame. A cold frame is a protected plant bed that provides a favorable growing environment, for some crops, before and after the regular planting season.

A cold frame allows you to expand the growing season one to three months and can provide shelter for tender perennials, "harden off" seedling plants or start cold-tolerant plants such as pansies, cabbage or lettuce earlier than they can be started in open soil. It may also be used to overwinter summer-rooted cuttings of woody plants.

Basically, a cold frame is a rectangular box with the back higher than the front, covered with a transparent roof. The size and complexity of the structure depends on the needs or funds available. Often scrap lumber and an old window sash may be used, thereby reducing costs.

Other options for cold frame covers are plexi-glass or a double layer of clear plastic.

Doubling the plastic creates dead air space for additional insulation in the cover. Cold frame lids should be hinged for easy opening. On a sunny day, air in the cold frame can get too hot for plants. So, you need to prop open the lid to allow cool air in. Some mail-order garden centers offer temperature-controlled cold frame hinges that automatically open and close to vent the frame.

Ideally, cold-frames should have a southern exposure to receive the maximum amount of sunlight. To reduce heat loss, use a north or west windbreak. The windbreak may be provided by bales of hay or straw, a tight board fence or against a south or east wall near a building foundation to take advantage of its heat. Portable cold frames built of lightweight material allow you to move the frame to different sun exposures as seasons and plants change. Portable frames can also be set on concrete blocks or bricks to add height for tall plants.

For more information on cold frames or plans for constructing a cold frame, contact the Paulding County Extension office at 419.399.8225 or visit our office located on the fairgrounds.

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in the Lonely Hearts Column. She mentioned that she was financially well off and that she had an estate on a nice lake, and that she had a boat and motor.

One of my friends, who is an avid Blue Gill fisherman, dropped her a line and said, "Send a picture of boat and motor!"

Two English ladies were sitting in the Pub enjoying a glass of rum. One said to the other, "Are you going to have another?"

She replied, "No, that's just the cut of me coat!"

Now to enjoy English humor, you have to stop and think it out. Those two ladies were not on the same page.

It is not well-known, but Noah's wife was the first lady driver. When it rained and stormed for 40 days and nights, Noah's Ark finally ran aground on the top of Mount Ararat in Turkey, and Noah's wife was at the tiller.

Here in Paulding County we're known for a clay area. In the summer the rain goes on north to the Michigan line or down south to Van Wert County. In the summer here in this area to get some rain you have to wish, pray and any other means to get a shower. Well, it is so dry here that back in Noah's time when it rained for 40 days Paulding County got three tenths!

There has always been a rumor around in the romantic circles that two could live as cheaply as one. I talked to Harold Wann about that and he says the only way that two people can live as cheap as one

is if one of them don't eat.

I know one guy who had in his will, he wanted to be buried in the parking lot at Wal-Mart. That way his wife would see his grave, about three times a week.

A proud father said to his daughters escort, "Say something nice about my daughter." The boy said, "For a fat gal, she don't sweat much."

There are three rings to marriage, the engagement ring, the wedding ring and the suffering!

A fellow asked another fellow, "Do you know where Engagement, Ohio is?" The fellow says, "Engagement, Ohio is between Dayton and Marion."

One fellow says to the other, "You have a nice looking wife." The guy replies, "Compared to what?"

Two guys were sitting in a boat fishing. One says, "I'm going to get a divorce from my wife."

The other guy said, "Why?"

He replies, "Why, she hasn't spoken to me in six months!"

The other fellow says, "You had better think that over a little, women like that are hard to find."

This woman said to her husband, "You remind me of the ocean."

He says, "You mean I'm wild and free?"

She says, "No, you make me sick."

This portly maiden was attending a formal dance and she hadn't danced at all yet

and she was getting desperate. There was a nice looking young man sitting across the room and he was by himself. So she cupped her hands together like she was holding something inside. She told the young man, "If you can guess what is in my hands, I will let you have a dance with me."

He wanted to play it safe so he guessed, "A horse?" she peeked into her hands to see if he was right, and she looked up and said, "Close enough!"

A couple dizzy blonds from Chicago went down to Orlando to visit Disney World. They saw a sign that said, Disney World-Left. So they went back to Chicago.

Another blond was sitting at the red light and the truck on her left, the bed was raised a little, so she rolled the window down and said, "Your bed is up in the air!"

They went on down to the next red light and she told him, "Your truck bed is raised!"

He nodded and they went on to the next red light. Again she called his attention to the fact that his truck bed was raised. He said, "Yes, I know, I'm spreading salt."

In the world of computers it has brought on a lot of new words such as yahoo, a burner, eBay, on line, modem, E-mail, .com and a host of other new words. The teacher asked little Johnny to use the word 'modem' in a sentence. Well, little Johnny hadn't paid to much attention, so he replied, "Those two empty lots at the end of our street were grown up with grass and weeds, so I modem."

One girl singer in the song says, "If you're leaving, please take me along."

Another gal with doubtful intentions sings, "You make a left and then a right, go two blocks, look for the light. If it's on, come on in, if it's off, he's home again."

Leonard and Jean Buck live in Leslie, Michigan, but I spent many nice days with them in Mossy Cove Fish Camp on Lake Istokpoga in Florida. They sent me this joke: A fellow was at the pizza place picking up his pizza. The counterman asked, "Do you want this cut in four pieces or six?" The fellow replied, "Oh my goodness, cut it in four pieces, I couldn't eat six."

Well, friends and readers, I hope you accept this column in the form of light humor, that I wrote it. I had most of this stuff stored up in my head and this so-called satire on St. Valentine's Day gave me a sort of a chance to tell it to you. Now here's one last blast!! I'm not one bit sure of the validity of this story!

At the northeast part of Fort Wayne, at that big shopping mall there is a Golden Corral restaurant. Interstate 469 goes right by there and it is plain to see from the interstate. You do have to go through red lights and a number of turns. Well, my friend, Buck, was sitting by the wall at a table for two but he was alone. This overweight girl, she was the type the old timers called, 'a huggin' and a chalkin'. She asked Buck if he could help her. He said, "Sure, how can I help you?"

She said, "How can I get down to 469?" and Buck said, "Why don't you call Weight Watchers." See, Ya!

BATTLE OF ATHENS

By: Stan Jordan
We were told of this war in Tennessee by Phil Piersma. It was a rebellion by the local people back in 1946.

The 'Battle of Athens' or sometimes referred to as 'The McMinn County War'. Basically, it was the citizens of Athens and the neighboring town of Etowah.

This was a concern for many years before WWII in McMinn County of political corruption and maybe election fraud. Back in 1940, 1942 and 1944, the U.S. Government investigated these charges, but never took any action.

It was rumored that the wealthy Cantrell family ruled the county. Paul Cantrell was elected sheriff in the 1936, 1938, and 1940 elections and then he was elected to the State Senate in 1942 and 1944 while his former deputy was elected sheriff.

A state law enacted in 1941 reduced the number of voting precincts from 23 down to 12.

The sheriff and his deputies operated a fine system where they got a cut from all they arrested, booked or incarcerated. The more they arrested the more money they made. Even a beating once in a while was done. Often a bus going through town was pulled over and the passengers were sometimes ticketed for being drunk when they were not.

In the August 1946 election, Paul Cantrell was again the candidate for sheriff and Pat Mansfield ran for the senate seat.

In that year and in 1945, about 3,000 servicemen returned to McMinn County and they said that they would challenge Cantrell's political control by running their own non-partisan candidates and working for a fraud free election.

The police harassed the people when they came out of a saloon or bar and grill. A lot of little picky arrests and a few beatings, all of this upset the veterans to no end.

On August 1st there was a primary election. A combat veteran, Knox Henry, was the candidate opposite Cantrell. Knox Henry's campaign promised to clean up the county, get rid of all the crooked cops and make the life in this county like all those veterans fought for in WWII. That was their platform and they had a lot of support.

On August 1st Primary Election Day, Mansfield brought in 200 armed deputies. The G.I. Poll watchers were all beaten. A black man, Tom Gillespie, was not allowed to vote and the deputy shot him. That shot rang out and the crowd gathered.

Mansfield took the ballot boxes to the jail for counting. He and his deputies were afraid of the G.I.'s attacking them. Well, the G.I.'s were going to attack the jail and all the crooks in it, but they had no arms. So they borrowed the keys to the local National Guard Armory and borrowed three M1 rifles, five .45 semi-automatic pistols and 24 British enfield rifles.

The G.I.'s alerted the passers-by about the danger of

rifle fire from the jail. Both sides fired a lot at random. The jail had thick brick walls and those inside were pretty safe. A lot of shots were fired until the G.I.'s ran out of ammunition. The deputies just hunkered down and waited to be rescued.

At about 2:00 a.m. the next morning the G.I.'s forced the issue. Some men from the next county, Miegs, threw some dynamite at this jail and blew off the porch. The deputies panicked and surrendered and the G.I.'s quickly took over the building. Mansfield escaped, the deputies were kept overnight for their safety.

Calm soon returned, the G.I.'s posted guards and all the borrowed arms were cleaned and returned to the Armory. Peace and harmony were noticed all over, already.

In the five precincts that there was no voting fraud, the candidate, Knox Henry, won 1,168 to 789 for Cantrell. All the other candidates margins were about the same.

On August 2nd, there was a town meeting and a three member governing board was set up. All the police had left town. The town of Etowah had six new people appointed to the police force. Three were of other patrols, and guard units formed, and everything seemed to operate smoothly.

The regular election on Nov. 5th went smoothly. All the people of McMinn County had gone back to their usual daily lives. Paul Mansfield moved back to Georgia and Cantrell opened a car dealership in Etowah.

Years later, most people who knew Cantrell agreed that he was not bitter over the battles.

The people of McMinn County were grateful that honesty and decency were in place in their county. They had to take things in their own hands, but it taught-honesty now prevails. See Ya!

ANTWERP AREA VETERANS DOCUMENTATION NEEDED FOR TABLETS AT THE VETERANS MEMORIAL

This week is a listing of known discharged veterans from the Antwerp Local School District that DO NOT have documentation turned in to V.E.T.S. These veterans are in need of your help.

WORLD WAR II: Don Wilsono Curtis, Wendel Ehrhart, Harold Ewing, Ralph G Herter, William B Hirsch, Dean E Jump, James B Lynch, Tede Mann, Wendell Mann, Fred Spragens MD, and Howard E Wentworth.

These names were derived from public sources and will remain on the NOT CONFIRMED listing awaiting approval by one of the following:

1. Honorable or medical military discharge documents
2. Photo showing military service on a tombstone & in which cemetery
3. Proof of military service by other means, such as a photo in uniform, dog tag, or Veterans Card and know where this person lived within the boundary. Any person submitting a name takes responsibility for the accuracy of the information. V.E.T.S. reserve the right to reject names submitted without a military discharge.

March 31, 2010 is the deadline to submit Veterans names to be engraved at NO CHARGE. Watch next week for a listing from the Vietnam Era.

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

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Woodlan Jr./Sr. High School

Student of the Month - January '10



Woodlan Jr./Sr. High School's Junior High student of the month is eighth-grader Jared Emehiser. Jared is the youngest son of Gregory and Sandra Emehiser's ten children. Jared has earned this honor not only because he is a strong student, earning an 11.47 GPA on a 12.0 scale, but also because he is an incredibly hard worker. All of Jared's teachers shared that he is a young man of integrity who displays the utmost respect for the other students and teachers.

Jared's positive attributes are not limited to the classroom, however; he can also be found competing athletically in the following team sports: football, basketball, and baseball. While Jared isn't studying or playing sports, he enjoys snowboarding, swimming, reading, and playing with his eight nieces and nephews or new puppy Moss, who is a black Labrador Retriever. Jared is also involved in the youth group at his church St. Louis Besancon, where he also serves as an altar boy. Upon graduation from high school, Jared plans to study physical therapy at Purdue University where several of his siblings and father have earned degrees.

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PAULDING COUNTY CHRONICLES I

By: Caroline Wells Zimmerman

Antwerp's "Six Mile" Canal Reservoir Part 3

The Reservoir became a great problem with mosquitoes and having to travel around it; petitions were gathered with support from around the county to drain it. Some failed. The Indiana portion of the Wabash & Erie Canal was entirely abandoned about the year of 1870.

The last major petition to receive great support from all over the county was prepared by Paulding County Representative Geyer, but was defeated in the Ohio Senate because of the votes of the Defiance County representatives. Their reasoning—valuable timber in Paulding County—who cares about the public health in Paul-

ding County. Ague and illness was not at the top of their list of values.

After the bill was defeated in Congress on March 9, 1887, a mysterious group of persons, called "The Dynamiters", started meeting in Antwerp. They vowed to destroy the reservoir and the useless canal. Banners were flown with the slogan: The Reservoir Must Go! And also: No Compromise!

In April, 1887, threats had been made in Paulding County which unnerved some of the citizens. The Governor sent an assembly of state troops at once to proceed to the scene of the conflict where he also posted proclamations throughout the county. Paulding County was put down for not protecting her property on her own. The terms: "Unwilling" and "unable" were used in the proclamation in a derogatory way. As an elected official, J.B. Foraker seemed almost

reluctant to become involved in our dispute. (The Canal is an old issue, etc., etc.)

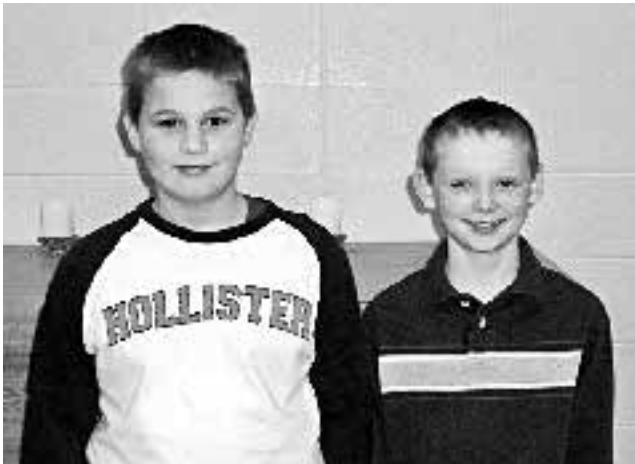
A few guards were placed along the banks of the reservoir in anticipation of trouble and along the canals and at the locks from the Indiana/Ohio state line to Junction. "A force of the 16th Reg't and a part of the 4th Battery, First Reg't Battery, Ohio, National Guard arrived at Cecil and stayed at the Mackinaw House after which they (total force of 53 enlisted men and nine officers) moved with a Gatling gun, several rounds of ammunition, muskets, and bayonets, to the banks of the reservoir. Within 12 hours after receiving orders, Gen. Axline was ready for action with tents pitched and guns aimed toward the reservoir "In case of a hostile demonstration by land; or to pour its leaden hail over the bosom of the old canal in case of a gunboat attack." Everything was set up in true military style; but no enemy appeared. "No noise was made except for the roar of the water through the torrent through the aperture made in the reservoir bank."

History says that citizens came out to check out the Gatling gun and the troops and mingled and cracked jokes with the officers and men. It was called: "Camp Dynamite"; Sunday services were held there; One soldier accidentally killed himself while on guard duty at Cecil. The whole community was saddened by the incident.

Vigilantes had come out on the train to Knoxdale as masked men on the night of April 25, 1887. They succeeded in destroying a multimillion dollar project in Paulding County that was no longer of any use to anyone. It was said that explosions were heard at Tate's Landing (Emerald Rd/Canal Rd.) and other locks throughout the night. It was also said that the water rushing out of the reservoir over the farmlands sounded like "a waterfall."

Similar telegrams to this were sent to Gov. Foraker from Defiance: "On the night of April 25, 1887 - 200 men marched on the canal in a body, captured the guards and held them in confinement until daylight. They worked all night on the front and rear of the reservoir,

WOODBURN LUTHERAN SCHOOL HELD ANNUAL SPELLING BEE



The fourth, fifth and sixth graders at Woodburn Lutheran School participated in the annual Scripps National Spelling Bee on Thursday, January 14. The participants included: Cody Bratten, Cameron Christen, Kyler Donaghy, Miriam Edwards, Cody Osborn, Nicole Osborn, Mitchell Warnock, Celina Burke, Mara Kitzmiller, Dal-

ton Moore, Cole Osborn, Jordan Wells, Stormigale Burke, Caroline Meyer, Emily Miller, Victoria Moore, Lucas Scharr and Noah Strebig. Cole Osborn won the bee by spelling "population" correctly. Dalton Moore was named as the runner-up. Cole will participate in the Allen County Spelling Bee in February.

cutting the ground enough to let the water out. Then they poured coal oil on the lock and the keeper's house, burning it up. 100 more men went to Tate's and the other remaining lock, blowing them up with dynamite. No locks remain on the Wabash Canal, and mob law reigns supreme. The people of Defiance and Paulding counties call on you to protect the state property." E. SQUIRE.

Four weeks after the departure of the militia, Gov. Foraker visited Antwerp in person, and was taken to the dilapidated canal and reservoir. He agreed with the community. A second bill for the abandonment of the reservoir was presented to the Ohio legislature in the winter of 1887-88 and it was passed as a law May 17, 1888.

Antwerp Canal Reservoir ("Six-Mile" Reservoir) is still here; it just doesn't have any water in it. The banks are partially here, also. The Wabash-Erie Canal and Miami Canal are still here in Paulding County (and Junction). The Reservoir War was April 25, 1887. A man with a golden tooth was arrested. No one was ever charged with the crime.

Note about author: Caro-

line Wells Zimmerman lives in Section 31. Her home was built in 1905. Benjamin Burrows bought his original "canal" lands in 1854 for \$75.00 (120 acres) from "The Ohio Lands." This deed was recorded at the Paulding Recorder's Office October 24, 1854 (V.6 p.68). She has lived there since June 1965. Question: Why was this land being sold at this time to the common citizen? Sends your letters to the Editor.

LATTA OPPOSES NATIONAL DEBT LIMIT HIKE- AGAIN

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) made the following statement after voting against H. J. Res. 45, a bill that would increase the United States' national debt limit to \$14.29 trillion dollars. Congressman Latta also voted against a national debt limit hike on December 16, 2009, less than two months ago.

"This is the fifth debt limit increase under House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and this Democrat controlled Congress, who continue to lay more debt at the feet of our future generations. Aside from the staggering dollar figure of over \$14 trillion dollars, this vote highlights the underlying problem in Washington of a continued tax and spend policy from the Obama Administration and Congressional Democrat leadership. Just this week, President Obama submitted a budget proposal that will increase our national debt to \$25.77 trillion dollars by 2020. The non-partisan Congressional Budget Office has stated that by 2020, at the current spending levels, taxpayers in the United States will pay \$2 billion per day in interest payments alone.

In addition to this year's budget proposal, the President continues to send legislation to Congress with trillion-dollar price tags—including the already passed 'stimulus' package, health care 'reform,' the largest ever national energy tax, cap and trade, and billions more in bailouts. These fiscally irresponsible practices must be stopped immediately."

As of today, the current national debt stands at \$12,357,792,719,324.2, leaving every American citizen responsible for \$40,151.42.

NEW EQUIPMENT AT PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL

Three new pieces of equipment have been put into service at Paulding County Hospital. Two of the three are upgrades on former equipment but a brand new piece of equipment, BladderScan® is available for immediate use for patients in our emergency room or inpatients on the Medical or Surgical units.

Urinating frequently, in small amounts, or with little notice can be symptoms that the bladder is not emptying fully. Until now a catheter had to be inserted into the bladder to find out how much urine remained after urination. This procedure can be uncomfortable, embarrassing, and has the risk of infection. The new Bladder Scanner at Paulding County Hospital measures the amount of urine in the bladder using ultrasound. The patient does not have to disrobe, there is no discomfort, nothing enters the body, and there is no risk of infection being introduced into the bladder. This gives the doctor valuable information for determining the best course of treatment for the patient.

A new Plethysmograph was recently purchased for the Respiratory Department. This unit, also known as a "Body Box" is a highly sensitive lung measuring instrument used to detect lung problems that might be missed with conventional pulmonary function tests. The patient is completely enclosed in an airtight, clear plexiglass unit, the door is sealed and the internal pressure is equalized. The patient sits in a roomy area and breathes through a unit that takes various measurements, evaluating many aspects of lung function. The respiratory therapist is visible at all times and communications are accomplished through an intercom system. There is also a release button that the patient may push to open the door. Only one out of many respiratory function tests require the door to be shut and sealed for a short time. Most of the tests are done with the door open. To schedule an appointment for pulmonary function testing, please call 419-399-1133.

The third piece of new equipment is the radiology department's ultrasound unit. Many advancements are being made in ultrasound technology which allow this unit to show greatly enhanced images. The radiologists and technologists appreciate the high detail of the images produced. The new unit contains Scan Assistant software which often can make the ultrasound study quicker, which means less time on the exam table. Even the ultrasound exam table has been improved, with softer surfaces for patient comfort. A feature that will be added in the near future allows the technologist to bring up images from other radiologic studies on the computer screen with the ultrasound images, which will assist in comparison studies and allow for greater diagnostic accuracy. To schedule an appointment for an ultrasound or any radiologic procedure call 419-399-1131.

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Dinner Theatre - "Caught in the Net"

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The hilarious comedy, "Caught in the Net" will perform February 26 and 27, and March 5 and 6 at the Huber Opera House in Hicksville, Ohio under the direction of CCBanks Productions. The dinner that will be served prior to the show at 7:00 will be catered by Grant's of Ant-

werp with the show following at 8:00.

Cast is as follows - Top - Dustin Manson, Brian Shetterly, Michael Blaugher. Lower - Rachel Banks, Julie Hall, Shad Igney, Crystal Banks. Dinner tickets are pre-sale only, so call now for best seats!

ODOT READY FOR MORE WINTER WEATHER

Despite the Groundhog Day prediction by Buckeye Chuck that spring is on its way, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) stands ready for whatever winter weather may still come this season.

Across the state, ODOT crews have used approximately 348,000 tons of salt to keep the state's highways and bridges safe and passable this winter—and have more than 462,000 tons of salt stockpiled, if needed. On average, ODOT uses about 700,000 tons of salt annually.

Combining labor and material costs, ODOT has invested roughly \$40.3 million in combating ice and snow so far this season.

Buckeye Chuck—Ohio's equivalent to Punxsutawney Phil—did not see his shadow in the city of Marion today which, according to legend, means it will be a shorter winter. Punxsutawney Phil, however, did see his shadow.

accurate forecast of potential winter conditions are turning to ODOT's online tools. BuckeyeTraffic.org—the state's premier map-based website for road conditions, delays, and live traffic cameras—has seen more than 34 million hits this season.

In addition, ODOT has nearly 4,700 "followers" of its free Twitter updates in Akron, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, and Toledo, allowing drivers to check on their routes before they get behind the wheel.

Since mid-December, ODOT has been using Twitter to send out traffic tweets—short, bite-sized updates—when icy or snowy conditions impact travel on interstates and major highways or when a winter-related accident causes major traffic delays.

Drivers can subscribe to ODOT's tweets by logging on to www.BuckeyeTraffic.org/twitter.

If Buckeye Chuck is right about the arrival of warmer weather, his forecast could mean an early start on ODOT's historic construc-

tion season.

This year, ODOT will deliver the largest construction program in Ohio history—30 percent larger than at any other time. Combining federal stimulus funding and ODOT's dedicated federal and state gas tax dollars, the department is investing more than \$4 billion into capital and construction projects over the next two state fiscal years.

ANTWERP ALLEYS WEEKLY HONOR SCORES WEEK OF 2/5/10

Men High Games

1. Jeff Lucas 241
2. Ray DeLong 230
3. Kevin Taylor 218
4. David Koscher 210
5. Craig Womack 207
6. Phil Bauer 200
7. Matt Hunt 197
8. Chad Geyer 194
9. Robert Johnson 188
10. Kris Reinhart 185

Men High Series

1. Ray DeLong 644
2. Jeff Lucas 643
3. Chad Geyer 561
4. Kevin Taylor 542
5. Phil Bauer 539
6. Matt Hunt 531
7. Craig Womack 529
8. Robert Johnson 515
9. Kris Reinhart 513
10. Chris Jones 507

Women High Game

1. Marie Bauer 192
2. Stacy Hopkins 191
3. Kendra Eaken 189
4. Sherry Reinhart 188
5. Sheila Basset 182
6. Nikki Phares 181
7. Paula Lichty 179
8. Lisa Syndram 179
9. Pat Friend 178
10. Deb Lucas

Women High Series

1. Sherry Reinhart 515
2. Marie Bauer 514
3. Marilyn Provines 495
4. Lisa Syndram 488
5. Sheila Basset 486
6. Leslie Hughes 473
7. Kendra Eaken 470
8. Paula Lichty 467
9. Carol Kortokrax 451
10. Deb Lucas 451

Youth Boys High Game

1. Kaleb O'Donnell 196
2. Matt Reinhart 120
3. Edward Reinhart 117

Youth Boys High Series

1. Kaleb O'Donnell 474
2. Matt Reinhart 338
3. Derek Langmeyer 324

Youth Girls High Game

1. Avrial Sawyer 156
2. Skylar Howell 153
3. Connor Howell 91

Youth Girls High Series

1. Avrial Sawyer 454
2. Skylar Howell 369
3. Connor Howell 263

SENATE WORKS TO PROMOTE GREATER EFFICIENCY IN STATE GOVERNMENT

Capitol Letters Weekly Column by: Senator Steve Buehrer

When Ohioans send their hard-earned tax dollars to Columbus, they rightly expect state government to use these resources in the most efficient and effective way possible. This past week, the Ohio Senate approved legislation that works to bring Ohio closer to this goal and create an environment in our state where government doesn't stand in the way of businesses' ability to grow, invest and create jobs.

Senate Bill 4, which I co-sponsored, would require the Auditor of State to conduct performance audits of several state agencies, including the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, the Ohio

Paulding County's Students of the Month

JANUARY 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!



Mesa Pracht has been selected as Paulding High School's January Student of the Month.

Mesa's favorite part of high school is all the opportunities there are to become involved. She begins her second year of softball soon, and has played two years of varsity volleyball. She is also beginning her third year of club volleyball and enjoys choir too. A new experience for her this year is being part of the engineering team!

Mesa attends church at Trinity Friends Church in Van Wert, and is involved in the FCA bible study at school. Currently she is considering post-secondary for next year.

In her free time, Mesa enjoys creating art and reading.

Great Job Mesa!

Alena Denny is a first grade student in Mrs. Miller's class at Wayne Trace Grover Hill Elementary and has been selected as the January Student of the Month.

Alena is such a hard worker. She takes her time and always turns in her absolute best work. She is also working very hard on her reading. Whenever she has any down time, she can be found reading a book. Alena is a wonderful student.

Keep up the hard work Alena!



January's Student of the Month is Scott Wenninger. Scott is a sixth grader at Wayne Trace Payne Elementary. He is the son of Randy and Joni Wenninger along with his two sisters and his brother. He has seven alpacas and a cat. Recently, Scott won the WT Payne Elementary spelling bee. It is always one of his goals to be on the honor roll. He plays Little League Football for WT Payne Elementary and basketball at the YMCA. At school he is involved in the Gifted Program, GATE, and plays trombone for the sixth grade band. Some of his hobbies include drawing, playing his guitar, and playing the piano.

Keep up the good work Scott!



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WE ASKED THE STUDENTS TO KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

Department of Natural Resources, the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation, the Ohio Department of Health and the Ohio Department of Agriculture, to improve operations in these departments and eliminate burdensome rules and regulations that are impediments to economic development in our state. In addition, the bill requires the Auditor to create a schedule for periodic performance audits of all other major state agencies.

By helping to make state government more efficient, SB 4 also has the potential to save Ohio taxpayers millions of dollars every year. In 2005, voters in the state of Washington passed an initiative granting their auditor the authority to conduct performance audits of state government agencies. Since then, the state has invested \$11 million to pay for audits that have identified \$300 million in savings for taxpayers.

Further, during testimony on SB 4 in the Senate State & Local Government & Veterans' Affairs Committee, representatives from the Ohio Society of Certified Public Accountants estimated that our state could save \$24 for every dollar we spend on performance audits. The group also urged support for performance audits as part of a series of budget recommendations this past year.

My colleagues and I in the Senate have repeatedly voiced strong concerns about the stability of Ohio's budget in future years, and we have called for the Legislature

and the Governor to act now to significantly reduce state government spending. We are expected to face a \$4 to \$8 billion structural deficit when it comes time to draft the next state budget bill in 2011. Implementing regular performance audits of state agencies would be an effective first step in this effort, while helping to make Ohio a friendlier and more competitive place to do business. However, regardless of the state's budget situation, it is simply the right thing to do for Ohio taxpayers.

I will work in the coming weeks to make the case for SB 4 in the Ohio House, as I continue to look for responsible ways to reduce the size of state government, improve our economy and put Ohio-

ans back to work.

For more information on SB 4, please visit the Ohio General Assembly's website at www.legislature.state.oh.us.

I encourage you to contact me with any questions, thoughts or concerns, or if you need assistance working with a state government agency. You can write me, Senator Steve Buehrer, Ohio Senate, Statehouse, Columbus, Ohio, 43215, or contact me by phone at (614) 466-8150. I can also be reached by email at SD01@senate.state.oh.us. In addition, for more information about my work in the Ohio Senate, please visit my page on the new Senate website at www.ohiosenate.gov/steve-buehrer.

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100TH DAY OF SCHOOL CELEBRATED AROUND THE COUNTY



The WT Payne Elementary students celebrated the 100th day of school on February 2, 2010. To commemorate this day, students wore their 100 point Accelerated Reader t-shirts. Over half done now!



K-B Super Kids are 100 days smarter! The K-B Super Kids of Oakwood Elementary celebrated the 100th day of school. They celebrated 100 all day long with many fun activities.

SYLVAN LEARNING OF DEFIANCE DONATES TO HAITI EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

The Sylvan Learning in Defiance has joined in the worldwide effort to raise money for victims of the devastating January 12 earthquake in Haiti. Kicking off today, and continuing through March 31st, the neighborhood Sylvan center will lead its students in a "Tokens of Caring" fundraiser.

In Sylvan's "Tokens of Caring" fundraiser, local students are donating the "tokens" they have earned in recognition of their hard

work and good effort in Sylvan Learning's educational programs. Typically, Sylvan Learning students redeem tokens at the center for small prizes, but, in the "Tokens of Caring" fundraiser, children will instead donate them to the Haiti earthquake relief effort. The Sylvan Learning of Defiance will assign a monetary value to each token, and the Sylvan center will then donate the total (equivalent) dollar value of all tokens contributed through March 31st to the American Red Cross.

"Our hearts go out to the citizens of Haiti and all of the families affected," said Jami

Sullivan, Center Director of the Sylvan Learning located in Defiance. "We want to help the people of Haiti, and so do our Defiance-area students. We are proud that our Sylvan students care about their fellow children in Haiti and want to make a lasting positive impact. By mobilizing our 55 local students, and joining forces with Sylvan students in our more than 900 centers throughout the U.S. and Canada, we hope to assist Haitian students and provide needed relief to their families, while teaching our local children the importance of compassion and volunteerism."

On January 12 and again on January 20, Haiti, the Western Hemisphere's poorest nation, experienced a 7.0 magnitude earthquake and aftershock, killing what officials fear may be as many as 200,000 people and virtually destroying Port-au-Prince, its capital. International relief agencies and many of the world's nations have joined forces to provide aid for Haiti's massive humanitarian crisis. Aid is needed for ongoing search and rescue efforts, but is equally critical for rebuilding efforts and sustained care for quake survivors. The United Nations has estimated that approximately three million quake survivors are in need of food, water, shelter and medical assistance.

For additional information concerning Sylvan Learning of Defiance's "Tokens of Caring" program, visit www.educate.com or call 419-782-8100.

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR 2/10 THROUGH 2/16

Breakfast:
All days - Cereal, crackers, juice, milk
Lunch:
2/10 - Meatball sub or Hot turkey sandwich, baked beans, cake w/blueberries, milk; PLUS: salad bar or "KFC" bowl
2/11 - Chicken fajita or Salisbury steak on bun, corn, peaches, milk; PLUS: salad bar or deviled eggs
2/12 - Chili cheese wrap or Ham salad sandwich, carrots w/dip, pineapple, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cook's choice
2/15 - No school, Presidents' Day
2/16 - Rodeo Round Up: Chicken nuggets or Brats on bun, french fries, strawberries, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cottage cheese cup

PEVS BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 2/10 THROUGH 2/16

MS/HS - Breakfast:
2/10 - Sausage, egg & cheese muffin, juice, milk
2/11 - Waffles, sausage links, juice, milk
2/12 - No school
2/15 - No school, Presidents' Day
2/16 - Sausage biscuit, tator tots, juice, milk
MS/HS - Lunch:
2/10 - Taco salad or Ham & cheese stromboli, baby carrots w/dip, assorted fruit, milk
2/11 - Chili soup, cheese breadstick, assorted fruit, milk
2/12 - No school
2/15 - No school, Presidents' Day
2/16 - Southwest salad, tortilla chips/salsa, assorted fruit, milk
Paulding Elementary - Breakfast:
2/10 - Cereal bar, graham crackers, juice, milk
2/11 - Muffin, applesauce, milk
2/12 - No school
2/15 - No school, Presidents' Day
2/16 - Pancake wrap, juice, milk
Paulding Elementary - Lunch:
2/10 - Chicken strips, whipped potatoes/gravy, bread, assorted fruit, milk
2/11 - Ravioli, peas, bread, assorted fruit, milk
2/12 - No school
2/15 - No school, Presidents' Day
2/16 - Sloppy joe scoops, tator tots, G-force bar, assorted fruit, milk
Oakwood Elementary - Breakfast:
2/10 - Assorted cereals, crackers, fruit, milk
2/11 - Breakfast burrito, fruit, milk
2/12 - No school
2/15 - No school, Presidents' Day
2/16 - Rainbow yogurt, crackers, fruit, milk
Oakwood Elementary - Lunch:
2/10 - Chili soup w/crackers, bread, fruit, milk
2/11 - Cheese pizza, green beans, fruit choice, milk
2/12 - No school
2/15 - No school, Presidents' Day
2/16 - Chicken fajita, carrots w/dip, doritos, fruit, milk

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS FOR THE WEEK OF 2/10 THROUGH 2/16

Breakfast:
2/10 - Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk
2/11 - Egg/cheese omelet, toast/jelly, juice, milk
2/12 - Waffles, sausage, juice, milk
2/15 - No school, Presidents' Day
2/16 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, juice, milk
Lunch:
2/10 - Walking taco, meat/cheese/lettuce/salsa/sour cream, corn, pineapple, milk
2/11 - Cheeseburger sandwich, fries, peaches, milk; WT: Cheeseburger or bacon cheeseburger
2/12 - Chicken nuggets, tator tots, fruited jello, valentine cookie, milk
2/15 - No school, Presidents' Day
2/16 - Nacho chips/meat/cheese, corn, pears, milk

HELPING HANDS MONTHLY CLUB AT COOPER COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The Helping Hands, knitting and crocheting club, meet every 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Cooper Community Library, branch of Paulding County Carnegie Library. The group works on hats for cancer patients and other projects. Everyone is welcome to come and join the group. For more information contact the library at 419-594-3337.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 1/13/10

This 13th day of January, 2010, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

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

Meeting Notes of Appointment:

Marsh Yuetter, Senior Center - Ms. Yuetter met with the Commissioners to discuss procedure for travel requests. She will be working with the Auditor's Office to learn procedure for purchase order and voucher completion. She reported hiring two new employees at the Senior Center.

Judge Tiffany Beckman, County Court - Judge Beckman discussed snow removal issues. She also reported she will be attending the Winter Judges' Conference. Judge Beckman stated both county and municipal judges attend this meeting. She finds it very informative. Judge Beckman also reported several new State Highway Patrol troopers have been hired.

Lou Ann Wannemacher, Paulding County Treasurer - Ms. Wannemacher met with the Commissioners for her monthly investment report. She reported \$7,914,330.37 is currently invested for the county. Investments are mostly CDs and CDARs with a variety of banking institutions. Ms. Wannemacher also presented a year to date cash report on real estate tax collection. She reported several residents are paying the entire year.

Tony Langham, Paulding County Economical Development (PCED) - Mr. Langham met with the Commissioner for PCED's quarterly update. He thanked the Commissioners for their cooperation in relocating the United Way office to the Marshall Memorial/Paulding Area Foundation building. He reports the United Way director has received a grant from the United Way of America to fund a three-day training in Dallas, Texas. Mr. Langham also reported application has been made for the railroad grant. Award results will be announced in February. Mr. Langham then updated the Commissioners on the status of the wind energy companies. He reported PCED office is working on the EZ, CRA, and RLF annual reports, which are due March 31, 2010.

Jim Harris, Otto Nicely, Defiance County Commissioners; Lee Sonnenberg, USDA, Rural Development; Mike Winans, Auglaize River Sewer Project Manager; Laura Howell, Defiance County Administrator; Sherry Carnahan, Defiance County Commissioners' Deputy Clerk; and Ms. Grant - Update on Auglaize River Sewer Project. The Defiance County Commissioners report they are ready to bid Phase 1, which is the lagoon. Ads will be placed in the Crescent News on January 18, 21, and February 1, with the bid opening scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on February 11, 2010. Lee Sonnenberg explained the financing arrangements for Paulding County's responsibility for Phase 1.

DON'T CROWD THE PLOW: ODOT SAYS: GIVE SNOW-PLOWS ROOM

ODOT's safety experts continue to see a number of crashes involving motorists striking state snowplows, often hitting the snowplow from behind. Across the state this winter season, there have been 49 crashes with ODOT snowplows, including four fatalities.

Motorists are urged to give snowplows room to work.

Snowplows make sudden stops and travel much slower than posted speeds, especially as they approach bridges and overpasses. Snowplows spread deicing materials, which may distract drivers following too closely.

Snowplows often create clouds as they clear roads and shoulders. These snow clouds can reduce driver's ability to see.

The best advice: Ice and Snow... Take it Slow.

With Ohio's winter weather changing mile-by-mile and minute-to-minute, it is even more important to Know Before You Go.

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In less than two months since the initiation of the six ODOT Twitter accounts, nearly 4,700 followers have signed up to know before they go.

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PAULDING BEATS FAIRVIEW AT HOME!



The Lady Panthers took on Fairview at home Tuesday, February 2, and won 58-41 in a decisive victory from the beginning. Shown here is senior Alicia Carnahan going around the defense and scoring for Paulding. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



It was a great week for Paulding—the Panther boys won against the Lancers Friday, February 5th at home 49-41. The boys have really pulled together as a team during this season, playing very competitively. Shown here is junior Grant Harder attempting a shot. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

ACAC RECOGNIZES 3 OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUALS

By: Jeff Abbott

The ACAC conference recognized 3 outstanding individuals for their leadership and guidance to their schools and the ACAC. Recognized for 2010 were:

Ed DeLong - Woodlan. Ed graduated from Harlan High School, did his undergraduate work at Franklin College, and received his master's degree from Purdue University. He retired after 39 years in education. He served as assistant football coach under Leland Etzler for 35 years. Ed served as head coach for the Woodlan girls' basketball program for 13 years and served 8 years as head coach for the Woodlan track program.

Mike Hey - Leo. Mike graduated from Columbia City High School and Taylor University with a degree in education. He received his master's degree from St. Francis. Mike retired after 38 years in education. He was head coach for 26 years of the Leo girls' basketball program and spent 20 years as the head coach of the baseball program. Mike is currently coaching middle school basketball at Leo.

Kim Lobsiger - Garrett. Kim graduated from Belmont High School, received his bachelor's degree from Manchester College, and his master's degree from Indiana University. He retired after 33 years in education in 2009 and was principal of Garrett High School for 14 years.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS & GIRLS BASKETBALL SCORES

February 2: boys - Leipsic 65, Wayne Trace 54; JV - Leipsic 60, Wayne Trace 48

February 4: girls - Wayne Trace 52, Edgerton 48 (OT); girls - Paulding 50, Lincolnview 31

February 5: boys - Edgerton 49, Wayne Trace 46

LADY WARRIORS PREVAIL AGAINST SOUTHERN WELLS

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan overcame a 4-point first quarter deficit to take a 5-point halftime lead and then held on in the second half as Southern Wells tried to comeback, but the Warriors prevailed for a 69-65 win in ACAC girls basketball. Ashley Wiedemann had 24 points in the win for Woodlan.

Score by the quarter:
Southern Wells - 19 17 8 21=65

Woodlan - 15 26 8 20=69
Top scorers:
Southern Wells - Carter 25, Perry 21, Preston 11, Herr 5, Banter 3

Woodlan - Wiedemann 24, Ehle 14, Keller 12, Carver 11, Yoder 4, Numbers 4

CLASS 2A - SECTIONAL 38 WOODLAN HIGH SCHOOL

Game 1 - Adams Central vs Bluffton, Tuesday, February 9, 7:00 p.m.

Game 2 - Woodlan vs Bishop Luers, Friday, February 12, 6:00 p.m.

Game 3 - South Adams vs Adams Central/Bluffton winner, Friday, February 12, 7:30 p.m.

Game 4 - Championship Game, Saturday, February 13, 7:30 p.m.

LADY ARCHERS LAND ON LADY PILOTS

On February 4, the Antwerp Lady Archers invaded Pilot territory to challenge the Lady Ayersville team in HS basketball. The Lady Archers dominated the court for the duration of the game, taking home a victory: 42-27.

Score by the quarter:
Ayersville - 2 9 8 8=27
Antwerp - 6 15 10 11=42
Archer top scorers:
Reinhart - 2, Jones 6, Bashore 10, Arnold 6, Smalley 2

LADY KNIGHTS TAKE OUT LADY ARCHERS

The Antwerp Lady Archers played host to the Crestview Lady Knights on 2/2/10. Crestview kept just ahead of Antwerp throughout the evening, giving a win to the Lady Knights to take home: 38-31.

Score by the quarter:
Crestview - 11 9 7 11=38
Antwerp - 4 2 12 13=31
Archer top scorers:
A Wetli 5, Jones 11, Bashore 2, Arnold 6, Smalley 2, Stuck 5

HAWKS SOARED TO A WIN OVER WARRIORS

By: Jeff Abbott

It took a while to get off the ground, but once the Hawks took off they soared to a 58-29 win over Woodlan in boys' basketball. Woodlan scored the first 12 points of the game and led 17-8 after the first quarter. Brock Hines had 3 three-pointers in the opening quarter for the Warriors. Harding started their comeback, outscoring Woodlan 13-7 in the second period to trim the Woodlan lead to 24-21 at the half. The Warriors came out of the halftime break and scored 3 points to boost their lead to 6 at 27-24 early in the period. Harding outscored the home team the rest of the way 37-2 including a 23-0 run on the Warriors. La'Mondre Warren led the Hawks with 18 points and Brock Hines had 12 points for Woodlan

Score by the quarter:
Harding - 8 13 15 22=58
Woodlan - 17 7 3 3=29

Top scorers:
Harding - Warren 18, Smith 14, Stevenson 7, Lymon 5, Fields 4, Beachem 4, Kimbrough 2, Milligan 2

Woodlan - Hines 12, Romines 6, Mumma 6, Bell 2, Brames 2, Stites 1

Harding held to get a 37-32 win over Woodlan in the reserve game. Alex Emehiser had 12 points for the Warriors.

WOODLAN PICKS UP 4TH AT NEW HAVEN WRESTLING SECTIONAL

By: Jeff Abbott

Homestead picked up the team title at the New Haven Wrestling Sectional by a half a point over New Haven. Heritage picked up third and Woodlan fourth in the ten team field. The Spartans had 3 individual champions and send 9 to regional and the Bulldogs had 3 individual champions and placed 10 in regionals. Woodlan had an individual champion at 135 with Cody Zink and Alex Brenneke was runner-up at 160. The Warriors also placed regional qualifiers at 145 (Normand), 171 (Salmon), and 189 (Gessner)



It was a fantastic night for the Warriors. The boys took on South Adams Starfires at home Saturday, February 6 and won their second game 69-62. Shown here is junior James Brames getting fouled during a shot attempt. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



It was windy & cold outside Friday night, but the Archers burned up the court inside against Ayersville. Antwerp won 50-39 in a close game until the last two minutes. The Archers are now 13-2 for the season. Shown here is Antwerp's senior TJ Short scoring. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

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WT JR/SR HIGH ANNOUNCES JANUARY STUDENTS & TEACHER OF THE MONTH



Wayne Trace Jr/Sr High School recently announced their January "Students of The Month". Front Row: Krystal Jones, Lindsay Matthews, Ashley Goeltzenleuchter, Matthew Klopfenstein and Shane Stahl.

Middle Row: Rebecca Hamrick, Angel Jones, Kristen Raab, Erin Jewell, Denver Burkley, Megan Pierce, Kari Myers, and Leah Sin.

Back Row: Corbin Linder, Erika Langmeyer, Joe Sponsor, Austin Ream, Jesse

Oliver, Joe Grant, and Reuben Stoller. Rebecca Ankney was absent at time of photo.

These students were treated to pizza and pop for lunch.

WAYNE TRACE JR HIGH WINS GMC

The Wayne Trace Jr. High wrestling team ended their season this past Saturday by capturing the GMC championship title, and crowning four individual conference champions during the conference meet held at Edgerton.

Not only did the young Raiders win the conference title, but they also finished their season with an undefeated dual meet record. Adding to their accomplishments, earlier in the season they were crowned the Ayersville Jr. High Invitational champion team. It was a very close and hard fought battle in the race to the top. After each and every round of wrestling action, the Raiders always seemed to just fall short behind the Ayersville squad by only a point or two. But going into the final round the Raiders were trailing behind Ayersville by 11 pts. It was then that the boys from Wayne Trace put on the heat. As they went to the mats for a final round they were bringing in the big pin wins and racking up the much needed points for their team. When it was all over and the final points tallied, the Raiders had captured the conference title by a very close team score over Ayersville 147-146.

The individual conference champions for Wayne Trace were: 80# Dustin Taylor, 104# Aaron Miller, 110# Jacob Dingus and 122# Tyler Showalter. Placing second were 86# Zaine Cotterman, 116# Zach Wesley, 160# James Schlegel, and 172# Justin Pierce. Placing third were 92# Matt Baxter, 98# Cassidy Hilkey, 134# Grant Gillett and 245# Issac Ludwig.

Team places were: Wayne Trace 147, Ayersville 146, Tinora 117, Hicksville 96, Edgerton 44, Antwerp 43, and Fairview 17.

"This is the first time that any Wayne Trace Jr. High wrestling team has gone undefeated for the season and won a conference title," commented coach Dennis Stabler. "When these kids came here today they had only one goal," he continued, "that was to win the conference title. They certainly accomplished that. This is a very good bunch of kids, there are some who have quite a lot of wrestling experience, from being in the Club and a few who are new to the sport. It was truly a team effort from all of them that made this happen for us. I am so very proud of them all."

WOODBURN LUTHERAN SCHOOL ANNOUNCES HONOR ROLL RECIPIENTS

The following students received a token of acknowledgement for their hard work and dedication to academic achievement in the 2nd Quarter.

High Honors (9.0+ GPA, nothing below a B):

Brynn Phillips, Connor Knoblauch, Jacob Gerbers, Jacob Gentz, Cody Osborn, Nicole Osborn, Jordan Wells, Caroline Meyer and Torie Moore

Honor Roll (8.0+ GPA, nothing below a C):

Dawson Knapp, Isaac Meyer, Mitchell Warnock, Cole Osborn and Noah Strebig

Improved GPA:

Jacob Gerbers, Brynn Phillips, Connor Knoblauch, Cody Bratten, Cameron Christen, Mitchell Warnock, Nicole Osborn, Cole Osborn, Stormi Burke, Emily Miller and Noah Strebig

WAYNE TRACE WRESTLING CLUB PLACE 10 WRESTLERS AT PATRICK HENRY INVITATIONAL

Placing 1st - Hunter Showalter

Placing 2nd - Gage Tinlin, Steve Torman, Caleb Schultz, and James Coyne

Placing 3rd - Brandon Bidlack, Worth Clark and Eathan Letso

Placing 4th - Nate Showalter and Aaron Canfield

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL TO HOLD KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Antwerp Elementary is now scheduling appointments for its Kindergarten Registration and Screening which will be held on March 25 and 26. Antwerp now offers all-day, every-day kindergarten. If your child will be five years old before August 1, 2010, please call the elementary office at 419-258-5421, ext. 2200, between 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. to schedule your appointment. According to state law, all children must complete kindergarten before entering first grade. Please call today to schedule your appointment.

WAYNE TRACE WRESTLING CLUB QUALIFIES FOUR FOR ELEMENTARY STATE!

This past Saturday six members of the Wayne Trace Wrestling Club competed in the Northwest District Tournament, held at Oregon High School near Toledo. At the end of the day four wrestlers from Wayne Trace stood on the podium in one of the top four spots, thus qualifying for the Elementary State Tournament to be held in Marion, Ohio on March 13th. Qualifying for the Raiders were Robbie Bowers 1st, Brandon Laney 2nd, Hunter Long 3rd, and Dylan Laney 4th.

PAYNE BALL ASSOCIATION'S HITTING/ALL SKILLS CLINIC

The Payne Ball Association will be hosting a hitting/all skills baseball clinic at Wayne Trace High School on Saturday, February 27. There will be two sessions: grades 4 and under, 9:00-11:00 a.m.; and grades 5 and up, 12:00-3:00 p.m.

The featured clinician will be Defiance High School head coach Tom Held along with Bulldog coaching staff and players. Mr. Held is one of the most respected high school baseball coaches in the state of Ohio and has won numerous league championships along with having successful tournament runs.

For any questions, please contact Mike Krouse at (419)263-1393 or Kevin Wannemacher at (419)263-0805 or email to payneball@verizon.net

WAYNE TRACE VARSITY WRESTLERS COMPETE IN TRI-MATCH

Wrestlers from Edgerton, Paulding and Wayne Trace met Thursday at Paulding High School, where the three teams all wrestled in a duals tri-match. Wayne Trace lost their first dual match to Edgerton by a team score of 45-25. The Raiders next match was against Paulding. Wayne Trace recorded a victory over the Panthers by a very close score of 36-34. This was the second time this season the Raiders won a dual match over Paulding. Earlier in the season, Wayne Trace also

defeated Edgerton in a dual match.

The top Raider wrestler of the meet was Zach Cotterman. Zach, who wrestled in the 135# class, had a hard fought battle against his opponent from Edgerton. With only 6 sec. remaining in the third and final round the score was tied at 4-4. Zach scored a 2-point takedown with a 2-point near fall, winning his match 8-4 and awarding his team the match points.

Coach George Clemens III commented, "We looked very sluggish tonight." He continued, "We still have some of our kids that are not wrestling to their full potential because they are still battling their injuries. Here tonight we had to injury default one of our better wrestlers. 171# Aaron Harris, was winning his match when his nose was severely broken, and he had to be taken to the hospital. We also have quite a young team, with some wrestlers who are new to this sport. But each time they go to the mat I see improvement from them. From here on the season really begins to get tougher, with the GMC's and Sectionals just ahead I hope they can all get healed and we can be a team to be contended with."



Wayne Trace Jr/Sr High School recently announced Jim Linder as its January "Teacher of The Month". Students Katie Lantow and Leah

Sinn are shown presenting Mr. Linder with his award. Mr. Linder received a \$25 Gas Card as part of the award.

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WOODBURN ELEMENTARY GEOGRAPHY BEE NEWS



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included the two students scoring the most points in the Final round, 6th graders Mike Singer and Lindsey Charlie. In what country do members of the Han ethnic group make up the majority of the population in every province and region except Tibet and Xinjiang? Lindsey Charlie answered the correct answer, China, becoming the 2010 Geography Bee Champion at Woodburn Elementary School. Congratulations to all of the contestants, runner-up Mike Singer, and Champion Lindsey Charlie on an exciting Geography Bee.

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Currently the Bureau is hiring clerks, administrative assistants, office operations supervisors and recruiting assistants.

"We are recruiting for all our positions, which includes enumerators, crew leaders, crew leader assistants and field operations supervisors," said Bill Fuller, recruiter for Detroit Regional Census Center. "Each office will hire between 800 and 1,000 employees between now and June 2010 (75-80 from Paulding County). We are looking to recruit 119,039 Ohioans for testing.

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To review the 2009 Financial Reports, please schedule an appointment with Carlene Turner, Clerk-Treasurer by calling 419-399-3166

—Carlene Turner, Clerk Treasurer, Village of Cecil

LEGAL NOTICE

"Village of Cecil, Resolution No. 09-10. A Resolution to establish a supplemental appropriation and increased revenue to Fund 3901 (Debt Service) for the purpose of a New Heating System for the Firehouse Bays and Declaring the same to be an Emergency."

"Village of Cecil, Resolution 09-11. A Resolution to establish a supplemental appropriation for the purpose of meeting the loan payment to Ohio Water Authority and declaring the same to be an emergency."

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Anytime might be the right time to bump into Jenny Zuber at Los Gallitos in Paulding. Jenny is the mother of Brant and is married to Brant Zuber. Her children Lucas 13, Kayla 12, Makayla 11, and Braden 9 all enjoy coming in to eat and each has their individual favorites. When asked, Jenny replies that the "new" fajita quesadilla is her favorite dish. she prefers steak, but it's also available in chicken and shrimp. Jenny has been with the Los Gallitos family for several months now and has enjoyed getting to know the customers. Jenny highly regards the regulars that frequent for breakfast and working the busy lunch and dinner shifts.

When asked her least favorite thing to do, Jenny replies that cleaning the chip

warmer would top the list. Only because she makes a bigger mess, she replied laughing.

Jenny appreciates her job and all the staff at Los Gallitos because they're like a family away from her own. When not at work, Jenny likes spending time with her kids and also watching Lady Raider basketball and softball.

New dishes and specials are being added to the Los Gallitos menu all the time. If you have the "been there, done that" attitude, a trip in soon may just change your mind!

V.E.T.S. LISTING OF OUR ANCESTORS

Now we start to look at our ancestors from our village. If anyone has additions or corrections please let us know.

WAR OF 1812 - James Hall, Robert Allen Rogers, Thomas Wentworth

SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR - Frank L Bernardin, Samuel Boylan, Edwin Cline, Victor Cromley, John W Curtis, James F Cussen, Thomas J Cussen, Jerry Doda, Morton Douglas, Oscar M Dreibelbiss, Alva G Glassmire, Henry S Helsel, Louis W Jaderstrom, Bert J Kauffman, Clyde E Kauffman, Edward D Kerns, Adam H Kline, John H McCalla, Lionel D McCreery, John H Mooney, Charles O Munson, Roy Oswalt, Charles E Shriver, Wesley C Shuler, Ernest D Traxler, Harmon S Van Horn, James E Wilson, William Wilson, Wallace Woodcox, Bert A Zeigler

Please keep in mind we have a March 31st deadline for names and documentation. We are still getting quite a few in so you still have time.

"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT:" SOPHOMORES VISIT VANTAGE!



Hayleigh, Sabrina and Kylie, Antwerp sophomores, learn some new skills in the Vantage Health Technology lab on Sophomore Visitation Day.



Angelo Manella, an Antwerp sophomore, listens carefully as Nick Gordon, a Wayne Trace senior in the Vantage Precision Machining program, explains how to work the mill during Sophomore Visitation Day.

Nearly 700 sophomores from the participating home schools spent two hours at Vantage Career Center for "Sophomore Visitation Day" on Tuesday February 2, 2010. Each sophomore had the opportunity to investigate and explore two different career technical programs of interest to them. During each one-hour visit, there were hands-on activities, demonstrations and presentations prepared especially for the sophomores. Current Vantage students were available to talk to the 10th graders, answer any questions they had and tell them what it's really like to take career-technical classes. This was a terrific opportunity for the sophomores to think about the different career fields available to them.

Below are a few frequently asked questions - and answers - about coming to high school at Vantage.

Q: Can I go to college after Vantage?

A: About 42% of Vantage graduates continue their education immediately after high school graduation at a two or four year college. Students are urged to check with their guidance counselor to be sure that all requirements are met.

Q: Can I participate in home school sports and activities?

A: YES! Students are encouraged to stay involved in extracurricular activities at their home school, such as sports, drama, etc. Vantage has very active student organizations - BPA (Business Professionals of America), FFA, FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America), and SkillsUSA, along with the Rotary Interact Club and Student Ambassadors.

Q: What is the tuition to attend Vantage?

A: Vantage Career Center is a public high school, open to 11th and 12th graders in the participating school districts. There is NO tuition to attend Vantage. Each program has a fee, which cover the cost of tools, supplies, equipment, and one full uniform.

Q: When are applications due at Vantage?

A: Sophomore and junior students who are considering attending Vantage should be sure to check with their home school counselors for the Vantage enrollment deadline. Applications are due at Vantage on March 24, 2010. Students may continue to enroll throughout the spring and summer, however, first choice programs may already be filled.

Vantage Career Center offers 17 different career-technical programs to choose from. If you have any questions, please talk to your home school counselor or call Student Services at Vantage at 1-800-686-3944 ext. 140.

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VILLAGE OF ANTWERP COUNCIL MEETING FOR 1/25/10

The regular meeting of the Village of Antwerp Council was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Ray Delong. Council Persons present: Mike Rohrs, Larry Ryan, Karen Lee and Rudie Reeb. Also attending the meeting: Fiscal Officer Loretta Baker, Solicitor Melanie Farr, Administrator Sara Keeran and Police Chief George Clemens. Visitor: Pat Smith

**Mayor Delong asked for nominees for 2010 Council President. Motion made by Lee and seconded by Rohrs to nominate Jan Reeb as Council President. All approved

**Motion made by Rohrs, seconded by Ryan to excuse Council member Derck and Reeb from this meeting. All accepted.

**Baker read a letter from Coni Gaisford who was unable to attend the Council Meeting. Coni Gaisford expressed her gratitude to Council for lowering the speed limit on West River Street to a much safer speed.

**Pat Smith asked about the city tax and asked why some residents are not paying. Keeran explained that CCA has an agreement with the IRS. The IRS is to provide to CCA all names of residents who file a tax. CCA is then able to go after those who are not paying the city tax. Pat Smith also asked about renters in the Village. Smith felt it is a duty of the landowner to tell the renter about the city tax. Keeran explained that when the renter comes into her office to pay the water bill they are given the CCA Tax Forms. Notices are also placed in the local newspaper to notify residents of our city tax.

Fiscal Officer Report: Due to the fact only four members were present, Ordinances by Emergency were unable to pass. The following Ordinances were given a 1st reading.

Ordinance 2010-02: An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer to enter into a contract with Crane Township for providing emergency medical service.

Ordinance 2010-03: An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer to enter into a contract with Harrison Township for providing emergency medical service.

Ordinance 2010-04: An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer to enter into a contract with Carryall Township for providing emergency medical service.

Ordinance 2010-05: An Ordinance authorizing the Village Fiscal Officer to transfer funds to the Police Fund in the amount of \$27,500.00

Ordinance 2010-06: An Ordinance approving, adopting and enacting American Legal Publishing's Ohio Basic Code, 2010 Edition, as the Code of Ordinances for the Municipality of Antwerp, OH.

Resolution 2010-01: A Resolution requesting the County Auditor to certify to the Village of Antwerp the total current tax valuation and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by 1 mill for a renewal levy for current expenses.

Administrator's Report-CCA will be in the Village Town Hall on Saturday March 27th from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. to answer any questions residents have on their tax forms. Ryan asked if this notice could be put up on the Village bulletin board.

**Rohrs asked if Keeran could provide a rough outline of the Village streets and their condition for Council to review for waterline replacement.

**Keeran stated a plan was needed to approach possible new business owners for their needs for water and sewer when they are outside the Village.

**Keeran stated Dollar General is looking at building in Antwerp possibly on the south end of town.

**Status of the washout at Oley's Addition was questioned. Keeran stated that All Purpose has been notified to go forward with their bid.

**Status of the Depot Grant was questioned. Keeran stated the Village needs access to the property on which the Depot is sitting. Marjorie Crutch who owns a portion of the property and ODOT need to find a time to resolve this issue.

Police Report - Chief Clemens reported there were 104 calls for service for December with 40 offenses.

EMS Report - A written report was provided by Randy Shaffer showing 24 total runs for December 15th through January 15th. A year end report was also provided showing a total of 185 runs for the year 2009. A written report from Darlene Merriman, EMS Billing Clerk, stating that \$39,519.73 was collected for the year 2009.

Committee Reports - 2010 committee member listing was reviewed for any changes needed. Solicitor Farr stated we need five members on the Planning Board/Zoning and one of them needs to be the Mayor. Mayor Ray Delong will be added to this committee.

New Business - A meeting with Harrison Township Trustees and the Safety Committee is to be held in the near future regarding the fire contract with Harrison Township and the Village for 2010. If Harrison Township does not sign the contract provided last year mutual aid will not be an option for them.

**Discussion held on Meeting time for February's regular Council Meeting. Third Monday is a holiday, President's Day and also need to meet after the farm bids come in on February 19th. Motion made by Rudie Reeb, seconded by Lee to set February meeting to February 22, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

Mayors' Report - Mayor's Court collected \$4,016.00 for the Village for the month of December. Total collected for the year was \$88,117 with \$74,321 for the Village.

**Mayor Delong gave a list of accomplishments for 2009 and goals for 2010.

**Village has been released from Fiscal Watch on September 29, 2009.

**Sidewalks completed on N. Main Street.

**Reduced speed limits on West River Street.

**West Daggett/Stone Street waterline replacement completed.

**Police Levy passed.

**Reduced interest rates on loans.

**Balanced budget in 2010 with all funds in the positive.

**In 2010 replace waterlines on old 24th funded by ODOT.

**Demolition of homes on Oswalt Street.

**W. Canal and Erie Waterline replacement.

**Two new Council members on board.

Motion made by Ryan and seconded by Rudie Reeb to adjourn the meeting. All accepted. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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