

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

CLEMENS CAPTURES WRESTLING MILESTONE: 100 WINS



Kameran Clemens (center) standing with his coaches (l-r) Dennis Stabler and George Clemens, and his teammates (l-r) Tyler Arnett and Zack Cotterman.

When young wrestlers step onto the mat their main dream is being a state champion. As they mature in the sport another milestone comes to mind: 100 wins. Ask any upstart high school wrestler and all of them will say they want 100 wins. It's amusing to listen to some of the younger wrestlers as they start their own countdown to 100. "I only need 93 more, or 88 more," or whatever the number may be.

One wrestler's counting will now switch from not how many he needs to reach 100, but how many he has over 100. Kameran Clemens of Wayne Trace earned his 100th win at the Tinora duals. He did it in style, pinning his opponent with a basic cradle in the first period. "This is a huge accomplishment, a big moment for you," commented Raider mentor and Kameran's father, George Clemens.

As Kameran's arm was

raised for the 100th time, one could not help but reflect back on the journey this young man took to reach this milestone. Many phenomenal wrestlers are naturals, minimal work, and pure natural, athletic talent. Kameran was not of this mold. "Kameran's story is one of determination, hard work, and that 'never quit' type of mentality you would want in all of your wrestlers," quipped Clemens. Kameran was supported by his mom, Victoria, and grandparents, George and Dianna Clemens through the earlier rough years. You didn't have to be at many matches to hear "come on 'ran', or let's go Kam," shouted by these family members. "Early on we had a conversation about how hard he (Kameran) would have to work because he was not the most talented wrestler... Now look at what he's accomplished," stated Coach Clemens, "it is almost unbelievable."

Coach Clemens and Stabler, Kameran's family, wrestling team mates, and Raider wrestling fans were there to witness and celebrate this milestone.

ANTWERP DEVELOPMENT OPINION POLL

The Antwerp 24/49 Group is trying to get a sense of people's aspirations for the town of Antwerp. These questions will be used to help shape the decisions for the development of Antwerp.

To the residents of Antwerp: Please fill out the following questions on a sheet of paper.

1. What do you think is the best attribute of Antwerp?
 2. What do you think needs improved?
 3. How do you think improvement can best be made?
- Put your name, address, phone number and email address at the bottom, and mail them to PCED, 101 East Perry St., Paulding, OH 45879.

THANK YOU

The family of Justus Bill Zartman would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, and all the wonderful stories you shared. Special thanks to Pastor Mike Schneider and Shawn Dooley for your words of comfort; the Paulding and Putnam County Hospice for their loving care in Dad's last days, you have a special place in our hearts. Thanks to the Antwerp UMC ladies for the dinner and taking care of us at this sad time.

- Cherri & Joe Clementz family,
Terry & Pam Zartman family,
Bill & Becky Zartman family,
Kathy & Charlie Amburgey family,
Mark & Lucy Zartman family,
Kelly & Danielle Zartman family

PAULDING ELEMENTARY STUDENTS GET READY FOR CHRISTMAS!

Paulding Elementary students made and decorated gingerbread houses in school on Friday, December 16th. Students and parents

worked together on the gingerbread houses in Mrs. Rethmel's Kindergarten class.



Stephen Gonzales, a kindergarten student showed his gingerbread house to Santa.



Peyton Manz, a preschooler in Mrs. Dunham's class decorated a gingerbread house.

WEST BEND NEWS HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

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To sign up or for more details see one of our Fitness Center Attendants: Naomi Nicely, Eileen Stoller, or Leman Saylor.



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OBITUARIES

nie Walton of Columbus.

He was also preceded in death by seven siblings.

His funeral service was December 16, 2011. He was laid to rest at Scipio Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Woodburn Food Bank. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

LeRoy R. Baumert, 84, of Payne, passed away after a short illness, Friday, December 16, 2011, surrounded by his loving family, at his residence.



Whitey was born in Allen County, IN on September 29, 1927, a son of the late Minerva (Louden) and Carl Baumert. He retired from at Dana Corp. Auburn; was a member of St. James Lutheran Church and New Haven Masonic Lodge #740. On November 28, 1946 Whitey married his wife of 65 years, Nadine Myers.

He will be sadly missed by his wife, Nadine; daughters: Kathleen (Gene) Flaugh and Kristine (Gary) Gerardot, both of Payne and Karen (Jim) Derrow of Auburn; siblings: William of New Haven and Doris Doty of Columbia City; seven grandchildren: Trent and Kiley Flaugh, Kimra Williamson, Andrea Haskins, Ryan and Troy Gerardot, Jessica Riebesehl; and 12 great-grandchildren.

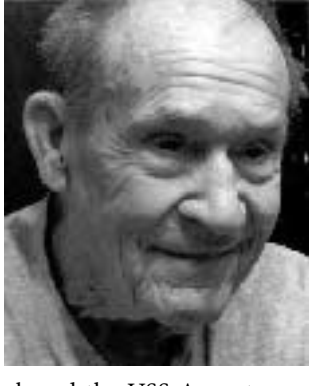
Whitey is also preceded in death by his siblings: Helen McNeal and Charles.

His funeral service was at St. James Lutheran Church, Payne, on December 20, 2011. Rev. Fred Meuter officiated. He was laid to rest at Lehman Cemetery.

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

John L. "Jack" Carr, 89, a life-long resident of Antwerp, born September 3, 1922,

passed away December 18 while wintering in Lake Placid, Florida. He was married to Juanita Smitley on December 29, 1943. He served 4½ years in the Navy in World War II



aboard the USS Augusta; retired as a 25-year employee from Dana-Weatherhead. He enjoyed hobbies of farming, fishing, old western movies, and took great pride in the upkeep of his property.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Juanita; daughter, Kathy (Bob) Myers of Antwerp; four grandchildren: Lyle, Jr. "Butch" of Charloe, Lisa (Bill) Sheets of Hicksville, Ginette Myers of Antwerp, Brian Myers of Montpelier; five great-grandchildren; and a sister, Betty Miller of Las Vegas.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by a son, Lyle; a brother, Roland Carr; and a sister, Rama (Carr) Stimpson.

At the request of Mr. Carr there will be no services. A private family burial will take place at Maumee Cemetery at a later date. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

George F. Rhonhouse, Jr., 76, of Antwerp, passed away Sunday, December 18, 2011 at Lutheran Hospital. George was born in Sandusky on August 13, 1935, a son of the late Ruth (Kreimes) and George F. Rhonhouse, Sr.

He served seven years in the U.S. Army Reserves and one year of active duty. In 1977, he co-founded Tempered Glass Specialists Antwerp, with his brother Don. George was a member of the Antwerp American Legion Post 253 and the Antwerp United Methodist Church. George always supported his community. He was a named Antwerp Citizen of the Year and then Gem of the Year in 2010. He also had been Chairman of the Board of the Antwerp Exchange Bank. On July 20, 1957 George married Joan Zuber. She passed away April 27, 1996.

George will be sadly missed by his children: Jill Ptak and Jeff (Cheryl) both of Antwerp, and Julie (Mike) Hicks of West Granby, CT; grandchildren: Brittany and Jennifer Kemerer, Caleb Ptak, Miranda and Ethan Hicks; siblings: Don of the Villages, FL, Larry of South Carolina,

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SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name!"

—Psalm 103:1

THE BELL RANG

By: Regan Clem, Riverside Christian Church

If you have seen the movie or the play "A Christmas Story", you will remember the scene where Ralphie's friend Schwartz unleashed the 'triple-dog dare' on Flick on the playground. Flick couldn't stand up to the pressure of such a lofty dare, despite the breach of etiquette, and licked the pole. He found himself stuck by his tongue to the pole on the cold playground. Then the bell rang. All the kids started running back to the school building. As Flick was pleading for them to come back, one of the friends asked, "What are you gonna do?" Ralphie just said, "I don't know. The bell rang." And he ran off to leave Flick stuck to the pole.

When Jesus called Peter, Andrew, James, and John, they immediately left what they were doing and followed him. Immediately. They didn't hesitate. They dropped their work tools and immediately followed Jesus.

Later in his ministry, Jesus encountered three other guys. They came up with excuses to not follow Him despite making comments suggesting that they wanted to follow Him. They just wished following Him was a little more convenient. Jesus replied with three overstatements. "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head... Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God... No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:57-62 ESV). He spoke against security, waiting for the perfect situation, and looking back.

Those three had their "buts", but what is your big "but"? It might be similar to the "buts" of those three men. Are you putting off doing what you know God wants until you are a little more secure in life—whether that is a job, home, or something else? You may be waiting for the finances to be just right in your life to start giving the way God wants you to. In this case, you think you are willing to follow God but His timing is just a little off. You assume, and wrongly so, that

the perfect situation to follow Him and take spirituality seriously is something that you can do at some perfect point in the future. Maybe you would like to follow Him, but you just aren't ready to give up the life that you are currently enjoying.

Your reasons may be completely different than those expressed by the three Jesus encountered. It could be your popularity. Following Jesus would probably cause that to dwindle as you would become a little freakish in almost all areas of your life. It could be the way you entertain yourself. Following Jesus usually does change that. Whatever your excuse is, big "buts" get in the way of us surrendering ourselves to Jesus and living His life in the here and now. Honestly, when we look in the spiritual mirror, we each have big "buts" that we wrestle with. Some bigger than others, but each one is something that needs to be done away with if we are going to have the spiritual body God wants us to have.

The problem is that we cannot be the people that God wants us to be because we don't have the surrendered heart of the early church. Check out that church in Acts 2:42-47 and Acts 4:32-37 to get a glimpse of how Christians living together the way God intended can really impact their lives and the lives of those around them. When it comes down to it, we aren't really followers of Jesus; we're

In Memory of Jeff



Many people have passed away early. When we look at the sky, we love the idea that they look back at us. We remember them often, at night, when we look at the stars... a date... a song... a place... a smell... a memory, of those who left us... Always loved, deeply missed. Remembering Jeff today and every day. Forever in our hearts.

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The Junction Bible Christian Church, Junction will have the following services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day:

Christmas Eve - Candlelight vigil at 7:00 p.m.; to include traditional carols and communion.

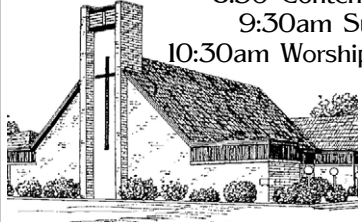
Christmas Day - Worship services at 10:30 a.m. followed by communion service; Community breakfast served from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. (all are invited).

Divine Mercy Catholic Parish Mass

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Saturday - 4:00 p.m. - Payne
Sunday - 8:30 a.m. - Antwerp
Saturday - 5:30 p.m. - Paulding
Sunday - 10:30 a.m. - Paulding

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just fans. We like Jesus, but we aren't ready to surrender our whole life to Him.

We must ask ourselves, "Are we only a fan of Jesus?" He asks for total surrender; he asks for us to immediately follow him; he asks for us to carry our cross, but are we just fans?

Ralphie struggled with indecision. Ralphie said, "I don't know. The bell rang." He knew that he should help Flick, but he was stuck in the routine of going back in when the bell rang. His indecision was a decision; indecision is always a decision.

The decision that God wants us to make is to immediately follow Jesus, no matter what the cost. No matter how crazy it seems. Not tomorrow. Today. Immediately.

What change do you need to make? What thought do

you need to wrestle with and discard? Who do you need to forgive? Who do you need to love?

God is in the "now" business. So often we live in the past or the future; however, God wants us to be living the life He designed us to live right now. Living the way He wants us to right now is the only way we can insure that we will be where He wants us to be in the future.

Living in God's will daily is like having a baby. This time of year we celebrate the birth of the baby Jesus, God coming from heaven and becoming flesh to save the world. But there is the human side of it. For Jesus to come into the world, Mary had to deliver him. I don't know if you have ever had a baby or seen a woman in labor, but when the time is now, it's now.

The time for us to be who God wants us to be is now.

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.

BIBLE QUESTIONS

By: James Potter, Oakwood church of Christ

All questions and answers are from the New King James version of the Bible.

1. Acts 21:11 - What did Agabus bind Paul hands and feet with?
2. Acts 21:11 - Who was going to bind Paul in Jerusalem and deliver him to the Gentiles?
3. Acts 21:12 - When those who were in Philip's house heard these things what did they do?
4. Acts 21:13 - What did Paul tell those who were pleading for him?
5. Acts 21:17 - Who greeted Paul and the brethren at Jerusalem?
6. Acts 21:18 - Besides James, who else was present when Paul and the others met with him?
7. Acts 21:20 - What were all the Jews zealous for?
8. Acts 21:27 - Where were the Jews from who stirred up the crowd and laid hands on Paul?
9. Acts 21:28 - What were the Jews crying out in this verse?
10. Acts 21:29 - Who had the Jews previously seen with Paul in the city?

Comments or Bible questions please call Lonnie Lambert at 419-399-5022 or James Potter at 419-393-4775. Jesus loves you and so does the Oakwood church of Christ. Loved ones, remember to always have your heart and mind set on praying and talking to our heavenly Father. In studying we can truly see the love that God has for each of us.

Answers to questions next:

1. The elders, the wives, and the children

2. Knelt down and prayed
3. They returned home
4. The brethren
5. Philip
6. Evangelist
7. 4
8. Prophesied
9. Means to declare truths through the inspiration of God's Holy Spirit (read Joel 2:28 this prophecy was fulfilled in Acts 2:17 this is symbolic language
10. Agabus

WHAT CAN I GIVE THIS CHRISTMAS?

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

In our giving and getting culture, especially this time of year may we slow down and ponder a bit, what can we give this Christmas?

In 1872 the poet Christina Rossetti wrote a poem that only appeared after her death. About thirty years later the poem was set to music and titled "A Christmas Carol." Today, we know it as "In the Bleak Midwinter."

But there's a fascinating back-story to this beloved Christmas carol. Rossetti was a devoted follower of Christ who for many years volunteered at the St. Mary Magdalene "house of charity," a refuge for women coming out of a life of prostitution. In the Victorian Era of her day, economic forces often caused women to eke out a living by selling their bodies. Some of the "women" were only twelve years old. Rossetti's efforts in offering Christ and helping find better jobs for these marginalized women came through in some of her poems.

In light of Christ's great power and love, Rossetti's poem asks:

"What can I give Him, Poor as I am?"

This question would have weighed heavily on women struggling to come out of a life of prostitution. With their broken lives, what could they possibly give to Jesus? According to Rossetti's poem, there is one thing that all of us can give Christ—no matter who we are. In her poem she writes...

"In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,

Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;

Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,

In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain;

Heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign.

In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed

The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Enough for Him, whom Cherubim worship night and day,

Breastful of milk and a mangerful of hay;

Enough for Him, whom angels fall before,

The ox and ass and camel adore.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there,

Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;

But his mother only, in maiden bliss,

Worshipped the beloved

with a kiss.
 What can I give Him, poor as I am?
 If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
 If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;
 Yet what I can give Him: give my heart."
 Regardless of our tainted past or our present struggles, there is one gift that Christ wants more than anything—our hearts. No matter who you are or where you've been you can give him your heart.

Matt Woodley, managing editor, PreachingToday.com; source: Karen Swallow Prior, "The Best Christmas Gift Ever"

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: defyfc@embarqmail.com

ROSE ELMS CHRISTIAN CHURCH CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

At Rose Elms Christian Church, there will be no Sunday School on December 25th and services will start at 10:00 a.m.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Story of Odie

To people who love animals: DO NOT make the same mistake we did. When we had to move suddenly last July, we had to find a home for our two beloved dogs. We hoped they could be together in a safe and permanent home. We made a very wrong decision.

Tilly, a pug, was not quite one year. She was sold or given away shortly after we found their "home." Since then, she was bred with a beagle and gave birth to eight "puggles." She was registered but we were told by our Fort Wayne vet she would not be good for breeding due to several health issues.

Since July, we know Odie, also a pug, had been moved four times. He was last sold on ebay classified in the Oakwood/Defiance area. We have no idea where he may be. Thankfully, when you pay good money for a dog... it's usually because you really want them. Maybe, at last he's again in a permanent home. What they may not know is the fact that he had become quite aggressive and jealous... not his nature.

Advertised as turning two on Christmas, he will actually be three. He may still have Paulding County dog tags and his original papers from an Ayersville breeder.

If you care about your pet, take your time and ask a lot of questions. If there are numerous dogs and puppies, it is probably not "dog lovers" but a thriving puppy business. If they become defensive, possibly they are not

properly licensed breeders.

We made a terrible and costly mistake at the expense of our pets. Contact your local shelters for assistance and get references. We'd give anything to know Odie is again doing well.

Sincerely,

—Linda Hankinson


GLENER OAKWOOD ARBOR #759 DECEMBER MEETING NOTES

Gleaner Oakwood Arbor #759 meeting was opened by vice-president John Pier, followed with a prayer by Dick Parrish and the pledge. Minutes were read by Phyllis Bidlack and approved. For our patriotic activity we have purchased phone cards for our service men and women in combat zones. Some have been given out. If you know of any in our area let us know and we can give you some. A donation was made to the Buckeye Trails Association to help with their on going projects. Kid Zone went well at the Grover Hill School. Our next month Samaritan gifts are to the Boy and Girl Scouts and 4-H clubs in our area. We need to contact Gleaner members to turn in their acts and hours even if they prefer not to attend the meetings. We were able to help our Caring Hands family with a bill. Vicki Aufrance went shopping for 5 kids from the Elf Tree. We spent the evening wrapping and taking them to the Church. Kelly Tumblin had filled chocolate cupcake and pop for our refreshments.

Our next meeting will be January 23, 2012 at the Twin Oaks Fellowship Hall with a speaker that saves horses - John and Jamie Merriman. The 4-H clubs and Boy and Girl Scouts will be in attendance. Helen Maddock is the hostess.

—Bonnie Pier, reporting

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1. Tom Hunter in honor of Leonard & Juanita Gosser Family, Curt & Dottie Dasbach Family, Jason & Tara Childs Family, Dave McLinden & Laura Hunter, Matt & Christa Alig Family
2. Mary M. Keller in memory of Donald Keller, Deceased Sponsler Family & Deceased Keller Family.
3. James & Carolyn Spangler in honor of Hudson Spangler, grandson; Sammy Reinhard, grandson; Emily Reinhard, granddaughter; Jonathan Reinhard, grandson.
4. Dave & Kathy Manz in memory of Evelyn Manz, Juliet Schlatter & Richard Schlatter.
5. Sue Beck in honor of sons: Todd, Con & Chad Shuherk and families; great-grandchildren: Annabell, Sara & Seth. Our military sons & daughters, Paulding County Hospital Staff. In memory of Nancy Woodring - classmate 1960 AHS.
6. Marsha Kinder in memory of Mr. & Mrs. George Bitler, parents and Jo Lynne Saxton, daughter.
7. Randal Ruge in memory of June Reeder, Jan Ruettinger, Jim Brown, Herb Monroe & Dr. Mark Teets.
8. Mary L. King in memory of William (Bill) King, Bobby King, Diane King & Shirley Killian.
9. Ralph C. Wyatt in honor of Pastor Ben & Judy Lowell.
10. Betty L. Stoller in honor of my children & grandchildren, Byron Stoller, J.D. (John), Aaron & Noah; Kevin & Cyndi Stoller, Mandy & Kyle. In memory of my husband, Dallas Stoller; daughter, Cindy Stoller and sister, Dorothy J. Hall.
11. Alice Rager in memory of Glenn Rager.
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13. Ruth A. Williams in memory of John W. Mines, Thelma R. Mines & LeRoy Mines.
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15. Andy & Barb Panico in memory of son, James E. Panico. In honor of daughter, Andrea Panico.
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17. Mike & Connie Kohart in memory of Aaron Kohart, Doris Kohart & Irvin Retcher.
18. Louis & Rene' Levy in memory of Louis & Emma Levy. In honor of Louise Dickerhoff.
19. Marge Roughton in memory of Herb Monroe.
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23. Walt & Margaret Womack in memory of Erwin Eaken, Harriet Eaken and Tim Eaken.
24. Penny Kidd in memory of Kenneth Norling & Jewell Kidd. In honor of Roberta Norling.
25. Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Overmyer in memory of our parents and grandparents. In honor of our children & grandchildren; service men, women & veterans; missionaries, ministers & teachers; Hickory Creek staff and caregivers.
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30. West Bend News Printing & Publishing, Inc. in honor of Stan Jordan, Sue Knapp, Steve Knapp, Angel Steiner and JESUS.
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34. Paul & Sandra Manz in memory of parents, Emmanuel & Louise Manz; grandson, Carson Manz.
35. Vance Family in memory of Christie Estle, Shirley Vance & Darryl Vance.
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37. Helen Williams in memory of Jr. (Al) Williams, Bill Huff, Art Hoellrich, Arthur Erford, Ned Schultz & Doris Schultz.
38. Keith Klopfenstein Family in memory of Jaymee Leigh Klopfenstein.
39. Bill Baxter in memory of Ethel Baxter, Pauline Martin Baxter, Wilda Ross, Larry Baxter & Mabel Linn.
40. Rheba Baker in memory of James Baker.
41. Gert Bidlack in memory of Rollin Bidlack.
42. Lois Greninger in memory of Arthur & Mary Saylor, Dennis Saylor, Toney Saylor, Benjamin Saylor, Bob Torres & Tammy Copsey.
43. Patricia Copsey in memory of Fred & Rosene Martin, Dick Copsey & Dorothy Copsey.
44. Stan & Deb Pratt & Family in memory of Cory Pratt.
45. Laura Cottrell in memory of Dean Davis, Mom and Pop Davis. In honor of Sally Davis.
46. Mary Price in memory of Victor R. Tuohy and Marceile J. Tuohy.
47. John & Kathy Webb in memory of Arthur Kaufman, Anna Kaufman, Janice Stechschulte, Ellsworth Webb and Thomas Webb.
48. Corey & Ann Walker in memory of Robert & Rose Free and Sidney Walker.
49. Jean Foor in memory of Herbert Foor. In honor of Kenny & Jackie (Ames) Foor; Chuck & Gayle (Foor) Corkwell; Saint Paul United Methodist Church Family of Payne; Dr. Joseph Kuhn & Staff; Jack Kipfer, Fred Black, Steve Bauble; Emergency Medical Service and Paulding County Hospital.
50. Georgina Olwin in memory of Scott Francis Olwin, Francis Olwin, John Olwin, Grandparents Scott & Olwin, Military—God Bless.
51. Leona Molitor in memory of John Molitor, Sr., Honora Molitor, Rudolph Molitor, Gertrude Laker and George Laker.
52. Mr. & Mrs. Michael Winans in memory of Al Winans, Mr. & Mrs. Adam Winans, Mr. & Mrs. Oscar Miller, William Meeks, Sr. and Mr. & Mrs. John Richardson.
53. Larry Magnuson in memory of Zachary Wobler - Killed in Action in Iraq.
54. Brent & Cheryl Saylor in memory of Benjamin Saylor, Mark Ashba, Jack Ashba, Dennis Saylor & Tony Saylor.
55. Brenda Wieland in honor of Blake, Erica, Veda & Olivia; Pat Wurst, Art Wurst, Austin, Jen & Matt; & Renada Von Deylen. In memory of Don Von Deylen.
56. Mark & Amy Rager in honor of Kaylyn Rager. In memory of Kevin Howell, Sr. & Glenn Rager.
57. Sid & Michele Buehrer in memory of Randy Buehrer, Herb Buehrer, Joseph Furko, Sr., Al Furko, Elizabeth Loughran, Tom Simkins, Otis & Kathleen Metzler and Robert & Mildred Fulk. In honor of Johnathon & Allie Buehrer, Max Fisher, Brett & Breanna Fulk.
58. John Adams in honor of Mad Anthony Hog Chapter #1194. In memory of James L. Adams and Jack E. Booher.
59. Gene Olwin in memory of son - Scott Francis, brother - John, & father - Francis. In honor of mom - Georgia, children - James, Eric, Tracey, Scott & Ashley.
60. Jon Stokey in memory of Eugene & Annabel Loomis; Ken & Betty Armstrong; Paul Stokey, Shirley Livingston and Casualties of Vietnam.
61. Wendy Clemens in memory of Charles & Rita McGrath and Betty Link. In honor of Eric, Joy, Kylee, Kaleb & Julian; John, Rose, Darlene, Anita and Families.
62. Bob & Cindy Iler in memory of Bob & Rita Snodgrass; John & Mildred Iler. In honor of our children and grandchildren.
63. Robert A. Glancy in honor of Dr. & Mrs. Mahtab Ahmed & Family; Dr. & Mrs. Peter vanden Berg; Mrs. Sharon Adkins; Mr. & Mrs. George Scheiner & Austin; Dr. & Mrs. William H. Strawter. In memory of Curtis & Milta Crone and Clinton & Phyllis Glancy.
64. Gail Stout in memory of Jeff Stout.
65. Gary Adkins in memory of Grandpa & Grandma Coble; Grandpa & Grandma Adkins; Hank & Gladys Doster; Gerald Williamson & Clyde Adkins.
66. Darlene Herber in memory of Charles & Rita McGrath and Mike Bowers. In honor of Marlene & Roger Pier; Mike Herber; children & grandchildren.
67. Betty Andrews in memory of Craig Alan Bauer and Robert Grunden, Sr. In honor of Betty L. Garver.
68. Dick & Mary Davis in memory of Leota Davis. In honor of Paulding County First Responders; Paulding County Hospital Employees; Community Health Professionals of Paulding; Employees at The Gardens of Paulding.
69. Norman & Myrna Cook in memory of Elizabeth Wieland.
70. Paulette Shaner in memory of Sam Osborne, Mae Freeburn, Edward P. Shuller, Phyllis Hoffman, Ralph (Tuffy) Shaner, Lenore Shaner, Paiden Cole Shaner, Glenora Bakle.
71. Paul, Deb and Wyatt Sawyer in memory of Harley E. Ankney I, Harley E. Ankney II, Mr. & Mrs. Gene Goodenough, Christopher Bakle & Jerry Shrider.
72. Velma Albert in memory of Forre Albert. In honor of family and friends.
73. Dr. Joseph & Evie Kuhn in memory of Bill & Mary Ann Kuhn.
74. Bill & Julie Childs & Family in memory of William (Shorty) & Pearl (Pete) Childs; Louie Karolyi, Shelly Ann Litzenburg, Danielle Simmerman Mosure. In honor of our grandchildren - Caleb, Caden & Chase Schaefer and Kayleigh Sanders.
75. Karen Dangler in honor of K.C., Leslie, Addyson & Jackson Long. In memory of Bradly Bennett Dangler, Wanda Bennett and Baby Girl Long.
76. Jerry & Kaye Minck in memory of Francis & Dorothy Minck; Clark, Lorrain & Max Lamond; Timothy Walpole, Troy Miller and Ron Hostettler.
77. Doug & Rhonda Smalley in memory of Ralph & Jean Smalley and Herb Monroe. In honor of Erica & Andrea Smalley, Rose Munger and Verginia Manz.
78. Donna M. Pieper in memory of William & Mary Goyings - my parents; Oscar F. Pieper - my husband and Auntie Ilo.

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BILLY METZGER'S JOURNAL CHAPTER 36: AT INDEPENDENCE

By: Stan Jordan

Well, we were due at the Farmer's Bank in Independence by February 15th and we were here on the 13th. We got all the gold into the bank and Chief Yellow Pencil, Hiram, took care of all the records and papers.

We took all the animals and wagons down to the livery stable that we always do business with and he was glad to see us as his business was a little slow. It is not quite wagon train time yet. Maybe another three or four weeks yet. He was to shoe all the animals plus feed and curry them. We fellows looked at the wheels and rims and put a lot of grease on all moving parts.

We are staying at the hotel as usual, we have two rooms. This is a good restaurant right here in the hotel. We are pretty well-received here, as we are not loud or disastrous. We just eat a lot of someone else's cooking.

We have discussed what to buy to take to the miners. The gold strike is three years old and some of the old miners don't need much in the way of tools. We talked of taking one complete load of one and two burner oil stoves. Those units sell pretty quick. We will also take all the barrels of coal, oil or kerosene that we can purchase. Plus a few tents and cots and blankets, and a smaller amount of tools and mining supplies.

In the hotel room, I talked about sending Mom and Dad a 2-burner oil stove. We could drop it off at Sublette Cut Off

out there in Western Wyoming. That is where the Oregon Trail turns north and the wagons heading for the gold fields in California turn and go southwest. I could send money with the boys and have the station master at the Wells Fargo find a trustworthy fellow to take it on north to the folks at Hood River, Oregon. Mom would be tickled pink to get a handy stove like that. I will send a couple bags of kerosene to last them awhile.

Jim Martin said he would take care of that for me and to see that it got sent on to my parents, because I will be leaving the 3M Wagon Train at Kearney, Nebraska. Jim, Hiram and Sam will all go on to California.

We tossed around the idea of us dropping off a 2-burner stove at Fort Kearney for El Paso Sam to take with him to his Indian agency position. He will need a cooking implement of some kind and that would be a lot better than a fireplace and hearth.

I guess I never told you, but the last time we stopped at North Platte, El Paso Sam met a fine lady (Callie Thornton) who was a niece of the hotel manager. Callie and Sam struck up a fine relationship in just a little bit. Sam will see her when the wagons go west and then on the return trip again.

General Kearney told us on the last trip that the Army Engineers would build a station for the Indian Agent. It will be 40'x40' with two rooms in the back for the proprietor and his family. Plus a shed for a team of animals and a wagon that the government would supply. So all of this would fall into place if Sam gets the job and if he brings that lady from North Platte with him. Well, this is all just conversation and up in the air, but I feel that it will happen and I want it to happen.

Hiram went down to the bank and got our money for delivering the gold dust supply. Jim and I went down to the post office and bought a money order. Jim sent his back to his wife and family

at Molene, Illinois. I bought a money order for about all the money I had. I know the folks up in Oregon can use it, I know they appreciate it. Jim will mail it at the Sublette Cut Off when they get there.

Well, this is February 20th and we are still in Independence, Missouri. We had a spring-time blizzard. It snowed for two days, I guess we got over eight inches of snow, but not a whole lot of wind. It just snowed and snowed.

Thank goodness we had all the wagons loaded and we didn't have to do that in the snow.

We loaded my wagon with the blankets and clothing and then with the 20'x10' fly over the front and top of the wagon to keep out any rain or snow.

Well, we are waiting for the snow to melt a little or for the trail to get packed down a little. Sometimes that can make the trail a lot rougher because of the holes in the snow. That shakes your bones a little.

Well, we wanted to be loaded and headed for California by March 1st. We are leaving early in the morning on the 27th of February, our first big stop will be Fort Kearney, Nebraska, a little over 200 miles.

Next Week: On the Road See ya!



By: Stan Jordan

My blonde neighbor was going to make a double batch of cookies but she couldn't get the oven up to 700 degrees!

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A blonde was cruising down the highway when a state patrolman pulled her over to the side of the road. She rolled the window down and he said, "Let me see your driver's license."

She replied, "I wish you guys would get your act together. Just yesterday you took my license away from me and now you want to see it?"

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A Delta Airline jet was flying over northern Arizona and the captain, using the PA system, was telling the passengers about the meteor crater.

He said, "On the right is the Meteor Crater, a big tourist attraction here in the west. It was found when a hunk of nickel and iron that was 150' across and weighing 300,000 tons struck the earth at about 40,000 miles per hour and threw hot metal all over this area and left a hole 570' deep."

A blonde passenger exclaimed, "It just missed the highway!"

See ya!

SANTA'S REINDEER

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Educator

Santa and his sleigh-pulling reindeer are fascinating and magical. It is amazing that a team of reindeer can travel worldwide in one day and bring the joy of giving to all. But what do we know about reindeer?

Reindeer are a deer of the Arctic regions of the world, the largest reaching up to four feet high at the shoulders and up to 250 pounds in weight. Reindeer and Caribou are two

names for the same species, with reindeer generally referring to the domesticated variety that are herded by humans and pull sleds.

According to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, male and female reindeer both grow antlers each year during the summer. Male reindeer drop their antlers at the beginning of winter, usually in late November to mid December. Where as, female reindeer retain their antlers till after they give birth in the spring. Also, the reindeer is the only species of deer in which the female, as well as the male, have antlers.

Reindeer have four stomachs that are very similar to a cow. They eat a wide variety of vegetation consisting of edible mushrooms, tough grasses and of course lichen which is the favorite food of reindeer.

Reindeer have large broad hooves which act like snowshoes to support them over snowy and boggy ground giving reindeer the ability to spread its weight on soft snow to prevent them from sinking. These hooves emit a "clicking" sound as the animal walks, caused by a tendon in the foot rubbing against a bone.

Reindeer have unique hairs which trap the air, thus providing them with excellent insulation. These beautiful animals have the ability to lie on snow without melting it or getting wet. During the cold winter months the reindeer have a thick, woolly fur next to their skin and during the summer, this fur thins out so the reindeer stays cool. These hairs also help keep them buoyant in the water. Reindeer are very strong swimmers and can move across wide rushing rivers and amazingly, even the frozen ice of the Arctic Ocean!

According to one legend, Santa's reindeer have the remarkable ability to fly and Donner, Cupid, Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Comet, Blitzen, Vixen, and Rudolph are the only known flying reindeer in existence. As the legend goes, the reindeer are given the power of flight through magic corn given to Kris Kringle by a great wizard. Through this magic corn, the reindeer's strength is increased to three times normal, their stamina is increased to infinity, and their hoofs can use the air as if it were solid ground.

So please remember it is important to have some carrots for the reindeer and a cookie or two for Santa to help them through their journey of delivering gifts for all those who believe.

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Public welcome to all events.

JOHN RINDAHL



By: Stan Jordan

This picture is of Mr. John Rindahl of rural Antwerp. He caught this Tiger Muskies in Lake Waubesa which is just on the edge of Madison, Wisconsin. John told me that he fishes a lot in Wisconsin and they have all type of fishing.

He and his buddy Craig Wood were trolling on this day and they came up beside a wall of rock that was steep out of the water and 20' into the water. John was using a trolling spoon so he cast it out and threw the bait up against the rock wall and let it drag (I have done that same trick while casting for Large Mouth Bass amid the Cypress Trees in Florida.)

John said he felt the big muskie pick up the bait and then he dropped it. John turned his reel handle a couple times and that big killer hit it hard this time. Well, boy, the reel sang as the line went out and John knew

that he had a wall hanger on. Craig handled the boat and motor. John had a trolling spoon, an 18' wire leader and 60 pound test line and was pretty sure he could land this bruiser.

John has fished Wisconsin waters for many years and he knows—keep your line tight and let that fish wear himself out. Don't try to horse him in. So it took 15 minutes to land him and that rascal was 45½ inches long and weighed 22 pounds.

After this catch, John and Craig, being true sportsman, turned him back into the water. It was 8:10 p.m. and almost time to go in.

This was June 27 of 2011 and these boys have their gear all ready to go again, and I can't blame them.

See ya!

The West Bend News website has many pictures of area events. Be sure to visit www.westbendnews.net

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ANTWERP 24/49 GROUP HOLDS PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS TOWN IMPROVEMENT

Monday evening, December 12, a public meeting was hosted by the Antwerp 24/49 Group, a group of concerned citizens, at the Antwerp School to discuss the development of Antwerp. With the US24 4-lane road nearing completion, it is anticipated that there will be opportunity for new businesses and new jobs at the Interchange of 24 and 49 at the south edge of the town.

The 24/49 Group consists of: Randy Derck, Mike Renno, John Kobee, Ray Delong, Kirk Hopkins, Doug Bragg, Sara Keeran, Mark Hartman and Don Benschneider.

It was the decision of the 24/49 Group to engage a consultant who has experience with dealing with developing communities, interchanges, and retail businesses. Randy Derck stated, "It is important that we do this right and make the best decisions that we can

for the good of the town. This is a great opportunity, but it is not going to be easy."

Tony Langham, Economic Development Director, introduced Larry Dillin to those in attendance. Langham said that he had talked with six interchange/community development consultants, but only Larry Dillin pointed out the fact that the real challenge was not just developing the 24/49 interchange, but to not damage the downtown businesses while doing it. Langham asked for comments from the 24/49 Group and they said they chose Mr. Dillin for the consultant because of his ideas he had discussed with them regarding small town style community development.

Dillin then talked about what projects he has been involved with and told the crowd that the people of the town should have the right to say how they want to see the town developed. He said a plan should be put together to include the citizens thoughts and to develop walking and

bike paths from the downtown to the school and new developments at the interchange. He feels that tying it all together will make the entire town stronger, not just new businesses at the interchange.

The 24/49 Group had "opinion survey sheets" available to those attending and ask that people fill them out so that the citizens of the town had their input. Those survey sheets will be ongoing and ask for citizen input on a continuous basis. The opinion sheets are available on line at villageofantwerp.com (the questions are on page one of this issue's West Bend News.

VILLAGE OF ANTWERP REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR 11/21/11

The regular meeting of the Village of Antwerp council was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Ray Delong. Council persons present: Rudie Reeb, Steve Derck, Karen Lee, Larry Ryan, Mike Rohrs and council President Jan Reeb. Also in attendance at the meeting: Solicitor Melanie Farr, Administrator Sara Keeran, and Fiscal Officer Loretta Baker. Visitors: Keith Nern, D. Turner, Robb Gerken, and Mary Leinard.

The minutes from the regular council meeting held October 17, 2011, were reviewed.

Motion made by Rohrs, seconded by Derck to accept the minutes from October council meeting. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

The October approved were reviewed.

Motion made by Jan Reeb, seconded by Ryan to approve the October reconciliation report. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Visitors:
Keith Nern addressed council on the issue of contracting with one company for village-wide garbage services. Nern questioned why a garbage contractor was not present as discussed last meeting. Solicitor Farr explained the village decided not to invite selected garbage companies to a council meeting in order to avoid any claims of competitive advantage prior to soliciting competitive bids. Council discussed the issue of soliciting bids at length. No consensus was reached.

D. Turner, a village resident, was present. He works for S&S Sanitation. He asked that the village consider using S&S Sanitation. Robb Gerken was also present on this issue but made no comments.

Mary Leinard asked if she could still use S&S Sanitation in the mobile home park. Keeran stated yes. Leinard suggested the village use the Arbor Day Foundation to replace trees in the village. Leinard's other concerns were sidewalk replacement and the assessment costs and also assistance in road repair for the mobile home park.

Fiscal officer report:
**Baker gave 2nd reading of ordinance no. 2011-25: An ordinance amending ordinance no. 2008-63 authorizing the change of water and sewer rates, tap fees and re-connect fees for the village of Antwerp, county of Paulding, Ohio.

**Baker read resolution no. 2011-20: A resolution opposing the state of Ohio centralizing municipal income tax collection, and declaring the same an emergency.

Motion made by Ryan and seconded by Jan Reeb to suspend the rules regarding resolution no. 2011-20. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Rohrs, seconded by Rudie Reeb to accept resolution no. 2011-20. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

**Baker read ordinance no. 2011-26: An ordinance to provide for the issuance of a note for the purpose of sanitary sewerage system in the village of Antwerp, Ohio, and declaring the same an emergency.

Motion made by Rohrs, seconded by Ryan to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2011-26. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Derck, seconded by Jan Reeb to accept ordinance no. 2011-26. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

**Baker read ordinance no. 2011-27: An ordinance authorizing the village fiscal officer to transfer funds to the water fund in the amount of \$45,000.00 and declare the same to be an emergency.

Motion made by Ryan, seconded by Derck to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2011-27. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Ryan, seconded by Jan Reeb to accept ordinance no. 2011-27. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

**Baker gave 1st reading of resolution no. 2011-21: A resolution declaring the necessity of repairing and/or constructing the sidewalk and portion of driveway on the south side of lot 30 pt. block C in the village of Antwerp, Ohio (tax parcel id#12-04s-051-00).

**Baker read ordinance no. 2011-28: An ordinance authorizing the fiscal officer to amend appropriations and declaring it an emergency.

Motion made by Ryan, seconded by Rohrs to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2011-28. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Ryan, seconded by Rudie Reeb to accept ordinance no. 2011-28. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

**Baker read ordinance no. 2011-29: An ordinance authorizing the mayor of the Village of Antwerp to enter into the LPA federal local-let project agreement with the state of Ohio, Department of Transportation; and declaring the same

RECIPE FROM A GREAT-GRANDMA

By: Sue Knapp

This is the time of the year when we overindulge. But we all love the finger foods that come our way in the form of cookies, candy and cheese balls.

So this week I'm giving you a recipe for a great cheese ball. It was given to me by a friend.

Cheese Ball

1 small glass of Kraft Old English Cheddar Cheese
2 - 8 oz. bars cream cheese

1 small onion, chopped
1 square of blue cheese
Mix into 2-3 balls. Roll in coarsely chopped pecans. Enjoy all the treats, the first of the year is coming up fast!

an emergency.

Discussion was held on the complexity of the depot project. Prior to the meeting, Solicitor Farr provided council members with a memorandum highlighting several provisions of the agreement. She also highlighted provisions at the meeting including section 8.1 on timing for reimbursement of contract administration or engineering costs, and section 8.10 on public ownership requirement for project and village responsibility to maintain the project. Keeran will be the contact person between ODOT and contractors. Poggemeyer will also look over the project with the contractors. Ryan asked what additional charges Poggemeyer will have for these services. Keeran stated up to \$26,000.00. ODOT will make the payments directly to Poggemeyer and contractors from the grant monies. Item 7.6 on the LPA project agreement was questioned regarding pre-qualified contractors. Keeran stated the village will be allowed to choose the contractors. A January bid is anticipated on this project.

Motion made by Jan Reeb, seconded by Ryan to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2011-29. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Rudie Reeb, seconded by Derck to accept ordinance no. 2011-29. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

**Baker read ordinance no. 2011-30: An ordinance to provide for the issuance of a note for the purpose of a waterworks system in the village of Antwerp, Ohio, and declaring the same an emergency.

Motion made by Jan Reeb, seconded by Ryan to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2011-30. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Ryan, seconded by Rohrs to accept ordinance no. 2011-30. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Baker asked finance committee to schedule a meeting to work on budget and salary for next year. Finance committee will meet on November 28, 2011, at 4:00 p.m.

R.I.T.A. Collections are \$17,000.00 more than amounts collected last year at this time.

Baker noted the three estate tax settlement checks the village has received in the past three years.

Council discussed the Poggemeyer past due invoices for the depot project in the amount of \$16,823.63.

Motion made by Ryan, seconded by Rohrs to approve payment to Poggemeyer of the past due invoices of \$16,823.63 for services provided on the depot project. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Administrator's report:
EPA has been notified regarding the village's plan and process to stop the overflow at the Stone Street lift station.

Village is waiting for Bruce Guilford's appraisal for the easement in Dutchman's Cove. His estimate for the appraisal is \$250,000.

The village has purchased a dump truck for \$6,800.00. This truck will accommodate the grit spreader. The village will keep and use the old dump truck for picking up spoilage as long as it is possible without further repairs.

Rohrs questioned the tree removal at the park. Keeran stated the village has hired Nathan McAlexander from 1st Choice Tree Service for the amount of \$1,500.00 instead of using the Boy Scouts due to liability issues and size of the trees that need to come down.

New business - None

Police report:
Officer Clemens reported 135 calls for service with 49 offenses for the month of October.

EMS report:
EMS coordinator Randy Shaffer provided a written report showing 37 total runs from October 15 to November 19. EMS billing clerk Darlene Merriman reported deposits of \$6,599.98 for September and \$2,192.71 for October.

Committee reports:
Ryan reported on cemetery committee and announced that a new section is opening up. There are only seven unsold lots.

Lee reported on the VETS and park committee. Some of the lights are out at the memorial. The circuit is tripping at the large pavilion. Playground mulch needs replaced. The area where the monument used to be needs addressed, either concrete or mulched. Keeran will address all of these items when possible.

Mayor's report:
Mayor Delong reported that mayor's court collected \$8,389.00 for the village for the month of October after court costs.

Mediacom is raising rates again. The EMS will hold a mortgage burning ceremony on december 3rd at the EMS building at 1:00 p.m.

Motion made by Rohrs, seconded by Ryan to adjourn the meeting. 6 years, 0 nays. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

WT PAYNE ELEMENTARY PURCHASES WII'S TO GET THEIR STUDENTS MOVIN'!



Mrs. Marie Moore and IB during "Fun Fitness Friday"



(back row) Mrs. Teresa Pfeiffer, 1st grade teacher and "Fuel Up to Play 60" Lead Advisor, Mrs. Marie Moore, Music teacher, Mrs. Sarah Franz, principal. (front row) "Play 60 Kids" - Erica Mohr, Jadynt Flint, Trisha Strickler, Maggie Crosby.

In December, WT Payne Elementary purchased three Wii systems and some "Just Dance" games through their "Fuel Up to Play 60" Grant that they recently received.

Mrs. Teresa Pfeiffer, along with her "Play 60 Kids" and the Payne Elementary Wellness Committee decided it would be a good idea to incorporate technology that students enjoy in order to get them moving more. It was the idea of "If we can't beat them, join them!" And, that they did!

Mrs. Marie Moore, their Music teacher, uses one of the Wiis during "Fun Fitness Fridays." There are some weeks when classes have Music three times. So, on that Friday, she uses the Wii and a "Just Dance" game as a way to reward good behavior throughout the week and to show how music and movement

go hand-in-hand. The other two Wiis will be available for their teachers to sign out and use in their classrooms as a reward and/or motivation for their students.

"When I started the "Fuel Up to Play 60" program at Payne last January, one of my goals was to get some Wii's for the school. We were able to achieve that goal in less than a year!" stated Mrs. Pfeiffer. "I am so excited to be able to, not only, teach our students about healthy habits, but also be an example by participating and having fun with them."

Whether it's through playing the "Just Dance" games, having our "Walking Club" each week, or having our own version of "Fun Fitness Friday," I think that the students enjoy seeing their teachers being active and supporting them."

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LADY RAIDERS BRING DOWN PAULDING



Wayne Trace arrived at the Paulding gym December 13. The girls on both sides were ready for a difficult match. The Lady Raiders pressed early and hard making it difficult for the Panthers to score. The final score was 44-63 with the win going to Wayne Trace. Shown above is junior Krystal Wannemacher scoring 3 points for the Raiders. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



Antwerp took on North Central at home December 13. The Lady Archers were behind much of the game. Even with the rally of points scored in the last quarter, they couldn't pull off the win. Final score: 33-35 North Central. Shown above is Antwerp's Kaiya Jemison attempting to score. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



Woodlan boys took on the top team in their conference Friday, December 16: Adams Central. Woodlan played well and narrowed the difference several times, but the Jets went home with a 45-64 win. Shown above is Woodlan junior Justice Williams attempting a jump shot. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

PAULDING EARNS 5TH IN EDGERTON DUALS

Paulding competed in the Edgerton Duals this weekend earning a fifth place finish overall. Paulding found team victories against Patrick Henry (25 to 39), Morenci (27 to 51), and Ottawa-Glandorf (33 to 36).

Outstanding individual performances were Taylor Deatruck (126), who finished 4-1 on the day. Taylor earned a tech decision against Manner of Hudson (MI), pinned Luis Hinojosa of Patrick Henry (1:42), pinned Howard of Morenci (4:31), and earning his last victory via void vs. Ottawa. Zack Wesley (132) also went 3-2 on the day. Zack defeated Mathias Klausung of Ottawa Glandorf (due to injury), pinned Chalker of Hudson (3:28), and earned a decision against Pless (5-2) of Morenci. Brandon Jarrell (285) went 4-1. Brandon had three voids and pinned Jacob Otto (O-G) (3:01). Ryan Schindler (195) went 5-0 on the day with four voids and a pin vs. Mason Meyer (O-G) (4:42). Tyler Ash (220) went 4-1 having two voids, pinning Adam Dossett (Fremont) (0:41) and earning a decision (6-5) vs. Chase Wright (Patrick Henry).

RAIDERS 4-0 IN LEAGUE

This week found the Raider wrestling team very busy in the GMC league. They traveled to Fairview on December 13th to face the Apaches and Antwerp Archers in a tri-match. Picking up the first two wins of the season, Wayne Trace posted its first ever shut out defeating Antwerp 84-0 and handing Fairview a loss of 65-8.

Next, the Raiders would travel to Ayersville on the 15th to compete against the Hicksville Aces and an outstanding Ayersville Pilots squad. The Raiders would handle Hicksville with the final score: 54-12. Then, they would face the Pilots, currently ranked seventh in the state. This would be a nail biter for the Raider team as they would see Ayersville jump out to lead by as much as 22 with only 5 matches remaining in the dual. However, the ninth ranked Raider team would come roaring back and silence the home crowd as they picked up 5 straight wins, clinching the win. Final score 37-34.

Wayne Trace 84, Antwerp 0:

- 106 - Dustin Taylor (WT) won forfeit
- 113 - Matt Baxter (WT) won forfeit
- 120 - Zane Cotteramn (WT) won forfeit
- 126 - Joe Stahl (WT) won forfeit
- 132 - Aaron Miller (WT) won forfeit
- 138 - Tyler Showalter (WT) won forfeit
- 145 - Kameran Clemens (WT) won forfeit
- 152 - Zach Cotterman (WT) won forfeit
- 160 - Sawyer Temple (WT) won forfeit
- 170 - Tyler Arnett (WT) pinned Darian Bower 0:19
- 182 - Tim West (WT) pinned Mason Gerken 1:12
- 195 - Justin Pierce (WT) won forfeit

220 - Aaron Harris (WT) pinned Jordan Laker 0:44

285 - Andy Norling (WT) pinned Garrett Butte 3:57

Wayne Trace 65, Fairview 9:

106 - Dustin Taylor (WT) pinned Jacob Laguna 0:57

113 - Matt Baxter (WT) won forfeit

120 - Zane Cotteramn (WT) maj dec 17-1

126 - Joe Stahl (WT) maj dec Chris Alexander 18-7

132 - Aaron Miller (WT) maj dec Trevor DeWitt 14-2

138 - Tyler Showalter (WT) pinned Jon Martin 3:29

145 - Kameran Clemens (WT) pinned Trent Czartoski 0:23

152 - Zach Cotterman (WT) maj dec Isaac Valle 14-6

160 - Sawyer Temple (WT) pinned Matt Myer

170 - Tyler Arnett (WT) pinned Cole Roose 1:01

182 - Tim West (WT) pinned Nathan Pessefall 1:40

195 - Lorne Rossman (F) dec Justin Pierce 7-4

220 - Aaron Harris (WT) won forfeit

285 - Zack Shininger (F) pinned Andy Norling 3:57

Wayne Trace 54, Hicksville 12:

106 - Dustin Taylor (WT) pinned Monique Jasso 1:03

113 - Matt Baxter (WT) pinned Tyler Speakman 3:06

120 - Joe Stahl (WT) pinned Jared Miller 3:32

126 - Aaron Miller (WT) won forfeit

132 - Isaih Vega (H) pinned Tyler Showalter 3:40

138 - Cody Laney (H) dec Kameran Clemens 8-5

145 - Jake Thiel (H) dec Zach Cotterman 3-1

152 - double void

160 - Tyler Arnett (WT) pinned Christian Sexton 4:52

170 - Tim West (WT) pinned Nick Post 3:51

182 - Justin Pierce (WT) pinned Justin Miller 0:58

195 - Aaron Harris (WT) won forfeit

220 - Andy Norling (WT) won forfeit

285 - double void

Wayne Trace 37, Ayersville 34:

106 - Kyle Behringer (A) pinned Dustin Taylor 1:11

113 - Ryan Behringer (A) pinned Matt Baxter

120 - Frankie Alvarado (A) dec Joe Stahl 9-2

126 - Cade Mansfield (A) pinned Zaine Cotterman 1:33

132 - Aaron Miller (WT) dec Kody Shreve 12-6

138 - Tyler Showalter (WT) pinned Zach Fackler 0:39

145 - Kameran Clemens (WT) pinned Daniel Acosta 0:08

152 - Zach Cotterman (WT) pinned Zack Clark 4:43

160 - Tyler Arnett (WT) maj dec Jeremy Olivarez 12-2

170 - Tim West (WT) won forfeit

182 - Tate Ankney (A) won forfeit

195 - Devon Bergeon (A) dec Justin Pierce 4-2 OT

220 - Aaron Harris (WT) pinned Jason Hostetler 1:09

HWT - Griffin Friesner (A) maj dec Andy Norling 10-1

DONALD & REBEKAH SMITH RETIRE

Rebekah Smith retired on Friday, December 16, 2011 after being employed at The Antwerp Exchange Bank since July 1995. Becky resides in Antwerp with her husband Donald and has two daughters: Sera of De-



fiance and Suzanne of Chicago, IL.

Becky will continue teaching piano to community students and students through the Community Arts Academy at IPFW campus in Fort Wayne. She is also the musician for St. John Lutheran Church in Hicksville.

After working 22 years for Wal-Mart store 1419 on Coldwater Road, Fort Wayne, IN, Don has retired also on December 16th. He was hired on December 11th, 1989 when the store was first opening. He had the most seniority of the original associates that opened the store. While at Wal-Mart he held many positions including department leads, 40 hour assistant manager and for the last 12 years he has been the lead in the fresh floral department. He enjoyed this last position the

most and will miss his Wal-Mart family and his loyal customers.

After graduating from Antwerp High School, he started working for his father at the Antwerp Hardware and Gift Shop. He furthered his education at International Business College and served in the US Army with 13 months in Vietnam. He continued working for his father and then took over the business before starting his career at Wal-Mart.

He married Rebekah N. Lord on December 26, 1970 and they have two daughters, Sera Louise and Suzanne Martha.

Donald and Rebekah are both looking forward to a slower more relaxed pace, but both know they will stay very busy.

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PAYNE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WELCOMES PUCKERBRUSH PIZZA



The Payne Chamber of Commerce would like to welcome our newest member Puckerbrush Pizza to the village of Payne. Owner Brian Martin, here pictured with Chamber President Chad Cluts giving him a 2012 membership, has returned home to Payne after 12 years of learning his craft in everything from fine dining to fast casual restaurants in Tampa, Florida. When he saw that the pizza parlor at 117 E. Merrin St. was available, he jumped at the chance to open a place of his own to serve his hometown.

Puckerbrush Pizza, named after the original name of the village, specializes in homemade thin and thick crust pizzas and sandwiches available for carry out Monday through Friday 4:00-9:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 1:00-9:00 p.m. Also, from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, pizza is available by the slice along with sandwich specials and soups from scratch. For more information about this new business, call 419-263-2626.

RAIDERS PERFECT AT TINORA DUALS

The Wayne Trace Raiders participated in the Tinora Duals on Saturday, December 17th. Teams competing in the dual tournament other than WT were: Tinora, Danbury Lakeside, Antwerp, Van Buren, and Evergreen. The Raiders entered the duals ranked 9th as a team in the state and undefeated in dual matches. Again, expectations were high for this tournament with the hope of capturing another team championship.

The Raiders would face Antwerp first. They would not lose a head to head match, but would give up one forfeit at heavyweight. The final score would rest at 78-6.

Evergreen would be the next opponent for the Raiders. Evergreen is a very stout

team; and after Coach Clemens and Stabler provided the pep talk, the Raiders were ready to go. Evergreen would come out to take an early lead, but then Wayne Trace took control winning seven matches in a row and posting a final score of 57-18.

Again, talks of maintaining focus were given by the coaches as the team stepped on the mat to face Danbury Lakeside. Wrestling with the focus the coaches had just spoken of, the Raiders again came out victorious with the final score being 69-9.

Tinora would prove to be the toughest and closest match of the day. The two GMC teams wrestled hard and very physical in this match. Tinora put up a valiant effort, but in the end, the Raiders were just too strong, handing Tinora a 52-20 loss and their only loss of the day.

Last, the Raiders would face Van Buren. With this win, they knew they had the dual championship wrapped up. In control of their own destiny, the Raiders wrestled brilliantly. Van Buren was only able to take one match from the Raiders, and they went into overtime to achieve that win. Finishing the dual against Van Buren with a score of 66-4, it was evident that Wayne Trace had maintained their focus.

The Raiders had six wrestlers come through all dual matches without suffering a loss. They were: Zaine Cotterman, Aaron Miller, Tyler Showalter, Kameran Clemens, Zach Cotterman, and Tim West all posting 5-0 days. Suffering only one loss on the day were Dustin Taylor, Matt Baxter, Tyler Arnett, and Justin Pierce. The team record for the day stood at 56-8 and no individual Raider wrestler posted a losing record.

“What a day. No one wrestled badly today, they kept focused on what they had to do, and they all came through when I needed them to. A huge milestone was earned today. Kameran picked up his 100th win, and this team has started their season pretty strong. We always have work to do, but overall, a great day for Wayne Trace wrestling,” commented Coach Clemens. The Raiders are now 9-0 on the year and will not see any action until the LCC Holiday Tournament on December 30th. Their next dual meet is slotted for January 3rd.

THERE ARE TWO SIDES TO THE AUTO BAILOUT

Guest Column from Representative Lynn Wachtmann

Ohio is experiencing a resurgence of its automobile manufacturing industry. This development has especially been good news for Toledo, where last month Chrysler revealed that it will hire 1,100 new employees and spend \$1.7 billion as it develops new models for its Jeep brand.

Chrysler reported that its nationwide sales increased 45 percent in November, and auto sales throughout the state have been rising over the last couple of months. No one denies that this is good news, and we all hope that it continues. But we also must not ignore the costs involved in keeping these automobile manufacturers afloat through the

federal bailout of Chrysler and General Motors in 2008.

Debate was heated then about whether the government should have lent the money, and the issue is becoming contentious once again. State Representative Matt Szollosi, a Democrat from Toledo, recently criticized Governor John Kasich for not supporting the auto bailout. I understand why Rep. Szollosi would not want to give credit to Republicans for anything. This is politics, after all. But his assessment that opponents of the bailout were “dead-wrong when they failed to support the investments that led to the auto recovery” is misleading because it provides only one side of the story.

His support for the bailouts focuses only on the results it had on the auto companies. It ignores entirely the attached price tag for the American people. We must not forget that taxpayer money was used to fund the \$85 billion bailout. That is, money earned by American citizens and paid to the government via taxes was used to bail out a struggling company. If people had such devotion to Chrysler and GM, then they would have purchased enough of their vehicles that the bailout wouldn't have been necessary in the first place.

The United States already has a bailout mechanism in place, called bankruptcy. It gives failing companies an opportunity to escape their financial woes without becoming a liability to the taxpayers. It is not as if the facilities and equipment at the manufacturing plants would have burst into flames as soon as the company filed for Chapter 11. Those resources could have been purchased by another, private company, which could have continued production of the vehicles. A potential tax incentive could have been put in place for another private company to take over manufacturing. Instead, the federal government used tax dollars to bail out a private business, which shows a lack of loyalty and respect to American taxpayers.

Frankly, I am not interested in deciding who should take credit for the recent success of Ohio's auto industry. I am more interested in creating job opportunities for everyone, by removing unneeded government obstacles on private businesses and allowing the free market to succeed or fail on its own.

LATTA TO DOL: "PROPOSED FARM LABOR RULE WOULD HURT FARMERS AND YOUTH AGRICULTURE PROGRAMS."

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) sent a letter to Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis regarding a proposed Department of Labor rule aimed at the agricultural industry that would threaten family farms and youth programs like 4-H and Future Farmers of America. The rule would restrict children younger than 16 years old from working on family farms - unless the farms were

FIRST BRANDT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED



Left to right - Josh Grubaugh, Stan Searing, Paulding County Area Foundation.

Josh Grubaugh of Convooy is the first recipient of the \$1,000.00 Robert Brandt Scholarship for higher education expenses for students completing their Vantage Career Center program. Grubaugh, a Crestview High School graduate, was awarded the scholarship for his successful academic work at Vantage and an interest in continuing his educating in an agriculture related field.

Grubaugh is attending the Owens Community College in Toledo. Grubaugh is enrolled in a specialty program allowing him to work toward certification as a John Deere technician.

The Robert Brandt Scholarship was established by the family of Robert Brandt, the founding superintendent of the Vantage Career Center. Brandt was responsible for beginning the Vantage vocational education concept including the construction of the facility that today serves students from thirteen school districts and an extensive adult vocational program.

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HOW TO COPE WITH THE "THREAT OF LONGEVITY"

Financial Focus by: Phil Recker, Edward Jones Advisor



You can't predict how long you'll live. Nonetheless, you still need to consider longevity as a key factor in creating, and following, a long-term investment strategy.

And your projected lifespan may be longer than you had thought. Men who turned 65 in 2010 can expect to live another 18.6 years, while women who reached 65 that same year can anticipate another 20.7 years, according to the 2011 Social Security Trustees Report. And these figures are just averages; depending on your health and family history of longevity, you could well spend two, or even three, decades in retirement.

Possibly because people are now realizing they may have to support themselves for far longer than earlier generations did, they seem to be growing increasingly concerned about running out of money in their later years. In fact, in a poll of people ages 44 to 75, sponsored by Alli-

anz Life Insurance, 61 percent said they fear depleting their assets more than they fear dying.

So, if you're concerned about outliving your resources — or if you think that you may become one of those people — what steps should you take, both now and during your retirement? Here are a few ideas:

****Keep investing.** Put away as much money as you can afford for your retirement. Take advantage of tax-deferred accounts, such as your 401(k) and traditional IRA, or tax-free accounts, such as a Roth IRA. (Roth IRA earnings are tax-free provided you've had your account at least five years and you don't start taking withdrawals until you're at least 59-1/2.) And keep investing, year in and year out, despite the inevitable market volatility you'll encounter along the way.

****Re-assess your retirement age.** If you enjoy your work, you might consider staying at your job a few years later than originally intended. Those extra years of income, not to mention extra contributions to your 401(k) and potentially bigger Social Security payouts, can make a big difference to your retirement lifestyle.

****Delay taking Social Security.** As the laws now stand, you can start taking Social Security as young as 62, but your monthly checks will be bigger when you reach your "full" retirement age. You'll get your biggest monthly Social Security checks if you wait until age 70, when they "max out," but many people feel that waiting that long may not be worth it, when weighing the lost years of any pay-

ments against the unknown variable of life expectancy.

****Calculate your "withdrawal rate."** Once you retire, it's essential that you know how much can withdraw each year from your investments without running out of money. Your withdrawal rate depends on a variety of factors, including your age, size of portfolio, risk tolerance and retirement lifestyle. A financial professional can help you calculate your initial withdrawal rate and adjust it as time goes on.

The possibility of outliving your resources is not a pleasant thought. But by taking the steps described above, as well as others, you can go a long way toward taking the fear out of longevity, leaving you free to fully enjoy an active retirement.

C AND S RESCUE ENDS 2011 ON GOOD NOTE

C and S Rescue has had some generous donations from Tender Touch Pet Salon and the Hohenbrink children for the dogs and cats at the rescue.

There are still some pets that need forever homes at C & S Rescue. Sugar Baby is an eight year old Pomeranian that will be available after January 1st. Scruffy is a young male Schnauzer mix that is ready for a Christmas gift. Lilly is a four year old Black Lab/Retriever mix. Heidi is a domestic short hair Calico cat. Morris is a domestic short hair orange cat. Gus Gus is a DSH mail white and gray young cat. Thomas Jefferson is a DSH male tiger cat. Puff is a DSH female tiger cat.

C and S Rescue has donation box locations stationed at the Essen House restaurant in Antwerp and Tender Touch Pet Salon in Sherwood.

For more information, go to C and S Rescue's website at www.candsrescue.vpweb.com

PAULDING LION'S CLUB & PAULDING EAGLES "MEET SANTA" MET WITH SPECTACULAR TURN OUT

The Paulding Lions Club and Paulding Eagles held the annual "Meet Santa" at the Paulding Eagles on Saturday, December 3, 2011 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The turnout for the holiday event was spectacular!

Around 110 children were excited and thrilled to see Santa. After visiting with Santa the children received a sack containing candy. 40 gifts were then given away in the children's gift drawing. Two prizes were given out in the adult drawing. The 50/50 winner received \$50.00.

Christmas music kept all in attendance in a festive spirit. Magician Timothy Mabis entertained the children while waiting for Santa. The children found his magic "awesome." Ten craft projects were also available for the children to participate in while anxiously waiting for Santa to arrive via the Paulding Fire Department Fire Truck. The Paulding Eagles Women Auxiliary furnished a free lunch to the children.

The following businesses and individuals helped Paulding Lions organize this event: Don and Perry's Furniture, McDonald's, Dairy Queen, Hometown Pizza, Archbold Equipment Company, Paulding Fire Department, Paul-

ding Eagles, Paulding Eagles Women Auxiliary, Dan Workman, Michael Schmidt, Malinda Schmidt, Debbie Tope, Ashley Tope, Jacqueline Buchman, Jessica Farr, Dr. Larry E. Tope, Timothy Mabis, and Santa!

WESTERN BUCKEYE ESC BOARD REVIEWS EDUCATIONAL SERVICES OFFERED AND RECEIVED FROM PARTNER SCHOOLS

The Western Buckeye ESC Governing Board held their regular monthly Board meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at the Paulding ESC Building. Board President Mr. Jerry Zielke welcomed Board members and school personnel to the meeting.

Superintendent Brian Gerber updated the WBESC Board on Educational Services offered and taken by partner schools in Paulding and Van Wert County. Some of those services mentioned included Professional Development, Online Learning, Alternative Education, Early Childhood, OT/PT/Speech, Grants, Teacher Resources, Parent Resources, Fiscal Resources, and BCI/FBI Fingerprinting.

Western Buckeye also approved a resolution to participate in The Greater Buckeye Coalition. The Greater Buckeye Coalition is a group of educational service centers who share in the idea of maximizing resources, reduce waste, create operational efficiencies, remove barriers to regional collaboration, and ensure client-districts receive the highest quality programs and services based on best practices and proven strategies.

Treasurer Gary Ginter reviewed the current financial reports, investments and the monthly expenditures with the Board.

In the business portion of the meeting, the Board approved the following items:

Approved the following WBESC consent agenda items:

A. Approved the minutes from the November 9, 2011 Regular Meeting.

B. Motion to set the Organizational meeting for January 11, 2012 at 6:00 p.m., with the Regular January meeting to follow, and appoint Jerry Zielke as president Pro-Tem for the Organizational meeting.

C. Motion to employee Nedra Mielke as a substitute Enrichment Teacher.

D. Motion to approve a resolution authorizing participation in and support of the Greater Buckeye Coalition.

Approved the following NO-ACSC agenda items:

A. Motion to approve the NO-ACSC annual membership meeting date of January 18, 2012 at the Veteran's Memorial Civic Center in Lima.

B. Motion to approve the following fee schedule flat fee description for the FY12 fee schedule and future fee schedules:

Current flat fee description: Per district per year (including ESC's); Includes electronic mail, Internet access through TELNET, GOPER and LYNX; repair of all telecommunications gear (except line drivers); Repair of OTC printers and Printek printers connected to the NOACSC

Proposed flat fee description: Per district per year. Includes but is not limited to content filtering, forms printing, technical support, and management consulting.

C. Motion to approve two NO-ACSC staff recognition dinners; one in February 2012 and the other in September 2012.

The Board meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m. with no additional Board action. The next regular Governing Board meeting of the Western Buckeye Educational Service Center will be on January 11, 2012 starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Thomas Edison preschool building in Van Wert.

WT PAYNE ELEMENTARY'S FUEL UP TO PLAY 60 DECEMBER CHALLENGE POSTER CONTEST WINNERS!



Poster winners (back row) Kylie Pfeiffer, Sydney Coyne, Alli Hefner, Bethany Mobley, Trisha Strickler, and Braxton Asher; (front row) Morgan Hefner, Brookelynn Lee, Joey Munger, Ryan Wenninger, Anna Wells, and Emily Manz.

WT Payne Elementary's "Fuel Up to Play 60" December Challenge is "Give Yourself the Gift of Good Health." They want to encourage their students and staff to stay active, even during the winter months, either indoors or outdoors. To promote this, they recently held a poster contest in grades 1-6 to show creative ideas of how to have fun and stay active. The posters were judged based on creativity, originality, and neatness. The judges were Miss Mallory Diamond, their Art teacher; Mrs. Sarah Franz, their principal; and Mr. Stephen Arnold, their superintendent. They picked a first and second place for each grade level.

The winners were as follows: First grade - Anna Wells 1st place and Emily Manz 2nd place. Second grade - Brookelynn Lee 1st place and Morgan Hefner 2nd place; Third grade - Joey Munger 1st place and Ryan Wenninger 2nd place; Fourth grade - Kylie Pfeiffer 1st place and Sydney Coyne 2nd place; Fifth grade - Bethany Mobley 1st place and Alli Hefner 2nd place; and Sixth grade - Braxton Asher 1st place and Trisha Strickler 2nd place.

Each winner received a

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ATTENTION! ALL WOODBURN HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES


Several Woodburn High School graduates are beginning to develop plans for a WOODBURN High School Alumni Homecoming. The date has been set for Saturday, July 14, 2012. We are coordinating this celebration in conjunction with the annual Woodburn "Day in the Park".

If you are a Woodburn High School Alumni, or attended WHS (Classes 1959,


'60 or '61) please mark your calendar and plan to join us that day. If you know anyone that is a Woodburn High School Alumni, please help us out by telling them about this event. We have no records and have no clues as to how many graduates live in the Woodburn area and will see this notice. We appreciate everyone helping us out by "passing the word".

We will be meeting early in February. If you or someone you know would be interested and willing to help make this event successful, please contact Bob Wearley at 260-410-1592 or Charlie and Joan Wells at 260-632-4538.

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ROBERT HERBER RECEIVES HONOR FROM ANTWERP SCHOOL BOARD



Antwerp Board President Robert Herber receives an engraved clock from Superintendent Mark Hartman for his 12 years of outstanding service and dedication to the Antwerp School District at the December 15, 2011 Board

of Education meeting. Mr. Herber, whose third term has now come to a close, has decided to not seek re-election at this time. Mr. Herber also served on the Vantage Board of Education representing Antwerp.

USED BOOK SALE AT COOPER COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The Oakwood Library Association will be having their annual "Winter Used Book Sale", January 3-14 in the Community Room of the Cooper Community Library, a branch of the Paulding County Carnegie Library system. The book sale will be open during normal library hours: Monday & Tuesday noon - 7:30 p.m., Wednesday,

Thursday, and Friday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., and Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. There are a lot of books, magazines, VHS and DVDs. Also a few odds and ends! Support the Friend's group of the Cooper Community Library.

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Pictures with Santa at the Paulding County Senior Center on December 9th drew in an estimated 300 people. All ages and even pets were invited. Prior to meeting the Jolly Guy in Red, Residents participated in a Village-wide Treasure Hunt. McDonald's gave

out free fries, Maramart Marathon Gas Station gave out bottled water, Dairy Queen gave residents a free ice cream cone and then another ticket for another free cone for their next visit. Subway donated several free subs, and Marco's Pizza donated large pizzas.

ACAC HIGH SCHOOL BB TOURNAMENT DRAW

Tuesday, January 10, 2012: (girls play first, followed by boys games beginning at 6:00 p.m.) *Opening Games* - Bluffton at Southern Wells; Heritage at Adams Central; South Adams at Woodlan; Garrett at Leo

Wednesday, January 11, 2012: *Girls' Semi-Finals* (at the Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne) - Bluffton/Southern Wells winner vs Heritage/Adams Central winner; South Adams/Woodlan winner vs Garrett/Leo winner

Thursday, January 12, 2012: *Boy's Semi-Finals* (at the Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne) - Bluffton/Southern Wells winner vs Heritage/Adams Central winner; South

Adams/Woodlan winner vs Garrett/Leo winner

Saturday, January 14, 2012: 10:00 a.m. Girls' Championship Game; 12:30 p.m. Boys' Championship Game

ANTWERP MS WRESTLERS COMPETE IN TRI-MEET

Thursday, December 15th the Antwerp Middle School wrestlers competed against Paulding and Fairview.

Connor Jenkins of Antwerp was pinned by Tracy of Paulding 1:15. Bryce Hall of Antwerp was defeated by Gamble of Paulding 9-4. Bevin Hall of Antwerp pinned Stoller of Paulding :26. Austin Van Atta of Antwerp was pinned by C. Hahn of Paulding 1:22.

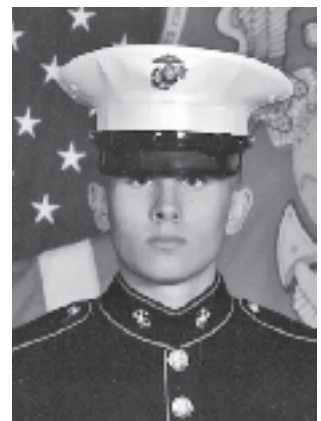
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werp was pinned by Trevor Cechleich of Fairview :26. Bryce Hall of Antwerp was defeated by Ein Dewitt of Fairview 6-4. Bevin Hall of Antwerp pinned C. Sidle of Fairview 1:43. Austin Van Atta of Antwerp was pinned by B.J. Bassett of Fairview 1:22.

Records: Connor Jenkins 0-6; Bryce Hall 4-4 with 3 pins; Bevin Hall 6-2 with 6 pins; Austin Van Atta 2-6.

PVT. AUSTIN G. DUNAKIN GRADUATES FROM BOOT CAMP

Pvt. Austin G. Dunakin, 19, of Fort Wayne, IN graduated from United States Marine Corps boot camp at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, CA on December 2, 2011. Pvt. Dunakin successfully completed 13 weeks of intensive basic training at MCRD San Diego as one of 73 recruits



in training Platoon 3230. Following ten days home on leave he will report to Camp Pendleton for three months at Infantry Training Battalion then on to his permanent duty station to begin his new career as an infantryman in the United States Marine Corps.

Pvt. Dunakin is a 2011 graduate of Leo Jr./Sr. High School and his proud grandparents are Jerry and Lana Scouten of Antwerp, OH.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES FOR 12/5/11

This 5th day of December, 2011, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

Tony Zartman, Tony Burkley, Fred Pieper, and Nola Ginter, Clerk
ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:
 Warrants documented as 183651 through 183730 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.
TRAVEL REQUESTS:
 Tony Zartman, Tony Burkley, and Fred Pieper - CCAO Winter Conference, Columbus OH - December 11-13, 2011

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING "THEN AND NOW" PURCHASE ORDERS AND PAYMENTS:

The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on November 30, 2011, Warrant numbers 183585 through 183642 in the amount of \$25,414.14; and it is certified that both at the time that the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time that the County Auditor is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance; and pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code §5705.41(D)(1), these purchases must be approved by resolution of the board of county commissioners. Now, therefore the Paulding County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Purchase Orders as submitted by the Auditor; and it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners, County of Paulding, State of Ohio concerning the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-024):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2011 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:

FROM: General Fund/Soldiers' Relief/Transportation
 TO: General Fund/Soldiers' Relief/Other Expenses
 AMOUNT: \$2,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-014):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2011 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:

FROM: General Fund/County Court/Workers' Comp
 TO: General Fund/County Court/Indigent Defense
 AMOUNT: \$567.22

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF THE 2012 GENERAL FUND ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS:

The Board of County Commissioners hereby approve the 2012 Annual Appropriations as recorded in Journal 52, Pages 873 through 880, to provide for current expenses and other expenditures of said County during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2012. The same are hereby set aside and appropriated for the several purposes for which expenditures are to be made for and during said fiscal year.

2012 BUDGET PAULDING COUNTY GENERAL FUND:

COMMISSIONERS 2012 Figures:
 Salaries-Officials, \$122,664.00
 Salaries-Employees, \$13,125.00
 Supplies, \$5,587.82
 Travel, \$3,500.00
 Advertising/Printing, \$1,500.00
 PERS, \$13,940.46
 Workers' Comp, \$2,715.78
 Medicare, \$1,968.94
 Social Security, \$5,070.00
 Total 2012 Budget - \$170,072.00
 COUNTY AUDITOR 2012 Figures:
 Salaries-Official, \$53,431.00
 Salaries-Employees, \$55,000.00
 Supplies, \$4,000.00
 Equipment, \$500.00
 Contracts/Services, \$14,590.00
 Travel, \$500.00
 Advertising/Printing, \$1,000.00
 Other Expenses, \$1,000.00
 PERS-Auditor, \$15,181.00
 Workers' Comp-Auditor, \$1,952.00
 Weights/Measures Travel, \$2,000.00
 Medicare, \$1,575.00
 Total 2012 Budget - \$150,729.00
 COUNTY TREASURER 2012 Figures:

Salaries-Official, \$42,172.00
 Salaries-Employees, \$26,343.00
 Supplies, \$500.00
 Contracts/Services, \$1,000.00
 Travel, \$600.00
 Advertising/Printing, \$400.00
 PERS, \$9,592.00
 Workers' Comp, \$1,234.00
 Medicare, \$995.00

YARN LOVERS CLUB SERVE OTHERS WITH CRAFT



The Woodburn Branch Library Yarn Lovers Club decided a few months ago to make scarves for the 2012 Special Olympics. The club made 26 scarves. This was their first group project and they are

very proud of themselves. Pictured here with their completed scarves are (l-r) Andrea Kansorka, Cari Dodane, Genie Bishop, Jerri Carpenter, and Angela Wag-

Total 2012 Budget - \$82,836.00
 COUNTY PROSECUTOR 2012 Figures:

Salaries-Official, \$56,226.00
 Salaries-Employees, \$75,828.10
 Allowances, \$22,286.35
 Other Expenses, \$10,200.00
 PERS, \$18,487.57
 Workers' Comp, \$2,163.20
 Medicare, \$1,914.78
 Total 2012 Budget - \$187,106.00
 BUREAU OF INSPECTION 2012 Figures:

State Audit, \$50,500.00
 Special Reports, \$9,000.00
 Total 2012 Budget, \$59,500.00
 COURT OF COMMON PLEAS 2012 Figures:

Salaries-Official, \$3,653.00
 Salaries-Employees, \$40,000.00
 Supplies, \$6,000.00
 Equipment, \$3,923.00
 Contracts/Repairs, \$1,700.00
 Attorney Fees, \$30,000.00
 Juror's Fees, \$5,000.00
 Witness Fees, \$1,000.00
 Transcripts, \$3,000.00
 Travel, \$3,000.00
 Expenses-Foreign Judge, \$1,000.00
 Other Expenses, \$19,000.00
 Salaries-Jury, \$400.00
 PERS, \$6,112.00
 Workers' Comp, \$721.00
 Contracts/Services/Jury, \$125.00
 Medicare, \$53.00
 Mediation, \$10,000.00

Total 2012 Budget - \$134,687.00
 JUVENILE COURT 2012 Figures:

Salaries-Employees, \$16,500.00
 Supplies, \$2,000.00
 Equipment, \$400.00
 Child Support, \$35,500.00
 Travel, \$1,500.00
 Expenses/Foreign Judge, \$200.00
 Other Expenses, \$3,000.00
 PERS, \$2,310.00
 Workers' Comp, \$300.00
 Medicare, \$250.00
 Appointed Counsel, \$15,000.00
 Total 2012 Budget - \$76,960.00
 PROBATE COURT 2012 Figures:
 Salaries-Official, \$3,655.00
 Salaries-Employees, \$32,400.00
 Supplies, \$1,000.00
 Equipment, \$400.00
 Travel, \$200.00
 Expenses/Foreign Judge, \$350.00
 Other Expenses, \$2,000.00
 PERS, \$5,050.00
 Workers' Comp, \$650.00
 Medicare, \$525.00
 Total 2012 Budget - \$46,230.00
 CLERK OF COURTS 2012 Figures:
 Salaries-Official, \$42,172.00
 Salaries-Employees, \$36,171.20
 Supplies, \$4,000.00
 Equipment, \$6,075.00
 Travel, \$1,300.00
 Other Expenses, \$522.00
 PERS, \$10,969.00

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