

ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL IS AN AWARD WINNING CENTER!



For the fourth year in a row, Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschool has been awarded with the Step Up To Quality award from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. Administrator, Ann Miller says, "We are proud to be a Step Up To Quality Center that meets the quality benchmarks of the State of Ohio. We know that early experiences last a lifetime. We will always strive to prepare the children that enter our program to be successful in school and in life. We work hard to earn this award each year and are very grateful for the monetary incentive that is included." Requirements for this award include but are not limited to: fewer children

per classroom, teachers with more education and training, exceeding Ohio's standards in health and safety, an outstanding report from state licensing, and the following of the early learning content standards.

Shown here with their award are from left: Mrs. Cheri Collins (teacher for the three and young four year olds), Mrs. Ann Miller (owner and teacher), and Mrs. Chris Adams (teacher for the four and young five year olds.)

Did you know? Your ad is always featured on the internet—even in past issues. What an original idea!!!

www.westbendnews.net

TAZ Construction Services LLC

Tony A. Zartman • Travis A. Zartman
4376 Rd. 33, Payne, Ohio 45880

Phone 419-263-2977

Customer Satisfaction is Our Specialty

*Remodeling & New Construction

* Free Estimate

* Insured

1 Cor. 10:31 - whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.



Purchase a \$5 rewards card and immediately you receive:

\$10 of gift cash, good for anything at Crazy Pinz
360 free games of bowling (2 games a day)
An entry to win a car from Evans Toyota
Discounts and specials to other local retailers

Activate your card by calling toll free, website or bring card into Crazy Pinz to redeem your benefits, and 5% of everything you purchase is donated back to Antwerp after prom on your behalf. 5% cash back is also placed on your card for future visits.

Contact: Tawnya English at the West Bend News (419)258-2000 for more details on how to purchase your rewards cards.

THANK YOU

Dear Family and Friends:
We would like to extend our thanks to all of you for helping us celebrate our 40th Wedding Anniversary. If you gave a gift, card or well wishes, we certainly appreciated all of them. We thank everyone who attended the service followed by refreshments and great fellowship at our church. We concluded the day with a delicious meal at Grant's for family and close friends.

—Don & Rebekah Smith

PAULDING SWCD ANNUAL TREE SALE BEGINS

The Paulding Soil & Water Conservation District (PSWCD) is now taking orders for tree seedlings. Orders are open to the public, and will be accepted until March 1st.

The tree seedlings being featured are: Blue Spruce, Norway Spruce, White Pine, American Arborvitae, Red Bud, Lilac, Red Maple, and Red Osier Dogwood.

The seedlings are being sold individually, with a minimum purchase of eight. Customers have the option of either purchasing one species or mixing and matching their orders. If you are looking for

Siesta Key, FL CONDO

Walking Distance to the Beach!

Start Your Vacation Planning for next year, We're filling up fast!

941-735-3178

Free WiFi & Long Distance!

Paulding Eagles 206 W. Perry

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

NY STRIP STEAK DINNER with full salad bar and music \$10, January 15 4:30-7:30 pm DJ starts @ 8 pm

WINGS EVERY Wednesday 4:00-8:00pm

TACO'S EVERY THURSDAY 4:30-7:30PM

DIVINE MERCY SCHOOL PRESENTED "THE VERY HOPELESS CAMEL"



"The Very Hopeless Camel" was presented by the students of Divine Mercy School on Tuesday, December 21, 2010. The camels led the three wise men to the stable where Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus were found.

a species not listed or for large quantity orders, contact the PSWCD office for assistance.

Order forms, including color pictures and descriptions, are available at the PSWCD office located at 503 Fairground Drive, Paulding, or call (419)399-4771 and one can be either mailed or emailed to you.

WACHTMANN RETURNS TO STATE REPRESENTATIVE SEAT

State Representative Lynn Wachtmann (R-Napoleon) today was sworn in as a member of the Ohio House of Representatives. The opening day ceremonies of the 129th General Assembly mark his third consecutive term serving the 75th House District.

"I'm pleased to continue serving as a state representative," Wachtmann said. "I look forward to finding the

most reasonable solutions to all of the problems that our state has recently been seeing."

Wachtmann previously served as a state representative from 1985 to 1998 and as a state senator from 1999 to 2006. He is also is president of Maumee Valley Bot-

ting, Inc. and a partner in Culligan Water Conditioning.

The 75th Ohio House District includes Henry, Paulding, Putnam and Van Wert counties, as well as Adams Township in Defiance County.

Clean, Inc



Aaron Lipp, owner

- Professional
- Affordable

CARPET CLEANING Since 2005

419-438-3506

Look for us on the web at www.cleaninccarpetcleaning.com

SPRING MOWER TUNE-UP SPECIAL

Terry's Mower Sales & Service
773 N. Williams St., Paulding



FREE PICK UP for month of January! Call to make your appointment NOW!

419-399-5296

Due to the closing of Busted Knuckles, We Welcome all Customers.

EXPERT SERVICE & ALIGNMENTS

WE HAVE MONTHLY SPECIALS-CALL FOR PRICES OR CHECK WEBSITE
BOYDAUTOMOTIVE.NET

WILL PICKUP & DELIVER WITHIN 3 MILE RADIUS



BOYD AUTOMOTIVE LTD.

419-399-Auto (2886)

221 W. Perry St., Paulding, OH

We Will Beat Any Competitors Price*

*excludes oil changes

KROUSE CHIROPRACTIC



DTS Traction Therapy
Treatments for Patients with chronic low back pain, disc injury, disc bulges, sciatica, facet pain

Call 419-263-1393

110 West Oak • Payne, OH

Dr. Krouse is certified in Kennedy Decompression Technique

OBITUARIES



Nancy Jo Foltz, 73, of Paulding died Thursday, January 6, 2011 at her residence.

She was born in Defiance County, Ohio on April 17, 1937 the daughter of Emanuel and Margaret (Bruner) Street. On December 30, 1956 she married Robert E. Foltz who died July 10, 2009. She was a beautician and the owner and operator of the former Nancy's Beauty Salon of Paulding. She was a member of the First Christian Church of Paulding.

Surviving are one daughter, Angie (Mick) Coat of Paulding; two sons: Robert Foltz of Cincinnati, OH and Michael (Lori) Foltz of Paulding; two sisters: Margaret Long of Middle Point, OH and Roberta Durre of Payne, OH; and one brother, Harry Street of Hicksville; six grandchildren: Kara, Kelsey, Michael, Megan, Jeremy and Scott; four great-grandchildren: Laramie, Landan, Logan, and Austin.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one sister, Mary Lou (Betty) Fellers Landrie; and one brother, John Street.

Funeral services were conducted January 11, 2011 at the First Christian Church of Paulding. Rev. Greg Bibler officiated. Burial was in St. Paul Cemetery Paulding.

Memorials to: First Christian Church or the American Cancer Society. Online condolences may be sent to: www.denherderfh.com

Wanda Jean (Keck) Bennett, 82, of Oakwood died Thursday, January 6, 2011 at The Gardens of Paulding.

She was born February 14, 1928 in Paulding County to the late Ralph and Ilo (Meyers) Keck. On May 29, 1948, she married Kenneth Eugene "Gene" Bennett, who survives in Oakwood.

Mrs. Bennett was a homemaker most of her married life but had worked several jobs throughout the years. She was a very active member of Twin Oaks United Methodist Church, Oakwood. She was a member of a Ladies Club and also played with several card groups.

Survivors also include two daughters: Sharon (Arden) Peck of Defiance and Karen Dangler of Paulding; three grandchildren: Jeanna Peck, Jamison (Melissa) Peck, and Leslie (KC) Long; and two great-granddaughters: Addy-gon Rose Long and Edreanne Paige Peck.

She was preceded in death

by a grandson, Bradly Dangler; a brother, Bernard Keck; and a sister, Donna Cary Ray.

Funeral service were January 10, 2011 at Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Oakwood with Rev. Eric Dailey officiating. Burial followed in Sherman Cemetery, Oakwood.

Memorial contributions may be made to Twin Oaks United Methodist Church, Oakwood. Condolences may be expressed at www.heitmeyerfuneralhome.com.

Justus "Jud" R. Stoller, 84, of Paulding died January 8, 2011 at the Gardens of Paulding of Paulding.

He was born in Paulding County, Ohio on July 24, 1926 the son of Herbert W. and Leah (Laukhuf) Stoller. On December 20, 1947 he married Ruby M. (Sites) Stoller and she survives. He was a member of the Latty Apostolic Christian Church of Latty, Ohio. He farmed for 60 years, retiring in 2001.

Surviving are his wife, Ruby Stoller of Paulding; one son, Donald (Gail) Stoller of Paulding; two daughters: Teresa Rywalski of Toledo, OH and Rhonda (Scott) Gerber of Kokomo, IN; five grandchildren: Matthew, Kylee, Lindsay, Ella, and Macy; four great-grandchildren: Lydia, Jade, Colten, and Ridge; three sisters: Velma Williams of Bluffton, IN, Pauline Wieland of Paulding, Ruth (Jim) Reinhard of Bluffton, IN; three sisters-in-law: Deloris Stoller, Elaine Stoller both of Paulding, and Dorothy Stoller of Leo, IN.

He is preceded in death by his parents; one son, Dennis; son-in-law, Paul Rywalski; four brothers: Nelson, Willis, Edwin and Ernest Stoller; three brothers-in-law: Jim Williams, Joe Rice and Howard Wieland.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, January 12, 2011 at the Latty Apostolic Christian Church, Latty. The church Clergymen will officiate. Burial will be in the Church Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour before services at the church on Wednesday morning from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Memorials to: Morton Home for the Handicap, Morton Illinois. Online condolences may be sent to: www.denherderfh.com

Beverly Jean Walkenstine Rioux, 75, of Antwerp, died on December 31, 2010 in Ocean Springs, MS. She was born October 4, 1935. She was a member of the Antwerp First United Presbyterian Church. A 1953 Antwerp High graduate, she was a basketball cheerleader, in plays and in the Honor Society. During her first marriage she participated in an Indiana farmers' wives organization. She worked diligently until retirement starting at Doering & Long's (became Panico's).

She was preceded in death by her parents, August and "Mildred" Louise (Miller) Walkenstine; a sister, Kay

Britsan; daughter, Sherry Simson; first husband, Lloyd Smith; and second husband, Glenn Rioux.

She is survived by two sisters: Joanne Webb of Antwerp, and Marilyn Harris, Fort Wayne, IN; two daughters: Lana Smith of Ocean Springs, MS, and Terri Sanislo of Chester, VA; three grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held January 7, 2011, at the Villa Maria Retirement Apartments, 921 Porter Avenue in Ocean Springs. Donations can be made in Jean's name to the Ocean Springs Municipal Library, 535 Dewey Avenue, Ocean Springs, MS 39564.

COMMUNITY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL PROMOTES HOBECK

Community Memorial Hospital has announced the promotion of Susan Hobeck to Vice President of Financial Services, Chief Financial Officer.

Hobeck has been with Community Memorial Hospital since December of 2002 starting as Accounting Manager. Since then she has worked as Controller, Interim CFO and most recently as Director of Financial Services.

Over the past year, her role has expanded dramatically and now includes all phases of the financial performance of Community Memorial Hospital, including the development of financial forecasts and benchmarks to assist the hospital in achieving its strategic plan.

Hobeck resides in Edgerton with her husband. They have two grown children and one granddaughter.

About Community Memorial Hospital

Community Memorial Hospital (CMH) is a 25-bed critical access hospital located in Hicksville, Ohio. For more than 50 years, CMH has been serving the citizens of Northwest Ohio and adjoining Indiana communities. CMH offers inpatient and outpatient services, 24-hour emergency care, obstetrics, comprehensive rehabilitation and wellness programs, and the region's only open high field Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI). Community Memorial Hospital is affiliated with the Lutheran Health Network.

WILL POWER FITNESS HOLDS FUND-RAISER FOR LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

Will Power Fitness of Hicksville Ohio, is holding a Zumba Fundraiser to benefit CancerFree Kids and the Hicksville Community Center. All proceeds from the fundraiser will be split 50/50.

Zumba is a fun and exciting dance party. It incorporates Latin and international music with dance; such as salsa, marenque, reaggaton, cumbia, etc. and fitness into an exercise program suitable for anyone. Each person can dance/exercise at their own pace and level of intensity.

There are more US children that die of cancer than any other disease. On average 1 in 5 children diagnosed with cancer will die. Less than 2% of Federal funding for cancer goes for childhood cancer.

Come join Amanda Ross and the Will Power Fitness Staff at the Hicksville High

School on January 16th from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. Amanda promises you will have a blast. For more information call 419-542-6946 or visit www.will-powerfitness.com.

OUR MISGUIDED ATTEMPTS AT CONTENTMENT

By: Regan Clem, Riverside Christian Church

I googled "how to be content." There were a few articles from a biblical perspective, but the majority of the articles talked about meditating and emptying our minds. There were also articles on goals, being self-disciplined, and organized. These might be good things, but we do not achieve contentment through emptying ourselves, by going into some room and meditating, by finding a better filing system, or by having good long-term goals.

In America, especially if you had to read Henry David Thoreau's *Walden* in high school, we are inundated with an American ideal of self-sufficiency. In this mindset, there is nothing more noble than having your own farm, living off of your land, and not needing anything from anyone. It is an alluring concept out here in rural America, but it also does not lead to contentment.

Spiritual self-sufficiency is similar; it is independence from outside influences. This doesn't mean that there will not be any outside influences; it means that we will be able to remain spiritually sound while experiencing or enduring them. We are incapable of isolating ourselves from situations that will bring us happiness or sadness. What we need to do is reach a point where we will no longer allow those experiences to define who we are, so we can be content in all situations. As a pastor, I can get suckered into basing my self-esteem on attendance. When doing this, I would be happy on a good week; I would be sad on a small week. This is an easy pitfall for a minister to fall into, but it misses the point of why a minister does what he does. On that path lays madness, pride, and discouragement, not contentment.

But what wrong target are you shooting at in your work life, in your family life, or in your life out in the community? Where do you get your sense of self-worth? Is your success based on your income, career, children, social status, or popularity? All of those things can go away in an instant. If we measure our success in any way other than being faithful to God and our relationship with Him, we will eventually be met with disappointment.

We need to live in the understanding that we are not in charge of results. We are given the opportunity to live in God's will, but we do not have to carry the stress of creating the results. "Success" or "failure" in the world's eyes does not really matter. What matters is whether we are doing what we know God would want us to do in the situation we are in. Knowing that we are in God's will is how we can be content in plenty, in hunger, in abundance, and in need. That is how we can be just as content when our savings account is overflowing as we can be when we don't know how to make ends meet. The solution is not to

ignore things, but to place all things in their proper perspective under Jesus and to rely on Him.

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).

Liberty and freedom are political catchwords right now. They are our rallying cry to change this nation, but political changes will not produce true liberty and freedom. Those are just a temporary façade. True liberty and freedom come in being content in Jesus Christ. If we are content in Christ, then we will be able to live life with total abandon in every situation—going after the will of God no matter what the cost.

Prosperity might lead to happiness, but what happens when our assets dwindle or lose their value? Beauty might bring a sense of worth, but what happens when it dims? Great friends might bring about good times, but what happens when there is conflict and the friendship is strained or broken? All of these are good. Who would not enjoy financial security, good looks, or great friends? But none of these are a good foundation for our sense of self-worth. Discontentment comes when we place our inner peace on wrong foundations like these. For the good things that bring happiness, when they are our focus, can lead to pride, overconfidence, and a blindness to the blessings given to us and the needs of others around us. An inner life that is based on the situation we currently find ourselves in is fleeting and will disappear when adversity or failure comes.

It is guaranteed that many of the externals of your life will change as you age. Maybe you will find yourself wealthier in five years, but you could be poorer. Depending on your age, you will either be prettier in five years or your looks will continue to wane. Your car will need replaced. Your house will need continued maintenance. Loved ones might even pass on within five years. Tragedy will strike. Five years isn't that long of a time, but within five years, all of the externals in your life might change. Are you able to weather the storm of things getting worse? Is your life built on the rock of Jesus? Or is he just one of the decorations on the wall of your sand castle?

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.

PAULDING COUNTY TREASURER ANNOUNCES ESCROW PAYMENT PROGRAM

Since my election as Treasurer of Paulding County in 2006 I have had a large number of residents, who are on a fixed income, request the opportunity to prepay their Real Estate Taxes, also there is a definite need for those individuals who have paid off their mortgages, to have the option of continuing to pay their taxes in monthly installments. We now "have" that ability with the introduction of the Real Estate Escrow Payment Program, with the first payment due March 20, 2010.

"How does this work?" you may ask? This plan is devised to assist you in paying your Real Estate taxes in a timely manner, a pre-payment service used at the discretion of the treasurer. It is divided into two parts, first half taxes and second half taxes. Due to timing, we are unable to start the program until second half taxes 2010 payable July 20, 2011.

The way the program works is that you, the taxpayer, will register with the treasurer's office to become a participant; also, multiple parcels can be placed on one contract. Your 2nd half tax bill will be divided into three equal payments due the months of March, April and May. There will not be a payment due in June, and the remainder of your taxes due will be included on your July tax statement. Taxes are estimated for each upcoming billing cycle and coupons are generated for the monthly payments. Payments are made in advance to a holding account. Upon the close of billing cycle, these holding accounts are then posted as payments to the property taxes.

If you are interested in signing up for the Escrow Program feel free to contact us at the Treasurer's office at 419-399-8280.

CORRECTION

The West Bend News made a terrible mistake and we apologize to both Ann's Bright Beginnings, Little Blessings Daycare, and the parents for the mix-up between both the preschool and the daycare, and the confusion it has caused for mixing up the picture and the captions of the Santa visits. It was an oversight of the West Bend News staff and not the fault of either of the institutions. We hope that we may be forgiven for this major blunder by all involved, especially the parents of these young people. Again we apologize for what took place.

—WBN staff

Antwerp United Methodist Church
 8:30 Contemporary Worship
 9:30am Sunday School
 10:30am Worship/Children's Church
 Nursery Available
 Mike Schneider
 Pastor

202 E. River St. (419) 258-4901

Mount Calvary Lutheran Church
 A congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod
 3495 CR 424 • Antwerp, OH 45813
419-258-6505
 9:00 a.m. Sunday School,
 1st & 2nd year Confirmation class.
 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

THE BATTLES IN YOUR BRAIN

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

One of the most difficult energies to harness is the energy of your mind. Controlling your thoughts, disciplining your mind, monitoring your brain—all are essential ingredients to successful Christian living, and a formidable challenge! The difficulty of controlling the mind is underscored by Lanny Bassham, an Olympic gold medalist in shooting the small-bore rifle. He wrote, "Our sport is controlled non-movement. We are shooting from 50 meters—over half a football field—at a bull's eye three-quarters the size of a dime. If the angle of error at the point of the barrel is more than .005 of a millimeter (that is five one-thousandths), you drop into the next circle and lose a point. So we have to learn how to make everything stop. I stop my breathing. I stop my digestion by not eating for 12 hours before the competition. I train by running to keep my pulse around 60, so I have a full second between beats... You do all of this and you have the technical control. But you have to have some years of experience in reading conditions: the wind, the mirage. Then you have the other 80 percent of the problem—the mind!"

How easy it is to fail in that critical area! Like iron filings drawn to a magnet, our thoughts tend to drift into old patterns of worry, negativism, complaining, lust, guilt, and a host of other joy-killing habits. They not only drain the vitality out of our life, but they also neutralize our effectiveness in reflecting Jesus Christ.

It is the Apostle Paul who tells us that part of God's "re-modeling process" when we come to faith in Christ is the renewing of our mind. God is able to renew our minds as we ask Him to help us focus our thoughts on the RIGHT things, rather than fall back into our old thought patterns. The more we fill our minds with God's Word, God's thoughts, and God's praises we can slowly have our thinking turned.

As with most aspects of the Christian life, change in my life takes both God AND me working together. God has promised to change and transform me; however, I must put forth effort, diligence, perseverance, and self-discipline. Finding that balance and continuing in the process is a life-long journey.

If you struggle with destructive, impure, or displeasing thought patterns you are not alone. Welcome to the human race. But as you partner with the Lord and determine to do your part, you can begin to overcome the "battles in the brain."

THE MEANING OF AWE

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

What word would use to describe something indescribable? How does the word "Awe" sound?

A recent issue of the Oprah Magazine has an interesting article on awe. The article's introduction states: "Somewhere at the intersection of joy, fear, mystery, and insight lies awe, the ineffable response to the amazing world around us." The article goes on to give a more refined definition: "Overwhelming, surprising, humbling, even a little terrifying—awe is what we feel when faced with something sublime, exceptional, or altogether beyond comprehension."

University of California's Dacher Keltner, PhD, a psychology professor, does extensive research on the subject of awe. In his 2009 book *Born to Be Good*, he describes the feeling of awe as pushing people beyond selfishness and giving them a desire to do good. He believes that cultivating awe "is part of unlocking the truest sense of life's purpose." In his most well-known experiment, he had students complete a series of "I am" sentences. Half the students were facing a full-scale replica of a Tyrannosaurus Rex; the other half were facing a hallway. The first group was more likely to describe themselves in larger, grander terms ("I am part of the human species"). The group facing an empty hallway described themselves in smaller, narrower terms ("I am a soccer player").

The article even gives some tips for cultivating awe:

1. Try something new or something "you don't have a mental template for."
2. Go outside. The ultimate in awe is the beauty and wonder of nature.
3. Have an "ecstatic social experience" by going to a rock concert or political rally.
4. Look up at the night sky. Better yet, buy a telescope.

Although the article presents a mostly secular view of awe, it does tap into our human longing to find "joy, fear, mystery... [in] response to the amazing world around us." According to the Bible, there is one source for all the awe we experience—God. We were created to live in awe of God. The word awe or awesome is mentioned 53 times throughout the Bible. The God who is "awesome in glory" (Exodus 15:11) and "mighty and awesome" (Deuteronomy 10:17) performs "awesome deeds for mankind" (Psalm 66:5). No wonder the psalmist proclaimed, "The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders" (Psalm 65:8).

A LESSON FROM JOHN 3:18-21

By: James Potter, Oakwood church of Christ

Today let us look at these scripture verses as they show us about light and darkness. John tells us there are two kinds of people, those in darkness and those in the light. First let us have prayer asking our heavenly Father to give us guidance in our study.

Those of darkness:

They are in darkness because they love the darkness. What this means is they love evil, wickedness and ignorance. This also means they have made a choice to give their affection and loyalties to the things of darkness:

1 John 2:15-17 is talking about those who hate the light. This means they hate Jesus, who is the light; John 7:7; 15:18. It also means that they hate the truth. They are not interested in knowing the truth so as to be saved. John 8:32; 17:17 and 2 Thessalonians 2:10. Those in the darkness are those who deeds are evil: their lifestyles are not characterized by anything good or holy.

Their lifestyles are filled with deeds, their actions and practices that are clearly in violation of God's plan. And then there are those who do not want their deeds exposed.

There are those of the Light:

They know who the light is - John 8:12 then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

They practice the truth:

3 John 1:3-4 - "For I rejoiced greatly when brethren came and testified of the truth that is in you, just as you walk in the truth. I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth."

They are happy to have their deeds exposed:

John 3:21 - "But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."

Please continue your study on this subject. Jesus loves you and so does the Oakwood church of Christ. If you have comments or questions on this lesson or any other questions that are Bible related please contact Lonnie Lambert at 419 399-5022 or James Potter at 419 393-4775. Please remember to pray to our heavenly Father for guidance and direction in your life. The scripture verses I used in this lesson can be found in the New King James version of the Bible.

ABOUT THE ANTWERP RESIDENT'S INSERT...

In today's edition of the West Bend News is an insert from the Regional Income Tax Agency (R.I.T.A.). RITA is the Village is the Antwerp's new municipal income tax administrator. The notice is directed to Village of Antwerp residents that live inside the corporation or individuals that work inside the corporation limits. Please disregard this notice if you receive this notice and do not live or work in Antwerp. Residents please note that the guidelines and requirements of the municipal income tax has not changed since it was enacted in September of 2006, just

the company that now administers the income tax for the Village. Questions on the income tax can be directed to R.I.T.A. at their toll free number of 1-800-860-7482 or log on to www.ritaohio.com

THANK YOU

To the Residents of the Village of Haviland,

This is a letter of thanks to the village's residents for allowing me to serve as your elected mayor for the last 19 years. Due to my new residence, I cannot continue to hold an elected position within the village. As per the village charter, I will be turning over my office and its duties to Richard Bowers, current president of the village council.

I want to thank the local county offices for their support, and the special people who have backed our village up. I want to thank the commissioners for their support on the various town projects, Maumee Valley for help in writing and implementing various grants, Paulding County engineers, for their help with various street repairs/projects, and the office of Economic Development for the setting up of various tax abatements both for the villages residents and businesses.

We've have done many great things for the village during my tenure, and we have made many great achievements together as a town. From the refurbishing of two village parks to the tearing down and clean up of two buildings (such as the old Haviland school), and onto the installation of a village wide tornado siren, we have shown that we may be small but we are strong. We are fortunate to have five different industries within our village, and sustain them through these hard economic times. I am proud to announce that a new company that utilizes green energy will be joining them within the near future.

Unfortunately I was unable to complete all the goals I had for the village during my current term in office. They were the installation of sidewalks along Cedar Street, which was originally the main street through the village (before 114 came in), updating the village council building breaker system, and continuous improvement of various properties for the health, safety, and economic values of our village.

Even though I've had the honor of being mayor of Haviland, my experience has taught me some lessons that I believe all elected officials should follow. First, we have to work together, no one person is right or wrong; we all have to listen to each other and willing to compromise. Second, we have to take action and move forward, and the have the commitment to see it through. It takes a dedicated council, knowledgeable clerks, and other special people such as those who keep up the town and put the extra effort into keeping the village going I feel that I have been fortunate enough to be part of this village.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity it is something that I will cherish for years to come.

—Theresa Lehman

ALL ABOARD THE LOVE BOAT

The Love Boat, loaded down with huge amounts of chocolate delicacies, is about to set sail out of the Cooper Community Library in Oakwood. Actually, the ship will not be leaving the dock, but you are invited to the first seating each night at 7:00 p.m. for the Chocolate Buffet! The Event Planners are in the midst of planning the 6th Chocolate Extravaganza for February 45. Tickets are going fast for this popular event that promises a good time and enough chocolate to satisfy your sweet tooth for months to come. Just eleven tables of eight are available for each night. So call your friends, pick out your cruise outfit (optional) and come join us! And to add to the fun, we invite you to share your cruise pictures. When you pick up your tickets, drop off your framed pictures, with your names on the back, and they will be displayed throughout the library. All proceeds from this event are used to maintain the Oakwood branch of the Paulding County Carnegie Library. Call the library at 594-3337 to reserve your seat today!

2011 HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION SIGN UP BEGAN

Paulding County Auditor, Susan K. Simpson, would like to remind residents that the 2011 Homestead Exemption application period was opened the first Monday in January, 2011, and continues through the first Monday in June of this year.

Senior citizen and disabled homeowners who were eligible for the homestead exemption in 2010 and missed the deadline can late-file for the homestead exemption for one prior year AND file an application for current and future years.

The Homestead Exemption program was originally introduced in 1972 for low-income homeowners age 65 and older to help alleviate the burden of tax increases caused by escalating property values. The Ohio General Assembly has enacted a new, expanded Homestead Exemption that will provide property tax relief to ALL qualified senior citizens and permanently and totally disabled homeowners.

Starting July 2, 2007, the Homestead Exemption was expanded by the State to include homeowners who:

—Are at least 65 years old during the current year or prior; or

—Are totally and permanently disabled as of January 1 of the current year or prior as

certified by a licensed physician or psychologist, or a state or federal agency; or

—Are a surviving spouse of a person who was receiving the previous Homestead Exemption at the time of death and where the surviving spouse was at least 59 years old on the date of death unless the spouse is over 65 years old, than a new application will need to be filed in the name of the surviving spouse: AND

—Own and occupy the home as their principle place of residence as of January 1 of the current year or prior for real property, or January 1, 2011 or prior for manufactured homes.

All homeowners who qualify for the Homestead Exemption will now receive a flat \$25,000 property tax exemption on the market value of their home. For example, an eligible owner of a home valued at \$100,000 will now be billed as if the home were valued at \$75,000. However, there is a maximum amount allowed by the State to be applied for the homestead exemption.

In 2010, Paulding County had a total of 1881 approved Homestead Exemption applications with a total dollar amount of \$708,306.15 in tax reduction. These totals include applicants that were previously approved for the old Homestead Exemption program and the applicants that are now eligible for the new Homestead Exemption program.

For those homeowners who currently receive the homestead exemption, please be advised that you will soon be receiving a Continuing Homestead Exemption Application for Senior Citizens, Disabled Persons and Surviving Spouses (DTE 105B) form. You must report any changes that would affect your Homestead Exemption eligibility by completing and returning this form. Some examples of changes that could affect your eligibility would be change of ownership of the home or if the home is NO longer your principal place of residence, also if the owner's disability status has changed or the owner has died. If any changes affecting eligibility have occurred, you must complete this form and return it to the County Auditor by the first Monday in June. **If no changes have occurred, you do not have to return the renewal form.**

If you have any questions concerning eligibility or in signing up for the 2011 year, please contact the Paulding County Auditor's office in the courthouse or by calling 419-399-8205 prior to the June 6, 2011 deadline.

DERCK'S LANDSCAPING SUPPLIES

15193 Rd. 45
Antwerp, Ohio 45813
419-258-2512
419-506-1902

Mulch Colors:
Red, Brown, and Gold;
NEW COLOR: BLACK
Black Dirt and Small Gravel.
Everything is in Bulk



KLOPFENSTEIN REPAIR

AUTO • TRUCK • FARM • INDUSTRIAL

Major & Minor Repairs • Complete Vehicle Maintenance
AC Service & Repair
Diesel Service • Complete Engine Rebuilding
DOT Inspections • ASE Certified Staff

Tim Klopfenstein
657-5700 shop

19718 Notestine Road
Woodburn, IN 46797

Riverside Hardware
PRICED RIGHT Everyday!
15% Off All Bird Seed Bird Feeders
Phone: 419-258-1917 • 14777 S.R. 49 - Antwerp
"North of Antwerp, just before the bridge."

Editor's Note: We here at the West Bend News print all "Letters to the Editor" because we believe that everyone has a Constitutional right to freedom of the press. In saying that, we do not necessarily agree with the content that is printed. We are just the messengers. The name of the person who wrote the letter is placed at the end of each article. To be considered for publication, letters must be no longer than 1000 words, and you must provide a name along with a phone number and/or email to confirm validity of content. You can respond or submit a new letter by email, USPS or fax.

Responses need to be received by Friday at 5:00 pm to be considered for the next publication. We reserve the right to edit for length, content and worthiness.

*email: info@westbendnews.net
fax: 419-258-1313
USPS: West Bend News
PO Box 1008
Antwerp, OH 45813*

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

You go Mr. Gorman! I certainly agree with you and the people in our government system could never live on my bi-weekly pay of \$325. They would be on welfare in no time. They have no idea how we struggle to make ends meet. They don't realize that even though we get a paycheck we can't always pay our bills on time and buy groceries when we are hungry because something else came up unexpected—doctor bill, flat tire, dentist, eye doctor, etc. So that's why some people try to live on a budget.

Just when you think you got a little extra in your paycheck the electric bill, garbage bill or cable bill all goes up, and then where are you? Back to square one.

So if the big-wigs would open their eyes and see that the big problem starts with them maybe the world could start to turn around and we could see a brighter future for our children and grandchildren!

Also if they would all get together and get the gas prices where they should be at the same price nationwide, they are going to make money due to the fact we will all need gas to keep going back and forth to work every day. You get up in the morning to go to work gas is \$3.06 and by the time you come home it's \$3.20—what makes it go up and down every other day?

Now we have been told if you send your taxes in too early your return may not be returned till after March, due to the fact our government was slow in returning the tax vote. Wow, what else is new? Is there brighter days ahead?

—Bonita Pepper

Answers to "Sudoku puzzle 1/5/11"

7	9	3	4	2	6	1	5	8
8	4	5	9	1	3	6	2	7
1	6	2	8	5	7	4	9	3
4	7	8	5	3	1	2	6	9
2	5	6	7	9	4	8	3	1
9	3	1	2	6	8	7	4	5
6	8	7	3	4	5	9	1	2
5	1	9	6	8	2	3	7	4
3	2	4	1	7	9	5	8	6

2011 WOODBURN ELEMENTARY'S SPELLING BEE WINNER



Woodburn Elementary conducted their school spelling bee on Thursday, December 9th. There were twenty contestants representing the fifth and sixth grade classrooms. Finalists for the spelling bee were chosen by classroom spelling bees. The participants for this year's bee included the following students:

Sixth grade: Sydnee Ashcraft, Meghan Bair, Quentin Baker, Katelyn Bowers, Libby Eich, Josie Gianotti, Anna Kneller, Zoe Lowden, Austin Roemer, and Alan Zehr.

Fifth grade: Cade Anderson, Lucas Bertsche, Logan Bricault, Zaynah Fry, Autym Keller, Clayton McMahon, Stephanie Piedra, McKayla Reidenbach, Daniel Schmucker, and Mekayla Schwartz.

Congratulations to Alan Zehr who spelled the word 'quadrilateral' to win the 2010-2011 Woodburn Elementary Spelling Bee. Alan is a sixth grader in Mr. Goetz's classroom. His parents are Jacob and Wilma Zehr. The runner-up in this year's spelling bee is Sydnee Ashcraft (pictured). Sydnee is a sixth grader in Mr. Goetz's class. Her parents are Jason and Kelly Ashcraft.

Alan will participate in the Allen County Spelling Bee that will be held March 11. Congratulations Alan!

OAKWOOD GLEANER ARBOR #759 DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Our meetings are held on the 4th Monday of the month at the Twin Oaks Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m. Our local eye doctor, Dr. Douglas Wine spoke on the aging eye. We donated 10 bags to keep Christmas trees in to the Historical Society. Mary Lou Lloyd put up our tree. Abby Hornish got gifts for five children and adults from the local Elf Project. Dick Parrish told us about the history and present day activities of the John Paulding Historical Society.

The main item for discussion in December was how to allot our Samaritan money. Since the start of our group, Dick Parrish said we were able to give back to the community \$50,000. Helen Parrish and Abby Hornish had refreshments for our last two meetings.

Our next meeting will be at the Gardens of Paulding playing bingo with the aid of our local girl scouts on January 24 at 6:30 p.m. Mary Lou Lloyd is the hostess.

—Bonnie Pier, reporting

LATTA ANNOUNCES ENERGY AND COMMERCE SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green), a member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, announced his subcommittee assignments for the 112th Congress. Latta will serve on the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, the Subcommittee on Health, and the Subcommittee on Environment and Economy.

"I want to thank Chairman Upton for the opportunity to serve on these important subcommittees. These subcommittees will be the starting point for dismantling the last four years of reckless public policy that expanded the size and scope of the federal government, spent trillions of dollars and created uncertainty in our economy. Items such as net neutrality, the government takeover of our nation's health care system, and EPA mandates must all be tackled and reformed. I look forward to working on meaningful reforms that the American people want for these flawed policies," Latta stated after learning of his subcommittee assignments.

Keep the news coming. News is always free. Let your friends, neighbors and community know what's going on!

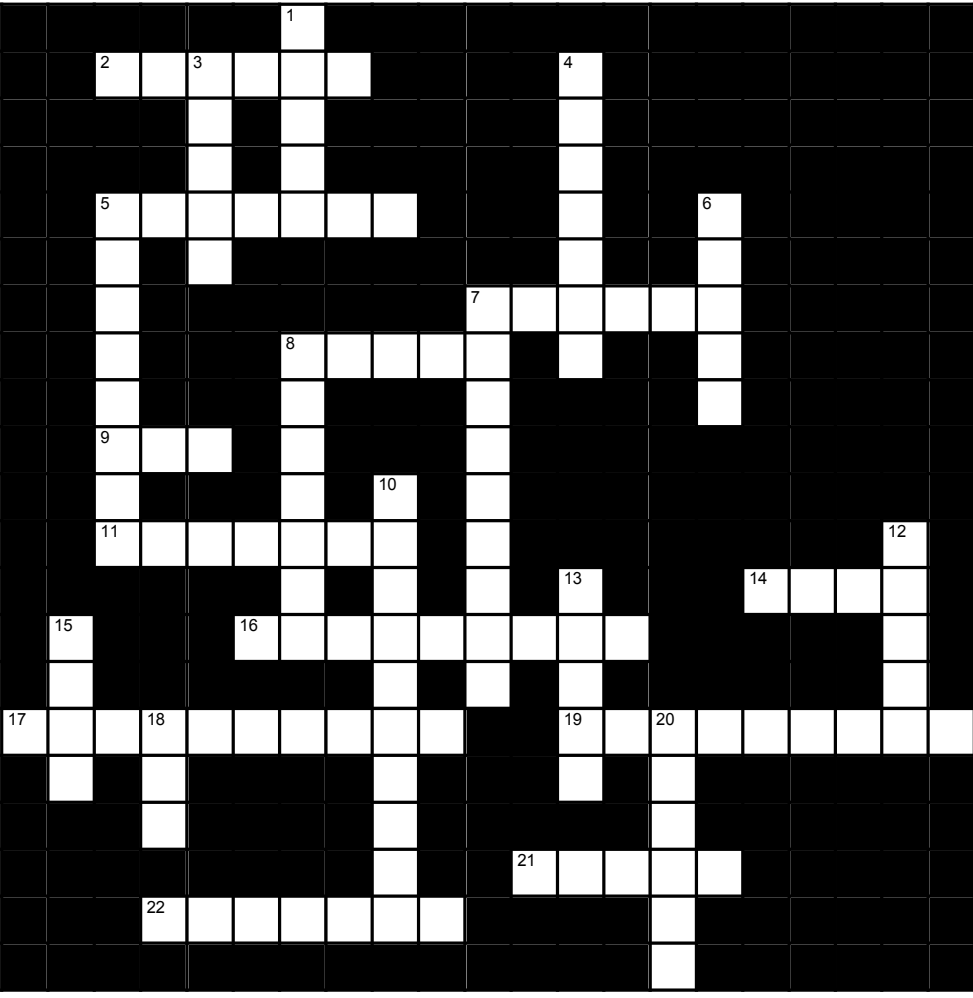
PUBLIC NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE

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
Thank You's and Congratulations will be charged like Classified ads.

Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 2. The bones of this bird weighs less than its feathers.
- 5. Infant beavers are called this?
- 7. Native Americans used what animal's teeth for knives?
- 8. This animal has three eyelids.
- 9. What animal can go longer without water than a camel.
- 11. What bird's eyes are bigger than its brain?
- 14. Owls cannot do this with their eyes.
- 16. What reptile can move its eyes in two directions at the same time.
- 17. This poisonous snake smells like fresh cut cucumbers.
- 19. These people believed that cats were sacred animals.
- 21. This is the largest animal seen alive.
- 22. A cornish hen is a young one of these.

Down

- 1. This is the most common mammal in the U.S.
- 3. What domestic animal provides the most meat and milk world wide?
- 4. This is the only cat that can't retract its claws.
- 5. This animal can jump more than 30 feet.
- 6. What animal eats seven times its own weight each year.
- 7. This animal is the loudest animal on earth. (2 words)
- 8. What fish has 100,000 taste buds?
- 10. What animal can recognize itself in a mirror?
- 12. It takes a lobster this many years to grow to be one pound.
- 13. These animals can tunnel through feet of earth in a day.
- 15. This reptile lives on every continent except Antarctica.
- 18. This animal can be sun burned.
- 20. The blood of insects is this color.

ANTWERP ALLEYS HIGH SCORES FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 7, 2011

Mens High Series

- 1. Greg Shull 536
- 2. Scott Lichty 535
- 3. Craig Womack 533
- 4. Robert Johnson 514
- 5. Mike Walley 503
- 6. Ray DeLong 494
- 6. Chad Franklin 494
- 7. Jeff Lucas 488
- 8. Phil Bauer 476
- 9. Bowie Reid 473
- 10. David 469

Mens High Game

- 1. Mike Walley 212
- 2. Scott Lichty 208
- 3. Chad Franklin 207
- 4. Greg Shull 203
- 5. Kris Reinhart 194
- 6. Matt Bradbury 189
- 7. Craig Womack 187
- 7. Bowie Reid 187
- 8. Chad Geyer 186
- 9. Jeff Lucas 185
- 9. Phil Bauer 185
- 10. Robert Johnson 183

Womens High Series

- 1. Carol Kortokrax 578
- 2. Sherry Reinhart 525
- 3. Angie Hudson 505
- 4. Marie Bauer 492

Womens High Game

- 1. Carol Kortokrax 221
- 2. Angie Hudson 210
- 3. Marie Bauer 205
- 4. Sherry Reinhart 190
- 5. Mary Brown 183
- 6. Terri Meeks 182
- 7. Charlene Geyer 179
- 8. Leslie Ross 178
- 9. Deb Lucas 177
- 10. Marian Saylor 173

HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!

www.alliancetaxservices.com
(419) 542-9000

FAST FRIENDLY TRUST-WORTHY EXPERIENCED RELIABLE

ALLIANCE TAX SERVICES LLC

Free E-Filing
IRS Letter Resolution
Drop Off or Appointments
Evening and Weekend hours
Payroll/Bookkeeping Services

Personal/Farm/Business/Truckers/LLC
112 East High Street Hicksville, OH 43526
DENISE SUTTER & DEB ZIMMERMAN
OPEN ALL YEAR!



LOUIS LENGACHER

By: Stan Jordan

Louis Lengacher was born in Allen County, Indiana in 1964. He has two brothers and two sisters. His father was Samuel Lengacher, a farmer. Louis tells me they milked 20 cows twice a day by hand, fed and cared for 4,000 chickens, had around 50 hogs on a 150 acre grain farm with 12 horses—and I added it wasn't even breakfast yet. Oh, boy, if you liked to be busy. Louis went to school at the Harlan Elementary and then graduated from Woodlan High School in 1982. It was about this time he met and married Mary Lengacher. He started to work at construction work in the Defiance area. They built affordable housing, senior living centers, condos and living quarters of all kinds. The crew erected all the condos on US 127 in Sherwood. It was about this time that Louis was thinking about starting his own business.

When the old Antwerp High School building became available he was interested immediately. He always liked to help the elderly and his mind and plans were such that he would do that with the Old Antwerp School.

When Louis was growing up, his grandpa was pretty much confined to a rocking chair on the front porch. Louis' job was to help grandpa and look after him.

Louis said that those days with Grandpa is still in his heart as Grandpa needed help once in awhile. Louis wants to help older people like that now when he can. It is a part of his life and training. "I like people and want to help them. Our motto is for people to have ease and comfort," Louis commented.

So Louis has been working on this assisted living home in Antwerp and it has been

over six years and now things are falling into shape.

"We have 49 guests now and have 41 employees. We have plans on the table for about 29 more guests and about that many helpers," said Louis.

I said, "With all your plans and places to go you are spread pretty thin."

He was quick to say, "Yes, but I have good trustworthy help and leaders." He allots a lot of the work and planning to some capable people. He is on the cell phone so much it has become part of his ear.

His morning starts at 3:30 a.m. every morning with chores, breakfast and devotions and into Antwerp by 5:30 a.m.

Louis likes to help people whenever he can. Now he didn't tell me about these things, but I was told about them anyhow. When the old school auction years ago was over, lots of articles were left over. Well, a school in the Virgin Islands sent a box car to Antwerp and any and all of the school supplies like desks, chalk, erasers, black board, etc. were all donated to that school free and postage paid.

One of Louis' cook's boy-friends was pretty much an invalid in his own house, so one of Louis' sons went over and built him a ramp so that fella can now come and go when he pleases. All the pay he wanted was a handshake and a smile.

In talking with Louis, there are a number of long range plans that will make the Manor House a big institution and able to handle more people. Besides the new rooms there will be a children's play area. Hopefully the swimming pool will be in operation and maybe an ice cream parlor.

As you remember, the Antwerp Baseball Association uses the old baseball complex because of the generosity of Mr. Lengacher. He realizes how much fun the kids have their in the baseball season. All of this is for the betterment of Antwerp and his long range plans to make people safe, comfortable and help the young as well as the old.

I have talked with Louis a number of times. His goal is to have a top-notch facility for years to come. A place for service, care and comfort for young and old. If there is

something you need here just ring the bell and ask for it.

I met Louis at 5:00 p.m. on Monday and asked if he was going home. He said, "No I have to go to Payne to Dallas Lamb and light some heaters for the fresh concrete. After that it's to home and do the chores on the farm and then supper then bed—3:30 comes around pretty early."

In my talk with Mr. Lengacher, I find him to be a very sincere man who practices his beliefs and asks for guidance in his undertakings. A man who is true and honest to the core and wants to help anyone who needs it.

Louis, I am proud to call you my friend and everyone here at WBN wish you the very best in your new endeavors.

See ya!



By: Sue Knapp

There was a couple of blondes from the Florida Panhandle who liked fishing in the Gulf, but they wanted to try some ice fishing they had heard about. So after a trip to Canada, they found a nice looking lake and decided this is the one they wanted to try.

So they stopped into the bait store for their supplies, like bait and tackle, and the one blonde said they would need an ice pick. So they bought one and headed on to the lake.

After a couple of hours the other blonde came into the bait shop and said, "We will need a couple more ice picks." So the owner handed them over and she left.

After awhile the first blonde was back in the shop and said, "We will take all the ice picks you got!"

The owner couldn't believe it, "How are you ladies doing anyhow?"

"Not well at all," the blonde replied, "we don't even have the boat in the water yet."

This story was sent to me by William Bidlack from Oakwood.

See ya!

MUSH MORTON

By: Stan Jordan

Friends and readers, I'll bet there is not one out of ten of my readers that ever heard of Mush Morton. He was one of our best submarine captains in WWII in the South Pacific. I only knew a little about him, but he was a good all around sub commander and leader of men.

He was born Dudley Walker Morton in 1907, in Owenboro, Kentucky. He graduated from the Naval Academy in 1930. He received his nickname from a comic character in the newspaper, Moon Mullins.

In October of 1942, he was commander of The USS Dolphin while it was undergoing repairs at Pearl. He was sent out on patrol on the USS Wahoo and later in Brisbane, he was made captain of the Wahoo.

Between January 1, 1943 and October 11 of that year he made four great patrols and he was credited with nineteen Japs cargo and transport ships for a total of 55,000 tons. Most people didn't know

that when WWII started, the Japs had a very good Torpedo called the Long Lance. It was better by far of anything we had.

What the US Navy had was all the old torpedoes left from WWI, all over 25 years old, laid in a government warehouse and most of them would not explode.

The sub commanders would report to the Upper Echelon this fact, but the big boys just looked aside and said the subs were missing the target.

Well, after three unexploded hits on a transport Mush said, "enough of this sending out 'dud' torpedoes and risking the men's lives after a Jap destroyer learns of a sub and the torpedoes not exploding."

Mush Morton and an elderly Chief tore the firing mechanisms out of one of the old torpedoes and found a way for them to go off and make the torpedo explode. After this report got around, we started sinking some Jap ships. Mush made three very good patrols on the Wahoo.

The Wahoo made three return trips to Brisbane with a broom attached to the conning tower. This is to indicate a clean sweep and returned with all torpedoes expended. This was a top notch sub and crew.

I think that Mr. Morton was the only commander who took on a Jap Destroyer with a 'down the throat shot'. That is a destroyer coming head on towards the sub and Mush hit him with a single torpedo right in the forward section. This was more luck than sense, but it destroyed the Jap ship.

Mush Morton's Wahoo and crew were given a dangerous assignment up into the Sea of Japan. The Wahoo was never heard from a radio call in time. Jap records show that a sub was caught on the surface by a Jap airplane that dropped depth charges. This was around the La Perouse Straights on October 11th.

The sub was presumed lost with all hands on that date. It was a very bad blow to our sub fleet. This sub was declared gone on September 7th of 1945. It was one of 54 submarines that was lost in WWII.

These affairs and crews were all heroes. They done a very good job and they gave their all.

See ya!

ODOT AWARDS \$10 MILLION TRANSIT INVESTMENT FOR INNOVATIVE NEW SERVICES

As part of the Ohio Department of Transportation's three-year \$150 million pledge to assist Ohio's transit agencies, ODOT announces the awarding of \$10 million for the start-up of eleven new innovative transit services – all to better connect Ohio's next generation to job and education centers around the state.

In October 2010, ODOT identified additional federal transportation dollars made available through significant project savings and supplementary federal resources. With those flexible federal funds, ODOT targeted \$50 million to make immediate investments in transit, and pledged similar funding in each of the next two fiscal years. Under this 21st Century

Transit Partnerships for Ohio's Next Generation, these critical investments will help establish new bus routes linking vital job centers and hubs of education. These new routes provide needed transportation choice for younger Ohioans, who usually rely on public transit or alternative modes of travel.

For the current fiscal year, ODOT's Office of Transit has already allocated the \$25 million in operational assistance and \$15 million for the purchase of thirty-eight new 'Clean and Green' buses. The \$10 million for innovative new service starts completes the total \$50 million in transit investment allocated for SFY 2011.

As part of the 2012-2013 Transportation Budget—which ODOT submitted recommendations for last month—the department identified similar levels of funding – \$50 million for each fiscal year.

Below is a list of transit authorities receiving funding for innovative new service starts.

Butler County Regional Transit Authority – To operate service connecting Hamilton and Oxford—providing connections between Miami University and county services in Hamilton: \$198,900

Central Ohio Transit Authority – To connect OSU, Columbus State, Franklin University, the Capital Law School, CCAD, the OSU medical complex, and Grant, Riverside and Nationwide Children's Hospitals: \$3,163,282

Community Action Agency of Columbiana County – To establish fixed

routes servicing KSU branch campuses in Salem and East Liverpool: \$165,513

Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority – To provide new downtown trolley services, a campus connector line and three neighborhood connector services. The neighborhood connectors would serve southeast and southwest Cleveland and the Steelyard District: \$2,288,250

Greater Dayton Regional Transit Authority – To provide transit service between Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and the South Transit Hub near Dayton Mall; and establish transit service connecting employment and education centers on Austin Pike and in Clayton via the South Transit Center and Wright-Stop Plaza: \$534,000

City of Lancaster – To expand demand responsive service currently provided in Lancaster and Pickerington countywide: \$1,234,645

Portage Area Regional Transportation Authority – To provide fixed route service between Ravenna and Streetsboro: \$365,000

Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority – To provide fixed route service between Liberty Township in southern Butler County and the UC campus and employment area in Uptown Cincinnati; and establish fixed route service between Glenway Crossing in Western Hills to the UC campus and employment area in Uptown Cincinnati: \$1,260,410

Western Reserve Transit Authority – To operate fixed route service connecting Youngstown and Warren: \$790,000

VAGABOND VILLAGE
 Stop in for Homemade
HOT Soup to warm up!
"SPECIAL" January 12th thru 21st
(Dine in Only)
 Sizzle Steak, BLT, or Sausage Sandwich with a Cup of Soup and Coffee or Hot Tea, \$5.00
Bring in this ad on January 13th or 14th and get our Lunch Soup and Salad Bar for \$5.00.
(Limit 2 persons per ad) Bar is served 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM
BUFFET – BUFFET – BUFFET
 Friday Nights 4 – 7:30 PM
 Sundays 10 AM – 7 PM
Saturday Night Steak Specials
Soup-Salad-Dessert Bar!
 Located 7 Miles East of Antwerp on US 127
 419-899-2938

FORT WAYNE FARM SHOW
 2011
 The LARGEST Indoor Farm Show In INDIANA
 Seminars
 ★★★★★ FREE ADMISSION ★★★★★
REGISTER TO WIN!
SUZUKI OZARK 250 ATV®
 FROM WOODSON MOTORSPORTS
 436 E. WASHINGTON BLVD. - FORT WAYNE
 Allen County War Memorial Coliseum
 Corner of Coliseum Blvd. (US-930) & Parnell Ave.
JANUARY 18th - 19th - 20th
 Tues. 9-5, Wed. 9-8, Thurs. 9-4
 Learn More About Our Exhibitors at: www.tradexpos.com

 P.O. Box 1067, Austin, MN 55912-1067
 1-800-347-5225 Fax (507) 437-8917

AREA SPORTS TEAMS HAVE GREAT WEEK AT HOME GAMES



There is not doubt that Wayne Trace Ladies are on top of their game. The Raiders took on Holgate at the Palace Friday, Jan 7. The Lady Raiders now 8-0 basketball record after winning against the Tigers 47-73. Shown here is junior Sarah Feasby attempting a lay up from a half court turnover. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



If you thought Paulding would be stuck without a basketball team after this year, Think again. Paulding JV Basketball team took on the Parkway Panthers Saturday, Jan 8 and crushed Parkway 65-33. Shown here is sophomore Lance Flour setting up a fake lay up shot. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



The Lady Panthers struck down Columbus Grove Thursday, Jan 6 at home 49-40. The basketball game was a well-deserved win for this team. Shown here is senior Kass Hammon attempting a lay up for Paulding. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

RAIDERS PULL WINS FROM WARRIORS

By: Jeff Abbott

Wayne Trace steadily and methodically pulled away from Woodlan to score a 83-52 win over the Warriors. The Raiders took the early lead on Woodlan and built the margin to 23-13 after the first period and to 41-22 at the half. The margin continued to widen in the second half, going to 53-32 at the third quarter break. Woodlan tried to stay close with the three-pointer, getting 8 long-distance scores in the game, with Brock Hines hitting 3 in the game.

Score by the quarter:

Woodlan - 13 9 10 20=52
Wayne Trace - 23 18 12 30=83

Scorers of the game:

Woodlan - Emenhiser 14, Hines 11, Evans 6, Romines 5, McGettigan 5, Mumma 4, Patterson 4, Gerig 3

Wayne Trace - Critten 14, Jerome 13, Gudakunst 12, Sinn 12, LaBounty 10, Glusker 8, McClain 6, Kortokrax 6, Welsh-McClain 2

WARRIORS TAKE A WIN ACROSS STATE LINES AGAINST ANTWERP

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan and Antwerp battled throughout their inter-state rivalry and the guest Warriors came back to Indiana with a 42-40 win over the Archers. Woodlan took the lead 11-6 after the first quarter, but the home team came back to take a 22-21 lead at the half. The Warriors again pulled away from the Archers, outscoring Antwerp 15-8 in the third period. The Archers tried to make a run in the final period, coming up just short on the Warriors. Taylor Carver led scoring for Woodlan with 16 points. Grace Keller pulled down 6 rebounds and had 5 assists.

Score by the quarter:

Woodlan - 11 10 15 6=42
Antwerp - 6 16 8 10=40

Scorers of the game:

Woodlan - Carver 16, Price 10, Ehle 8, Yoder 3, Hostetler 3, Keller 2

Antwerp - Arnold 14, Stuck 12, Smalley 6, Jones 6, Winslow 2

(Picture & caption pg 7)

TIGERS POUNCE ON WARRIORS

Saturday night, January 8, the Woodlan Warriors boys basketball played host to the Bluffton Tigers. The Tigers dominated the court, taking home a victory, 62-48.

Score by the quarter:

Woodlan - 3 14 13 18=48
Bluffton - 20 16 13 13=6

Top scorers of the game:

Woodlan - Emenhiser 10; Patterson 8; Schwartz 7; Hines 6; Mumma 6

Bluffton - Vandercolk 17; Cochran 12; Oley 11; Gerber 8; Landeran 8

WOODLAN DROPS A LOSS TO CHURUBUSCO

By: Jeff Abbott

A cold start kept getting chillier for the Woodlan Warriors as they dropped a 68-41 loss to the Churubusco Eagles in boys' basketball. Woodlan fell behind 17-6 to the home team Eagles after the first quarter and trailed 40-21 by the half. The Eagles sealed the game in third period, holding Woodlan to just 3 points while extending their lead to

53-24. Hunter Nicodemus had 23 points in the Eagles' win. Alex Emenhiser led Woodlan with 8 points in the game.

Score by the quarter:
Woodlan - 6 15 3 17=41
Churubusco - 17 23 13 15=68

Scorers of the game:

Woodlan - Emenhiser 8, Patterson 7, Schwartz 7, Romines 6, McGettigan 6, Mumma 4, Hines 3

Churubusco - Nicodemus 23, T. Herendeen 14, Arrow-smith 10, Monk 7 LeFever 7, Jones 4, Turner 3

2011 ACAC BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS

Tuesday, January 11:

6:00 & 7:30 p.m. (boys games played first followed by girls games) - Bluffton at Adams Central; Southern Wells at Leo; South Adams at Woodlan; Garrett at Heritage

Wednesday, January 12:

Boys Semi-Finals at Fort Wayne Memorial Coliseum, 6:00 p.m. - Bluffton/Adams Central winner vs Southern Wells/Leo winner

7:30 p.m. - South Adams/Woodlan winner vs Garrett/Heritage winner

Thursday, January 13:

Girls Semi-Finals at Fort Wayne Memorial Coliseum, 6:00 p.m. - Bluffton/Adams Central winner vs Southern Wells/Leo winner

7:30 p.m. - South Adams/Woodlan winner vs Garrett/Heritage winner

Saturday, January 15:

10:00 a.m. - Girls Championship Game

12:30 p.m. - Boys Championship Game

PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL 2ND 9 WEEKS ENDING 12/22/10

SENIORS:

4.0 - Joey Buchman, Jacob Farr, Nicolas Flint, Cassandra Hammon, Elise Hartzell, Alex Knodel, April Manz, Alex Mott, Danielle Smith

3.5-3.99 - Cameron Aldrich, Olivia Arend, Joseph Bales, Trenton Bradford, Jackson Carter, Hayley Clellan, Shauna Darrigo, Taylor Dotson, Nicole Gebers, Jacob Gideon, Jesse Glass, Ashley Hahn, Haley Kesler, Sarah Koenig, Treslynn Laney, Jessica Manz, Emily Nardone, Connor Pease, Alyssa Price, Jared Ross, Alex Synder, Alyssa St John, Alysha Valdez, Jessica Vance, Wesley Zeller

3.0-3.49 - Devan Bermejo, Alissa Bok, Kylee Clemens, Andrew Favorito, Spencer Gross, Grant Harder, Sam Heilshorn, Melissa Holley, Jack Meriwether, Corey Miller, Ashley Myers, Brooke Otto, Derrick Pease, Rachel Razo, Kaitlin Relyea, Brendon Schlosser, Audrey Sierah, Bill Vance, Levi VanVlerah, Bradley Wilcox

JUNIORS:

4.0 - Kristin Beck, Drew Burnett, Lindsey Hitchcock, Katie Kohart, Mesa Pracht, Derek Shrider

3.5-3.99 - Anthony Arellano, Jill Busch, Tanya Collins, Jaime Deatrick, Derrick Echols, Jessica Farr, Jenna Gasser, Daniele Guarnaschelli, Jessica Harpel, Josh Hemker, Iesha Ingol, Jason Koenn, Allissa LaFountain, Kyle Mohr, Aly Munger, Norberto Naal Ruiz, Kayla Owens, Audra Philipot, Brittany Roberts, Kelli Schlatter, Amber Simpson, Andrew Smiley, Marissa Thomas, Rebecca Wilhelm

3.0-3.49 - Meagin Ca-



Panthers vs Panthers at Paulding Saturday, Jan 8. Paulding won a foul-laden game against the varsity Parkway basketball team 54-42. Shown here is senior Logan Stoller scoring for the Panthers. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

vanaugh, Logan Englehart, Alberto Flint, Haylie Forrer, Ashley George, Jamie Gonzales, Cody Pack, Tyne Schlegel, Jade Vogel, Tawnika Weller

SOPHOMORES:

4.0 - Marlee Pease, Savannah Roughton, Dalton Sholl, Maggie Wilhelm, Zane Wilhelm

3.5-3.99 - Kara Burak, Abbey Edwards, Sarah Nardone, Samantha Owens, Catlyn Pavel, Mikayla Pieper, Macey Provines, Alexis Rue, Jacey Schroeder, Elaine Smith, Courtney St John, Destiny Starry, Steven Strayer, Julia Stuck, Patrick Troyer

3.0-3.49 - Josiah Barnwell, Nicholas Clippinger, Emily Foltz, Mackenzie Hanenkratt, Tyler Hayner, Kaytie Mason, Austin Miller, Sarah Myers, Summer Pumphrey, Kayla Simon, Kayla Warnimont

FRESHMEN:

4.0 - Joe Kauser, Andrew Layman, Brad Matson, Sierra McCullough, Kaitlyn Roughton

3.5-3.99 - Emily Albert, Katelynn Back, Stephanie Baldwin, Jerika Bland, Eric Busch, Megan Coak, Melissa Durham, Javier Gonzales, Guy Harder, Nicholas Hitchcock, Ashley Johans, Rachael Kesler, Kande Manson, Kelsi Manz, Janey McCourt, Rachael Mourey, Rachel Nicelley, Abby Pease, Sydney Provines, Kaylyn

Rager, Avery Rice, Julian Salinas, Sidney Salinas, Jaclyn Schlatter, Chelsie Schoepflin, Kayla Shaffer, Alyssa Shelmadine, Alesha Simon, Tiffany Spangler, Shelly Stafford, Jade VanCleve, Kaley Varner, Megan Weller, Mindy Yates, Bailey Zeller

3.0-3.49 - Olivia Cramer, Taylor Dangler, Taylor Deatrick, Emily Farr, Taylor Farr, Kaitlyn Fisher, Tyler Fry, Gerod Harder, Kenneth King, Ashlyn Laney, Seth Mattocks, Michael Mott, Mikayla Porter, Chelsea Rose, Allison Singer, Andrea Singer, Jenifer Switzer, Cecilia Weidenhamer

BELMONT OUTSCORES LADY WARRIORS

By: Jeff Abbott

After falling behind 14-7 in the first period, Belmont outscored the Warriors 41-25 over the final 3 quarters to get a win in girls' basketball 48-37. Grace Keller led game scoring with 14 points.

Score by the quarter:

Woodlan - 14 9 8 9=37
Belmont - 7 16 12 13=48

Scorers of the game:

Woodlan - Keller 14, Price 12, Ehle 8, Hostetler 2, Carver 1

Belmont - Kaczmarek 11, Schultz 10, M. Schultz 8, Williamson 7, Quinn 5, Kuhnle 4, Gutierrez 3

THE COMPUTER DEPOT
Where Your Budget Won't be Derailed



DeziaRae Schlegel
Owner/Technician


2674 Road 250a
Antwerp, Ohio 45813

419-258-1301

service@thecomputerdepot.net
www.thecomputerdepot.net

we're not just bankers, we're neighbors

the **Antwerp Exchange Bank**
Est. 1898

 Member FDIC

305 S. Main St.
Antwerp, OH
119 N. Main Street,
Payne, OH 45880

Call Today: 419-258-5351
419-263-2700



Tuesday, January 4 wrestling meet at Wayne Trace vs Paulding vs Spencerville. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



Woodlan took on Leo at home for a January 6 wrestling meet. Leo ended the night with a 30-44 win. Shown here is Woodlan's Austin Hammon pinning Leo's Anthony Crossgrove in the 119 weight class. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

PANTHER & RAIDER WRESTLERS COMPETE IN TRI-MATCH W/BEARCATS

The Paulding Panthers competed in a tri-match on Tuesday, January 4th vs. Spencerville and Wayne Trace at Wayne Trace. The Panthers came out victorious against the Spencerville Bearcats, earning a 42-39 team victory. The Panther fell short against the Raiders with a 50-27 loss.

vs. Spencerville results:
 103 - Dockey (S) won by void
 112 - Salinas (P) pinned King (S) in 0:19
 119 - Deatrick (P) won by void
 125 - Antoine (P) won by void
 130 - Binkly (S) pinned Hemker (P) 5:12
 135 - Sawmiller (S) won by void
 140 - Johnson (S) won by void
 145 - Smith (S) won against Flint (P) 6-2
 152 - C. Jarrell (P) won by void
 160 - Shrider (P) won by void
 171 - Shumate (S) pinned

Hahn (P) 1:26
 189 - Beellows (S) pinned Schindler (P) 1:58
 215 - Hanenkraatt (P) pinned Krouskop (S) 5:41
 285 - B. Jarrell (P) won by void

vs. Wayne Trace results:
 103 - D. Taylor (W) won by void
 112 - Stahl (W) pinned Salinas (P) 1:01
 119 - Deatrick (P) won against Miller (W), 8-2
 125 - Hemker (P) won by void
 130 - Antoine (P) won by void
 135 - Clemens (W) won by void
 140 - Moyer (W) won by void
 145 - Cotterman (W) won against Flint (P), 13-5
 152 - Temple (W) pinned C. Jarrell (P) 0:35
 160 - Arnett (W) won against Shrider (P) 11-3
 171 - West (W) pinned Hahn (P) 1:46
 189 - Harris (W) pinned Schindler (P) 0:50
 215 - Hanenkraatt (P) won by void
 285 - B. Jarrell (P) pinned Nurling (W) 1:09

WAYNE TRACE JH WRESTLING TAKES TRI-MATCH

The Wayne Trace Jr. High wrestling team defeated teams from Spencerville and Paulding during a tri-match held at Wayne Trace. The team scores were Wayne Trace 56, Paulding 4; and Wayne Trace 39, Spencerville 30. The Raiders remain undefeated so far this season in dual matches. Their record is 6-0.

CARROLL DOMINATES WOODLAN WRESTLERS

By: Jeff Abbott
 Carroll took 10 of 14 matches to double up Woodlan 44-22 in wrestling action in the Warriors' gym. The Chargers got 4 pins, 2 major decisions, and a technical fall in the match. Cody Zink (140) and Alex Brenneke (160) got pins for Woodlan.

The Warriors won the reserve matches, getting pins from Caleb Hathaway (160) and Sam Hathaway (171)
 215 - Gage Andis (C) pin Ethan Gessner (W) 3:24, 0-6
 285 - Joshua Colborne (C) pin Garrett VanBrocklyn (W) :50, 0-12
 103 - Jay Knepp (W) dec Brett Unger (C) 6-4, 3-12
 112 - Christian Wilmer maj dec Connor Troyer (W) 20-6, 3-16
 119 - Tyler Smith (C) pin Travis Normand (W) pin :33, 3-22
 125 - Steven Cardenas (C) dec Logan Buuck (W) 7-4, 3-25
 130 - Hayden Parisot (W) maj dec Mitch McClure (C) 13-5, 7-25
 135 - Trey Delagrange (W) dec Gage Linnemeier (C) 9-5, 10-25
 140 - Cody Zink (W) pin Zach Sloffor (C) 1:55, 16-25
 145 - Stallone Yovanovitch (C) tech fall Corbin Smith (W) 21-4, 16-30
 152 - Tristan Wilson (C) maj dec Brian Salmon (W) 13-2, 16-34
 160 - Alex Brenneke (W) pin Brian Yahne (C) 4:46, 22-34
 171 - Jeremy Shelmadine (C) pin Jeremy Salmon (W) 1:43, 22-40
 189 - Spencer Raypole (C) maj dec Ethan Hirschy (W) 14-1, 22-44

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS & DISMISSALS

Admissions:
 12/31 - Donnabelle Shawver, Paulding
 01/01 - Murl Krick, Paulding

Dismissals:
 None

PEVS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 1/12 THROUGH 1/18

MS/HS - Breakfast:
 1/12 - Sausage, egg & cheese muffin, juice, milk
 1/13 - Mini pancakes, sausage links, juice, milk
 1/14 - Sausage gravy w/biscuits, juice, milk
 1/17 - No school, Martin Luther King Day
 1/18 - Sausage & egg burrito w/salsa, muffin, juice, milk

MS/HS - Lunch:
 1/12 - Beef & noodles, whipped potatoes, roll OR Corn dog, vegetable, chips, assorted fruit, milk
 1/13 - Pasta w/meat sauce, caesar salad, garlic toast, assorted fruit, milk
 1/14 - Popcorn fish & shrimp, oven potatoes, assorted fruit, milk
 1/17 - No school, Martin Luther King Day
 1/18 - Oriental chicken salad, egg roll, assorted fruit, milk

Paulding Elementary - Breakfast:
 1/12 - Muffin, applesauce, milk
 1/13 - Cereal bar, graham crackers, juice, milk
 1/14 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk
 1/17 - No school, Martin Luther King Day
 1/18 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk

Paulding Elementary - Lunch:
 1/12 - Sloppy scoops, carrots, fruit cup, milk
 1/13 - Chili soup w/crackers, bread w/margarine or peanut butter, fruit, milk
 1/14 - French toast, sausage, hash browns, fruit, milk
 1/17 - No school, Martin Luther King Day
 1/18 - Breaded chicken, broccoli w/cheese, fruit, milk

Oakwood Elementary - Breakfast:
 1/12 - Pillsbury mini maple pancakes, juice, milk
 1/13 - Egg, cheese & bacon burrito, fruit, milk
 1/14 - Assorted cereals, crackers, juice, milk
 1/17 - No school, Martin Luther King Day
 1/18 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk

Oakwood Elementary - Lunch:
 1/12 - Mozzarella sticks, marinara sauce, green beans, fruit, milk
 1/13 - Sloppy joe w/bun, corn, fruit, milk
 1/14 - Cheese pizza, celery sticks, fruit, milk
 1/17 - No school, Martin Luther King Day
 1/18 - Popcorn chicken, whipped potatoes, gravy, bread, fruit, milk

Menus are subject to change.

LADY WARRIORS DEFEAT LADY ARCHERS



Woodlan came to the Archer field house and played Antwerp in a tight Girls basketball game. The game was close from the beginning to the end and the Lady Warriors ended on top with a score of 40-42. Shown here is Woodlan senior Grace Keller attempting a basket with Archers AJ Stuck and Jesse Arnold blocking. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

STRYKER FALLS TO ANTWERP



The Stryker boys are a good basketball team, but not good enough. Antwerp won Saturday, Jan 8 in a hard fought, well earned game 61-50. Shown here is Archer senior Shaile Chamberlain scoring for Antwerp in the 4th quarter. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL LIVE ON WKSD 99.7FM

Join us for the current basketball games in our area! Check out our schedule

Thrs. Jan. 13 Paulding at Crestview girls
 Fri. Jan. 14 Crestview at Paulding boys
 Sat. Jan. 15 Wayne Trace at Jefferson boys
 Tues. Jan. 18 Antwerp at Lincolnview girls

99.7 WKSD PAULDING - WEAH FM

Ron Burt will host the "Final Buzzer" Show on Friday nights after the high school broadcast game with all the high school scores on WKSD.

Hicksville Schools invite you to

A CHILI COOK-OFF

Thursday, January 20th

In our school Commons
 (before the WT vs HV Boys Basketball game)

We are serving 6 bowls of different varieties of chili, a dessert, and a drink for \$5!

CARRY-OUTS WILL BE AVAILABLE.

Come and enjoy a warm, delicious meal and help out a great cause!

All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society.

JUST FOR THE HEALTH OF IT!

Is your New Year's resolution to get in shape and lose a little weight?

*The game has changed!
 Join us for a fun, competitive event!*

The competition is from February 5 to April 30, 2011

Health Fit
 Rehabilitation and Wellness
 at Community Memorial Hospital

208 N. Columbus Street Hicksville, OH 43526 419-542-5680

WEST BEND NEWS COMIC STRIP CONTEST WINNERS



The second place winner of a \$50 gift certificate to Clem's was Mary Cate Panico of Paulding. She is the daughter of Elisa and Mike Panico. She is in the 4th grade at Paulding Elementary. Mary Cate likes to draw and play video games with her dad. Mary Cate has a dog named Oliver, four cats, fish and a guinea pig. She likes the song 'I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus' and her comic strip was a rendition of the song. Very cool, very colorful. Kudos go to you.



ANTWERP BALL ASSOCIATION REGISTRATION & TRYOUTS

The ABA will hold its Annual Registration January 29th and February 5th at Antwerp Local Schools from 9:00 a.m. to Noon.

Once again we will hold tryouts for six year olds that feel they are ready to play at the Pee Wee level. There will be only one tryout date on January 16th at Antwerp Local Schools from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Please bring your glove and bat. Be prepared to be there for 45 minutes. Tryouts will consist of several drills to evaluate individuals skill level. If you have any questions please call Brian Lichty at 419-506-1155.

All ages are welcome to come out to the baseball and softball clinics held on Sundays at the Antwerp School from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. until February 13th. If you are interested in coaching for the 2011 season this would be a great opportunity to learn new techniques.

OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HONOR ROLL 2ND NINE WEEKS 2010-2011

*Denotes all A's

Mrs. C. Arend 1A - Jaleesa Adams*, Christopher D'Ambrosia, Mark Butler*, Tianna Cooper*, Erika Dobbelaere*, Sophia Fisher*, Alex Heck, Julia Leatherman, Cassy Mullen, Carsen Perl*, Riley Rue, Olivia Sprouse*, Savannah Swary*, Sam Woods*
Miss Lightner 1B - Micah Bollman, Kalyn Goshia, Jarrett Hornish*, Stephanie

Ladd, Paige Jones*, Deacon Laney*, Hunter Long, Nicole Mobley, Haiden Newsome, Olivia Paschall, Alivia Perl*, Billie Vargo, David Speiser
Mrs. Erford 2A - Kaylyn Cox, Hunter Dobbelaere*, Marissa Dobbelaere, Selena Guyton, Hailey Hartzell, Connor Hunter, Seth Heggison, Jalynn Parrett, Leigha Smith*, Natalie Wappelhorst*, Benjamin Weible
Miss Zachrich 2C - Ethan Hill, Dylan Daniels, Megan Dearth*, Sadie Estle*, Brendan Hornish, Hailee Huner, Alexis Lamond, Ambrion Merriman, Gunner Phlipot, Marquise Seibert*, Kaitlyn Shaffer*

Mrs. Holtsberry 3A - Garrett Fisher, Taylor Long, Claire McClure, Randon Padua, Miah Rue, Audra Stuck
Miss Hornyak 3C - Braxton Conley, Sabrina Gergely, Kelsey Guyton*, Trey Hernandez, Kaela Lucas*, Jordyn Merriman, TJ Vargo, Samantha Wagner
Mrs. Hohlbien 4A - Asia Arellano*, Morgan Edgar, Allie McStoots, Alex Riethman, Joe Shaffer, Hunter Sherry, Trinity Temple, Cynthia Ter-shner, Nathan Wappelhorst
 Miss Harris 4C - Allison Bronson, Katelyn Estle*, Nicholas Gee, Emma Horstman, Alissa Jenkins, Lakota Mann, DeLaney Porter, Elizabeth Temple, Corey Zartman
Mrs. Pier 5B - Jacob Black*, Logan Bradford*, Oscar Escobedo, Cloey Fohner*, Chelby Gibson, Dylan Hawkins, Winter McStoots, Stephanie Powell
Mrs. Brimmer 5C - Blake Dobbelaere, Jacee Harwell*, Thomas Heilman, Kylie Lane, Colton Lloyd*, Courtney

Mullen, Lilli Routt
Mrs. Thornell 6A - Allison Arend*, Tyler Bauer, Devin Gee, Lilly Halter, Julie Anne Holbrooks*, Austin Hartman, Aubrey Kremer, Nick Lawhorn, Cheyanne Lucas, Molly Meeker*
Mrs. Bockrath 6B - Kaleb Goshia, Lauren Hill, Aaron Horstman, Matt Karia, Nathan Keyes, Andrea Kremer, Karissa Lucas, Estee Miller*, Jared Paschall, Morrissa Rue, Ben Stuck, Kourtney Thomas

ANTWERP ARCHER AFTER PROM COMMITTEE REWARD CARDS

Antwerp after prom committee is selling reward cards from Crazy Pinz Entertainment Center, 1414 Northland Blvd. Fort Wayne, Indiana 46825, www.crazypinz.com.

When you purchase an Antwerp High School Fundraising and Rewards card you are purchasing thousands of dollars worth of discounts and freebies as well as tool to help support your local community.

How it works is like this: Purchase an Antwerp Archer Fundraising card and immediately you receive gift cash good for anything at Crazy Pinz, 360 free games of bowling, an entry to win a car from Evans Toyota, and discounts and specials to other local retailers.

How to use your card is pretty simple also: Once you have purchased the card, to redeem your gifts and help raise money just activate your card by calling the toll free number on the back of the card or visiting the web site and provid-

ing some basic information. You will then receive a confirmation e-mail alerting you the card has been activated and giving you a detailed description of what benefits are available to you. Bring your card into Crazy Pinz to redeem your benefits, and 5% of everything you purchase is donated back to Antwerp after prom committee on your behalf. 5% cash back is also placed on your card for future visits. Regular emails are then sent to alert you of what benefits you have earned and how much money you have helped raise.

Throughout the course of the expiration date in August, as you continue to use your card, you earn more benefits, raise more money, and have more fun. A win for everyone.

For more information on these award cards please contact Tawnya English at the West Bend News or see the ad in this week's West Bend Newspaper.

PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL 2ND 9 WEEKS 2010-11

Grade 6:

All A's - Christine Clapsaddle, Hannah Farr, Alexa Jury, Emily Knodel, Ava Moats-Landis, Chantal Monnier, Dayton Pracht, Ashley Snipes

All A's & B's - Brittany Brown, Michael Dangler, William Deisler, Kameron Echols, Preston Ingol, Preston Johanns, Skyler McCullough, James Mourey, Bailey Pieper, Caitlin Proxmire, Jo Ellyn Salinas, Tiffany Schilt, Simeon Shepherd, Cameron Strahley, Chella Vargas, Brooke Weidenhamer

Grade 7:

All A's - Kelsey Beck, Victoria Bradford, Allison Harpel, Krista Mullins, Emilee Ringler, Taylor Schooley, Jordan Shull, Tzu-Mei Tenwalde

All A's & B's - Alex Arellano, Lucas Arend, Kasandra Cogswell, Damon Egnor, Kynsie Etzler, Megan Fife, Jowaine Grimes, Henry Hohenberger, Lauren Johanns, Kacie Karlstadt, Taylor Kochenour, Taylor Manz, Matthew Martinez, Victoria Meadows, Branson Minck, Emily Moore, Haley Porter, Megan Reineck, Chace Robinson, Kristen Schilt, Jarrett Sitton, Andrew Stafford, Jaycie Varner, Cullen Wenzlick, Katlyn Wesley

Grade 8:

All A's - Kathryn Clapsaddle, Kayla Deitrick, Shayla Shepherd, Ashlyn Strahley

All A's & B's - Taylor Ankney, Katie Carnahan,

Lyndi Clinton, Brooke Combs, Hannah English, Felita Guyton, Ben Heilshorn, Sean Holman, Alexis Howell, Erin Johanns, Jacob Long, Ashleigh Marable, Abbi Miller, Ellie Miller, Isaac Nice, Emily Pastor, Suzanne Reinhart, Morgan Riley, Jessica Schroeder, Malayana VanCleve, Laurel Wehrkamp

WAYNE TRACE AFTER PROM COMMITTEE CHICKEN DINNER

On February 12 from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. the Wayne Trace After Prom Committee will be hosting a Port-A-Pit Chicken Dinner. This will be held in the Wayne Trace High School Cafeteria prior to the boys' game against Crestview.

Dinner will include a half of a chicken, potato salad, corn, cookie, roll, drink.

There will also be a silent auction sponsored by the Jr. Class to benefit our prom. The auction will conclude immediately following the boys' game. Several businesses have donated some very nice items, such as many University of Michigan and Ohio State signed items (footballs & jerseys), Ohio State necklace, a car donated from Lee

Kinstle, gift certificates and many misc. items.

Proceeds will be used to provide a safe and enjoyable evening for our students for Prom and After Prom.

Call Patty at 419-263-2685 or Deb at 419-622-3161 to order your pre-sale tickets. Dinner will be available as dine-in or carry-out. Deadline for tickets, January 31, 2011.

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOLS LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 1/12 THROUGH 1/18

1/12 - Cheeseburger on bun or Turkey pot pie, green beans, rosemary applesauce, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Cook's Choice

1/13 - French toast sticks or Cook's choice, hash browns, OJ, sausage, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Cottage Cheese

1/14 - French bread pizza or Egg salad sandwich, cake w/strawberries, carrots, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Cook's choice

1/17 - No school, Martin Luther King Day

1/18 - Taco or Salisbury steak on bun, corn, applesauce cup, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Deviled eggs

WT AFTER PROM PORT-A-PIT CHICKEN DINNER
 Get your pre-sale tickets for Port-A-Pit Chicken
Menu: 1/2 of a Port-A-Pit Chicken, Potato Salad, Corn, Cookie, Roll & Drink
Cost: \$7.00 - Saturday, February 12
Wayne Trace High School Cafeteria • 4:30-6:00 p.m.
Prior to WT Boys Basketball Game
 Pre-sale Tickets available from Junior class students, Camille at WTHS 419-399-4100, Patty 419-263-2685, Deb 419-622-3161 or Kathy, 419-399-2411 Please order by January 31
***There will also be a silent auction during the boys BB game sponsored by the Junior Class*

Gorrell Bros.
 AUCTIONEERS & REAL ESTATE
 1301 N. Williams - Building, OH
419-399-4066
 www.gorrellbros-paulding.com

Auction 3 BR Home Payne, Ohio
Sat., Feb. 5 10 A.M.
Open Inspections:
 Thurs., Jan. 13 - 4 PM to 5 PM
 Sat., Jan. 22 - 11 AM to 12 PM
 Wed., Jan. 26 - 4 PM to 5 PM

Location: 536 W. Merrin St., Payne, Ohio

Approximate 1,624 sq. ft. 3 bedroom home with 2 baths, kitchen, living room, dining & utility, den or third bedroom central air conditioning 2 car garage rear deck large lot - approximately 75 ft. x 340 ft. Nice home with a lot of amenities in a moderate price range - not "all spruced up" for the auction....Come to the Open Inspections or call the office...**Terms:** \$2,000 earnest money day of auction; balance due at closing on or before March 5, 2011 - **Contents Of House Including Antiques, Glassware, Collectables & Clean Household Sell At Gorrell Bros. Auction Facility On Jan. 29** Seller: Family Of Mabel Jenkins; Norman E. Cook, Attorney Aaron Timm & Don Gorrell, Sale Managers; Larry Gorrell, Broker; Joseph Barker; Sandra Mickelson; Nolan Shisler

Get up and DANCE!
 Raise the Barre Dance Studio has openings for new students in many types of dance classes.
 Zumba classes now forming!
 Ditch the workout, join the party!
 Appointments available for Ballroom wedding lessons—let us create a dance for you!
www.raisethebarredance.com
419-399-3222

RYAN NICELLE WINS PAULDING EX. VILLAGE SCHOOL GEOGRAPHIC BEE



Students from Oakwood Elementary, Paulding Elementary and Paulding Middle School competed in the district level of the National Geographic Bee Finals on January 6, 2011. Ryan Nicelley will advance to the next level of competition, a written examination. Ryan will move

one step closer to a chance at a \$25,000 scholarship. Ryan is a 6th grader from Paulding Middle School, and is the son of Roger and Jennifer Nicelley. The school-level Bee, at which students answered oral questions on geography, was the first round in the 23rd annual National Geographic Bee.

The Bee is sponsored by the National Geographic Society. Marcus Miller, a 5th grader from Paulding Elementary School, was the first runner-up. Marcus is the son of Brian and Misti Miller. Shown here are Ryan Nicelley and Marcus Miller.

JANUARY OUTLOOK - COLDEST JANUARY SINCE 1985

By: Josh Steiner

Contrary to what was originally predicted, January could end up being the coldest January in the United States since 1985. Back in November, long-range forecasters were forecasting a very cold December followed by a major January thaw with a much warmer period for most of the southern United States and parts of the East Coast. Now, because the atmosphere has not responded to strong La Nina conditions in the end of December as originally thought, a pattern more typical of a mix of a strong El Nino and strong La Nina will commence throughout most of January.

First off, the jet stream will be in the southern United States for the next several weeks, bringing them several potential snowstorms that could dump several inches of snow on cities like Atlanta, GA, Birmingham, AL, and possibly even as far south as

Jackson, MS. The jet stream will then turn northward into the Mid-Atlantic states bringing them several potential snowstorms over the course of January, ones like the post-Christmas storm. With the jet stream so far south, cold air will begin to spill far southward. This could record-breaking cold temperatures in many areas of the US.

This pattern has already and will continue through most of January. This week, an arctic air mass will spread from the Midwest to the Ohio Valley and finally to South. This will lead to below zero temperatures in the Northern Plains, but much warmer temperatures elsewhere. In Northwest Ohio, temperatures should stay in the mid-twenties for this week, with possibly the week of the 17th we could have highs that are actually below zero, which we haven't experienced in years. During the fourth week of January, temperatures should moderate back into the low 20's for the beginning of February.

Already, this arctic blast

has sparked some intense lake effect snow especially around South Bend, where on Saturday, January 8, 2011, had the highest snowfall amount in 24 hours on record. From Friday to Saturday, they had a snow accumulation of 23.6 inches with most of it falling in the early morning hours on Saturday. The reason for the snowfall rates up to five inches an hour in South Bend is because the north-northwest winds have a longer way to travel across Lake Michigan and can pick up more moisture further causing the winds to be more unstable. So when the moisture-laden wind moves onshore, the air quickly rises to form towering clouds with heavy snowfall rates. All in all, South Bend received from Friday to early Sunday, 36 inches of snow. After this, the city of South Bend issued a snow emergency because the roads then were impassable.

As a colder pattern takes place across the United States, an arctic high will move into the Midwest, spreading widespread cold temperatures that are 20-30 degrees below normal especially across the south and northern plains. This first outbreak will mostly influence the Ohio Valley, Midwest, and South while most of the East remains stormy and with normal temperatures. Because the arctic high will move into the Midwest, the jet stream will be deflected southward and then cause storms to form in the Gulf of Mexico and move northward into the Mid-Atlantic giving them several widespread snow events this month.

After the last arctic outbreak commences, a new pattern SHOULD dominate the United States. According to long-range Meteorologist Joe Bastardi, after the coldest January since 1985 gets underway in the United States, temperatures should start to moderate by the last few days of January. This is because of the northward shift of the jet stream and a ridge developing in the southeast. These are conditions more typical of a La Nina. As the jet stream moves northward it should anchor itself in the Ohio Valley during most of the month of February. However, forecasters and computer models are not very sure of the forecast for February as they

were for January in the end of December. Even though they are not sure what is going to happen in February, the most probable forecast is that the jet stream will be positioned in the Ohio Valley, which will lead to storminess and temperatures closer to normal around. This should make February a very snowy month for us but not necessarily a cold one.

Closer to the present, according to computer models and forecasters, a snowstorm could hit here on the 16th with heavy snow and high winds. From what I have seen on the NOGAPS model and the GFS model, this pretty sizable storm could hit on the night of the 15th and continuing through the next day. As I will not be able to write another article before the possible storm hits, keep listening to NOAA over the next several days or the evening news on the weather report to keep updated.

As Joe Bastardi put it, "Forget El Nino and La Nina, the nation is going to be El Frigido this month." He is very right, and if all forecasts are accurate on the outbreak, many records will be shattered and we could have one of the first coast to coast arctic outbreaks since the 1980's. If the forecast for the Ohio Valley is right, we could have temperatures near zero or below. So remember, during these outbreaks don't go outside unless you have to, especially at night when wind chills are negative 20 degrees. So bundle up and always think on the bright side—you know that summer and spring are just around the corner in a few months and even though you have several months left of cold and snow just thinking about summer will warm you up.

NEW DIESEL ENGINE EXHAUST TECHNOLOGY

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Educator

Farmers will see changes in new diesel-powered farm equipment beginning in 2011. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has adopted a comprehensive national program to greatly reduce emissions from nonroad diesel engines.

Called the Tier 4 rule, this new emission standard is a multi-tiered national program that requires new engines in new agricultural equipment to meet new emission standards. This EPA regulation for diesel powered equipment pertains to non-road diesel engines with more than 175 horsepower in 2011. The regulations will apply to smaller horsepower tractors put into service in 2012 and later. This regulation has only been applied to over the road diesel engines up until now.

The goal of the Tier 4 rule is to significantly reduce nitrous oxides and particulate matter in the exhaust of non-road diesel engines. Nitrous oxide exhausted from diesel engines becomes a greenhouse gas in the atmosphere that affects the temperature of the Earth. Particulate matter in a diesel engine exhaust appears as soot.

There are two primary technologies being used by agricultural manufacturers. Caterpillar, Cummins, Deutz, John Deere, Komatsu and Perkins are using exhaust gas recirculation (EGR) technology to comply with Tier

"ANTWERP HAS TALENT" - 2011



The third annual "Antwerp Has Talent" show will take place in the Antwerp School auditoria on Sunday, January 16, starting at 1:30. Formerly known as "Antwerp Dancing with the Stars", this year's event features five dancing groups, two singing groups, and two groups of instrumental musicians.

In this unique event, the audience members serve as the judges by making monetary donations toward their favorite performers. Those contestants who generate the most money are declared the "winners" of the contest.

Hosted by the Antwerp Athletic Booster Club, this fund-raiser has drawn large crowds the past two years

with all proceeds benefiting the Antwerp All-Weather Track Campaign.

Shown above is a sampling of the contestants competing for this year's crystal ball trophy. Front row (l-r): Steven Girlie, Ty Lee, Brandon Dix, and Andrew Ehlinger. Back row (l-r): Jessie Arnold, Amanda Zielke, and Rachel Banks.

As an added bonus, members of the Antwerp-based "Dance Dolls" will be performing at the intermission. Refreshments will also be available.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Steve or Susie Arnold (419-258-2766) for more information.

4 regulations. The exhaust gas recirculation technology takes 20% to 30% of the exhaust gas, pipes it into a cooling chamber on the side of the engine. When the exhaust gas is cooled, its oxygen content is lowered. When the cooled exhaust gas is then piped into the intake manifold and mixed with the incoming fresh air, the level of oxygen in the incoming fresh air is lowered. This mixing of measured amounts of cooled exhaust gases with fresh air lowers the engine's peak combustion temperature and in return reduces the levels of nitrogen oxides.

AGCO, Case IH and New Holland are using Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) technology. The selective catalytic reduction technology utilizes a storage tank on the tractor which holds diesel exhaust fluid (DEF), a combination of urea and de-

ionized water. One gallon of diesel exhaust fluid is blended with 25 gallons of diesel fuel during the tractors operation. This technology eliminates the particulate matter with a high exhaust gas temperature, resulting in reduced levels of nitrous oxide.

Tier 4 emission standards are the final step of a multi-year diesel emission-reduction project adopted by the United States EPA. The first tier was introduced in 1996, and the phase-in of Tier 4 was implemented in 2008 and will continue through to 2015. When the Tier 4 rule is implemented by 2015, the EPA mandates will have cut both nitrous oxide and particulate matter in diesel exhaust by 90 percent. While adding more cost to each machine, the new engines are expected to be both more energy efficient and emit lower levels of nitrous oxide.

your source for

YANKEE CANDLE®

The Gift of Home Fragrancing™

3 CANDLES!

Our January
Fragrances of the Month Sale

\$14⁰⁰ MEDIUM JAR
\$16⁵⁰ LARGE JAR

Home Sweet Home
Lavender Vanilla
Sparkling Snow

Come visit us for the only candles that are Famous for Fragrance.™

Sherry Sales And Service

TIRES AT WHOLESALE PRICES

All Brands and Sizes
cars • trucks • motorcycles • atvs

Out of the Way But Less to Pay!

9917 Road 171, Oakwood, OH
419-594-3305

Need Financing?

Before you go to "Buy Here, Pay Here" Call Me

Stop in today!
See Jill Treat for your auto financing needs.
17 years experience

Tax money down - we can also do your taxes for you!

Jill Treat
Special Financing Manager

www.statewideauto.com

StateWide 800-262-3866
1108 W. Main St. • Van Wert

Antwerp PHARMACY

Downtown Antwerp • 419-258-2068

DIVINE MERCY STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN GEOGRAPHIC BEE



4th, 5th, and 6th grade students at Divine Mercy Catholic School recently took part in the school's Geography Bee. Congratulations to the

top finalist Hannah Wilhelm, Korbin Slade, Hayden Williamson, Brady Stabler, Josh Kuhn, Faith Vogel, Hunter Vogel, Taylor Williamson, Ja-

cob Kuhn, and Sarah Dyson. After many rounds of competition, the runner-up was Faith Vogel, and Champion was Jacob Kuhn.

PAULDING CO. CHRONICLES II

By: Caroline Wells Zimmerman

Crane Township

Crane Township was the first township to be organized in Paulding County and the first settlement was made about 1823-24 at different places along the Maumee River which was at this time the main route through this part of the territory. This was the portage between the Wabash River near Fort Wayne and Lake Erie. There were many Indian encampments along the Maumee River as the game was also plentiful.

Some of the Indians who still stand out in history are: Totigose, Big Yngkee Jim, Saucy Jack, Deaf Jim Pashway, and a squaw named Sango. Also, named were two brothers named Pokeshaw and Wapacanaugh.

The township was named after Oliver Crane, who was one of the first white settlers in the area, which was organized in 1825. Others were Ephram Burwel, Samuel Gordon, Dennison Hughes, Samuel Reynolds, and Ephram Seeley. Horatio N. Curtis was named the first Justice of the Peace; he had a trading post near Rochester on the Maumee River.

The first post office was at Cranesville and the first school in the township was taught in a small log house on the north bank of the Maumee River across from the place (where Rochester Park

used to be).

"New Rochester" was the first village in the township and was located in Section 11; it was the first place where the Paulding County transacted any legal business. The first court was held at this place in the spring of 1840.

By 1840 New Rochester was the county's most flourishing place because of transportation of supplies on the Maumee River. At this time it had about 40 families, three hotels, three stores, two blacksmith shops, two tailor shops, and was a station for the stage between Fort Wayne and Toledo. It was very successful.

Note: (In 1841 the county seat was moved to Charloe. This had to have been some political idea of "someone". Perhaps it had something to do with the Canal project.)

The Wabash Canal was completed in 1843 and the Miami-Erie Canal was completed in 1845. The Toledo, Wabash, and Western Railroads were completed in 1855. The Paulding-Cecil Railroad extended from Paulding to Cecil, and was a narrow gauge. The first train ran over this road in September 1880.

The heavy growth of timber in this area was inviting to all kinds of manufacturing. One was a furnace for smelting of iron ore. The Paulding Iron Co. was located in Sec. 25 on the canal south of Cecil. The furnace was built right after the Civil war 1864-65. Ore from the Lake Superior was brought by ships to Toledo and then up the canal by boat. The ore cost was \$10 per ton at that time. The kilns burned charcoal, which was 7 Y2 cents a bushel; there were several kilns south of the Cecil Bridge. Limestone was used as flux, which came from Sec. 17 in Defiance Township. The finished product sold from \$40 to \$44 per ton.

The village of Cecil was laid out 1 April 1871 by M.N. Utley who ran a store in Cecil. At this time, there were two stave mills and a steam saw mill. After the county seat was moved from New Rochester, Cecil became a thriving center of business.

There were two railroads—the Wabash and the Cincinnati Northern (which are now

the N&W and the Penn Central). The Wabash ran eight passenger trains daily as it was the main route between Toledo and St. Louis; and the CN ran six passenger trains daily. There were two hotels, two doctors, two blacksmiths and two livery stables. There were also three barber shops, three general stores, a hardware and implement store, a tile mill and a grain, hay, and seed business. There were three churches and a very good school.

There were also two telephone companies in Cecil: The Home Telephone Company and the Cecil Mutual. The Home Telephone Co. merged with the Cecil Mutual Co. which was located in the Montroy residence. They also had a millinery shop in their home.

Of course, the Lone Tower on US 24 was a land mark near Rochester Park. Free shows were shown there in the parking lot with a large picture screen which was a big treat in the 1950's.

Knoxdale is now a ghost town of the only other in village Crane Township. It was located on the Wabash Railroad four miles west of Cecil with at one time only a few houses and a depot.

Cecil is still on the map in 2011 with a nice volunteer fire department (where voters vote); Hart's Auto Parts is still on the corner on Main Street. The post office is across the street. The Catholic Church burned down a few years ago, but the Presbyterian Church, where I went when I was a kid, is still there. The blocks seem so short now compared to 57 years ago when my sisters were delivering newspapers there. Our house is still there and the white oak tree that I used to climb as a kid.

Note: Some of this info taken from "History of Crane Twp." By Minck

SAYING GOODBYE TO THE 1ST OHIO SENATE DISTRICT

Capitol Letters Weekly Column by: Senator Steve Buehrer

The New Year brings a farewell to the old and a welcoming of the new. This season is filled with new beginnings, new promises, and new challenges. Change is in the air in Columbus with a new slate of statewide office holders, new members of the Ohio House of Representatives, and new Ohio Senators. With these changes comes change for me as well.

On January 3, I was sworn in to begin my second term as your Ohio Senator in the 1st District. I am grateful

for the strong support I received in this fall's election, and was humbled and honored to stand in the Senate Chamber as the representative of the wonderful people of this region. However, my tenure in the Senate will be very short. As was reported in November, Governor John Kasich has asked me to join his cabinet as the Administrator of the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation. This opportunity to continue my public service by leading a large, complex state agency is a challenge I could not resist. Subsequently, I will resign my seat in the Senate as of January 9th and begin my service in the Kasich administration. In the coming days, the Senate will select my successor who will run in two years for the privilege of completing the remainder of my term.

As I leave my direct representation of this area, I want to say thank you. Thank you for the priceless opportunity to serve in the Ohio Senate and the Ohio House. This service has been a true honor and privilege I will never forget. The chance to help make the laws of our state, and assist in setting the priorities for public policy in Ohio has been a delight. I have had the privilege to see my ideas become law, chair important committees, lead national and international organizations, and be elected by my peers as a leader in both the House and Senate. I hope these experiences and efforts have benefitted our area and state.

Despite my gratefulness and the high degree of enjoyment I have experienced from this opportunity to be elected to the General Assembly, I am thrilled to have the chance to work with Governor Kasich on behalf of our entire state. Our new governor has contagious enthusiasm, boundless ideas, and real concern for our state's future. Governor

"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": AN INTERNATIONAL CULINARY EXPERIENCE



Since homemade pasta was the lesson plan for the day, guest chef and Vantage graduate Drew Fisher demonstrated the technique he learned while he studied in Italy for three months. Watching carefully are (from left) Lexi Cummings (Lincolnview), DJ Price (Antwerp), Eddie Hibbard (Wayne Trace), and Kayla Garb (Crestview).

Drew Fisher, a graduate of Delphos St. Johns High School and the Vantage Culinary Arts program is living his dream.

He recently graduated from the Art Institute of Ohio in Cincinnati, after a 3-month study abroad program in Italy. In just a few weeks, he will return to Orvieto in the Umbrian region of Italy for a year-long experience as a sous chef at the Zeppelin Restaurant.

Drew spoke enthusiastically to the current Culinary

Arts students, "I really can't believe my two-year program at the Art Institute is over. It went so quickly. Being in Italy for three months was like a lifetime of memorable moments. I have learned so much - I also cooked under Master Chef Scholly who has been Chef to ex-Presidents Clinton, Bush Senior, and Bush Junior and who cooked for most heads of state at one time or another. I never dreamed of having this kind of experience."

Kasich understands that Ohio has real challenges, especially in our economy. Bold action must be taken if we are to correct our budget challenges and reverse the migration of jobs from our state. To be a part of this turnaround effort is an exciting prospect.

As I leave the Senate, allow me to offer a final thought. Ohio is a rich state with a fascinating history, vast resources, and great people. Our region shares this same

legacy and opportunity. Key to our future success is a "can-do" spirit that returns Ohio to the innovation and hard work which built our state. A favorite quote of mine says that we all drink from wells we did not dig. I hope in the days ahead you will help me in "digging some wells" for the future good our state. My warmest regards to each of you in the New Year and in the years to come.

MIGHT YOU START 2011 IN ONE OF THESE ANTWERP HOMES?



4 Bdrm, 2.5 Baths, Family Rm & f/piece Lg rear deck, C/A. Dutchmans Cove \$170,900



4 Bdrm, 3.5 Baths, Fireplace, C/A, Finished Basement, 3 car garage. Dutchmans Cove. \$215,000



1.49 Wooded Riverfront. Extra 25 x 30 Bldg. 3 Bdrm, 2.5 Baths, fireplace, Family Room. \$144,900



3.2 Acre Riverfront. Lg Pond, Extra 30 x 40 Bldg. Basement. 3 Bdrm, 2.5 Baths, \$149,900



2 Acre w/large pond. Finished breezeway, Att. Garage & leanto. 4 Bdrm, 1.5 Baths \$129,900



Exquisite 2 Bdrm, 2 Bath Home. C/A, All appliances, Sun room & deck. 82 x 330' Lot. \$89,900



2 Bdrm, Formal Dining, Beautiful Kit. With bar & slider to rear deck. C/A, Det 2 car garage. \$74,500



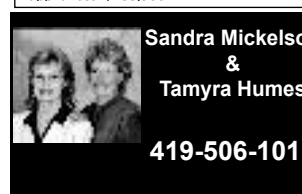
New Construction - 2 Bdrm, 2 Bath Villa. Lg walk-in closets, C/A, stainless appliances. \$133,900



0.69 Acre bordered on 2 sides by ravine. 2 Bdrm, Full Basement, Lg rear deck, Det. Garage. \$54,900



TRI-PLEX. Full occupancy, Good income. Two 2 Bdrm - One 1 Bdrm. \$97,500



Sandra Mickelson & Tamyra Humes

419-506-1015

Gorrell Bros
1201 N. Williams St.,
Paulding, OH



Don Gorrell - Ph: 419-399-7699
3 Bdrm, 2 Bath, Recently remodeled, Lots of storage, Side load garage, Lg Corner Lot \$89,000

THE HOUSE PIZZA
714 ELM STREET
PAULDING, OH 45879
ANY 2 12" PIZZAS \$15.00
419-399-3060
Established in 1989

Sauder Feeds Inc.
Local Manufacturer of Quality Animal Feeds for over 90 years.
Joe Smalley - Kennel Mate Dealer in Paulding County - 419-258-7245 • 419-258-2584
Serving Since 1920
P.O. Box 130 • Grabill, IN 46741 • 260/627-2196
www.sauderfeeds.com • info@sauderfeeds.com
1-800-589-2196 Fax 260-627-2783

SANTA VISITS ANN'S PRESCHOOL!



Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschoolers were so excited to have Santa visit on their last day of school before Christmas! Santa told them that their teacher had been giving him updates and they had all been VERY good little boys

and girls! Shown here from the left are: Mallory Fisher, Conner Coutts, Jayla Wright, Anna Clemens and Karlie Grubb. These children are in the afternoon class of three and young four year olds with Mrs. Ann Miller.

LATTA SWORN IN, STATEMENT ON FIRST DAY OF 112TH CONGRESS

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green), made the following statement after taking his oath of office and being sworn in as the Representative of Ohio's Fifth Congressional District for the 112th Congress.

"I am humbled and honored to serve the constituents of Ohio's Fifth District for the 112th Congress. It is especially rewarding to be part of this historic day as Congressman John Boehner (R-Ohio) becomes the sixty-first Speaker

of the House and the third Speaker from the great State of Ohio as a new Republican majority is sworn in. The American people sent this majority to Washington to heed their call for a more transparent and accountable Congress, install real fiscal responsibility in the budget process, and renew the important role the U.S. constitution serves in the legislative branch. I, along with my Republican colleagues, stand ready to deliver on these promises and others outlined in the Republican Conference's Pledge to America."

If you mailed 11,500 Postcards (circulation of West Bend News) it would cost \$3220 not including printing charges. A postcard size ad only cost \$84

EXPERIENCED GRILL COOK NEEDED
Apply at Country Times Market - Antwerp

PUBLIC AUCTION
EVERY SATURDAY AT 6PM
LARGE VARIETY OF MERCHANDISE
~ EVERYONE WELCOME ~
PORTER AUCTION
19326 Co. Rd. 60
Grover Hill, OH
For Info Call: 419-587-3770

CLASSIFIED ADS
Sell it in the Classifieds!
Classified ads are \$6.00 for 25 words or less and \$.10 for each additional word.
Bold is \$1.00 additional.
Fax: (419) 258-1313 • Email: info@westbendnews.net
P.O. Box 1008, Antwerp, OH 45813
Deadline for classified ads is Mondays at 12 Noon.
Classifieds MUST be paid upfront!!

AL GRIFFITHS CONSTRUCTION - Windows, light electrical, dry wall, siding, doors & more. Call Al for your repair or construction needs. 419-506-2102. tf

HELP WANTED: Part-time experienced cook. No phone calls. Uncle Fudd's Diner, Melrose.

LIV-FIT offering kickboxing, low impact aerobics, Zumba & Zumba Gold. New 6 week session starts week of Jan. 17. Call today to reserve your spot. 419-542-7400. p

WANTED: Bookkeeper, 1 day a week for farm accounting. Call 419-549-0871. 1-2p

NEED SOMEONE TO TAKE care of your parents? In home healthcare might be for you! CPR, AED certified also with MA diploma. Experience and references available upon request. Call Debora, 260-316-1402 or 260-632-3133. 2-3p

WANT WINDOW COVERINGS that look great for years? Drapes, valances, verticals, shades, etc. Measured and installed. Call Judy McCalla, Hicksville, 419-542-6182. tf

PROMOTIONAL trip to Fire Keepers Casino. Cost \$20.00 with \$25.00 back. Call (419)393-2425. 2-3p

FOR RENT IN ANTWERP: a 3 bedroom house w/attached garage. References & deposit required. Call 419-258-8314.2-3p

FIREWOOD FOR SALE: Seasoned firewood. 419-587-3518. tf

FOR RENT IN PAULDING: 1 bedroom efficiency apartment. All utilities included. Call 419-670-4161.

2 VERY NICE 2 BEDROOM homes for rent in Woodburn. 1st mo. rent free on 12 mo. lease. Call for details. 260-632-5123. tf

LEINARD MOBILE HOME COMMUNITY: Across from the A&W, Antwerp has lots available, homes for sale, and rentals. Contracts available. Application and references required. 419-258-2710. tf

HOME FOR RENT: Nice 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, 2-car garage, Woodburn, quiet neighborhood. \$850/mo. Call 260-271-9611 or 260-804-0449 for more information. 1-3p

KNAJO'S: Selling fine previously owned merchandise. Winter Hours: Wed & Fri, 10-5; Thurs, 2-7. Phone: 419-506-2600. 101 S. Main St. tf

FOR RENT IN ANTWERP: 2 bedroom apartment, close to school, \$375 month, plus deposit, 419-770-2267. tf

BUYING ANTIQUES, OLD comic books, coin & stamp collections, old toys, postcards, fountain pens, pocket knives, military items, estates, 419-399-3353. 2-7p

FT. DEFIANCE Antiques. Find your treasures at our over 4,000 sq. ft. location at 402 Clinton Street, Defiance. Hours: Mon-Sat 10AM-5PM. Phone: 419-782-6003. tf

MOVING OHIO INTO A PROSPEROUS NEW WORLD

On January 6, 2009, the citizen-volunteers of Ohio's 21st Century Transportation Priorities Task Force issued a clear challenge to the Ohio Department of Transportation: "We believe that in the face of economic upheaval, strategic investments in transportation can bring new jobs and help retain the precious ones we already have. By boldly reinventing our transportation system now, we can position Ohio to stimulate and drive the growth of the future."

Under the leadership of Governor Ted Strickland, Ohio has made historic investments in every major mode of our transportation system, with more than \$2 billion in construction projects in 2010 and another \$2 billion in construction for 2011. As ODOT made history, we also kept an eye on the future. To that end, I am pleased to share with you the first results of the groundbreaking Go OHIO Transportation Futures Plan.

The Go OHIO 2011 Overview Released Today:

The Go OHIO 2011 Overview we are releasing today captures some of the cutting-edge analysis performed to better understand the relationship between transportation, economic growth and prosperity in Ohio. In this brief document you will get an overview of Go OHIO's unique insight into future trends that will affect our ability to move people and goods, and better understand what changes need to be made to drive positive growth. You can download the Overview at www.go.ohio.gov. Go OHIO shows where Ohio jobs are today and where they will be tomorrow... where Ohioans live today and where they might choose to live in the future... where transportation investments have made a difference in economic performance today, and where investments could create economic opportunities for growth in the future.

A Blueprint for Best Use of ODOT Resources:

Go OHIO offers a blueprint on how best to use ODOT's resources for the highest return on taxpayer dollars. It shows how Ohio can better connect ODOT's work to Ohio's economic engine, recognizing that transportation and the economy are inextricably linked.

Simply put, Go OHIO offers a new way to prioritize investments that will bring Ohio the greatest return on transportation investment. ODOT is the first state transportation department in the U.S. to develop this type of economy-focused, data-driven approach to multi-modal

transportation investment in targeted industries.

A Future Planning Tool:

In the coming weeks, ODOT will be sharing more of the rich compilation of data and detailed analysis collected as part of the Go OHIO effort. This resource will be invaluable in future planning, land use, and economic development efforts. To ensure that Ohio can take full advantage of this new resource, the data and results are being incorporated into a new Go OHIO planning software tool. I encourage you to learn more by logging on to www.go.ohio.gov.

Transportation has been and will be a driving force behind our state's economic recovery. With your support, we have and can continue to put Ohioans to work, by building transportation projects that are important, will last, and are 'Moving Ohio Into A Prosperous New World!'

Have Something to sell?

Classified ads are \$6.00 for 25 words or less and only \$.10 for each additional word.

RN

Dallas Lamb is currently accepting applications for an RN position. This position will be 2nd shift, three days a week, which will include an every other weekend.

Dallas Lamb is also seeking a full time receptionist, primarily first shift.

Please send all resumes to 650 N. Main St., Payne, OH 45880 or Fax: 419-263-2921

MOORE Auction Service
Randy L. Moore, Auctioneer
Call: 419-303-4894

AUCTIONS FOR 2011

Van Wert County Fairgrounds Jr. Fair Building • US 127 S., Van Wert, Ohio • Starts at 5:30 pm

AUCTION DATES

Jan 3 rd & 17 th	July 4 th & 18 th
Feb 7 th & 21 st	Aug..... 1 st & 15 th
Mar 7 th & 21 st	Sept No Auctions
Apr 4 th & 18 th	Oct..... 3 rd & 17 th
May..... 2 nd & 16 th	Nov..... 7 th & 21 st
June ... 6 th & 20 th	Dec..... 5 th & 19 th

Auction Held on 1st & 3rd Monday of each month

Personal Auction Services Available

For Sale By Owner listings in the West Bend News



FOR SALE BY OWNER! Antwerp School District - 3 bedroom, hardwood floors, new cabinets & flooring, 2-car garage. Great location, friendly neighborhood, close to school. Priced to sell. Must see. \$54,000. Call 419-506-0211. 1-3p

Ready to Sell? Call the West Bend News 419-258-2000

The Gardens of Paulding

A Skilled Nursing and Assisted Living Facility Located in Paulding, Ohio

is seeking an Ohio Licensed Social Worker to assist in a team of professionals as Director of Social Services. The qualified candidate will assist in elder and family care issues, admissions, discharges to home, and MDS assessments, along with many other important issues concerning elder care. One year of experience in a nursing facility preferred.

Resumes may be dropped off at the Gardens or emailed to dLane@ltcoh.com or faxed to 419-399-4699 Attn: administrator No phone calls please.

THE GARDENS of Paulding
199 Co. Rd 103 • Paulding, Ohio 45879
A Peregrine Health Company
Equal Employment Opportunity

Paulding County Health Department Assistant Clerk Registrar

The Assistant Clerk Registrar will have strong verbal, written communication and accounting skills, along with a working knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel, and other related software.

- Strong organizational skills
- Attention to detail
- Ability to work with little supervision
- Ability to prioritize and multi-task

Previous experience in a government office or financial institution setting is helpful. This position is permanent part-time with a minimum of 14 hours per week on Mondays, Wednesdays and as needed. Benefits include sick leave, Life Insurance and Ohio Public Employees Retirement System. Pay starts at \$10.00 an hour. Please forward resume to the Paulding County Health Department, 800 East Perry Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879 by January 31, 2011

An Equal Opportunity Employer/Provider

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOW LEASING

Beautiful New 3 Bedroom Handicap Accessible 1 Story Ranch Homes at Defiance Crossing on Ottawa Avenue, Defiance, Ohio

Rents Starting at \$629 Income Limits Apply Contact the Rental Manager at 419-782-0997



Paulding County's Students of the Month

DECEMBER 2010

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

Kaleb O'Donnell is the West Bend News Student of the Month for December from Antwerp High School.

Kaleb is a senior this year, Class of 2011, and loves music. His parents are Dennis and Traci O'Donnell of Antwerp. His school activities include National Honor Society, Quiz Bowl, Track & Field, Golf, STS (Student Technology Services), and SADD.

Other hobbies for Kaleb outside of school are Bowling and Soccer.

Kaleb's plan after high school is to attend IPFW and major in music education. Congratulations Kaleb!



Paulding Middle School is pleased to announce that 7th grader, Alex Arellano, has been chosen as their Student of the Month. Alex is an exceptional student that takes his school work very seriously. He is a real pleasure to have in class. He is a great role model for his peers.

Alex participated in football in the fall and is involved in 7th grade boys basketball at this time. He will participate in baseball in the spring. He enjoys spending time with his family and friends and likes all sports. Alex is the son of Matt and Sandy Arellano of Oakwood. Congratulations Alex!

The Student of the Month from Wayne Trace is Joseph Sponseller. Joe is a senior and is the son of James & Lori Sponseller.

Joe has participated in his school drama productions for the past 4 years. Joe helps his church with special activities like help serve food at Christmas dinners, or help work at "Block Parties". Joe also is the co-computer/sound technician at his church. Joe has also participated in his churches past Summer Schools, as a helper. Joe is active in community service events; including local food banks.

After High School, Joe plans to attend Ohio Northern University, where he will pursue a major in computer science and a minor in teaching. After college, Joe plans on building, designing programs for law-firms, and creating websites for small to large-scale businesses. Congratulations Joe.



Paulding Putnam
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
"From Traditional Energy To Innovative Solutions"

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE FINE STUDENTS AND KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

Animal Clinic of Paulding
308 E. Jackson
Paulding, OH 45879
419-399-2871

Hours:
Tues - 12-5
Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri - 9-5

Dr. Tom Wilkin
Dr. Missie Bowman
Audrey Hanenkratt, Mgr

Hormann's
HEATING & COOLING
Geothermal • Gas • Electric
ANTWERP, OHIO
419-258-1640

bryant
Heating & Cooling Systems
Since 1904

Larson's Body & Paint
Collision • Custom • Restoration
FREE ESTIMATES & 24 HOUR TOWING

Providing the
Waterborne Paint System & National Warranties

Jaimie L. Larson
320 W. Caroline St. • Paulding, OH 45879
Ph: 419-399-9544 • Cell: 419-399-0534
jaimiel@windstream.net
www.larsonsbodypaint.com

I-Car • ASE Certified Techs • Loaner Cars Available
Give us a call if it needs serviced

INCREASE IN PAULDING COUNTY LAND AND SOIL VALUES

By: Susan K. Simpson, County Auditor

The Ohio Department of Taxation sets the current agricultural use values for every soil type in Ohio. We have 63 soil types in Paulding County and for tax year 2010, (collected in 2011); the average of all the soil values has gone from \$205 per acre to \$599 per acre, an average percentage increase of 292%. A good example of the change in a single soil type would be for Paulding Slope Soil, which has increased from \$120 per acre to \$740 per acre, a percentage increase of 617%. Paulding Slope Soil comprises 27% of all the soils in our county.

These changes in soil values occur every three years during a triennial or reappraisal update. 2010 (payable in 2011) was a reappraisal year for Paulding County. A reappraisal many times is a redistribution of the tax burden because of various changes in values. The previous full reappraisal was completed in 2004 for Paulding County. This rotation schedule is set by the state of Ohio.

These CAUV increases in value have taken effect on your current tax bills (payable 2011). Keep in mind, the full value of these soils are not taxed. Rather, they are taxed at 35% of the CAUV taxable value. In addition, you still receive the 10% rollback or credit from the state. A public meeting was held jointly with

the Farm Bureau in August of this year to help make you aware of these changes. Also, in September and October the Auditor's Office held informal hearing dates allowing the public to meet with the appraiser and the auditor's staff to discuss any changes in values.

All of the documentation and literature the CAUV value changes are based upon is available on the Ohio Department of Taxation's website at: http://tax.Ohio.Gov/divisions/real_property/cauv.Stm. You may also review the Paulding County Auditor's web site at: www.Pauldingcountyauditor.Com to may view our local CAUV rates under the 2010 revaluation link. Also listed on the auditor's web-site (under the tax rate link) are all of the tax rates for the 33 taxing districts in Paulding County. A breakdown of the full rate for each taxing district is available under this link for your review.

State law requires us to value property as of January 1, 2010 for the tax bills recently mailed. One problem in setting values today is that we are in a fast changing market and state law requires using a look-back sales analysis for past years (2007, 2008, and 2009). That is why there is a Board of Revision (BOR) process for owners to challenge our values if they feel they have an inaccurate valuation. However, CAUV rates are set by the state and the Board of Revision has no authority to adjust these rates. The reality is that the state tax commissioner is the final authority on values with the current CAUV values being approved and set by the state.

BUEHRER SWORN IN FOR 129TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State Senator Steve Buehrer (R-Delta) renewed his oath of office and was sworn in yesterday as part of the opening day ceremonies for the 129th General Assembly. Senator Buehrer represents Ohio's 1st Senate District, which includes Defiance, Fulton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert, Williams and parts of Auglaize County.

Senator Buehrer, who was joined by his family in Columbus for the ceremony, was administered the Oath of Office by Ohio Supreme Court Justice Robert Cupp. Buehrer will resign from his Senate seat January 9, 2011 to become the new Administrator for the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation.

Woodburn Lutheran School
Student of the Month - December '11

Addison Wasvick - Student of the Month.
Addison is a 2nd grader and Woodburn Lutheran School. She is their January student of the month. Addison is an extremely hard worker and enjoys reading. She has exceeded her accelerated reader goal each quarter so far this year. Her favorite books to read are the Pony Pals series and the Junie B. Jones series. Addison's favorite subject in school is art. "I like art because I like doing cool stuff with crafts." When asked what she enjoys most about school she replied, "I like handwriting because we get to learn cursive." In her free time, she enjoys playing horses with her friends.

Sponsored by: **Financial Partners**
Federal Credit Union

22440 Main Street • Woodburn, IN 46797 • 260-632-4245

2011 PAULDING ELEMENTARY SPELLING BEE WINNERS



The Spelling Bee at Paulding Elementary was held January 5th. The winning word was "pedicure". The Champion, Cade McGarvey will compete in the County Spelling Bee on February 7th, 7:00 p.m. at Paulding Middle School Auditoria.

Pictured left to right are Marcus Miller, Runner up; Cade McGarvey, Champion; and Brian Matson, 3rd place.

BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS FOR WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS FOR THE WEEK OF 1/12 THROUGH 1/18

Breakfast:
1/12 - Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk
1/13 - Egg/cheese omelet, juice, milk
1/14 - (2-hr. delay) Turn-over, juice, milk
1/17 - No school, Martain Luther King Day
1/18 - Egg/cheese/bacon

muffin, juice, milk
Lunch:
1/12 - Chicken noodles, mashed potatoes, roll, grapes, milk
1/13 - Cook's choice, milk
1/14 - (2-hr. delay) Cheese or Chicken quesdilla, tossed salad, pineapple, milk
1/17 - No school, Martin Luther King Day
1/18 - Breaded chicken sandwich, potato wedges, mandarin oranges, milk
Menus are subject to change.

EICHER'S WOODWORKING SHOP
22319 Ward Rd., Woodburn, IN 46797 • 260-632-1065

Now Refacing Old Cabinetry. Get that New Look you've been dreaming of in your kitchen

Granite & Formica & Solid Surface Countertops
And Much More
3600 Square Ft. Store & Display
Furniture Store Hours:
M-F 8-4:30; Sat 8-2:30; Closed Sun

LEE KINSTLE GM
SALES AND SERVICE

Looking for a new or used vehicle?
Travel to
VAN WERT

Right across from ACE Hardware. Trust me it will be worth the drive!

Benji Grant
Sales Consultant
419-238-5902