

ZEHNDER'S SNOWFEST AT FRANKENMUTH



Some area artists recently participated in the Zehnder's Snowfest in Frankenmuth, Michigan on January 27-30, 2010.

Team Ohio included Paulding High School art teacher, Sandy Dobbelaere, and daughter, Kinsey Dobbelaere, and niece, Megan Dobbelaere.

They used 10' x 10' blocks of snow. They were all carved with hand tools (no power tools).

Team Ohio, which was the ONLY all female team in the competition, won 1st place in the National Division as well as the People's Choice Award in that division.

PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION ANNOUNCES PETITIONERS FOR MAY PRIMARY

The following is a list of petitioners that have filed their petitions for the May 4, 2010, Primary Election in Paulding County. The Board of Elections certification meeting for these petitions was scheduled for February 23. Some petitioners on the list may already be certified and are candidates for the May ballot.

County Commissioner - (D) Edward Strahley; (R) Fred Pieper

County Auditor - (D) Matthew S. Kelly, (D) Susan K. Simpson; (R) Philip J. Recker

Judge of the Court of Common Pleas - (R) Joseph R. Burkard

Independent Candidates have until May 3rd at 4:00 p.m. (the day before the Primary) to file nominating petitions for the November 2nd General Election. These petitions will also be checked for validity and certification for candidates for the November 4th general election.

Questions and Issues for the May 4th Primary Election:

**Paulding County Board of Developmental Disabilities, renewal, 1 mill, 5 years, 2010-2014

**Paulding County Senior Center, renewal, .5 mill, 5 years, 2010-2014

**Antwerp Local School District, renewal, 0.75%, 5 years, 2011-2015

**Haviland Village, renewal, current expenses, 3 mills, 5 years, 2010-2014

PAULDING COUNTY AGRONOMY DAY 2010

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Agent

The annual Paulding County OSU Extension Agronomy Day Program is scheduled for Thursday, March 11th at the Paulding County Extension Center. Registration will begin at 8:00 am with introductions starting at 8:30 am. The program will focus on cover crops and mycotoxins in corn presented by Extension specialists and educators.

The program will open

with the introductions, recognition of sponsors and updates from the Soil and Water Conservation Office, Farm Service Agency and Natural Resources Conservation Service. The remainder of the morning program will focus on cover crops and how cover crops can be used in modern farming practices.

The first morning session will cover Soil Ecology And Nutrient Recycling by Jim Hoorman, Extension Educator specializing in cover crops. Alan Sundermeier, Co-Leader of the Sustainable Ag Team, will follow with his presentation on Selecting And Managing Cover Crops. The morning program will conclude with a farm panel discussing their experiences with cover crops.

After lunch, Dennis Mills, Program Specialist Plant Pathology, will discuss Gibberella Ear Rot And Mycotoxins In Corn. This disease is playing a major impact on corn quality and price received by growers. Ear rot is caused by one or more of several fungi capable of infecting, colonizing and damaging the ear and can produce mycotoxins that are harmful to animals.

A program registration fee will be collected

TIRED OF WINTER!



Paulding High School sculpture class recently created a snowman sign to say, "Good-bye" to winter! The class includes William Wilhelm, Caitlin Doster, Brock Goins,

Michael Bauer, Chaz Bullinger, Amanda Carlisle, David Highwarden, Liz Young, Austin Kincaid, Caryn Johnston, Kyle Godwin.

at the door. Please contact the OSU Extension office to pre-register at 419.399.8225 or email to lopshire.1@osu.edu. Lunch will be provided.

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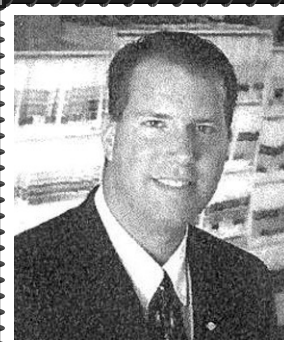
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OBITUARIES

Rev. Dale Bass, 76, of Payne, passed away, Saturday, February 13, 2010 at his residence.

Rev. Bass was born in Osborn, Ohio on September 6, 1933, a son of the late Amanda June (Sharp) and Martin VanBuren Bass.

He served in the U.S. Army as a Cpl in the Korean War and was a member of the NRA. He was a Pastor of the Church of the Nazarene.

On September 27, 1952 he married Donna Phelps, who passed away March 23, 2004.

He will be sadly missed by his daughters: Gale (Paul) Imboden of Payne and Ramona (Mark) Price of Antwerp; son, Thomas (Stacy) of Marion, IN; grandchildren: Adam, Karen, Benjamin, Christopher, Jasmine, Zechariah Sabrina, Gavin and Jilayne; five great-grandchildren; sisters: Kay of Payne, Jewel Kurtz of Van Wert, Faith Mansfield of Helena, Julene Crawford of Payne, Joy Gibson of Jackson, MI; brothers: Paul and Marty of Florida, and Warron of Hamden, OH.

Also preceding him in death are his daughter, Debra Jane; and granddaughter, Cynthia Dawn Imboden.

Services were held at the

Edgerton Wesleyan Church on Thursday, February 18, 2010. Arrangements by Dooley Funeral Home, Payne, Ohio. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Gracie Mae Cullipher Puckett, 80, of Aulander, NC died Friday, February 12, 2010 at her home. She was born September 20, 1929 in Bertie County to the late Walter Cullipher and Mattie Farless Cullipher. She was the wife of the late Johnnie Puckett.

She was a homemaker, a member of Colerain Baptist Church, she enjoyed dancing and bird watching.

A Celebration of Life Memorial service was held February 17, 2010 in the Ashley Memorial Chapel at Garrett-Jones Funeral Home in Ahoskie.

Left to cherish her memory are her children: Dan Puckett and his wife Rita of Fort Wayne, IN; Cynthia Barriga and her husband Charles of Aulander; brothers: Melvin Cullipher of Aulander and Hezzie Cullipher of Emporia, VA; sisters: Brenda Cullipher of Aulander and Linda Dearborn of Racine, WI; grandchildren: Bridget Puckett, Ryan Puckett and Alex Barriga.

Memorials may be made to University Hospice, PO Box 272, Ahoskie, NC, 27910.

Family and friends may send condolences and sign the online register at www.garrettjonesfh.com. Gar-

rett-Jones Funeral Home in Ahoskie is serving the Puckett family.



"GROWING THROUGH GRIEF" SEMINAR AT CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

A "Growing Through Grief" seminar, presented by Sherry Williams, will be held at Christ Lutheran Church in Woodburn on Saturday, March 20, 2010. The public is invited to attend this seminar without cost or obligation. Christ Lutheran Church is located at 4412 Park Street in Woodburn, IN. The seminar will begin with lunch at 11:30 a.m., followed by the presentation from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Reservations are requested by calling Dulanna Hoepfner at (260)632-5407 or e-mail to dulannahoepfner@verizon.net no later than March 10.

Mrs. Williams has an Associate Degree in nursing and a B.A. degree in Psychology. She is a nationally certified grief management specialist and has received advanced certification as a bereavement facilitator from the American Academy of Bereavement. She is certified by the Grief Recovery Institute as a Grief Recovery Specialist. Sherry has co-chaired the 1996 World Gathering on Bereavement and has served as an advisor for the 2001 World Gathering.

What makes Sherry's seminars so fulfilling is her style and delivery. She truly wants to help her audience overcome their grief. She delivers her message in a caring

and compassionate style. This is one reason why she is listed in 2000 American Notable Women for outstanding service to community, state, and nation.

In her program, "Growing Through Grief", Sherry will use a gardening theme. She will use the symbolism of the seasons to show how we need to nurture and take care of ourselves, and how we can grow through the process. She will help those grieving find a sense of acceptance and peace by using the effects of what has happened to grow and to understand that the whole grieving process is about LOVE.

Again, we extend an invitation to anyone who may be grieving. This seminar is being sponsored by Zwick and Jahn Funeral Homes located in Decatur and Monroeville. The Christ Lutheran Stephen Ministry Group will be hosting this event. If anyone would like further information, you may call one of the following Stephen Leaders:

Mike Lothamer, (260)632-5647; Joan Wells, (260)632-4538; Naomi Hoepfner, (260)632-5871; Dulanna Hoepfner (260)632-5407

Christ Lutheran Stephen Ministry Team

FAMILY FUN NIGHT AT RIVERSIDE FAMILY CENTER

Looking for something to do this Friday night? Join us for Family Fun Night, a free event which offers entertainment for the whole family! The evening will feature a Bouncing Castle for the kids, a family friendly movie, craft/games, and a build your own snack station.

Family Fun Night will be held at Riverside Family Center, located inside Riverside Christian Church (north of Antwerp SR 49) on Friday February 26th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. If you would like more information about Family Fun Night, contact Courtney at 419-506-1360. We hope to see you there!

ON THE HECTIC PACE OF LIFE

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

One individual captured the spirit of the times in which we live with this verse: "This is the age of the half-read page, the quick hash and the mad dash. This is the age of the sleepless night with the nerves tight, and the plane hop with a brief stop. This is the age of the lamp tan in a short span, the brain strain and the heart pain; the catnaps till the spring snaps... and the fun is done."

Is that a fairly accurate description of life during these times? We live in a hustle-bustle, hurry-up world where being "busy" is our badge of pride. For some strange reason, we see being dog-tired and burned-out as virtuous.

An article in Psychology Today had this to say: "In the next 12 months, we will consume around 20,000 tons of aspirin... that totals 225 tablets per person, per year, or 2/3 of a tablet per person, per day. If you go by these sales figures alone, it would suggest that most everyone in the United States has a headache most of the time."

I wonder if this generation is the most "uptight" and anxious generation in recent memory. Someone recently made the observation, "You know, twenty years ago people were asking, 'How can I get to heaven?' Today people are asking, 'How can I get through this day?'"

Sound familiar? The pace of life is increasing at break-neck speed with no end in sight. Modern conveniences and time-saving gadgets haven't given us more leisure time—they've simply allowed us the chance to squeeze more activities into our already full schedules.

In terms of "busyness," our culture is changing. And it's having a marked effect on all of us. You may have seen the study that showed that in the early 1900's the top ten killers of people in the United States were infectious diseases. In the last ten years it is estimated that the top ten killers of Americans are all stress-related diseases.

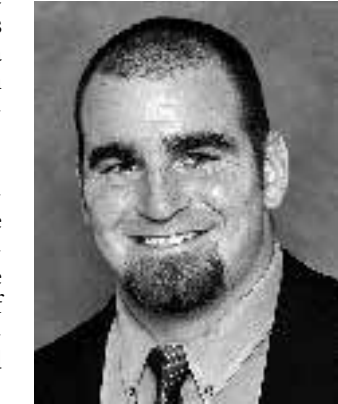
Human beings were never designed to carry those kinds of loads. When we overload our capacities, something is going to break—either our health, or our family cohesiveness, or our marriages, or something else of great value to us.

Is it any wonder that Jesus offered this remedy: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30)

In this passage Jesus is saying, "Feeling pressured? Feeling overwhelmed? Feeling just tired? Come to Me."

I will offer you rest. Rest for your heart. Rest for your soul. Rest for your body. And My purpose is not to ADD to your pressure but to alleviate it."

Do you need reminded of those words today? How's your stress level been lately? Re-read Christ's words and take them to heart. Come to Him, casting all your cares upon Him because He cares for you.



JOEL PENTON TO SPEAK AT FIRST FRIENDS CHURCH

Joel Penton, former local Van Wert county resident and Ohio State Football Star will be speaking at the First Friends Church on this coming Sunday, February 28th at the 10:30 a.m. service. Everyone is encouraged to come, and hear Joel share an exciting and inspiring message. The church is located on the corner of South Franklin and East Central St., one block south of East Main St. in Van Wert. First Friends Church is a church with a great heritage and a renewed vision to reach our area with the powerful message of a God who still does miracles today in the lives of everyday people. For more information, please contact Pastor Paul Hamrick at 419-771-9378.

THE BIBLE SAYS: THE GOODNESS OF GOD

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

Today, I would like to study with you on the Bible subject of the goodness of God. A lot of people don't believe in God. I do and my prayer is that you also would believe in God and through this conviction, you would be obedient to what the Bible teaches, especially the New Testament law of Christ.

The goodness of God is described as:

Abundant—Exodus 34:6 God abounds in goodness and truth.

Great—Psalms 31:19

Enduring—Psalms 52:1

Satisfying—Psalms 65:4

Universal—God is good to all; Psalms 149:9

God's goodness is manifested in:

Material Blessings—God blesses each of us with sun and rain; Matthew 5:45 also read Acts 14:17.

Spiritual Blessings—the giving of His son; John 3:16 see also Ephesians 1:3.

Forgiving Sin—God is a forgiving God; Psalms 86:5.

The saints attitude toward
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the goodness of God:

They Rejoice in Exodus 18:9—Jethro rejoiced for all the good that the Lord had done.

They Remember—they remember God's great goodness; Psalms 145:7

Saints shall be satisfied—my people shall be satisfied with my goodness. Jeremiah 31:14

Jesus loves you and so does the Oakwood church of Christ. Have Bible questions? Call James Potter at 419-393-4775 or Lonnie Lambert at 419-399-5022. Please remember to pray and study the Bible. The Bible is truth and not man.

CHRISTMAS IN GERMANY-PART TWO: THE CELEBRATIONS

By: Hayley Feichter

In Germany, Christmas lasts for three days: December 24, 25, & 26! Although the 24th is by far the biggest day, a three days are Freiertage (free days) and EVERYTHING is closed. December 24th is the big day! I'm not sure exactly how it is in every family, but I'll tell you my Christmas story. The morning of the 24th, we woke up and ate a big breakfast.

After breakfast it is time to decorate the tree. Since they don't have artificial trees here, they wait until the 24th to put it up. They were astonished when I told them about our "fake" trees! Once we managed to get it up and "fluffed out," we began decorating. They don't drench their trees in ornaments like Americans tend to do, instead only a few glass bulbs here and there, plus handmade straw stars.

The final touch to the tree is not the angel on the top, but rather real candles that are clipped on to the branches! Open flames appear on the tree instead of strings of

electric lights. Under the tree is placed a Nativity Scene, rather than the gifts. In Germany, there is a very strong tradition for every family to have a nativity scene under their tree.

At lunchtime, the grandparents arrived to dine with the family and the afternoon was full of conversations and storytelling. Church service was held at 5:00 and was similar to our Christmas Eve services in America. We sang some of the same songs (only in German) and it highlighted by the candle lighting.

Once we returned home, the candles on the tree were lit and we continued to sing more Christmas Songs while my host sister played the cello to the traditional Stille Nacht (Silent Night). I was very leery about putting real fire on a real tree... but everything seemed to be okay! Then it was time to open gifts. Each person took a turn to open their gifts while we were singing. Presents were not really as big as in America; just one or two presents per person instead of piles. From my host grandparents, I received a very nice calendar with pictures of Baden-Wurttemberg, which is the German State I live in here. My host siblings gave me a packet of blank CD's to save all my pictures. Finally, from my host parents, I was given a ticket to my favorite musical, "Wicked!" The production has been playing in Stuttgart since last spring, but was leaving at the end of January. I really wanted to see it but had not gotten any tickets. What a wonderful surprise!

My host grandparents stayed over night and returned to their home on the 25th. Our family spent time on the 25th and 26th visiting other family members. By the 28th, most adults returned to a semi-normal work week and stores were open again.

As for celebrations in school, it was very similar. Our last day of school before Christmas break was Tuesday, December 22, but both Monday and Tuesday were full of fun! Monday was a semi-normal day with all classes, just very laid back. Tuesday was the day of parties and special events!

Tuesday morning we all attended a program at the church just down the street from the school. The three religion teachers held a small simple service for the students. We sang three songs and some of the students from the 12th and 13th class (juniors and seniors) gave small presentations. It lasted about 45 minutes and then we all returned to the school for our party.

There were drinks (like coffee, tea, hot punch, hot chocolate) and goodies (like cakes, cookies, waffles) available to buy from the student council. While sipping on warm drinks and sitting around chatting, there was Christmas music playing, which put everyone in the Christmas mood.

Then we went to our third period class only to eat more cookies that teachers and students had brought to school. The teacher read to us a couple short Christmas stories and we had our gift exchange. It was the same concept as Secret Santa. We pulled a name out of the hat, purchased a present for that person for about 5 Euro, wrote their name on it, and placed it on the table. It was a lot of fun watching people open their gifts not knowing who they were from. Around 11:30 a.m. everyone was going home to begin their holiday break. Our break from school lasted through January 10.

WOODLAN BASKETBALL SENIOR RECOGNITION NIGHT

Basketball players:

Brandon Lortie (#3), son of April & Jeremy Henry and Mike & Kim Lortie. Brandon played 4 seasons for Woodlan and is undecided on his future plans.

Corbin Bell (#10), son of Steve & Joyce Bell. Corbin played basketball for 4 years, football for 2 years, and will play baseball for 4 years. Corbin is a member of Campus Life and the I.C.E. program at Woodlan. He is undecided on future plans.

Luke Schwartz (#14), son of Marcus & Margaret Schwartz. Luke played basketball for Woodlan for 3 years, wrestled for 1 year, and played football for 4 years earning 2nd team All-Conference honors last year. He is a member of Sunrise Chapel Youth Group and would like to major in computer science in college.

Cameron Evans (#42), son of Marc Evans and Candy Giszewski. Cameron played 4 seasons for the Warriors and 1 year of football. He plans to attend IPFW to study computer design.

Mascot:

Harold Gerig, son of Harold & Monna Gerig. This was Harold's first year as mascot. He has been a member of the Warrior Ambition Show Choir for 4 years, in the school musical for 4 years, and is an Eagle Scout. He has worked at Camp Chief Little Turtle the past 2 summers. He is undecided on his future plans.

Cheerleaders:

Sarah Hormann, daughter of Ron & Nancy Hormann. Sarah participated in cheerleading for 4 years and track for 1 season. She is a member of the Warrior Ambition Show Choir and has been a member of Student Council for 4 years and is president this year. She is the senior class secretary, been in Service Club for 2 years, on the Academic Super Bowl team for 4 years, and works part-time at Golden Years Homestead. She plans to attend IVY Tech for 1 year and then go to Ball State to earn a degree in elementary education or social work.

Brittany Kees, daughter of Jhonelle & Duane Kees. Brittney has been a Woodlan cheerleader for 4 years and participated in track for 1 year. She was on student council for 2 years and was a class officer for 2 years. She has been a member of the National Honor Society for 2 years and the Woodlan Service Club for 3 years. She plans to attend Indiana University and major in journalism and political science.

Kaley Lengacher, daughter of Max & Kristi Lengacher. Kaley has been a cheerleader for 4 years and a member of the Warrior Ambition Show Choir. She has been a member of student council for 3 years, National Honor Society for 2 years, a class officer for 4 years, is currently serving as senior class president, and has participated in the school musical. Kaley plans to attend IPFW and major in elementary education.

Olivia Shaffer, daughter of Greg & Melissa Shaffer. Olivia has been a Warrior cheerleader for 3 years. She participated in volleyball for 1 season, Academic super Bowl for 4 years, Canstruction team for 1 year, and 1 year with the school musical. She plans to attend Ball State and major in marketing and then plans to join the Peace Corps after graduation

READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY

By: Ellen Williams, Paulding Schools

"You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child."

The National Education Association (NEA) proudly sponsors Read Across America Day to encourage children to pick up a book and read. This year marks the twelfth annual celebration of reading and Dr. Seuss's birthday! As we gear up for NEA's Read Across America Day on March 2nd, please consider taking some time to read with a child.

Resolve to make March 2nd the first of many days you read with children. Join a story time this week at a public library, listen to an audio book, or ask a child to read to you. These are only a few suggestions on ways to promote the joy of reading.

NEA estimates that last year almost 45 million children and adults celebrated reading on Dr. Seuss's birthday. This year they hope to bring a nation of readers together to really drive home the message about the importance of reading.

For more information about NEA's Read Across America, visit www.nea.org/readacross or www.seussville.com/games.

DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC SCHOOL MAKES MIGHTY DONATION FOR HAITI



Our school may be small but we are mighty! Students received rice bowls in order to collect money for the victims of the Haiti earthquake the week before Catholic Schools Week. They were asked to put in pennies, nickels, dimes whatever coins they wanted to share. We have 44 students, and we collected \$450.00 to be sent to Catholic Relief Missions! Positive proof- the best students go to Divine Mercy School!

LATTA STATEMENT ON "STIMULUS" ANNIVERSARY

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) made the following statement regarding today's one-year anniversary of the "stimulus" package being signed into law.

"One year ago today, President Obama signed the 'stimulus' package into law making a promise that with this bill, our national unemployment rate would not exceed eight percent.

Unfortunately, this \$1 trillion legislation has done nothing to combat our 9.7% unemployment nationwide and our 10.9% unemployment in Ohio where over 107,000 jobs have been lost since the 'stimulus' package was signed into law. Littered with pork barrel spending, the 'stimulus' package continues to disappoint a majority of Americans who do not believe it created jobs or stimulated the economy. Over the past year the Ad-

ministration continued to modify data as to how many jobs were 'created or saved' and failed to provide legitimate oversight as to how taxpayer dollars have been spent within this legislation.

House Republicans have offered multiple solutions to combat our nation's staggering unemployment rate with legislation that will create jobs through tax cuts, reducing federal bureaucracy, and modifying federal regulations that currently inhibit small business lending. Similar to last year's debate of the 'stimulus' package, House Republican ideas are still not considered in legislation that is passed by the Democrat majority.

Job creation is the most important issue facing our nation right now and it is time for the President and Speaker Pelosi to work with House Republicans to help put our country back to work."

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WOODBURN BRANCH LIBRARY MARCH EVENTS

Smart Start Storytime:

Fridays, March 5, 12, 19, 26, 10:30 a.m. - This Storytime features finger plays, songs, stories of various lengths and crafts.

Yarn Lover's Gathering:

Thursday, March 4, 11, 18, 25, 7:00 p.m. - If you already know how to knit or crochet or if you want to learn how to knit or crochet join us at Woodburn. We have people that can help you get started or teach you new techniques. Join us for a creative evening.

Woodburn Lego Club:

Monday, March 8, 4:00 p.m. - Grades 3 and up can create with Legos. Feel free to bring your own Legos with you if you like. There will also be Legos at the library for you to use. And, of course, snacks.

Internet, Word Processing & E-mail Help:

By appointment. We offer computer classes. No previous computer knowledge is necessary. Each class lasts one hour. Call for an appointment.

Young Adult Internet Scavenger Hunt:

March 1 -6, during library hours. Teens are encouraged to try their skills and expertise on Internet searches all week in by completing the Internet Scavenger Hunt!

Getting Started with Your Digital Camera:

Thursday, March 4, 7:00 p.m. - Are there more buttons than you know what to do with on that new digital camera? Bring your camera to the library and we will try to help you. Then be sure to use your skills on March 20, 2010 to take a photo for our Day in Allen County Photo Survey.

THE GREATEST GIFT



Jill Provines & Diana Adams Sill

By: Sue Knapp

"Jill is my angel on earth," this is how Diana Adams Sill feels about Jill Provines, (Antwerp). Diana feels that Jill gave her the ultimate gift and that is the gift of life.

Diana Adams Sill from Rockford, Ohio was diagnosed in 1996 with IgA Nephropathy. This disease won't allow the kidneys filter toxins out of the blood so, therefore, the toxins would remain in the blood.

Diana's symptoms progressed and the symptoms were treated until she needed to be on dialysis. She went on dialysis at home. The dialysis took nine and a half hours each day. The last six months she had to have dialysis in a clinic. This lasted three and a half hours for three days a week. Dialysis in the clinic made her very tired and took more out of her. In 1997 Diana was put on a transplant list.

Thirty living donors were tested and rejected because of health issues. Jill's sister, Kim Butler, from Scott, is Diana's best friend. Kim told Jill about Diana's situation and everything she had been through.

Jill had never considered being a living donor, but when she heard about Diana she couldn't say no. After much discussion, understanding and reasoning was done Jill's husband, Shawn, and children, Samantha 12, Taylor, 10 and Cole, 9 was totally supportive.

Jill had many preliminary tests to see if she matched. EKG's, X-rays, Reno Scans, Stress tests, physicals, a lot of blood work plus sociological tests were done. Jill was then deemed a match and in great physical health and the date for surgery was set. Jill and Diana then met.

The surgery took place at IU in Indianapolis on January 28. Jill's part lasted from 7:30-12:30 and everything went well. She was in the hospital for three days and recovery takes from six to eight weeks. Jill's family was

much relieved when everything was over.

"I would do it again," Jill says.

She has done a lot of research and found out how many people need body parts. She found out that living donor parts are the best and last the longest. Jill is ready and willing to talk about her experience and to educate people on being organ donors.

She is being watched carefully with follow up appointments and then will go back once a year.

Jill's right kidney was placed on Diana's left abdomen. Diana's original kidneys were left in and will eventually decrease in size and discontinue to work.

Diana feels great and can tell a difference with the new kidney. She is on anti-rejection drugs and will at least have to take one for the rest of her life. She needs to be careful not to get colds and not get sick as her immune system is low.

Diana and husband, Rusty, have been married for 13½ years. Rusty is so very happy and pleased. The surgery has brought them closer together. He has been her helper, comforter and supporter. Rusty and Diana and Jill, Shawn and kids are family now. They constantly keep in touch.

Diana is grateful to have so many people to help her and to Jill who gave her a new life, she feels very blessed.

Katy Gill (Diana's mother-in-law) has been very helpful and still is, Fred and Rita Feathers (Diana's mom and step-dad) has given great support along with Doug Adams (Diana's brother) and his family.

There is no way she could ever show her appreciation for what has been done for her.

Diana Adams Sill and Jill Provines are the ultimate example of 'doing unto others' and showing 'love to one another'.

4-H CLUB FLAT ROCK JR. FARMERS MET

The first meeting was great! The people in Flat Rock Jr. Farmers 4-H Club met January 24, 2010.

Officers were elected: Spencer Gross, President; Chase Stoller, Vice-president; Jared Renollet, Secretary; Olivia Cramer, Treasurer; Issac Nice, Health; Jacob Stoller, Safety; Bill Smith, News Reporter; Preston Gross, Recreation Advisers are Emily and

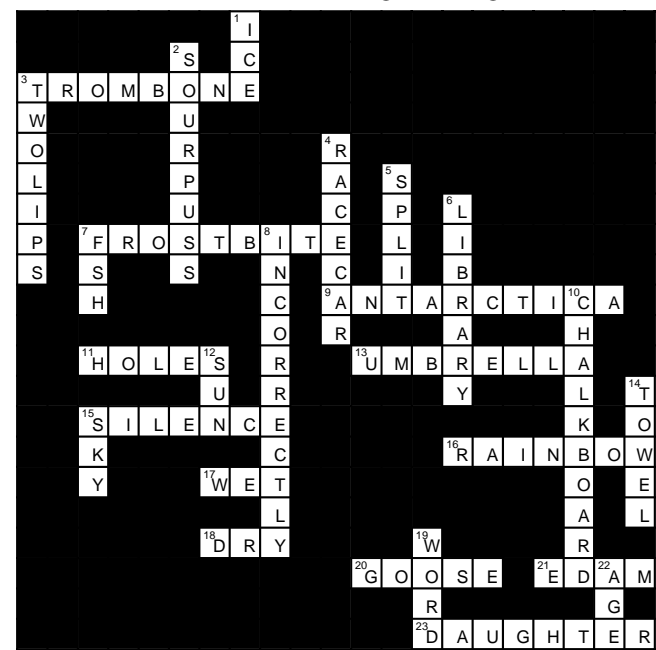
Jim Munger and Kenji Stabler.

Next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 21, at 4:00 p.m. at the Black Swamp Nature Center.

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND DISMISSALS

Admissions:
2/15 - Curtis Adams, Paulding
Dismissals:
2/19 - Curtis Adams, Paulding

Answers to "Riddling Ramblings"



WILL LOCAL CONTROL AND TAX INCOME ON WIND FARMS BE LOST TO THE STATE?

For many months we have been anticipating the coming of the wind turbines, and they are coming. The benefits will be welcome in our community. Many land owners have leased ground to the wind energy companies for an increase in income of their farm ground. Construction crews will be purchasing local retail goods and services and some permanent maintenance jobs will be created. Local contractors will get work like concrete and stone. Also, renewable clean electrical energy will be produced. These are all positive things.

However, the anticipated benefit of a better tax base to help our struggling schools and local governments may be in peril. The personal property tax rate in Ohio for electrical energy generation plants is much higher than other states in the Midwest. An adjustment is needed so the new Ohio wind farms can be competitive with other states. The Paulding County Economic Development office has been in consultation with the wind farm develop-

ers for quite some time regarding such an adjustment with an Enterprise Zone Agreement, which requires approval of the local schools and local governments with the tax income remaining local. Now we are hearing that the State of Ohio may take this decision out of the hands of the local schools and local governments and set the tax rate policies at the state level. The question then that begs to be answered is, "If the state decides what the personal property taxes will be then where will the tax money go, to the state or to the local schools and governments?"

It is our understanding that our state governor and state legislators are in discussion as to what should be in the law to address this situation. I would strongly encourage all residents and organizations to contact Governor Strickland (614-466-3555), Senator Steve Buehrer (614-466-8150) and State Representative Lynn Wachtmann (614-466-3760) and let them know that local input should be considered and local development taxes should stay local.

—Tony Langham,
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From Left to Right, Crystal Banks, Brian Shetterly, Shad Igney, Julie Hall, Seated, Rachel Banks, Michael Blaughter and Dustin Manson

FINGERPRINTS AT ANN'S PRESCHOOL!



Mr. Cody Anderson and Mr. George Alley from Western and Southern Life recently visited Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschool to take pictures and fingerprints of all the children involved in their care. The parents were then provided with an updated and useful tool to use in case of an emergency. We know as parents and grandparents that it is vital to al-

ways be prepared in case of an unexpected emergency. Now, our preschoolers and their families are!

Shown here from the left are: Mr. Anderson, Daylen Hilty, Cameron Laker and Mr. Alley. These children are in the morning class of four and young five year olds with Mrs. Chris Adams and Mrs. Ann Miller.

PAULDING COUNTY CHRONICLES I

By: **Caroline Wells Zimmerman**

2010 Federal Census Part II

On January 25, the US census takers began the door-to-door information census taking in Noorvik, Alaska. This was the first stop of the gigantic effort of the US government to gather data on its occupants that is current in this century and decade of 2010.

Accuracy in the actual count is the main thing. With each decade there are improvements, although miscounts have been proven. "Race" is a column on the census that has included mulatto, quadroon, octo-noon, Chinese and Japanese. In 1930, Mexican was listed, also. The 2010 survey includes Negro in addition to Black and African-American.

The Democrats prefer "sampling"—the extrapolation of data from smaller groups—as more accurate, but Republicans, are suspicious of over-counting in left-leaning areas and prefer the actual nose count. Not only getting the count right affects the \$400 billion doling out of our tax dollars but also it affects the seats of our

Representatives for our over 300 million Americans.

Please be aware that "the census" does not necessarily mean the "Federal" census. There have been many censuses taken in (everywhere) Federal, State, County, Military, censuses for Pensioners for Revolutionary and Military Service (and other wars) and many more. "Census" is actually a Latin term meant for taking a person's name and count of land for taxation. Its meaning has not varied a great deal over the centuries although it has become more inclusive for different census reasons. Specific groups and interests set the purpose and limitations of the census and the locations.

1860 CENSUS - Contained the same information as the 1850 census, with a column added for the value of personal estate. With it you can record the status of an individual family on the eve of the Civil War. Many families would never be as intact or as stable again.

1870 CENSUS - Identifies the survivors of the Civil War, including "yours-mine-ours" families and May-December marriages. This census is very helpful to Southern research and the first census where parents of foreign births are indicated. Immigrants who are natu-

ralized and eligible to vote are identified, suggesting follow-up in court and naturalization sources. The census allows you to verify Chinese, Indian, Black and mulatto descent, also.

Ohio State 1870 CENSUS - There is a 1999 edition of this census in several volumes at the Paulding Carnegie Library. The later editions are better documented and mistakes are being continually corrected by the LDS as they come out with newer editions as I just found out through one of their TV shows recently. They were even discussing the importance of reading the later editions of biographies of famous persons because of corrections in transcriptions and records and new findings.

When studying census records for research purposes. Keep an open mind. Compare the original dates and writing with each census. Get copies (blank) of each census to see what they ask for. Some of the writing was terrible and some of the informers did not know the correct information to give. Get a notebook. Make copies of your work and make up file folders per surname you are working on, if you don't, it will look like a pile of papers and get trashed some day. Share your project with someone else in the family.

Per "The Source" by Eakle & Cerny, the following state censuses have been taken in Ohio (before 1984) 1790, 1801, 1802, 1807, 1811, 1815, 1819, 1823, 1827, 1831, 1835, 1839, 1843, 1847, 1851, 1855, 1859, 1863, 1867, 1871, 1875, 1879, 1891, 1895, 1899, 1903, 1907; Comments: 1790 French Census; 1863 Census of blacks in 13 counties; Belmont Co. in "List and Townships in Belmont County, Ohio," National Geographic Society Quarterly 69 (1981) 71-73; also censuses in 1911, 1915.

Help your 2010 census enumerator get your family information correct. Whether it's entered automatically or not, YOU are the information giver. Make it accurate for the coming generations.

MORE NAMES THAT NEED DOCUMENTATION FOR V.E.T.S. MEMORIAL

This week is a partial listing of 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.

Continued VIETNAM ERA: (1960-1980)

Ronald Harry Mabis, Robert Mark Miller, William J Nelson, Everett Ray Nickols, Phillip S, Rickard, Ricky S Rickard, Robert T Ryan, Jerry L Saylor, Phillip G Schaffner, Leonard Lee Schibley, John Lee Smith, Larry Lynn Smith, Howard Thomas Snyder, Kenton Dean Stairhime, Adam David Wagner, Joseph Charles Walker

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 and which cemetery

3. Proof of military service by other means, such as a photo in uniform, dog tag, or Veterans Card and knows 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. Vietnam Era will continue in the next weekly article.

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

LADY ARCHERS TAKE A LOSS TO TINORA

Thursday night, 2/18, the Antwerp Lady Archers entered Ram country at Tinora High School for some court action. Tinora kept a victory at home winning, 36-23.

Score by the quarter:
Tinora - 6 9 14 7=36
Antwerp - 7 8 8=23

Archer scorers:
Jones 9, Bashore 2, Koppnerhofer 3, Arnold 3, Smalley 4, Stuck 2

EXPLORE CHARLOTTE'S WEB & TWISTERS ON TUESDAY AT THE 1ST-3RD GRADE BOOK CLUB

Explore *Charlotte's Web* and *Twisters on Tuesday* at the Johnson Memorial Library's 1st-3rd Grade Book Club on Thursday, March 4 at 6:30 p.m.

The Book Club meets the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. The Book Club is free and is open to all first through third grade students. The book discussion is facilitated by library volunteer Jaci Underwood. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Hicksville Library.

According to Amazon.com on *Charlotte's Web*, "An affectionate, sometimes bashful pig named Wilbur befriends a spider named Charlotte, who lives in the rafters above his pen. A prancing, playful bloke, Wilbur is devastated when he learns of the destiny that befalls all those of porcine persuasion. Determined to save her friend, Charlotte spins a web that reads 'Some Pig,' convincing the farmer and surrounding community that Wilbur is no ordinary animal and should be saved. In this story of friendship, hardship, and the passing on into time, E.B. White reminds us to open our eyes to the wonder and miracle often found in the simplest of things."

In *Twister on Tuesday*, "That's what Jack and Annie get when the Magic Tree House whisks them back to the 1870s. They land on the prairie near a one-room schoolhouse, where they meet a teenaged schoolteacher, some cool kids, and one big, scary bully. But the biggest and scariest thing is yet to come."

The library has ordered copies of the books and audio books, so each group member may have one. Please stop by the library and pick up your copy today. For more information on the 1st-3rd Grade Book Club, call the Johnson Memorial Library at 419-542-6200 or email murphyam@oplin.org.

PHS STUDENTS TALK WITH SENATOR BOB LATTA



Feb. 16 Rep. Bob Latta came to Paulding High School. Many pertinent questions were asked by the students while he was there. Pictured L to R: Senior Bryant Sheppard, teacher Sam Hatcher, Congressman Latta, Junior Jacob Farr, Junior Andy Favorito.

PEVS BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 2/24 THROUGH 3/2

MS/HS - Breakfast:
2/24 - Sausage, egg & cheese muffin, juice, milk
2/25 - Donuts, juice, milk
2/26 - Sausage gravy w/ biscuits, juice, milk
3/1 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk
3/2 - Sausage, egg burrito w/salsa, juice, milk

MS/HS - Lunch:
2/24 - Idaho nachos, breadstick or Sub sandwich, baby carrots w/dip, chips, assorted fruit, milk
2/25 - chili dog/bun, oven potatoes, assorted fruit, milk
2/26 - Bar-b-que pork/bun, au gratin potatoes, assorted fruit, milk
3/1 - Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, gravy, bread or Pizzaburger w/bun, potato, fruit, milk
3/2 - Mandarin chicken, salad, garlic toast, assorted fruit, milk

Paulding Elementary - Breakfast:
2/24 - Cereal bar, graham crackers, juice, milk
2/25 - Muffin, applesauce, milk
2/26 - Yogurt, applesauce, whales, milk
3/1 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk
3/2 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk

Paulding Elementary - Lunch:
2/24 - Taco salad, lettuce/cheese/salsa, crackers, assorted fruit, milk
2/25 - French toast, sausage, hashbrowns, assorted fruit, milk
2/26 - Macaroni & cheese, bread w/margarine or peanut butter, peas, assorted fruit, milk
3/1 - Hamburger w/bun, tator tots, fruit, milk
3/2 - Tostilla chips w/cheese sauce, peas, fruit, milk

Oakwood Elementary - Breakfast:
2/24 - Assorted cereals, crackers, fruit, milk
2/25 - Breakfast burrito, fruit, milk
2/26 - Warm cinnamon roll, fruit, milk
3/1 - Assorted cereal, crackers, fruit, milk
3/2 - Sausage biscuit, fruit, milk

Oakwood Elementary - Lunch:
2/24 - Corn dog, broccoli & cauliflower, carrots w/dip, fruit, milk
2/25 - Ham sub, baked beans, potato chips, fruit, milk
2/26 - Cheese pizza, lettuce salad, fruit choice, milk
3/1 - Hot dog w/bun, corn, fruit, milk
3/2 - Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes w/gravy, bread, fruit, milk

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ANTWERP JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY VS. THE P.C. TIGERS



Faculty members at Antwerp Jr/Sr High School played host to the P.C. Tigers on Friday, February 12, 2010. Spurred on by a loud and raucous Antwerp student body, the visiting Tigers got up early and never looked back in cruising to a 64-47 triumph. With this

victory, the Tigers run their record to 2-0 in the all-time series with the Antwerp faculty. Shown in the picture above are members of both teams following the game. The Tigers showed the Antwerp faculty and student body great sportsmanship in victory.

WAYNE TRACE PLACES SEVEN WRESTLERS AT SECTIONALS & QUALIFIES THREE FOR DISTRICTS

The Wayne Trace trio of Cody Stahl, Kameran Clemens and Sawyer Temple will be advancing to the District Wrestling Tournament being held at Kettering Fairmont High School this Friday, February 26. This will be the second trip for wrestlers Cody Stahl and Kameran Clemens. Both boys qualified for the tournament last year, each narrowly missing advancement onto the State level. This will be the first trip for Freshman Sawyer Temple.

Starting with Friday night's opening, Cody, who was the #2 seed at 152 lbs., received a bye for his first round. His second round, he pinned Bobby Sunderhaus from LCC, in a time of 1:14. Returning on Saturday, he pinned Nate Harlow, of Coldwater, in 3:10, advancing him onto the championship finals. In his final match, he was ahead of the #1 seed from Allen East, Grant Dues 4-0, when Cody failed to escape from the down position and was pinned, thus giving him a second place finish.

Kameran Clemens, the

#2 seed at 130 lbs. had a bye his first round. In his second match, he scored a very quick pin over Chris Truesdale of Delphos Jefferson in a time of 48 sec. His next round the clock had barely clicked off a few seconds when something happened that many who witnessed it also questioned. Kameran was wrestling the #3 seeded Trey Fisher from Allen East when the two wrestlers went out of bounds, the whistle blew, Kameran relaxed and Fisher slammed Kameran down onto his shoulder. He was unable to go on at this point and his injury defaulted to Fisher. Kameran had defeated Fisher earlier in the season. There was much discussion as to whether or not Kameran would be able to finish the tournament. But as far as Kameran was concerned, there was never any doubt—he was going to finish this tournament. And finish he did. Trying to protect his injured shoulder as much as possible, he went to the mat, and in a pin time of 3:15 he won over Cory Riemmen from Spencerville. This win gave him a 4th place and assured him a trip to Districts. But he did not quit here, he wanted a chance to place one spot higher. In his final match he defeated Chris Boroff of Lincolnview

by a dec. of 6-1, placing him 3rd.

Freshman Sawyer Temple earned his place among the history of wrestling at Wayne Trace by becoming the 3rd freshman to advance to the District level. Sawyer, was known as the underdog in the 140 lb. class, which was dominated by juniors and seniors. But the 140 lb. underdog from Wayne Trace caused some surprise upsets. After taking his bye in round 1, it was during his second round, when he defeated the #3 seeded wrestler Justin Pryer from Allen East by a dec. 6-0. He lost his next bout to #2 seed Dale Hamburg, of Coldwater by a close dec. 9-6. This dropped him to the consolation bracket where he won over #4 seed Michael Goedde, of Columbus Grove. This win advanced him on to Districts. His final match he won against Justin Pryor of Allen East by a dec. of 4-1. This win placed him 3rd.

Going along with the three District qualifiers will be alternates Katie Clemens 112lbs. and Zach Cotterman, 135 lbs. Both wrestlers placed 5th, just missing a spot in the top four places where they needed to be to qualify. In case for any reason that one of the top four placers in their weight class cannot go on, these wrestlers will step in and wrestle in their place.

Wayne Trace had two other wrestlers that placed in the top six spots—they were Tyler Arnett 145 lbs. and Aaron Harris 171 lbs. The Sectional tournament recognizes the top six wrestlers in each weight class, but only the top four advance onto Districts.

"I could not be any prouder off these kids than I am right now," commented Coach George Clemens. "To have seven wrestlers place in the top six spots, three of them being District qualifiers and two alternates, is really great. We are such a young team," he continued. "We only have one senior on the team, Katie, the rest of them will all be back next year along with some very good freshman coming in."

WAYNE TRACE QUALIFIES TWO JR HIGH WRESTLERS FOR STATE

This past weekend, four Wayne Trace Jr High wrestlers competed in the OAC District Tournament in Bowling Green—Zach Wesley, Jacob Dingus, Dustin Taylor, Aaron Miller and

Tyler Showalter.

Zach Wesley lost two very close matches by a two-point margin to be eliminated. Jacob Dingus hurt his neck and this injury defaulted him out of the tournament after the first round. Dustin Taylor finished the day in eighth place. Aaron Miller won four very tough matches and lost one to the tournament champion to place 3rd. In doing so, he becomes the highest placing Raider ever, at the District. Tyler Showalter went four and two for the day to place 5th. The top six placers of the District Tournament compete in the Jr High State Tournament to be held at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Marion, Ohio on March 19, 20, and 21.

PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS ANNOUNCES CHANGE IN POLLING LOCATION

At the Paulding County Election Board meeting held on February 2, 2010, board members unanimously voted to reduce one polling location within Paulding County. Benton Township residents that previously voted at the Benton Township building will now vote at the American Legion Hall in Payne. The American Legion Hall located in Payne Village will now be the polling location for all residents of Benton Township, Harrison Township, and Payne Village. The precinct for residents living in the part of Payne Village located in Benton Township will now be known as Benton Township/Payne Village. The precinct for residents living in the part of Payne Village located in Harrison Township will now be known as Harrison Township/Payne Village.

All registered voters in Payne Village and Benton Township affected by this change will receive notice by mail from the Board of Elections. Those registered voters of Benton Township and Payne Village that do not receive a notice in the mail and believe that they should have, should contact the Paulding County Board of Elections. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m. The office telephone number is (419)399-8230.

LADY WARRIORS MAKE A CLOSE WIN AGAINST BULLDOGS

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan led throughout the first half, saw New Haven come back in the third quarter and the two teams played even in the fourth period so the girls' basketball game went to overtime to decide the outcome. In the extra period, the Warriors dominated the Bulldogs, outscoring the home team 16-6 and Woodlan came away with a 59-49 win. Taylor Carver led scoring for Woodlan with 23 points and Amy Numbers added 13

Score by the quarter:
Woodlan - 17 13 6 7
16=59
New Haven - 15 8 13 7
6=49

Top scorers:
Woodlan - Carver 23, Numbers 13, Wiedemann 9, Ehle 7, Keller 5, Kayser 2
New Haven - Smith 16, Yoder 9, M Perkins 8, Haas 7, Perry 6, Beard 2, Huffman 1

WOODBURN ELEMENTARY STUDENTS GET HANDS-ON CHINESE EXPERIENCE



Have you ever eaten with real chopsticks, or seen The Great Wall of China? Do you know how to say "Hello!" in Chinese (Ni Hao!)? Well, if you were in Mr. Oliver's third grade classroom, you would have gotten your chance to learn. Okay, so it was just a meal of marshmallows, and the pictures were from the internet, but who cares about that when learning is like a field trip that happens in your classroom. When Apryl Hoot, mother of Mr. Oliver's student, Mitch Hoot, showed up to class, students got more than a cultural lesson; they got a hands-on, multimedia presentation that left them buzzing with excitement and burning with questions.

China is near and dear to the Hoot family because Mitch was born in Hong Kong. "I wanted to keep the kids' heritage alive, so that when they grow up, they always remember where they came from," responded Mrs. Hoot when asked about her motivation to learn and share this information. Another adopted son, Ged (who also attends Woodburn Elementary), was born in China too.

Apryl didn't come with a fancy display or computer slideshow, but she quickly learned to utilize the "Smart Board" in Mr. Oliver's classroom to demonstrate Chinese writing. The Smart Board (now present in most Woodburn Elementary classrooms) is a giant in-

teractive touch screen that allows hands-on tools that students, as well as teachers, can use to integrate multimedia presentations and subject matter in a very visual and tactile way. "Have you ever heard of the Great Wall of China?" asks Apryl. And within moments, images from various locations along the wall were visible to the students on the 66X50 inch Smart Board in Mr. Oliver's classroom. Then Apryl calmly opened up her bag of tricks, and the 'cat,' or should I say 'dragon,' was out. Colorful picture books of the Chinese landscapes, examples of Chinese writing, and even a Chinese proverb 'bookmark' for every student, were included in Apryl's virtual field trip. Students also learned the tradition of the Chinese New Year know as, chū xī.

When Apryl finished her presentation, she revealed the last surprise in her bag, real chopsticks! Now most students had heard of chopsticks before, or a least seen them used on TV, but few had ever actually tried to use them. After a simple demonstration from Apryl, students began attempting to pick-up, and eventually eat the mini-marshmallows she had given them. Even Mrs. Clark and Mr. Oliver got the chance to show their chopstick skills... or not, as was the case with Mr. Oliver. "Most of the kids picked it up more quickly than I did," said Mr. Oliver.

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HS GIRLS BASKETBALL WIND DOWN SEASON IN PAULDING COUNTY



Paulding took on Spencerville at home Feb 18. The lady Panthers won 59-53. Shown here senior Shelby Erford scoring for the Panthers. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



Wayne Trace took on Crestview at home Feb. 15. The Knights worked hard and won, but not by much. The Lady Raiders lost 47-51 and performed well the entire time. Shown here is Sophomore Sarah Feasby scoring for Wayne Trace. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

ANTWERP TO HOST 10TH ANNUAL YOUTH BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS

This Saturday, February 27, the Antwerp boy's basketball program will host its Tenth Annual Boys 5th and 6th grade Basketball Tournaments. This year's one-day tournament again draws teams from five Ohio counties: Adams, Defiance, Paulding, Van Wert, and Williams, and one from Wells County in Indiana.

The tournament begins at 8:30 Saturday morning, with new games beginning every 45 minutes following. Teams will play pool format, guaranteeing each team at least three games throughout the day. Pool winners in both grades will play in championship games at approximately 5:15 that afternoon.

There will be plenty of good food served in the concession stand all day. Parents of Antwerp players of all ages, annually donate plenty of food and drinks to help make this a positive event for the Antwerp basketball teams, program, school, and the community. Langham's Silkscreening will be selling T-shirts to commemorate the occasion. This annual tournament is a total cooperative effort of the Antwerp Local School Administration, Antwerp boys coaching staff, player parents, and many other community members that volunteer time to help make this tournament enticing to other basketball programs, both near and far, year after year.

There is an admission fee that last for the entire day—players and coaches admitted free. All proceeds from the tournament help offset costs for other tournaments for boys in all grades throughout the spring and summer. We hope you will again come out and enjoy a day of sports and festivities at the Antwerp Local School, and see what the future of boy's basketball has to offer. For questions about the Antwerp tournament contact Tim Copsey, 419-258-2024, or Coach Scott McMichael at the Antwerp Local School.

Following the Antwerp tournament, you can also see several of these same teams play at the Wayne Trace tournament, March 13-14, and the Lincolnview tournament March 20-21.

WAYNE TRACE PLACES 8 AT GMC WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

The Wayne Trace high school wrestling team placed 8 wrestlers at the G.M.C. wrestling tournament held at Fairview High School on February 13. The team placed 5th out of the six teams that make up the Green Meadows Conference schedule. Katie Clemens 103 lb., and Cody Stahl 152 lb., were both awarded the runner-up certificate. Placing third were, Kameran Clemens 130 lb., Sawyer Temple 140 lb., and Andy (Moose) Norling Hwt., Tyler Arnett 145 lb., Tim West 160 lb., and Aaron Harris 171 lb. all placed fourth.

"To be honest," said coach Clemens, "our team did in no way perform to their full potential here today. I don't think any one of them took this tournament seriously," he continued. "This coming Friday night we begin the journey into what we have worked

for all season long and some of my kids work year-round with only one goal in mind. That is to make it to the big State Tournament in Columbus. But in order to make that dream come true, they all have got to really want it, and they must give 110% during the 6 minutes they spend on that mat."

IHSAA GIRLS' BASKETBALL CLASS 2A SECTIONAL RESULTS

Opening Game:
Adams Central 58, Bluffton 46

Semi-Finals:
Bishop Luers 63, Woodlan 34; Adams Central 34, South Adams 12

Championship Game:
Bishop Luers 65, Adams Central 24

WOODLAN CLAIM WIN OVER STARFIRES

By: **Jeff Abbott**
South Adams' Nick Teeter canned 3 three-pointers early in the first quarter to give the Starfires a quick lead over Woodlan and led 19-14 at the end of the first quarter. The Warriors fought back, getting the first 7 points of the second quarter for a 21-19 lead and the Warriors and Starfires battled back and forth to a 26-26 halftime. Woodlan went to the inside in the third period to take a 43-39 lead, getting 6 points on the inside from Spencer Mumma. Woodlan widened the lead in the fourth, boosting the lead to as many as 11 points before the Starfires mounted a comeback, closing the gap to 3 points before the Warriors sealed the game with free throws down the stretch and Woodlan held on for a 69-62 ACAC win. Woodlan had 4 players hits double figures in scoring, led by Spencer Mumma with 24 points including 6 fourth quarter free throws

Score by the quarter:
South Adams - 19 7 13 23=62
Woodlan - 14 12 17 26=69
Top scorers:
South Adams - Teeter 40, Ingle 9, Wanner 5, Hoepfner 3, White 2, Munger 2, LaFever 1

Woodlan - Mumma 24, Hines 15, Brames 12, Romines 11, Bell 7

South Adams held on for a 42-40 win in the reserve game despite 21 points from Alex Emehiser.

LADY PANTHERS PONCE ON ARCHERS

Recently, the Antwerp Lady Archers entered the Panther territory of Stryker High School for girls basketball. From beginning to end the Panthers dominated their home court, sending the Archers home with a loss: 23-39.

Score by the quarter:
Stryker - 12 10 11 6=39
Antwerp - 6 2 10 5=23
Archer scorers:
Jones 9, Delgado 2, Bashore 2, Koppenhofer 2, Smalley 2, Stuck 6

ZINK & BRENNEKE GO TO WRESTLING SEMI-STATE

Cody Zink, at 135 lbs, finished second, and Alex Brenneke, at 160 lbs, had a fourth place finish to send both Warrior wrestlers to the semi-state wrestling tournament at the Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne.

ARCHERS BEAT RAMS TO WIN GMC CHAMPIONSHIP



The Tinora Rams came to Antwerp for the Green Meadows Conference Championship. Prior to the game the Rams lost 1 game in the conference. Antwerp ended up winning the championship game 58-51. Shown here is Junior Logan Lucas scoring for the Archers. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



Wayne Trace played Holgate at home. It was a tight game all the way through. At half-time the score was 15-13 and just as close at the end 36-33, WT wins! Shown here is senior Henk Akkerman driving in a shot. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

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The Wayne Trace 7th grade boys basketball team captured their tournament by defeating Edgerton in overtime. Members from left to

right: Front row cheerleaders are Kayla Zuber, Kelsey Rittenhouse, Kierstan Baldwin. Back row - Nick Mansfield, Darius Hale, Denver Burkley,

Corbin Linder, Jake Arend, Hank Sinn, Riley Moore, Daron Showalter, Nick Glass, David Sinn. The Raiders ended up 13-3 on the season.

ANTWERP ALLEYS WEEKLY HONOR SCORES WEEK OF 2/19/10

- Men High Games**
 1. Matt Hunt 223
 2. David Bauer 225
 3. Mike Kennedy 206
 4. Craig Womack 205
 5. Shelton Bradbury 203
 6. Robert Johnson 203
 7. Ray Delong 198
 8. Mike Walley 196
 9. Kris Reinhart 195
 10. Duey Schoenauer 194

- Men High Series**
 1. David Bauer 628
 2. Matt Hunt 620
 3. Craig Womack 558
 4. Mike Kennedy 542
 5. Shelton Bradbury 537
 6. Ray Delong 535
 7. Chris Jones 526
 8. Joe Smith 520
 9. Brad Franklin 516
 10. Robert Johnson 513

- Women High Games**
 1. Angie Hudson 210
 2. Pat Friend 197
 3. Marian Saylor 189
 4. Kendra Eaken 187
 5. Marie Bauer 183
 6. Sherry Reinhart 183
 7. Nikki Phares 178
 8. Jeanette Yerks 178
 9. Mary Brown 172
 10. Kelly Walters 171

- Women High Series**
 1. Sherry Reinhart 532
 2. Angie Hudson 500
 3. Pat Friend 494
 4. Marie Bauer 489
 5. Jeanette Yerks 474
 6. Mary Brown 470
 7. Kendra Eaken 465
 8. Nikki Phares 457
 9. April Litzenberg 456
 10. Deb Lucas 455

- Youth Boys High Game**
 1. Jarett Bute 147
 2. Nick Herndon 143
 3. Derek Langmeyer 142

- Youth Boys High Series**
 1. Jarett Bute 389
 2. Derek Langmeyer 376
 3. Kaleb O'Donnell 374

- Youth Girls High Game**
 1. Avrial Sawyer 151
 2. Skylar Howell 132
 3. Samantha Dailey 63

- Youth Girls High Series**
 1. Avrial Sawyer 389
 2. Skylar Howell 369
 3. Samantha Dailey 179

THE "LITTEST" OF SCHOOL SPIRIT!



Some Paulding High School athletes recently visited Oakwood Elementary for a pep rally. The students at Oakwood Elementary were

ready to show their Panther Spirit. The K-B Super Kids were full of excitement as they got their first taste of panther pride!

VILLAGE OF CECIL MINUTES FOR 1/18/10

The Village Council of Cecil convened in regular session from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Village Firehouse meeting room. Mayor Gene Sheets called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Mrs. Julie McCloud, Mr. Gene Sheets, Ms. Carlene A. Turner, Mrs. Maxine Keegan, Mrs. Donna Manz, Mrs. Mary Kupfersmith, and Mr. Chad Buchholz. Visitors: Mr. Otto Gerdeman, Mr. Tony Langham.

Maxine Keegan appointed to Council Seat:

Maxine Keegan was appointed to council by Mayor Gene Sheets for a 2-year term beginning 1/1/2010 to 12/31/2013. Mrs. Keegan was sworn in by Mayor Gene Sheets.

Council President: Nomination were taken from the floor for Council President for 2010. Mary Kupfersmith nominated Julie McCloud as Council President for a 2nd term stating she was doing a great job. All other council members were in favor.

Appointment to Council: Maxine Keegan was appointed to the Council by Mayor Gene Sheets to fill a vacant seat. Mrs. Keegan was sworn in by Mayor Sheets.

Ordinance 01-10 - Adoption of Ohio Basic Codes for 2010:

Votes for this Ordinance will be tabled until the February meeting. Council Members would like an opportunity to review the new booklets prior to approval.

Approval of Minutes: Mary Kupfersmith motioned to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Chad Buchholz; all members were in favor.

Approval of Monthly Reports and Paid Bills: Julie McCloud motioned to approve the monthly reports and pay the bills, seconded by Donna Manz; all members

were in favor. Storm Sewer Basin Damages: Council members discussed several damaged storm water basins within the village. One just north of the old barn on CR 105, 2 on Plum Street, one at the corner of Stafford and Second Street. Several are in need of new covers. Mayor will review the situation along with Julie McCloud and Vogelsong Excavating. Estimates will be available at the next meeting for repair.

Update from Otto Gerdeman and Tony Langham on Water Survey: Otto Gerdeman with GNG Development and Tony Langham of the Paulding County Economic Development updated the council on the returned surveys for a Public Water System within the Village of Cecil. There were 27 in favor, 18 no, this represents only about 1/2 the users of the public sewer. Estimates of water costs was \$60.00 for approximately 9,000 metered gallons. The village would need all current sewer customer to connect in order to operate a Water Works.

CDBG Public Meeting: There will be a public meeting on Wednesday, February 3rd at 9:00 a.m. covering information on CDBG money. Council would like Mr. Gerdeman to prepare plans for submission for storm drain issues and repairs.

Motion to Adjourn: Mary Kupfersmith motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Maxine Keegan, all members in favor. Next Council Meeting will be February 15, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Firehouse Community Room. The public is invited to attend.

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ALA TOP YOUTH BOOK AWARDS (PART III)

Andrew Carnegie Medal for excellence in children's video Paul R. Gagne and Mo Willems of Weston Woods, producers of "Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!," are the Carnegie Medal winners. The video is based on the book of the same name written and illustrated by Willems; it was narrated by Willems and Jon Scieszka with animation by Pete List.

Mildred L. Batchelder Award for an outstanding children's book translated from a foreign language and subsequently published in the United States "A Faraway Island" is the 2010 Batchelder Award winner. Originally published in Swedish in 1996 as "En ö i havet," the book was written by Annika Thor, translated by Linda Schenck, and published by Delacorte Press, an imprint of Random House Children's Books.

Three Batchelder Honor Books also were selected: "Big

Wolf and Little Wolf," written by Nadine Brun-Cosme, illustrated by Olivier Tallec, translated by Claudia Bedrick and published by Enchanted Lion Books; "Eidi," written by Bodil Bredsdorff, translated by Kathryn Mahaffy and published by Farrar Straus Giroux; and "Moribito II: Guardian of the Darkness," written by Nahoko Uehashi, illustrated by Yuko Shimizu, translated by Cathy Hirano and published by Arthur A. Levine Books, an imprint of Scholastic.

Alex Awards for the 10 best adult books that appeal to teen audiences "The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Creating Currents of Electricity and Hope" by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer, published by William Morrow, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers "The Bride's Farewell" by Meg Rosoff, published by Viking Penguin, a member of Penguin Group "Everything Matters!" by Ron Currie, Jr., published by Viking Penguin,

a member of Penguin Group "The Good Soldiers" by David Finkel, published by Sarah Crichton Books, an imprint of Farrar, Straus and Giroux "The Kids Are All Right: A Memoir" by Diana Welch and Liz Welch with Amanda Welch and Dan Welch, published by Harmony Books, an imprint of the Crown Publishing Group, a division of Random House; "The Magicians," by Lev Grossman, published by Viking Penguin, a member of Penguin Group; "My Abandonment" by Peter Rock, published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt; "Soulless: An Alexia Tarabotti Novel," by Gail Carriger, published by Orbit, an imprint of Hachette Book Group; "Stitches: A Memoir" by David Small, published by W.W. Norton & Company; "Tunneling to the Center of the Earth" by Kevin Wilson, published by Harper Perennial, an imprint of HarperCollins.

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BEN FRANKLIN

By: Stan Jordan

Ben Franklin was born in Boston on January 17, 1706. His father was Josiah Franklin, his mother was Abiah Folger. His father was a soap maker. Abiah was his second wife. Altogether he sired 17 children. Ben was the 10th son.

Dad wanted Ben to be a preacher, but there was no money and it took several years. Ben liked to read, so his father made him an apprentice printer for his older brother, James. Ben was 12 at this time.

When Ben was 15 he still worked for his brother. James wouldn't let Ben write for the paper, but he did under an assumed name, Silence Dogood. It was a big hit in humor and homey tips. People enjoyed it and after six issues Ben admitted he wrote it and James was very mad and jealous of Ben's notoriety.

James was thrown in jail for his views on Small Pox Vaccination and belittling the clergy. After his release from jail he beat Ben a few times because Ben put out the paper while James was in jail and done to good of a job. Ben had all he wanted of James' cruelty and he ran away in 1723.

But in early America running away was illegal and runaways didn't fit in anywhere. Ben took a boat to New York to find work as a printer, but he didn't find work. So he walked all the way across New Jersey finally arriving in Philly by boat.

Ben found work as an apprentice printer. The Governor of Pennsylvania promised to set him up in business if he would go to England and buy some forms and printing equipment. So Ben did go to England, but the Governor renege on his promise and Ben had to stay in England for a few months and do print work for a living.

When Ben returned to Philadelphia he got a job with a printing company. He was better than the printer so he borrowed some money and set up his own business. Ben

worked all the time and he soon was doing some printing for the Government.

In 1728, he sired a boy named William. There are no records of the name of his mother. In 1730 Ben married his hotel sweetheart, Deborah Read. Besides the print shop they also had a store and sold everything from soap to fabrics. Ben also ran a book store. The Franklins were quite enterprising.

Then Ben bought out a newspaper, 'The Pennsylvania Gazette.' He printed the paper, wrote articles for it and also printed the first political cartoon in American newspapers.

In the 1730's and 1740's the Franklins were quite prosperous and very busy socially. His paper was the best in the Colonies. He joined the Masonic Order and formed a group for self and civic betterment.

In 1733 he started to publish 'Poor Richard's Almanac'. There were other almanacs around but Ben's seemed to be the best. It carried a little of everything and a little humor. It was from the almanac that Ben coined the phrase, 'A penny saved, is a penny earned.'

Ben became quite helpful to manage the city. He pushed cleanliness and neatness for the streets. He helped form a group to help the old and sick. He helped form the Philadelphia Hospital and it is still there. Ben was very big in ecology and he formed the Library Co. in 1731.

Fires at that time anywhere was very costly to the owner, it generally put them out of business. So Ben formed the Philadelphia Contribution for Insurance Against Fire Loss.

In 1736 he formed Philadelphia Union Fire Company, the best in the city. The saying, 'An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure,' is fire fighting advice and is attributed to Ben Franklin.

In 1730's and 1740's Ben's business was thriving so he set up other printing partnerships in other cities. Then he retired from business and started to concentrate on

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science experiments and inventions. He had already invented a heating stove, swim fins, bifocals and a Glass Armonica (harmonica).
In 1750 he turned to the study of electricity. His observations and nature of the subject brought him international fame.

Ben went to England to be a representative for Pennsylvania, Georgia, New Jersey and Massachusetts as well.

Ben, at that time, was very much an Englishman. He liked England because of the thinkers, theaters and conversation, things in short supply in America.
His wife, Deborah was still in America because she was afraid to sail the Atlantic.

In 1765 the American people were opposed to the Stamp Act. Ben was still for England but he noticed all the corruption going on in England, the Representative to the States and the governors that he had changed his mind. Then Ben came home from England.
See Ya!

After a bout with the English governor of Massachusetts, Ben was banished from Whitehall, the English Foreign Ministry, he was condemned in public.
He started to working publicly and hard for independence. His son, William, was still for English supported as he was the Royal Governor of New Jersey. This became a rift between father and son and was never settled or healed.
Ben was elected to the Second Continental Congress and even helped with the drafting of The Declaration of Independence. The writing was done by Jefferson but the wording was Ben's.
Ben made a number of trips to France for help to finance the revolution. The French loved him and he did well for America there.
He died April 17, 1790 at the age of 84. There was 20,000 people at his funeral. He was called The Harmonious Human Multitude.

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Breakfast:
2/24 - Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk
2/25 - Egg/cheese omelet, toast/jelly, juice, milk
2/26 - Waffles, sausage, juice, milk

3/1 - Pizza, juice, milk
3/2 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, juice, milk
Lunch:
2/24 - Corn dog, fries, mandarin oranges, milk; WT: Beef bites
2/25 - Rotini/meat, green beans, garlic toast, sherbet, milk
2/26 - Cheese or chicken quesadilla, tossed salad, fruit crisp, milk

3/1 - Cheeseburger sandwich, fries, pineapple, milk; WT: Bacon cheeseburger
3/2 - Chicken nuggets, tator tots, cookie, pears, milk

CITY OF WOODBURN MINUTES FOR 1/4/10

Mayor Hoeffpner would like to inform residents National Serv-All would begin trash pickup around 6:00 a.m. Totes should be put out the night before or before 6:00 a.m. Mayor met with representatives concerning the recycling program. It is agreed the Lutheran School and the Elementary School will share the recycling, each taking six months beginning in the 2010-2011 school year. Mayor reported the Chamber of Commerce is checking into purchasing brackets and banners for Main Street. Mayor is working on New City of Woodburn Signs.

Officer Carpenter reported the new police car is in, Council agreed to leave unmarked for now.
John Drewery reported cost of the new meters to be ordered for the schools and trailer park are \$8544.57. Councilmen made motions to purchase meters, Councilman Mason, Reichhart, Zimmerman and Clegg voted yes, Councilman Norden abstained, motion passed.

Minutes were presented, Councilmen made motions to approve, all agreed, motion passed. A light pole is down in the Homestead addition, Councilmen made motions to replace with the same type of pole if quote comes in acceptable, all agreed, motion passed. Clerk Treasurer

Meeting adjourned at 8:55
Minutes submitted by Lesa Meadows

Annual Report training will be in Warsaw on January 26. Councilmen made motions for Lesa and Beth to attend, all agreed, motion passed.

Councilman Reichhart stated Mayor should choose the Board of Works for 2010. Mayor would like to keep Councilman Mason and Reichhart for the year. Councilman Reichhart feels a storm water board and fund should be established for 2010. The new storm water line on Main St ended at Core St, needs to be replaced out Woodburn Rd.

Councilman Zimmerman and Mayor will be attending the close out meeting for the first section of the new highway 24 project. Letting for the 3rd phase will be in February.

Councilman Clegg reported residents living on Carl St. would like the paint on the curb removed. Council had agreed to put it back to a parking area; maintenance department will power wash it when the weather gets warmer. Councilman Clegg reported the Lutheran School had a program that conflicted with the council meeting and there was no parking; he would like to reserve parking for Councilmen on nights of the Council meetings. Mayor stated if known in advance cones could be put up.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55
Minutes submitted by Lesa Meadows

As sure as it's going to rain, the classifieds sell.


LEGAL NOTICE

Ordinance 01-10 Village of Cecil An ordinance approving, adopting and enacting American Legal Publishing's Ohio Basic Code 2010 Edition, as the Code of Ordinances for the Village of Cecil, Paulding County, State of Ohio and Declaring an Emergency.

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"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT:" VANTAGE BPA STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR STATE COMPETITION



Vantage Business Professional of America (BPA) state qualifiers!
Front: Chelsea Bullen, Tori Thatcher, Rachel Miller, Alayna Leatherman, Brittany Fetters, Aryn Denny, Megan Stutz, and Patty Shaffer. **Back:** Michael Hoersten, Thomas Moore, Nate Stechsulte, Stephen Leininger, Jerod Schoonover, Adam Showalter, John Howard, Brad Allmandinger, Ryan Menke, Kyle Hoffman, Adam Smazenko and Patrick Jackson. Unavailable for the picture were Torrie Decker and Courtney Temple.

Vantage Career Center Business students recently competed in the first round of Region 16 Business Professionals of America skills contests at Celina High School. Fifty-five students from the Vantage business programs—Interactive Media, Medical Office Management and Network Systems—competed in a variety of different contests including Network Administration, Software Engineering, Fundamental Accounting, Medical Office Procedures, Digital Media Production, Computer Animation, Network Design, Advanced Office Systems and Procedures, and Administrative Support. In all, twenty-two students earned the right to advance to the state competition held in Columbus in the spring. Junior Network Systems students Adam Smazenko from Antwerp and Patrick Jackson from Parkway qualified for state competition by placing first in the Software Engineering Team contest. Network Systems seniors Brad Allmandinger from Van Wert, Kyle Hoffman from Ft. Jennings and junior Michael

Hoersten joined together to place first in the Network Design Team competition. Michael also placed second in the Cisco Systems Administration contest. Stephen Leininger, a Network Systems senior from Paulding, took first place in two different contests – Computer Network Technology and Network Administration. Senior Maggie Girardot from Lincolnville, also in the Network Systems program, placed first in the Information Technology Concepts contest. Thomas Moore, a senior from Paulding placed fourth in the vb.net Programming contest. Two Interactive Media seniors, Jerod Schoonover and Adam Showalter, both from Van Wert, joined forces to take first place in the Computer Animation Team event. John Howard, an Interactive Media senior from Crestview placed first in the Digital Media Production contest, while senior classmate Nate Stechsulte from Ft. Jennings placed first in the Entrepreneurship contest. Rachel Miller, a senior in the Medical Office Management program from Van Wert

placed first in the Fundamental Accounting skills contest and the Medical Office Management contest. Tori Thatcher, a Crestview senior in the Medical Office Management program placed first in the Advanced Office Systems and Procedures contest, while her classmate Alayna Leatherman from Continental placed second. Senior Brittany Fetters from Crestview took first place in the Payroll Accounting competition. Senior Torrie Decker from Van Wert placed second in the Medical Office Procedures contest, while senior Chelsea Bullen from Continental placed fourth. Medical Office Management juniors Aryn Denny from Wayne Trace, Patty Shaffer from Paulding, Megan Stutz from Parkway and Courtney Temple from Wayne Trace, pooled their talents to take top honors in the Administrative Support Team competition. Students who qualified for the state contest will compete on March 11 and 12 in Columbus. Congratulations and Good Luck to all student competitors!

DR. SEUSS' READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY AT THE JOHNSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The Johnson Memorial Library, along with other libraries and schools across the country, will be celebrating

Read Across America Day with a special Dr. Seuss Story Time on Tuesday, March 2 at 6:30 p.m. The Dr. Seuss Story Time gives us a chance to throw Dr. Seuss, the well-loved children's author who was born under the name Theodore Geisel, a special birthday celebration.

The Read Across America Day program is free and is open to everyone, both the young and the young at heart. As part of the celebrations, there will be Cat in the Hat and Green Eggs and Ham stories, videos, and a craft. Dr. Seuss wrote over 40 children's books, which sold more than two hundred million copies worldwide. He won numerous awards including three Caldecott Honor Awards, two Peabody Awards, an Emmy Award, and a Pulitzer Prize for more than 50 years of dedicated work in education and entertainment.

"Dr. Seuss has brought so much fun to reading," explained Branch Manager Amy Murphy. "We would be missing out on so much fun and zaniness without characters like the Cat in the Hat or the Grinch Who Stole Christmas." If you have any questions about or would like additional information on Read Across America Day, call the Johnson Memorial Library at (419) 542-6200 or email murphyam@opl.in.org.

Let West Bend News announce your engagement, wedding or anniversary. It's only \$5 per column for the photo and the announcement is community news.

ANTWERP CIVIL WAR VETERANS LISTING

This week we continue with our Civil War Veterans. It looks like a lot of families had more than one family members serving at the same time. What hardship that must have been. Our town sure had a lot of "B" Veterans that served—we have a listing for 48 of them!

George Barnhart, James C Barnhart, John Barnhart, Nicholas Barnhart, Robert Barnhill, Benjamin Beal, Robert Beal, John Henry Beiderwell, Samuel Bell, Adam Berg, David Bice, Joseph Bice, Henry Beiber, William Blakley, David Bobenmyer, Charles W Boland, Jesse H Bond, Lewis X Bouvier, Henry C Boylah, Phineas C Breece, Joseph Brisland, Elias Brown, Henry A Brown, Rollin M Bruner, William H Brumer, Christopher Bruning, Myron W Brush, John S Bryan, Alonzo Burt, George W Busby, Joseph R Bushong. Don't forget that March 31st is the deadline for your names and documentation. Also, we only have four large and four small pavers left. If you are still thinking about honoring your family members please contact us.

NEWS FROM THE ROOST

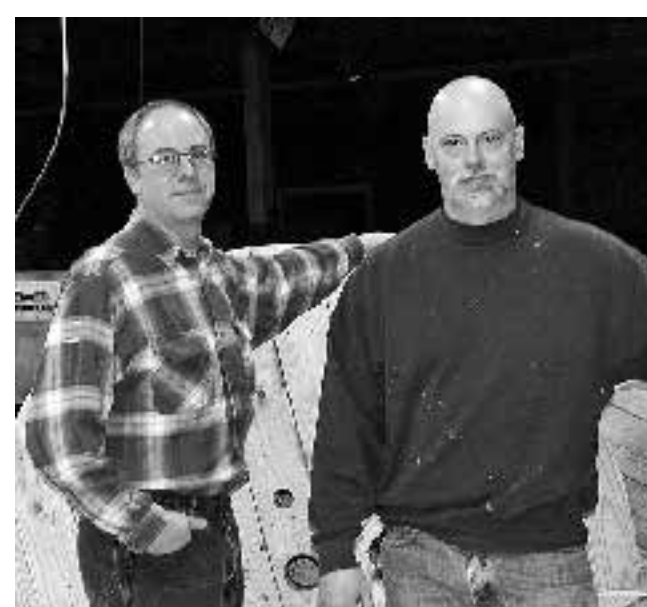
Winter weather got you down? Tired of the same old same old? Stop in to Los Gallitos for a change of pace. Not only does Los Gallitos serve delicious authentic Mexican dishes, they also have American comfort food as well. And happy to serve you any dish you wish is Tyler Crutchfield. Tyler has been with the Los Gallitos family since the



Grand re-opening by new owners Eric and Jennifer Hart. Tyler is 20 years old and attends college at Ohio State Lima. He is studying allied meds. When Tyler's not working or studying he enjoys 4-wheeling, horseback riding, and spending time with his beautiful girlfriend, Kristy. Tyler is a bright spot in everyone's day, he's thoughtful, kind, hard-working and funny. Tyler's favorite dish at Los Gallitos is a Chicken wet burrito with french fries. What is a wet burrito you may ask? It's a delicious burrito smothered in enchilada gravy and cheese. Wet burritos are served as a daily special on Thursdays, but are available anytime. When asked about Tyler's favorite part of his job, besides the fantastic staff, Tyler says the customers. Tyler enjoys seeing new faces come in, but he also enjoys hearing from his regulars as well. Tyler's least favorite part of his job is washing dishes on occasion, but who does enjoy dishes?

So when you're looking for a change of pace and a friendly face, stop in at Los Gallitos and visit Tyler Crutchfield. A delicious meal and helpful staff may be just the thing to kick the winter blues.

NEW AMERICAN REEL COMPANY EXPANDS ITS OPERATIONS



Dave Parisot and Mark Greenwood of New American Reel Company, Antwerp

By: Sue Knapp
 New American Reel Company is an up and coming business working out of the Dana building in Antwerp, Ohio. Mark Greenwood worked as an engineer in Fort Wayne and Dave Parisot worked in steel fabrication. They decided to start their own business so they purchased the business located in Huntertown in 2007. In August of 2008 they moved the business to Antwerp. The company has been in the business of repairing and fabricating steel wire reels for wire producers since 1999. They have spent the last year working to develop the products and processes necessary to provide wooden wire reels to those same customers. The

manufacturing is now up and running and the company plans to hire employees throughout the year to meet customer demand. Stacks of lumber and finished reels cover the floor and are ready to go into the marketplace. The company has been working with the help of local and state agencies to help this vision develop. Special thanks to the Paulding County Economic Development, Accent Ohio, Ohio Small Business Development Center, and First Federal Bank for all their help and support.

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Mon, Mar. 22, - 4-H, 6:30-8:00pm
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