

PAULDING ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF MONTH



November Students of the Month were celebrated on December 16, 2010 at Paulding Elementary. Each student is allowed to bring one family member to their lunch to hear why they were chosen as student of the month and enjoy time together.

GROVER HILLS LIONS CLUB PAYS FORWARD WITH STANDER



The Grover Hill Lions Club donated the Easy Stand Stander to Wayne Trace Payne Elementary to help one of their students. The stander will help enable to student to do more and will help him build strength. The Grover Hill Lions Club has a long history of helping the students of Wayne Trace through a variety of donations.

The school district, students, and families have always greatly appreciated their contributions to the community.

In the picture: Sarah Deatrack, Principal; Max Kochensparger, Grover Hill Lions Club President; Heather Matthews, Therapist; Rob Wannemacher, Treasurer.

THE EPIC OF 2010

By: Josh Steiner

The year 2010, one of the weirdest years in terms of weather that I have ever seen, has finally ended. I have only one thousand words to describe to you this epic of a year. A year that could possibly be written down as the worst meteorological year on record in terms of record heat across the northern hemisphere, the storminess and flooding in some parts of the United States and Asia, and the extreme cold of both the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 winters across the United States and Europe.

The year started out on a very quiet note, with an arctic air mass anchored in the eastern United States bringing record cold temperatures to the Northern Plains, and below average temperatures to most of the east. According to NOAA, though, the severity was how widespread it was—not the magnitude. During January, Alberta Clipper systems rushed out of Canada causing a band of moderate snow several times to cross the Midwest through Ohio to the Mid-Atlantic, also contributing to the above average snowfall in Delmarva, and much of the Mid-Atlantic states. January ended badly, with a northeast heavy snow event where snowfall amounts were over 20 inches in some places of New York.

February also started off on a bad note, with a mon-

ster snowstorm, now known as "Snowmageddon" which dumped over three feet of snow in Maryland and Delaware. This gave many cities record snowfall totals. Only three days later, another snowstorm emptied over a foot of snow from Chicago to Pittsburgh to Philadelphia up the East Coast. After it caused reduced visibilities and heavy snowfall over our area, the low pressure center "bombed" out and produced hurricane force winds over New York City and Boston before exiting out of New England. On radar, during the height of the storm, the heavy snow had a

Upcoming WEATHER Forecast

Wed, Jan 5	- Partly Cloudy	High 32° - Low 26°
Thu, Jan 6	- Mostly Cloudy	Hi 31° - Low 22°
Fri, Jan 7	- Mostly Cloudy	High 27° - Low 15°
Sat, Jan 8	- Partly Cloudy	High 25° - Low 15°
Sun, Jan 9	- Partly Cloudy	High 30° - Low 18°
Mon, Jan 10	- Snow Shower	High 27° - Low 17°
Tue, Jan 11	- Mostly Cloudy	High 26° - Low 17°

clearly formed eye giving it the name "Snowicane". This was the first time since the Blizzard of 1996 that a blizzard along the east coast had a clearly formed eye. Even though snowfall amounts were much less, the near hurricane-like winds made the headlines across the nation.

February again, as it had started badly, also ended with a heavy snowstorm in the Northeast, which Wikipedia named the Third North American Blizzard of 2010. This snowstorm was a series of complex low pressure centers that had become one in the Gulf of Mexico, but then

SHEPHERDS, SHEEP AND A SAVIOR



By: Sue Knapp

The gym at Woodburn Lutheran School was filling rapidly with parents, grandparents, siblings, etc. and they waited patiently for 7:00 to come.

The students at Woodburn Lutheran School presented 'Shepherd's, Sheep and a Savior'. This song and drama play depicted a modern rendition of Jesus' birth from the shepherds point of view.

The program started out

with The Chime Choir, directed by Mrs. Sharon Gerig and Mrs. Bev Rekeweg.

The kids did a beautiful job ringing the chimes to some of our favorite Christmas carols.

All the children from preschool to 6th grade were in the program. The drama, was very good with the shepherds narrating the Christmas story starting with the announcement of Jesus' birth and end-

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April saw record-breaking temperatures with Boston reaching the 90 degree mark on April 7 while other cities in the Great Lakes and Ohio Valley, such as Fort Wayne, reached 86 degrees on April 2, and Pittsburgh hit 85. The record-breaking temperatures continued throughout the rest of April. May had areas in the Central Plains and Ohio Valley with several days of heavy thunderstorms which bucketed over five inches of rain in some parts of our area. After school here

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OBITUARIES

Donald D. Dunderman, 56, of Antwerp, passed away Sunday, December 26, 2010 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Donnie was born in Key West, Florida on July 10, 1954, a son of Richard Dunderman and the late Ottie (Murphy) Dunderman.

Donnie worked at Dietrich Industries and was a member of the Hicksville Eagles and Defiance AmVets. He enjoyed fishing and Harley Davidson.

He will be sadly missed by his father, Richard of Antwerp; sons: Donald (Shelly) of Antwerp; Jonathan of Fort Wayne; daughters: Jennifer of Kendallville, Jeannie (Curtis) Campbell of Kendallville, Lydia Kanenan of Antwerp and Charli of Payne; brothers: Richard (Gloria) of Mechanicsville, MD and David (Chris) of Bryan; sisters: Darla (Frank) Considine and Jackie (Sandy) Doctor; girlfriend, Julie Gessner all of Antwerp; and 13 grandchildren.

Memorial Service at Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp, on December 30, 2010 with Rev. Gary Gates officiating.

Memorials are to the charity of your choice. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com



Jeffrey Andrew Hull, born May 30, 1980 in Paulding, Ohio has gone to be with his Lord and Savior. Jeff died at his home in Cecil, OH on the morning of December 26, 2010.

He is survived by his son, Zachary Andrew Hull of Paulding, who was born March 16, 2003; his parents: Philip and Vicky (Mapes) Hull of Cecil; brothers: Shawn (Nicole) Hull and Matthew

(Stephanie) Hull both of Paulding; sisters: Christina (Jason) Padrutt of Marengo, OH and Suzanne Hull of Cecil; girlfriend, Sara Molitor and Sara's son, Jayden Molitor of Payne; nieces: Madison Hull and Paige Hull of Paulding, Danielle Padrutt of Marengo, and Alana Villarreal of Cecil; nephews: Sebastian Padrutt of Marengo, and Matthew Hull Jr. of Paulding.

His grandparents, Gladys and Paul Hull Sr. and Mary and Charles Mapes, preceded Jeff in death.

Funeral services were conducted December 30, 2010 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with Pastor Paul Hamrick officiating. Burial was in Rochester Cemetery, Cecil.

Donations may be made to Relay for Life of Paulding County-American Cancer Society. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Ruth Ellen Foust, 79, of Paulding died Monday, December 27, 2010 at the Gardens of Paulding.

She was born April 30, 1931 in Van Wert County, OH the daughter of Ernest and Hesper (Roberts) Kimmey. On June 26, 1949 she married Elmer H. Foust who preceded her in death on April 22, 2008. She was a member of Paulding United Methodist Church. She was the first woman employed as a US Post Mistress in Paulding County being employed by Paulding Post Office for 20 years and Melrose Post Office for five years. She was a Cub Scout leader and a 4-H advisor.

She is survived by three sons: Mark Foust of Huron, TN, Roland Foust of Bedford, IN, and Gordon "Heavy" Foust of Paulding; two daughters: Kathleen (Tom) Reinhart of Paulding, and Lori (Keith) Deming of Defiance; a brother, David (Jan) Kimmey of Wetsel, OH; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Her parents, husband and two great grandchildren preceded her in death.

Funeral services were conducted December 31 2010 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with Rev. Ben Lowell officiating. Burial was in Middle Creek Cemetery, Grover Hill, OH.

Donations may be made to Paulding United Methodist Church or a charity of the donor's choice. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Paul Richard Schilb Sr., 85, of Antwerp, passed away Friday, December 31, 2010 at Defiance Inpatient Hospice Center.

Dick was born in Antwerp on July 14, 1925, a son of the late Mary Rebecca (Hawver) and Robert Andrew Schilb.

He was a Purple Heart veteran of WW II. Dick worked most of his life for Schilb & Sons, retiring from Friend Furniture & Flooring, Antwerp. He was Past Master of the former Antwerp Masonic Lodge and past Worthy Patron in 1959 of the former Eastern Star Hope Chapter, Antwerp. Dick also served one term on the Antwerp Village Council. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Antwerp, where he served 60 years as an elder; He was also a member of Hicksville Masonic Lodge #0478, 60 year member of the Eastern Star, Van Wert Chapter 48, Antwerp VFW Post 5087, Antwerp American Legion Post 253 and the D.A.V.

On September 1, 1946 he married Vivian King, who survives.

Dick will be sadly missed by his wife, Vivian; daughter, Janese; son, Rick (Peg) both of Fort Wayne; grandchildren: Derreck, Andy and Kim Schwehn, Aaron (Ashley) Schilb all of Fort Wayne, Mikael Schilb of Columbus; great-grandchildren: Max, Charlie and Henry Schilb, and Luke and Adam Schilb; and brother-in-law, Richard Yearling all of Fort Wayne.

He was also preceded in death by his brother, Robert.

His funeral service is at Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River St., Antwerp, at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 5, 2011 with viewing one hour prior. Pastor Mike Pennington will officiate.

Memorials are to the church or Paulding County Hospital. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Joy Lynn Goeltzenleuchter, 57, of Latty, died Friday, December 31, 2010 at the Convoy Care Center, Convoy, OH.

She was born in Paulding County Ohio on September 1, 1953 the daughter of Glen L. and Myrtle E. (Boroff) Goeltzenleuchter. She attended Friends United Methodist Church of Latty, OH.

Surviving are two sisters: Nancy (Rick) Mabis of Antwerp and Glenna (Paul) Stabler of Payne; one brother, Rex (Toni) Goeltzenleuchter of Defiance, OH; nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents; maternal grandparents: William and Jennie (Neal) Boroff; paternal grandparents: Vern and Frannie (Bolinger) Goeltzenleuchter; and a niece, Anna Christine Roth.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 5, 2011 at the Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Pastor Todd Murray will officiate. Burial will be in Paulding Memorial Cemetery, Paulding, OH.

Visitation will be at the Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, on Wednesday, January 5, 2011, one hour before services.

Memorials to The Parc Lane Center, Paulding, OH. Online condolences may be sent to: www.denherderfh.com.

Hazel Marie Schwab Winner, 94, of Cecil died Sunday, January 2, 2011 at the Gardens of Paulding, Paulding, OH. She was born in Defiance County, OH on August 14, 1916 the daughter of George Lee and Sara Ella (Johnson) Caryer. In 1934 she married Henry E. Schwab, who preceded her in death on February 20, 1972. On September 23, 1973 she married Basil B. Winner who preceded her in death on November 20, 1982. She was employed by the former Johnson's Restaurant, and the 5-10 Store, both of Paulding. She was a member of the Paulding Senior Center.

She is survived by three children: Donnave Cooper of Harlington, TX, Delmar (Karen) Schwab of Payne, and Duane (Bonnie) Schwab of Cecil; three step-children: Ron (Erlene) Winner of Paulding, Jim Winner of Fort Wayne, and Susan (Bob) Schmunk of Ann Arbor, MI; eleven grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; two husbands; two brothers: Robert and Leo Caryer; three sisters: Violet Winebriner, Virginia Coon, and Valene Sailer; and two grandsons: Dean Schwab and Frank Sinclair.

Funeral services will be conducted 11:00 a.m. Thursday, January 6, 2011 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Burial will be in Rochester Cemetery, Cecil.

Visitation will be 4:00-8:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 5, 2011 at Den Herder Funeral Home, and one hour prior to services on Thursday prior to services.

Donations may be made Paulding County Senior Center or Mark Center United Methodist Church. Online condolences may be sent to www.denerderfh.com

SEX, MONEY AND POWER

The new year is upon us. Once we recover from the crazy Christmas season, we start to think about the new year. What needs to be different? What do we need to stop? What do we need to start? How can we make 2011 better than 2010? It is only natural to ask what needs to change in our lives as the calendar changes to another year. But have you seen that there is a common thread for most of the choices you make? Is there a central theme or goal? An overriding feeling that you can never satisfy? A craving for something that you don't currently have but that you are willing to change your whole life for?

According to the Bible, the answer should be to glorify God through Jesus in all that we do. But looking at the state of our country and our lives, we would be hard pressed to say that is our one pure and holy passion. Instead, many of us live by the famous words of Tony Montana from the movie *Scarface*, "In this country, you gotta make the money first. Then when you get the money, you get the power. Then when you get the power,

then you get the women."

The order might change around but the usual aim of our hearts to use sex, money or power to obtain the other two. James 4:1-3 says, "What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures."

Have you considered that the desire for sex, money and power is often what we want in place of God? We want these over and above his greatest gift to us: a relationship with the Creator through Jesus Christ. In January at Payne Church of Christ, we will explore how God reigns over and is worshiped through each of these areas. If you don't think you wrestle with any of these as your true God, you might be surprised by how the Bible will challenge you and show you how the worship of these is leading to your current discontentment.

Join us as we discuss the God of Money on January 9, and the God of Power on January 16 beginning at 9:30 a.m. at 220 W. Merrin St. in Payne.

FINDING CONTENTMENT IN A BUSY WORLD

By: **Regan Clem, Riverside Christian Church**

There was a prosperous businessman visiting the ocean on vacation. He was disturbed to find a fisherman sitting lazily beside his boat. "Why aren't you out there fishing?" he asked.

"Because I've caught enough fish for today," said the fisherman.

"Why don't you catch more fish than you need?" the rich man asked.

"What would I do with them?"

"You could earn more money," came the impatient reply, "and buy a better boat so you could go deeper and catch more fish. You could purchase nylon nets, catch even more fish, and make more money. Soon you'd have a fleet of boats and be rich like me."

The fisherman asked, "Then what would I do?"

"You could sit down and enjoy life," said the businessman.

"What do you think I'm doing now?" the fisherman

replied as he looked placidly out to sea.

(Modernized and adapted from *Our Daily Bread*, May 18, 1994.)

Paul wrote in his letter to the church in Philippi.

"I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:11b-13 ESV).

Contentment. We seek to find it, but we get distracted from its true source in the mad rush of life. Contentment is not found in consuming the most products. It won't be in the next movie, an increased paycheck, the next vacation, the next visit with family, or the next product we buy. We have been bamboozled, time after time, into thinking the "next" thing will bring us more contentment, but it won't. We should realize that by now. A contentment that cannot be experienced in the midst of the situation we currently find ourselves living in is just a false peace. True contentment can withstand the depressions, sorrows, and tragedies of life. It can withstand broken dreams and broken promises. It is immune from outside influences. It is found living in the presence of God. Living, not just dwelling. There is a big difference.

The goal of spiritual growth is to live all of our moments in Jesus. In our resting we will dwell on Him, His works, and His will. In our working, we will and look for opportunities to serve others and bring about His will. Everything we do, when we are living in Him, will be about doing His will to the best of our abilities. Then we can rest assured that the outcome of all of our actions is in His hands. We are only responsible for being faithful and doing our part. This frees us from the stress of the outcomes, which allows us to live our lives in God's will as if we are already victor. Let Him worry about the results. He's God; He can handle that.

May you grow in Jesus to the point where you are living in Him during your resting and your working. May you find the contentment that God designed you to experience.

You can read more of Regan's writings at www.regan-sravings.blogspot.com or stop in to worship God with him and his church family on Sundays at Riverside at 10:30 a.m.

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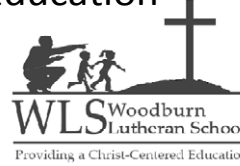


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GOD ISN'T ALOOF

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

Early in my work with young people I remember someone said to me that people do not care how much you know and until they know how much you care. For Saul and Pilar Cruz, missionaries in Mexico, they also came to know the meaning of that truth.

Saul and Pilar Cruz, a married couple who founded Armonia Ministries in Mexico City, launched their ministry by planting a church on the edge of a vast garbage dump. Starting the church had its challenges. In particular, the people had a difficult time trusting Saul's leadership. Although Saul is a gifted strategist and thinker, he often appeared aloof. By his own admission, at this point Saul was unwilling to plunge into the pain and poverty of his people.

But all of that changed one Sunday morning when someone burst into their worship service with a frantic need: the local sewage system had started leaking and then flooding the street. As the sewage continued to gush, the street was on the verge of collapse. The crisis also threatened to sweep away dozens of nearby homes. To make matters worse, the city wouldn't respond for at least three days.

Saul and a local engineer organized the onlookers and church members to stop traffic and make sandbags. After working frantically for nearly fifteen hours, by three o'clock the next morning they had finally stopped the flow of sewage. It was cold and drizzling, and Saul was shivering. Exhausted, covered with mud and sewage, Saul and his church members emerged from the pit and walked back to the church. Some of the women had heated water so the volunteers could wash off the filth.

As they gathered together, Saul started to cry. "I'm sorry," he said, "but I need to pray. I need to thank God, because he just saved us. He saved you. He saved me. Can we pray?" Then Saul put out his hands as they all held hands and knelt to pray. By the time they had finished praying, Saul had earned their trust, becoming their leader and their friend. Later on, Saul would comment, "People need to see you're for real—that you really care for them, that you're even ready to put your life on the edge for them."

Christmas celebrates the fact that Jesus Christ, God in the flesh, moved into our world, walking into our suffering. Our God isn't aloof.

Jesus put his life on the edge for us, descending into the mud and sewage of our world. We read in John 1:14 (NIV), 14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

LESSONS FROM MATTHEW 3:17

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

Matthew 3:17 tells us, "and suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying "This is my beloved son, in whom I am well-pleased"" NKJV. Before we start studying let us ask our heavenly Father to help us in our study.

The fact that a voice came out of heaven is significant for us although the debate goes on whether anyone heard the voice or not. What is important in this verse is when things happen in heaven. Later in Matthew the people will ask for a sign from heaven, because they believed the satanic powers could do nothing in the sky (Matthew 16:1).

My beloved Son: There are three things stated here about Jesus:

1. He is a Son - Psalms 2:7 I will declare the decree: The Lord has said to me, you are my Son, Today I have begotten you (NKJV). Clearly this is Messianic passage. Also read Hebrews 1:5 and Acts 13:33.

2. He is beloved - Isaiah 42:1 Behold! My servant whom I uphold, my elect one in whom my soul delights! I have put my spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles (NKJV). The Son is going to be loved.

3. He is well pleasing - Isaiah 44:2 Thus says the Lord who made you and formed you from the womb, who will help you: Fear not, O Jacob my servant: and you Jeshuron, whom I have chosen (NKJV).

In Psalms 2:1-7, David refers to God's Son as His "anointed". Jesus became the Messiah when He was baptized, and God's Spirit fell upon Him. It was at this point He was anointed, and the fact that God says He is well pleased means that Jesus has fulfilled all His expectations of Him and that He is sinless. For further study 1 Samuel 10:7 and 1 Samuel 16:13.

After Jesus was anointed, His ministry followed, and the authority came after His resurrection. In Acts 10:38 (NKJV) How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him (NKJV). It was after the Resurrection that Jesus received all authority. All of this was part of God's plan.

If you have comments on this lesson or any questions concerning this or any other Bible topic please call Lonnie Lambert at 419-399-5022 or James Potter at 419-393-4775. Jesus loves you and so does the Oakwood church of Christ. Please continue your study on this lesson. Also always remember to be in prayer to our heavenly Father for help.

LOCAL GOSPEL GROUP SIGNS WITH LABEL

Manor House Music recently welcomed The Tacketts to its family of artists by reaching a long term recording agreement with the trio.

The Defiance, Ohio based Tacketts carry on a 30 year tradition of singing Gospel music. They are comprised of husband and wife, Jeff and Sarah Tackett and group member Jason Tackett. Jason is actually not a relative but happens to share the same

family name. He met Jeff and Sarah while the three were performing together in their home church praise band.

Sarah Tackett is a former Miss Ohio and talent award winner in the Miss America Pageant. A graduate of Bowling Green State University, Sarah has an extensive background in musical theater, TV, radio commercials and voice-overs. In addition to being a mother of four, singer and songwriter, she's been a featured speaker, emcee, and performer for special events and women's conferences.

Jeff Tackett began singing and touring at age eight with his family's gospel group in churches and revivals throughout the country. As a preacher's kid, he traveled to share in music ministry from 1979 to 1994. Since then Jeff has toured as a country and gospel performer. Jeff is a versatile vocalist, composer and instrumentalist, playing piano, guitar, drums, bass, banjo, and steel guitar.

The Tacketts new Manor House project is scheduled for completion during the spring of 2011 utilizing Mansion's state of the art recording facility in Branson, Missouri. For more information regarding The Tacketts visit their website at www.tackettmusic.com. For more information on Manor House Music contact Executive Director Bill Dykes at bdykes@themansionentertainment.com.

MONTHLY SENIOR BREAKFAST AT GARDENS OF PAULDING

The monthly senior breakfast at Gardens of Paulding will take place this next Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. Any seniors are invited free of charge.

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at Antwerp recessed, temperatures soared to the upper 80's and lower 90's across the area in a week long heat wave. Temperatures then dropped to the 70's in mid-June for a heavy rain event which caused even more flooding on the saturated grounds of the Midwest.

In June, record-breaking flooding in Iowa and Minnesota caused crop damage and caused a very moist air mass to form over Iowa and much of the Cornbelt causing a very oppressive summer for that area. By the end of June, though, several rounds of severe weather in the Lower Great Lakes and the Cornbelt ended the oppressive heat for nearly a week until July 4th, where another heat wave gained a foothold over much of the nation. Following this pattern, many other heat waves formed with the center of the heat waves shifting west from the Southeast to the Southern Plains over time.

By October though, flash flooding was ensuing over the Northeast as the remnants of Tropical Storm Nicole washed ashore. Finally, record-breaking temperatures set up over the Northeast—up to the 90's.

In November, an arctic blast caused the first lake-effect snow showers to form over the Great Lakes and caused freezes all the way into the Deep South. Again, record-breaking warmth came about over the East the second week of Novem-

ber and soon ended the next week. By Thanksgiving week, a very stormy pattern had set up over the entire nation causing heavy rain and flash flooding over the Ohio Valley, with totals over six inches in some cases. A blizzard formed for the holidays over Minnesota dumping over a foot of snow. After temperatures tumbled, another warm air mass rushed out of the Gulf of Mexico again causing flash flooding over the East.

Finally, there was an arctic blast that ended all warm ups. The first day of December temperatures were below freezing in the Ohio Valley, Great Lakes, and interior Northeast. A quiet arctic air mass kept temperatures much below average across the East. A mammoth snowstorm formed across the Great Lakes and Midwest. The heaviest snowfalls were around Minneapolis where 20 inches of snow caused the Metrodome roof to collapse. An arctic air mass encompassed the Deep South and Florida where, as of now, they have had a record cold December. The other cold system hit the West Coast bringing record-breaking rainfall amounts to Los Angeles and surrounding areas while also dumping unofficial amounts of up to 20 feet of snow in the Sierra Nevada.


PAYNE ELEMENTARY BRINGS OUT SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS









Emily and Ryan, Payne Elementary 2nd graders, help depict the manger scene with the Kindergartners singing during the Payne Elementary Christmas program.

The same storm, then entered the Midwest by Christmas Day bringing a white Christmas to some areas that had not seen one in over 100 years. To end the 2010, a huge snowstorm developed and dumped over two feet of snow over New York City and Newark. Another warm up has commenced just before New Year's in the East causing the snow to melt and flooding. As of deadline time, severe weather is developing across the South and moving towards our area. Temperatures here are in the mid-fifties and are continuing to

rise. 2010 was quite a year weather-wise, to say the least. Don't forget the quiet Giant of the Hurricane season where many hurricanes developed but none hit the United States. 2011 may not be as bad as 2010, I still think that with the elevated severe weather risk next spring and the elevated risk of a wetter than normal spring combined with the fact that 2011-2012 could be another record-breaking winter which would make 2011 another noteworthy year.




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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A while back I was talking to a friend who also runs his own business. We were talking about how work was slow because of the poor economy even though all of our local, state and federal officials tell us it is good. He talked about projects around his house he can't do thanks to the economy. I too have projects I keep putting off. Then he told me the perfect way to get these officials to realize how bad things are. My thought was to shoot them all, but his is more legal and to the point. Take every one in government—from the local to the federal—and put them on minimum wage. Then tell them, "This is all you get to support your families, pay bills and buy food with. When you get the economy to recover only then will you get a raise. If you lose your home because you can't make the payments, you'll know what other people are going through. If you can't buy enough food, join the crowd."

This is the only way to wake these over paid people up to the fact we are still having it rough.

Thanks to my friend for this idea and hope he sees this and realizes how great this would be!

—Gregg Gorman

SHIDLER GRADUATES FROM BASIC TRAINING

Charles "Chas" Shidler graduated from Basic Training December 9, 2010. Chas joined the Army National Guard May 2, 2010 and he attended monthly drills in St. Mary's, Ohio, until Sep-



tember of 2010. He entered Basic Training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri where he completed 10 weeks of basic training. After graduation Chas started training as a heavy equipment operator. He returned home for two weeks to spend the holidays with his family and friends. Chas will return to Ft. Leonard Wood to complete his training and will graduate at the end of February. At that time he will be classified as an Engineer. He will return home at the end of February where he will continue to attend monthly drills until he is deployed. Chas is a 2010 graduate of Vantage Vocational School and Antwerp Local Schools. His proud parents are Randy and Lynn Shaffer of Antwerp and he has a sister Tayler at home. He is the grandson of Dave and Jan Connor of Bryan, Fred and Janice Shaffer of Antwerp, and Carol and the late Oden Shidler of Antwerp.

PAULDING LIBRARIES TO ACCEPT PAPER PRODUCTS FOR FINES

During the first week of January, patrons will have the opportunity to clear their fines by donating paper products or personal care products to their branch library. Each library in the Paulding County system will be participating. Donations will be distributed to area food pantries. Typical items to be donated can include: toilet paper, paper towels, feminine hygiene, adult hygiene, shampoo, soap, diapers, deodorant, baby wipes, household cleaning supplies, etc. The library staff will determine the amount of fines to be waived per donation. The special fine-free for paper products week will run from Monday, January 3rd, through Saturday, January 8th. For more information, contact your local Paulding County library.

WOODBURN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOLDS QUARTERLY MEETING

The Woodburn Chamber of Commerce will be holding its quarterly meeting on Thursday, January 6th at City Hall at 7:00 p.m. Businesses in Woodburn and surrounding area are eligible for membership as well as any individual citizen. Bring ideas on ways to promote the qualities and opportunities of Woodburn and surrounding area.

FORT WAYNE FARM SHOW 2011

The Allen County Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, will host the 21st annual Fort Wayne Farm Show on January 18, Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; January 19, Wednesday, from 9:00 to 8:00 p.m. and January 20, Thursday, from 9:00 to 4:00 p.m.

The Fort Wayne Farm Show has established itself as one of the most respected farm shows in the upper midwest. Over 35,000 farmers attend the show annually to view the latest farm technology the industry has to offer along with the area's largest variety of farm machinery and equipment. Educational seminars are presented daily by the Northeastern Indiana Soil and Water Conservation District and Purdue Cooperative Extension Service. The wheels of yesteryear collection of antique tractors will again be displayed. New this year will be free CPR classes offered by the St. Joseph Fire Department. This year's grand prize drawing will be for a Suzuki Ozark 250 ATV* courtesy of Woodson Motorsports located at 436 East Washington Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN.

In support of Indiana's FFA Scholarship Foundation, a fund raising auction will be held at 1:00 p.m. both Tuesday and Wednesday featuring a variety of donated items.

In addition to the Fort Wayne Farm Show, Tradexpos produces the North American Farm and Power Show in Owatonna, MN. The Wichita Farm and Ranch Show along with the Topeka Farm Show; both in Kansas.

Visit Tradexpos year round at www.tradexpos.com. For more information on the Fort Wayne Farm Show contact Tradexpos, Inc, PO Box 1067 Austin, MN 55912.

2011 AGRONOMY DAY PROGRAM

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Educator

The 2011 Paulding County OSU Extension Agronomy Day Program is scheduled for Wednesday January 26th at the Paulding County Extension Center. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. with introductions starting at 8:30 a.m. The program will focus on weed management for corn and soybeans, wheat management for yield and quality, and the risk and reward of nutrient management presented by Extension specialists and educators.

The program will open with the introductions, recognition of sponsors and updates from the Soil and Water Conservation Service, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the Farm Service Agency.

The first morning session will cover "Crop Insurance Updates" from the Williamson's Insurance Agency. The following session will look at "Weed Management for Corn and Soybeans" presented by Mark Loux, Extension Specialist in Weed Management.

After lunch Pierce Paul, Extension Specialist in Plant Pathology, will discuss "Managing Wheat for Yield & Quality". The final session of the program will cover the "Risk & Reward in Nutrient Management," by Robert Mullen, Extension Specialist, Soil Fertility/Nutrient Management. The program will conclude with an evaluation and summary to end the day.

A program registration fee will be collected at the door. Please contact Paulding County OSU Extension office to pre-register by sending an mail to lopshire.1@osu.edu or by calling 419-399-8225. Lunch will be provided.

Additional information on this and several other agricultural winter programs hosted in the ten county Maumee Valley District, located in northwest Ohio, will be forthcoming in an Extension mailing.

CORNER MARKET CHRISTMAS DRAWING



By: Sue Knapp

This Christmas Drawing—at Corner Market in Paulding—was one for the record books. Sherri Griffith, owner, drew the two prize winners and come to find out the winners are neighbors!

The first prize, a gift basket full of goodies, made by Jan Fortney, was won by Sylvia Jasso of Paulding. The sec-

ond prize, consisting of a 'big' bear, candy and a book, was won by Jennifer Thomas of Paulding. Jennifer's daughter, Emily Miller, 16, fell in love with the bear when she saw it and, by golly, mom won it for her!

The Corner Market gets kudos for making this holiday special for two happy ladies and one very happy daughter.

WOODBURN ELEMENTARY STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN SPELL BOWL



Woodburn Elementary recently competed in the eighteenth annual Spell Bowl for East Allen County at Park Hill Center in New Haven on Thursday, November 18th. There were four classes (which are based on population of schools and schools with K-5 or K-6). Woodburn

Elementary is Class Two and placed third overall. Sydnee Ashcraft and Zoe Lowden had near-perfect scores, missing only one word each.

Congratulations to the Woodburn Elementary Spell Bowl students and the students from the other EACS for their fine performance!

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CORNER OF 424 AND SR 49

By: Stan Jordan

I have been asked to write a little about this corner and block where the West Bend News stands. I can remember pretty well back to 1930. I was six years old at that time.

There was a big 2-story wooden building where that WBN parking lot is. It was called Foster's Cash Store and carried mostly men's clothes. It opened to the east and North Main Street. It was torn down and not much done there until after the depression in the mid 1930's.

It was then made a filling station with the office about where the WBN office is and sometime around then Charles VanHorn operated a barber shop in that building.

The Presbyterian Church sat on the corner where it does now, but in between was a house where Dr. Merchant lived, he was a dentist. His daughter, Galen, lived there for years and she married Amos Bickhard later on. In the late 1930's a building was built on the now parking lot and the Hicksville Ford dealer sold cars out of the building. But the east end of the structure toward North Main Street was a small restaurant called Sunny Corners. Edwin Gordon, who later operated a garage in Edgerton, Indiana, was in charge here. His sister, Dorothy Gordon and his sister-in-law, a Miss Betty Griswold, were the residents there. After the WWII, Miss Griswold married Emanuel Lewis Shuherk and they lived in Findlay for years.

I don't remember much more until after 1945, when Carl and Wilbur Langham started a Chrysler & Plymouth Dealership here. Due to production tie ups the boys couldn't get all the cars that they needed to sell.

Carl passed away in the last part of 1948 and Wilbur operated the business and started a body shop on the northwest part of that block that was still in operation into the 1980's. Later it became Solar Crete. Carl had one daughter, Eloise; and his brother, Wilbur, had two children: Tony and a daughter, Susanne, who is a retired school teacher and lives in Arizona.

I'm not sure when Wilbur went out of business, but I know in the early 1960's there was a bakery in the back of the garage along with one brand new Ford Pumper Fire Truck because the fire house was not built yet.

One of the rooms was a teenage hang out that the late Louise Miller helped to manage. It had a fancy name but I can't remember it (maybe called The Sugar Shack).

Later on that whole corner was bought by SOHIO and became a gas station. For many years Mr. Tressler was the manager. Later on Gale Jordan was a manager, he became on over the road semi-driver and then Mr. Altic became the manager.

I forgot to mention that at one time a man named Brown had a flower shop facing the east and south. Later on that business moved over to the empty Frank Smith Drug Store building.

This corner lot which is known as The West Bend News was purchased by Steve and Sue Knapp back in 2005 from Noah Yoder. This corner has been a busy place for as long as I can remember.

See ya!

SCHOOLS IN ANTWERP

By: Stan Jordan

In 1833 a log school house was built about two miles east on what we now call the River Road on a farm around by Isaac Woodcox. There was 15 pupils at that school.

After they plotted the village, a school was built across the street where is now Hunt's

Machine Shop, about 1844.

The new school was down just west of the United Methodist parking lot. Another small school sat about where the car parts building is. The next school was a two-story affair built in 1876. That was the old school that you see pictures of with a cupola or spire on top.

Then this school was added to in 1937 along with our first gymnasium and some repairs to high school rooms.

Around 1957 there was some more additions as the cafeteria was built and a kindergarten started. In about 1968 that wing to the north by the old school bus garage was added. Over the years, the people of Antwerp School District has backed all the building programs. Then the new complex on Harrmann Road was built.

A man named Louis Lengacher purchased the old school grounds and I guess that is what brought on this writing. Over a period of 5-6 years he has remodeled it into The Manor House or a system for assisted living. A restaurant, The Essen House is located in the old cafeteria.

Louis informs me that there is 49 residents at the Manor House and 41 employees. Any and all necessities for living in this lodging, medical care and service are the main goals here.

Pauline was released from PCH and our farm home was not livable. So Rita, Marketing Agent for the Manor House, and some of the employees made a couple rooms for us and we have been treated like royalty.

On our first day we arrived right at lunch time and we were served. Then 65 first graders from the elementary school, under the leadership of Mrs. Smith and with three teachers (Mrs. Sugars, Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Smezenko) sang Christmas carols and played the bells. This happened a couple of times. This was very enjoyable and the students were very good.

After this we went down to the lounge room and we sang all the old carols that we knew. Colleen and the student P.A. from Dr. Gray's office led the song fest. Colleen was the pianist. We really enjoyed that song fest.

Then in the afternoon, Mrs. Smith came back with the 7th and 8th grade girls choir. Another fine group of students that sang very well. We loved them.

We've also had Church service by the Riverside Christian Church.

Our stay at the Manor House or the 'old school' has been a real treat.

In a week or so, we will have a column on the owner, Mr. Louis Lengacher.

See ya!

DEACON JIM MILLER

By: Stan Jordan

Jim Miller was about a low down a killer as any other name that means 'worthless rat.' He bragged that he would kill anyone for money. He was called Deacon because he didn't drink or smoke and was a staunch member of the Methodist Church. I guess his price for killing was between \$150 to \$2,000, it was according to the situation.

He was born in 1861 in Van Buren, Arkansas. His father was a stone mason and a good man. There are all kinds of rumors that he killed his

grandparents when he was young, but there's not any proof of that.

He was listed as being 23 years old in 1884 and was arrested for killing his sister's husband with a shotgun while he slept. He was acquitted for it after he had been convicted and sentenced to life—I guess for lack of evidence.

After his release from prison, he made his brags of killing anyone for cash. Miller had a reputation for getting the job done quickly. He usually used a shotgun and always wore a long black coat.

It is known that he killed eight men for hire between 1880 and 1890, and he was in on six killings in saloon fights or gambling fights.

In April of 1894 way down in Pecos, Texas, Miller was stopped by a sheriff bud, Frazier, about a murder of con Gibson. Before Miller could get to his shotgun, Frazier shot Miller five times, with no apparent wounds, only a small injury to his right arm. Miller tried to shoot with his left arm but that didn't work, so Frazier shot Miller in the side, and then this time he went down. It was found that Miller had steel plates in his coat that acted as a bullet proof vest. Later on, he killed that man after he was no longer a Sheriff with both barrels of a shotgun to the face. He was a real sadistic killer.

In August of 1906 he killed a man for another fellow for \$2,000. He killed an Indian Affairs Lawman in revenge because the lawman had killed an outlaw. Miller was arrested for this and turned loose because of no strong evidence and no witness that would talk.

Miller was contacted by local rancher Jesse West and Joe Allen by a man named Burrell to murder Oklahoma cattle rancher and a former U.S. Deputy Marshall, Gus Babbitt of Ada, Oklahoma. This was to get his land over a personal grudge. That brought Miller \$1,700. Miller shot Babbitt with a shotgun, but Babbitt got home and told his wife who the killer was, there was also a witness to the killing.

There was strong evidence but the citizens were afraid the court would set the killers free like in a couple of other local cases.

So about 30-40 men broke into the jail at 1:30 a.m., dragged the four men to the local livery stable and hung them all. This was April 19, 1909.

The bodies of the four men were left hanging for hours for the photographer to come and take pictures for evidence. Those pictures were sold on the street and to the tourists.

Justice was served here, but it was a long time coming. Miller would kill anyone for money, just like he said.

See ya!



By: Stan Jordan

This blond gal suspects her boyfriend is cheating on her, so she goes out and buys a pistol.

She then goes to her boyfriend's apartment unexpectedly and when she opens the door she finds him in the arms of a red head.

Well, the blond gets really angry and upset, she takes the gun out of her purse and is overcome with grief and points it at her head.

The boy friend says, "No, no, honey, don't do it!"

The blond replies, "Shut up, you are next!"

See ya!

VILLAGE OF PAULDING COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR 12/6/2010

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

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

Trausch motioned to approve the minutes of the November 15th, Council meeting, seconded by Sutton. Vote: all yea.

Daeger presented the Street Committee's November 30th, report. The Committee had met with Craig Knapke of Fanning-Howe to discuss the Cherry Street and sewer separation projects.

The following items were discussed: Initial discussions regarding the Cherry Street resurfacing project addressed the Village's future sewer separation plans. The Committee relayed it does not want damage done to Cherry Street after it has been resurfaced. At the time, it was believed that enough pressure could be taken off the sewer overflow without disturbing Cherry Street - this is no longer the case.

The Committee discussed alternative plans to proceed with the sewer separation project without damaging Cherry Street. The Committee has decided to hire a contractor (estimated cost \$5,000) to take pictures of the current condition of the sewer to see what repairs are needed. Upon understanding the needed repairs, the Committee will decide how best to proceed.

Trausch presented the minutes of the Buildings & Grounds Committee's November 16th meeting. The following items were discussed:

Live Oak Cemetery Survey - A survey of the property adjacent to Live Oak Cemetery determined that a pile of dirt located behind the cemetery had encroached onto neighboring property by five feet or more. Village employees have pushed the

dirt back onto Village property, and have installed fence posts with yellow poly-drain tile to mark the Village's property line. The Committee agreed the Village will pay for the survey since the Village was in apparently was encroaching on the neighbor's property.

Compost Pile - Illegal dumping of construction materials on Village property was addressed. The compost pile located behind the cemetery is for brush and leaves only. Violators will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Storm Sewer Outlet - A storm sewer outlet located southeast of the cemetery property was addressed. The structure currently has a guard rail around it, but there was concern that small children may be able to fall into the structure. The Committee directed Village Employees to add chain link fence to the existing guard rails until it is determined if the Village has an easement for the structure. The Committee requested Solicitor Jones perform a title search to determine the property owner, so permission to put a more permanent fence may be obtained.

Mowing Contract - The Committee recommended the Village give the current mowing contractor a 60 day notice notifying him of the Village's intent to terminate the contract.

Sign age - The Committee would like the Village to acquire signs for the Lake McGuire Jeffery Park indicating the park is "Smoke, Alcohol, and Pet Free". They also requested sign age stating "Authorized Vehicles Only Beyond This Point".

Reservoir Park Maintenance Agreement - The Committee requested Solicitor Jones make verbiage changes to the Reservoir Park Maintenance Agreement.

Daeger motioned to approve the Buildings & Grounds Committee's report, seconded by Guelde. Vote: all yea. Sierer motioned to approve terminating the current mowing contract, seconded by Guelde. Vote: all yea.

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

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

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

Wiebe noted, per conversations with Julie Ward, he does not believe the Village will be eligible for loan forgiveness for the sewer separation project due to the Village's Median Household Income being too high to meet the EPA's new standards.

Mayor White relayed Mayor's Court collected \$1,915 for the month of November 2010. He also relayed John Fortune, a Paulding EMT, recently passed his paramedic's exam. He is the first individual sponsored by the EMS that has passed the paramedic exam. Mayor White also noted the next Council meeting will start a half-hour later than normal.

The following meetings were scheduled:

Committee of the Whole - Wednesday, December 8th at 5:30 p.m.

Street Committee - Monday, December 13th at 5:30 p.m.

Buildings & Grounds Committee - Monday, December 13th at 6:30 p.m.

Finance Committee - Tuesday, December 14th at 5:30 p.m.

PCFA Board - Tuesday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m.

Committee of the Whole - Thursday, December 16th at 5:30 p.m.

Council Meeting - Monday, December 20th at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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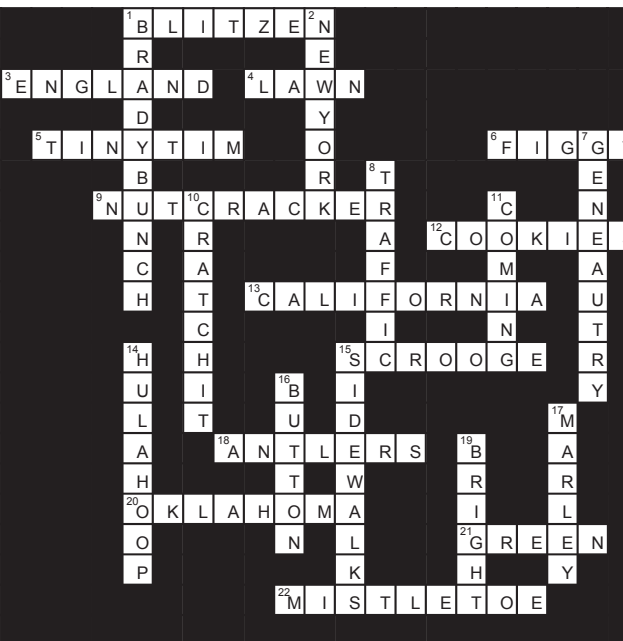
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Last Week's answers to "Christmas Trivia Time"



LIV-FIT IN HICKSVILLE HOLDS OPEN HOUSE

If you've been curious about Liv-Fit in Hicksville or just want to know what they have to offer, then stop in sometime. Liv-Fit held an open house on January 2, 2011.

Liv-Fit in Hicksville, located at 143 E. High St. is owned by Jerrica Steffens. According to Steffens, Reta Ptak, Fitness and Zumba Instructor, was there demonstrating Zumba, Zumba Gold and Zumba Chair. "The Zumba workout program, which combines Latin dance moves with resistance training, provides an intense workout no matter your fitness level," says Ptak. "It also burns hundreds of calories per session, so ditch the workout and join the party!" Zumba Gold is a fitness program designed for adults to take the original Zumba Program and bring them to the active older adult, the beginner participant, pregnant woman and other special populations that may need modifications for success. Zumba Chair is designed for adults who have difficulty standing for extended periods of time or have physical and/or psychological limitations. We have a Zumba Program for any age or fitness level.

Loriann White, Isagenix Consultant and Instructor, demonstrated Low-Impact Aerobics and Chair Fit. She also had samples of the Isagenix Products. "Isagenix is an All-Natural Cleansing Products," states White, "No matter your lifestyle, Isagenix fits it." Today, one of the biggest threats to our health is our own environment. Every day we are exposed to hundreds of toxins, which can deplete the body's ability to cleanse naturally. This ultimately makes it difficult

to absorb vital nutrients needed to manage weight and maintain good health. This is why cleansing and replenishing the internal body with Isagenix products is essential.

"This is a chance for someone to come in and see the equipment we have, and learn more about our programs," said Steffens. "We have added Chair-Fit, Low-Impact Aerobics, Zumba, Zumba Gold, Zumba Chair and Kickboxing to our program."

Liv-Fit provides an exercise designed specifically for women. Whether you're interested in getting more exercise for health and general condition, or want to lose weight or tone your muscles, Liv-Fit can help you establish a regimen to help you meet your goal, Steffens said.

For more information, contact Jerrica Steffens at 419-542-7400 or livfithicksville@yahoo.com.

WARRIORS PILLAGED BY RAIDERS

High School basketball knew no borders Thursday evening, December 30 as the Woodlan Warriors traversed the state line to take on the Wayne Trace Raiders at the Palace. The final score was the Raiders keeping a win at home: 83-52.

Score by the quarter:
Woodlan - 13 9 10 20=52
Wayne Trace - 23 18 12 30=83

Top scorers:
Woodlan - Emehiser 14; Hines 11; Evans 6
Wayne Trace - Critten 14; Jerome 13; Gudakunst 12; Sinn 12

RAIDERS TAKE 5TH AT LCC HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT

Wayne Trace placed 5th out of 16 teams at the Lima Central Catholic Holiday Wrestling tournament held on Thursday, December 30.

Kameran Clemens, 135 lbs., was the lone champion for the Raiders. Kameran went perfect for the day recording 5 wins and 0 losses, 4 of them being by pins.

Zach Cotterman, 140 lbs. 4-1, and Sawyer Temple, 145 lbs. 3-2, each placed 3rd. Joe Stahl, 112lbs. 4-1 and Tyler Arnett 160 lbs. 4-1, both finished 5th. Dustin Taylor, 103 lbs. 3-2, and Aaron Harris, 189 lbs. 3-2, finished in 6th place. Jared Moyer, 171 lbs. 1-3, placed 8th.

The outstanding matches of the day for Wayne Trace came from Zach Cotterman and Kameran Clemens. In round 4, Zach paired up with the number 1 seed Marcus Reeder from Northeastern. After 3 periods the score was deadlocked at 2-2. In the OT criteria, Reeder scored a 2 pt. takedown and defeated Zach by a very close dec. of 4-2. In the final championship match between Kameran Clemens and Genoa's Sam Riehart, with the gold on the line, Riehart scored the first 2 pt. takedown. Kameran came back with a 2 pt. reversal then put Riehart on his back for the big pin win, guaranteeing him the championship. "Everything went well for us today," said coach George Clemens. "We really appear to continue to keep improving. I am so very proud of each and every kid on this team."

LADY ARCHERS DOMINATE ROUTE 49 TOURNNEY



The Lady Archers won top honors at the Route 49 Girls Basketball Tournament over the winter break. Antwerp won 43-38 against Edgerton in the championship game. Shown here is Antwerp senior AJ Stuck attempting a shot in the first round game against Edon. Photo by Tawnya English. More pictures available at www.archerpics.com











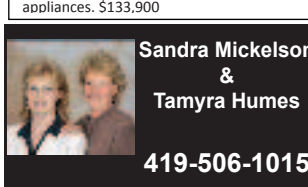


December 30 Woodlan went to the Palace and took on Wayne Trace. The JV game was very close with the Raiders taking down the Warriors with a final score 34-30. Shown here is freshman Kadin Gerig scoring a 3 point shot for Woodlan. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

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ing with the shepherds traveling to see the baby Jesus. In between each act the smaller grades sang songs about what was going on in each act. The choir did a beautiful job with their songs and the little ones really did a great job and their songs were some of the high-

lights of the show.
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PANTHER WRESTLER TAKE TWO LOSSES IN TRI-MATCH

The Paulding Panther competed on Tuesday December 21st in a tri-match vs. Ayersville and Columbus Grove at Ayersville. The Panthers' team score vs. Columbus Grove was 21-48 in favor of the Bulldogs. Against the Pilots the score went 77-3 in favor of the Pilots.

Individual results:
103 - Void (P) vs. Key-
sor (CG) and Void (P) vs. K.
Bohringer (A)

112 - Void (P) vs. R. Beh-
ringer (A) and Void (P) vs.
Sampson (CG)

119 - T. Deatrick (P) won
7-2 vs. Graham (CG). T. Deat-
rick (P) lost by pin, 2nd period
(3:10), vs Mansfield (A)

125 - J. Hemker (P) lost
by pin, 2nd period (3:28), vs
Moore (A). J. Hemker (P) won
by pin, 2nd period (3:52), vs.
Martin (CG)

130 - J. Watson (P) lost by
pin, 2nd period (3:29), vs. Kl-
eman (CG). Esparza (A) won
by Void (P).

135 - Shreve (A) won by
Void (P). Schroeder (CG) won
by Void (P).

140 - Double void (CG
and P). Oliverez (A) won by
void (P).

145 - R. Frayley (P) lost
by pin, 3rd period (7:11), vs. Z.
Clark (A). R. Frayley (P) won
by pin, 1st period (1:32), vs.
Smith (CG).

152 - N. Flint (P) won by
pin, 2nd period (2:46), vs. Ben-
roth (CG). N. Flint (P) lost
tech fall 17-0 vs. Carr (A)

160 - C. Jarrell (P) lost by
pin, 1st period (1:37), vs. B.
Clark (A). C. Jarrell (P) lost
by pin, 1st period (1:03), vs.
Fischer (CG).

171 - C. Hahn (P) lost by
pin, 1st period (1:23), vs. Win-
dau (CG). C. Hahn (P) lost
by pin, 1st period (1:05), vs.
Ankney (A).

189 - R. Schindler (P) lost
by pin, 1st period (1:49), vs. D.

Bergen (A). R. Schindler (P)
lost 10-3 vs. Gladwell (CG).

215 - N. Hanenkratt (P)
lost 6-4 vs. Martin (CG). N.
Hanenkratt (P) won in OT 6-
4 vs. Lewis (A).

285 - B. Jarrell (P) lost
by pin, 1st period (1:23), vs.
Friesner (A). B. Jarrell (P) lost
by pin, 3rd period (5:23), vs.
Johnson (CG).

JV match:
215 - Noal (P) lost by pin,
2nd period (3:13), vs. Fry (A)

ANTWERP ALLEYS HIGH SCORES FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 24, 2010

Mens High Series

1. Ray Delong 592
2. Mike Bute 584
3. Mike Walley 544
4. Rob Johnson 540
5. Phil Bauer 540
6. Greg Shull 538
7. Craig Womack 518
8. David Bauer 517
9. Dan Wiedman 510
10. Jeff Lucas 488
11. Jerry Vanclave 486

Mens High Game

1. Mike Walley 218
2. Ray Delong 215
3. Mike Bute 207
4. Spencer Timbrook 201
5. Greg Shull 198
6. Phil Bauer 195
7. Robert Johnson 193
8. David Bauer 189
9. Darren Yerks 188
10. Craig Womack 187

Womens High Series

1. Sherry Reinhart 561, 520
2. Pat Friend 521
3. Angie Hudson 501
4. Terri Meeks 488
5. Sue Molitor 487
6. Mary Brown 469
7. Paula Lichty 462
8. Amy Salyers 454
9. Marian Saylor 441
10. Lori Hines 440

Womens High Game

1. Sherry Reinhart 218
2. Angie Hudson 190
3. Lori Hines 185
4. Sue Molitor 179
5. Terri Meeks 178
6. Pat Friend 176

7. Mary Brown 172
8. Marie Bauer 171
9. Marian Saylor 169
10. Paula Lichty 167

ANTWERP ALLEYS HIGH SCORES FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2010

Mens High Series

1. Jerry Vanclave 576
2. Rob Johnson 558
3. Ray Delong 540
4. Mike Walley 516
5. Phil Bauer 516
6. Benji Grant 508
7. Craig Womack 506
8. Barry Grant 499
9. Bowie Reid 463
10. Mike Bute 451

Mens High Game

1. Robert Johnson 214
1. Jerry Vanclave 214
2. Benji Grant 210
3. Ray Delong 209
4. Barry Grant 191
5. Phil Bauer 189
6. Mike Walley 186
7. David Bauer 181
8. Craig Womack 180
9. Chad Franklin 179
10. Brad Franklin 178
10. Bowie Reid 178

Womens High Series

1. Sherry Reinhart 534, 578
2. Angie Hudson 508
3. Marian Saylor 507
4. Deb Lucas 483
5. Joyce Sanders 480
6. Sue Molitor 469
7. Carol Kortokrax 460
8. Michelle Litzenberg 452
9. Nancy Bennett 445
10. Leslie Hughes 443

Womens High Game

1. Sherry Reinhart 203, 207
2. Angie Hudson 189
3. Joyce Sanders 185
4. Marian Saylor 183
5. Nikki Phares 182
6. Carol Kortokrax 177
7. Sue Molitor 176
8. Tricia Grant 175
9. Deb Lucas 171
10. Lisa Syndram 167

PEVS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 1/5 THROUGH 1/11

MS/HS - Breakfast:
1/5 - Ham, egg & cheese
croissant, juice, milk
1/6 - Scrambled eggs &
ham muffin, juice, milk
1/7 - Sausage gravy w/bis-
cuits, juice, milk
1/10 - Breakfast pizza,
juice, milk
1/11 - Tator tots w/cheese,
sausage links, juice, milk

MS/HS - Lunch:
1/5 - Walking taco w/sour
cream & salsa or BBQ Pork w/
bun, carrots w/dip, assorted
fruit, milk
1/6 - Creamed turkey
w/bun, pickle spears, ched-
dar munchers, assorted fruit,
milk

1/7 - Chicken tenders,
macaroni & cheese, baked
beans, assorted fruit, milk
1/10/11 - Chicken nuggets,
whipped potatoes, bread or
Stromboli, vegetable, assorted
fruit, milk
1/11 - Southwest chicken
salad, cinnamon apple crishi-
to, milk

Paulding Elementary
- Breakfast:
1/5 - Muffin, applesauce,
milk
1/6 - Cereal bar, graham
crackers, juice, milk
1/7 - Assorted cereals,
graham crackers, juice, milk
1/10 - Cereal bar, graham
crackers, juice, milk
1/11 - Assorted cereals,
graham crackers, juice, milk
Paulding Elementary
- Lunch:
1/5 - Pizza, corn, fruit,
milk

1/6 - Chicken fajita wrap,
lettuce/cheese/salsa, crackers,
fruit, milk

1/7 - Fish nuggets, brocc-
oli tots, bread, fruit, milk

1/10 - Taco salad, lettuce/
cheese/salsa, fruit, milk

1/11 - Chicken nuggets,
whipped potatoes, gravy,
bread, fruit, milk

Oakwood Elementary
- Breakfast:
1/5 - Pillsbury mini maple
pancakes, juice, milk

1/6 - Egg, cheese & bacon
burrito, fruit, milk

1/7 - Assorted cereals,
crackers, juice, milk

1/10 - Assorted cereals,
crackers, juice, milk

1/11 - Breakfast pizza,
juice, milk

Oakwood Elementary
- Lunch:
1/5 - Chicken fajita w/let-
tuce, green beans, fruit, milk

1/6 - Ham & cheese w/
bun, scalloped potatoes, fruit,
milk

1/7 - Taco in a bag, let-
tuce/cheese, fruit, milk

1/10 - French toast, maple
sausage, oven potatoes, fruit,
milk

1/11 - Salisbury steak,
whipped potatoes, gravy,
bread, fruit, milk

*Menus are subject to
change.*

WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 1/5 THROUGH 1/11

Breakfast:
1/5 - Pancakes, sausage,
juice, milk
1/6 - Egg/cheese omelet,
juice, milk
1/7 - Turnover, juice, milk
1/10 - Pizza, juice, milk
1/11 - Egg/cheese/bacon
muffin, juice, milk

Lunch:
1/5 - Walking taco, meat/
cheese, lettuce/salsa/sour
cream, corn, pears, milk
1/6 - French toast sticks,
sausage links, hash brown,
100% juice, milk
1/7 - Cheese or pepperoni
pizza, corn, applesauce, pe-
anut butter fudge, milk
1/10 - Chicken nuggets,
tator tots, peaches, cookie,
milk

1/11 - Rotini/meat, green
beans, cheese stick, garlic,
toast, sherbet, milk

*Menus are subject to
change.*

PANTHERS RESULTS FOR LCC HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT

The Paulding Panthers
Wrestling team participated
in the LCC Holiday Tourna-
ment on Thursday, December
30. The Panthers went home
with 15th place and 62 pts.

Sydney Salinas, 112 lbs.
placed 10th; Taylor Deatrick,
119 lbs. 4th; Josh Hemker, 125
lbs. 5th; Cody Jarrell, 152 lbs.
14th; Derek Shridder, 160 lbs.
10th; Ryan Schindler, 189 lbs.
16th; Nick Hanenkratt, 215
lbs. 5th; Brandon Jarell, 285
lbs. 9th.

WBESC JANUARY BOARD MEETING

Western Buckeye Educa-
tional Service Center Gov-
erning Board Organizational
and Regular January Meeting
is scheduled for Wednesday,
January 12, 2010, 6:00 p.m.
The meeting will take place at
the Paulding ESC Office, 202
N. Cherry St., Paulding, OH
45879.

PAULDING FALLS IN HARD FOUGHT GAME



Van Wert came to Paulding on December 21 taking on the Panthers in boys basketball. Paulding, though ahead much of the game, fell in the last quarter 54-51 when time ran out. Shown here is Panther senior Derrick Pease getting fouled on a lay-up. More pictures available at www.westbendnews.net



The varsity Woodlan vs. Wayne Trace boys basketball game was expected to be close, but the Raiders didn't let that happen. Wayne Trace took down the Warriors in an 83-52 final score victory. Shown here is senior Nick LaBounty scoring for the Raiders. More pictures available at www.westbendnews.net

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PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS

JANUARY 2011 NEWSLETTER



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of the Paulding Exempted Village Schools, December was a busy month with Christmas programs, the Senior Citizen Breakfast, concerts and numerous extracurricular events. The support you have shown our students with your attendance is greatly appreciated.

The decision to delay or cancel school is always difficult, but the determining factor will always be the safety of our students. With many more cold and snowy days before us, I would like to remind parents to have students dress warmly when waiting for the bus. If roads are in good condition, we will be having school, even with very cold temperatures. Student drivers should be reminded that road conditions change throughout the day and caution should always be used when driving in the winter. Delays and closings are sent out by Instant Alert, on our website, the school telephone recording, and also on various television and radio stations. When school is not in session, cancellations for evening events will always be on our telephone recording and sent by Instant Alert. Please keep your Instant Alert account up-to-date with current phone numbers and contacts.

January brings a new year and a renewed opportunity to work together for the benefit of our students. Community support is necessary for our district to continue to improve. Together we can make a difference in the lives of the children in our district.

Pat Ross
Superintendent

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPALS

Paulding Elementary-Wendy Nashu
Happy New Year to all in Paulding! With a new year many think about starting something new, making resolutions and looking to make this the best year yet. Here at Paulding Elementary we work to be better each and every day. Your continued support and encouragement is what makes a difference for our students and staff. I wish to start the year with a thank you to a caring, supportive community.

Our PTO has been busy with fund raising, holding family events and having a book fair. They are very supportive of our students and staff making extra efforts all the time to do something caring and thoughtful. If you are interested in being a part of the PTO and helping with their many efforts to stay involved, please contact your student's teacher or the elementary office so we can connect you with the PTO. Thank you PTO officers and volunteers, you make a positive difference here at Paulding Elementary. Recently the local Geography Bee Test was given to Fourth and Fifth graders. Paulding Elementary Fourth Grade winners were First place: Nicholas Barnett, and Second place: Shana Manz. Fifth Grade had a tie for first place with Cade McGarvey and Marcus Miller. The first place winners will participate in the District Geography Bee to be held January 6th. Hopefully you were able to spend a lot of time with family over Christmas break along with making many fond memories to reflect on in the future. The students were certainly excited about getting to break and now are probably anxious about getting back to school. We will be just as anxious to get back and look forward to a positive, productive second half of the school year.

Oakwood Elementary-Jennifer Manz
Happy New Year from Oakwood Elementary!! We are starting our 3rd quarter and 2nd semester of the 2010-2011 school year. Second quarter grade cards will be sent home with students on January 5th. The halfway point in the school year and the beginning of a new calendar year is a great time for our students to review the progress they have made so far this year and to set new academic goals for the remainder of the school year. Even our youngest students need to have goals so they can see the progress they are making as they learn new material every day! Perseverance is our character trait of focus for January, and the definition statement we use to define it is "I always give my best effort no matter how difficult the tasks are for me." I think this is a fitting trait to bring to our students' attention at this time of year as they work toward the goals they set, even though the material becomes more challenging.

On December 7th, all fourth, fifth, and sixth graders at Oakwood Elementary took the Geography Bee preliminary test. After the tests had been scored, we received word that CONGRATULATIONS are in order for

Corey Zartman (gr. 4), Zachary Branham (gr. 5), and Allison Arend (gr. 6)!! Each received the highest score at their grade level and will proceed to the second round of the contest - the PEVS District Geography Bee on January 6th. We wish each of them the best as they demonstrate their knowledge of the world during the next round of this contest!! ** I also want to acknowledge the students who earned 2nd place in the preliminary contest - Great job Nathan Wappelhorst (4), Logan Bradford (5), and Brevin Pratt (6)! Way to know your world!!!

Students who earned the November PAWS Reward were treated to a special performance of *Scrooge* by the Columbus Children's Theatre on Friday, December 3rd. Lots of laughter came from the café/gym as our students enjoyed the humorous twist on Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. We are thankful when we have the opportunity to bring stage productions to our students, giving them a taste of and developing an interest in performing arts. They definitely showed their interest in how acting works by the questions they asked the performers during a question/answer session at the end of the skit.

Special Recognition is in order for a number of people:
*Our second graders, under the direction of Mrs. Nancy Wehrkamp, Mrs. Diane Erford, and Miss Connie Zachrich put on a great Christmas program on December 20th. Thank you to all who attended "Christmas Cookies and Holiday Hearts." It was a wonderful production!
*Our 5th/6th grade choir and band performed their Christmas concerts for family and friends on December 14th under the direction of Mrs. Wehrkamp. Both groups are making great progress and sounded excellent!!
*Our 4th graders participated in a poster contest promoting recycling. Elizabeth Temple's design was selected as a billboard winner. You can see her poster on the billboard on SR 613 west of Oakwood. DeLaney Porter's design was chosen as the Oakwood Elementary winning poster. Thank you to Becky Suvar for bringing this program to our school again this year.

Thank you for your continued support of our school. May you enjoy a safe and blessed New Year!

Middle School-David Stallkamp
Season's Greetings from the Middle School. I wish each and everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year. Hopefully 2011 will find the economy getting better and great things happening for all of us. Best wishes for a fantastic 2011. Paulding Middle School staff and students have once again shown their extreme generosity this holiday season. We have gathered food and personal items for our annual "Stuff The Bus" campaign. These items were then given to our local Caring and Sharing Food Pantry. We also held a second collection of food and boxed items, as well as small gifts, for a middle school student or young adult. These items were given to Paulding County Job and Family for proper distribution to needy families of our county. Thank you to all of the staff and students for making the holidays a little brighter for many families.

The Senior Citizen's breakfast was once again a huge hit and a great time. Our students put on quite a show. I, myself, always enjoy the company and socialization with the senior citizens. Getting close to being one myself, makes me only appreciate them more. I thank them for coming and hope they had a great day. Our Christmas Choir Concert was cancelled for snow on it's original date, but went off without a hitch on Monday, December 20th. Special thanks to Mr. Dave Clapsaddle and the choirs for putting on a fabulous night of singing. Our band concerts, under the direction of Mr. Don Clark, held their performance on Sunday, December 19th. It was another fantastic day of festive music. Great job by everyone.

Our middle school sports teams for winter (boys and girls basketball, wrestling, and cheerleading) are in full swing. Best of luck to all of our students participating in extra curricular events. We are also up and running with Science Olympiad and the Science Fair. Good luck to those students, as well. The second nine weeks grading period ended December 22nd. Hopefully all students are academically where they need to be halfway through this school year. Grade cards will be coming home on Wednesday, January 5, 2011. We are offering after school tutoring in 6th and 8th grade Math and 7th grade Reading. Call the school to contact the respective

teacher for information on these classes. Our annual YEARBOOK SALE will be starting after the holidays. More information when we return after break. Our Paulding Middle School SPELLING BEE will be held at 8:00 AM on the morning of January 11th, in the auditoria. Parents and friends are invited to attend. Our school winner will then advance to the County Spelling Bee to be held here on February 7th, at 7:00 PM, in the auditoria. There will be NO SCHOOL on January 26th for students. This will be a Teacher In-Service Day.

Remember for vacation planning - we will be giving the Ohio Achievement Assessments (OAA's), the first week of May. Please plan vacations and absences away from that week. Just for your information only. Finally, last year I did not offer the 8th graders their annual trip to Cedar Point. Not sure just why. I think it had something to do with my thinking they would all go on their History trip with Mr. Snodgrass. Anyway, this year I am going to be taking them back to the POINT on June 14, 2011. I am looking at somewhere around \$20 for a student ticket and somewhere around \$33 for any parent that wishes to go with us and chaperon. I will let you know more when Cedar Point calls me back with the exact cost. We use Buckeye Charter buses and they are very nice. Just be thinking about this for now. I will be letting you know the final details after we get back from Christmas vacation. Again, have a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

High School-Todd Harmon
Paulding High School would like to thank all those who were able to attend the Senior Citizen breakfast. It is always an honor and pleasure to serve our community members and display the talent and leadership of our students and the staff that guide them. I would like to thank Mr. Don Clark and the band for the Holiday concert, and also thank Mr. Dave Clapsaddle and the choir for being able to display the choir's exceptional talent despite having to reschedule the performance due to weather.

It has been great to see student involvement in our extra-curricular activities and we appreciate the hard work seen in practice and in the classrooms. We have concluded the first semester and students have been given copies of their second semester schedules. Please call if you have any concerns regarding your child's progress so we can work together to see your child be successful. The holidays are a great reminder to reach out to others and make a difference in the world around us. PHS would like to thank the student council and National Honor Society, along with their advisors Julie McCullough, Shawn Brewer, Sharon Bradford, and Linda Lamb, for organizing a collection of food for the food pantry. The high school is blessed with caring staff and we greatly appreciate the hours of extra time they put in to help students become the best citizens and community members they can be. On behalf of Paulding High School and its staff, I would like to wish everyone a blessed holiday season and a Happy New Year.

PRE-SCHOOL 2010-2011-Tillman Karl
Parents interested in sending their child to the PEVS preschool for the 2011-2012 school year are required to bring their child to a screening prior to enrollment. The free screening will include height, weight, vision, hearing, speech and developmental delays. There are three screenings scheduled for the remainder of the school year, held at various locations throughout the county. The screenings are available to all children in Paulding County, up to five years of age, regardless of the school district they will be attending. (Please note: If your child is already enrolled and will be returning to preschool, there is no need for another screening.) You may schedule an appointment at one of the screenings by calling the following toll-free number: 1-800-686-2964, Ext. 1116. Walk-ins will be accepted, but you may have to wait for an opening in the schedule. The dates and locations of the screenings are as follows:
• January 14, Paulding Elementary, 9:00-11:30 a.m. and Oakwood Elementary, 1:00-3:30 p.m. (Snow date-1/21/10)
• February 11, Antwerp Methodist Church, 10:00-2:00 (Snow date-2/18/10)
• March 11, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Paulding, 12-4:00 p.m.

Parents who reside in the Paulding School District will be contacted by our office in the spring regarding your interest in pursuing the enrollment process.

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT
Paulding High School will host Financial Aid Night on Monday January 10th from 7:00-8:30pm in the Auditoria. The program will provide information concerning local scholarships, state and federal financial aid programs, and financial aid forms. If your son or daughter plans to attend college next year, the information presented may be beneficial to you and your child. This program is for parents and/or students, and is free of charge. Amy Francis from Defiance College will be the guest speaker. Please plan to attend this worthwhile meeting

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION
January is "School Board Recognition Month". The school board works closely with parents, education professionals and other community members to create the educational vision we want for our students. It then formulates goals, defines results and sets the course for an adequate and equitable education program for all our students. This is a time to show our appreciation for the leadership provided for our schools.

PANCAKE & SAUSAGE SUPPER
Paulding FFA Alumni will be hosting a pancake and sausage supper on Tuesday, January 25, 2011 (make up date-Feb 8) in the auditoria from 4:30-7:00pm. Cost is \$5.00 for adults, \$3 for children 3-12, 2 and under are free.



ATHLETIC CALENDAR

JH Wrestling

Jan. 7	Spencerville @ WT	5:30
Jan. 13	Defiance-T	4:30
Jan. 15	Ayersville Invitational-T	9:30
Jan. 18	Van Wert-T	5:00
Jan. 20	Elida-T	5:00
Jan. 29	NWC @ Delphos Jefferson-T	10:00
Feb. 1	Edgerton/WT-H	6:00

Varsity Wrestling

Jan. 4	Wayne Trace @ Spencerville	5:30
Jan. 11	Hicksville / Fairview-H	6:00
Jan. 15	Lima Spartan Invitational-T	9:00
Jan. 22	New Albany Tourney-T	9:00
Feb 1	WT/Edgerton -H	6:00

JH Boys Basketball

Jan. 4	Delphos Jefferson-H	5:00
Jan. 11	Lincolnview-T	5:00
Jan. 13	Fairview-H	4:30
Jan. 18	Crestview-H	5:00
Jan. 20	Edgerton-T	4:30
Jan. 25	Spencerville-T	5:00
Jan. 27	Antwerp-T	5:00

Freshman Basketball

Jan. 6	Columbus Grove-T	5:00
Jan. 10	Antwerp-T	5:00
Jan. 13	Crestview-H	5:00
Jan. 20	Delphos Jefferson-T	5:00
Jan. 25	Elida-T	5:00
Jan. 28	LCC-H	5:00
Jan. 31	Continental-T	5:00
Feb. 1	Fairview-T	4:30

Boys JV/Varsity Basketball

Jan. 3	Hicksville-T	6:00
Jan. 7	Columbus Grove-T	6:00
Jan. 8	Parkway-H	6:00
Jan. 14	Crestview-H	6:00
Jan. 15	Fairview-H	6:00
Jan. 21	Delphos Jefferson-T	6:00
Jan. 22	Ayersville-H	6:00
Jan. 28	LCC-H	6:00
Jan. 29	Ottoville-T	6:00

JH Girls Basketball

Jan. 4	Delphos Jefferson-T	5:00
Jan. 11	Lincolnview-H	5:00
Jan. 13	Fairview-T	4:30
Jan. 17	Napoleon-T	4:30
Jan. 18	Crestview-T	5:00
Jan. 25	Spencerville-H	5:00

Girls JV/Varsity Basketball

Jan. 6	Columbus Grove-H	6:00
Jan. 13	Crestview-T	6:00
Jan. 15	Van Wert-H	12:00
Jan. 20	Delphos Jefferson-H	6:00
Jan. 25	Tinora-H	6:00
Jan. 27	LCC-T	7:30
Feb. 1	Fairview-T	6:00

DISTRICT CALENDAR EVENTS

Jan. 3	Classes resume	
Jan. 4	P.E. Spelling Bee (Make up Jan 10)	
Jan. 5	MS Grade Cards Sent Home	
Jan. 5	Athletic Booster Meeting	7:00p
Jan. 6	Dist. Geography Bee-Adm. Bldg.	12:30p
Jan. 7	Sign-up Deadline for Feb. 12 ACT	
Jan. 7	O.E 5th/6th gr Spelling Bee	
Jan. 10	Band Bstr Mtg-Band Room	7:00p
Jan. 10	Financial Aid Night, Auditoria	7:00p
Jan. 11	FFA Chapter Mtg-Ag Room	6:00p
Jan. 11	Board Meeting-Adm. Bldg.	7:00p
Jan. 12	MS Spelling Bee, Auditoria	8:30a
Jan. 14	O.E. PTO Family Movie Night	
Jan. 14	Early Learning/School Readiness Prog. Screening-9-11:30 @ P.E. & 1-3:30 @ O.E.	
Jan. 17	NO SCHOOL-Martin Luther King Day	
Jan. 25	FFA State Landscape CDE-Columbus	
Jan. 25	FFA Alumni Pancake/Sausage Supper-Auditoria (Feb 8 Make-up)	4:30-7:00p
Jan. 26	Waiver day-NO SCHOOL	
Jan. 28	O.E. Kdg. Family Reading Day	3:00p
Jan. 28	O.E. Preschool Family Day	

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WAYNE TRACE JR/SR HIGH ANNOUNCES DECEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Wayne Trace Jr/Sr High School recently named their December Students of the Month. They include: Krystal Jones, Kenzie Clemens, Stacy Flint, Maria Martinez, Natalie Sinn, Kaitlin Lantow, Brianna Sinn, Luke Miller, Nathaniel

Roop, Christopher Davis, and Rachael Kreisler.

Back Row: Elizabeth Brown, Erin Jewell, Rebecca Hamrick, Haleigh Garner, Cole Shepherd, Justin Speice, Jacob Taylor, Kacey Hockenberry, Justin Thebold, and

Korbin Showalter.

Absent: Kari Myers. These students were rewarded with pizza and pop for lunch in recognition of their accomplishment. Way to go Raiders!

UNITED WAY'S COATS FOR KIDS PROGRAM KEEPS KIDS COZY

Visualize your child not having a winter coat to wear when Northwest Ohio's winter hits. Your children must struggle in the days of blowing snow and slushy streets while walking to school because they don't have warm coats and waterproof snow boots to wear. We as parents do everything we can to provide the necessities for our children in which they need to ensure their safety and health. In our area, one of those necessities is a warm winter coat. Unfortunately some families in our



community have difficulty in providing for their children and have no choice but to rely on the generosity of others in our community to help keep their children warm and safe from the harsh winter elements.

That's where the Coats for Kids program comes in. Coats for Kids is an initiative of United Way of Paulding County. We applied for and received a grant from Paulding Putnam's Operation Roundup. This is a charitable program which Paulding

Be sure to tell the businesses you patronize, that you saw their ad in the West Bend News.

Putnam Electric customers can choose to "roundup" their electric bill to the next whole dollar and the change was then redistributed to organizations to help community needs programs. UWPC received \$3,400.00 in which to purchase winter outerwear which consisted of coats, hats, scarves, gloves and snow boots. We worked in conjunction with the Salvation Army which hosts the Christmas for Kids program for Paulding County. Applications that were received by the Salvation Army requesting any form of outerwear were forwarded to United Way.

Ninety children in our community received coats and more from our Coats for Kids distribution, who would otherwise have had to brave our cold winter without a warm jacket to wear. Because of the generosity of our Paulding Putnam Electric community who chose to donate and the Operation Roundup Allocation Board, those 90 children can zip up their new heavy coats, pull on their gloves and hats, and have warm dry feet while trekking off to school or out building the perfect snowman.

The Salvation Army were in charge of the sorting and distribution volunteers; the OSU Extension Center donated its facility which housed the distribution.

PAULDING CO. CHRONICLES II

By: Caroline Wells Zimmerman

NEW YEAR'S 2011

Thank you, God, for a possible and passable 2010. I'm still here. My kids are working. My husband and I are still together. I had shingles and a broken wrist and some other complaints but I've shed the tears, and bounced back to some of the happy times I've had that overcame the bad times.

"Each Day is a Gift". That's what my sister-in-law, who has cancer says. I don't have cancer. Thank you, God, for that.

I've missed my Dad who died in 1999 this year more than ever because he helped us out so much, I guess. We never asked for money, or advice, but he and Mom were always there when we were up against the wall. He had always paid cash for everything he bought and he tried to impress that on us kids. I guess that's why I never wanted a new house or a new car. He put the "fear of being in debt" in me.

Hopefully this year will be better with my health, my weight, my house cleaning and my spiritual health. I want to be a better person.

Thank you, God, for not taking any close loved ones from me this past year. We attended some funerals for friends. I felt great sadness for them. Only You know why we go, when we go, and where, and why.

Please let 2011 be a good, healthy, successful year for me and my loved ones. Help my depression and loneliness, and please know that I care for the helpless and homeless and wish there was a war that would end all wars. World hunger of people and animals really bothers me.

Thank you for bringing John Jr. and Julius home from the service and for all the service done by those soldiers whose names appear on the new Veteran's Memorial at Veteran's Park at Antwerp. Antwerp has had much to be thankful for 2010. (including our new streets and sidewalks).

I want to be the best wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, friend, aunt, sister (relative) that I can be.

Some of my plans for 2011 are:

1. Send more handwritten letters this year;
2. Make my flower garden better than ever;
3. Accept people the way they are (or write them off);
4. Refuse to be depressed by people, things, or situations;
5. Live as well as possible and look as well as possible for my means;
6. Impress on my family that we are lucky to have what we have and that we do have great potential for professional growth in 2011;
7. Help with my 50th Class Reunion;
8. Pray every day for renewal of health, ideas, and for my family;
9. Spend less, save more, trim down things around the house;
10. Plan my days and my budget - daily;
11. Make sure my legal papers are in order (Wills, Credit reports, etc.);
12. Read labels carefully;
13. Eat carefully and exercise in 2011;
14. Don't even say "Good-bye" when someone annoys me (telemarketers) on the telephone—just hang up;
15. Stay involved socially in 2011;
16. Tell my family I care for them.

The older I get, the more I am aware that family is the most important thing in my life; forget all the other stuff. Thanks God, for remembering us in your prayers. Love, Caroline

ODOT SEEKS GREEN LANTERN HELP TO PROTECT SNOWPLOWS

Taking a cue from the comic book superhero who uses green light to protect the people of Earth, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is hoping a Green Lantern will protect its snowplows from a dangerous spike in crashes this season.

Only one month into this year's winter weather—and at least three more months to go—the number of crashes involving drivers hitting ODOT snowplows has already surpassed last year's total. So far there have been 63 crashes statewide, compared to 57 all of last winter.

As part of the department's legislative requests for the 2012-2013 State Transportation Budget, ODOT is proposing the use of green lanterns—flashing LED lights placed atop snow removal equipment—as a way to help snowplows be seen better on the highway.

Currently, Ohio Revised Code only allows ODOT to use yellow flashing lights, commonly shared by other non-emergency vehicles such as tow trucks and mail delivery vehicles. Research indicates that green lights have a better visibility in snowy, wintery conditions.

Snowplows travel below the posted speed limit. According to ODOT's safety experts, many of these crashes are caused by drivers who don't anticipate how fast they will approach the slower-moving plow—crashing into the back of the truck.

In other crashes, drivers have difficulty seeing through the cloud created as the plow clears ice and snow from the highway. Both types of crashes are often severe and have led to serious injuries and fatalities.

By increasing visibility, the green lanterns should help motorists spot snowplows sooner—even in the darkest and snowiest conditions—and give drivers ample time

NEW RECLINERS FOR CMH



The CMH Auxiliary just purchased four new patient recliners. In the picture is Carol Weidenhamer, CMH Auxiliary liaison, (standing),

Carol Smith CMH Auxiliary President is sitting in one of the new chairs. The new recliners were \$7,600!

ANTWERP'S 2ND & 3RD GRADERS PUT SOME FUN IN THEIR WINTER PROGRAM



Antwerp Elementary's 2nd and 3rd grade Winter Program took place on Thursday, December 9, 2010. The students and director, Mrs.

Mary Smith, donned reindeer antlers to jazz up some familiar holiday tunes for the listening pleasure of family and friends.

to slow down and avoid the potential of a crash.

With a change in administration next month, the final decision on whether to allow ODOT to use green lanterns will be decided by the incoming Governor and new legislature. The change wouldn't go into effect until next winter season.

Until then, ODOT reminds motorists to DON'T CROWD THE PLOW and offers these safety precautions:

- Keep Your Distance:
- Give snowplows room to

work. The plows are wide and can cross the center line or shoulder. Don't tailgate and try not to pass.

Beware of the Snow Cloud:

If you pass a snowplow, take extreme caution. The plow often creates a cloud of snow and ice which can be hard to see through.

See and Be Seen: Because the equipment is so large, a snowplow operator's field of vision is restricted. You may see them,

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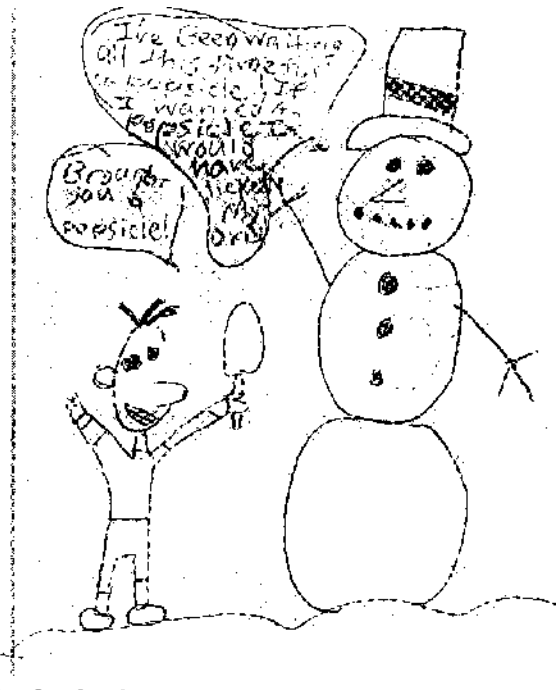
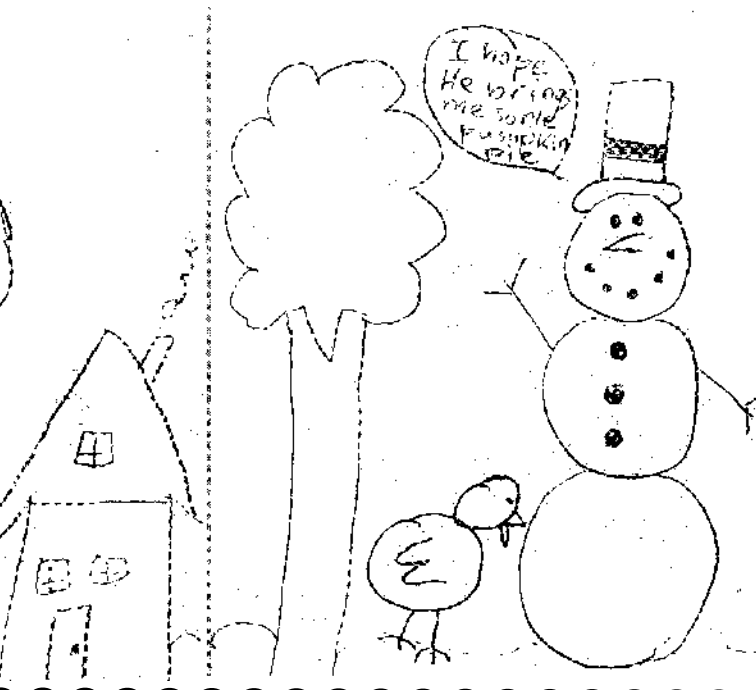
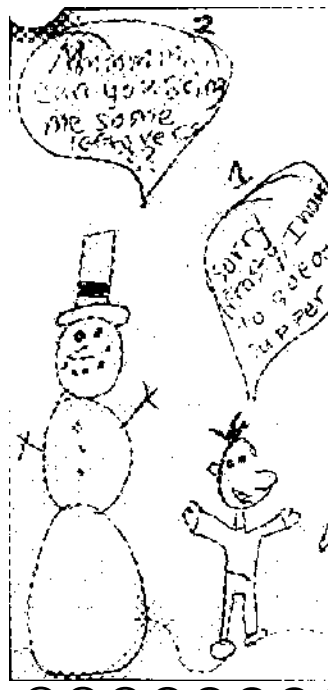
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WEST BEND NEWS COMIC STRIP CONTEST WINNER

By: Sue Knapp

We here at WBN waited in anticipation for the comic strip drawings. We were not disappointed, many drawings were submitted and it was hard to choose the winners. Megan Clem from Clem's made the final decisions. Holly Sanders, from Ant-



Antwerp, is the daughter of Lacey and Denny Sanders. Holly won 1st prize, \$100 gift certificate to Clem's. Holly is in the 3rd grade at Antwerp Elementary with Mrs. Kammeyer as her teacher. Holly likes to read and write and has been a member of Dance Dolls for five years. Holly has a brother Jacob, 14. The family has a puppy, Lilly, Jelly Belly and a dog, Charlie. Holly's comic strip was of a snow man asking for a piece of pumpkin pie, and getting a Popsicle instead, he replied, "If I wanted a Popsicle I could have licked my arm." Congratulations to you Holly for your imaginative comic strip.

office as well as all the paperwork required to sign up for 4-H. A representative from the Extension office will be on hand during each program to answer questions and sign up children. The 4-H Program at the Children's Room at the main library in Paulding will be held on Monday, January 10th at 7:00 p.m.; and at the Cooper Community Branch Library on Saturday, January 22nd at 10:00 a.m.

Parents and grandparents are encouraged to bring their children to either of these events, especially children who have never been involved in 4-H. The county 4-H program is much more than livestock. Project books cover a multitude of subjects from photography and art to rockets and robotics. There is something for everyone in 4-H. To view an online list of all the projects, access the Ohio 4-H Family Guide at <http://www.ohio4h.org/familyguide/>.

Eligibility for 4-H membership begins at age five when a child is enrolled in kindergarten as of January 1st of the current year (Cloverbuds). Eligibility for 4-H club membership begins when a child eight years old and enrolled in the 3rd grade as of January 1st of the current year (2011). Youth may participate in 4-H membership until December 31st of the year they turn 19. The deadline for signing up for the 2011 4-H season is February 1, 2011. For more information about the two 4-H library events, contact the Children's Room at 419-399-2032; or the Cooper Community Branch Library at 419-594-3337.

WOODBURN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Everyone is invited to become a member of the Woodburn Chamber of Commerce. Any business in Woodburn or surrounding area plus individual citizens are eligible. Come to the annual meeting Thursday, January 6th at Woodburn City Hall at 7:00 p.m. or ask any business for a membership form.

WOODBURN CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS

Judging took place Monday, December 20th with Carolyn Bridge, Holly Ross-wurm and Tiffany Heckley as judges. The winners were: 1st place Dean Gerig; 2nd place Linda Rekeweg; 3rd place Ray Abbott.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES FOR 12/15/10

This 15th day of December, 2010, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

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

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:

Warrants documented as 173994 through 174008 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO ISSUE A CHECK:

It was the intent of the Board of County Commissioners to authorize the County Auditor to issue a check to the Dog & Kennel Fund on December 1, 2010; the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to issue a check as an advancement in the amount of Six Hundred Thirty-Five and 00/100 (\$635.61) from Fund 001-031-00003/Commissioners' Misc./Contract Services to Fund 002/Dog & Kennel.

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

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

Fund 062 - Emergency-911, 062-001-00001/Salaries, \$20,000.00

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

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

Fund 062 - Emergency-911, 062-001-00006/PERS, \$379.83

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2010 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 134):

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

Fund 134 - County Court Special Projects, 134-001-00002/Payroll Expenses, \$1,500.00

PROPRIATION (FUND 001-002):

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

FROM: 001-002-00005/General Fund/County Auditor/Contracts/Services

TO: 001-002-00002/General Fund/County Auditor/Salaries-Employees

AMOUNT: \$200.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2010 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-002):

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

FROM: 001-002-00005/General Fund/County Auditor/Contracts/Services

TO: 001-002-00003/General Fund/County Auditor/Supplies

AMOUNT: \$1,500.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2010 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-002):

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

FROM: 001-002-00017/General Fund/County Auditor/Medicare

TO: 001-002-00014/General Fund/County Auditor/PERS

AMOUNT: \$214.21

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2010 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-003):

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

FROM: 001-003-00009/General Fund/County Treasurer/PERS

TO: 001-003-00003/General Fund/County Treasurer/Supplies

AMOUNT: \$136.60

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2010 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-003):

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

FROM: 001-030-00002/General Fund/Insurance/Loss Control/Retirement Funds

TO: 001-003-00014/General Fund/County Treasurer/Bank Fees

AMOUNT: \$29.45

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2010 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-004):

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

FROM: 001-004-00002/General Fund/County Prosecutor/Salaries-Employees

TO: 001-004-00005/General Fund/County Prosecutor/Allowances

AMOUNT: \$2,530.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2010 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-013):

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

FROM: 001-013-00003/General Fund/Coroner/Contracts/Services

AMOUNT: \$100.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2010 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-030):

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

FROM: 001-030-00002/General Fund/Insurance/Loss Control/Retirement Funds

Fund/County Court/Salaries-Employees

AMOUNT: \$6,500.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2010 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-014):

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

FROM: 001-014-00006/General Fund/County Court/Other Expenses

TO: 001-014-00010/General Fund/County Court/PERS

AMOUNT: \$694.24

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2010 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-014):

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

FROM: 001-014-00012/General Fund/County Court/Medicare

TO: 001-014-00010/General Fund/County Court/PERS

AMOUNT: \$46.45

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2010 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-016):

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

FROM: 001-030-00002/General Fund/Insurance/Loss Control/Retirement Funds

TO: 001-016-00007/General Fund/Commissioners' Building & Grounds/Contract Services

AMOUNT: \$1,002.97

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2010 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-031):

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

FROM: 001-031-00001/General Fund/Commissioners' Misc/Postage

TO: 001-031-00003/General Fund/Commissioners'/Contract Services

AMOUNT: \$2,141.33

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2010 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-031):

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

FROM: 001-030-00002/General Fund/Insurance/Loss Control/Retirement Funds

TO: 001-031-00003/General Fund/Coroner/Contracts/Services

AMOUNT: \$1,352.76

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

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

FROM: 009-001-00011/Engineer-Gas Tax/Contract Projects

TO: 009-001-00003/Engineer-Gas Tax/Equipment

AMOUNT: \$2,300.00

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

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

FROM: 009-001-00011/Engineer-Gas Tax/Contract Projects

TO: 009-001-00007/Engineer-Gas Tax/Materials

AMOUNT: \$50,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2010 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 073):

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

FROM: 073-001-00008/DRETAC Fund/Travel/Education-Treasurer

TO: 073-001-00007/DRETAC Fund/Contract Services-Treasurer

AMOUNT: \$2,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2010 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 164):

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

FROM: 164-001-00006/DRETAC/Prosecutor/Other Supplies

TO: 164-001-00002/DRETAC/Prosecutor/PERS

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SANTA VISITS LITTLE BLESSING DAY CARE



Little Blessings Day-care had a surprise visitor when Santa stopped at their Christmas party. Those brave enough to sit on Santa's lap are Skyley Gribble, Elayna White, Colton Gribble, Emily Thrasher, Adam Leever, Eli Lawrence, Nicholas Hatcher and Dominic Stahl.

"CHRISTMAS COOKIES & HOLIDAY HEARTS" ENTERTAINS AT OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY



Two elves, Sadie Estle and Trenton Winke, are speaking. The Oakwood Elementary second graders put on a Christmas program on Monday, December 20th entitled "Christmas Cookies and Holiday Hearts".

LATTA STATEMENT ON NET NEUTRALITY RULING FROM FCC

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) made the following statement after the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) ruling today regarding net neutrality. "Americans across the country recently made it more than clear that they want less, not more, government intrusion in their lives. Unfortunately, today's decision by the

FCC brings additional government not just into people's lives, but also into our free-market economy. The Internet is the culmination of years of private enterprise that has thrived without regulation. The FCC's net neutrality decision will only bring more government regulation and increased costs for both the Internet Service Providers and consumers. "As a member of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, I look forward to working with my colleagues to dismantle this ruling."

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The Paulding County Department of Job and Family Services will be conducting a public hearing to discuss and comment on the proposed Title XX Plan for the period of July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2013.

The Plan is a cooperative effort of the Department of Job and Family Services, Department of Mental health and Department of Developmental Disabilities to provide needed services to residents of Paulding County. These services are funded by Title XX of the Social Security Act. The proposed plan will be available at this Meeting.

Representatives from Paulding County Department of Job & Family Services will be available to answer questions about the biennial plan. The public is invited and urged to attend.

The hearing will be held:
January 24, 2011
Beginning at 8:00 a.m. until all testimony is heard at 303 W. Harrison St., Paulding, Ohio

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HOW DO PERENNIAL PLANTS SURVIVE THE WINTER?

By: Kylee Baumle, OSU Extension Office

While much of the nation sits in a deep freeze, here I am, in my nice warm family room, looking out at a sunny blue-sky day. The ground is covered with snow, and the thermometer reads 15°. With temperatures like this, I'm glad we've got the snow cover, because it helps insulate the plants from the cold.

Mulching helps keep roots warm too, so I'm also glad I added more of it to the base of some of the more tender plants this fall. But it's still pretty darn cold under that mulch and snow, and the ground is frozen solid. How do the perennials live to see another spring?

Of course, some survive better than others. That's where the USDA hardiness zone ratings that you see on a plant tag come in handy. A plant that's only hardy to our zone 5 won't make it in Alaska's zone 2. But the mechanism that allows a plant to return in the spring after a winter of below freezing temperatures is the same.

Many perennials lose the parts of their plants that are exposed as the temperatures drop. The roots in the ground then move as much of the water in their tissue's cells into the surrounding ground as possible. With less moisture in the plant's cells, a certain amount of freezing and thawing can occur without rupturing those cells.

Also, sugars and salts in those roots act as a natural antifreeze. By lowering the

freezing point of the water in the plant's cells, it allows them to survive lower temperatures. Think about what happens to ice and snow when you salt the sidewalks. It works much the same way in plants.

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West Bend Printing and Publishing Inc. also known as The West Bend News will be increasing classified, picture, "Home for Sale by Owners", inserts and advertising rates beginning with issue #5 of 2011 (Issue Date: February 2, 2011.)

The increases are necessary to remain viable due to increased printing and mailing costs by the USPS. The previous augmentation was 3 years ago.

Advertising contracts will continue to apply at the signed discount percentage based upon the new rates listed below.

The new rates beginning February 2, 2011 issue are as follows:
 Pictures will change from \$5.00 to \$6.00 per column
 Inserts will change from \$.07 to \$.08 or higher depending on weight and size.
 Home for Sale by Owners will change to \$30 per week and includes a picture and 25 words (\$15 per word over 25 words)
 Classified ads will increase to \$7.50 for 20 words (\$15 per word over 20 words). Bold will continue to add \$1.00, the same as before.
 Boxed Ads will change to: Front pages \$10.50, Inside pages \$8.00
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“FROM THE VANTAGE POINT”: VANTAGE IN GIVING SPIRIT



Vantage Junior Health Technology students adopted a family for Christmas. Here they show off some of the gifts they purchased.



Vantage Career Center “Santa Sisters” (from left) Diana Becker, Vicki Smith, Mary Ann Hall, Leslie Ringwald and Gail Gillett collected food to be donated to Pastor Chuck Schmunk and “The Circle of Friends” Cooperative Parrish Food Pantry. This food pantry is made up of four churches in Continental and Immaculate Conception Catholic church in Ottoville. Additional food items were also donated to Trinity Friends Church in Van Wert.

We can do your wedding, graduation, anniversary or any other announcement that you may need!

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STROKE AND OSTEOPOROSIS SCREENING COMING TO ANTWERP FEBRUARY 4TH

Residents living in and around the Antwerp, Ohio community can be screened to reduce their risk of having a stroke or bone fracture. The Antwerp United Methodist Church will host a Life Line Screening of February 4th. The site is located at 212 E. River Street in Antwerp. Appearances will begin at 9:00 a.m.

Four key points every person needs to know:

1. Stroke is the third leading cause of death and a leading cause of permanent disability.

2. 80% of stroke victims had no apparent warning signs prior to their stroke.

3. Preventative ultrasound screenings can help you avoid a stroke.

4. Screenings are fast, non-invasive, painless, affordable and convenient.

Screenings identify potential cardiovascular conditions such as blocked arteries and irregular heart rhythm, abdominal aortic aneurysms and hardening of the arteries in the legs, which is a strong predictor of heart disease. A bone density screening to assess osteoporosis risk is also offered and is appropriate for both men and women.

All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. For more information regarding the screenings or to schedule an appointment call 1-877-237-1287 or visit our website at www.lifelinescreening.com. Pre-registration is required.

Life Line Screening was established in 1993, and has

since become the nation's leading provider of preventative screenings.

PAYNE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – “IT’S YOUR MOVE”

On Thursday, January 13 at 7:00 p.m., the Payne Chamber of Commerce is holding elections for 2011. Last year, we made some strides in promoting business, organizing a 5k fund raiser and providing civic enhancements to the area. We would like to keep the momentum going but we would like to get new blood involved. The election of officers is the perfect time to get involved. This meeting will take place at the Rock (The corner of Main and Merrin St) and is open to all current Chamber members. If you would like to become a member, this would be a good meeting to attend. It's your move. E-mail payne_chamber@gmail.com if you have any questions.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM K. WONDERLY CELEBRATES 65 YEARS OF MARRIAGE

January 6, 2011 will mark the 65th wedding anniversary of Hicksville residents Mr. and Mrs. William K. Wonderly. William K. and the former Louella M. Potter were married on January 6, 1946 in the United Brethren Church, Hicksville, by the late Cleo C. Roth, pastor. They have one son, Gary Lee, deceased. The Wonderlys have two grandchildren, Scott L. Wonderly, Burr Oak, MI and Heidi M. (Brooks) Targgart, Fort Wayne, IN, and four great grandchildren, Hillary Targgart and Nathan, Zachary and Alex Wonderly.

WOODBURN ELEMENTARY 6TH GRADE BUDDIES



Each year the 6th grade students at Woodburn Elementary take on a great responsibility and enjoy a valid learning experience by helping our kindergarten students during library time while encouraging the love for reading. The 6th grade students start the year out by helping the kindergarten students locate books and become familiar with the library within the school. Then the 6th grade stu-

dents take on a special role by reading to the kindergarten students. This is a rewarding experience for the 6th grade students and the kindergarten students feel very special – they form a unique bond by taking on this partnership. Eventually as the kindergarten students learn to read they will read to their 6th grade buddy – which shows the role in responsibility alternate.

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Paulding, OH



Dr. Haman

Dr. Steven Haman, Orthopedic Traumatologist, sees orthopedic patients in a clinic environment in the Paulding County Hospital outpatient setting. Dr. Haman performs emergency orthopedic surgery at Paulding County Hospital along with scheduled orthopedic surgeries such as total hip and knee replacements. After surgery, patients are admitted to the medical unit and once they are ready they can be put into the “swing bed” or rehabilitation program. There they experience the intense physical therapy, nursing and rehab services they need to assist them in being able to be released to their own home. Paulding County Hospital also features convenient parking and an easy registration process where people are treated as friends – not numbers. To make an appointment to see Dr. Haman, please call 419-238-9764.

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