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Pictured is Amy McCreary of the United Way of Paulding County and Steve Arnold, superintendent of Wayne Trace Local Schools. Wayne Trace staff members recently made a donation to the United Way. The United Way of Paulding County appreciates the time and effort on the part of the Wayne Trace staff.

REDUCE - REUSE - RECYCLE PART 1 AT BLACK SWAMP NATURE CENTER

Paulding Soil & Water Conservation District would like to remind you of the upcoming events to be held at the Black Swamp Nature Center. These events are free and open to the public of all ages.

December 8, 2011, 6:00-7:30 p.m. — Part one of "Reduce-Reuse-Recycle": Learn small changes that make a large difference. Refresh-

ments will be served.

December 15, 2011, 6:00 p.m. — "Make Your Own Christmas Wreath": Learn how to make your own wreath made from grapevines. All supplies will be provided along with refreshments.

For more information, please contact the office at 419-399-4771 or visit www.pauldingswcd.org

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MAIN STREET OPEN HOUSE IN ANTWERP

With the stress of the holidays how does a day sound to just meander around, talk to friends, soak in Christmas and just relax?

If this sounds good to you, then you are invited to Antwerp's Main Street Open House on December 21st. Various shops in the Main Street area have specials planned all day long.

West Bend Printing & Publishing (publishers of the West Bend News) will be holding their Open House from 10:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Enjoy a tour of the shop, including "just how do you make The West Bend News?" Refreshments and giveaways will be available throughout the day, plus a drawing for 500 business cards and two drawings for a self-inking stamp for consumers. For one of our advertisers in The West Bend News a drawing will be held for a FREE half-page ad. A new service for West Bend customers will be introduced on the 21st also. All drawings will be held at 6:30 p.m. Entry to all drawings must be done in person; need not be present to win.

Manor House Assisted Living will be giving tours, door prizes and refreshments from 10:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

At **Rister's Law Office**, stop in to enjoy The Lego Christmas Village on display from 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Come into **Village Hardware and Antwerp Pharmacy** from 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and enjoy their one day specials.

Hometown Pantry will have samples all day with 10% off jarred food and will have two gift certificates to give away.

Wood Works will be giving away a shelf. Come in and see how the old Haver Furniture store looks now.

The **Oasis Bar and Grill** will have their Open House on *December 17th* from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Free appetizers and drink specials will be offered. \$25.00 gift certificates will be offered for only \$20.00. The Oasis wishes everyone a safe and Happy Holiday season.

PC LIBRARY DECEMBER BOARD MEETING

The Paulding County Carnegie Library Board of Trustees will meet in regular session on Monday, December 12, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the main historic Carnegie library in Paulding. The Finance Committee is scheduled to meet on Thursday, December 8, 2011 at 1:00 p.m., also at the main library. Both meetings are open to the public with the exception of any Executive Session that may be called. For more information contact the library at 419-399-2032.

ANTWERP LIBRARY BRANCH CLOSING FOR RENOVATION

The Antwerp Branch of the Paulding County Carnegie Library will be closed the week of December 12th. New carpeting for the library will be installed. "We are very excited about the new carpet," shared Laura Woodcox, Branch Manager. "It will give our branch a boost and really compliment the new shelving in the children's room. We appreciate the Friends of the Antwerp Branch Library and the Board of Trustees of the Paulding County Carnegie Library for their support in purchasing and installing the carpet. What would we do without Friends!?"

The Branch will reopen on Monday, December 19th through the 23rd and will then close from Saturday the 24th through Monday the 26th for the Christmas holiday, reopening on Tuesday, December 27th.

For more information about the Antwerp Branch Library, call 419-258-2855 or the main historic Carnegie library in Paulding at 419-399-2032.

CORRECTION

In last week's paper announcing a 60th wedding anniversary an error was made with the couples' last name. Their name is Rollin & Mary Lou (Carder) Bullinger.

CAREER DAY AT OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY



Travis Adkins graduated from West Point Military Academy. He is shown with his niece Kalyn Goshia. Travis shared with the students about his goal of going to West Point all through high school and what it actually took to be able to achieve that goal.

Oakwood Elementary hosted a Career Day on Thursday, December 1st. There were 15 adults who came to visit the students and share information with them about their careers.

Sue Thomas from Cooper Library in Oakwood shared stories with the students.

Oakwood Police Officer Mark Figert talked about his responsibility to the community of Oakwood as a police officer.

Athena Brown from Cooper Farms talked about job opportunities and responsibilities at Cooper's.

Dr. John Saxton spoke

with student Jessica Weller about his job as a Chiropractor.

Chris Etzler talked with Hunter Kesler about his position as Athletic Director and Dean of Students at Paulding High School.

Dave Cline spoke with the sixth graders about his job as the County Jail Administrator.

Brian Schlatter from CJ Natural Meats and Cheeses gave a talk on how cheese is made. Joseph Estle and Mason Schlatter each got to hold a round of cheese made by Brian.

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Former Paulding resident **Woodrow "Woody" P. Schey**, 98, died Monday, November 28, 2011 at Hospice Home of North-east Indiana, Fort Wayne, IN.

He was born December 13, 1912 in Leipsic, OH the son of Walter S. and Jessie E. (Pickens) Schey. On December 25, 1936 he married Gladys Faye Tooman, who preceded him in death on August 28, 2010. He retired in 1977 from American Electric Power as area manager. He was previously employed by Central Ohio Light Power and Ohio Power. He was a member of River Savior Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne; Elks Club; Kiwanis; Auglaize Country Club; and Flat Rock Lodge F&AM. He was a past Paulding Library Board president and Paulding Chamber of Commerce.

He is survived by a daughter, Cheryl (Stephen) Shambaugh of Fort Wayne; a son, Gerald Schey of Fremont, OH; a brother, Gene (Shirley) Schey of Findlay; two sisters: Mildred Taylor Findlay, and Helen O'Dell of Bradenton, FL; six grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; wife; two brothers: Donald and Robert Schey; and two sisters: infant, Doris Schey and Betty Jane Rump.

Funeral services were conducted December 5, 2011 at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Paulding, with Rev. Karen Stetins officiating. Burial was in Sugar Ridge Cemetery, Leipsic.

Donations may be made to St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church; or Hospice Home of Northwest Indiana. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Former Scott, OH resident, **Joan G. Lambright**, 80, died

Sunday, November 27, 2011 at Community Health Professionals Inpatient Hospice, Defiance, OH.

She was born November 7, 1931 in Terre Haute, IN the daughter of Vaughn and Maria C. (Dupke) Grubaugh. On June 3, 1951 she married Maxie Joe Lambright, who survives. She was employed by Wayne Trace Schools for 35 years retiring in 1989. She was a member of Paulding County Retired Teachers Association.

She is survived by her husband, Maxie Joe Lambright of Defiance; three sons: Maxie Jay (Sarah) Lambright of Beachwood, OH, Steven Michael (Kate) Lambright of Ann Arbor, MI, and Jeffrey Alan (Mary) Lambright of Bloomington, IN; a brother, Vaughn F. (Betty) Grubaugh Jr. of Lima, OH; grandchildren; and great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; and a sister, Mary Wetnight.

Funeral services were held at a later date.

Donations may be made to CHP Inpatient Hospice; Defiance College; or a charity of the donor's choice. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com. Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, is handling arrangements.

Robert Burr Duffey, 74, of Paulding died Thursday, December 1, 2011 at Community Health Professionals Hospice, Defiance, OH.

He was born August 28, 1937 in Toledo, OH, the son of George R. and Eleanor L. (Saul) Duffey. On August 30, 1958 he married Barbara Ann Focht. He was employed by BF Goodrich retiring in 2005 after 44 years. He was a member of Calvary Bible Church, Paulding where he was a deacon.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Duffey of Paulding; his mother, Eleanor Duffey of Genoa, OH; a son, Robert (Mary) Duffey of Paulding; four daughters: Larisa (Juan) Maristany, Laramie, Wyoming, Shari (Gary) Gallant of Defiance, Jeane (Bill) Shawver of Grove City, OH, and Tena (Jeremy) Crist of Fort Wayne, IN; a brother, T. Michael Duffey of Tampa, FL; three sisters: Barbara (Richard) Mackling of Inverness, FL, Kathy Duffey Hardin of Woodville, OH, and Virginia (Earl) O'Hara of Genoa, OH; and 12 grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his father; a daughter, Laura

L. Duffey; brother-in-law, Don Hardin; and a sister-in-law, Marsha Duffey.

Memorial services were held December 10, 2011 at Calvary Bible Church, Paulding, with Dr. Tiberius Rata officiating. Burial was in the Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp.

Donations may be made to Defiance Area Youth For Christ, or CHP Inpatient Hospice. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com. Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, is handling arrangements.

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He is preceded in death by his father; a daughter, Laura L. Duffey; brother-in-law, Don Hardin; and a sister-in-law, Marsha Duffey.

Memorial services will be held 11 AM Saturday, December 10 at Calvary Bible Church, Paulding, Ohio with Dr. Tiberius Rata officiating. Burial will be in the Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp. Visitation will be 10 AM until time of services on Saturday at the church.

Donations may be made to Defiance Area Youth For Christ; CHP Inpatient Hospice; or a charity of the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Donna Rae Kuhn, 77, of Payne passed away Thursday, December 1, 2011 at her residence.

Donna was born in Payne on December 26, 1933, a daughter of the late Helen (Ruger) and Glenn Kilpatrick. She worked as a registered nurse at Dallas Lamb Foundation Home & Van Wert Manor and was a member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish. On June 11, 1955 she married Daniel Kuhn, who passed away November 7, 1993.

Donna will be sadly missed by her children: Robert and Jean, both of Payne; grandchildren: Daniel and Natalie; siblings: Howard Kilpatrick

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding."
—Proverbs 3:5

WHY SHOULD I FORGIVE?

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

The Thanksgiving and Christmas season can be times that are stressful, especially if we encounter relationships with others that are not healthy or wholesome.

David Jeremiah tells the story of poet Edwin Markham, who—as he approached retirement—discovered the man to whom he had entrusted his financial portfolio had spent every single penny. Markham's dream of a comfortable retirement had vanished in an instant.

Of course he was furious; and with time, his bitterness grew by leaps and bounds. One day, Markham found himself trying to calm down by diverting his attention to drawing circles on a piece of paper. Looking again at the circles he had drawn on the paper, Markham was inspired to write the following lines:

"He drew a circle to shut me out,
Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout;
But love and I had the wit to win,
We drew a circle to take him in."

Those words today are by far Markham's most famous among his hundreds of poems, but more important than his professional accomplishment is the freedom from anger he experienced by offering forgiveness to the man who stole his lifelong savings.

Are you plagued by anger and bitterness? Have you been holding a grudge? Forgiveness is a healing experience, not just because it frees the offender but because it can free you from the hurt.

The scriptures teach us about the necessity of forgiveness when it says, Ephesians 4:32 (ASV), "and be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, even as God also in Christ forgave you."

(Turning Point Daily Devotional, 11-17-05)

For more information about the work of Youth for Christ, you may contact Youth for Christ at 419-782-0656, P.O. Box 111, 210 Clinton Street, Defiance, Ohio 43512, or email to: defycf@embarqmail.com

HOMEMADE COOKIE & CANDY WALK AT PAULDING UMC

The Paulding United Methodist Church is hosting its annual Homemade Cookie and Candy Walk on Saturday, December 10, in the church fellowship hall (basement) from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. (or until gone).

Homemade cookies and candies along with other baked goods will be available for purchase at the annual event. An elevator is available for use for those who would like to use it.

"YOU'LL SHOOT YOUR EYE OUT"

By: Regan Clem, Riverside Christian Church

A Christmas Story was released in 1983 to moderate success. From those humble beginnings, it has become a perennial Christmas movie, a movie so popular that even CC Banks Productions is presenting the play adaptation this Christmas season in Antwerp.

One of the most famous lines in the show is Ralphie being told by his teacher, by his mother, and even by Santa, that he will shoot his eye out if he gets the official Red Ryder, carbine action, 200-shot range model air rifle.

And as we see, the warnings were right. Ralphie heads out to play with his newly received Red Ryder BB gun and on his first shot has the BB rebound off of a tin sign and break his glasses.

I don't know if you were ever warned not to do something, but desired it so much or were just rebellious enough

SANTA'S WORKSHOP OPEN AT RIVERSIDE FAMILY CENTER

Riverside Christian Church will be hosting a "Santa's Workshop" for children of all ages to come in and purchase gifts for their parents on December 11, 2011 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. The Workshop will be held at the Riverside Family Center, located at the corner of SR 49 and Rd. 192 (River Rd.). Children can browse the workshop while parents relax and visit in Santa's Wonderland with refreshments.

Children will have the opportunity to wrap their presents before meeting back up with parents in the Wonderland area to visit with Santa. All items will be inexpensive and the wrapping station is free! Don't forget your cameras to get a picture with Santa!

All proceeds from this event will go to the children and youth programs at Riverside Christian Church.

SHELDON MENCER IN CONCERT IN PAULDING COUNTY CHURCHES

Sheldon Mencer, lead singer of the group Mencer, White and Cheney, will be performing in concert at Churches of God in Paulding and Putnam counties. He will be in concert Saturday, December 10 at 6:00 p.m., at First Church of God, Dupont; Rose Hill Church of God, Paulding, will host him on Sunday, December 11, in the 10:30 a.m. worship service; and the final concert will be held at Auglaize Chapel Church of God, Oakwood, on Sunday, December 11, at 6:00 p.m.

Mencer sings and plays piano, bass and guitar, and has traveled extensively ministering solo, as well as with the trio, Mencer, White and Cheney. He has written more than 300 songs with many artists recording them, such as Janet Paschal, the Kingsmen, the Nelons, Gold City and others. In addition to his singing, he is a music teacher for Coshoc-ton City Schools. Pastors Jim States, Ron Hofacker and Stan Harmon invite the public to attend these concerts. A freewill offering will be collected.

SENIOR BREAKFAST at Gardens of Paulding
Tuesday, Dec. 13
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Any seniors are invited free of charge



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that you did it anyway. I remember when I was four my parents would let me play outside in the yard. We lived in the country on a farm with many barns. The rule was that I was not to go into the hayloft. One day, while climbing into the hayloft, my hands slipped off of the handle and I fell, whacking my head onto a horse feeder. A concussion and stitches later I realized the err of my young ways.

As adults, we often become too prideful to take the advice of others and avoid things that are harmful for us. We might hear grown-up versions of "You'll shoot your eye out" or "You can't go in the hayloft," but we are talented at ignoring the warnings. For starters, we rephrase them. Things like sexual immorality become casual sex or porn. Pride, the word I used at the beginning of this paragraph, becomes self-esteem and a feeling that we are expected to feel about our homeland if we want to be patriotic. Usury becomes the normal means of the haves helping the have-nots. We imagine appropriate scenarios where murder, which was forbidden, is allowed. And with greed, we don't even try to morph it. Society has adopted the Gordon Gekko's moniker from the movie Wall Street that "Greed is good." We have a difficult time staying away from the sins that God has told us to stay away from. In the many years since the time of Jesus, even before the time of Jesus, humanity has mastered justifying our sinful lifestyles as necessary means to our selfish—although we wouldn't dare use that word—ends. We have become experts at disguising and justifying our

sinful lifestyles, and we, our families, and our society pays the consequence for that mistake. There. I just did it. I used the word mistake rather than sin.

"Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel'" (Mark 1:14-15 ESV).

Repent. That just means to turn away from the life you are currently living. You can't stay on the same course if you are going to repent. The word in the Greek here is metanoeo. It's the combination of two words. The preposition "meta," which means "after" or "with," and the verb "noeo," which means to "perceive" or "think." The idea is that our actions will change once we shift our thinking.

On a simple level, it would be learning new information and changing your actions because of it. Many of us travel to Fort Wayne. We have our routes that we take. An unrepentant person would be one who learns of a different way that would save them ten minutes but continues to do it the way they have always done it. A repentant person would be one who changes their course based upon the new information. That might be a light-hearted explanation of repentance, but I hope you get the idea.

During the Christmas season, we are faced with new information. God came to the earth in the form of a little baby. He came for a few major reasons. One was to be the sacrifice for our sins. Another was to transform God's kingdom. The other was to show us how to live our lives. It is

in this latter that he wants to tell us, "You'll shoot your eye out if you continue to live the life that you are currently living." God knows what is best for us. He came down to earth to live with all of our vulnerabilities to show us what is best for us. When we believe that He knows and has shown what is best for us, that is the information that should cause us to change. That is the gospel that should bring about repentance. What needs to change in your life as a result of the truth that God knows what is best for us?

If you are looking for a church home this holiday season, I invite you to come join us at Riverside Christian Church. Throughout this month, we will be exploring the themes of A Christmas Story. Sunday, December 14, will be "Oh, I hate the smell of Tapioca."

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 10:30 a.m. at Riverside Christian Church. Located at the corner of 192 & SR 49.

THANK YOU

The family of Kenneth Parrish would like to thank everyone who said a prayer for us, spent time with us, sent cards and flowers or brought food to help us through this difficult time. Special thanks to Shawn Dooley and his staff, Reverend Mike Schneider, and the ladies of the Antwerp United Methodist and Antwerp Divine Mercy for the funeral dinner they prepared for us. Words cannot express how grateful we are for all that you did.

- Donna Parrish, Richard & Cheryl Parrish family,
- Steve & Joyce Parrish family,
- Ron & Jean Parrish family,
- Anna Conley family,
- Christine Parrish,
- Don & Lonna Nelson family,
- Craig & Pam Mills family,
- Jim & Kim Bowers family,
- Joe Crabill,
- Jeff & Chris Crabill family

5TH ANNUAL LIBRARY WINTER WONDERLAND PARTY

'Tis the season to be jolly and join the party at the Paulding County Carnegie Library. Mark your calendar now for the 5th Annual Winter Wonderland Party to be held on Thursday, December 8th in the Children's Room of the main historic Carnegie library in Paulding. Children are invited to visit anytime from 6:00-7:30 p.m. to have a free photo taken with Santa. Santa visitors will follow a wintery path through a forest of Christmas trees while they make their way to see this jolly ol' elf. Partygoers will also enjoy refreshments, make a craft and go home with a fun goody bag. Enjoy the sounds of the seasons, twinkling lights and beautiful decorations, plus check out the library's selection of awesome books and movies during this fun-filled event. For more information contact the library at 419-399-2032.

BIBLE QUESTIONS

By: James Potter, Oakwood church of Christ

1. Acts 20:28 – How was Christ's church purchased?
2. Acts 20:29 – After Paul's departure what would come in among the church or believers? NKJV
3. Acts 20:30 – From among yourselves men will rise up, saying what? NKJV
4. Acts 20:32 – Who did Paul commend the brethren to? NKJV
5. Acts 20:34 – What had provided Paul with his necessities? NKJV
6. Acts 20:35 – What was the words of the Lord Jesus? NKJV
7. Acts 20:36 – What did Paul do after telling them these things? NKJV
8. Acts 20:38 – What were the Ephesian elders sorrowing over? NKJV
9. Acts 21:1 – Name the three places that Paul passed through? NKJV
10. Acts 21:4 – Through the Spirit, what did the disciples tell Paul? NKJV

Comments, good or bad, and Bible questions let us know, by calling Lonnie Lambert 419-399-5022 or James Potter at 419-393-4775. Loved ones, please continue to pray, study, and thank our heavenly father for all that he does for us each day. Jesus loves all of us and wants us to do the same. Bible answers to last week's questions next:

1. The disciples who were traveling with Paul Acts 20:1; and verses 4 and 5.
2. Paul
3. Day of Pentecost
4. Paul proclaimed the Gospel to them, taught them publicly and from house to house.
5. Jews and Greeks
6. Chains and tribulations awaited
7. With Joy
8. That they would see his face no more
9. The blood of all men
10. The whole counsel of God.

DIVINE MERCY STUDENTS VISIT JPMS MUSEUM



The students from Divine Mercy Catholic School in Payne recently traveled to the Paulding Historical Museum. While at the museum the students went on a tour of the facilities and saw all the decorated trees in the Festival of Trees. Everyone then enjoyed a snack and a visit with the

"talking" Christmas tree. Pictured above are some of the students with Mr. Joe Linder, a teacher from Divine Mercy School. Divine Mercy School also had a tree in the festival, which won the Children's Choice pick for the festival. A great time was had by all.

THANK YOU

On behalf of the staff and board members of the Paulding County Health Department, thank you for your recent support of the health levy.

Your continued support will allow us to make Paulding County a healthier and safer community to live in for all residents.

We thank you for the passage of the renewal levy.
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Doris Smith, Board President
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MONTHLY SENIOR BREAKFAST AT GARDENS OF PAULDING

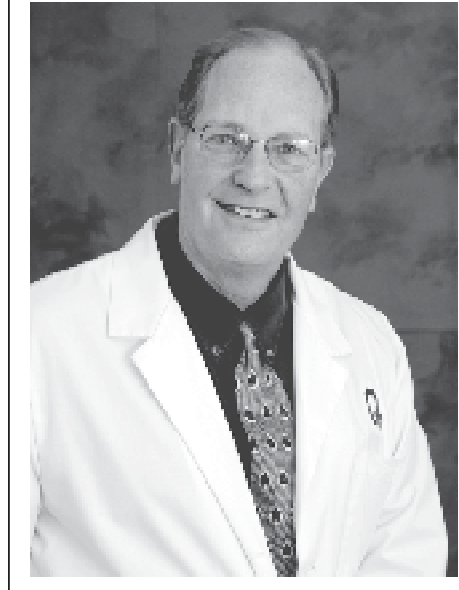
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REMEMBERING JFK AT CHRISTMAS

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

It hits me toward the end of November every year—I reflect back upon the Kennedy assassination. November 22, 1963. Who of us over the age of 35 or so could not remember where we were when we heard the news?

The nation was brought to a standstill. The medium of television came into its own. And the course of history was changed.

Being a Kennedy Assassination buff, I had the privilege several years ago of being in Dallas for a conference. Of course, I squeezed into my schedule a visit to Dealey Plaza and the Texas School Book Depository.

There it was. Just like I'd seen it scores of times on TV. The grassy knoll. The hairpin curve of Elm Street where the motorcade travelled. The underpass that led to the freeway where the limousine sped toward Parkland Memorial Hospital. It was all there.

Today they have developed a national museum in the School Book Depository building. It is appropriately named, "The Sixth Floor."

What a moving experience for me to be able to stand where the alleged assassin pulled the trigger and altered the events of history.

But what I wasn't prepared for was the attitude of the people on the streets outside the book depository building. When we came back out of the museum and onto Elm Street, folks were simply moving and walking about as if nothing had happened. They weren't particularly impressed like I was that day.

How can that location in Dallas NOT move people or cause them to reflect? Easy. The answer, as obvious as it was, finally dawned on me. Familiarity. The people of Dallas were so familiar with what had happened there that they were now bored

with it all.

No big deal. Though the course of this nation was literally changed in a matter of seconds on the fateful day in Dallas those many years ago, for the people on Elm Street today there are taxis to catch, appointments to run to, and other things to think about.

The more I reflected on that, the more I realized how it's part of human nature. Familiarity clouds memory. The impact lessens. The remembrance fades. The recollection dulls.

Maybe that's why it's so important that every year we remember the birth of the Savior during the Christmas season. The events of 2000 years ago cannot be forgotten. We need to remember them.

Sure, I enjoy the celebration and festivity of Christmas as much as the next guy. I guess I'm still a kid at heart. I love the music, the family gatherings, and opening up of presents.

But what I want to remember the most is the birth of the Savior. The story of Mary and Joseph. Bowing Shepherds. Travelling Wise men. Proclaiming Angels. And a baby lying in a manger.

The birth of the Savior is still vivid. It's always fresh. I never tire of it. May we not become so familiar with the Christmas story that we lose its significance. May we not yawn through the old recounting of how Mary gave birth to a baby Who was Christ the Lord.

For it was the events of a quiet stable in Bethlehem that had a greater impact on human history than a busy street in Dallas on a chilly day in November. The events of that first Christmas truly changed the course of history... and the course of my life as well.

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"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": VAN WERT ROTARY DONATES TO VANTAGE INTERACT CLUB



Van Wert Rotary Club members (back row) Eric Hurless, Staci Kaufman, Gary Taylor, Donna Grimm, Barb Thompson, Pete Prichard, and Deb Russell present a donation to the Vantage Interact Club officers Caleb Lawrence (Wayne Trace), Jasmine Price (Antwerp), MacKenzie Hanenkratt (Paulding) and advisor, Peg Bollenbacher.

By: Peg Bollenbacher, advisor to the Vantage Interact Club

Vantage Career Center has had an organized Interact Club for approximately nine years. An Interact Club is a high school Rotary Club. The motto of Rotary is "service above self." At Vantage, we believe that community service is a vital concept that every student should participate in. An Interact Club must have an International project. The Vantage Interact Club project is a carpentry class in Bordes, Haiti. Our club has created, supported and maintained this program and graduated four classes. We could give the Haitians a fish and feed them for a day, or teach them to fish and feed them for a lifetime. The Haitian people are very proud and hardworking and would prefer to work to support their families, instead of relying on aid and charity.

Upon graduation, each of our Haitian students receives a diploma and about \$300-\$400 in hand tools. Not only is it important to teach them a skill but to also give them the tools to perform the skills. Many Vantage students have made the trip to Haiti to make cultural exchanges and to see firsthand how their actions are serving people's needs.

In non-graduation years, the Interact Club will continue to fund raise to aid in local, state and national projects. We have donated tens of thousands of dollars to these projects. Van Wert, Mercer, Paulding, Putnam and Allen county residents have been recipients of our donations. The Interact Club recognizes that there are needs within our own communities and tries to respond as much as we can.

CONGRESSMAN LATTA CO-SPONSORS STOCK ACT

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) has become a co-sponsor of the Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge (STOCK) Act, H.R. 1148. The bill would ban members of Congress and federal employees from trading stock based on nonpublic information they receive during their work.

"Currently, insider trading rules only apply to Wall Street and not Members of Congress and their staff," said Rep. Latta. "I believe the same standards we have established for Wall Street, should apply to Congress. There is no good reason why Congress should play by a different set of rules in the stock market," added Rep. Latta.

What the STOCK Act Does: Prohibits Members, their

The Van Wert Rotary Club gives us financial and generational support. The adult Rotary members provide the Interact members with adult guidance and support by attending our meetings. This relationship is unique and challenging. The students thrive on the adult guidance and support. The adults thrive on the energy and enthusiasm of the students. It has proved to be a perfect match.

On November 3, 2011, 93 students were inducted in the Interact Club. The Vantage Interact Club is the largest Club in the state of Ohio and the second largest Club in the United States. This is quite an accomplishment for our small rural career center in Ohio. Vantage students have proven that nothing is impossible and pursue their projects with determination and pride. The annual Interact Club Carnival was held on Monday, November 21, 2011 and an additional \$900 was raised through games, activities and events.

Peg Bollenbacher, faculty advisor to the Interact Club, has watched this project progress from its infancy to a fully functional organization. She has learned from the student's involvement to NEVER underestimate the power of a young person's mind and heart, because they truly do care about their future and the welfare of their own communities. With our projects, we believe we can give back to our communities that have given so much to us. We cannot express our appreciation enough to the Van Wert Rotary Club for all the support and cooperation that they have given to our organization.

staff, Executive branch employees, and any other person from buying or selling securities, swaps, or commodity futures based on congressional and executive branch nonpublic information; It also requires more timely disclosure of financial transactions above \$1,000 for those Members and staff that are already required to file annual financial disclosures;

Amends House ethics rules to prohibit Members and their employees from disclosing any non-public information about any pending or prospective legislative action for investment purposes; and

Requires firms that specialize in "political intelligence" who use information obtained from Congress to make financial transactions to register with the House and Senate - just like lobbying firms are now required to do.

LOCAL HS EXCHANGE COORDINATOR CURRENTLY ACCEPTING HOST FAMILY APPLICATIONS

Tis' the season for giving and opening your heart and home. Bill and Patty Weber, international exchange coordinator for nonprofit EF Foundation for Foreign Study, is currently accepting applications for host families for January 2012 or fall 2012. Host families open their homes to a 15-18 year old from one of 25 countries around the world. Students come for one or two semesters, and attend a local high school. Through the exchange experience, both student and family get the chance to learn about a new culture and promote global understanding, right here in our community.

"Host families represent the diversity of America, and come from different backgrounds and family situations," explained Patty Weber. "Among those who enjoy hosting are parents looking to give their own kids a glimpse of the world. But there are also many successful host families who have no children, or who have adult children, and are looking for new ways to connect to their communities. Being part of exchange is a great way to give back this holiday season and maybe check off that New Year's resolution to learn more about the world in 2012."

Host family applicants undergo a screening process to ensure that they are well suited for an exchange experience. To host, one adult in the household must be at least 25 years old.

Headquartered in Cambridge, Massachusetts, EF Foundation for Foreign Study is the leader in high school exchange. Committed to promoting international understanding and global awareness for over 30 years, EF Foundation brings more students to the United States each year than any other high school exchange program. Since 1979, the organization has matched over 100,000 enthusiastic students from around the world with caring host families across the United States. EF Foundation is designated by the United States Department of State as an Exchange Program Sponsor.

Learn more about high school exchange at effoundation.org or contact Patty Weber at pw42465@yahoo.com and/or 419-393-2658.

THANK YOU


A heartfelt thank you to all of our family and friends for thinking of us on our 65th anniversary. Everything was appreciated more than you could ever imagine.

—Gene & Cara Lou Handy

LEARN BASIC DRAWING SKILLS!

Have you ever wanted to learn how to draw? Now is your chance to learn and be inspired by a professional. New York City interior designer and fine artist, Garret Dangler (a native of Oakwood) will be holding a free art class on December 15th. The class will be held at the historic Paulding County Carnegie Library in Paulding from 5:30-7:30 p.m., and is open to anyone age 16 or older who has an interest in drawing. Participants may bring their own art work they wish to discuss or show examples of artistic works they have found to be influential. Paper and pencils will be provided, although those attending may also bring their own drawing materials. Space is limited to 16 persons, so pre-registration is required. Call 419-399-2032 now to register for this special class or for more information.

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HI-CALIBRE

By: Stan Jordan

I was born in Texas, across the Brazo's in Waco in 1810 at an early age. I had a good home life, but I left anyhow. While I was home, we boys shot a lot with our muzzle loader. We ate all the game that we shot. Plus we shot at targets a lot.

I rambled all over Texas territory and kept working my way south from Waco over down through San Antonio.

There was a lot of unrest in Texas—lots of politicking and people with their own views.

Some people were all for Texas and some didn't care. The Spanish people were undecided about who they wanted to be under. Men like Houston and Austin were pushing statehood and were causing trouble and unrest over in old Mexico.

I rode into San Antonio in early February of 1836. Everybody was excited because the Mexican Army was coming into the area.

All the available men were in an old mission called The Alamo, a short distance outside of town. It was remodeled into a pretty good fortification.

There were over 100 Texas volunteers and then a lot of other fellows who volunteer to help defend the fort.

There were leaders like Travis and Bowie who had military experience, but most were men who could shoot

pretty good and take orders.

Well, let me tell you that the gist of this story is to tell you that there was a survivor of that siege. Nearly all the stories you read told you that all the men, over 200 of them perished. But, I alone survived, let me tell you about it.

We worked for five days to get all of our supplies into the fort and we were in good shape.

The Mexican General Santa Anna had about 5,000 of his troops arrive and camped just outside the range of our cannons. It was February 23, 1836.

Well, they attacked time after time. This went on for days. We lost a lot of men and they lost a lot more than we did, but they kept coming.

I tell you it was hell. Our cannons firing, their cannon balls exploding and the screams of the wounded, the mad shouts of the living, and the smoke and fires, hour after hour, day after day. Men's minds were also wearing out.

Well, on the last day there, there were only a few of us alive and able to fight. There were Mexican soldiers all over climbing the walls in lots of places.

I was running past a supply wagon when I was hit by a rifle ball and went to the ground. I don't know how long I laid there. After I regained conscious, I realized I was still alive but with a terrible headache and dried blood on one side of my face from a furrow the rifle ball left along the left side of my head.

All this shouting had stopped and it was quiet except for the crackling of the many fires and the singing and shouting of the victorious Mexicans.

It was dark and somehow I crawled up the main stringer that runs up front to rear under the wagon bed. I could move my arms and legs and I guessed that I was all in one piece, but I don't know how.

Everyone of the defenders were dead. The Mexicans had found the liquor supply for the canteen and most were drunk and having a good time and did not have any guards out.

Sometime about 3:00 a.m. a drunk soldier was staggering by my hiding place, so I got up and half carried and led him over to the back gate. I laid him down and I sneaked out to the dark and wasn't detected. If I had told this story at that time, I would have been branded a coward for life. But you and I know the real story.

See ya!



By: Stan Jordan

One day a blonde and a brunette were walking on the street and the brunette said, "Look, there is a dead bird."

The blonde immediately looked up and said, "Where, Where?"

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John received a phone call from his blonde girl friend. She said, "I bought this new jigsaw puzzle and I can't figure it out. There are no rims or edges and nothing fits, I just can't figure it out."

So, John goes over and sees that she has the kitchen table covered with puzzle.

He says, "What is the picture on the box?"

She replies, "It is a tiger."

John says, "Please hand me that box so I can put these Kellogg's Sugar Frosted Flakes back in it."

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See ya!

BILLIE METZGER'S JOURNAL CHAPTER 34: MORE ON THE BLIZZARD

By: Stan Jordan

We were snowed in at Lewellen for a couple days. We didn't do much maintenance because of no protection from the weather. We just stayed inside and drank coffee and ate hot biscuits.

Well, we are on the road now headed for North Platte. We stopped at a couple more stage coach stops and this is a well traveled part of the Oregon Trail.

We pulled into a big livery stable and took care of the animals first with a little extra grain.

Hiram worked on his books and records and we three greased all the wagons and checked the wheels and harness. We let the horses rest and us also. We had hotel rooms and a real bed.

We left early in the a.m. out of North Platte. The weather is cold but no new snow has fallen.

On Christmas Eve we stopped at Twin Pines Wells Fargo Stage Stop. After we did all the chores we took in our little 'Jim Dandy' kerosene stove.

We had plenty of coffee and the manager's wife had boiled dinner with venison and apple pie. Boy, what a treat! We talked most of the night and even played a few cards.

Jim figured that the animals needed another day of rest, so we laid around and left early the next morning, planning on the next stage stop which is 20 miles and called The Double Tree.

I haven't written for a few

days. We stopped at some more stage stops and we should get into Fort Kearney tomorrow. That will be January 5th, I think.

Well, we have been here in Kearney for three days now. Let me tell you about it. Our last time out was back at a stage stop with 20 miles before we get into Fort Kearney.

A Pony Express rider passed us about 10:00 in the morning and he waved and raced right by. We kept right on moving and a big batch of black clouds rolled in from the northwest. By now it started to snow great big flakes. The longer we rode the more it snowed. The snow was getting deep but it was light and we plowed right along. Well, with my heavy clothes and buffalo robe things were not all that bad. Well, it was getting dark and no signs of the snow stopping. We must have had eight inches by this time and we were punching our own trail. It seemed like Fort Kearney would never show up. We plodded on and on, I even thought we might have made a wrong turn somewhere. After awhile it was dark and the snowing stopped, but the white snow made it easier to see and that big dark mess up ahead was Fort Kearney, I was sure glad to get off and stretch and rest myself, this was almost like going home.

Like before, we tended to all the animals first. We took inside our big grease bucket and we also wiped the animals dry and brush them a little.

We went down to the hotel and it is full up and they let us sleep in the big room on the floor. It is our job to keep the big fire going in the fireplace.

As it was after 8:00 p.m. we had a good table in the restaurant. We had fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy and noodles, sauerkraut and sugar cream pie.

We had carried in our buffalo robes and after we fixed the fire we all fell asleep in a hurry. We slept in that first morning and after a good breakfast we just sat and talked about that big storm yesterday.

Pretty soon the company runner came and said the general wanted to see all of us at 10:00 a.m. The general was glad to see all of us again and told us all to sit down. After a few minutes of greetings and late news he told us why he called us in. He said a few months back Limping Buffalo, the Shaman, Chief White Elk and two Indian braves made a call to the post commanders office. The gist of this visit was that tribe of Lakotas would like for El Paso Sam to be their Indian Agent. They said, "He is a good man, talks straight and honest good man."

Then General Kearney explained to them he would send in his application and he would recommend it, but first he would have to ask Sam to see if he wanted this job. Well, that surprised Sam and he was at a loss for words.

Then the General told us what the U.S. Government does for the Indians through the Indian Agents. They are given blankets, medicine, some food, advice and other help. The government will furnish a building to store

MR & MRS. DENNIS BRINKMAN CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF MARRIAGE



Dennis and Rita Brinkman of Antwerp celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 2, 2011. The couple were married on December 2, 1961 in Kalida, OH at the St. Michael's Catholic Church.

Dennis and Rita have one son, Jeffrey of Fort Wayne, IN. They celebrated the occasion early, on October 30th with family and friends. They are planning a winter trip also.

the commodities and also a couple rooms for the agent's family. Plus a shed or barn for the animals. Plus pretty good pay by the month and job security and that the government is starting a good retirement system.

El Paso Sam is still listening as he never did talk very much. The general talked about how the Indians really respected El Paso Sam and wanted him to bed the go between in all future rulings.

Well, the meeting ended and the general asked Sam

if he could tell him his answer the next day. Then Sam said, "I am under contract to Hiram until we go to Independence then back to Sutter's Mill in California. Then when I return to here at Ft. Kearney it would be this time next year in January of 1852."

We will discuss this tonight and we will all meet here tomorrow about the same time.

Next Week: Sam's Decision

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# LADY WARRIORS PICKUP WIN



Woodlan Lady Warriors started off their season well in basketball and did not disappoint against Eastside November 29. Woodlan finished the match 48-41 keeping ahead the entire game. Shown above is senior Katie Knoblauch scoring for Woodlan. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)

## WARRIOR BOYS' BB SEASON OPENER

By: Jeff Abbott

The boys' basketball season opener on Thanksgiving Eve was a homecoming of sorts, as Woodlan re-introduced Dave Randall as the coach of the Warriors. Randall had the reins from 2000-2005. Al Gooden was introduced as the new coach of the New Haven Bulldogs. Gooden moved over to New Haven with the closing of Harding. The Hawks used

a late first quarter spurt to pull away from Woodlan to lead 23-11 after the first period and the Hawks soared to a 80-42 win. The Hawks' defense forced Woodlan turnovers to get points and then the Hawks took advantage of their height to put the ball in the paint to score. Notre Dame recruit, 6'7", VJ Beachem scored 25 points for New Haven and 6'9" Kyle Sovine got 16 points for the Bulldogs. Alex Emehiser led the scoring for Woodlan with 14 points.

Score by the quarter:  
 New Haven - 23 10 28 19=80  
 Woodlan - 11 17 7 7=42  
 Scores:  
 New Haven - Beachem 25, Sovine 16, DeCamp 10, Hogue 8, Ray 7, Stevenson 6, Hoffer 4, Heckley 2, Elwood 2  
 Woodlan - Emehiser 14, Harris 6, Patterson 5, Hines 4, Gerig 4, Bennett 4, Williams 2, Schwartz 2, Whitlow 1

## LADY WARRIORS JUMP AHEAD OF BLAZERS

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan jumped out to a 19-4 lead over Eastside at the end of the first quarter and then the Warriors hung on to get a 48-41 win over the Lady Blazers in girls' basketball. Lauren Ehle scored 17 of her game high 20 points in the first half to lead the Warriors. Eastside trimmed the Woodlan lead, using patience on offense to get open shots and used full-court pressure to create turnovers and trimmed to Woodlan lead to 6 points in the second half. Free throws in the final period sealed the win on the home court for Woodlan

Score by the quarter:  
 Eastside - 4 10 12 15=41  
 Woodlan - 19 9 8 12=48  
 Scorers:  
 Eastside - Graber 18, Ward 7, Jones 6, Crager 5, Shook 5  
 Woodlan - Ehle 20, Price 8, Malfait 6, Hostetler 6, Knoblauch 5, Gerbers 3

## ACAC ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM ANNOUNCED

**FIRST TEAM:**  
 WOODLAN - TJ Sewell (WR), Brock Hines (P), Cody Zink (DB)  
 LEO - Ryan Leiter (QB), Gage Corner (WR), Trevon Carr (RB), Justice Caley (DT/OL), Caleb Munson (LB), Austin Reschly (DT)  
**SECOND TEAM:**  
 WOODLAN - Zac Bo Haydock (FB), Jared Delegrange (OL), Nolan Bigelow (DE)  
 LEO - Braden Tribolet (OL), Taylor Horn (DB), Reid Rohrbacher (LB)

## PEVS RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM HOSTS SOUP & SANDWICH SUPPER

The Paulding Exempted Village School's Relay for Life team is sponsoring a soup and sandwich supper before the Paulding-Wayne Trace basketball game. The supper will be on Saturday, December 10, 2011. Serving will begin at 5:00 in the high school cafeteria/auditeria. Come have supper, stay for a great county match-up, and help a great cause—Relay for Life of Paulding County.

## 2011 GMC ALL-CONFERENCE FOOTBALL SELECTIONS

The Green Meadows Conference is proud to announce the All-Conference selections and Players of the Year for Football for the 2011 season:

**Offensive Player Of The Year** - Brody Flegal, Edgerton, 12

**Defensive Player Of The Year** - Seth Klepper, Hicksville, 12

**FIRST TEAM:**  
**Offensive Ends** - Nate Stark, Edgerton, 12; Matt Tobin, Fairview, 11; Dean Conley, Hicksville, 11

**Offensive Tackles** - Dylan Nickels, Edgerton, 12; Tyler Monroe, Hicksville, 12

**Offensive Guards** - Preston Knecht, Edgerton, 12; Gunner Shock, Hicksville, 12

**Offensive Center** - Zac Stoll, Hicksville, 12

**Quarterback** - Brody Flegal, Edgerton, 12

**Punter** - Nathan Stark, Edgerton, 12

**Running Backs** - Jimmy Radabaugh, Edgerton, 12; Seth Klepper, Hicksville, 12; Kipp McCann, Tinora, 11

**Place Kicker** - Austin Farrington, Tinora, 12

**Defensive Ends** - Jacob Adams, Edgerton, 11; Dylan Horner, Wayne Trace, 12

**Defensive Tackles** - Dylan Nickels, Edgerton, 12; Joe Contreras, Hicksville, 12; Pete Sinn, Wayne Trace, 12

**Linebackers** - Jeffrey Timbrook, Fairview, 11; Seth Klepper, Hicksville, 12; Kipp McCann, Tinora, 11

**Defensive Backs** - Nate Stark, Edgerton, 12; Brody Flegal, Edgerton, 12; Justin Miller, Hicksville, 12

**SECOND TEAM:**  
**Offensive Ends** - Jacob Adams, Edgerton, 11; Isaac Valle, Fairview, 12; Tyler McKenney, Tinora, 12

**Offensive Tackles** - Pete Sinn, Wayne Trace, 12; Austin Speice, Wayne Trace, 12

**Offensive Guards** - Austin Dangler, Tinora, 12; Brandon Rittenhouse, Tinora, 11

**Offensive Center** - Austin Little, Tinora, 12

**Quarterback** - Justin Miller, Hicksville, 12

**Punter** - Austin Farrington, Tinora, 12  
**Running Backs** - Justin Flory, Ayersville, 11; Marshall Gerschütz, Tinora, 12; Dylan Horner, Wayne Trace, 12  
**Place Kicker** - Seth Klepper, Hicksville, 12  
**Defensive Ends** - Austin Michael, Hicksville, 12; Tyler McKenney, Tinora, 12  
**Defensive Tackles** - Bowen Callaway, Edgerton, 11; Lorne Rossman, Fairview, 11; Austin Little, Tinora, 12  
**Linebackers** - Jimmy Radabaugh, Edgerton, 12; Charlie Emehiser, Hicksville, 12; Austin Speice, Wayne Trace, 12

**Defensive Backs** - Matt Tobin, Fairview, 11; Kurt Kahle, Tinora, 10; Austin Farrington, Tinora, 12

## HONORABLE MENTION:

Justin Bute, Antwerp, 11; Corbin Jones, Antwerp, 12; DJ Hageman, Ayersville, 10; Vinnie Perez, Ayersville, 12; Josiah Clifton, Edgerton, 12; Hunter Flower, Edgerton, 11; Andy Guilford, Fairview, 11; Tyler Nusbaum, Fairview,

11; Josh Kline, Hicksville, 11; Shane Bostic, Hicksville, 11; Jake Aelker, Holgate, 11; Ryan Aelker, Holgate, 12; Dylan Rumbaugh, Tinora, 11; Derek Drewes, Tinora, 10; Devon Stahl, Wayne Trace, 12; Tyler Arnett, Wayne Trace, 12

## LADY WARRIORS TAKE ACAC LOSS TO RAILROADERS

By: Jeff Abbott

Garrett exploded to a 24-6 lead in the first quarter and went on to post a 52-36 win in the ACAC girls' basketball opener against Woodlan. The lady Railroaders led 32-11 at the half. Lauren Ehle scored 11 points for the Warriors.

Score by the quarter:  
 Woodlan - 6 5 10 15=36  
 Garrett - 24 8 14 6=52

Scorers:  
 Woodlan - Ehle 11, Price 8, Knoblauch 8, Hostetler 4, Gerbers 4, Malfait 1  
 Garrett - Dawson 22, Knott 10, Wisel 6, DePew 6, Moynahan 4, Oliver 2, Creager 2

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# PAULDING FALLS TO ANTWERP



The Panthers took on Antwerp at home Saturday, December 3rd. The Archers had a strong first quarter, while Paulding had the better 2nd quarter. After the half both teams held tight with the 55-49 win going to Antwerp. Shown above is Paulding sophomore Kyle Kauser shooting while Archer senior Zach Dunlap attempting the block. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)



The Lady Archers went to Paulding November, 29. The first quarter showed the Panthers struggling to breathe while Antwerp dominated the court with a half time score of 29-9. The 2nd half, Paulding was on fire and closed the gap down to a 1 point game in the final minutes. Antwerp once again pulled the momentum to their side winning 46-40. Shown above is Archer senior AJ Stuck scoring. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)

# WTJH WRESTLERS IMPRESSIVE START

The Wayne Trace Junior High wrestlers saw their first action of the season on Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December at their own WTJH wrestling invitational. Consisting of 18 teams from around the area, this tournament is very competitive.

The WTJH wrestling team is comprised of five wrestlers this year. George Clemens IV is the sole 8<sup>th</sup> grader returning from last year's squad. He is joined by four incoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders: Brandon Laney, Caleb Schultz, Ruger Goeltzenleuchter, and Steve Torman. "We are a little low on numbers this year, but again, we have some quality wrestlers this year. We lack some experience, but as the season progresses, we will definitely improve," stated Coach Dennis Stabler.

The Raider squad opened the first round an impressive 5-0 with all five wins coming via pin. Nothing changed during the second round, as again all five Raider wrestlers won with pins. Confidence was starting to show as the team gained momentum with each win it collected.

Entering the third round, it was evident that nerves were a little higher. There were some very close matches this round and the raider team did suffer one loss. George Clemens IV started with a win via pin for the team, but then Brandon Laney suffered a loss from a talented Elida wrestler. Caleb Schultz put the team back on track with another strong performance. Ruger Goeltzenleuchter then followed with a hard fought impressive win. Steve Torman followed with one of the most exciting matches of the day. Trailing in score in the final seconds of the final period, Steve was able to hit a reversal, put his opponent on his back, and collect a win via pin. After this round no raider would be wrestling in the consolation as one would be wrestling for a third place and four found themselves in the championship match.

When all whistles stopped for the day, the team had three champions: George Clemens IV at 86lb., Ruger Goeltzenleuchter at 122lb., and Steve Torman at 142lb.; second place Caleb Schultz at 116lb.; and Brandon Laney, third at 98lb. This young Raider team had wrestled the entire day with only suffering two losses and winning all matches with pins. "I thought

# Paulding County's Students of the Month

NOVEMBER 2011

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

Katie Kohart is Student of the Month for Paulding High School. Katie is the daughter of Van & Jan Kohart. She is on the honor roll and is a Northwest Conference and District 7 Scholar Athlete. Katie is involved with activities such as: the varsity volleyball team libero and co-captain this year, track & field, a member of the National Honor Society, Senior Class President, Student Council President, Engineering Team member, Fellowship of Christian Athletes member, and participates in the school plays and musicals. She plans to attend college and majoring in Public Relations with a minor in Business and possibly going into campaign management in the future.



Fifth grader, Grant Bauble, has been selected as the Divine Mercy Catholic School Student of the Month. Grant is the son of Jack and Annette Bauble.

During his spare time, Grant enjoys playing football, watching the Green Bay Packers, and being a member of the school's Battle of the Books team.

In the classroom, Grant actively participates and shows consistently good work in all of his subjects. He is a very caring person. He can often be seen helping students in the classroom and in the younger classrooms.

At the Friday school Mass the students bring in items to support the local food pantry. At a certain point in the Mass the students bring their items to the front of church and place them in baskets. Grant saw that a younger student had nothing to bring up to the baskets, and he caringly gave that person one of his items so they could take something up too.

Erica Lynn Mohr is a 6th grader at Wayne Trace Payne Elementary. Her parents are Greg and Jennifer Mohr of Payne. Erica has 1 brother and 3 sisters. Her teachers this year are Mrs. Mead and Miss Martz. She loves to read. She has earned almost 600 AR points this school year, and her goal is to set a new AR record and earn over 1,200 points.

She also enjoys sports. Erica plays basketball, softball but her favorite sport is soccer. She plays Naz soccer. Other things she likes to do are playing piano and being with her friends. She is very thankful for God, her family and her friends.



Lily Sinn is a 6th grader at Wayne Trace Grover Hill Elementary. She is the daughter of Gary and Paulette Sinn. Lily is a great kid who gives 100% to everything she does, 100% of the time. She is very dependable and a pleasure to have in class. Her favorite subject in school is Math.

Lily loves to spend her spare time playing basketball and other sports, painting nails with friends, playing with her dogs, and cooking. She can also be found reading a good book. One of her favorite books is called So Not Happening. When asked what she would like to do in the future, Lily says she wants to be a kindergarten teacher. She says she really likes

to work with children and has really enjoyed her class's work with the kindergartners at school.



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we had an outside chance of placing the team, but you never really know. Picking up all the bonus points from the pins should probably put us up there in contention," commented coach Stabler.

As the teams were being announced on their places,

Wayne Trace was bypassed, and as fifth place was announced as Celina, the Raiders knew they had a minimum top four place. Delphos Jefferson would be called for fourth, and the team with only five wrestlers competing against teams with 15-17 wrestlers would be announced next, for their third place finish. "Most impressive," uttered the announcer as the Raider wrestling team was handed their award.

Coach Stabler noted, "We wrestled really well today. We are young and made some mistakes due to our inexperience, but overall, a really good tournament for us. This team is a little low on numbers, but high on talent. We are going to keep working throughout the year to make another run at a third consecutive GMC title." The WTJH wrestling team will travel to Allen East next Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> to participate in their invitational.

# BIG WIN FOR WARRIORS OVER EASTSIDE

By: Jeff Abbott

Third quarter pressure from the Woodlan defense helped create open shots for the Warriors and Woodlan capitalized, outscoring Eastside 20-12 in the quarter as the Warriors went on to get a 63-50 victory in boys' basketball. The Warriors led on the home floor by 2 after the first period and just 3 by the half. Nick Patterson came off the Woodlan bench and led the scoring for Woodlan, getting 19 points in the game. Brock Hines hit 3 three-pointers and finished with 11 and Sylvester Harris hit double figures with 14. The win was the first of the season for the Warriors.

Score by the quarter:  
Eastside - 8 16 12 14=50  
Woodlan - 10 17 20 16=63

Scores:  
Eastside - Brow 17, Yates 12, Dean 7, Yoder 7, Kaiser 4, Diehl 3

Woodlan - Patterson 19, Harris 14, Hines 11, Emehiser 10, Bennett 4, Gerig 3, Williams 2

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**PAULDING ELEMENTARY'S RECYCLING POSTER WINNERS**



Braeden Pease and Marvin Solares were selected as winners in the recycling poster contest at Paulding Elementary. Both boys are fourth graders. Braeden was selected as the grand prize winner. His poster will be displayed

on the billboard heading north of town on SR 127. He received a gift of \$50.00 for his outstanding work. Marvin's poster was also selected as a winning poster and he received a gift of \$25.00.

**RECYCLING POSTER CONTEST WINNERS AT ANTWERP ELEMENTARY**



Pictured are Elyse Steury, Mrs. Becky Suvar, and Carlie Hanes. Elyse and Carlie, 4th graders at Antwerp, were both recognized for their winning

entries in the Recycling poster contest. Carlie's poster will be put on a billboard east of Antwerp on Old highway 24.

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**

Tyson and Annette Belding of Oakwood are very proud to welcome their daughter, Trinity Jolene Belding born on October 12, 2011, at 3:59 p.m. at Promedica Defiance Regional Medical Center in Defiance, Ohio. Trinity weighed 6 pounds 5 ounces and measured 19½ inches long.

Proud grandparents are Susan Odom of Continental, OH, Danny and Laura Orr of Napoleon, OH, LuAnne and Roger Rettig of Continental, OH, and Tim and Lynn Belding of West Unity, OH.

Great-grandparents are John, Sr. and Beverly Odom of Ayersville, OH, Karen and Danny Orr of Hattiesburg, MS, Jeanne and the late James Belding of Wauseon, OH, the late Leatrice and the late Raymond Beck of Defiance, OH.

Also, Trinity has very many aunts, uncles and cousins to name that are very excited to welcome her home. This is Tyson and Annette's first child.

**THE HOLIDAY TREE**

By: **Jim Lopshire, Extension Educator**

With Christmas comes the purchase of a tree for the holiday season. A mistake many of us make is coming home with a cut tree that is too big. The key is to measure the height and width of the space where the tree is to be placed, and then measure—don't estimate—the tree to be purchased. The last thing an individual wants is to discover the tree is too tall or worse yet too wide to get into the house without significant trimming.

A cut tree will last the entire holiday season without becoming excessively dry or dropping an excessive amount of needles provided it is fresh when purchased and it is given the proper care. The most effective way for a buyer to evaluate the freshness of a cut tree is by how firmly the needles are attached to the branches. The easiest way to evaluate this is to lightly grasp a branch of the tree and gently pull the branch and needles through your hand. If the tree is fresh, very few needles will come off. Do not be concerned if excessive amounts of brown needles fall.

If the tree has been cut for more than six to eight hours, the trunk should be recut. Cut straight across, not at an angle, removing an inch or more from the bottom of the trunk. Be sure the container holds enough water and replenish it often enough that the water does not fall below the level of the cut trunk. If the water level is too low, the trunk will begin to seal. A cut tree will absorb a surprising amount of water, particularly during the first week. A tree with a two-inch diameter trunk may initially use two quarts of water per day; one with a four-inch diameter trunk may use more than four quarts per day.

In the home, the lower the room temperature and the higher the humidity, the longer a cut tree will last. If possible, turn down the temperature or at least partially close the heat vents in the room where the tree is located. Do not locate the tree near sources of heat such

as a fireplace, an open heat duct, a radiator, or in front of a window that receives the direct sunlight. If all of these recommendations are followed, you can buy and set up a tree now that should stay green through the first of the year.

**PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS & DISMISSALS**

*Admissions:*

11/21 - Kenneth Thomas, Paulding

11/23 - Alice Pacitti, Paulding

11/25 - Randy McNamara, Payne

*Dismissals:*

11/23 - Kenneth Thomas, Paulding

11/24 - Alice Pacitti, Paulding

**ANTWERP/PAYNE/PAULDING COUNTY CIC REORGANIZES IN RECENT MEETING**

The CIC held a re-organizational meeting at the town hall in Antwerp, November 29, 2011. President Randy Derck called the meeting to order, and a report was given by Secretary-Treasurer Sue Derck. The principal financial item of discussion was the acreage that the CIC had purchased many years ago as the Antwerp Industrial Park. Some of that land had been sold off for business development, but the majority has been farmed while waiting for an industrial business to purchase the land and locate there. Since the new 24 does not allow for good access to the land, it is not now in a good marketable location. The good side is that the land has appreciated over the years, and now that appreciation can be used to develop a more promising location, for instance, the Antwerp South Development. President Randy Derck was thanked by the group for managing the land, signing notes at the bank to keep the land loan afloat, and ending up

Woodlan Jr./Sr. High School  
**Student of the Month - November 2011**



Woodlan Jr./Sr. High School's student of the month is sophomore Haley Hostetler. Haley is the daughter of Heath and Mary Hostetler of New Haven. Haley earned this honor not only because she is a strong student, earning an 11.2 GPA on a 12.0 scale, but because she is an exceptionally hard worker who is also mature beyond her years. Haley's skill set is not limited to the academic classroom though, as she is also an active participant in athletics throughout the year. Haley has earned a varsity letter in every sport that she has participated in thus far in high school, which includes Cross Country, Basketball, and Softball.

She spends her spare time competing on a travel softball team or watching movies with her friends and family. Haley and her family are also active participants at Woodburn Missionary Church. She would love to someday play collegiate softball while studying to become a high school math teacher. Congratulations Haley!

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with a positive asset. Derck has been in this position of being President for over 30 years.

New CIC Board members were voted on and appointed. New persons are: Terry Smith, Mayor of Payne; Tom Van Vlerah, Mayor of Antwerp; Doug Bragg; John Kobee; Kirk Hopkins; Ken Reinhart, Antwerp Council; and Mark Hartman, Antwerp School Superintendent. Current members remaining on are: Randy Derck, President; Don Oberlin, Vice President; Sue Derck, Secretary-Treasurer; Larry Ryan, Antwerp Council; Ron Etzler, Payne Village Clerk; Tony Burkley, County Commissioner; Tony Langham, PCED Director; Dave Bagley; and Ray Delong.

The agenda then went to the issue of hiring a consultant to advise on developing the area at the interchange of US24 and SR49. It was decided that it would be a distinct advantage to have a consultant who has experience in developing interchanges and who has contacts with retail chains. Tony Langham had interviewed six prospects

and recommended Larry Dillin of Perrysburg, Ohio. Mr. Dillin's latest development is Levis Commons in Perrysburg, and it includes retail, residential and commercial development. Mr. Dillin believes that an approach of improving all of Antwerp, not just the interchange development, would be most beneficial to the community.

A public meeting will be held, Monday, December 12 at the Antwerp School Auditoria, at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

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# ODOT URGES HOLIDAY SHOPPERS: BE EXTRA CAUTIOUS AT INTERSECTION CRASHES INCREASE DURING HOLIDAYS

Although the holidays are the most wonderful time of the year, they can also be one of the most dangerous as motorists are more likely to be involved in a crash - especially at busy intersections near malls and shopping districts.

According to the Ohio Department of Transportation, intersection crashes spiked nearly 20 percent during the 2010 holiday shopping season (Thanksgiving to Christmas day) when compared to other months of the year. In addition, intersection crashes increase dramatically on Sunday, which is typically the safest day to travel throughout the year.

"Heavy traffic, complex traffic patterns and multiple driveways near intersections increase the potential for people and vehicles to collide," said ODOT Director Jerry Wray. "You can avoid a crash and reduce the risk of serious injuries by being patient and giving walking, riding or driving your full attention around malls this holiday season."

In 2010, there were 12,256 crashes at intersections in Ohio during the shopping season - 4,329 people were injured and 33 people were killed. Most crashes were angle and rear-end collisions, often caused by motorists following too close to other vehicles or misjudging the gap in traffic when turning at an intersection or driveway.

Cell phones, texting and other distractions are also

an increasing concern. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that about 20 percent of injury crashes nationwide involved reports of distracted driving.

"You can prevent crashes in Ohio by 'parking' your cell phone until your vehicle is safely parked," Wray added. "No call or text is worth the potential risk."

Locally within the eight-county region of ODOT District 1, statistics show that intersection crashes generally increase by 22 percent once the holiday shopping season arrives. From 2006 to 2010 there were an average of 313 intersection-related crashes per month within the area which includes Allen, Defiance, Hancock, Hardin, Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert and Wyandot counties. That number jumped to 383 during the holidays.

"Our message is simply that there are more people driving during the holidays and they're in a hurry. If you are feeling anxious about the holidays chances are your fellow motorists are as well which can lead to unsafe driving practices and accidents," said Kirk Slusher, ODOT District 1 deputy director.

Some of the areas within the region where motorists should take extra caution this holiday season include both shopping corridors on Ohio 309 on the west and east side of the city of Lima, the North Clinton Street area in Defiance, and the business and shopping corridor on the city of Findlay's east side.

ODOT urges drivers to keep these intersection safety tips in mind to protect themselves and their passengers

this holiday season:

1. Stay alert, slow down and drive defensively when approaching an intersection. Allow extra time to get to your destination.

2. Avoid distractions such as using a mobile phone, eating, drinking and listening to loud music while driving.

3. Don't try to beat a red light. Traffic signals are there to guide motorists through complex turns and other traffic movements, as well as provide safe crossings for pedestrians and bicyclists.

4. Be cautious, even with a green light, and look both ways before entering an intersection to make sure all cross traffic has stopped.

5. Never change lanes in an intersection. Changing lanes increases confusion and adds to the complexity of successfully navigating through an intersection.

6. Watch for increased pedestrian and bicycle traffic at intersections.

7. Buckle up. It can significantly increase your chance of surviving a crash.

8. Do not drink and drive. Impaired driving is a leading cause of fatalities and serious injuries.

9. Maintain a safe stopping distance between you and the vehicle ahead. ODOT recommends one car length for every 10 mph.

10. Don't crowd the plow. The holidays mean the return of snow and ice conditions. Increase your distance between cars, trucks and plows during storm events. If you have to pass a plow, use extreme caution and beware of the snow cloud.

To improve safety at intersections, ODOT has invested about \$13 million over the past two years to improve the reliability and visibility of signals. The department has installed reflective back plates on signals, battery backup systems to maintain power during outages, and brighter LED signal bulbs. ODOT also invests about \$72 million annually in projects that improve road safety statewide.

Intersection safety is one of the major roadway safety initiatives in ODOT's "Every Move You Make, Keep it Safe" campaign. Programs include Safe Routes to Schools, Roadway Departure Crash Reduction and Intersection Safety. The public is invited to find out more by visiting [www.everymove.ohio.gov](http://www.everymove.ohio.gov).

### GLEANER OAKWOOD ARBOR #759 MEETING NOTES

The November meeting was opened by vice-president John Pier. Bill Bidlack, chaplain, read a poem he had written called "The First Snowfall," followed by a prayer. The pledge was re-

cited by the 21 in attendance. Our guests were from the local church youth groups and our community service youth representative - Justin Carnahan. He received a Gleaner Life insurance policy for his volunteering. Dee Dee Miller was on hand to receive a check for the upkeep of the Junction Community Center as our designated beneficiary from our Samaritan 2010 award.

We discussed several amounts to give to our Samaritan organizations. We have gotten the renewal of trash pick up north of Oakwood two miles for the next two years thanks to Helen Maddock. We passed a motion for another year of membership in the Buckeye Trails Association. Phyllis Bidlack informed us that there are plans for the Boy Scouts to put picnic tables at the locks north of Charloe.

There is a problem with the new washer we provided—it won't spin. The dealer has been notified and said it is under warranty and will be fixed.

We are considering branching out to Grover Hill in our Scout area of giving. We want to research how many are involved before we decide what to give. Also plans are being made to get phone cards for local service men and women. John Pier has them ordered. This will be our patriotic activity.

Vicki Aufrance will be going shopping for five kids for our Special Holiday Project. Ken Benien was able to attend since he had broken his pelvis. Ruth Benien told us that the Gleaner Scholarship application are on-line and are due 02/01/12. Any children in high school or college can apply if they or their parents or grandparents have a Gleaner policy. Bottle caps were turned in and so were acts and hours. Bill Bidlack made a motion to adjourn.

Phyllis Bidlack had made pies from her own pumpkins and served them with cool whip plus nuts, candy, coffee, and pop.

Next activity is December 7, Wednesday, to provide snacks and gifts for the Kid Zone at the Grover Hill School art room at 3:00 p.m.

Next meeting is December 12 at the Twin Oaks Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m. to wrap Christmas presents. Kelly Tomblin is the hostess.

—Bonnie Pier Reporting

### ANTWERP COMMUNITY BAND IN CONCERT

The Antwerp Community Band will perform their annual Christmas Concert this year in Antwerp and Hicksville. Their first performance will take place on Saturday, December 17th at St. Mary's

### "FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": 1ST NINE WEEKS BLUE CHIPPERS



Vantage Blue Chippers for the first nine weeks of the school year are decked out in their hard hats! Blue Chippers have perfect attendance and a 4.0 GPA for a nine week period. Front row: Austin Mseis (Continental), Harley Noll (Parkway), Kayla Butler (Van Wert). Row 2: Destiny Hines (Van Wert), Tressa Ringwald (Lincolnview), Kayla Garb (Crestview), Nacole Mansfield (Continental). Back row: Hope Nehls (Paulding), Joseph Shoppell (Lincolnview), Caleb Blankemeyer (Lincolnview), Austin Eschbach (Parkway), Harley-Davidson Lane (Continental). Not pictured, Taylor Mock (Paulding).

### "FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": WINTER SPORTS ATHLETES



Vantage Winter Sports student athletes (front) Lexi Baker, Cheerleading (Crestview); (seated) Breyanna Longdo, Cheerleading (Paulding); MacKenzie Hanenkratt, Basketball (Paulding); Kaytie Mason, Cheerleading (Paulding); (back) Matt Burgei, Basketball (Ottoville); Andy Norling, Wrestling (Wayne Trace); Brandon Jarrell, Wrestling (Paulding); Daniel Perkins, Bowling (Van Wert); Keegan Olwin, Basketball (Wayne Trace).

Center in Antwerp at 7:00 p.m. An encore performance will be on Monday, December 19th at the Huber Opera House in Hicksville at 7:00 p.m.

These are free concerts for the community's holiday enjoyment.

### 2010 SIGN-UP FOR SURE PROGRAM BEGAN NOVEMBER 14TH

Steven Maurer, State Executive Director for Ohio's Farm Service Agency (FSA),

would like to remind producers that FSA is currently accepting enrollment for the 2010 crop losses under the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) program that began Monday, November 14, 2011.

Eligible producers who suffered losses during the 2010 crop year are encouraged to visit their local FSA office to learn more about the SURE program. FSA also has SURE information available at [www.fsa.usda.gov/sure](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/sure).

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