

SUCCESSFUL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT AT ANTWERP



This past weekend the Antwerp boys basketball program hosted its 12th Annual Antwerp Boys 5th & 6th Grade Tournament! Over the years this tournament has evolved into a 16 team tournament. The original tournament (February 2000) was a six team tournament held in the 1936 gymnasium at the old Antwerp school. Since that tournament, not only has the tournament site changed, the playing field has grown from the original six, to the 16 team format playing today. The Antwerp, Wayne Trace, and Paulding teams have now competed in all twelve tournaments; Hicksville in 11. In recent years Edon, Lincolnview, Fairview, Ayersville, and Peebles (from Adams County in southern Ohio) have joined us. The tournament has previously hosted such teams as Defiance, Convoy Crestview, Patrick Henry, West Unity Hilltop, Tinora and Holgate from Ohio, as well as Norwell and Woodlan schools from Indiana.

This year's exciting pool play games eliminated teams one at a time until the pool winners were decided. In the 5th grade tournament the championship game came down to Ayersville and Peebles. The Pilots of Ayersville proved to be too strong and outlasted the Indians of southern Ohio to capture the crown.

The 6th grade contest was narrowed throughout the day to Green Meadows Conference foes Wayne Trace and Fairview. The Raiders' quickness proved to be too much for the Apache size advantage to take the 6th grade championship.

This sole fundraiser for the boys' basketball program is supported by the Antwerp 5th through 12th grade player parents, players of all levels, coaches, and many volunteers. Concession items, officials, and concession worker time, is all donated in order to make the fundraiser a success. The funds collected help pay for many of the season and off-season activities conducted during the basketball year. This includes keeping summer league fees low, covering summer shoot-out entry fees, lower basketball player camp expenses, entry fees for 5th and 6th

grade tournaments, etc. All of which pay dividends in building the Antwerp boys basketball program.

This tournament couldn't have happened without all who donated any items or time. It was a successful fundraiser, bringing 16 teams and their families to the Antwerp Local School and the community for a day. We look forward to again hosting on February 25, 2012.

UNITED WAY OF PAULDING COUNTY'S ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The Annual Business meeting for United Way will be held on March 8, 2011 at the office of United Way of Paulding County, 101 East Perry Street, Paulding, Ohio, at 5:00 p.m. The purpose of such meeting is for the Election of Trustees, by-law revision, and/or any other business legally brought before the members. The general public and all United Way of Paulding County members are invited to attend.

NEXT ENGRAVING FOR ANTWERP VETERANS MEMORIAL

The next engraving of the veterans names on the Antwerp Veterans Memorial will be done in time for Memorial Day 2011. The deadline for sending documentation and fee is April 30, 2011. The guidelines for the names are as follows:

Honorable or medical discharge and be accompanied by one of the following: a copy of their DD214, separation papers, service record, or veteran identification card. Also acceptable is a copy of an obituary or news article stating military service, a photo of veteran in uniform or photo of military plaque on a tombstone. The veteran must have lived in the Antwerp school district or be buried in a cemetery located within the Antwerp school district and provide location of residence.

A fee is needed for each name unless the veteran is recently discharged.

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

REGARDING USED TOMBSTONES

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Grabill Missionary Church
An ad appeared in the Madison, Wisconsin, *Capitol Times*. It read like this: "For Sale: one used tombstone. Splendid opportunity for family named Dingle."

That ad certainly piqued my interest. Why would you no longer need a tombstone? What possible reasons could there be for a person to sell a used tombstone?

Maybe when the family had it made, the monument company misspelled their last name. Or possibly the monument wasn't exactly what the family wanted and they were trying to unload the thing. Perhaps they were wanting to replace the tombstone with a larger one.

But then I came up with another possibility for no longer wanting a tombstone—maybe the deceased person was no longer dead. Before I laughingly dismissed that idea I began to think about the implications of the thought.

There ought to be a row of used tombstones lining the altar of our church. Because there are scores of people in our church who once were dead but have found new

life. The Apostle Paul pretty much says it just like that. In Ephesians 2:1 he writes to the believers in the church at Ephesus, "You were once dead in your trespasses and sins."

In other words, Paul says that the person who has never placed his/her faith in Christ is spiritually dead. Until a person receives Christ's forgiveness, that individual is dead in a spiritual sense.

Yet, in verse 5, Paul continues by saying, "but now you are alive." Once a person turns to Christ in faith and repentance, Jesus makes that individual alive. Just as Jesus physically raised Lazarus from the dead, He brings men and women, boys and girls, back from the "dead" in the spiritual realm when they place their faith in Him.

At that moment, in the words of Jesus, we pass from death into life (John 5:24). And we no longer need our "tombstones." Do you know why? Because we are no longer dead. And the wonder is that you don't have to be named "Dingle" to take advantage of the splendid opportunity!

FREE LUNCHEON PROVIDED BY PAULDING UMC

The Paulding United Methodist Church, located at 321 North Williams Street, Paulding is offering a free luncheon on Saturday, March 12, 2011 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. or until food runs out.

Also that day, there will be a grocery bag giveaway (one per family until gone, limited supply). Enter at south/east parking lot door.

This event is provided by the Paulding United Methodist Church's Men Group

DIVINE MERCY BB LEAGUE TOURNAMENT CHAMPS!



Divine Mercy Catholic School's 4th and 5th grade basketball team was recently named the Northwest Ohio Catholic Parish League Tournament Champions.

Front row: Dylan Vogel, Korbin Slade, Hayden Williamson, Grant Baumle. Back row: Mike Kuhn, Hunter Vogel, Jacob Kuhn, Joshua Kuhn, Mr. Joe Linder

PAULDING COUNTY CHRONICLES II

By: Caroline Wells Zimmerman

Boatman on the Wabash - 1830 Part 3

"In the meantime, the saloons in the town had surrendered discreetly and the boatmen were regaling themselves with the fruits of their easy victory. When they saw that the citizens were aroused and prepared to attack, the "invaders" contemplated meeting them. Standing in bold defiance across the street, their spiked poles held at charge, they presented a formidable appearance. Each man looked like a Hercules in stature. But when the soldiers came marching quickly down the street with bright muskets and fixed bayonets gleaming in the sun, the boatmen's courage failed and they broke and ran for their boats.

"The soldiers, followed by a crowd of citizens armed with rifles and shotguns, pursued them and demanded that they throw down their poles and surrender. It was a little over a quarter of a mile to where the boats lay, and the boatmen were overtaken by the time they had reached the levee that crosses the low bottom bordering the river. George White, who lived in Shawneetown, but happened to be at New Harmony with his wife on a visit to her parents, ran his bayonet through the arm of one of the most defiant and abusive boatmen. The rest, finding that the soldiers and citizens meant business, laid down their poles. They were marched back to the magistrate's office, where they submitted to a heavy fine for disturbing the peace.

"New Harmony never again suffered insults from drunken boatmen, but the boatmen wreaked their vengeance on George White by setting fire to his large and valuable sawmill in Shawneetown, burning it to the ground. George White was a brave and fearless man when he could meet his enemy face-to-face. But he well knew that to rebuild his mill would only afford the villains another opportunity to do him wrong again. He sold out his home at Shawneetown and moved to New Harmony. Steamboats soon replaced the keelboats and the people of the small river towns were no longer in terror of their approach." (Steamboats were known to explode.)

"A few years later, one of the boatmen who had engaged in the attack on New Harmony murdered a man in White County Illinois. He was hanged at Carmi, the county seat. It was said to have been the first hanging in that part of the country and a great crowd assembled from all parts within a radius of more than 50 miles. The sheriff used a tarred rope, which was the only kind he could get, but it did the business nicely, ridding the country of a dangerous villain." (Item from the *Indianapolis News*, December 27, 1883.

PRODUCING A WHOLE-SOME PRODUCT: IMPORTANCE OF QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAINING

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Educator & Staci Hiler, 4-H Program Assistant

Quality Assurance programs are designed to educate young producers in management and production techniques that improve food quality and safety. This program introduces youth to the responsibilities associated with food animal production. The actions of 4-H and FFA members impact the public perception of food animal industry and food quality and safety.

When young producers begin a project where the final product is food, they also assume a legal and moral obligation to produce a quality, wholesome, and safe product for consumers. It is critical that young producers are aware of these responsibilities and understand their implications.

As youth progress through the Jr. Fair Program and learn to implement quality assurance practices, they will develop responsible practices that will enable them to maintain responsible animal care through the application of scientifically sound animal care practices.

Paulding County has scheduled two Quality Assurance Programs for 2011. The first program is scheduled for Thursday evening March 17th from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. and the second program is scheduled for Saturday morning March 19th from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Both programs will be held in the Extension Building located on the Paulding County Fairgrounds. Paulding

County youth are required to attend a Quality Assurance Program with their parent(s) or guardian(s) to be eligible to show at the Paulding County Fair. These Quality Assurance Programs are also open to youth in the surrounding counties.

The agenda for the two programs includes introductions, fair changes and updates, a review of the simplified Drug Use Notification Form and breakout sessions on the following PQA Plus Good Production Practices: GPP #3, "Use Antibiotics Responsibly" presented by Jim Lopshire, Extension Educator; GPP #4, "Identify, Track & Maintain Medication & Treatment Records for all Treated Animals" presented by Staci Hiler, 4-H Program Assistant; and GPP #6 "Properly Store, Label, & Account for all Drug Products & Medicated Feeds" presented by Lori Heiby, Wayne Trace High School Agricultural teacher. The program will conclude with a presentation titled "Understanding the Importance of Animal Care" by Cooper Farms.

The goal of the Quality Assurance Program is for our youth to understand that they play an important part in the livestock industry by promoting responsible animal care and by producing a food product that is safe for human consumption.

COOPER COMMUNITY LIBRARY OFFERS ORIGAMI CLASS

The Cooper Community Library, a branch of the Paulding County Carnegie Library system, is having a very special visitor from Japan on Monday, March 14th. Yuki is coming back for a visit and will be teaching the "Art of Origami" from 3:30-6:00 p.m. If you have ever tried to fold Origami and find it very frustrating come and have Yuki help you through a few different objects. There is no cost for this program.

FROM THE DOG WARDEN'S DESK



By: Georgia Dyson, Paulding County Dog Warden

This week's pet of the week is Keena. She was a stray, and is about a year old. Keena is a shepherd mix.

As careful as we all try to be as pet owners, we all know that accidents can happen and on occasion, dogs get lost. One person in the house forgets to close the door all the way, or a leash comes loose while your dog is on his walk and in the blink of an eye, your dog is on the run. In today's society, a lot of people have become afraid of unknown dogs, or they don't want to get involved in a problem, so they will look the other way when they come across a dog without a tag; or they will take him in, but only long enough to take him right to the shelter. A dog that is without a tag is much less likely to make its way back to its owners than a dog that has proper identification.

Dogs are unable to speak for themselves, so having your dog wear a tag is a way to give them a voice. Dog tags are of great importance to our pets because if your dog ever becomes lost, or injured when you are not around, this pet dog tag will let people know who he or she is, who they belong to, and where they live. Dogs without tags are only held for 72 hours before being put on the adoptable dog list, so it is VERY important to call the shelter as soon as your dog is missing. If your dog IS wearing a tag, the shelter is able to look up the tag number immediately to ensure the safe return of your pet.

Hicksville Eagles - March Events
213 Edgerton St.
4th - Bingo, 7 PM, Public Invited
11th - Fish Fry 5-7 PM, Public Invited; Texas Hold 'Em, 7PM Registration, Jackpot for High Hand, 7:30 PM start, Public Invited, NO Bingo
12th - District Mtg. 7 PM; Dale Vaughn & The Lost Horseman 8:30 PM - 12:30 AM, Members Only
18th - Bingo 7 PM, Public Invited
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

First and foremost I would like to express my deep gratitude for all the county citizens that have voiced their support for me during this difficult time. The big question of why I was fired from my position as your dog warden still rests with the Paulding County Commissioners. I was given a letter simply stating that I was terminated from my position effective immediately on December 29, 2010 signed by all three commissioners—Tony Zartman, Tony Burkley, and Edward Straley.

As for the "just cause" the commissioners claim they had for my termination they were unable to provide adequate proof to the State of Ohio, and I have finally received my unemployment benefits on appeal as of February 4, 2011.

I was as shocked by this turn of events as all of you. To

have all of my hard work and dedication for the county end this way has been extremely painful for me and my family. Taking over the Dog Warden position was a daunting task for me, but I felt it was a wonderful opportunity to really make a difference in the community where I was born and raised. I knew that it would take a lot of hard work to change the perception of the Dog Warden position and to make the dog shelter an open and caring place that was a welcome and supported part of the community. It did take a lot of hard work, but we all made it happen. It is now up to you the county citizens to hold the county commissioners accountable for the operation of the shelter and for the Dog Warden's responsibilities to enforce the laws and care for the dogs.

A precedent has been set and it must be upheld. We have all seen now that it is possible for the Dog Warden and the dog shelter to be a respected, welcome, and supported part of this community. The dog license laws, and the dog confinement laws can be effectively enforced on all dog owners—no matter who they are or who they know.

But the most important thing to me is that NO DOG should ever be euthanized in this county without EVERY effort being made to reunite that dog with its owner or to find it a new adoptive home.

It was my pleasure to serve as your dog warden and I can assure you I was 100% dedicated to the job every single day. The Mercy Medical Fund and the staff of the Animal Clinic of Paulding were an essential part of my endeavors as dog warden. It also wouldn't have been possible without everyone who opened their hearts and adopted a dog from the shelter.

—Mandy Lichty, Former Chief Dog Warden, Paulding County



Tips On Planning For The Year Ahead

(NAPSA)—If you're one of the millions of Americans trying to make improvements in the new year, be sure to start off on the right financial foot. Pam Krueger, personal finance expert and host of PBS "MoneyTrack," can help you create a solid financial plan for the year ahead.

Here are five of her top tips:

1. Re-evaluate this year's budget. It's important to learn from your mistakes and repeat your successes. Tally up your monthly expenses over the past year to evaluate the "necessary" and "extra" purchases and identify where you can save. Factor these reductions in next year's budget and be sure to calculate whether you met or exceeded your budget each month. Also, don't forget that some months may be pricier than others (e.g. holidays or birthdays), so remember to either increase your spending budget or plan to save accordingly.

2. Know where you stand. Now is the time to check your credit score. You can order a free credit report at AnnualCreditReport.com and review your spending and borrowing practices. To improve your credit score, pay your bills on time and be careful about how much debt you have and how much of the allowed credit on your credit cards you use.

3. Build a backup fund. After you've paid off any debt, allocate all or a portion of the payment you had been making to a new Roth IRA or emergency fund.



Knowing where you stand when it comes to your finances can help you get to where you want to go.

Better yet, try to do both with automatic payments. You've already been living without this money, so keep up the habit and watch your savings grow.

4. Manage your credit card balance. Even if you overspent lately and are worried about carrying a balance throughout the year, remember that you do have options. You may be able to use free features available with some credit cards. For example, Chase Slate with Blueprint offers easy-to-use features like "Finish It," which helps you create a plan to pay down your balance, set a target payoff date and by doing so save on interest.

5. Learn more. You can find useful financial tips and tools online at www.chaseslate.com.



Ten Tax Tips For 2011

(NAPSA)—Here are 10 tips to help take the guesswork out of tax season:

1. Put your 2 percent raise to work—Taxpayers get a 2 percent raise in 2011 from the Tax Relief Act of 2010, giving workers who earn \$50,000 a year an extra \$1,000 in their paychecks.

2. Unemployed required to file—All unemployment benefits will be taxed this year, unlike last year, when the first \$2,400 was tax-free.

3. Sandwich generation gets tax relief—"Sandwich generation" taxpayers—those supporting their parents and their own children—may be able to claim a \$3,650 qualifying relative exemption.

4. Health insurance for adult children starts—Children under 27 who do not have access to employer-provided insurance may be added to their parents' health insurance policies. This benefit is not taxable.

5. Education benefits extended—The American Opportunity Credit allows taxpayers to claim \$2,500 for a student's first four years of college. The tuition and fees deduction could reduce taxable income up to \$4,000.

6. 2008 Homebuyer Credit repayment starts, but not for

2009 and 2010—The 2008 first-time Homebuyer Credit must be repaid, starting with 2010 tax returns. In general, taxpayers must repay \$500 a year for 15 years.

7. Homebuyer Credit extension for military—Military personnel on extended leave outside the U.S. for at least 90 days between Jan. 1, 2009 and May 1, 2009 may claim the credit if they close on a house before May 1, 2011.

8. Energy credit reduced—For 2011, the lifetime maximum for the Energy Property Credit is reduced from \$1,500 to \$500 for improvements meeting specific energy guidelines.

9. Adoption Credit fully refundable in 2010 and 2011—The Adoption Credit can be claimed for qualified expenses up to \$13,170 for 2010 and \$13,360 for 2011. For 2010 and 2011, this credit is fully refundable.

10. 2011 federal filing deadline is April 18—Due to the April 15 observation of Emancipation Day in the District of Columbia, the filing deadline for federal tax returns is April 18 this year. Some state filing deadlines remain April 15.

For more information about tax season 2011, visit the H&R Block website at www.hrblock.com or call 800-HRBLOCK.

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ABILENE, KANSAS

By: Stan Jordan

Abilene was noted as a cow town before the big cattle drives came in 1857. The first settlers came and set up residence on the West Bank of Mudd Creek. This was in Dickinson County up in the northeast part of the territory. Lots of times it was called 'Queen of the Cow Towns'.

Some people got the name Abilene out of the Bible, it means City of the Plains. A Mr. Hersey started that name and he had a two-room log lean-to and he made a deal with the Butterfield Overland Stage to house and feed the passengers and employees. His slogan was the 'best square meal east of Denver'.

The town grew as a Mr. McCoy built a stock yard there and the town became the first cow town of the west. It was the largest stockyard west of Kansas City and the Kansas Pacific Railroad came there in 1866.

The famous Chisolm Trail started here and went west and this brought many settlers and pioneers and it became one of the wildest towns in the west.

A dwelling was built on the other bank of the Mudd Creek. A man named 'old man Jones' came and built a log cabin and it was a store, but the most he sold was whiskey.

The town was laid out in 1860 and made of log houses, but the use of streets made it look like an up and coming town and became the county seat of Dickinson County.

After the railroad came and all the western ranches brought their cattle to the rail

head it was called the largest stockyard in the west. It was the market for Texas cattle for four years.

In 1869 and 1870, a number of houses and buildings were erected along with the new court house. This was made of brick and stone. Then a two-story hotel was built and was needed by all the travelers and the cowboys. But with all that fast growing it became a lawless town with lots of gamblers, dogs and prostitutes—the town needed a lawman.

On June 4 the city mayor was Theodore Henry and he hired the first chief of police, Thomas J. 'Bear River' Smith. He was known as 'the no gun Marshall'. He had a reputation of using his fists instead of a gun. His first law was to prohibit anyone from carrying a gun. His reputation was good enough that most people went along with his rulings, even the gamblers and cowboys. But Smith's career as a lawman did not last very long. When attempting to arrest a man suspected of murder named, Andrew McConnell, he turned and shot Smith. But Smith returned fire and shot McConnell before falling to the ground wounding him. A man named Miles, who was a co-conspirator of McConnell, grabbed an axe and nearly cut Smith's head off. McConnell got twelve years and Miles received sixteen years for this gruesome crime.

Well after this, in 1871, the Mayor hired Wild Bill Hickock as Marshall. Bill already had a reputation of a gunman. Bill used his reputation and his twin pistols and the townspeople pretty much obeyed the laws.

John Wesley Hardin was in Abilene but he murdered a man and left town in a hurry. Later on it was revealed that the tough man, Hardin—nearly all the men he killed were unarmed.

Hickock was there awhile but he spent most of his time in the saloons rather than on his police duties. He eventually left town and worked his way up north into Deadwood in the Dakotas and that's an-

other part of the history of the 'old west'.

Abilene sits on what is now I70, one of the main arteries of the United States east and west traffic. The pioneers went through Kansas City and St. Joseph and then hit Abilene and all the trails west. I think the Cattle and the railroad had a lot to do with opening the west.

President Ike Eisenhower was born in Denison, Texas. His family moved to Abilene in 1892. He attended school and graduated there. He called it his home town and is buried there.

See ya!



By: Stan Jordan

This girl went to work as usual and shortly after 8:00 a.m. her boss stopped at her desk. She was crying and sobbing and was having a very bad morning.

Her boss said, "Well, Blondie, what in the world is wrong?"

"Oh, my mother died yesterday!"

"Well, Blondie, you shouldn't have come to work today. You should have stayed home in mourning with your family."

"Oh, no, it is better to be here and put the grief out of my mind."

About 11:00 a.m. the boss came by her desk again and she was really crying and sobbing and her mascara was a mess. It was running down her cheeks like a man from a Cheyenne war party warrior.

The boss said, "My goodness, what is wrong now?"

"I just got some more bad news."

"What could that be?" the boss inquired.

"My sister just called and said her mother died also."

See ya!

MATT DUGGAN

By: Stan Jordan

As I understand Matt Duggan was one of the most underrated gunmen of the old west. One of the authors that I read about said he was the bravest.

Duggan was born in Limerick County, Ireland in 1848. His family migrated to New York in July of 1863. Matt headed out west for better em-

ployment. He drifted through the mining areas doing any work he could find. He was a mule skinner and also a bouncer in Georgetown, Colorado at the Occidental Dance Hall and Saloon. He also did a lot of fighting with the cowboys and miners against the Indians.

Not long after he accepted the job as bouncer he ran into trouble. There was a drunk waving a pistol around in a saloon, so Matt hit him over the head and threw the man's pistol into a corner. The drunk challenged Matt to meet him out in the street and settle this. So they did and Matt shot the fellow and killed him. He hadn't been in town long enough for the people to know him. Matt was aggressive in enforcing the law.

In the spring of 1876 Matt rode into Leadville, Colorado, at the time one of the toughest towns in the west. In one year Leadville's population went from 300 to 15,000.

In 1878, a H.A.W. Tabor was elected Mayor. This man was later to become one of the state's richest people. The Mayor signed T.H. Harrison on as Marshall to quell all the crime that was going on. Although Harrison was a good man for this job, he was physically beaten and ran out of town in two days.

Then the mayor hired George O'Connell for Marshall. He did a good job for a month but in five weeks he was dead. He was shot by one of his deputies for a reprimand he had received. The deputy leapt on a stolen horse and was never seen again in Leadville. The Mayor called an emergency session of the council and appointed Matt Duggan as Marshall.

On his first day he was called to the town restaurant to quell a rowdy crowd of miners. He stood his ground quieted them down. But he was warned that day if he wanted to live he should leave town.

Duggan took over and let people know that he was Marshall and he was going to enforce the law. Well, he fired all the deputies that were friendly to the crowd of crooks and hired some new ones. Then he fired the judge because he was too lenient with his rulings. The magistrate didn't like this because the Marshall had no power to do this. But when Matt pulled his gun and ran him out of town, people took the hint. The magistrate agreed he was wrong and then returned to office.

In 1878, Duggan arrested August Riche, a man who was the second richest man in Leadville for being drunk and disorderly. And he had to hit him over the head with a pistol in order to arrest him. Well, Riche was a friend of Mayor Tabor who came to the jail to protest Riche's arrest. But Duggan didn't back down and Riche stayed a prisoner until Matt Duggan saw fit to release him. Marshall Duggan was nobody's man.

Duggan was dismissed as Marshall in February 1879 after a drinking binge. But they soon found out that he was the best man for the Marshall and he was quickly reinstated.

Then in March of that same year, Jim and Bill Bush, local business men and friends of the Mayor, got into a squabble about a city lot with Mortimer Arbuckle. Jim Bush pulled a gun and shot Arbuckle who was unarmed

and a well-known citizen. A mob was formed and was going to burn the hotel owned by the Bush Brothers. But Duggan confronted the mob and backed them down. So Duggan arrested Jim Bush for murder.

It was plain to see another crowd was going to lynch Jim Bush for murder as Arbuckle was a well-liked fellow. So Duggan took Bush to Denver for safe keeping. Later on a C.W. Bartlett said of Duggan, "He was the bravest man in camp."

Friends, there is a lot more about Matt Duggan. I will have to continue next week.

See ya!

IRA GREEN #2

By: Stan Jordan

What S/Sgt Ira Green was doing for the Air Force was top shelf secret. His outfit was dubbed 'The Carpet-baggers'. What they did was, at night they flew supplies into France for the French Resistance Fighters. So you understand why it had to be a hush-hush squadron.

He was the dispatcher after the plane was over the target. It was his job to see that each bag or container was put out at the exact time and place. He made 35 missions. It was all at night and was fired on and had a fighter chase them once. They carried medicines, arms, ammunition, directions and anything the Movement needed, even a doctor and all his equipment.

On different occasions they carried people. They were all dropped by parachute. Ira had himself received parachute training and jumped out of this plane while in England.

In the last part of September of 1944 they were sent back to the United States and stationed at Kessler Field in Mississippi at the Prop Div School there. He was there until he was discharged in September of 1945. The signing of the peace agreement of the war and Japan was to be signed on the San Diego. But President had that changed to the Missouri, 'The Big MO'.

Ira got his discharge and came back to Hicksville. He started working for the A&P Grocery chain as a meat cutter at 55 cents per hour and

drove to Auburn, Indiana to work.

He met Opal Beerbower in 1945 and were married in 1947 and lived in Hicksville. They had three girls and one boy; Garland has two boys and lives in Coon Rapids, Minnesota; Gary has two children and lives in Edgerton, Ohio; Lana has two girls and lives in Pierceton, Indiana and Carla lives in Denver, Colorado.

Ira, while working for A&P traveled a lot over Ohio, Indiana and Michigan. He would fill in at the stores where their meat cutters was on vacation. He retired in 1998 from A&P after 31 years. He then worked a couple years at Senior Citizens in Defiance.

His hobbies are: woodworking (has donated two clocks to the Manor House); archery, some gardening, travelling, and spending time with his grandchildren. He has six grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

His wife, Opal, passed away May 31, 2010 after 63 years of marriage. Ira has had a number close calls with his health: he has had four heart attacks; had three helicopter rides to Parkview; has three stints in his heart; and was brought back once after eight minutes.

Ira moved into the Manor House in April of 2010. Ira is one of the few American soldiers who has his entire army career in the Federal Record in the Archives in Washington, D.C. Ira and I talked quite awhile about his interview on his life.

Ira, I have enjoyed all of our talks and I appreciate all the time you gave me. I know you have enjoyed all of our talks and I appreciate all the time you gave me. I know you have enjoyed all of your 94 years.

See ya!

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ANTWERP & PAULDING WIN SECTIONALS, ON TO DISTRICTS



The Archers took on the winner of the Wayne Trace vs Edon game and Edon gave the Archers a run for their money. The Bombers were in the lead most of the game and the Archers struggled most of the game. With an incredible last second three point basket by senior Dustin Hitzeman, the Archers pulled off the 47-45 win and dashing the hopes of the Edon boys. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



Paulding played Tinora at Defiance March 4th for the sectional championship. The Panthers made the game look easy while keeping a sizeable lead, winning 35-24. The Panthers are looking forward to their next game at Napoleon, Thursday, March 10 at 8:00 pm against Metamora Evergreen. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

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WTWC COMPETES AT TITAN OPEN

Sunday March 6, the Wayne Trace Wrestling Club competed at the Titan Open in Ottawa, OH. Wayne Trace had twenty wrestlers place.

Placing 1st - Hunter Long, Gabe Sutton, Worth Clark, Austin Smith, Robbie Bowers, Riley Heater, George Clemens, Justin Pierce

Placing 2nd - Brendon Bidlack, Brandon Laney, Joe Stahl, Tyler Showalter

Placing 3rd - Ty Tinlin, Gage Tinlin, Max Rassman

Placing 4th - Taylor Long, Kameron Bevis, Shane Stahl, Tyler Arnett

2011 OMEA PERFORMERS

Alaine Wetli and Ellise Wetli, piano students of Rebekah Smith, performed in the Ohio Music Education Association's Solo and Ensemble Event held in St. Mary's on February 19th. Alaine, a senior at Antwerp High School, performed "O Polichinelo" by Villa Lobos. Ellise, a junior at the same school, performed "The Girl with the Flaxen Hair" by Debussy. They both had June Zweidinger as their adjudicator. Each received a I rating, representing an outstanding performance, with very few technical errors and exemplifying a truly musical expression. The rating reflects evaluation of tone, music accuracy, interpretation, technique, stage presence and facility of scales. The adjudicator praised their technical ability and beauty of musicality. These students are members of the Antwerp High School Band, National Honor Society, are gold Pride Card holders and active in many school sports. They are commended for their musical efforts, while maintaining high standards in all their other school and church activities.

Congratulations, ladies!

WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 3/9 THROUGH 3/15

Breakfast:

3/9 - Pancakes, sausage, milk, juice

3/10 - Egg/cheese omelet, toast/jelly, milk, juice

3/11 - Turnover, milk, juice

3/14 - Pizza, juice, milk

3/15 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, milk, juice

Lunch:

3/9 - Pizza, pepperoni or cheese, tossed salad, strawberries, milk

3/10 - Nacho chips, meat/cheese, salsa/sour cream, corn, mandarin oranges, milk

3/11 - Fish nuggets, tator tots, apple/orange, cookie, milk; WT: Fish sandwich or Nuggets

3/14 - Hot dog/bun, carrot/celery sticks/dip, mandarin oranges, milk; WT: Fajitas

3/15 - French toast sticks, hash browns, sausage links, 100% OJ, milk

Menus are subject to change.

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 3/9 THROUGH 3/15

3/9 - Fish or Spicy chicken on bun, apple crisp, corn, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Fruit

3/10 - BBQ rib or Polish sausage on bun, banana, green bean casserole, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Jello

3/11 - Cheese pizza or Tuna sandwich, carrots, applesauce, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or cook's choice

3/14 - Breaded chicken on bun or cook's choice, peas, applesauce, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Pudding cup

3/15 - Hamburger on bun or Potato wedges w/meat & cheese, tator tots, peaches, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Cookie bar

Menus are subject to change.

DISTRICTS TAKES SEVERAL LOCAL TEAMS OUT



Antwerp took on Pettisville at Archbold March 3 and won 41-34 sending them to the District Championship March 5. Unfortunately the girls lost in a close match to Stryker 29-28. The Lady Archers finished the season with a 14-8 record. Shown here is junior AJ Stuck attempting a shot for Antwerp. Good job ladies! More pictures at www.archerpics.com



The WT girls went to Lima HS to take on Delphos Jefferson. The Lady Raiders struggled from the beginning and finished the tournament with their first and only loss for the year of 65-55. These girls had a great season, the best of any WT girls basketball team on record, 21-1. Shown here is senior JoEllen Fickel scoring for the Raiders. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

CONGRATULATIONS!

Kameron Clemens



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BASKETBALL SECTIONALS HARD ON WAYNE TRACE & WOODLAN



Wayne Trace boys took on Edon at Hicksville Sectionals Wednesday, March 2. Both sides struggled to hold on to the ball and it was a close game. The Bombers came out on top 46-48. Shown here is Raider sophomore Dalton Sinn passing the ball out front. WT boys finished the season with 5-16 record. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



Woodlan took on Bluffton for the sectional at South Adams. The Woodlan boys have not had the best of seasons and this game finished their 2010-2011 season with a 27-61 loss and a record of 2-19. Picture by Angie Gerig

ANTWERP ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB HOSTS REVERSE RAFFLE/DANCE

The Antwerp Athletic Booster Club would like to invite you to an exciting event to be held at Grant's Catering Hall. On Saturday, April 9, the Boosters will host a reverse raffle/dance - Jimmy Buffett Margaritaville Style. The evening events include a buffet dinner, catered by Grant's Catering; a chance to win numerous prizes, including but not limited to, a \$1000.00 grand prize, a \$500.00 second place prize, and a \$200.00 third-place prize, plus much more; and a dance featuring "The Wannabees." Soda, beer, wine Margaritas, and Rum & Cokes will be available for purchase. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Guests must be 21 to attend.

Your ticket includes the buffet dinner, entry into reverse raffle drawing, one free drink of your choice, and the dance featuring the "The Wannabees." There will also be a snack buffet during the dance that is included in the cost of the ticket. Dress in your Caribbean attire if you wish.

Please play it safe and don't drink and drive. If you find that you need a ride home that evening, we will provide a ride home at no charge.

Doors open at 5:00 p.m. with dinner being served at 5:30. Tickets may be purchased by contacting either Denise Coleman at the Antwerp Elementary School office (419-258-5421 ext 2200) or Barbie Wales at 419-258-6401. You may also email Barbie at jacklucy@gmail.com.

In addition, we are collecting items to auction off that evening or to be given away as prizes. If you have anything you would like to donate, please contact Barbie Wales at the above phone number or e-mail address.

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2/23 - Rita Perkins, Payne
2/26 - Robert Kruttsch, Antwerp
- Dismissals:**
2/21 - Mercedes Ramon, Defiance
2/22 - Amelia Levos, Paulding
2/24 - Raymond Webster, Payne
2/24 - Gary Golliver, Grover Hill
2/24 - Rita Perkins, Payne
2/27 - Robert Kruttsch, Antwerp

LICHTY DEFEATED IN HISTORY QUIZ

Lynn Lichty's score of 54 was four points short of victory in a History Quiz. The winner preferred anonymity and requested his name not be published. He received a trophy for the win.

The contests are run sporadically, and are unique in that past contestants scores are kept on record, even though they may be deceased. In this particular quiz, the late Charlene Terwilleger's score still stands in 3rd spot, with three other men below her score-wise. The first of these tourneys was in 1987. This tourney was a Challenge Tourney, in which all contestants had to beat Lynn's 54.

THE UNIVERSITY OF FINDLAY FALL 2010 DEAN'S LIST

The Dean's list for fall semester at The University of Findlay has been announced by Daniel J. May, Ph.D., vice president of academic affairs. The following students in the Paulding County area have attained a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Bryson North of Antwerp, strength and conditioning major
Chelsea Holtsberry of Paulding, occupational therapy major
Jenna Stoller of Paulding, physical therapy major
Kelsey Hughes of Payne, equestrian studies/equine business management major

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CYCLOGENESIS - THE FORMATION OF LOW PRESSURE SYSTEMS

By: Josh Steiner

Usually I do a news article but this time I wanted to do something a little different and write an informational topic in weather. This week's topic is cyclogenesis which means development of low pressure systems.

Low pressure systems are generally the producers of rapidly changing weather around the globe. Whether it is rain and thunderstorms or heavy snow and high winds, low pressure systems bring some of the most interesting weather. A low pressure storm system can range from 50 to 100 miles across to over 1000 miles, affecting its surrounding areas as well.

Basically, a summary of the main purpose of a cyclone (low pressure system) would be this: a low pressure system is the atmosphere's way of trying to make the poles warmer and the tropics colder. This means that the atmosphere is trying to distribute heat around the globe to have a constant temperature on the entire earth's surface. But, if this ever happened, then changing weather would no longer exist. Everywhere on the globe would be clear and sunny, with an equal temperature. Nobody would ever get rain or snow and no place would ever get colder or warmer except at night when the sun goes down.

Low pressure systems (or storm systems) form between two separate air masses along a front that are moving parallel to each other. Since every air mass has a high pressure center controlling it, if the high pressure centers are at least weak to moderate in strength (since a weak high pressure center or ridge cannot move an air mass very well) and there is a fairly strong temperature gradient (the difference of temperature over a certain distance) between the two air masses, and if a wave of divergence, winds spreading apart in the jet stream, comes into contact

with the boundary, a ripple will form in the front, causing the warmer air to rush northward and as the warmer air pushes the front northward, the cold air pushes southward. This in turn creates a cyclonically rotating low pressure center at the apex of the system. There is also two distinct fronts that connect to the low pressure center, a cold front, which moves very quickly, and a warm front, which is much slower than a cold front due to the fact that cold denser air can push and lift warm air much faster than warm air can push the cooler air ahead of the warm front. If the storm system has much contact with moisture, than it can feed off of it, producing an expansive area of light to moderate (sometimes heavy) precipitation ahead of the warm front and a narrow band of very heavy precipitation.

If you live in the United States, more than 90% of the time, you will find a narrow band of thunderstorms or rain ahead of the cold front generally because you are in the warm section of the storm and ahead of the warm front. In the spring and summer you will always find large areas of rain, but in the winter, usually this is where you will find the snowstorm, and if it is in contact with moisture will produce heavy snowfall amounts. Soon, though, the cold front will eventually catch up to the warm front and overtake it, lifting the warm air above the surface. It is at this time that the most expansive and heaviest precipitation will fall mostly because this process formed an occluded front. After this the warm air will be lifted into the upper atmosphere thus turning off the low pressure center's source of fuel, causing the low pressure center to fall apart and circulation around it to cease. Then if conditions are right the fallen apart boundary from the old system may regenerate and form a new system. During this entire process, the storm system has moved thousands of miles to the east from

where it started. Over the last century we have also discovered the direction of flow around a low pressure system, how it flows around the low pressure system, and what causes it to flow around the low pressure system. First off, when the low pressure center forms along the ripple on the front, and the warm air moves northward and the cold air southward, the Coriolis Effect turns the warm air toward the north and west (or toward the right if you were looking at it from the north pole) and the cold air towards the southeast and soon the air flow will be in a counter-clockwise direction. We have also discovered how the air rises in a low pressure center. The air flow is always from higher pressure to lower pressure so that means that the high pressure centers around the low pressure center have an air flow that flow toward the center of the storm system. When all of these winds converge at the low pressure center they cannot go underground so they are forced to rise upward, sometimes violently, especially with a strong pressure gradient between the high and low pressure centers, causing the pressure to drop within the storm system and further increasing air flow toward the center. This entire cycle will cease when the cold air overtakes the warm air, removing the source of air flow and fuel for the storm system.

These low pressure systems are what mainly causes our most extreme weather. Without them, weather would be incredibly dull and nothing would ever happen. They can also be very dangerous, because they can produce floods and heavy rainfall if it is moving slowly and has a large moisture supply or they can produce widespread violent storms especially during late winter and spring. They are also beneficial especially in dry areas because they will bring the heavy rainfall needed for crops to grow in dry areas.

In a couple of weeks, I will have a special edition article about severe weather. If you have questions, please email me at: storm_reportsjoshua@yahoo.com and I will try my best to answer these questions and put them in the newspaper.

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Paulding County's Students of the Month

FEBRUARY 2011

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

Cade McGarvey is a 5th grader at Paulding Elementary. Cade is the son of Stacy and Travis McGarvey. Cade has one brother, Blake. As a family Cade reports that they have fun together playing lots and lots of baseball, playing basketball and learning to play golf. When there are bad weather days they all enjoy playing Wii.



Cade's favorite subject is Physical Education because he really loves sports. His least favorite subject is English because he doesn't like to write. Cade would like to be either a Pastor or Marine biologist. He added that it is good that he has seven years to decide which to choose. Cade said that the most important thing to remember to do in school is to show God's love and to teach His word.

Cade's teachers describe him as: Very motivated, dedicated to learning, extremely respectful to others. Winner of Spelling Bee for 5th Grade and Placed in Geography Bee for 2011, a responsible student and a Honor Roll Student.

Oakwood Elementary is pleased to announce Allison Arend has been selected as our March West Bend News Student-of-the-Month! Allison is a model student in Mrs. Bockrath's and Mrs. Thornell's sixth grade classrooms.



Allison is the daughter of Dana and Caroline Arend. She lives outside of Oakwood with her family and her dog, General.

Allison is a role model for students at Oakwood Elementary. She works very hard on her academics and is consistently on the Honor Roll each quarter. Her favorite subject is science because she really likes doing experiments. This is Allison's second year in the Oakwood Elementary band, where she is learning to play several percussion instruments. Allison sings in the 5th/6th grade choir. She is also a member of the Oakwood Elementary Student Council.

Allison loves sports. She plays mini-panthers basketball and volleyball and plays softball in the Paulding summer softball league.

—Congratulations Allison!!

Antwerp Elementary's West Bend News student of the month in February is Derek Reeb. His Social Studies teacher, Mrs. Cooper, say "Derek has a good attitude towards school and is very cooperative in the classroom. He is always very cheerful, and his cheerfulness rubs off on his classmates. Derek is a fine student who works well with his classmates."



Derek recently won the Paulding County Spelling Bee and will be competing in the regional bee at IPFW on Saturday, March 12th.

Derek's parents are Eric and Denise Reeb. His older sister, Darrien, attends Antwerp High School.

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KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR WAYNE TRACE GROVER HILL & PAYNE ELEMENTARIES

Wayne Trace Grover Hill Elementary and Wayne Trace Payne Elementary are both getting ready for kindergarten registration for All Day Every Day kindergarten for the 2011-12 school year. All paperwork needs to be to WT Grover Hill Elementary by Thursday, April 14, 2011, and to WT Payne Elementary by Friday, April 8, 2011.

If your child will be five years of age on or before August 1, 2011 please call Wayne Trace Payne Elementary or Wayne Trace Grover Hill Elementary with the following information: child's full name, child's birth date, child's social security number, parents' names, child's address including the county, and telephone number. Kindergarten packets will be sent to the new kindergarten parents as soon as the schools have been notified by the parents. The WT Payne Elementary office number is 419-263-2512, option #4. Ask for Tammie. The WT Grover Hill Elementary office number is 419-587-3414, option #3. Ask for Marcie.

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Saturday, MARCH 19th - 7:30 p.m. - IPFW - Voice Area - "Sondheim Showcase". After successful runs in Fort Wayne, the college Students and Staff will honor the Huber Stage! Songs from "Gypsy", "Sweeny Todd", "Into the Woods", "Candide", "West Side Story", "A Little Night Music", etc. Directed by Dr. Samuel Savage; accompanied by Dr. Ji Young Jeoung. Tickets are just \$6 (\$5 for Srs. - \$3 for students). Advance tickets sales on Tues. or Thurs. from office - for admission to auditorium at 6:45

By: Rachel Steiner

Hi! This past week, my daughter and I were both under the weather with a minor cold. Now that we have recovered, we need to revamp our bodies and get us back in to tip-top working order. So this week I busted out the mason jars and got to making some fresh yogurt! It had been too long.

Fermented foods have been around forever. They were first created as a means to preserve food through the harsh winters. These foods ferment lactic acid and in turn enhance the macronutrient profile of the food, increase immunity and the health of the intestinal tract. Some examples are sauerkraut, cheese, wine, kvass, soured grain, porridge, and breads.

Most yogurts available on store shelves are so full of sugar that they are little more than a glorified "pudding". Also, most techniques used to manufacture them kill off most of the lactic acid producing bacteria and inhibit the healthy contribution they could be making to our bodies. By making your own, you can control the ingredients, sugar content and flavor as well as have the satisfaction of a job well done.

1) First, take your milk and heat it to 110 degrees using a candy thermometer.

2) Add your starter making sure it is room temperature. Your starter can store bought yogurt from a fresh container (plain flavor is best as it is not sweetened or flavored. Use 1 Tbsp per cup of milk), special starter purchased at a health food shop, or a little left over from a previous batch you've made.

3) Whisk it all together well!

4) Now you want to let it work its magic. Take your mixture and place it in some clean glass jars and screw the lids on. Then you have a few options. You want to keep the mixture as close to 110 degrees as possible. You can wrap the jars in a towel and place them in a warm location in the house such as near the furnace, atop the fridge or in the oven with just the light on. We used to stick the wrapped jars into a cooler to keep it insulated. Get creative! Let it sit undisturbed for 6-8 hours until it thickens up.

5) Stick it in the fridge for a few hours until it is cool, then enjoy! You can add some fruit, honey or flavorings like vanilla if you choose.

Some special notes: Patience and practice make perfect. It may not come out the first time you try it, but it is still edible and good for you. Also, it will not be nearly as sweet or thick as the store bought kind which is full of corn syrup and artificial thickeners. It will be more like a liquid smoothie texture. I will promise you that if you take your first batch and use it as a starter to make another batch, it will continue to thicken up. By time you've made 4-5, it will be nearly store-bought consistency! Lastly, I have used store cows milk and store soy milk with no problems. Now that I make our soy milk at home, I know I need to add some honey to the milk before adding the starter because the bacteria needs sugar to feed off of. Enjoy! If you have any questions or topics to be discussed you can email punkyprune@yahoo.com

VANTAGE BOARD DISCUSSES RETIREMENT BUY-OUT OPTIONS

The March meeting of the Vantage Board of Education was held on Thursday, March 3, 2011. Guests in attendance included Jason Salzgeber of Third Sun Solar, Dave Mosier of the VWIndependent, Ed Gebert of the Times Bulletin and staff members Kristy Bidlack, Peg Bollenbacher, Amy Grothouse, Larry Mengerink and Brent Wright. After the reading of the agenda, board member Ken Mengerink requested that the employment of personnel be tabled to a later meeting, as well as the resolution to make Vantage a smoke-free campus.

The treasurer's report included the approval of the January regular board meeting minutes and the financial statements for January, 2011. The board passed a resolution authorizing the president and treasurer to enter into a retainage escrow agreement with First Financial Bank. A resolution was also passed to accept the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorize the necessary tax levies and certify them to the county auditor.

Superintendent Kaufman acknowledged correspondence from U.S. Congressman Bob Latta, which congratulated Vantage for receiving the prestigious Crystal Image award from the Van Wert Chamber of Commerce. The award is presented to a Chamber member who exemplifies diverse leadership in the community. She also provided the board with a construction project update, which included information regarding a one week delay in the advertising for bids due to rescinding of responsible model bidder criteria per the OSFC.

Director Bob Vennekotter's report congratulated the district for being awarded the Crystal Image Award at the Van Wert Chamber of Commerce annual banquet. He also congratulated Sr. Carpenter's Megan Ketchum from Parkway who was selected Elks Student of the Month for February. Congratulations also went out to 22 BPA and eight SkillsUSA contestants who will advance to their state contest in March. Other reports included the full enrollment of 40 students and parents for "Step Into Your Future" held on January 29, Sophomore Visitation Day, Open House, and Scholarship Dinner - all held on February 7. Winter weather not only impacted the school calendar, but also the roof of the current building. Also, the boilers are not working properly and require repair. The building renovation project will remedy these recurring problems.

Pete Prichard, Adult Education Director, announced that work continues on the Alternative Energy Academy that will house an HVAC and an Electricity program. At this time it appears that two areas of specialization - Utility Scale Windmill Repair and Energy Audit Specialist will involve our college partners. The Adult Education accounting system is now being installed in RENWEB, the online registration system. The link for Ed2Go is now available on the Vantage website and people have already been taking online classes. The "Every Citizen Online" project continues and we hope to train over 600 people in Paulding and Van Wert counties by the time the project is complete.

In new business, the board: -Tabled the employment of the following list of employees, as needed, as scheduled: Bob Vennekotter, 1 year, Director; Mary Ann Hall, 1 year, CTE Supervisor; Dave Young, 1 year, Maintenance Supervisor; Pete Prichard, 3 years, Adult Education Director; Diana Becker, continuing, Adult Education Secretary; Jane Collis, 1 year, Adult Education Evening Secretary; Vicki England, Continuing, Cook; Jackie Gunsett, Continuing, Financial Aid Coordinator; Annette Klinger, 2 years, Media Center Secretary; Lori Balliett, 1 year, Assistant Treasurer; Ruth Brickner, 2 years, In-School Suspension Monitor; Bob Spath, PLTW at Van Wert High School, 1/8 additional day for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year; -Tabled a resolution to designate Vantage Career Center as a smoke-free campus between 8:10 a.m. and 3:40 p.m. and to designate personal vehicles as approved smoking locations outside of 8:10 a.m. and 3:40 p.m.;

-Accepted the resignation of Steve Peters, Career Technical Supervisor, for the purpose of retirement effective 6-30-11;

-Appointed Bob Vennekotter as the district's homeless Liaison per school policy;

-Passed a resolution to participate in a Retirement Incentive Plan in accordance with Section 3307.54, Revised Code. The effective date of the incentive plan is 3/3/11 and the plan terminates on 12/31/12;

-Passed a resolution to approve the award of an annual "Robert Brandt Scholarship" made possible through an endowment to be managed and invested by the Paulding County Area Foundation;

-Approved the Wind Farm agreement between Paulding Wind Farm II, LLC and Vantage Career Center;

-Approved the Wind Farm agreement between Blue Creek Wind Farm, LLC and Vantage Career Center;

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The Superintendent requested an executive session for the purpose of discussion of employment of personnel. No action was taken. The next regular board meeting will be held Thursday, April 7, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. prior to the All Boards dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Woodburn Elementary School Student of the Month - February 2011



My name is Olivia Funk. I am a 6th grade student that attends Woodburn Elementary School. I'm from New Haven, IN. My parents are Ronald and Keli Funk. I have an older sister named Savannah and a younger brother named Noah. I have one dog and 6 cats, and soon we'll be getting chickens.

I like to hang out with my friends and spend time with my family and pets. My hobbies are horseback riding, gymnastics, hunting and riding 4-wheelers. I also enjoy baby-sitting and helping my neighbors with their pets.

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WAYNE TRACE KAMERAN CLEMENS WRESTLES AT STATE TOURNAMENT

Where can you find the best wrestling extravaganza in Ohio? Only at the State Tournament, held at the Jerome Schottenetein Center in Columbus, Ohio. Here you will see the very best that Ohio has to offer. Wrestlers from Div I, Div II and Div III schools have shed their blood, sweat and tears just to have a chance to walk through the famous OSU bullpen and out into the arena to become a part of the biggest high school wrestling event in Ohio.

Wayne Trace's 135 lb. Junior, Kameran Clemens was able to make such a trip. On Thursday afternoon, March 3rd he emerged from the bullpen and into the huge arena, where thousands of Ohio wrestling fans sat screaming, cheering, where each and everyone was focused on the 10 wrestling mats below. It was in Kameran's first round that he met undefeated (50-0) 3-time State Champion, Hunter Steiber from Monroeville. At the end of the 1st period Steiber was leading 6-2. After two periods the score was 13-4 in favor of Steiber with only 27 sec. remaining. In the third, Steiber scored a pin win. In Kameran's 2nd round, he wrestled Josh Davis from Baldwin. He won by a very close dec. over Davis 6-5. This win advanced Kameran to the round three. The next match would be a very crucial match for both wrestlers. The winner would guarantee himself a place to finish in the top eight spots; the loser would be eliminated from the competition.

Kameran's opponent was Zach Niner from Liberty Center. After two very hard fought periods by both wrestlers the score was tied at 0-0. It was during the third period that the scoring began. But at the end of the match, Niner had decided Kameran by a score 7-2. This loss eliminated Kameran from the tournament.

"I'll be back next year," exclaimed Kameran. "After a little break, I will start my running, lifting, wrestling spring and summer tournaments, and going to work out with other wrestlers from other clubs. It takes a lot of hard work on and off season to get to state. But when you get here it is all worth it. When I saw my draw for my first round..." he grinned and said, "oh well what better way to wrestle your first match than with a 50-0, 3-time state champion."

Coach George Clemens (also Kameran's dad) added, "What a great way to end a great season. Any time we can end our season at the state tournament, that just about says it all. We are all so very proud of the job Kameran did. Now it is time to move forward and start the preparation for next year."

Kameran finished his season with a record of 40-7 and is ranked 12th in the state at 135 lbs.

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PAULDING COUNTY INDEPENDENT INSURANCE AGENTS ASSOCIATION, INC. SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

The Paulding County Independent Insurance Association, Inc. would like to announce we are again taking applications from all Paulding County high school seniors for scholarships. Students who are home schooled or who attend private school and live in Paulding County are also eligible to apply.

Scholarship applications can be picked up from your guidance office or at any of the local Paulding County Independent Insurance agencies. The deadline to return the application is Monday, April 18, 2011. The scholarships will be presented at the senior awards ceremonies at each school in May. (For those home school or private school students, the scholarship will be mailed to you directly.) We are proud of our students and look forward to receiving many applications!

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Crossword answers to "Biblical Trivia"

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- Mens High Series**
1. David Bauer 626
 2. Robert Johnson 572
 3. Phil Bauer 552
 4. Shelton Bradbury 539
 5. Mike Walley 522
 6. Bowie Reid 521
 7. Brad Franklin 517
 8. Ray Delong 517
 9. Jerry Vancleve 514
 10. Chris Jones 505
 10. Chad Franklin 501

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 2. Shelton Bradbury 204
 3. Robert Johnson 202
 4. Chris Jones 200
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 6. Bowie Reid 198
 7. Chad Franklin 190
 8. Chad Geyer 189
 8. Mike Walley 189

8. Craig Womack 189
9. Brad Franklin 188
10. Scott Hudson 181
10. Ray Delong 181

- Womens High Series**
1. Carol Kortokrax 582
 2. Sue Molitor 534
 3. Angie Hudson 525
 4. Leslie Ross 524
 5. Marie Bauer 523
 6. Lisa Syndram 507
 7. Deb Lucas 499
 8. Sherry Reinhart 491
 9. Marian Saylor 477
 10. Paula Lichty 462

- Womens High Game**
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 2. Sue Molitor 201
 3. Marie Bauer 194
 4. Linda Rhoad 192
 5. Ann Schmidt 190
 6. Leslie Ross 189
 7. Angie Hudson 186
 7. Deb Lucas 186
 8. Marian Saylor 185
 9. Jeanette Yerks 184
 10. Lisa Syndram 181

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The Fort Defiance Humane Society is hosting an Antique Show on March 12, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. All proceeds are to benefit Fort Defiance Humane Society. This 6th Annual Show and Sale will host 30 dealers from Michigan, Indiana and Ohio offering a wide range of quality antiques from which to

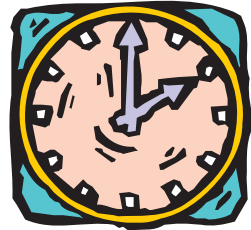
choose! A lunch and dessert will be provided to further benefit FDHS. The Antique Show will be located at the Local 211 UAW, 2120 Baltimore St., Defiance, OH. caption: Pictured is Kisses showing some of the antiques that will be available at the Show.

PEVS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 3/9 THROUGH 3/15

MS/HS - Breakfast:
 3/9 - Sausage, egg & cheese muffin, juice, milk
 3/10 - Mini pancakes, sausage links, juice, milk
 3/11 - Sausage gravy w/ biscuits, juice, milk
 3/14 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk
 3/15 - Sausage biscuit, ta-

tor tots, juice, milk
MS/HS - Lunch:
 3/9 - Pizza sticks w/marinara sauce or Fish w/bun, green beans, fruit, milk
 3/10 - Sub sandwich, baby carrots w/dip, munchos, assorted fruit, milk
 3/11 - Oriental chicken wrap, oven potatoes, assorted fruit, milk
 3/14 - Beef burrito, refried beans or Breaded chicken w/ bun, summer blend, assorted fruit, milk
 3/15 - Turkey club salad, pretzel bread stick, assorted fruit, milk
Paulding Elementary - Breakfast:
 3/9 - Muffin, graham crackers, juice, milk
 3/10 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk
 3/11 - Cinnamon bread stick, milk, applesauce
 3/14 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk

Time changes Sunday, March 13th Spring Ahead



3/15 - Cereal bar, graham crackers, juice, milk
Paulding Elementary - Lunch:
 3/9 - Cheese pizza, mixed vegetables, fruit, milk
 3/10 - Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, gravy, bread, fruit, milk
 3/11 - Mac-n-cheese, peas, bread, fruit, milk
 3/14 - BBQ pork w/bun, au gratin potatoes, fruit, milk
 3/15 - French toast, sausage, hashbrowns, fruit, milk
Oakwood Elementary - Breakfast:
 3/9 - Egg/bacon/cheese pizza, fruit, milk
 3/10 - Breakfast burrito, fruit, milk
 3/11 - Assorted cereals, crackers, juice, milk
 3/14 - Mini Pillsbury pancakes, fruit, milk
 3/15 - Assorted cereals, crackers, fruit, milk
Oakwood Elementary - Lunch:
 3/9 - Corn chips, salsa cheese dip, green beans, fruit, milk
 3/10 - Corn dog, baked beans, fruit, milk
 3/11 - Cheese pizza, green beans, fruit, milk
 3/14 - Popcorn chicken, whipped potatoes, gravy, fruit, milk
 3/15 - Pepperoni/cheese bread stick, marinara sauce, corn, fruit, milk
Menus are subject to change.

FARM SALES AND CAPITAL GAINS

With the median age of farmers getting higher each year, many farmers have reached the age of retirement and are ready to sell their equipment and/or land. Farmers who have owned equipment and land for many years will be facing capital gains taxes if the assets are sold. Highly appreciated assets, whatever they may be, are susceptible to the much dreaded capital gains tax. Before selling large assets, persons should consult their accountant and attorney to consider tax ramifications.

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Saving Lives, Creating Jobs

(NAPSA)—Medical innovation is good for the health of every American, but it is contributing to the health of the American economy as well. That's because America's biopharmaceutical research companies that work to create new medicines to fight disease also contribute to both the national economy and the economies of the communities where their facilities are located.

In fact, last year alone, more than \$64 billion was invested in new research. Plus, each of the over 650,000 jobs in the biopharmaceutical research sector has helped create an additional three jobs economywide.

Medical research also helps save money by saving lives. John Castellani, president and CEO of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA), said, "Studies show that innovative medicines can make it possible to prevent or slow the progress of many diseases and avoid costly hospitalization and invasive surgery."

American medical innovators are integral in the fight to control cancer (biopharmaceutical research companies are currently researching more than 800 medicines and vaccines for cancer) and other illnesses. With the aim of preserving U.S. leadership in medical innovation, the Council for American Medical Innovation (CAMI) was recently created.

Former U.S. House Majority Leader Dick Gephardt and former Utah Governor and Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt, CAMI co-chairs, said,



The same biomedical research that can lead to new cures for disease may also help cure America's economic woes.

"Nowhere is there a better opportunity to create jobs and drive growth than medical innovation. Today, America's biomedical sector is virtually recessionproof, providing in many states astounding job growth. Supporting research that will one day lead to a cure for cancer, heart disease, HIV/AIDS or Alzheimer's will contribute greatly to America's long-term health while helping to guarantee a sustained economic recovery." (Excerpted from a January 2001 statement in response to the formation of the President's Council on Jobs and Competitiveness)

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Some of the more intriguing names that the Pilgrims gave to their babies included Ashes, Dust, Earth, Delivery, Increase and Weep-not.

 Any fool can have a trophy wife. It takes a real man to have a trophy marriage.
 —Diane Sollee

 One advantage of marriage, it seems to me, is that when you fall out of love with each other, it keeps you together until maybe you fall in again.
 —Judith Viorst

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LOCAL BOY RECEIVED EAGLE SCOUT AWARD

Josiah Gordon, 18 of Boy Scout Troop 137 in Payne, OH was honored on February 26th at a special Eagle Scout ceremony at the St. Jacobs United Church of Christ in Payne.

To earn Scouting's highest award, Josiah had to earn at least 21 merit badges (he earned 44), serve as a leader in his troop, and complete a major community service project.

Josiah's service project took place in the Payne Community Park. Josiah led 20 workers, scouts and adults, in painting the park pavilion inside and out. Painting all the playground equipment and spreading 10 tons of pea gravel around the playground equipment. The project took more than five months to complete.

Josiah has been a member of Troop 137, chartered to American Legion Post 297, for seven years. He has served the troop as patrol leader, quartermaster, troop guide, historian, chaplain aide, and senior patrol leader.

Josiah is a senior at Wayne Trace High School. He plans to attend Ivy Tech State College and major in education in the fall.

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