

## PAULDING COUNTY JOURNAL GAZETTE SPELLING BEE 2011



From 'newfangled' to 'guru' this year's county spelling bee was a fairly intense event. Starting with ten spellers the field was narrowed when four of them went down in the first two rounds - Cade McGarvey (Paulding Elementary), Taylor Jackman (Paulding Middle School), Leah Maassel (WT Grover Hill Elementary) and Faith Vogel (Divine Mercy Catholic School). The third round took out Estee Miller (Oakwood Elementary) and Nicole Hughes (Antwerp JH). The word 'talc' baffled Ian Vogel (WT Payne Elementary) and 'mirage' ended Jacob Dingus' (WT JH) hopes of advancements in this year's bee. The

last two standing, Derek Reeb (Antwerp Elementary) and Abigail Pierce (Christian Home Education of PC) were fairly evenly matched because they ping-ponged words back and forth for several rounds before the judges decided to switch to a more advanced spelling list. They still kept up the 'word war' for another couple of rounds before the pronouncer found the word to stump Miss Pierce. 'Tangential' closed out her spelling bee career. Derek then had one last word to prove he was spelling champion worthy. And with the word 'misinterpret' Derek will advance to the next rounds of the Spelling Bee ladder.

All the participants of the Paulding County Spelling Bee received a medallion and certificate. Both Derek and Abigail also received a trophy and a Savings Bond from Antwerp Exchange Bank. Derek Reeb will no advance to the Journal GAZETTE Regional Spelling Bee which will take place at IPFW on March 12, 2011.

## WINTER 2011 GMC ALL CONFERENCE SCHOLAR ATHLETES

The Green Meadows Conference is proud to announce their "All Conference Scholar Athletes" for the winter of 2011. To be eligible for this honor, the athlete must be a senior, participate and letter in a recognized sport or cheerleading and have a 3.5 GPA or better after 7 semesters.

### ANTWERP:

Alaine Wetli 4.0; Rachel Banks 4.0; Sierra Short 3.7; Jessie Arnold 3.6; Shaile Chamberlain 3.6

### AYERSVILLE:

Ashley Kelly 4.0; Joshua Kieffer 4.0; Dylan Moore 4.0; Kylee Ondrus 3.9; Austin Carr 3.9; Andrew Brink 3.8; Kayla Waisner 3.8; Dallas Smith 3.8; Renae Cramer 3.7; Corinne Kissner 3.5

### EDGERTON:

Cassandra Fritch 4.0; Alex Hills 3.9; Shelby Brady 3.8

### FAIRVIEW:

Luke Kuhn 3.8

### HICKSVILLE:

Amber Poth 4.0; Jenna Kinn 4.0; Lyndsey Tollas 3.9

### HOLGATE:

Audrey Keeterle 3.9

### TINORA:

Annie Benecke 4.0; Kari Kahle 4.0; Anna Steffel 4.0; Kendra McCann 3.8; Vanessa Moser 3.7; Zach Lloyd 3.6; Jeff Schliesser 3.6; Lyndi Stykemain 3.5

### WAYNE TRACE:

Nick LaBounty 3.9; Kacee Hockenberry 3.6; Kelsey Heck 3.6

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Gregory Ruben Dowe England was born on February 4, 2011 at 1:19 a.m. He weighed 9 lbs. 6 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Gregory was welcomed home by his parents, Gregory and Kandise England of Paulding. Gregory's grandparents are Jeanene and Mike Lewis of Cecil, OH and Joe and Vicki England of Van Wert, OH. Gregory's great-grandparents are B.J. and Terry Dunn of Toledo, OH and Bob and Ruth Smallwood of Paulding, OH.

## WAYNE TRACE CROWNS THREE GMC CHAMPIONS

The competition at this year's Green Meadows Conference Wrestling Tournament was probably the best it has been in the last 10 years, according to most coaches and fans. The wrestlers who took to the mats on Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup> during the GMC conference held at Fairview High School, were just about the highest quality of individual wrestlers that you will find anywhere. Many of them were locally and state rated. Wayne Trace had some individual grapplers who proved themselves to be among the very best also.

Kameran Clemens 135 lb., Zach Cotterman 140 lbs., and Sawyer Temple 145 lbs. placed 1<sup>st</sup> and each was given a 2011 GMC Championship award. Joey Stahl 112 lbs. finished runner-up. Aaron Miller, 119 lbs., (who is also one of the team's freshmen) and Tim West, 171 lbs., placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tyler Arnett, 152 lbs., and Andy Norling, 285 lbs., finished 4<sup>th</sup>.

"I thought the team wrestled very well today," commented coach George Clemens. "This had to be the best league competition I have seen in a very long time. The team scores were all very close, it was just a real good day for wrestling," he continued, "I think we are ready for sectionals." Sectional wrestling will begin at LCC High School in Lima, Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. and will resume Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. until completion.

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## V.F.W. POST 5087 RECEIVES 50 YEAR AWARD



By: Sue Knapp

On February 12 at 1:00 p.m. District Commander Doug Redman and Senior Vice Rollie Gray awarded Post 5087 a Golden Anniversary Award. The award stated, "In recognition of outstanding contributions to the welfare of our nation and its disabled Veterans during 50 years of dedication to the high ideals of the Veterans of Foreign Wars." This was a proud moment for Commander, Eric Miller, and members of the Post.

The V.F.W. Post 5087 has over 100 members dedicated to community service, helping Veterans in need, attending military funerals and many other projects. Sue Molitor, President of the V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary,

is committed to do what the Auxiliary can to be the helping hand of the Post. It was commented that if it weren't for the ladies, the Post wouldn't be able to do what they do. A 50-year celebration is being planned.

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—Love Always,  
from Carrie, Melanie, Nick & Julius, and Families

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**OBITUARIES**

**Sondra Lee Thompson**, wife of G. Richard Thompson died on January 30, 2011 as a result of injuries sustained in a bicycle accident.

She was born in Fort Wayne, IN on July 25, 1944 and graduated from Antwerp Local Schools. Sondra graduated from Kent State University and did post-graduate studies at Michigan State University. She was an elementary school teacher in both Marine City and St. Clair, MI for many years, a career she dearly loved.

A resident of The Abingtons in Pennsylvania for over twenty years, she served as bell choir director at Clarks Green United Methodist Church for fifteen years and was active in many non-profit organizations.

Recently she and her husband moved to University Park, FL where her second career as a musician really blossomed. Sondra was proficient on the piano, recorders, flute, harp, dulcimers and psaltery. Sondra even entertained friends by playing a nose whistle. She was recently named director of hand bells at the Church of The Palms (PCUSA) in Sarasota. She was a charter member of Ring Sarasota, a newly organized community hand bell choir. She was a volunteer tutor and worked with her husband on Habitat for Humanity projects.

She is survived by daughter, Kimberly Sladicki; son-in-law, Michael; two granddaughters: Kiana and Kyra; and daughter Lisa of Petoskey, MI; she has two sisters: Sharon Beebe of Lakewood Ranch, FL and Susann Rosebrock of Antwerp.

Celebration of Life Services will be held in Sarasota and Clarks Summit, PA at a later date. Cremation services are being provided by Toale Brothers.

**Fred D. Ruess**, 76, of Antwerp, passed away Sunday, February 6, 2011 safely into the arms of Jesus.

Fred was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan on May 7, 1934, a son of the late Grace (Cook) and Fred W. Ruess.

He was a manager at Arrow Uniform Rental and also was a part time police officer in Watervliet and Coloma, MI. He was also a volunteer

fireman in Watervliet and for the Westwood Fire Department in Kalamazoo. On April 10, 1953 he married his high school sweetheart, Mary Jane Stuit.

Fred will be sadly missed by his wife, Mary Jane; daughter, Cheri Lynn (Kenny) Collins of Cecil; son, Jack (Nancy) of St. Joe, MI; sisters, Carol Vanderslick and Margaret Rands both of Kalamazoo; brother, Edward of Florida; three grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He is also preceded in death by his son, Douglas Fred; and six siblings.

Memorial Services were at The Manor House, 204 Archer Drive, Antwerp, February 11, 2011. Memorial services were also held at Midway Baptist Church, 7517 Red Arrow Hwy, Watervliet, MI on Saturday, February 12, 2011. He was laid to rest at Coloma Cemetery.

His family was served by Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com



**Harry A. Philipot**, 81, of Paulding died Monday, February 7, 2011 at the Gardens of Paulding, Paulding, OH.

He was born February 20, 1929 in Paulding, Ohio the son of Harry H. and Cora E. (Strabele) Philipot. On May 2, 1953 he married Doris M. Hatfield who survives. He was owner/operator of the former Philipot Ford Auto Sales Inc. He was a graduate of St. Joseph College and a member of the Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding, and the Ford 500 Club.

He is survived by his wife, Doris Philipot of Paulding; five children: Anne (Raymond) Hershey of Akron, OH, Thomas (Pam) Philipot of Quincy, MI, John (Sue) Phi-

pot of Sylvania, OH, Michael (Sue) Philipot of Phoenix, AZ, and Sharon (Dick) Thomas of Defiance, OH; a brother, James R. (Marilyn) Philipot of Bonne Terre, MO; and 13 grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; and a son, Mark.

A Mass of Christian Burial was conducted February 12, 2011 at Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding, with Rev. G. Allan Fillman officiating. Burial was in Live Oak Cemetery.

Donations may be made to Divine Mercy Catholic Parish; Caring and Sharing Food Pantry; or Pancreatic Cancer Action Network. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

**Catherine A. Meyer**, 66, of Antwerp died Tuesday, February 8, 2011 at Brookview Healthcare Center, Defiance, Ohio after a long battle with Alzheimer's.

Cathy, a loving wife, mother, and grandmother, was born November 8, 1944 in Defiance, Ohio, the daughter of Isadore and Helen (Walters) Bott. She was a 1962 graduate of Oakwood High School. On January 28, 1967, she was united in marriage with John A. Meyer and he survives. Cathy had worked at Grange Insurance-Culligan Water Softening, Defiance and retired after 20+ years as an insurance agent at Antwerp Insurance Agency. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, Hicksville. In earlier years, she was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Antwerp, where she served on the Rosary Alter Society, Parish Council and was a CCD teacher. She was very involved in family activities.

She will be sadly missed by her husband, John; daughters: Sara (Todd) Green of Hicksville, and Cheryl (Steve) Pomesky of Waynesburg, OH; son, Mike (Tomi) of Cecil; grandchildren: Brian, Jason, and Brandon Green, Isabella Meyer, Emily, Alex, and Elizabeth Pomesky; sister, Alice (Bob) Breidenbaugh of Hicksville; and brother, Raymond (Berta) Bott of Defiance.

Cathy was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Clarence Bott; and grandson, Lucas Meyer.

A Mass of Christian burial was February 12, 2011 at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Hicksville with Fr. Stephen Schroeder officiating. Burial was at Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Memorials may be made to Paulding Area Visiting Nurses & Hospice or St. Michael's Catholic Church. Online condolences may be shared at www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com.

**Marie J. Dooley**, 76, of Antwerp, formerly of Philadelphia, PA passed away

Tuesday, February 8, 2011 at Temple University Hospital, Philadelphia.

Marie was born in Philadelphia on June 19, 1934, a daughter of the late Mary (Murphy) and Victor J. Ruffenach. On May 1, 1954, she married Robert Dooley. She spent most of her life in funeral service until her husband's death on October 6, 2002.

She was active member of Divine Mercy Catholic Church (formerly Good Shepherd Church), where she had been a volunteer school librarian for many years and the O'Mahoney Club, both in Philadelphia. She moved to Antwerp in 2003. She thoroughly enjoyed her friends in the Red Hat Society, her book club and bunco meetings. Marie was a devout member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish of Paulding County.

She will be sadly missed by her six children: Robert (Michelle), Kevin (Nanette), Maureen, Brian (Milian), Cathleen (James) and Shawn (Michelle); sisters-in-law, Eleanor and Anne Ruffenach, and Lucy Cohen; 18 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Also preceding her in death are her brothers: Victor II, Charles and Joseph Ruffenach; and one great-granddaughter.

Her Mass of Christian Burial was held February 14, 2011 at Divine Mercy Catholic Church, 67th Street and Chester Avenue in Philadelphia. She was laid to rest in Holy Cross Cemetery, Yeadon, PA.

We ask that you send memorial contributions to Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, 417 N. Main, Paulding, Ohio 45879. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com



**George F. Derck**, 71, of New Haven, IN, passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, February 10, 2011. Born in Antwerp, OH, August 8, 1939, to Francis and Galen Derck, he was employed at International Harvester, followed by Deister Machine Company until 2008.

He was a man of many talents including farming, refinishing antiques, able to repair almost anything. He loved his family and was very proud of his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Sonya of New Haven; son, Dean Derck of Harlan; daughter, Denise Howell of Fort Pierce, FL; brother, John Derck; sisters: Ruth Derck, Ann (Chuck) Wiedman, Jean (Paul) Reinhart, Mary (Kenny) Donat, Linda (Brooks) Pendergrast, and Cindy (Mike) Knight all of Antwerp; brother-in-law, Carl (Judy) Lampe of New Haven; sister-in-law, Kathleen Wall of New Haven;

grandchildren: Jeremy Derck and Kristin [Shane] Yontz of Woodburn, Matt Derck of New Haven; seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by brothers: Tom Cottrell and Robert Derck.

Celebration Of Life to be posted at a later date. Preferred Memorials to Indiana University Huntingtons Disease Research or Parkview Hospice.

**LeRoy Slattery**, 93, of Antwerp, passed away Thursday, February 10, 2011 at his residence.

He was born in Hicksville on November 25, 1917, a son of the late Kathryn (Bridenbaugh) and Frank Slattery. He was a farmer, and owned and operated his own sawmill. Leroy also provided transportation for several Amish families.

He was a member of Antwerp United Methodist Church and sung in quartets when he was younger. On December 26, 1943 he married Frances Drexler, who survives.

LeRoy will be sadly missed by his wife, Frances; sons: Ronald (Cindy) of Antwerp and Lynn (Carol) of Oviedo, FL; three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

His funeral service was at Antwerp United Methodist Church on February 13, 2011 with Rev. Michael Schneider officiating. He was laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery.

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

**A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM**

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

The scriptures speak of a future day when all hostilities will cease and a "little child shall lead them." The leadership of a child doesn't have meaning for just the future.

For example, the tsunami of December 26, 2004 will be a lifelong memory for anyone old enough to understand what happened. One bright spot of that tragic day was highlighted on the cover of the French children's magazine, Mon Quotidien.

Tilly Smith, age 11 at the time, was featured as the publication's selection for "Child of the Year" in 2005. The British schoolgirl saved about one hundred tourists because she acted upon what she knew.

While walking along a Thailand beach during her family's vacation, she recognized the warning signs that a tsunami was coming because her geography class had studied tsunamis just two weeks before. Because of her actions, the beach was evacuated and it was one of the few places on Phuket where no one was killed or seriously hurt.

The Bible speaks of the responsibility to believers to warn those who are lost of the day of accounting, a time of judgment, something that Tilly did. Ezekiel 3:16-19 (NIV), "At the end of seven days the word of the LORD came to me: 'Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. When I say to a wicked man, 'You will surely die,' and you

do not warn him or speak out to dissuade him from his evil ways in order to save his life, that wicked man will die for his sin, and I will hold you accountable for his blood. 'But if you do warn the wicked man and he does not turn from his wickedness or from his evil ways, he will die for his sin; but you will have saved yourself.

Tilly Smith's heroics model what Christians are called to do each day—take the good news of Jesus Christ and implement it into our routine, wherever that may be, so that lives can be saved for both now and eternity. (Houston Chronicle, 12/27/5, p.A2)

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

**THANK YOU**

The family of Mary Litzenberg would like to say Thank You to everyone that touched our mom's life. To those that sent cards, took the time to visit, brought in food and for all of the many prayers.

Thank You to the wonderful staff at Parkview Oncology, Hospice, Dr. Kuhn, Fr. Fillman and to the ladies of the church for the wonderful meal that was provided after the funeral.

Thank You to Shawn Dooley and all the staff of Dooley Funeral Home. You were so caring in our time of need.

A special thank you to Jean, mom's neighbor, for always being there. You truly are a special person.

Thank You and God Bless!  
—Linda & Carl,  
Mike & Carol,  
Steve & Michele,  
Julie & Dave,  
Mark & Cindy,  
Marvin & Judy,  
and all of our families  
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**A STUDY FROM ACTS 5:1-6**

**By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ**

Today as we look at these scripture verses and some others, let's have prayer and ask our heavenly Father to help us in our study. You and I can read about a man named Ananias and his wife Sapphira who had sold a piece of property. Notice in verse 2 that it says he kept back part of the money with his wife's full knowledge, and bringing a portion of the money, he laid the rest at the apostle's feet. These two Christians died in their sins for lying to the Holy Spirit.

In Acts 8:9-13 we read about Simon who was practicing sorcery and in verse 13, we read "Simon believed and was baptized". Notice in verse 18 that Simon tried to buy gift of the laying on of hands to impart the Holy Spirit. Notice what Peter told Simon: "May your silver perish with you, repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you" (NKJV).

In verse 24, Simon answered and said, "pray to the Lord for me, that none of these things come upon me." If Simon had not repented, he would have died in his sins, even though he was a Christian, Paul was talking to the Ephesians elders (Acts 20:17)

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In Acts 20:29-30, Paul told them, "For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves (NKJV)."

These are Christians turning back into the world, why? In Revelations 2:4, the church at Ephesus was told, "nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love." Notice in verse 5 Jesus told them to repent.

What the Bible is saying is that a Christian can be lost when he or she sins and doesn't repent. Always remember God's word is truth and to know this truth you must diligently study. We must always be truthful in our dealings with God and men.

Remember to always pray, and ask God to help you each day. Jesus loves you and so does the Oakwood church of Christ. Comments or questions please call 419-399-5022 for Lonnie Lambert or 419-393-4775 for James Potter. May God richly bless you in your studies.

**A LESSON FROM THE ANTS**

**By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church**

I hate it when I'm at the doctor's or dentist's office and somebody else is reading the *Sports Illustrated*. It happened again just the other day. I was left with the options of the *Ladies' Home Journal*, a *Humpty-Dumpty* magazine, or the *National Geographic*. With a "sort of" desire to broaden myself (and yet still a little miffed that I didn't have SI) I picked up the *National Geographic*. One of the articles caught my eye and, surprisingly, was fairly interesting.

It was about a slave-making ant that aggressively attacks other ants, overpowering them and forcing them into submission. The article described this in some detail: "Hundreds of these ants of Amazon periodically swarm out of their nest to capture neighboring colonies of weaker ants. After destroying resisting defenders, they carry off cocoons containing the larvae of worker ants. When these 'captured children' hatch, they assume that they are part of the family and launch into the tasks they were born to do. They never realize that they are forced-labor victims of the enemy."

As I read the article it struck me that human beings are in a similar predicament. Just as these creatures are bound from the time of their birth, so WE enter the world enslaved to sin and dominated by Satan. We are victims of Adam's sin and born into a world that is controlled by our adversary, the Devil.

The only solution and escape from this tyranny is by receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Through personally asking Christ into one's heart, a person can be released from the control and condemnation of sin and Satan. Then, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we can begin serving Jesus Christ.

We are all servants of one master or the other. Our decision, as Joshua pointed out in the Old Testament, is not WHETHER we will serve, but WHOM we will serve (cf.

Joshua 24:14-28). As one man has penned so well, "Choose you this day! Time hastens on—you cannot neutral be: To serve the devil, sin or Christ—choose now which it shall be."

As I sat there, holding the *National Geographic*, and considering the habits of the slave-making ants, I was glad that I've committed my life to serving Christ. In fact, it really didn't bother me that I didn't get to read *Sports Illustrated*, after all.

**SHARP**

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

In 1954, the impossible became possible. Roger Bannister was the first to run a mile in under four minutes. Within ten years, a high-school athlete ran a mile in less than four minutes. Bannister broke the barrier and everyone else followed. They learned that it could be done, and those who were able to train with him learned his methods on how to do it. In 1997, two miles were ran in less than eight minutes. The impossible keeps becoming possible. When people believe something can be done and train with one another, what was once thought impossible can be achieved.

The same thing happened with the 100m dash. It was thought to be impossible to run it in less than ten seconds. That barrier was broken in 1968; now over 70 people have run the 100m dash in less than ten seconds. They learn from one another and break barriers that were previously thought impossible.

The last two weeks, I wrote about why we should go to church. The point of those articles were that we gather together to encourage one another and spur each other on to do loving actions for others. In this article, we are going to change gears a little and focus on how when we gather together, we can do more than we could do by ourselves. This is the result of sharpening one another. The writer of Proverbs wrote, "Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another" (Proverbs 27:17).

What you have accomplished after hard work and struggling can easily be passed on to me if I am humble enough to learn from you and your experience. Sometimes our greatest enemy is ourselves, our self-sufficiency and self-reliance. We think we have to blaze our own trail and not follow down the road of those who are on the journey with us. We become prideful and unteachable, but the key is that others can unlock doors that we cannot; likewise, we can do the same for them. Together we can accomplish more than we could as two separate people.

A healthy gathering of believers is one where the people learn from one another, sharpen one another, and encourage each other to do greater things than they would have done if left alone. There is this saying that one's ceiling can become the next generation's floor. I think it is true in the narrower context of daily living. What you learn today, can be my knowledge and actions tomorrow if I am teachable. I can do what you have learned to do through years of hard work in just a short time if you are willing to share and

I am willing to learn. Let us not neglect meeting together because together we can build something greater than we could apart.

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

**HICKSVILLE MASONIC LODGE 2/9 MEETING NEWS**

Scott Ruppert opened a Lodge and the Pledge was given. Birthday cards were signed and sent to Norm Byers, Jack Tongring, Jim Volkert, Bob Volkert, Tyler Fleming and Charles Fleming. A get well card was signed and sent to Byron Rasey. It was reported that he was now home after suf-

fering a broken hip. 50-year members Russell St. John, Dick Savage, and Estel Cottrell stood and announced their years of service. Other member present included Richard Evans Sr., B.J. Kline, Hanson Lilly, Steve Schilb, Ken Crouch, Mike Altman, Dick Altman, Jesse Steiner, Walter Schilb, James Kline, Steve St. John, Jamie Chapman, Jimmie J. Volkert, Tom Betts, Mike Villena, Scott Ruppert, Robert L. Stotler Jr., Bill Metz, Richard Wann and Mike Mazur.

There were no bills and no petitions presented. It was reported that Max Kemerer would again supply a grandson candidate for the 2011 Thanksgiving Master Mason Breakfast. He is also getting two other grandsons ready to be inducted into

Hicksville Lodge #478. Temple Board President, Scott Ruppert reported that he has not yet contacted Tom Nye about the east wall water problem. He will report again next meeting.

Ruppert is going to contact the members of the "Turkey Shoot" committee about organizing the event. Bryon Rasey and Randy Brooks will also help chair the "Special Olympics" fund raiser.

James Kline was called upon to present the evenings LEO program. The topic that was presented was one of the required and was entitled "Lasting Influence". He asked if we could remember special people who made a difference in our lives and led a discussion on how we remember special people that played an important

part in our lives. Scott Ruppert reminded all of the next Inspection that is coming up on Friday February 18 at Montpelier at 7:00 p.m. With no further business, Ruppert closed the Lodge in due form and harmony and all retired to the dining room for food and fellowship. The next stated meeting will be February 23 at 7:30 p.m.

**PAULDING HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS & DISMISSALS**

*Admissions:*  
1/31 - Esther Johnson, Payne  
*Dismissals:*  
1/31 - Eileen Rehmert, Blakeslee to Lutheran Hospital  
2/1 - Esther Johnson, Payne



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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am a public employee with 32 years of service (1979 - The Ohio State University and 1980 to present - The Ohio Department of Natural Resources). I am also a fiscal and social conservative who is deeply concerned about our state's economic woes and believe that state and federal spending must be curtailed and revenues enhanced without placing further burden on the taxpayer.

Recently, in an attempt to address the economic challenges that public entities face including those of the state, counties, and municipalities State Senator Shannon Jones introduced Senate Bill 5. If passed, this legislation would make sweeping changes to Ohio's Collective Bargaining Law. These changes include abolishing collective bargaining for employees of the state and state institutions of higher education and drastically limiting collective bargaining for other public employees.

I disagree with Senator

Jones that abolishing a public employee's right to participate in collective bargaining is a solution to the state's fiscal problems or that collective bargaining has contributed to those problems. When positions are compared with equal regards to education, experience, organizational size, gender, race, ethnicity, citizenship, and disability employees of state and local governments earn lower wages than comparable private sector employees.

Looking at total compensation (wages and non-wage benefits) Ohio public employees annually earn 6% less than comparable private sector employees and 3.5% less on an hourly basis than comparable private sector employees.

Additionally, a higher percentage of occupations in the public sector require higher levels of education than in the private sector. Forty-nine percent of full-time public sector workers in the state hold at least a bachelor's degree, compared with 26% of full-time private sector workers. Ohio state and local governments pay college-educated employees 25% less in annual total compensation, on average, than private employers.

Police, fire-fighters, teachers, highway workers, and other public employees have already seen lay-offs, furloughs, force reductions, and wage and other benefit cuts. How can anyone argue that collective bargaining has been a liability to the state and should be abolished?

The compensation of public sector workers is neither the cause of, nor can it be the solution to the state's financial problems. Only an economic recovery can begin to plug the hole in the state's budget. Unfortunately, the state's own current budget balancing efforts may prolong the economic downturn by increasing unemployment and reducing demand for products and services.

Sincerely,

—Duane Bailey

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In January 2011 The American Red Cross of Paulding County responded to four major fires in Paulding County. We supplied the families with emergency lodging and assistance with food and clothing needs. The Red Cross bring resources to families impacted by disasters throughout the year whether it be fires, floods or storms. After a disaster strikes, the fire department, or EMA or the sheriff's office will contact the Red Cross to respond. The Red Cross will supply aid to a family when there is an unexpected emergency. We will put a family in a hotel for up to three days and give them a credit card with a specified amount based on factors like the size of the family to be used for food, clothes, etc.

The Red Cross has seen an increase in recent years in the amount of families needing emergency assistance. The Red Cross relies on local donations to be able to continue to supply aid to local families. We do not receive government funds or anything from National Headquarters to help provide for this service locally.

The Red Cross hopes the community will consider donating to their cause during this time of need. Any size of donation will help. If you can donate please mail a check to Paulding Red Cross at 211 N Main St. Paulding, Ohio 45879 so we can continue to assist families.

—Glenna Doster

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Recently, Mr. Shelton was kind enough to shovel my drive so I could get out. Even though he had to get back on the road, as he's a truck driver, he took the time to shovel me out and he doesn't even live on this road.

I have a snow blower, but it wouldn't even budge the drifts I had in my driveway. In fact, it started smoking really bad, so I shut it off. Normally, I do my driveway and don't ask for help, as there are a lot of peo-

ple on our road that have to shovel out their drives. When the weather man was predicting this storm, they mentioned several times about checking on the elderly, making sure they didn't need anything. While I was out trying to dig myself out, three men, who live a couple of houses down from me, shoveled out their drives with blades on the front of their tractors and never once offered to help me or anyone else that was trying to dig out. Now, I don't expect favors from neighbors, but when I take in their "cast off" animals, feed them, make sure they have their shots and give them a warm place to go when it's below zero, I feel that common courtesy should be extended. Guess chivalry is dead, at least on my road.

—Peggy Scarpelli

## MARINE PRIVATE SAVAGE

Cody Savage recently graduated from the Marine Corps Recruit Depot at Parris Island, South Carolina. After a 10 day liberty, he worked with the Mansfield, Ohio Marine corps Recruiting Office for three additional weeks before continuing his S.O.I. (School of Infantry) training at Camp



Geiger in Jacksonville, North Carolina for nine weeks. Upon completion of training, he will then go to M.O.S. (Military Occupational Specialty) training in Virginia to be a security specialist.

Cody is the son of Kent and Theresa Savage of Loundonville, Ohio. Cody has a sister, Tasshia and two brothers, Tyler and Nick. Cody is the grandson of Peg Savage of Antwerp.



## 'YES WE CAN'

By: Sue Knapp

'Ask not what your village can do for you, ask what you can do for your village' (paraphrased from President Kennedy's speech, emphasis by Sue Knapp). These two quotes from two different Presidents fit the movers and shakers from Antwerp Village perfectly.

Tuesday, February 8, the Antwerp A.C.D.C. hosted a meeting at the Essen House (Antwerp). The group invited individuals, business and professional people to come together for the betterment of Antwerp.

After A.C.D.C. President Kirk Hopkins introduced Karl Mielke, who hosted the meeting, the floor was opened to the thirty plus attendees to comment on the projects their organizations were working on in Antwerp.

The objective of the meeting was "an opportunity for organizations and individuals to share goals and projects and consider a way to structure revitalization," quote by Karl Mielke.

Some of the projects going on are continuing fund raisers for the All Weather Track. Steve Arnold, Principal of AHS commented that the track is finished and the first meet will be held this spring. Future projects will include improvement of the baseball field or have a new one built, new bleachers and lighting. Barbie Wales, President of the Athletic Booster Club announced an upcoming fund raiser. A reverse raffle will be held on Saturday, April 9 at Grant's Reception Hall starting at 5:00. Watch for information on 'Drive for Your School' where you can test drive a car. The school will receive money for each car test driven.

Keith West from the V.E.T.S. Memorial commented that names will be added each year to the memorial and a new project is being worked on.

Regan Clem commented on changes in the Soccer Program; the Ministerial Association in Antwerp is working on more events for the community; the Kid's Closet at Riverside Christian Church; and Riverside Christian Church along with United Methodist Church is sponsoring A Walk for Water on September 17 for clean water in Liberia. "Along with being servants to the people in Antwerp, we also want to be a blessing to others," commented Pastor Clem.

Amber Zuber commented on the Antwerp Community Youth Center. The Youth Centers goal is to give the area youth a good, clean, safe place to hang out.

Kaleb O'Donnell from Eagle Scout Troop #143 told how the horse shoe pits in the park have been redone, the Troop also places flags in the old cemetery on the Vets graves for Memorial Day and

commented that more projects are being planned.

Shawn Schuette announced that the Antwerp Ball Association will be having a Live Duck Race on March 19 at the Manor House Gym. There are many more projects planned for the Association.

Brian McLaughlin, representing the A.C.F. & C.C. (Manor and Essen House Campus) Advisory Board announce that the Board has funds for community projects and the A.C.F. & C.C. is planning to open a gym and pool in the future.

Keith West complimented the Basketball Team on their sportsmanship and encouraged support for the area youth.

Amy McCreery, Director of the area United Way, reported fund raisers being planned for every month for 2011. United Way is in the process of being restructured and things are looking up for the organization in meeting needs.

Louis Lengacher thanked Antwerp for the support of the A.C.F. & C.C. and added that 28 more rooms are planned which will create 51 jobs.

Barry Delong, from the Rotary Club, commented that the Rotary Club's motto is 'Serving above Self'. The Rotary Club provides scholarships, is involved in flag projects, park projects and much more. They also hold fund raisers for different organizations.

Alaine Wetli, Senior; Bryant Miesle, Junior, and Kaleb O'Donnell from Antwerp School's National Honor Society, is involved in community service, Christmas for Kids, Blood Drives, Relay for Life and more.

Deputy Jason Landers representing the Paulding County Sheriff's Office, stated the the Sheriff's Office supports the Village and the revitalization projects. Deputy Landers lives in the area and appreciates the Village.

Jim Pendergrast is working on a bike path for the area.

Amy Lichty, Village Utility Clerk, and Sue Knapp, from West Bend News, both commented that unless they are informed, the different projects and activities cannot be put in the paper or the village website. The Village website is antswater@frontier.com

Mike Renno, from Antwerp Pharmacy, talked with Karl earlier and suggested that a sign be put on the 'new' 24 indicating Antwerp, and/or, the Village name be painted on the water tower.

These are just a few of the things going on in and around the village. 'Antwerpians' are movers and shakers. But Mielke, with the support of the A.C.D.C., would like to see a committee formed that would bring these people and organizations together for the revitalization of Antwerp. People from health care, human & social services, education, government, faith, law enforcement, neighborhood associations, civic volunteers, business, media, recreational/parks and private citizens are invited. The next meeting will be held on March 2 at the Antwerp High School Auditoria at 6:30 p.m. Remember 'Ask not what your village can do for you, ask what you can do for your village'.

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**ELIZABETH HORMANN**

**By: Stan Jordan**

Liz was born in Spruce Pine, NC in 1949. Her parents were Cass and Joda Singleton Rhinehart. There were seven children in the family. She was the fourth child of three boys and four girls. The family moved to Fort Wayne as Cass was a high rise steel worker and she worked on the original Parkview Hospital.

Liz started to school in New Haven and then moved to Woodburn and attended there until the fourth grade. Then they moved to Antwerp and she graduated in 1966.

The Cass Rhinehart family were the last people to live in the old Lamb Hotel. Those kids enjoyed it there



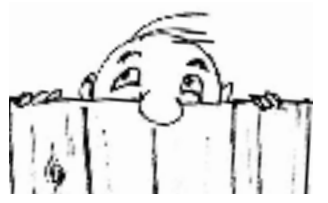
**By: Stan Jordan**

Three blondes were fishing up in northern Michigan. A game warden came along and asked for their fishing licenses. "We don't have any fishing licenses. We're not fishing," one replied. "It looks to me like you are fishing," the game warden replied. "Well, we have magnets on the end of our lines, and we are cleaning the debris from off the bottom of the river."

So, the man wound in their lines and sure enough, they did have magnets on the end of the line, instead of fish hooks. So the warden scratched his head and said, "Well, go ahead, I hope you get a lot of debris off the bottom of the river." As soon as the game warden was out of sight, the blondes really went on a laughing binge. "What a dumb fish cop," the one blonde said to the other two, "Doesn't he know there are steel head trout in this stream?" See ya!

then for 12 years for Position Services with specialty doctors and was an EMT for 12 years. She worked for Dr. Naadi and for Dr. Schleter for five years and any where else she was needed. All this time Liz was doing interim private duty for the handicapped and disabled for five years. Then she helped open the new Country Inn in Latty and was there for two years. Then she came to Manor House and has been here from day one. She enjoys this type of caring for people. She thinks God meant for her to be a person to help other people. All her life she has leaned toward the medical profession. When you meet her, her countenance and character makes you feel at ease right away. That is an ability that not everyone possesses. Liz's hobbies are traveling, gardening, Zumba, Ballroom Dancing, kids and grandkids.

We here at the WBN wish you many more years of helping the elderly because you enjoy them and they need you. See ya!



**By: Stan Jordan**

He was very busy in the Olympics along with the afore mentioned contests, he participated in the long jump and the high jump. In the Pentathlon he won four of the five events and won a Gold Medal that day. On that day he placed in the top 4 in all 10 events. Jim's Olympic records finally totaled out at 8,413 points. That was a record that stood for two decades. Overall, Jim won eight of the 15 events of the Pentathlon and Decathlon.

The medals were awarded at the closing of the games and Thorpe won two Gold Medals and two challenge prizes. One of them was given by King Gustav V of Sweden for the Decathlon. The other was given by Czar Nicholas II of Russia for the Pentathlon. When the King gave Jim his medal Jim replied, "Thanks King". The king had called him the greatest athlete in the world. When Thorpe arrived back in New York City he was awarded a ticker tape parade.

entered the U.S. Olympics for both events and won both of them easily. He could run the 100-yard dash in 10 seconds flat, the 220 in 21.8 seconds, the 440 in 51.8 seconds, the 880 in 1:57, the mile in 4:35, the 120-yard high hurdles in 15 seconds, and the 220-yard low hurdles in 24 seconds. He could long jump 23 foot 6 inches and high-jump 6 foot 5 inches. He could pole vault 11 feet, put the shot 47 foot 9 inch, throw the javelin 163 feet and throw the discus 126 feet.

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See ya!

**MORE ON JIM THORPE**

**By: Stan Jordan**

In 1912 the Summer Olympics were held in Stockholm and two new events were added, the Pentathlon and the Decathlon. The Pentathlon consisted of the long jump, the javelin throw, the 200 meter dash, the discus throw and the 1500 meter run. Jim



Jim later said, "I heard people calling my name. I didn't realize how one fellow could have so many friends." In 1913 strict rules for the Olympics were laid out. Anyone who had received any pay for a game was considered professional and therefore banned from competing in the forthcoming Olympics. In January of 1913 it was published that Thorpe had received money for playing baseball. Yes, he had for 1909 and 1910, around \$35.00 a week in the Eastern Carolina League and he played for Rocky Mount, North Carolina. The American public didn't care much about Jim's past, but the Amateur Athletic Union did. So they withdrew his amateur status and made it retroactive and asked the Olympic commission to do the same thing and they did. So later that year the IOC decided to take all of Jim's awards and medals and declared him a professional. I guess, the only thing good about this was after he was declared a pro, he got a lot of job offers and we will talk about that next week. See ya!

**ODOT WARNS OF SNOW LEFT ON HIGHWAYS**

ODOT is issuing what has become an annual warning to residents living on state highways: Don't leave snow plowed from private driveways on the highways. "Not only is it not advisable to leave snow from your driveway in the middle of the highway, it is against the law," said Kirk Slusher, Ohio Department of Transportation District 1 deputy director. Ohio Revised Code 4511.74 prohibits the placement of injurious material on a highway except that which is placed on the roadway by a proper authority, such as the salt or grit which ODOT uses to treat icy roads. Placing anything on the highway could be dangerous to motorists in that they may hit these obstructions and lose control of their vehicle. "If it is found that snow displaced from a private drive onto a highway contributes to an accident, the individual who placed it there could be found liable," said Slusher. According to the Ohio State Highway Patrol, the offense is considered a first degree misdemeanor and carries a maximum penalty of six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine. ODOT advises snow from private drives be pushed completely off the highway. It is recommended that residents place the snow on the far side of their drives so that a passing ODOT plow will not throw the snow back into the driveway, said Slusher. In addition, the department recommends individuals clear snow away from their mailboxes. "Moving snow to the far side of the mailbox may reduce the likelihood that snow thrown from a passing plow will cause damage," said Slusher. ODOT also reminds parents to keep their children from playing in piles of snow which are close to the road. District One serves the counties of Allen, Defiance, Hancock, Hardin, Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert and Wyandot. For further information contact: Rhonda Pees, ODOT District One, 419-999-6803.

**1986 ANTWERP MINOR LEAGUE CHAMPS**



**By: Stan Jordan**

This picture was loaned to us by Ann Snyder.

Pictured left to right are Matt Rodriguez, Travis Hughes, Brian Reinhart, Cord Ehrhart, Mark Snider, Cary Babcock, Tim Panico, Chris Hitt, Noah Long, Mike

Davenport.

Coaches George Snider and Lonnie Hitt. Absent Boston Waltenburg and Coach Lenny long. Sponsored by the American Legion Post 253. Their record was 8 wins, 3 losses, 1 forfeit.

**PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES FOR 2/2/11**

This 2nd day of February, 2011, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

Tony Zartman, Fred Pieper, and Nola Ginter, Clerk; Absent: Tony Burkley

**ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:**

Warrants documented as 175177 through 175435 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

**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 January 26, 2011, Warrants numbering 175112 through 175120 totaling \$4,592.51; 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 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

**MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:**

Ann Pease, Clerk of Courts - Ms. Pease met with the Commissioners to present monthly reports.

Erin Bowser, Horizon Wind Energy; Attorney Allison Dodson, Horizon Wind Energy; Joe Burkard, Prosecuting Attorney - Conference call regarding a contract for Horizon Wind Energy's donation to county entities.

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



Woodlan Jr/Sr High School's Junior High student of the month is seventh-grader Sawyer Miller. Sawyer is the son of Kris and Tammy Miller of Grabill. Sawyer earned this honor not only because he is an excellent student, but also because he is very respectful and responsible both in and out of the classroom. Sawyer's skill set is not limited to the classroom though, as he can also be found on the athletic field participating in football, basketball, and baseball. When Sawyer is not playing sports or studying, he also enjoys spending time with friends, camping, and pursuing outdoor leisure activities. Sawyer is also an active participant in his church's youth group at Grace Point Church of the Nazarene. Sawyer's favorite subject in school is math and he is planning on attending a four year college after high school to possibly study engineering.

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**2011 WOODLAN WARRIORS GIRLS BASKETBALL SENIOR RECOGNITION**

**By: Jeff Abbott**  
 Mason Bergman (manager) - son of Tom & Shana Bergman. Mason was a manager for 4 years for basketball and 4 years for cross-country. He has participated in Student Council for 2 years and band for 4 years. He plans to attend IPFW to study criminal justice.  
 Ryan Speith (manager) - son of Stan Speith. This was Ryan's first year as a basketball manager. He participated in track for 2 years, cross-country for 3 years, basketball for 1 year, and was the softball manager for 2 years. Ryan has served as a class officer his Junior year, president of the Student Council this year, National Honor Society treasurer for 2 years, Woodlan Service Club, Show Choir, Yearbook staff, and Campus Life. He plans to attend either

Indiana University or Purdue University to major in psychology and minor in sociology.  
 Lydia Yoder (#10) - daughter of Jason & Debbie Yoder. Lydia played basketball for 4 seasons, participated in cross-country, and track. She played club soccer for Woodlan for 4 seasons. She works summers at the New Haven pools. She plans to attend Ball State or Bluffton University but is undecided on a major.  
 Katie Kayser (#12) - daughter of Doug & Christy Kayser. She played basketball for 4 seasons and participated in track and cross-country for Woodlan. She placed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> team all-conference for cross-country 3 times. Katie plans to attend cosmetology school and would like to own her own shop.  
 Grace Keller (#24) - daughter of Tom & Bambi Keller. Grace has played basketball for 4 seasons for Woodlan. She also played volleyball and

softball for 4 seasons for the Warriors. Grace has been a member of Student Council for 3 years and has been an officer in the National Honor Society for 2 years. Grace plans to attend college but is undecided on a major.  
 Celena Bejarano (#25), daughter of Victor & Venessa Bejarano. Celena has played basketball throughout her high school career before moving to Woodlan this past season. She also plays softball and works at Harlan Donuts. She plans to be a pharmacy technician.  
 Taylor Carver (#41) - daughter of Skip & Susan Carver. Taylor has played 4 years of varsity basketball for Woodlan. She played a year of volleyball for Woodlan and ran 3 years of track. She has signed a letter of intent to continue playing basketball for the Toledo Rockets. She is undecided on a major.

**NWC WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS**

The NWC wrestling championships took place Saturday, February 12, 2011. Final team scores and standings are as follows:  
 1. Allen East 269.5  
 2. Columbus Grove 252.0  
 3. Bluffton 192.5  
 4. Spencerville 170.0  
 5. Lima C.C. 155.5  
 6. Paulding 152.0  
 7. Jefferson 150.0  
 8. Lincolnview 58.0  
 9. Ada 8.0  
 Place finishers in the round robin portion of the meet:  
 103 placers:  
 1. Trevor Bockey, Spencerville  
 2. Tregg Keysor, Columbus Grove  
 3. Jaquobe Markward, Lincolnview  
 4. Sidney Salinas, Paulding  
 5. Zack Ellsworth, Lima C.C.  
 112 placers:  
 1. Tyler Baker, Allen East  
 2. Brett Sampson, Columbus Grove  
 3. Ashley King, Spencerville  
 119 placers:  
 1. Brandon McCormick, Lima C.C.  
 2. Jake Graham, Columbus Grove  
 3. Taylor Deatruck, Paulding  
 4. James Steele, Lincolnview  
 5. Trey Gossard, Allen East  
 125 placers:  
 1. Dustin Brinkman, Bluffton  
 2. Josh Hemker, Paulding  
 3. Tanner Vermule, Jefferson  
 4. Thomas Martin, Columbus Grove  
 5. Josh McKenzie, Lincolnview  
 130 placers:  
 1. Colt Lovejoy, Allen East  
 2. Jordan Brinkman, Bluffton  
 3. Dylan Kleman, Columbus Grove  
 4. Cory Binkley, Spencerville  
 5. Spenser Lake, Lima C.C.  
 140 placers:  
 1. Zach Wilson, Bluffton  
 2. Justin Pryer, Allen East  
 3. Ryan Fraley, Paulding  
 4. Aaron Hefner, Spencerville

160 placers:  
 1. J.R. Conyers, Allen East  
 2. Bobby Sunderhaus, Lima C.C.  
 3. Derek Shrider, Paulding  
 4. Marty Stever, Columbus Grove  
 215 placers:  
 1. Curtis Miller, Jefferson  
 2. Ben Moser, Bluffton  
 3. Nick Hanenkratt, Paulding  
 4. Lucas Krouskop, Spencerville  
 5. Adam Johnson, Columbus Grove  
 6. Jon Cox, Allen East  
 285 placers:  
 1. Greg Martin, Columbus Grove  
 2. Geoff Ketcham, Jefferson  
 3. Kody Koronich, Bluffton  
 4. Tanner Engle, Allen East  
 5. Tommy Dotson, Ada  
 6. Brandon Jarell, Paulding

Place finishers in the pool portion of the tournament with final match results:  
 First Place:  
 135 - Austin Lloyd (Allen East) tech fall Darren Edinger (Jefferson) 18-3  
 145 - Cody Hahn (Lima C.C.) major decision Austin Lotz (Spencerville) 14-4  
 152 - Grant Dues (Allen East) pin John Smith (Spencerville) 1:56  
 171 - Gavin Windau (Columbus Grove) decision Cody Lovejoy (Allen East) 7-2  
 189 - Grant Criblez (Allen East) pin David Gremling (Lima C.C.) 5:03  
 Third Place:  
 135 - Jared Eley (Lima C.C.) tech fall Jacob Garmatter (Bluffton) 21-6  
 145 - Nick Flint (Paulding) decision Brandon Benroth (Columbus Grove) 4-2  
 152 - Jake Tremoulis (Lima C.C.) pin Alec Gladwell (Columbus Grove) 4:56  
 171 - Colin McConaha (Jefferson) pin Tyler Shumate (Spencerville)  
 189 - Dakota Fisher (Columbus Grove) decision Jacob Leach (Jefferson) 9-7  
 Fifth Place:  
 135 - Kyle Sawmiller (Spencerville) pin Tyler Schroeder (Columbus Grove) 3:01  
 145 - Nick Stephens (Allen East) pin Michael Joseph (Jefferson) 0:55  
 152 - D.J. Gaskill (Lincolnview) pin Weston Barry (Bluffton) 0:35  
 171 - Doug Hicks (Lincolnview) decision Vincent Fosburgh (Lima C.C.)  
 189 - Lucas Shumate (Spencerville) pin Ryan Schindler (Paulding) 0:47  
 Seventh Place:  
 135 - Rylee Collins (Paulding) won with a bye  
 145 - Josh Bracy (Bluffton) won with a bye  
 152 - Cody Jarell (Paulding) won with a bye  
 171 - Josiah Conley (Bluffton) pin Chazz Hahn (Paulding) 1:38  
 189 - Cody Williams-Basinger (Bluffton) tech fall Justin Wood (Ada) 19-3  
 These are the placing results. Most Valuable Wrestler of the meet was Gavin Windau (Columbus Grove) and coach of the meet was Mike Abbey (Allen East). For full results go to: <http://www.baumspage.com/wr/nwc/res11.htm>

**LADY RAIDERS NOW 17-0**



Wayne Trace girls took on Continental at home Tuesday, February 8. The Lady Raiders started strong then by the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter was nearly even with the Pirates. WT decided it was time to do something about it and finished 59-45 win. Shown here is senior Kelsey Heck scoring a 3 point basket for the Raiders. More pictures including senior night at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)



The Archers took on Edon at home in a tight game Saturday, February 13. The game went back and forth quite a bit and then went in to overtime with the well-deserved win going to Antwerp 50-48. Shown here is senior Dustin Hitzeman in a break-away turnover, scoring for the Archers. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)



Antwerp Ladies took on the Pilots in a tough game Thursday, February 10. Ayersville started strong and inched their lead further throughout the game with a final score 47-37. Shown here is junior Tricia Smalley scoring for the Archers. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)

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Woodlan boys took on Southern Wells Thursday, February 12 at home. The Warriors played hard and scored well the last quarter, but couldn't keep the Raiders under control and lost 52-72. Shown here is senior Clint Romines scoring a lay up. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



The Raiders took on the Bulldogs at the Palace Friday, February 12. The Cheerleaders had a great performance for the crowd following the JV game. The varsity team worked hard, but couldn't beat Edgerton, recording a loss of 41-57. Shown here is senior Ryne Jerome scoring the first 3 pointer of the game. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

**RAIDERS ICE GAME AGAINST WARRIORS**

By: Jeff Abbott  
Southern Wells ran away from Woodlan in the second quarter, outscoring the home team 21-8 to take a 33-22 lead to halftime and then the Raiders iced the game in the final period for a 72-52 ACAC conference win in boys basketball. Woodlan led throughout the first period and led 14-12 after the first 8 minutes before Southern Wells turned the heat up on the Warriors in the second period. Spencer Mumma led Woodlan scoring with 16 points and Clint Romines added 14 points.

Score by the quarter:  
Southern Wells - 12 21 18 21=72

Woodlan - 14 8 19 11=52

Scorers of the game:  
Southern Wells - Roush 19, Minnear 19, Hamilton 11, Prible 8, Runkle 6, Price 5, Love 2, Sherman 2

Woodlan - Mumma 16, Romines 14, Emehiser 9, Hines 6, Patterson 4, McGettigan 3

**LADY WARRIORS WIN BIG OVER REDSKINS**

By: Jeff Abbott  
Woodlan got a big lead in the first quarter over North Side only to watch the Lady Redskins come back in the second quarter to tie the score at the half 25-25. Woodlan opened a huge lead in the third quarter, outscoring North Side 24-6 and going on to a 58-45 win to end their regular season. The Warriors led 17-10 after the first 8 minutes, getting 12 points from front court players Taylor Carver and Burgundy Price. The duo responded with 16 of the 24 third quarter points for the Warriors. Carver finished with 19 points and Price had 16 points for the Warriors. North Side took the reserve game 41-37 over Woodlan. Brooke Gerbers had 14 points for the Warriors.

Score by the quarter:  
North Side - 10 15 6 14=45

Woodlan - 17 8 24 9=58

Scorers of the game:  
North Side - Jones 17, Lewis 9, LeShore 8, Jackson-Freeman 6, Lincner 3, Ellis 2

Woodlan - Carver 19, Price 16, Ehle 12, Yoder 4, Knoblauch 4, Hostetler 2, Keller 1

**NEW HAVEN WRESTLING SECTIONAL**

By: Jeff Abbott  
Snider squeaked by Homestead at the New Haven Wrestling Sectional by .5 point, 188.5 to 188. New Haven finished in the third spot and Woodlan had a fifth place finish. The Warriors advanced 7 to the Carroll regional and Cody Zink was the individual champion at 140lbs for Woodlan.

- 103 - Jay Knepp (Woodlan) 4<sup>th</sup>
- 119 - Austin Hammon (Woodlan) 4<sup>th</sup>
- 130 - Hayden Parisot (Woodlan) 3<sup>rd</sup>
- 135 - Trey Delagrang (Woodlan) 4<sup>th</sup>
- 140 - Cody Zink (Woodlan) 1<sup>st</sup>
- 160 - Alex Brenneke (Woodlan) 2<sup>nd</sup>
- 171 - Jeremy Salmon (Woodlan) 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Paulding County's Students of the Month**

**JANUARY 2011**

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

Paulding High School selected senior Jacob Farr for their West Bend News Student of the Month for January.

Jacob is not only class and student council co-president, he has also challenged himself academically by taking three advanced placement courses.

He has taken on a range of extra-curricular activities including Varsity Quartet to the Engineering Team while maintaining his job at Dairy Queen.

After high school, Jacob plans to attend the University of Toledo to major in pharmaceutical sciences.



Jonda Krantz is the Wayne Trace Payne Elementary Student of the Month. She is a 6th grader at Payne. She likes to play basketball and participate in dance. Jonda enjoys reading and writing, and her favorite subject is math. Jonda is also participating in the WTPE health initiative Fuel Up and Play 60. She helps spread the word about eating healthy and being more active by participating in the committee meetings and presenting information on the announcements. She is the daughter of Denton and Amie Krantz from Payne. She has an older sister, Shelbie. Jonda comes to Payne after attending two previous schools. She enjoys the size of Payne Elementary, her teachers, and she likes that her classmates and the students are nice.

The January Student of the Month, selected by Divine Mercy Catholic School in Payne is sixth grader, Brady Stabler. Brady is the son of Kenny and Rhonda Stabler.

During his spare time, Brady enjoys playing basketball for the Divine Mercy Crusaders, watching Ohio State football and basketball, and being a member of the school's Battle of the Books team.

Brady is a great leader in the classroom. He actively participates and always turns his assignments in on time. He excels in all of his subjects, and shows a desire to always improve himself.



Tiffany Sinn is a student in Mrs. McVay's second grade class at Wayne Trace Grover Hill Elementary. She has shown great effort in completing her class work and will go beyond what is expected of her. Every day Tiffany comes in with a smile on her face and is willing to help others whenever necessary. She is a very special part of our class. Thank you Tiffany for being an amazing student!



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

**LADY WARRIORS LOSE IN CLOSE GAME WITH BULLDOGS**

By: Jeff Abbott  
New Haven took the early lead on Woodlan and then battled the Warriors through 7 lead changes and 8 ties to take a 47-45 win over Woodlan in what was scheduled to be the regular season for both teams (The Woodlan-North Side game was postponed earlier in the week and was rescheduled for Saturday afternoon). The Bulldogs led 12-6 after the first quarter and Woodlan halved the lead at the half, trailing the visiting lady Bulldogs 23-20 at the break. Woodlan overcome the deficit in the second half, swapping the lead with New Haven throughout the second half. Lauren Ehle led scoring for Woodlan with 16 points including 12 in the second half. Kiersten Perkins had 21 points for New Haven. The Bulldogs and Warriors went to overtime in the reserve game with New Haven getting a 41-40 win. Brokke Gerbers had 20 points for Woodlan.

Score by the quarter:  
New Haven - 12 11 11 13=47

Woodlan - 6 14 12 13=45

Scorers of the game:  
New Haven - Perkins 21, Beard 6, Haas 6, Huffman 6, Fendel 3, Hope 3, Kneuve 2  
Woodlan - Ehle 16, Keller 9, Price 7, Carver 6, Knoblauch 3, Yoder 2, Bejarano 2

**WOODLAN'S ZINK WINS CARROLL WRESTLING TOURNAMENT**

By: Jeff Abbott  
Woodlan's Cody Zink won the Carroll Wrestling regional at 140lbs and Alex Brenneke had a 4th place finish. Both advanced to the Semi-State meet at the Coliseum in Ft Wayne.

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**ANTWERP ALLEYS HIGH SCORES FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 4, 2011**

**ANTWERP ALLEYS HIGH SCORES FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 11, 2011**

- Mens High Series**  
 1. Ray Delong 578  
 2. Jeff Lucas 531  
 3. Phil Bauer 515  
 4. Chad Geyer 502  
 5. Craig Womack 498  
 6. Bob Seevers Jr. 467  
 7. Brad Franklin 459  
 8. Duey Schoenauer 454  
 9. Darren Yerkes 442  
 10. Matt Smalley 439

- Womens High Series**  
 1. Sherry Reinhart 582  
 2. Sue Molitor 527  
 3. Marie Bauer 521  
 4. Judy Bowers 492  
 5. Carol Kortokrax 491  
 6. Angie Hudson 483  
 7. Paula Lichty 481  
 8. Leslie Ross 478  
 9. Nikki Phares 469  
 10. Sheila Bassett 467

- Mens High Game**  
 1. Ray Delong 214  
 2. Bob Seevers Jr. 200  
 3. Phil Bauer 189  
 4. Craig Womack 186  
 5. Jeff Lucas 184  
 6. Matt Smalley 184  
 7. Chad Geyer 179  
 8. Duey Schoenauer 171  
 9. Kris Reinhart 168  
 10. Andrew Scott 158

- Womens High Game**  
 1. Sherry Reinhart 244  
 2. Marie Bauer 206  
 3. Leslie Hughess 196  
 4. Paula Lichty 192  
 5. Leslie Ross 191  
 6. Judy Bowers 189  
 7. Sue Molitor 189  
 8. Angie Hudson 181  
 9. Carol Kortokrax 172  
 10. Nikki Phares 167

- Womens High Series**  
 1. Carol Kortokrax 576  
 2. Sherry Reinhart 534  
 3. Angie Hudson 506  
 4. Marsha Rohrs 499  
 5. Sue Molitor 493  
 6. Sheila Bassett 491  
 7. Joyce Sanders 491  
 8. Stephanie Bradbury 478  
 9. Leslie Hughes 477  
 10. Marian Saylor 471

- Mens High Series**  
 1. Ray Delong 623  
 2. Phil Bauer 619  
 3. Greg Shull 544  
 4. Craig Womack 539  
 5. Mike Walley 535  
 6. David Bauer 533  
 7. Robert Johnson 524  
 8. Jerry Vanclave 518  
 9. Benji Grant 503  
 10. Jeff Lucas 492

- Womens High Game**  
 1. Sherry Reinhart 213  
 2. Carol Kortokrax 204  
 3. Marsha Rohrs 195  
 4. Stephanie Bradbury 187  
 5. Sue Molitor 186  
 6. Angie Hudson 183  
 7. Marian Saylor 183  
 8. Joyce Sanders 180  
 9. Sheila Bassett 180  
 7. Tina Conley 180  
 8. Marie Bauer 177  
 9. Marilyn Provines 176  
 10. Leslie Hughes 172

- Mens High Game**  
 1. Phil Bauer 232  
 2. Ray Delong 224  
 3. Jerry Vanclave 206  
 4. Craig Womack 204  
 5. Mike Walley 204  
 6. Greg Shull 201  
 7. David Bauer 192  
 8. Robert Johnson 190  
 9. Scott Hudson 189  
 10. Bowie Reid 187



**150 YEAR OLD ASH TREE LIVES ON**

**By: Sue Knapp**  
 Francis and Bonnie Coughlin's (County Road 204, Antwerp) Ash Tree in their front yard has taken on a new look. The Ash Tree is over 150 years old and Bonnie wasn't ready to see the tree go after it contracted Emerald Ash Borer. They contacted Dennis Clark from Paulding to create a bear out of the tree. It took him two weekends to complete the project. A name has been discussed and Dennis suggested 'Big Ash Bear'. Bonnie and Francis are very happy that their tree will still provide joy for years to come.

**ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 2/16 THROUGH 2/22**

- 2/16 - Salisbury steak on bun or Cook's choice, peach crisp, diced potatoes, milk; PLUS: Potato bar  
 2/17 - French toast sticks or Breaded chicken on bun, sausage, orange juice, hash browns, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Fruit  
 2/18 - Pizza bagel or Egg salad sandwich, celery/carrots, cookie, applesauce, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Fruit  
 2/21 - Cook's Choice  
 2/22 - Chicken fajitas or Cook's choice, corn, applesauce cup, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Cook's choice  
*Menus are subject to change.*

**PEVS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 2/16 THROUGH 2/22**

- MS/HS - Breakfast:*  
 2/16 - Ham, egg & cheese croissant, juice, milk  
 2/17 - French toast stix, sausage links, juice, milk  
 2/18 - No school, Parent teacher conferences  
 2/21 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk  
 2/22 - Tator tots w/cheese, sausage links, juice, milk  
*MS/HS - Lunch:*  
 2/16 - Chicken tender wrap or Fish w/bun, garden vegetable pasta blend, assorted fruit, milk  
 2/17 - Toasted ham & cheese sandwich, potato soup, assorted fruit, milk  
 2/18 - No school, parent teacher conferences  
 2/21 - Popcorn chicken bowl w/dinner roll or Pizza burger w/bun, corn, fruit, milk  
 2/22 - Grilled chicken salad, garlic toast, assorted fruit, milk  
*Paulding Elementary - Breakfast:*  
 2/16 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk  
 2/17 - Cereal bar, graham crackers, juice, milk

- 2/18 - Cereal bar, graham crackers, applesauce, milk  
 2/21 - Pancake wrap, juice, milk  
 2/22 - Muffin, graham crackers, applesauce, milk  
*Paulding Elementary - Lunch:*  
 2/16 - Pizza, corn, fruit, milk  
 2/17 - Popcorn chicken, salad, bread, fruit, milk  
 2/18 - No school, parent teacher conferences  
 2/21 - Ham, sweet potatoes, corn on the cob, dinner roll, milk  
 2/22 - Hot dog w/bun, peas or carrots, fruit, milk  
*Oakwood Elementary - Breakfast:*  
 2/16 - Assorted cereals, crackers, fruit juice, milk  
 2/17 - Bacon, egg & cheese burrito, fruit juice, milk  
 2/18 - Assorted cereals, crackers, juice, milk  
 2/21 - Warm whole grain cinnamon rolls, fruit juice, milk  
 2/22 - Sausage gravy w/ biscuits, fruit juice, milk  
*Oakwood Elementary - Lunch:*  
 2/16 - Chili soup, bread, fruit, milk  
 2/17 - Pizza burger w/bun, corn, fruit, milk  
 2/18 - No school, parent teacher conferences  
 2/21 - Hot dog w/bun, corn, fruit, milk  
 2/22 - Meatball sub w/ sauce & cheese, carrot & celery sticks, doritos, fruit, milk  
*Menus are subject to change.*

**VANTAGE BOARD HEARS FROM ARCHITECTS**

The February meeting of the Vantage Board of Education was held on Thursday, February 10, 2011. The treasurer's report included the approval of the January regular board meeting minutes and the financial statements for December, 2010. Superintendent Staci Kaufman introduced Bruce Miller and Randy Groff from Garman & Miller architectural firm, who gave an update on the building information and modeling (BIM) facet of the construction project. BIM is created by CAD software resulting in three-dimensional plans of several facets of the building design, including mechanical and structural systems to classroom layout and furniture placement. BIM has been found to reduce time and expense in the area of change orders and construction claims. Jason Salzgeber, Third Sun Solar, gave a presentation to the board regarding a proposal to build and design solar beds to generate energy which could be purchased by Vantage. Rob Fawcett from Fawcett, Lammon & Recker provided the board with information regarding builders risk insurance coverage during the construction project. Kaufman also gave the board an update on proposals for educational partnerships with area wind farms, smoke free campus options, and projected savings of a retirement buy-out proposal. Kaufman also notified the Board that Vantage received the Chamber of Commerce's Crystal Image award, for leadership in the community. In new business, the board:

**BRANDON DAVIS WINS CAGE FIGHT**



Pictured above is Brandon "The Bull Dog Jr." Davis & his trainer/manager Rob Majors.

Local MMA Fighter, Brandon Davis, competed at the Ice51 Pro/Am cage fights down in Cincinnati this past weekend and came out victorious. Brandon faced an amateur boxer/grappler with 13 years experience, and even being an underdog, Brandon stepped up to the challenge. The match started with the opponent coming out aggressive, trying to land several punches, which Brandon was able to avoid. Brandon then moved forward landing several shots that dazed his opponent causing him to move away. Brandon saw an opening and was successful

in taking his opponent to the ground where he attained the mount position. From the mount, Brandon was able to land multiple unanswered blows that caused the ref to halt the bout and awarding Brandon the win by TKO in 2:29 of the first round. Brandon is scheduled to fight this February 26<sup>th</sup> at the Van Wert Banquet center, along with several other Malice MMA fighters. For pictures, videos, and information on Brandon and other local fighters, please visit malicefighters.com.

**PC TIGERS FALL SHORT TO VAN WERT**

The PC Tigers were on the court recently. They fell short to a tough Van Wert team: Van Wert 39, Paulding 31.

- \*\*Employed the following Adult Education instructors, as needed, as scheduled: Matthew Grunden, Police Academy and Josephine Wilson, ABLE instructor;
- \*\*Accepted the resignation of Jonathan Pickett, Science Instructor effective February 3, 2011;
- \*\*Approved the contract with NOAC-SC for internet access service agreement effective July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012;
- \*\*Appointed Staci Kaufman as Vantage Career Center's representative on the Putnam County Tax Incentive Review Council;
- \*\*Accepted with thanks a \$2500 donation from the Van Wert Rotary Club to the Vantage Interact Club;
- \*\*Passed a resolution to enter into a lease agreement with Pac-Van, Inc. for the purpose of leasing a project office and conference trailer units for the OSFC building project. The cost will be co-funded with OSFC;
- \*\*Passed a resolution to approve the Community Reinvestment Agreement with Kalida Manufacturing, Inc and Kahle Supply and Feed Mill, Inc.;
- \*\*Passed a resolution to award contracts to the low bidders for the temporary swing space building project:
  - Early Site - R D Jones - \$599,000
  - General Trades - Miller Contracting - \$514,700
  - Plumbing - Slagle Mechanical - \$41,800
  - HVAC - Slagle Mechanical - \$55,200
  - Electrical - Sollmann Electric - \$233,811
- The Superintendent requested an executive session for the purpose of discussion of employment of personnel. No action was taken.
- The next Vantage Board of Education meeting will be held on Thursday, March 3, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Vantage Cup and Saucer restaurant.

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Apr ..... 4 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup>	Sept No Auctions
May..... 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup>	Oct..... 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup>
June ... 6 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup>	Nov..... 7 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup>
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# MR. MOJO INSPIRES WOODBURN & HARLAN STUDENTS



Woodburn Elementary and Harlan Elementary students in grades 4-6 were involved in an empowering speaking engagement that took place on Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 a.m. at Harlan Elementary School. Travis Brown, the presenter, otherwise known as Mr. Mojo, designed a program about Bullying that used real-life experiences and

stories to educate, motivate and entertain our students. Travis' effective MOJO solutions empowered our students with the tools to experience explosive growth and how to handle being bullied and the bully for the future of our school and our community! Travis had a great presentation that motivated students

to take charge of their life and develop skills to achieve greatness! His high energy, interactive message inspired our students to believe that "it's possible for them" to succeed. After the program, Travis autographed and presented 100 copies of his book to Woodburn and Harlan students.

# WINTER JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Wayne Trace Jr/Sr HS recently named their January Students of The Month. They include: (front row) Kenzie Clemens, Courtney Mead, Jessica Offerle, Maria Martinez, Jayson Nowak. (second row) Grant Gillett, Jonathan Harper, David Sinn, Carl Elliott, Justin Edwards, Jehane

Hoagland, Jenny Holbrooks, Jill Ross, Isaiah Ross, Haley Saylot, Ashley Rooks, Carley Wright and Tyler Ruiz. (back row) Briana Schaffer, Heather Hershberger, Christina Klinker, Austin Scheiner, TJ Blackmore, Nate McClain, Zach Nantz, Samantha Spangler, Eric Durre, Miranda Smith, Brendan Bergman, Amanda Hill, Madeline Baumle, Lindsey Gibson, and Marisa Jones. These students will be rewarded with pizza and pop for lunch. Way to go Raiders!

## WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 2/16 THROUGH 2/22

- Breakfast:*
- 2/16 - Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk
  - 2/17 - Egg/cheese omelet, toast/jelly, juice, milk
  - 2/18 - Waffles, sausage, juice, milk
  - 2/21 - No school, President's Day
  - 2/22 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, juice, milk
- Lunch:*
- 2/16 - Nacho chips, meat/cheese, salsa/sour cream, corn, pineapple, milk
  - 2/17 - Chicken noodles, mashed potatoes, roll, peaches, milk
  - 2/18 - Hot dog w/bun, chips, pretzels, 100% juice pack, carrot sticks, milk; WT: Footlong chili dog
  - 2/21 - No School, President's Day
  - 2/22 - Pizza, cheese/pepperoni, green beans, apple-sauce, milk
- Menus are subject to change.*

Missing pictures? We have a stack of pictures here at West Bend News from previous publications.

# FROM THE DOG WARDEN'S DESK

By: Georgia Dyson, Paulding County Dog Warden  
This week's pet of the week is Buds. Buds is a six week old, male, collie/terrier mix. He came to the shelter with four other pups who are also available. Currently the shelter is running at near full capacity. Stop out and adopt today!

Winter's cold air brings many concerns for responsible dog owners. Adequate shelter is a necessity. Keep your dog warm, dry and away from drafts. Dog houses, tiles and uncarpeted areas may become extremely cold, so make sure to place blankets and pads on floors in these areas or even straw. Short- or coarse-haired dogs may get extra cold, so consider a sweater or coat. Long-haired dogs should have excess hair around the toes and foot pads trimmed to ease snow



removal and cleaning. If you do the trimming, take care not to cut the pads or other delicate area of the foot. Feed your dog additional calories if it spends a lot of time outdoors or is a working animal. It takes more energy in the winter to keep body temperature regulated, so additional calories are necessary. Provide plenty of fresh water. Your dog is just as likely to get dehydrated in the winter as in the summer. Snow is not a satisfactory substitute for water. Like people, dogs seem to be more susceptible to illness in the winter. Take your dog to a veterinarian if you see any suspicious symptoms.

## PAULDING SWCD TREE SEEDLING SALE

The Paulding Soil & Water Conservation District Tree Seedling sale is still underway. Orders will be accepted until March 1, 2011. You can receive an order form and color description sheet from the Paulding SWCD office by contacting the office at (419) 399-4771 or paulding@pauldingswcd.org.

# PRESCHOOLERS LEARN FINGERPRINTING



Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschoolers were recently visited by Mr. Matt Blosser and Mr. George Alley from Western & Southern Life insurance company. While there, they took fingerprints and pictures of all the children who attend and will

then make up fingerprint kits for their parents. Shown here with Mr. Blosser and Mr. Alley is Drake Ankney. Drake is in the afternoon class of 4 and young 5 year olds with Mrs. Chris Adams and Mrs. Ann Miller.

# DIVINE MERCY STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL SNOW ANGEL DAY



It was discovered that Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> was National Snow Angel Day. So grades 1 and 2 invited the Kindergarten, all of Divine

Mercy Catholic School, to make snow angels! The children so love the snow and this added to their winter activities.

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## TACO NIGHT AT HICKSVILLE/ANTWERP BOYS BB GAME

The Antwerp Rotary Club is sponsoring a Taco Night at the Hicksville-Antwerp Boys JV and Varsity game on February 18. All proceeds will benefit the Fountain of Faith Free Medical Clinic in Hicksville. The Fountain of Faith Free Medical Clinic provides free medical care to qualified persons in the area. Serving begins at 5:00 p.m. and will run until all is gone.

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## VANTAGE HONORED WITH CRYSTAL IMAGE AWARD AT VW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL DINNER



At the Van Wert Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner on February 10, Vantage received the Crystal Image Award! Pictured is the Adult Education Director Pete Prichard accepting the award for Vantage.

The Crystal Image Award was designed to honor a Chamber Investor that has demonstrated leadership in the Van Wert Community by its many faceted contributions. Those contributions include business responsibility, productivity, employee empowerment & service to the community.

The Chamber received many wonderful nominations this year, and while choosing a winner was difficult, this year's winner is highly deserving of this honor. The 2011 Crystal Image Award winner is Vantage Career Center.

Vantage Career Center provides authentic, student-focused, career technical training that prepares high school students and adults for employment and further education.

Currently, 450 high school students from 12 school districts attend Vantage. Also, their Adult Education programs serve nearly 1,200 individuals annually through career development, career enhancement, short-term programs and Adult Basic Literacy Programs. Vantage students are empowered by using their skills throughout the community.

The administration at Vantage has worked diligently to gain a postsecondary presence in Van Wert and has lead the way to developing a regional postsecondary collaborative. They continually strive to meet the training needs of area businesses and take an active part in helping attract and retain new businesses.

They are embarking on a renovation and expansion project which will give Vantage Career Center an additional 69,000 square feet. It will include new state of the art labs for welding, precision machining, building maintenance, carpentry and electricity. New health labs will be available for their high school, adult programs and postsecondary partners. This project is designed to meet the emerging needs of both business and industry within the region. Additionally, there will be a 100 seat multipurpose community room and an expansion of computer labs for customized training.

Vantage Career Center continuously looks to meet the needs of those within the Vantage district. Staff members have taken active leadership roles in Economic Development, Ohio Skills Bank, Western Ohio Educational Foundation Board, Life Links Community School Board, Rotary International, United Way Campaigns, and Red Cross blood drives.

Vantage Career Center has the High School Interact Club, the high school chapter of Rotary International. This club raises funds to support a vocational school that teaches carpentry in Haiti. In addition, this group raises funds to attend to local needs when members of the community are faced with tragedy.

The Van Wert Chamber of Commerce are proud to have Vantage as an investor, and are pleased to recognize their importance in the Van Wert community as well as their sizeable contributions to the region.

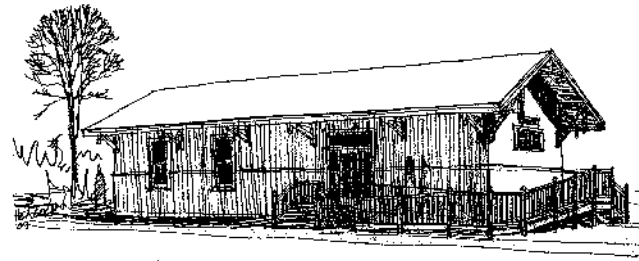
## OHIO CULTURAL FACILITIES COMMISSION APPROVES \$106,000 FOR ANTWERP RAILROAD DEPOT

The Ohio Cultural Facilities Commission approved \$106,000 at its quarterly meeting today for Antwerp Railroad Depot in Paulding County.

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Antwerp Norfolk & Western Depot is located on the western edge in the Village of Antwerp. The depot will create a community meeting place, preserve local history, provide education oppor-

of the bill include Representative Lynn Wachtmann and former Senator Steve Buehrer. The project has also received \$295,000 in federal transportation enhancement funds managed by the Ohio Department of Transportation.

The Ohio Cultural Facilities Commission is a state agency that supports economic development, expands educational opportunities, and enhances the quality of life for Ohioans by improv-



tunities for school children and adults, and serve as an information center for local businesses. The Village of Antwerp will use approved state funds to rehabilitate the historic depot for use as a history museum and community building.

The Commission approval, coupled with the signing of legal agreements, allows the Village of Antwerp to be reimbursed on a pro rata basis with funds appropriated in Am. Sub. H.B. 562 of the 127<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. Area legislators who voted in favor

ing the state's cultural facilities. Since 1988, the Commission has disbursed more than \$450 million in capital funds appropriated by the Legislature and Governor for facility improvement projects at nonprofit theaters, museums, historical sites and publicly owned professional sports venues. The Commission partners with nonprofit groups and local governments on more than 300 projects in 72 of Ohio's 88 counties. For more information on the Commission, visit [www.culture.ohio.gov](http://www.culture.ohio.gov).

### FEBRUARY THAW & COMING PATTERN

By: Josh Steiner

Finally, a major pattern change is under way for this region and the entire United States. After having a very cold, first half of the winter in December and January for most of the United States, a new pattern will come about bringing above normal temperatures to the Midwest, East, and South through this week and perhaps beyond into March.

These changes are occurring as a result of the North Atlantic Oscillation going positive instead of negative like it has the entire winter. The NAO is the different positions of the different pressure belts across the North Atlantic Ocean. Whenever it is negative, a strong ridge is sitting over Greenland and northeast Canada. This blocks the jet stream from taking an easterly route, so it is turned northward into northern Greenland and then southward into Europe and Africa. This path of the jet stream usually brings widespread cold to the eastern United States and even into the Deep South. If the NAO is positive, then meteorologists expect a more amplified west-east flow of the jet stream, because there are no "road blocks" in the Atlantic. When the NAO is positive, meteorologists expect warm weather across most of the nation. The other factor that has been in play this winter is the West Coast ridge. This blocks the jet stream from taking an easterly route across the United States and instead heads northward into Canada and then southward across the United States leading to even more widespread cold. But this week, the NAO is going positive and the West Coast

ridge will give way to a trough bringing cooler than normal temperatures to the West and to the rest of the nation—very warm, spring-like weather. By Wednesday, temperatures will reach the mid-40's with a storm system bringing cloudy conditions and rain showers. By Thursday, temperatures will hit the low 50's with rain and by Friday, temperatures could reach the mid and upper 50's with rain and thunderstorms at night before a cold front moves bringing cooler temperatures. After the cold front moves through Friday night, temperatures will begin to cool to the mid-to upper 30's. As temperatures rise this week, flooding does remain a concern especially if the storm track of the system expected to hit us shifts southward. This would mean more widespread heavy rain to the area, causing the ground to become even more saturated from the melting snow. If the heavy rain moves north of our area, then expect a band of heavy rain and possibly thunderstorms to move through briefly Friday night ahead of the approaching cold front. This would lead to little or no flooding. If the storm does shift northward we could see even warmer temperatures in the 60's and a severe weather threat. Fog could also be an issue any day this week because of melting deep snow and much warmer temperatures.

Now this pattern may last into March and April for the United States. First of all temperatures are not forecasted to be below freezing for highs anytime this February after the thaw. If this happens, then expect only brief arctic outbreaks of temperatures in the mid 30's. Again at the end of February another warm-up

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Vantage Precision Machining senior Colton Prowant from Continental, watches as Chelsea Grimes, an Antwerp sophomore, tries her hand at programming the Haas mill.

### FROM THE VANTAGE POINT: SOPHOMORES VISIT VANTAGE!

After three delays, nearly 700 sophomores from the participating home schools spent two hours at Vantage Career Center for "Sophomore Visitation Day" on Monday, February 7, 2011. Each sophomore had the opportunity to investigate and explore two different career technical programs of interest to them. During each one-hour visit, there were hands-on activities, demonstrations and presentations prepared especially for the sophomores. Current



Antwerp sophomore Seth Armstrong learns some new skills in the Electricity lab at Vantage during Sophomore Visitation Day.

Vantage students were available to talk to the 10<sup>th</sup> graders, answer any questions they had and tell them what it's really like to take career-technical classes. This was a terrific opportunity for the sophomores to think about the different career fields available to them.

Below are a few frequently asked questions—and answers—about coming to high school at Vantage.

Q: Can I go to college after Vantage?

A: About 42% of Vantage

graduates continue their education immediately after high school graduation at a two or four year college. Students are urged to check with their guidance counselor to be sure that all requirements are met.

Q: Can I participate in home school sports and activities?

A: YES! Students are encouraged to stay involved in extracurricular activities at their home school, such as sports, drama, etc. Vantage has very active student organizations—BPA (Business Professionals of America), FFA, FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America), and SkillsUSA, along with the Rotary Interact Club and Student Ambassadors.

Q: What is the tuition to attend Vantage?

A: Vantage Career Center is a public high school, open to 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders in the participating school districts. There is NO tuition to attend Vantage. Each program has a fee, which cover the cost of tools, supplies, equipment, and one full uniform.

Q: When are applications due at Vantage?

A: Sophomore and junior students who are considering attending Vantage should be sure to check with their home school counselors for the Vantage enrollment deadline. Applications are due at Vantage on March 23, 2011. Students may continue to enroll throughout the spring and summer, however, first choice programs may already be filled.

Vantage Career Center offers 16 different career-technical programs to choose from.

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**Ian Munger, a Vantage junior Industrial Mechanics student from Paulding, demonstrates how to program the plasma cutter. Watching closely are sophomores Vince Rhinehart and Neil Roehrig from Paulding, Paige Lucas from Ottoville and Rebecca Brandeburg from Antwerp.**

If you have any questions, please talk to your home school counselor or call Student Services at Vantage at 1-800-686-3944 ext. 140.

**FROM THE VANTAGE POINT: WOULD YOU LIKE VANTAGE TO BUILD YOUR HOME?**



**The 2010-2011 Vantage house project is being built in the Lincolnview school district.**

Each year, Vantage Carpentry and Electricity students build a home. The home building project is part of the high school curriculum. For the past several years, Vantage students have built spec homes in the Washington Place subdivision in Van Wert.

For the 2011-2012 school year, Vantage is looking for prospective home building projects. A potential home building project must be located within 15 miles of

Vantage and must be located within one of the Vantage member school districts.

Prospective projects should be a maximum of 2,000 square feet, be ready to start construction in late August, 2011 and be willing to allow the project to extend through May, 2012.

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is expected where we could easily hit 65 or even 70. By early March, temperatures could be as high 72-77 across the area leading to a major severe weather event and possibly heavy rain and flooding (forecast by: Chad's WLF1 Weather Blog).

After this, temperatures should plummet and the pattern of the first half of winter will return. Temperatures could plummet all the way into the 20's and teen's for highs during mid-late month time period with a major snow/ice storm to impact the area before the end of winter. Then at the end of March, another warm-up similar to the one that happened at the beginning of the month will begin. Temperatures in this warm-up could reach the upper 70's by the beginning of April with another severe weather event across the Southern Great Lakes. Temperatures should plummet after this back into the 40's and 50's with a rainy, cool end to April. Accuweather also forecasts a very stormy spring with fluctuating temperatures across the Midwest and possibly even more winter storms to affect the United States. They are also concerned that if there is a major warm up for the northern States that have deep snow pack, there will be major flooding in these areas especially across the Upper Mississippi Valley, where a major flooding event could be as substantial as the 1993 floods.

This warm-up will be a welcome sight for the people of the nation especially after such a devastating winter that had eight major winter storms hit in only the first two months of the winter. But for people in the upper Midwest and Northeast, things could be different with potentially a major flooding event if things warm up too quickly.

Finally, after this brutally cold and snowy winter many people will be welcoming this warm-up even if it is only a spring teaser.

If you have questions, please email me at: storm\_reportsjoshua@yahoo.com and I will try my best to answer these questions and put them in the newspaper.

**SUPPORTING YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR COMMUNITY**

Especially in tough economic times it is hard to find dollars above and beyond family needs to support community. Certain gifts however, provide tax benefits and may be structured to provide income to encourage giving. This is called planned giving, and a foundation like the Paulding County Area Foundation can be a part of that. This type of financial planning can be of benefit to you and your family now or after your death.

The first place to start with financial planning is with your accountant or attorney; they are specialists in this field and should always be part of your plan. They can let you know what is available and what your best move should be. The expertise of a good attorney and accountant is always a good investment. Guided financial planning can allow for lower tax obligations, and income for you now and for your family later on. State and Federal governments have always encouraged donations to the community by offering tax advantages to those who would like to be involved with philanthropy.

The part that a foundation plays in this scenario is that a 501c3 non-profit foundation is recognized by the government to receive, invest, manage and grant donations to the community according to your wishes. If you have a favorite organization that has made a difference in your life, or you like what some particular organization is doing for the community, you can make a difference now and forever through a foundation fund.

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-Submitted by: Carlene A. Turner, Clerk Treasurer

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**SANTA VISITS LITTLE BLESSING DAY CARE**



Little Blessings Day-care had a surprise visitor when Santa stopped at their Christmas party. Those brave enough to sit on Santa's lap

are Skyley Gribble, Elayna White, Colton Gribble, Emily Thrasher, Adam Leever, Eli Lawrence, Nicholas Hatcher and Dominic Stahl.

**THE PUNKY PRUNE**

**By: Rachel Steiner**

"Whole Grains" is a term that keeps getting pounded into our heads but many people are confused as to what they actually are, why they are so important, and how they are able to incorporate them into their daily diets. A whole grain is any grain which has the bran and the germ intact. They provide many vitamins, minerals, proteins and fiber that are not available in refined grains. In other words, it is the whole food straight from the fields without being processed and refined. Extensive studies have shown that making whole grains part of your daily diet can reduce your risk of a stroke, heart

disease and diabetes by over 30% as well as aid in weight management, reduce blood pressure, ease asthma, lessen birth defects and lower risk of a whole host of different cancers (US Whole Grain Council). Examples include brown rice, amaranth, buckwheat, barley, kamut, bulgur, quinoa and the list goes on. Each has a distinct texture and flavor so its time to begin experimenting! Try using broth to cook them and then add some herbs, veggies, nuts and dried fruit, or meat. The possibilities are endless.

In order to make room for whole grains, we need to limit the refined grains many commonly eat such as white pastas, flours and rice. These products have been

stripped of all their nutrients, washed, bleached and thrown back into a package to be sold. This is clearly not how grains were created to be eaten! The problem with getting true whole grains lies in the food manufacturers marketing schemes. Countless pasta and bread packages say "made with whole grains", or more deceptively "whole grain" on the front, but if you look to the ingredients you will find that's far from the truth. These products could be made with, for example, only 2% whole grains and they are still able to boast and market themselves as being healthy. This is why its best to take the extra time to read ingredient lists and make sure you are getting what you really want. Make sure packages state 100% whole wheat or whatever grain your are purchasing and if it says "enriched" anywhere, stay away. Do not be fooled by the color of a products, often it is just a white product masquerading as something else with the help of food coloring.

One of my favorite places to shop for whole grains is right here in Paulding County. The Homeplace Pantry is located on CR 127 just north of Paulding. This is a wonderful family-run business with great products and prices and I truly thank my sister-in-law for introducing it to me. The Atkins family who own the store are always kind, helpful (the boys will even load your car!) and willing to special order products for you and as well as answer questions. They offer bulk sales and we often buy 50lb bags of our most used ingredients though they offer much smaller amounts also. They carry all sorts of whole grains along with sweeteners, loose teas, spices, candy, and special meat and cheeses. My favorite product however, is their raw honey that they harvest right out in the backyard! The best part is that we can buy from a locally owned small business and keep investing in our own community.

- Whole Grains Cooking Chart (1 cup of the dry grain listed - water to add in cups, cooking time in minutes):
- Amaranth - 2 cups, 25-30 minutes
  - Whole Barley - 3 cups, 90 minutes
  - Pearled Barley - 3 cups, 45 minutes
  - Buckwheat - 2 cups, 15 minutes
  - Kamut - 3 cups, 60-120 minutes (depending on the texture you like)
  - Millet - 2½ cups, 25 minutes
  - Rolled Oats - 2 cups, 15 minutes
  - Quinoa - 2 cups, 20 minutes
  - Brown Rice - 2 cups, 45 minutes

**PCH HONORS RETIRED EMPLOYEES AT LUNCHEON**



Three long time Paulding County Hospital employees recently retired and were honored at a luncheon recently. They also received engraved clocks in recognition of their years of service. Pictured left to right are: Rob Goshia, CFO; Melanie Rittenour, HR; Leann Moser, 30 years; Darlene Herber, 31 years; Gene Olwin, 30 years; Randy Ruge, COO, Gary Adkins, CEO.

- Spelt - 3 cups, 90-120 minutes
- Wheat Berries - 3 cups, 90-120 minutes
- Bulgur - 2 cups, 15 minutes
- Couscous - 2 cups, 1 minute, then rest

**PAULDING COUNTY CHRONICLES II**

**By: Caroline Wells Zimmerman**

**Blue Creek Pioneers Part 2**  
Blue Creek, after which the township is named, is the only stream in the township that flows through it from southwest to northeast. The soil is black loamy clay and the surface is low and level. The soil is the aftermath of the 'puddle' of the drying of the 'Great Black Swamp'. The silt can become like putty in the right wet conditions, just like silt in the bottom of a mud puddle. The rotten mulch made rich soil, but there is little sand in Paulding County to soften it up. When the pioneers first came here it was heavily wooded trees of ash, oak, cottonwood, sycamore, yellow poplar, hard maple, beech and hickory timber. The first saw mill was brought in the winter of 1870-71 in the eastern part of Blue Creek Township.

The first sermon preached was in 1848 at the residence of Mr. Joseph Reed by Reverend Luther, a Free Will Baptist Minister. At the same place in 1850, Reverend Abram Shingledecker, of the United Brethren denomination, organized the first church, of which the following were the first members: Joseph, Mary and Lucinda Reed and also John, Nancy, William, Hannah and Edmond Barker.

Joseph Reed Sr. was one of the early settlers of Blue Creek Township and observed all of the improvements since 1843. He was active and instrumental in establishing the first school, first church and organizing the whole township. Mr. Reed had been born in Stark County, Ohio, his parents were Joseph and Eliza-

beth (Kaufman) Reed. He married Mary Traul (parents John T. and Sophia (Miller) Traul of Columbiana County, Ohio, born on March 18, 1813). Joseph and Mary were married March 31, 1836 in Stark County, Ohio.

They had nine children: Lucinda, born April 14, 1837; Daniel, born July 21, 1831, died August 15, 1840; Uriah W. born July 29, 1841; John T., born May 16, 1844, died March 11, 1859; Elizabeth M., born January 8, 1847; Sophia C., born January 2, 1850; Mary J., born September 25, 1853; Joseph F., born September 15, 1855; Sarah H. born December 16, 1858.

Mr. Reed served as Treasurer of Blue Creek Township from 1848 until 1869 (20 years). His address in 1880 was Pleasant Point, Paulding, Ohio.

James Norman Watson and his wife, Martha Ball were both born into slavery in Alvarum County, Virginia. He was born October 1828 and she was born December 21, 1833. They were married in the same county May 30, 1850, (unfortunately there is a gap in the family history for the next 30 years. It does not say how or why they came to Paulding County).

In 1880 their address (list-

ed as a farmer) was Pleasant Point, Paulding Ohio. All of their 12 children were living except one. The children are: Sarah E. born February 15, 1850; Norman, born December 1851; John J. born September 7, 1852; Emma J. born May 30, 1856; Mary Alice, born March 6, 1857, deceased; Anna M. born May 12, 1859; Alexander, born September 20, 1861; Julia M., born October 25, 1863; William E. born September 25, 1865; Cora Belle, born May 19, 1808; Flora A., born December 11, 1871; David D., born May 27, 1874.

James Norman Watson was the son of David and Patsey (Beverly) Watson. Martha Ball's parents were William and Elizabeth (Clinton) Ball. "James Watson belonged to one master during all his slave life—John Crank and at his death he liberated all of his slaves. Martha Watson's master was John Fauls; he migrated to Pike County, Ohio, liberated all of his slaves and then lived about among them until his death."

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