

PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA DEPARTMENT PRESENTS GREASE: THE SCHOOL VERSION



Pictured above are some of Rydell High's Senior Class of 1959 getting ready for the upcoming performance of *Grease: The School Version* by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey.

Head T-Bird Danny Zuko, played by Derrick Echols and new girl Sandy Dumbrowski, played by Jenna Gasser try to relive the high romance of their "Summer Nights" as the rest of the gang sings and dances its way through such songs as "Greased Lightnin'", "Hand Jive", and "You're the One that I Want". Presale Tickets for the performances on March 9th and March 10th are on sale in the High School Office. Tickets will also be

available the night of the show. Paulding Drama Department invites you to come and see this lively and funny musical in the Paulding High School Auditoria at 7:00 p.m. A-wop-ba-ba-lu-bop! A Wop-Bam-Boom!!

ANTWERP BALL ASSOCIATION LIVE DUCK RACE!

The Antwerp Ball Association will be hosting live duck races in the Manor House Gym on Saturday, March 17th. Doors will be open at 6:00 p.m. with a variety of sandwiches and other concession items to purchase. The duck races will take place from 7:00-9:00 p.m. There is an adult entrance fee, but children accompanied by adults are free.

Monies raised from this event will go towards improvements at the community ball fields. The Gary Kemerer Award will also be given out to a community member for their voluntary assistance to the Antwerp Ball Association. Come and enjoy a fun night with your family!

ANTWERP HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS THE KING AND I

By: Ann Reinhart

The King and I, music by Richard Rodgers and lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II. This play is based on *Anna and the King of Siam* by Margaret Landon, and is performed with permission from R & H Theatricals

The Antwerp High School Music & Drama department will present *The King and I* on March 24 and March 25 2012 at 7:00 p.m. and March 26, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. in the Antwerp Local Auditoria.

Tickets can be purchased in the high school office, from a cast member, or at the door prior to each performance.

East versus West makes for a dramatic, rich textured and ultimately uplifting tale of enormous fascination. It is 1862 in Siam when an English widow, Ann Leonowens, and her young son arrive at the Royal Palace in Bangkok, having been summoned by the King to serve as tutor to his many children and wives. The King is largely considered to be a barbarian by those in the West, and he seeks Anna's assistance in changing his image, if not his ways. With both keeping a firm grip on their respective traditions and values, Anna and the King grow to understand and, eventually, respect one another, in a truly unique love story.

Friday and Sunday Cast List (in order of appearance): Captain Orton - Erik Miesle, Anna Leonowens - Hayley Feichter, Louis Leonowens - Brandon Laney, Interpreter/Phra Alack - Ed Reinhart,

The Kralahome - Ryan Giradot, King - Ty Lee, Lun Tha - Nate Hawley, Tuptim - Kirsi Smith, Lady Thiang - Lauren Cline, Prince Chulalongkorn - Danny Manella, Sir Edward Ramsay - Aaron Schneider; Wives - Lydia Schneider, Samantha Smith, Kelsea Burns, Ann Reinhart, Tiffany Romero, Beth Hawley, Kirsten Price; Amazons - Dani Daugherty, Katie Hunt, Principle Dancer - Jessica Marlin, Dancers - Ashley Marenburg, Alex Hindenlang, Kortney Smith, Maggie Wilson, Mikayla Boesch, Kayla Burns, Kaitlyn Clevinger, Madison Edgar, Brooke Hatlevig, Klayre Manella, Erica Meyer, Ashley Miller, Megaen Price, Taylor Provines, Brittany Smith, Hope Smith, Emerald Walton, Rachel Williamson; Children - Connor Shiple, Ross Lee, Aaron Hawley, Ryan Van Vlerah, Landon Lee, Nathan Lee, Isabel Litzenberg, Emerson Litzenberg, Naomy Yenez, Mia Altimus, Samantha Riggsby, Katie Oberlin, Chloe Saul, Holly Sanders.

Directors: Mary Smith, Chris Feichter, Julie Hall

Stage Crew: Tayler Shaffer, Ellise Wetli, Bryant Miesle, Arron Romero

Tech Team: Deb Altic, Shawn Dooley, Kyle Recker, Sam Smith.

Come and see the cast on Friday, March 24, Saturday, March 25, and Sunday March 26 as they present the musical *The King and I*. It's definitely a show worth coming to see!

4-H PACKAGES SOUP FOR HAITIANS



The Leaders of Tomorrow 4-H group met to package soup as a community service project. Nearly 30 young people and adults met on February 23 to participate in the project. Participants measured, filled and sealed

bags of dry ingredients. Water will be added to bags to make a nutritious soup. The 4-H group packaged enough food to feed 15,000 adults and children. Packaged soup will be sent to Haiti.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT JOHN PAULDING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This Saturday, March 3rd from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. will be the first meeting of the Junior Historians at the museum. This is a new program we are trying to get going. Geneieve Noggle is in charge of this program.

March 27th at 7:30 p.m. will be our General Meeting and open to the public. The featured speaker(s) will be the Foreign Exchange students in the area. Sue Thomas (Oakwood Library) is organizing this.

On April 12th at 7:00 p.m. the Van Wert Historical Society will be holding their

board meeting at the JPHS museum. After their meeting, they will be touring the museum.

24/49 ANTWERP DEVELOPMENT PUBLIC MEETING

A public meeting will be held Monday, March 12, at 7:00 p.m., at the Antwerp School to report on progress and to ask for community input. Attending and reporting will be Randy Derck, CIC President, all 24/49 Committee chairs, Larry Dillin, consultant and Tony Langham, Paulding County Economic Development.

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OBITUARIES

Helen Pearl Rhoad, 90, of Smyrna, TN, formerly of Cecil, died Thursday February 23, 2012. She was a native of Paulding County, Ohio and was preceded in death by her parents, Albert and Flossie Onstott Huss and her husband, Kenneth Rhoad. Mrs. Rhoad was a member of Smyrna First Baptist Church and was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

She is survived by her children: Francis Lee Rhoad and his wife Linda of Cecil, Karen Rae Gill of Paulding, Cheryl Jean Leibold and husband Wally of Pompano Beach, FL, Dennis Wayne Rhoad and wife Sharon of Smyrna, TN, David Keith Rhoad and wife Darcy of Smyrna, TN; 14 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was February 27, 2012 at Woodfin Chapel, Smyrna with Rev. W.D. Thomason officiating. Burial followed in Mapleview Cemetery. www.woodfinchapel.com

Helen L. Bell, 79, of Hicksville died Monday, February 27, 2012 at her home.

She was born on September 22, 1932 in Fort Wayne, IN, the daughter of Alva and Loretta (Green) Myers. On June 30, 1951, she was united in marriage with Earl Bell Sr. and he survives.

Helen is survived by three daughters: Pam (Jerry) Trim, Luella (Bill) Knight, and Roxann (Gary) Henderson; two sons: Earl Jr. (Tina Sloffer), Patrick (Lani) Bell; 19 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; a sister, Pauline (Paul) Geiselman; two brothers: Sonny (Darlene) Myers and Ronnie (Darlene) Myers.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Cartwright; a brother, Edward Myers; granddaughter, Veronica Vansoi; and great-grandson, Brandon Trim.

Funeral services for Helen were March 4, 2012 at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville. Burial was in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Memorials may be made to CHP Hospice. Online condolences may be shared at www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com.

John Kevin Sinclair, 47 of

Butler, IN, formerly of Hicksville, passed away suddenly in a one car accident in Hicksville on Sunday, February 26, 2012.

John was born in Elkhart, IN on December 23, 1964. He served in the U.S. Army.

John will be sadly missed by his daughter, Hannah of Mishawaka, IN; mother, Carol Carroll; father, Francis Miller, both of Hicksville; siblings: Mark Sinclair of Bryan, Flint Miller of Middlebury, IN, Eric Miller of Hicksville, Michael Miller of Defiance and Dawn Birner of Glen Burnie, MD.

He was preceded in death by his adopted father, Frank Sinclair.

His memorial service was March 2, 2012 Gateway Chapel at the Huber Opera House, Hicksville.

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

Vera L. Thompson, 78, of Woodburn, IN, died February 27, 2012 at her residence.

She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Howard;



her children: Mitchel (Vicki) Thompson of Harlan, IN, Keith Thompson of Delta, OH, Tammy (Tom) Jahns of Toledo; five grandchildren; brother, Richard (Diana) Larimore of Payne; and sister, Carolyn (Vern) Laukhuf of Antwerp.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Frances Thompson; and a brother, Dan Larimore.

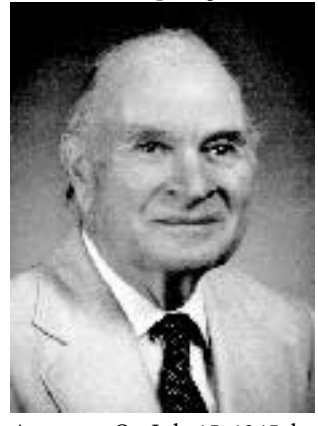
Funeral service was March 2, 2012 at Hockemeyer Funeral Home, 17629 State Road 37, Harlan, IN. Burial was in Harlan Memorial Cemetery.

Preferred memorials to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home or Cancer Services of N.E. Indiana. To leave online

condolences, please visit www.hockemeyerfuneralhome.com

Raymond C. Ewing, 88, of Hicksville died Monday, February 27, 2012 at Hickory Creek in Hicksville.

Ray was born on July 1, 1923 in Paulding County, Ohio, the son of the late Albert A and Laura M. (Bash) Ewing. He was a 1941 graduate of Antwerp High School,



Antwerp. On July 15, 1945, he was united in marriage with Lela R. Bainbridge who preceded him in death in 1999. Raymond joined the U. S. Navy, serving during WWII as Radioman 1st Class aboard the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Essex with the Pacific Fleet. He participated in the action at the Marshalls, Marianas, Philippines, Bonin Islands and Iwo Jima.

He was the owner of Ewing Nursery in Hicksville from 1952-2006 and a Village Councilman for 13 years. Ray was a member of Grace United Methodist Church and the American Landscape Association.

Survivors include a son, John A. (Denise) of Fort Wayne, IN; two daughters: Beth A. (Michael) Toscos of Fort Wayne, IN and Jane P. (William) Weippert of Cecil; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by nine siblings.

Funeral services for Raymond were March 3, 2012 at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, with Pastor Tim Pieper officiating. Burial was in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville. Military honors accorded by Hicksville American Legion Post 223.

Preferred memorials are to Grace United Methodist Church for the Pipe Organ Fund or to CHP Hospice of Defiance, Ohio. Online condolences

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

“Blessed are the poor in Spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

—Matthew 5:3

may be shared at www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com.

Lillian “Red” Scoby, 82, of Antwerp, passed away Wednesday, February 29, 2012 at her residence.



Red was born in Butler, IN on November 6, 1929, a daughter of the late Louise (Pifer) and John Moran. She worked at The Oasis in Antwerp, for 37 years. She was a member of the Antwerp VFW & American Legion Auxiliaries. In 1962 she married Junior Scoby, who passed away in 1992.

Red will be sadly missed by her children: Doug (Becky) Champion of D’Iberville, MS, Debi (Mike) Altic, DeWayne (Bonnie) Champion both of Antwerp and Pam (Phil) Slatery of Hicksville; sister, Norma Martin of Beech Grove, IN; 13 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

She is also preceded in death by her sisters: Donna Van Buskirk and Patricia Brown.

Her funeral service was at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, on March 3, 2012. She was laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery.

Memorials are to Defiance Hospice. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Wanda K. Rohrs, 59, of Hicksville died Saturday March 3, 2012 at her home.

She was born on July 16, 1952 in Fort Wayne, IN, the daughter of Marshall and Ethel (Smalley) Fields. She attended Hicksville High School. Wanda was employed by Apex Tool Group in Hicksville. She attended Assembly of God Church, Hicksville.

She is survived by a daughter, Kim (Dave) Boggs of Defiance; grandchildren: Brooke and Isaac Boggs; three sisters: Beth (Elmer) Marihugh of Hicksville, Susan (Dan) Cope of Angola, IN, Em “Marsha” Fields of Georgia; a brother, Mike (Deb) Fields of Hicksville.

Preceding her in death were her parents.

Funeral services for Wanda will be Wednesday, March

7, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, with Pastor Bob Bibbee officiating. Visitation was Tuesday, March 6, 2012 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial was in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Online condolences may be shared at www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com.

Norman E. Tritsch Sr., 74, of Cecil died Saturday, March 3, 2012 at the Lutheran Hospital of Indiana, Fort Wayne IN.

He was born in Quincy, IL on June 22, 1937 the son of Ennis F. and Frances (Randall) Tritsch. On March 23,



1969 he married Barbara Goings, who survives. He worked for Dahm Brothers Roofing of Fort Wayne, IN for 33 years, retiring in 1990.

Also surviving, is a son, Norman Tritsch Jr. of Sherwood, OH; five step-daughters: Wanda (Scott) Harris of Oakwood, Esky (Kent) Bushe of Indianapolis, IN, Carol (Rich) Hendricks of

Edgerton, OH, Mary Rosebrock of Paulding and Judith (Gary) Hawkey of Oakwood; a step-son, Raymond Fouty of Okinawa, Japan; a granddaughter, Kayla Laney; 17 step-grandchildren; and 17 step great-grandchildren; two sisters: Sandy Shoemaker of Venice, FL and Debbie Tritsch of Sarasota, FL; two brothers: Richard Tritsch of Summertime, FL, and Joe Tritsch of Sarasota, FL.

He is preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Wayne Tritsch; two grandsons: Ryan and Austin Tritsch; and a step-granddaughter, Becca Tracy.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, March 8, 2012 at the DenHerder Funeral Home Paulding. Burial will be in Sherman Cemetery Oakwood. Visitation will be

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Sunday – 8:30 a.m. – Antwerp
Saturday – 5:30 p.m. – Paulding
Sunday – 10:30 a.m. – Paulding

“In Memory To A Precious Lady”

Today we are celebrating and remembering Elaine Wannemacher, who on March 8, 2011, one year ago went to be with Jesus.

Her husband of 52 years, Maurie and their three daughters, JoEllen Sisson, Lori Ann Clounie and Karen Hahn, along with their spouses and six grandchildren want to say, “Thank you God for sustaining us during this year and for continuing to increase our joy and comfort.”

Elaine was truly a pure example of the Proverbs 31 woman.
Her kind, gentle spirit, her loving disposition, as well as her deep faith in our Lord was evident in every area of her life. Our family was blessed to see her embrace her Lord and proclaim as her last words what she had always believed, looking into heaven and seeing her Lord, saying “Jesus, too amazing,.... Jesus, too amazing!”

Family and friends, I want to take this moment to thank you for your continued words of encouragement, your continued prayers and your heartfelt friendship. You have been a blessing in our lives as we have walked through the loss of our precious Elaine this past year. May God bless you and may you also know Him personally and experience this incredible promise of everlasting life!

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Memorials to: Norman E. Tritsch Sr. Family. Online condolences may be sent to: www.denherderfh.com

Sharon Ann Mull, 72, of Edgerton, IN died Sunday, March 4, 2012 at her residence.



She was born August 22, 1939 in Van Wert County, Ohio the daughter of Wilfred J. and Kathryn E. (Eagleson) Yoquelet. On August 10, 1968 she married Richard Elmer She, who survives.

She is survived by her husband, Richard of Edgerton, IN; a son, Brian (Penny) Mull of Harlan, IN; a daughter, Shelley Jones of Payne; three grandchildren: Heather Schoenauer of Lebanon, KY, Michelle Schoenauer of Convoy, OH, and Tyler Schoenauer of Payne; and two great-granddaughters: Kyla Schoenauer and Keriona Bell.

She is preceded in death by her parents; and a brother, Gene Yoquelet.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. Friday, March 9, 2012 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with Pastor Dave Dignall officiating. Burial will be in Wiltsie Cemetery, Payne.

Visitation will be 2:30-8:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 8, 2012 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding and one hour prior to services on Friday.

Memorial may be made to Paulding Cancer Society; Wesleyan United Methodist Church, Woodburn; or Home Health/Hospice of Fort Wayne, IN. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

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BIBLE QUESTIONS

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

All answers can be found in the New King James Version of the Bible.

1. Acts 25:19 - In this verse whom did Paul affirm to be alive?

2. Acts 25:21 - Whom did Paul appeal to be reserved for their decision?

3. Acts 25:22 - Who said to Festus that he would like to hear Paul the man?

4. Acts 25:23 - Who came with great pomp?

5. Acts 25:23 - What does the word pomp mean?

6. Acts 25:24 - What did Festus say the Jews told him about Paul?

7. Acts 26:1 - What did Agrippa say to Paul?

8. Acts 26:2 - What did Paul say to Agrippa?

9. Acts 26:3 - What did Paul say Agrippa was an expert in?

Comments or questions please call James Potter 419-393-4775 or Lonnie Lambert at 419-399-5022. Loved ones, Jesus loves you and so does the Oakwood church of Christ.

Answers to last week's questions:

1. Against the law of the Jews, not against the temple, not against Caesar.

2. He wanted to do the Jews a favor.

3. At Caesar's judgment seat

4. Caesar

5. To Caesar you shall go.

6. Agrippa and Bernice

7. About Paul's case, how the chief priests and elders of the Jews informed Paul.

8. It is not the custom of the Romans to deliver any man to destruction before the accused meets his accuser face to face.

Please read 2 Timothy 3:14-17. In verse 14 this tells us we are to continue in the truth of the scriptures and as Timothy was taught by his mother Eunice and grandmother Lois. Just pray that we can have teachers who are solid in their teaching of the Bible and will not lead us astray. In verse 17 where it says 'perfect' in the King James Version, in the NKJV it uses the word 'complete', this means that the person is very knowledgeable of what the scriptures are saying. There is too much false teaching today. We need men today that would be like Paul, preach and teach the truth of God's word, even though it may cost us our lives. For those of us who would do this, there is a better home waiting for us. Women or ladies you also can be a Lois or Eunice in helping teach God's word in the home and living a life showing that Christ dwells in you.

IF YOUR TIME TO LIVE WAS BRIEF, WHAT WOULD YOU DIFFERENTLY?

Winning the Battle for a Generation by: Rick Jones, Defiance Area YFC

Have you ever given much thought about what you would like to accomplish before you pass on? You know, creating your "bucket list" of things not done but on your mind or heart to still do?

Bonnie Ware, an Australian nurse, has spent several years working in palliative care, caring for patients in the last 12 weeks of their lives. As Ware walked with her patients through the fi-

nal stages of their lives, she witnessed how many of her patients gained "phenomenal clarity of vision" as they approached death. Ware claims, "When questioned about any regrets they had or anything they would do differently, common themes surfaced again and again." According to Ware, these are the top five regrets of the dying:

1. I wish I'd had the courage to live a life true to myself, not the life others expected of me. Bonnie Ware added, "Health brings a freedom few realize, until they no longer have it."

2. I wish I hadn't worked so hard. Ware observed, "This [regret] came from every male patient that I nursed."

3. I wish I'd had the courage to express my feelings. "Many people suppressed their feelings in order to keep peace with others... Many [patients] developed illnesses related to the bitterness and resentment they carried as a result."

4. I wish I'd stayed in touch with my friends. "There are many deep regrets about not giving friendships the time and effort that they deserved. Everyone misses their friends when they are dying."

5. I wish I'd let myself be happier. "Many did not realize until the end that happiness is a choice. They had stayed stuck in old patterns and habits."

With regard to end of life thoughts we have the scriptures to remind us that... Psalm 39:4 (NIV), "Show me, O LORD, my life's end and the number of my days; let me know how fleeting is my life." We also read further that... Psalm 90:12 (NIV), "Teach us to number our days aright,

that we may gain a heart of wisdom."

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GREEN AND GROWING WORKSHOP ENROLLMENT OPEN FOR OUABACHE STATE PARK

Children ages 6 to 12 are invited to join the Upper Wabash Interpretive Services at Ouabache State Park Thursday, March 29 from 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. for a Green and Growing Nature Day. Register now to ensure an opening in the workshop.

Activities, which all start at the park lodge, will include a seed and soil scavenger hunt, hiking, crafts, games, checking out Bison chow and a spring wildflower hunt.

The camp's activities are guided by Interpretive Naturalists trained to provide a safe and fun environment to learn about our world. A snack will be provided; children need to bring a sack lunch with drink, extra shoes, and a change of clothes. The camp features indoor and outdoor activities, crafts and games.

Pre-registration is required by calling the Upper Wabash Interpretive Services at 260-468-2127. A completed 2012 Health/Media form is necessary the day of the workshop. Visit our web site at www.dnr.IN.gov/uwis for more information about available programs.

NO BULLIES AT PEVS ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS



Paulding and Oakwood Elementary Schools were host on Friday, March 2nd to Miss Vicki from Midwest Talent Shows who presented a program called "No Bullies but Friendship" through ventriloquism. Shown is fifth grader Coli Talbott interacting with Miss Vicki and her friend.

STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT AUTISM



Paulding Elementary was host on Friday, March 2nd to a special guest named Linell from the Autism Society. She spoke to students on Autism and Individual Differences. Linell is shown with fourth graders Kayla Collins and Mayla Wolfrum.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

On Saturday March 3rd, a 5th grade boys basketball tournament was held in the gym located at the Manor House Assisted Living Complex (the former Antwerp School). Eight teams from around the NW Ohio area made the trek to Antwerp to produce a competitive field of participating teams. What is more important is that

this tournament was a culmination of the cooperative efforts of many concerned and outstanding groups and individuals working together to bring a new event to the Antwerp community.

From the very beginning when the campus owner allowed the opportunity to use the gym began last fall, there has been mutual interest and participation in making it work.

Individuals Dean and Elaine Phillips, Brian McLaughlin, Dick Smith and the staff at the Manor House, Sid and Michelle Buehrer, Larry and Joyce Copsey, Keith and Sue Meyer, Joe and Sue Meyer, Chris Holt and Joe Copsey; business owners Todd Schweller of Schweller Electric, Matt Hormann of Hormann Heating & Cooling, Jim Fellers of Fellers Plumbing and Mark Greenwood of NARCO; groups such as the Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, ACDC, Antwerp Baseball Association, Antwerp Rotary, and the Antwerp Local School; and advertising support so far through local businesses, the Essen House Restaurant and the Oasis Bar & Grill.

All of these came together to offer help in some special way to get this event off the ground. The success of this event is proof that a small community can band their limited resources together and make big things happen. This is just the tip

of the iceberg. Future events already planned in the gym include: the ABA Duck Race on March 17, an NAYS boys & girls basketball tournament on April 13-15, and the Antwerp Alumni event on August 11. With continued communication, teamwork and support the opportunities this community can offer to bring people into town are unlimited.

Much appreciation is again given to all of those involved with the progress of the gymnasium so far, we encourage anyone that can provide resources, ideas, or even just time or general labor to do so, or at the very least join one of the 49/24 committees, and help us continue to support and promote the Antwerp community.

Sincerely,
—Tim & Brenda Copsey

ANTWERP HS ATHLETIC DEPT. HOSTS MATTRESS SALE FUNDRAISER!

The Antwerp Athletic Department will be sponsoring the 1st Annual Mattress Fundraiser Sale on Saturday, March 17th 2012 at the High School gym.

Name brand mattress sets will be sold. Delivery will be available. Floor models of mattresses will be on display from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the 17th.

All proceeds from this fundraiser go directly to the Antwerp teams to purchase new uniforms and equipment. For additional information, please contact Randy Erb of Custom Fundraising Solutions, RandyerbCFS@gmail.com

RECIPES FROM A GREAT-GRANDMA

By: Sue Knapp

I have a thing for making baked goods from scratch. I can't tell you when I last bought a boxed cake mix. There are some great mixes out there but I don't know, I just like making them from scratch.

Kay Stoller gave me this recipe for Banana Cake and it sounds great. I think Kay should start a bakery! She is always baking and willing to share! Thank you, Kay, for sharing with us.

Banana Cake

By: Kay Stoller

In mixer, cream:
1½ c sugar
½ c canola oil
Add:
2 eggs
Blend in:
1 c sour cream
2 lg (or 3 med) ripe bananas
1 tsp vanilla
Then add:
2½ c flour
1 tsp baking soda
1 tsp baking powder
¼ tsp salt
Blend 2 minutes, bake 325 degrees, 40-50 minutes.

Carmel Frosting

Melt in saucepan:
½ c butter
Add and stir over low heat:
1 c brown sugar, until dissolved
Then add:
¼ c milk, continue stirring until it comes to a boil. Remove from heat and cool.
When cool, add:
2-2½ c confectioners sugar. Stir until smooth.
Enjoy!

MONTHLY SENIOR BREAKFAST AT GARDENS OF PAULDING

The monthly senior breakfast at Gardens of Paulding will take place next Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. Any seniors are invited free of charge.

PAULDING COUNTY INDEPENDENT INSURANCE AGENTS ASSOCIATION OPEN FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS

The Paulding County Independent Insurance Agents Association, Inc. will again be taking applications from Paulding County high school seniors for scholarships. You may pick up an application from your high school guidance office or at one of the following insurance agencies beginning this week (Antwerp Insurance Agency, Foltz Insurance Agency, Hornish Financial & Insurance, Stahl-Stoller-Meyer Insurance Center & Williamson Insurance Agency). The applications are also available to private and/or home schooled seniors who live in Paulding County. The deadline to turn in the application is Friday, April 20, 2012 to the following: Cindy Koenig, PCIIAA, Inc. Scholarship Chair, 113 N. Main St., P. O. Box 178, Paulding, OH 45879. We look forward to receiving many applications this year and wish you all the best.

OAKWOOD GLEANER ARBOR #759 MEETING NOTES

Oakwood Gleaner Arbor #759 members and the homeschoolers entertained the residents of the Country Inn near Latty. Games of checkers, chess, connect four, Lincoln logs, putting puzzles together, and looking at pictures was enjoyed by 31 in all. Piano playing and singing of country western songs of old was fun. 11 year old Donald Ellerbrock did magic tricks. The Arbor donated toilet paper and tissues to each resident and made a donation to the activity fund. Snacks and drinks were provided by Bonnie Pier.

After the fun, we had our meeting. John Pier called the meeting to order. Chaplain Bill Bidlack had the prayer followed by the pledge. We had a returned check from a 4-H club and we decided to put it towards the renovation project at Camp Palmer. Rose Wright reported that Jamie Merriman has to turn away unwanted horses because she can't find places for them. John Pier reported that there will be new playground equipment in the Charloe park this year. Eileen Kochensparger made two suggestions for helping others next year: The Crippled Children's fund – which help with expenses – this is under the health department with Judy Fisher as a contact person and help with Kelly Tumbler's book she is writing and the books "Mommy Please Don't Cry" that she gives to grieving mothers. We are still collecting bottle caps to help with cancer treatments.

Ruth Benien reported July 21 is a Gleaner Mud Hens double header 5:00 p.m. and state picnic July 28 at the Findlay Lighthouse.
—Bonnie Pier, reporting

ANTWERP WELCOMES SPORTS WEARHOUSE



By: Sue Knapp

Antwerp is bustling with store fronts being filled. Sports Wearhouse has opened a store right next to Hometown Pantry on Main Street in Antwerp.

Janean (Nean Franklin) Shannon has ties in Antwerp and visits with her family and friends regularly. She graduated from Antwerp High School and went to college in Bluffton, OH where she met her husband, John. They have three children.

Janean works for Bluffton College and John works for Tower Automotive. They have a Sports Wearhouse in Bluffton that they've owned and operated for 12 years. Their daughter manages it.

The opportunity opened for Janean and John to open a store in Antwerp and they jumped at the chance. Janean was more than ready to get back to Antwerp.

The store right now is in the second store front in the Hometown Pantry Building. They sell Antwerp School apparel plus sports equipment such as: tennis balls, baseball mitts, shin guards, baseball pants, etc. and will offer letterman jackets. They also do screen printing, heat transfers, banners (outdoors and indoors), yard signs, metal signs, etc. You can also take a picture in and they can make a life-size vinyl print of it for your wall.

Their hours are the same as Hometown Pantry. Monday 1:00-7:00 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Thursday 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. and Saturday 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Sports Wearhouse is also on Facebook: facebook/sports-wearhouse.antwerp or you may e-mail at jshannons@hotmail.com, you may call their main office for information at 419-358-9300.

Janean commented, "It feels good to be a part of Antwerp again."

Sports Wearhouse is ready for you to stop in and browse around and check out the items. Their Grand Opening is Saturday, March 10 from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Thank you for making our website one of the most visited in Paulding County. Be sure to stop every week to see the latest news, information and weather for the area.
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ONE OF THE TWO INNS ON THE MAUMEE

By: Stan Jordan

Friends and readers, a couple of weeks ago I told you about the flood of 1834 and the hardships it caused on this whole area from Huntington, IN to Toledo, OH and many miles each way and the Aug-laize also. I have found a little more about that time and place. The flood took away all the crops and loose hay for the animals. The people were starving.

A Louis Clark from Williams County went to Cleveland to buy all the flour he could at \$10.00-\$12.00 per barrel. It was sent by steamer from Cleveland to Toledo and then by ox team all the way from Toledo to Fort Wayne. It was needed very badly all along this route.

Well, the people suffered through this sort of financial trouble for about two years or so before they could support themselves again. In Fort Wayne you could find potatoes in the spring of 1835 for 37½ cents a dozen, and they were small ones.

In this man's writing, he mentions the black Maumee waters made terrible coffee. He wrote that a couple of times.

Well, I'm just thinking maybe he had been using the black sulfur water that is still prevalent in the area. I know when I was a boy along the Maumee in the 1930's there

were a number of natural springs along the river and they were coal black sulfur. But if you were thirsty it tasted good, but it sure would make poor coffee.

The people were getting along pretty good from the flood of 1834, by the winter of 1837-1838. The snow stayed on the ground all winter and the wild animals had a hard time finding food. Also the livestock ran out of hay and food.

After the settlers got through the big flood and then the miserable winter of '37 and '38, they had the worst drought ever recorded in history of this area. It was reported there was no rainfall from July 3 until October 15 of 1838. The rivers were drying up and the Maumee was so low that even the flat bottom boats could not get the freight to Fort Wayne. The folks there were running out of all types of food supplies.

The canal from the west was still open and the canal boats were a Godsend. By the time the spring rains came the supplies were about gone. Three flat boats arrived and they had flour, bacon and whiskey, what a celebration!

According to my readings of the book, *The Maumee River In 1835*, there were two inns in this area for the folks to find lodging.

We have already discussed the one that was operated by the Spurrier family. The other was called The Murphy Inn and it was about two miles west of Antwerp on the River Road.

Well, that land and area is still in the Murphy family. That is where Bruce Putnam lives and he is a direct descendent of the original owner Robert Murphy. It was a well established business in 1834. It was on the north side of the Maumee in Carryall Section 32. That is west of Antwerp on CR 224 where the river and the highway are the closest

together. That is where Road 250 turns off to the right and the railroad turns and goes south.

The Murphy Inn was just across the river to the north and was very accessible to boat traffic. It was considered one of the better inns here on the Anthony Wayne Trail.

Bruce Putnam tells me there are many relics of that era and area still to be found. The people stayed at Murphy's Inn and had a breakfast of eggs, venison and potatoes. The horses had corn and mowed hay. Then they traveled 10 miles on further west into Milan Township to a home of the John Nuttle family. This was on the river side, along with some people named Platter and some people named Lake.

Friends, this to me is so interesting and factual, and a great part of this area's history. I hope you enjoy it.

See ya!



By: Stan Jordan

Two blondes were having a conversation about cooking. I

"I got a new cookbook a few days ago," the one said, "but I could never do anything with it."

The other blonde says, "Were the recipes hard?"

"You better believe it, everyone of them started the same way—take a clean dish."

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Blondie was stopped at the red light. A state trooper stopped beside her and noticed that Blondie was knitting while driving. So the policeman turned on his red lights and said to her, "Pull over."

And she said, "No, it's a scarf."

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A farmer was hauling manure and his truck broke down in front of a mental institution. One of the patients leaned over the fence and asked, "What are you going to do with that manure?"

"I'm going to put it on my strawberries."

The fellow replied, "I might be crazy, but we put whipped cream on our strawberries."

See ya!

SAM RIVERS, INDIAN AGENT CHAPTER 5: ON THE TRAIL TO BROKEN BOW

By: Stan Jordan

Callie and I, followed by the other two wagons with the other four soldiers, left the main gate at Fort Kearney and headed a little bit west of north taking a route cross-country to The Broken Arrow Indian Agency. This will be a short cut but still will be a two day trip.

I said, "We will go pretty much north until we reach the south branch of the Loop River. We will follow that on the south side until we reach the place where we forded that river before and then we go about straight north to the agency."

This is the first part of February and a sun shiny day. A skiff of snow on the ground but miles and miles

of flat country. Not much vegetation just some scrub brush. We have our backs to the sun and are in the shade of the wagon part of the time. The sun is warm when it hits the folks on the wagon seat.

The Mess Sergeant had sent some box lunches for the soldiers and a couple extra for Callie and I. It consisted of venison sandwiches, apples and cold coffee, but it tasted good and was appreciated. We plodded along and it was nearing 5:00 and we still had not reached the point to cross the river.

I said, "We will camp here while it is still light enough to get the job done."

The boys said they would sleep in their wagon on the hay. Callie and I would be in their wagon on some cushions. Two of the soldiers gathered wood and laid a good fire. The other boys cared for the horses. Callie put the big kettle that had the stew that the Mess Sergeant fixed for them on the fire. There was enough for two meals.

The fire was big enough and made the evening meal very comfortable. It was dark now but two lanterns and the firelight made it a pretty cheery place. I guess it was 2-3 hours of talk around the fire. All the soldiers talked about where they came from and Army life and home life, good friends and wives and family. They talked about the flat country, no hills or peaks.

After they emptied the coffee pot and filled it with water for morning they all turned in and remarked it was a fine day on the trail. One of the soldiers was up first and stoked up the fire and it was bright and warm in just a little bit. He put on a dish pan to get the water warm to wash in. The coffee pot hung over the fire all night and was luke warm also. The soldiers fed and cared for the animals and I whipped up a bunch of pancakes and butter and maple syrup and coffee.

I wasn't in a hurry. I reckoned we should get to the ford area pretty soon and into the agency building shortly after noon. We broke camp and headed north west along the river. The sun came up nice and bright and the sky was clear as a bell.

Plop-plop-bump-bump, another day on the trail.

I stopped the lead wagon and said, "Here is where we cross the river. You could see some wagon tracks left from before."

The water was about foot deep and a pretty smooth crossing. I said, "We go pretty much straight north now about 10-12 miles."

We watered the horses and filled all their barrels and buckets. This is the Loop River and I think that is the name of the county also. We kept going about straight north and we all watched the horizon to see and locate the agency building.

Well, it finally showed up and it is off to the left about a mile or so. That's not bad for as far as they came. We will all be glad to get there.

Next Week: Broken Bow Indian Agency See ya!

WAYNE TRACE JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCES STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Kari Myers



Gina Sinn



Ethan Dunham



Michael Davis



Jessica Offerle



John Upole

Wayne Trace Jr/Sr High School recently named their February Students of The Month. Students are nominated by, then voted upon by the Wayne Trace staff. They are 7th Grader Ethan Dunham, 8th Grader Jessica Of-

ferle, 9th Grader Gina Sinn, 10th Grader John Upole, 11th Grader Michael Davis, and 12th Grader Kari Myers. Each student received a "Raider Pride-Pay Forward" T-shirt as part of the award.

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PAULDING VS WAYNE TRACE



The Paulding boys took on Wayne Trace at Defiance for their sectional game Tuesday, February 28. Paulding fell behind in the first half and the Raiders did not let up until the end of the game. The final score was 76-51 in Wayne Trace's favor. Shown above is WT junior Grady Gudakunst scoring for the Raiders. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



Even with their talent Paulding struggled and the Raiders outscored 76-51 in Wayne Trace's favor. Shown above is Paulding junior Kaleb Clemens attempting a basket but being fouled in by WT Colby Speice. Paulding finished with a final 3-18 record. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

TEMPLE SETS FIRST FOR RAIDER WRESTLING

If, by chance, you were up and saw a procession of vehicles led by the Grover Hill Fire Department late Saturday night (3/3), you were witnessing Raider wrestling history. For the first time ever, two wrestlers were escorted from the southeast Paulding County line back to Wayne Trace High School. One of these wrestlers has broken many of the records that are held at Wayne Trace this year, the other will be the first ever state placer for the red, white, and blue.

Kameran Clemens would wrestle his final match on the biggest stage a wrestler in Ohio can go out on. This was Kameran's second trip to Columbus. Being Wayne Trace's only two-time state qualifier, he wrestled to a top 12 finish both years at the state championships. Coach Clemens was quick to point out that "there are no easy matches in Columbus. Every athlete that steps on the mat is the top dog from his area. The one that seldom gets beat. Each and every win in Columbus is a dog fight."

Much has been written about Kameran and his accomplishments, but many Raider wrestling fans recall the young boy that couldn't win a wrestling match; that had no natural talent to begin with, but by a positive attitude, determination, and work ethic, transformed himself into one of the greatest, if not currently, the greatest wrestler Wayne Trace has sent to the mat. Kameran is a true testament to what an athlete can accomplish if that athlete sets their mind to it and is willing to work and sacrifice to attain it.

Sawyer Temple found himself standing in a spot all wrestlers dream of, and no other Raider wrestler has ever been. Standing atop of the OHSAA wrestling finalists podium in 7th place, Sawyer had attained his highest and most difficult goal of the year. As Sawyer bowed his head to have the medal placed over his head, the reality set in. Just as the back of the Raider wrestling shirts have said all year—FINALLY!

Being known as one of the jokesters on the team, Sawyer had a quiet demeanor about himself the last few weeks. It is well known that last year on the way to districts Sawyer was having a good time—a sophomore going to districts! Everything was fine. Then reality, 0-2 and off to the showers. A much more focused Sawyer would wrestle this year on the tournament trail.

Dropping his first match to the eventual 4th place finisher, he could have simply rolled over and said I am satisfied with making it to Columbus. Lawrence, Sawyer's dad had said, "We are glad to be here, if he goes 0-2 we will still be happy; but, of course, we want him to win." Instead, Sawyer maintained composure and focus. He would come back and rattle off wins over wrestlers from Caldwell and Ontario. Next, he would drop a match to a Massillon Tuslaw wrestler, but would be in the finalist round wrestling for 7th. Sawyer would cap his state tournament off with a win over a wrestler from Woodsfield Monroe Central, 5-2.

"This is a turning point

for Wayne Trace wrestling. We have gotten to Columbus. We have taken more than one wrestler in a year. I want more. I want to be able to take multiple wrestlers and I want one of them to be able to stand at the highest level on that podium," commented coach Clemens. With Sawyer having another season, that is a real possibility for him. Coach Stabler quipped, "This adds alot of excitement to the program. Many of the younger wrestlers can see it is attainable. It is a possibility."

In a small circle, late at night at WTHS, the wrestling family congratulated Kameran and Sawyer for both of their accomplishments. "This is an unbelievable moment for the boys, the coaches, and the fans," stated coach Clemens. Both the boys were asked to speak, but neither had much to say. The typical 'it's amazing', or 'it is a dream come true'. My personal favorite, 'I don't know what to say'. But really, nothing needed to be said. It was all said with the hand shakes, hugs, and tears. With the willingness for fans and friends to place their lives on hold for a moment, in the middle of the night, to share in these two wrestlers accomplishment.

The 2012 Raider wrestling team has broken and set the records much higher for the upcoming teams to attempt to attain. When looking at a group of younger wrestlers Sunday, Coach Clemens stated, "The day to start preparing for your shot at state starts today. We have 362 days to get ready!"

All Raider wrestling fans and the Wayne Trace Wrestling Club would like to congratulate Kameran on his state appearance and Sawyer on his seventh place finish. We would also like to acknowledge the Grover Hill Fire department for their support and willingness to bring these wrestlers home from Columbus with class. Both, Kameran and Sawyer, are grateful to the GHFD and everyone that showed up Saturday night at the WTHS.

WAYNE TRACE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS' KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATIONS

Wayne Trace Grover Hill and Wayne Trace Payne Elementary Kindergarten Registration will be open for All Day Every Day Kindergarten for the 2012-12 school year on these dates and places:

Wednesday, April 11, 2012 - WT Grover Hill Elementary

Friday, April 13, 2012 - WT Payne Elementary

If your child will be five years of age on or before August 1, 2012 please call Wayne Trace Payne Elementary or Wayne Trace Grover Hill Elementary with the following information: Child's full name, child's birth date, child's social security number, parent's names, child's address including the county and telephone number. Kindergarten packets will be sent to the new kindergarten parents as the schools are notified.

The WT Payne Elementary office number is 419-263-2512, option #4. Ask for Tammie.

The WT Grover Hill office number is 419-587-3414, option #3. Ask for Marcie.

PCAF GRANTS \$\$ TO 3D WRESTLING INC.



Paulding County Area Foundation has granted \$500.00 to 3D Wrestling Inc. This money will be used for new equipment, enabling them to purchase new mats for their organization. Pictured here are Lisa McClure, Executive Director and Sam Carnham representing 3D Wrestling.

HITE NAMED LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR BY STATE-WIDE ORGANIZATION

The Ohio Nursery & Landscape Association (ONLA) recently tabbed State Senator Cliff Hite (R - Findlay) as its 2012 Legislator of the Year. Hite received the honor during the Central Environment Nursery Trade Show (CENTS) that was held in Columbus.

Representatives from the ONLA touted the Findlay lawmaker's ongoing commitment to Green Industry issues as reason for being named its Legislator of the Year. Most significantly, Hite's service as Chairman of the Senate Agriculture, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee has made him influential in terms of nursery and landscaping issues throughout

Ohio.

"There is no bigger industry in Ohio than the business of agriculture," Hite said. "The issues we take up in our committee shape the lives of millions of Ohioans and thousands of job creators throughout our state. I am honored to receive this award and look forward to continuing our work regarding these industries."

The Ohio Nursery & Landscape Association is comprised of over 1,300 members statewide.

IT'S TIME TO SPRING AHEAD!

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BOYS SECTIONAL ROUNDUP



Woodlan took on Angola at Garrett for their sectional match up Tuesday, February 28. The game started slow but the Warriors started scoring and the Warriors soon followed. Woodlan finished the game short by 16 points 65-81, same amount Leo lost in the game prior. Shown above is senior Sylvester Harris attempting to score for Woodlan. Final Woodlan record: 6-14. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



Antwerp went to Paulding February 29 to take on the Miller City Boys for their sectional game. The game from start to finish was a close match but Miller City (50-46) came out on top when the clock hit 0:00. Shown above is Antwerp senior Drew Taylor scoring for the Archers. Antwerp's final record: 12-9. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



After the Wayne Trace boys won against Paulding they went back to Defiance to take on Tinora for the sectional championship. Tinora took an early lead but the Raiders came back to make a very close game. The last couple of minutes went to the Rams and they finished with the win 42-37. WT final record: 10-12. Shown above is sophomore Colby Speice scoring for the Raiders. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

VANTAGE BOARD MEETS FOR FINAL TIME IN ORIGINAL BUILDING

The Vantage Board of Education met for the final time in the original Cup & Saucer Restaurant on Thursday, March 1, 2012. The minutes from the February 2, 2012 regular board meeting were approved along with financial statements for the month of January, 2012. There was a resolution to amend appropriations and revenues for FY12 and a resolution to accept the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorize the necessary tax levies and certify them to the county auditor: General Fund, 3.10 mills, Permanent Improvement, .70 mills, and Bond Retirement, 1.05 mills.

Superintendent Staci Kaufman presented updates on the renovation/construction project. The April move-in date should be accurate, however, there will be minor remaining work to be completed. Two seniors in Industrial Mechanics have been hired by Slagle Mechanical and will work on the construction project. Removal of the excess soil on site began on February 26. Soil removal should be complete within two to three weeks, given dry weather. She reviewed corrections for two NEOLA policies being presented for second reading and approval. Director Bob Vennekotter expressed special thanks to guidance counselor Jim Fisher and the staff, for the way recent Vantage tragedies involving students were handled. He also reported on Sophomore Visitation Day, Open House, Principal Visit Day, career technical programs and upcoming activities.

Adult Education Director Pete Prichard reported on upcoming meetings, promoting Adult Education during the month of March, Medical Assisting, Computer Office Specialist, Police Academy, Alternative Energy Academy, and EMT activities as well as reporting on upcoming classes and Adult Education events.

In new business, the board:
 —Employed the following list of employees, as needed, as scheduled: Mary Ann Hall, CTE Supervisor, 2 year; Ruth Fogle-Brickner, In School Suspension Monitor, continuing; and Jane Collis, AE Evening Secretary, continuing;

—Accepted the resignation of Sara Ricker, Transitions Enrollment Coordinator for the purpose of transferring to the ABLE Coordinator position;

—Accepted the resignation of Dee Dee Meringleo-Dirksen, ABLE Coordinator, for the purpose of transferring to the Transitions Enrollment Coordinator position;

—Employed Adult Education instructors, as needed, as scheduled: Kay Wheeler, Health Careers, Dee Dee Meringleo-Dirksen, Transitions Enrollment Coordinator, Sara Ricker, ABLE Coordinator;

—Appointed Bob Vennekotter as the District's Homeless Liaison per school policy;

—Resolution to award contract to the lowest bidder for Bid Package 17 - Siding Replacement;

—Approved the construction documents and authorize bidding for the loose furnishing package for the OSFC/Vantage Building Project;

—Resolution to approve the Agreement and Release and Waiver of Claims between Tammy Deitsch and the Vantage Career Center Board of Education;

—Resolution to amend administrative contracts to read "electronic communication devices provided by the Board shall not be a taxable fringe benefit since the devices are provided for substantial business reasons and are non-compensatory, in accordance with the Internal Revenue Service Notice 2011-72";

—Accepted the donation of scrap steel with the value of \$1375 from Crown Equipment Corp of Celina and from International Truck & Engine Corp of Ft. Wayne, IN with the value of \$550 for use in the career technical education programs;

—Approved the Satellite agreements between Paulding Exempted Village School District and Van Wert City School District and Vantage Career Center for the 2012-2013 school year;

—Approved the offer to purchase between Vantage Career Center and Amanda Kitson for the 408 N. Race Street property in the amount of \$44,500;

—Approved the Transitions Coordinator/Gainful Employment Specialist job description;

—Approved the revised ABLE Coordinator job description;

—Resolution to approve the purchase of Career Technical equipment as presented by the Superintendent;

—Resolution to approve board payment of student participation in Career Technical Student Organization (CTSO) events, including but not limited to registration, meals as approved by the board and overnight stays for competitive and leadership training events;

—Approved overnight field trips for the following: BPA State competition in Columbus, March 15 to March 16, 2012; FCCLA State competition in Columbus, April 18 to April 20, 2012; SkillsUSA State competition in Columbus April 27 to April 28, 2012; FFA State competition in Columbus May 3 to May 4, 2012; Vantage Student Interact club trip to Haiti, April 1-8, 2012; Approved NEOLA new, revised or replacement policies as distributed.

The next board meeting will be held on Thursday, April 12, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. in the new Vantage Commons Area, prior to the All Boards Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Paulding County's Students of the Month

FEBRUARY 2012

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



Neil Roehrig, a junior at Paulding High School, has been chosen "Student of the Month" for February. Neil is an honor roll student and has played basketball each year of high school. He is the son of Tim and Lynne Roehrig, and has a younger sister Lily. He is also a member of Divine Mercy Catholic Church. Neil has received numerous awards which include, Northwest Conference Scholar Athlete, Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Award, and representative for the Sportsmanship Leadership Conference. In his spare time, Neil enjoys working on small motors, buying and selling ATV's, and woodworking. His goals for the future are to attend college and study Mechanical Engineering.

Fourth grader, Catie Strable, has been selected as the Divine Mercy Catholic School Student of the Month. Catie is the daughter of Lori and Mike Strable.

During her spare time, Catie enjoys reading and spending time with her family. She is looking forward to being on the school's Battle of the Books team next year.

In the classroom, Catie actively participates and shows consistently good work in all of her subjects. She is a member of the 300 AR Point Club. Her personal goal for this school year is to become the first member of the 400 Point Club. Good job Catie! Divine Mercy School is proud of you.



Katie Stoller is a third grader at Wayne Trace Grover Hill Elementary is the West Bend News Student of the month for February. She is a daughter of Neil and Sandy Stoller. Katie is a wonderful independent reader. She works well with her peers and is a leader in group work.

Her grades have always been As on her grade cards. She is learning to play piano and to quilt. She is active in 4H and has taken projects to the fair. At home she enjoys time on the computer and time spent playing games with her family.

Joey Deboer is the Wayne Trace Payne Elementary student of the month for the West Bend News. He is a 6th grader at Payne and a great student and loves his school. His parents are Jim and Angie Beber of Payne, and his brother is Cody Beber.

Joey's favorite subject is Social Studies. He likes to read, and in his free time he likes to play Angry Birds.



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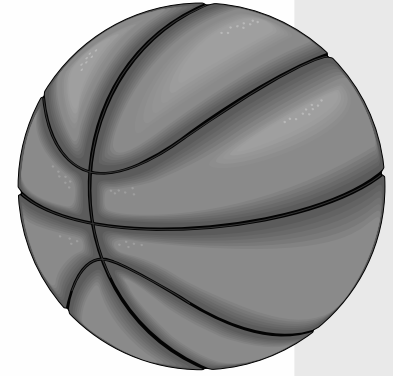
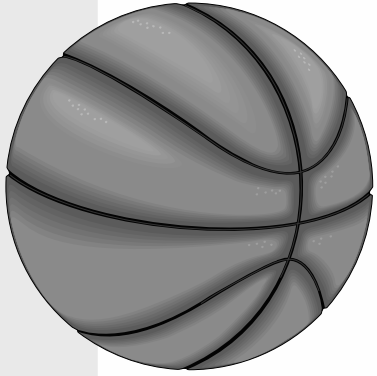
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BASKETBALL MARATHON



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THE OBJECT OF THE MARATHON GAMES

To raise monies for the Paulding County Society for Crippled Children and Adults, Inc. for use in providing handicapped people of all ages in Paulding County with equipment and services needed. Participants are encouraged to have a great time playing a game of basketball, scoring as many points as the team can within the 24 minutes allowed for play.

SPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT IS THE RULE, NOT THE EXCEPTION.

RULES GOVERNING PLAY

The Mini-Tots Division will use the 8' basket and a tiny ball. The Tots, Mini-Youth, and Women's Division will use the 10' basket and women's basketball. All other Divisions will use the 10' basket and regulation basketball.

No foul shots are permitted.

No time outs

No Dunking the basketball (We have had to pay for a cracked glass backboard, and also have had to stop games to repair the break-away rims, which changes the schedule for the rest of the games.)

5 players maximum on the floor at one time.

In Adult Co-Ed competition, there must be at least 2 females on the floor at all times.

In Adult Co-Ed competition, male players are not permitted to cross, remain, shoot, or rebound from the area on the floor known as the "KEY".

No Full Court Press in Mini-Tots, Tots, Mini-Youth Divisions

Shirts can only be picked up by the team captain or sponsor 30 minutes before the game.

**UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT WILL NOT BE TOLERATED
BEHAVE, ENJOY, HAVE FUN!!!!!!!**

OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION RULES

The OHSAA is organized to administer and supervise the athletic program for students in grades 7 thru 12. The Constitution of the association does not contain any responsibility for any type of athletic programs below seventh grade. Anyone and everyone who is not yet enrolled in the seventh grade may participate in the Marathon without jeopardizing their future eligibility.

Students in grade 7 thru 12 who are participating in or plan to participate in basketball in the future, **MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE MARATHON SO LONG AS NOT MORE THAN TWO MEMBERS OF THE SAME JR. HIGH OR HIGH SCHOOL TEAM DO NOT PLAY ON THE SAME MARATHON TEAM.**

AWARDS (Donated by Fessel Jewelers)

First and second place trophies will be awarded to the top two teams in the Mini-Youth, Youth, Men, Women and Co-Ed. Sportsmanship trophies will be awarded to teams who were defeated by the most points or show the best behavior in the Marathon.

Ten individual awards for first and, Ten individual awards for second will be awarded to the teams in the Mini-Tots and Tots Divisions.

THE MARATHON COMMITTEE

Chad Benschneider - 419-263-2277 or 769-4708
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Adam Taylor - 419-506-1702
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Kaleigh Young - 419-263-2801

The Marathon committee will endeavor to make this Marathon the most enjoyable for you and the fans and the most profitable for the Society and the people in Paulding County who need our help. If you have questions, you may contact any of the Committee members. Thanks for participating in this most worthwhile Paulding County charity.

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This Year we would like to recognize Defiance-Paulding County Chapter of Thrivent Financial contributing \$1000.00 in Matching Funds for the Marathon

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34th ANNUAL BASKETBALL MARATHON

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

ENTRY FORM DEADLINE IS THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2012

The marathon begins on Friday, April 6, 2012, (time to be announced later), in the Payne Elementary Gymnasium and concludes on Saturday evening at (TBA). Team pairings and time of play will appear in the April 2nd Weekly Reminder and the April 4th Paulding Progress & West Bend News.

DIVISION OF PLAY

Please Check Proper Team Bracket

___ MINI-TOTS (0-2nd grade) ___ TOTS (3rd-5th grade) ___ MINI-YOUTH (6th-8th grade)

To make team pairings as fair as possible for the mini-tots, tots, and mini-youth divisions,

Please designate: BOYS ___ GIRLS ___ CO-ED ___

___ YOUTH (9th-12th grade) ___ MEN* ___ WOMEN* ___ CO-ED* *denotes no age restrictions

REQUESTED WORDING ON BACK OF SHIRTS

One line of copy only: _____ (print clearly)

SELECT COLOR OF SHIRTS (CIRCLE ONE)

Kelly Green, Forest Green, Kiwi Green, Burnt Orange, Red, Maroon, Gold, Yellow Haze, Cyber Pink, Deep Purple, Oxford Grey, Kaki, Black, Light Blue, California Blue, Royal Blue, Navy Blue

SELECT SIZE OF SHIRTS

You may choose any combination of ten (10) shirts for your \$100.00 entry fee. Extra shirts in excess of ten (10) are \$8.00 each. There is an additional charge of \$3.00 per shirt for XXL & XXXL shirts ordered.*

Children's Sizes

Extra Small (2-4) _____

Small (6-8) _____

Medium (10-12) _____

Large (14-16) _____

Adult Sizes

Small (34-36) _____

Medium (38-40) _____

Large (42-44) _____

X-Large (46-48) _____

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PREFERRED TIME OF PLAY

Every effort will be made to accommodate your first, second, or third request, however, the Marathon Committee cannot make any guarantee with respect to these requests. This is a 24 hour event and prime time slots will be awarded on a first come first serve basis, as well as how your team pairs in the bracket selection

1st Choice _____ **2nd Choice** _____ **3rd Choice** _____

PREFERRED COMPETITION

Who does your team want to play? Does that team want to play your team? Is there a team your team cannot play or prefers not to play? (print clearly)

Want To Play _____ **Can't Play** _____

ENTRY FEE CALCULATION

Basic Entry Fee (includes 10 shirts) **\$100.00** (players must also pay regular admission at the door)
Extra Shirts @ \$8.00/shirt..... \$ _____ (\$8.00 x # of shirts in excess of 10)
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Total Amount Due with This Entry... \$ _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO PAULDING COUNTY SOCIETY FOR C.C. & A AND SEND WITH ENTRY FORM TO: THE MARATHON, 8602 RD 51, PAYNE, OH 45880

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2012

TEAM REPRESENTATIVES:

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BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THESE FIVE KEY AREAS



Financial Focus by: Phil Recker, Edward Jones Advisor

As an investor, what are your goals? You can probably think of quite a few — but over the course of your lifetime, your objectives typically will fall into five key categories. And once you're familiar with these areas, you can start thinking of what they'll mean to you in terms of your financial and investment strategies.

So, let's take a look at each of these areas and see what they might entail for you:

****Preparing for retirement** — With advances in health care and a greater awareness of healthy living practices, many of us can expect to live two or three decades in an active retirement. To pay for all those years, you'll need to save and invest early and often. So, while you're working, take full advantage of your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan, as well as contribute to a traditional or Roth IRA. After understanding your desired retirement

lifestyle, your financial advisor can help you determine how, and how much, to save to provide for your income in retirement.

****Planning for the unexpected** — You can't see into the future, so you'll need to prepare for anything that comes your way. By building an emergency fund containing six to 12 months' worth of living expenses, you can possibly avoid dipping into your long-term investments to pay for things such as a new furnace or a major car repair. And planning for the unexpected also means having sufficient life insurance to provide for your family in case anything happens to you.

****Educating your children** — College is already expensive — and college expenses have been rising faster than the overall rate of inflation. If you want to help your children, or grandchildren, pay for school, you may want to invest in a college savings vehicle, such as the 529 plan. You can contribute large amounts to a 529 plan, and earnings have the opportunity to grow tax-free, provided withdrawals are used for higher education. (Withdrawals not used for education are subject to income taxes and a 10 percent penalty.)

****Living in retirement** — Once you reach retirement, your investment emphasis will shift somewhat, from accumulating resources to making them last. By working with a financial advisor, you can develop a withdrawal strategy that can help make sure you don't outlive the income you receive from your 401(k), IRA and other sources. At the same time, given

the possible length of your retirement, you can't ignore the need to invest for growth, so you may need to consider some growth-oriented vehicles in your portfolio to help your income keep pace with inflation.

****Transferring your wealth** — When you've worked hard your whole life, you want to be able to leave a legacy — one that allows you to provide financial resources to the next generation and to those charitable organizations you may wish to support. So, when it's time to think about transferring your wealth, you'll want to consult with your financial and legal advisors to create an estate plan that's appropriate for your needs. And because these plans can take significant time to create, you won't want to wait too long to start.

So, there you have them: five key financial areas on which to focus as you travel through life. By doing your homework, planning ahead and getting the help you need, you can make the journey a pleasant and productive one.

WINTER WEATHER QUIZ ANSWERS REVEALED

By: Josh Steiner

8. "At what temperature is it too cold for snow to fall?" I put this question to turn around the myth that it can be too cold to snow. The correct answer is that there is no temperature at which it is too cold to snow. Snow has been observed as falling when temperatures were as cold as -76 degrees Fahrenheit. There are normally two reasons why snow does not usually fall at extremely cold temperatures. The coldest temperatures usually occur in the vicinity of a high pressure system, which causes subsidence and dry air, eliminating cloud cover and any moisture that could be become snow. Another reason is that at extremely cold temperatures, the air holds very little in the way of moisture, so that when clouds do form, there is not enough moisture for snow to form or fall.

9. This question is would be nearly impossible to answer unless you did research on your own. The correct answer is D. and if you have been following my articles, some of you probably already know. Negative AO tends to push the cold air out of the arctic and into the United States. A negative NAO tends to do the same. A positive PNA promotes troughing in the Eastern United States, which allows cold air to rush into the United States.

10. One of the prime ingredients for heavy snowfall is moisture. Without moisture, even a strong storm system could only produce light amounts of snowfall. For our area, with a synoptic scale snowstorm, most of our moisture comes from the Gulf of Mexico, which would not seem very likely, but it is true. Whenever a winter storm is approaching the region, see if you can find an upper level chart and you will notice a southerly wind about a mile above the surface which transports moisture from the Gulf of Mexico. If this wind is not from the Gulf of Mexico during a winter storm, do not expect heavy snowfall. Our other primary source of moisture is from Lake Michigan, which is usually the producer of lake effect snow events in the area.

11. "Doppler Radar can differentiate between rain, snow, sleet, and freezing rain. True or False." This absolutely is false, because current operational radar can only detect precipitation particles, it can not tell the difference between different types. This will soon be changed when the United States switches over to Dual-Polarization radar, which can tell the difference between wet and dry snow, large and small hail stones, dust particles, tornado debris and extremely heavy rainfall. This radar type will be coming to our area in February 2013, which will greatly improve winter precipitation forecasts.

12. Which branch of the National Weather Service deals with the medium range 3-7 days in the future? It's the Hydrometeorological Prediction Center. They not only specialize in the medium range, but also in rainfall and precipitation forecasting, forecasting floods, and predicting storm systems after seven days.

13. Usually the National Weather issues a Winter Storm Watch when they are expecting at least six inches of snow, significant icing, or significant snow and sleet accumulations within the next 48 hours. If winds are ex-

Upcoming
WEATHER
Forecast

Wed, Mar 7 – P'tly Cloudy/Wind	
Hi 59° – Low 45°	
Thu, Mar 8 – Showers	
Hi 48° – Low 32°	
Fri, Mar 9 – Sunny	
Hi 44° – Low 30°	
Sat, Mar 10 – Partly Cloudy	
Hi 53° – Low 45°	
Sun, Mar 11 – Few Showers	
Hi 57° – Low 45°	
Mon, Mar 12 – Few Showers	
Hi 55° – Low 35°	
Tue, Mar 13 – Showers	
Hi 51° – Low 37°	

pected to fairly strong, then a blizzard warning is usually issued.

14. This is an answer that all people should know, so that they know what do during an actual blizzard. Blizzards are not classified by how much snow falls or how cold the temperatures are, but by how strong the wind is and how heavily the snow falls and how much it reduces visibility. If white out conditions exist for more than one hour or visibility is below one quarter of a mile, then it is a blizzard. If winds are blowing the snow at 35 mph or more, it is a blizzard. The correct answer is C.

15. "In what year did the 'Storm of the Century' impact at least of one third of the United States?" 1993. The storm of the century hit during the winter of 1993, with extremely heavy snowfall to even parts of the south, and nearly every major airport in the Eastern United States were closed. The storm caused an enormous squall line to hit Florida causing many more deaths than Hurricane Andrew. It caused a hurricane-like storm surge to the coast of Florida, with wave heights of over 30 feet. This storm caused billions of dollars in damage and will probably remain in the history books as the worst blizzard on record.

16. "On what days did the 'Storm of the Century' hit?" The answer to this question is D. March 12-13. Ironically,

JUMPING ROPE FOR THE HEART!



Oakwood Elementary students are shown jumping rope in Physical Education class as a way to raise money for the American Heart Association.

Shown jumping rope are sixth graders Madison Parrett and Chloe Fohner. Their teacher is Mr. Chuck Schroeder.

even though this was the most powerful blizzard ever to hit the United States, it happened right before spring, and it even hit the Deep South and Florida, when it was supposed to be in the 80's and sunny. Some parts of the South during the storm had over 30 inches of snow, which is more

snow than we have ever had during one storm ever in any of our winter seasons. This is weather at its worst.

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PAYNE ELEMENTARY 2ND GRADERS LEARN ABOUT NUTRITION!



At Payne Elementary, Mrs. Ramsier's second grade class has been learning about nutrition and the food groups in their science class. They

decided to create a healthy breakfast, and Mrs. Ramsier provided the ingredients for them to sample their healthy breakfast.

OHIO FSA ANNOUNCES CRP GENERAL SIGNUP BEGINNING MARCH 12

Steve Maurer, the Ohio Farm Service Agency (FSA) State Executive Director, announced that general signup for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) will begin on March 12, 2012, and continue through April 6, 2012. During the signup period, farmers and landowners may offer eligible land for FSA's competitive general signup at their local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office.

"Over the past 26 years, CRP's benefits have grown thanks to many improvements of our natural resources including cleaner water, improved air quality, better habitat for wildlife, and a large reduction in soil erosion," said Maurer.

Land currently not enrolled in CRP may be offered

in this signup provided all eligibility requirements are met. Additionally, current CRP participants with contracts expiring on September 30, 2012, may make new contract offers. Contracts awarded under this signup are scheduled to become effective October 1, 2012.

FSA, which administers the CRP, will evaluate and rank eligible CRP offers using an Environmental Benefits Index (EBI) that shows the environmental benefits of enrolling land in CRP. There are six factors that make up the EBI: wildlife, water, soil, air, enduring benefits and cost. Decisions will be made following the end of the signup period and after analyzing EBI data on all of the offers.

For more information please contact your local FSA office or visit the FSA CRP website at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/crp>.

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-Twila Demongeot, Fiscal Officer
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Position Vacancy
The PC Workshop Inc. is searching for an administrative assistant. Duties would include bookkeeping and payroll. The position is subject to a criminal background check and applicant must be able to pass a pre-employment drug screening.
Please send your resume to: PC Workshop, Inc. Attention: Brad Etter PO Box 390 Paulding, OH 45879 by March 16, 2012. The PC Workshop Inc. is an equal opportunity employer.

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LATTA VOTES TO LIMIT FEDERAL INTRUSION INTO HIGHER EDUCATION AFFAIRS

On 2/28/12, Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) voted to limit the Department of Education's overreach into academic matters at higher education institutions by repealing two federal rules – the federal definition of a credit hour and the federal authorization requirement. The Protecting Academic Freedom in Higher Education Act (H.R. 2117) passed by a strong bipartisan vote of 303 to 114.

"In an effort to prevent federal intrusion in academic affairs and protect student choice in higher education, I voted to overturn two overly burdensome and expensive regulations on colleges and universities that could impact the education of rural students enrolled in distance education programs," said Rep. Latta.

The legislation repeals the Department of Education's "state authorization" regulation, which forces colleges or universities with online or distance learning programs to get permission from every state where students live, as opposed to where institutions operate in. The legislation also repeals part of the federal credit hour regulation, which restricts innovative teaching methods.

Dr. Paul Marion, president of Tiffin University supports H.R. 2117 which he says, "will strengthen higher education and provide an enhanced learning environment for students. I hope that this measure is passed by the U.S. Senate and is signed by the President. If not, colleges and universities throughout the U.S. will not be able to serve students as effectively as possible."

The American Council on Education supports this legislation.

BOSTON HORMANN MAKES DEAN'S LIST

The University of Saint Francis released their Dean's List for the 2011 Fall Semester. To make the Dean's List, students must have completed 12 or more semester hours of coursework and attained a semester GPA of 3.5 or above.

Boston Hormann of Antwerp was named to the Dean's List at Saint Francis. He is a Biology – Pre-Dental major and will graduate in May 2012. Boston is the son of Jason and Kelly Hormann of Antwerp.

WT WRESTLING CLUB COMPETES IN TITAN OPEN

On Sunday, March 4, the Wayne Trace Wrestling Club competed in the 9th Annual Titan Open in Ottawa Glandorf. Placing for the Raiders: 1st place Hunter Long, Brandon Laney, and George Clemens; 2nd place Jared Pierce, Jarrett Hornish, and Ty Tinlin; 3rd place Eli Ames, Dylan Laney, and Brendon Dingus; and 4th place Connor Baumle.

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VANTAGE PRESCHOOL IS OPEN FOR REGISTRATION



Vantage senior Early Childhood Education student, Nacole Mansfield (Continental) joins the preschoolers as they all show off their hands after doing shaving cream art! Registrations for the Vantage Preschool are now being accepted for the 2012-2013 school year.

Climbing on the outdoor playground equipment... hands on science... making goobligook and play doh... listening to the library lady reading a story... These are just a few of the fun activities Vantage preschoolers experience. Interested in sending your preschooler to Vantage? Registration is now underway for the 2012-2013 school year. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. There are three options for preschool classes this year. For all options, children must reach the age of 3 by August 1st. There is a non-refundable registration fee, which can be paid when you come in to complete the application.

The traditional half-day preschool sessions are the most popular choice. The morning preschool session meets Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. until 10:50 a.m. and is taught by Mrs. Marcia Osenga, Mrs. Donna Myers and the senior Early Childhood student. This session is for 3 year-old children and young 4 year-olds.

The afternoon session also meets Monday through

Thursday from 12:00 noon until 2:20 p.m. and is taught by Mrs. Marcia Osenga, Mrs. Donna Myers and the junior Early Childhood students. This is a pre-kindergarten class for 4 year-olds and young 5 year-olds.

The full day option is available from 8:30 a.m. - 2:20 p.m., Monday through Thursday. This is a pre-kindergarten class for 4 and 5 year-olds. Preschoolers pack their lunch.

Vantage Preschool provides developmentally appropriate activities for the total development of children ages three through five years old.

The children experience many hands on activities in language arts, science, math, kindergarten readiness, literature, and social skills. High school juniors and seniors who are preparing for a career in early childhood education work directly with the preschoolers by planning and conducting the lessons. A major benefit for the children who attend the Vantage Preschool is the very low staff-child ratio. There is usually one high school "teacher" to every one or two preschool-

ers, supervised by the directors. The high school students also receive additional training in first aid, CPR and common childhood illnesses.

The Early Childhood Education program uses the Early Learning Content Standards to meet the guidelines for preschool education determined by the Ohio Department of Education.

For more information about the Vantage preschool, please contact Donna Myers or Marcia Osenga at 419-238-5411 ext. 137.

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS & DISMISSALS

- Admissions:*
 2/20 - Richard Goings, Paulding
 2/21 - Renee Taylor, Paulding
 2/22 - Jean Guelde, Paulding
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Dismissals:
 2/20 - Deloris Stoller, Paulding
 2/21 - Mildred Zielke, Paulding; Richard Goings, Paulding
 2/23 - Renee Taylor, Paulding
 2/25 - Jean Guelde, Paulding

PAULDING & VAN WERT COUNTY COVER CROP PROGRAM

By: **Jim Lopshire, Extension Educator**

Cover crops are an effective tool to reduce soil erosion and increase nutrient recycling on farmlands, thereby also decreasing the soil and nutrient loads entering lakes and waterways. Cover crops can have numerous other benefits including improvement of soil quality, pest management, fertility management, water availability, landscape diversification, and wildlife habitat.

Proper choice and management of cover crops are important in maximizing the benefits and reducing potential problems. Characteristics important for cover crop

selection include life cycle, seeding date and rate, winter hardiness, nitrogen fixation or scavenging ability, feed or forage value, and establishment costs. There is no single cover crop or system that will provide all these benefits.

The OSU Extension Offices of Van Wert and Paulding Counties are holding an agronomy program focusing on the incorporation of cover crops into cropping systems. With talk of needing greater nutrient management, and the potential future restrictions on the usage of fertilizers and manure on the farm for crop production, the use of cover crops may become a greater necessity to assure that nutrients applied to fields stay in the fields until cash crops utilize them.

This program will be held on March 22, 2012 at the Van Wert County Fairgrounds in the Junior Fair Building in Van Wert, Ohio. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. with program starting at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 3:30 p.m. Lunch will be served. The registration fee is payable at the door.

Speakers for the day include Florian Chirra, OSU Extension educator, discussing Soil Ecology and Dissolved Reactive Phosphorus Problem; Jim Hoorman, OSU Extension educator, will cover Biology of Compaction, Cover Crop Rotations, and Cover Crop Economics; and Glen Arnold, OSU Extension Field Specialist, will share his research on Applying Manure to Actively Growing Crops.

The event is open to all interested persons, and registration fees include materials and refreshments.

To pre-register for the program please call the Van Wert (419-238-1214) or Paulding (419-399-8225) Extension Office or email: young.2@cfaes.osu.edu to pre-register for the program.

"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT:" VANTAGE SKILLSUSA STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR STATE COMPETITION



Vantage SkillsUSA State Qualifiers! Front: Rebecca Thomas (Parkway) and Chelsea Farquhar (Wayne Trace). Back: Dylan Williams (Continental), Dylan Long (Parkway), and Jacob Chavarria (Van Wert).

Vantage Career Center SkillsUSA students recently competed in the first round of the Northwest Region skills contests at Sentinel Career Center in Tiffin. Five students will advance to the state competition held in Columbus in the spring.

Bringing home the gold was Health Technology senior Rebecca Thomas (Parkway), who placed first in the Nurse Assisting competition. Dylan Williams (Continental), a senior in the Carpentry program received a Bronze

medal in the Carpentry contest. Senior Precision Machining's Jacob Chavarria (Van Wert) placed second in the CNC Milling contest and received a silver medal. Dylan Long (Parkway), an Auto Body senior received a bronze medal in the Collision Repair contest. Senior Health Technology's Chelsea Farquhar received a silver medal in the CPR/First Aid contest.

Students who qualified for the state contest will compete in Columbus at the end of April.

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