

## FIRE IN PAULDING DESTROYS OLD HOTEL



The building near the old Jail in Paulding, known as the old Barnes Hotel, caught fire Sunday afternoon, January 15 and was completely destroyed by the intense heat and flames. The building has also been the home of Tar-

ragons Restaurant and The Rusty Nail.

The 100-year-old structure has been vacant for three years and in disrepair. The village had put a fence around it to keep people from being injured near the site of the

condemned building. Seven Fire Departments including Paulding, 60+ firefighters, worked to put out the blazing inferno. Pictures by Jim Bowers of Paulding. www.premium-light-images.com



## THANK YOU

We, the children of Mabel Seslar, wish to express our appreciation to all those who supported and prayed for our mother during her final days. We greatly appreciate the friendship and words of comfort from those who attended her viewing and funeral services. Thanks also to those who sent cards and for your caring telephone calls.

A very special thanks to Pastor Ben Lowell, his wife, Judy, and Alice Lawson for a beautiful funeral service and to the Paulding Methodist Church ladies for providing the fellowship meal. The staff at The Gardens of Paulding provided outstanding care for mom the last few years and the Paulding Hospice and Visiting Nurses met all her special needs. For this, we will always be grateful. Jack DenHerder treated us like family and took care of so many details. Thank you, Jack, Charlotte Russell, a dear neighbor, thank for your caring and loving friendship to mom throughout the years.

For all who kept us in their thoughts and prayers, we say, "Thank You".

Sincerely,

—Cookie, Cindy and Jim Seslar

## THE AHS REUNION

Sponsored by the Antwerp Community Development Committee (A.C.D.C.), a date has been set for the tri-annual Antwerp High School Reunion for Friday and Saturday, August 10-11, 2012. This date coincides with the Antwerp Chamber's, Day in the Park,

making it a very large attended week-end in Antwerp. The ACDC Reunion Committee will hold a meeting Wednesday, January 25, at 6:30 p.m. at the Essen House in Antwerp. If you are interested in taking part in this event, come and meet with old classmates and have a good time. Class Representatives are encouraged to

attend as the "official reservation sheet" will be available at this meeting. In a meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup>, Committee Chairs were selected, but these leaders need support, so come and be a part of one of the biggest weekends of the year. For more information call Tony Langham, 419-258-1985 or Christy Williamson, 419-258-1110.

## PAULDING COUNTY 4-H BUILDING LEADERS OF THE FUTURE!

Paulding County 4-H held its annual 4-H Officer Training last Monday in the Extension Hall. There were 34 members present for this training. Members took part in a fun game of 4-H Jeopardy before learning about their elected office for 2012. The training concluded with a candle lighting installation

ceremony. Paulding County 4-H is gearing up for another fun filled year. Anyone interested in 4-H, please contact the Extension Office at 419-399-8225 or visit our website paulding.osu.edu. Enrollment deadline for new members is March 1<sup>st</sup>. Join in the Fun to "Make the Best Better."

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### Fish Fry

Fri, Jan 20

St. Michael's Church  
100 Antwerp Dr., Hicksville

4:30-7:00 p.m.

Dine-In or Carry-out available

## GRACE HOME IMPROVEMENT



Carpenter Work, Roofing, Siding & Soffits  
Maintenance Free Decks & Patio Rooms  
Victorian Porches & Gazebos Built  
Doors & Windows Installed  
Room Additions

Free Estimates

Larry D. Grace  
Owner

402 W. Wayne St.  
Paulding, OH 45879

36 Years Experience  
419-399-2322

4th Generation Carpenters

## Siesta Key, FL

### CONDO

Walking Distance  
to the Beach!

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

941-735-3178

Free WiFi & Long Distance!

## We Buy Old Gold

TURN YOUR OLD GOLD  
INTO IMMEDIATE CASH

Fessel Jewelers  
on the square – Paulding

STORE HOURS:

Mon-Thurs 9-5:30; Fri 9-6; Sat 9-1:00

419-399-3885

## LEE'S INTERIOR PAINTING SERVICE

Residential &  
Commercial

FREE ESTIMATES

Satisfaction Guaranteed

Lee Nuest

7758 Road 71, Payne, OH 45880

260-580-5347

## Paulding County Board of DD

Vacancy Position:

Director of Adult Services

The Paulding County Board of DD is searching for a Director of Adult Services.

Qualifications: Master's degree preferred or a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university. Applicant must meet Department of DD certification requirements for Director of Adult Services. Experience in the field of business desired. Experience desired for working with DD individuals. Interested applicants should forward their resume and three (3) references, preferably two (2) work and one (1) personal, before January 25, 2012 to:

Paulding County Board of MRDD

900 Fairground Drive

Paulding, OH 45879

Attn: Melinda Kausser, Human Resource

PCBMRDD does not discriminate in provision of services or employment because of handicap, race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age.

## A Relationship Worth Cultivating

Farming is a worthy profession. One relationship worth cultivating is with your neighboring German Mutual Insurance agent.

Your agent will assist you with comprehensive farmowners insurance to protect the equipment, the buildings and the farm property that you need to succeed. With our assistance, you'll have peace of mind, despite what the weather is doing!

Straley Insurance Services, LLC

Dan & Jill Straley,  
Leslie Heilshorn, Agents

419-899-4000

203 N. Harrison St.  
Sherwood, OH

Insuring America's Heartland

... for generations.



German Mutual Insurance Co.

## Stoller-Dunham Insurance Agency, Inc.

WHEN LIFE HAPPENS, WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED.



Joel W Dunham, Producer

5606 Lake Avenue  
Fort Wayne, IN 46815  
www.stoller-dunhaminsurance.com

Proudly serving the states of Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan!

Home - Auto - Life - Health  
Business - Church - Annuity

260.749.4970

## 100% SATISFACTION GUARANTEED



260-492-2070  
24 Hr. Service

HEATING • A/C • COMMERCIAL REFRIGERATION  
PLUMBING • GEOTHERMAL • BOILERS  
WE SERVICE ALL MAKES & MODELS

Call today for your FREE ESTIMATE  
on a new installation!

visit us at www.romineshvac.com

260-492-2070  
3442 Stellhorn Rd.  
Fort Wayne, IN 46815

YORK  
It's time to get comfortable.

260-657-1550  
11833 Hood Street  
Harlan, IN 46743

ESA PRICING WHEN THIS COUPON IS PRESENTED (15% off)

ASK ABOUT OUR ENERGY SAVINGS AGREEMENTS TODAY (exp. 3/31/12)

260-492-2070  
260-657-1550





**OBITUARIES**

**Theodore C. Burt**, 91, of Clearwater, FL, formerly of Oakwood, passed away December 17, 2011.

He was born in Pentwater, MI to Alex and Ferrell Burt. He is survived by his wife of 72 years, Minnie A. Burt. He was a farmer, worked at Compo Corporation in Defiance for 19 years, and retired as a realtor in Clearwater, FL. He was a member of Skycrest United Methodist Church in Clearwater for 43 years.

In addition to his wife, Minnie, he is survived by his son, Ted of Trenton, FL; and his daughters: Jane Zimmer of Clearwater, FL and Judy Mallett of Seminole, FL; his sister, Joyce Wyatt (Ralph); sister-in-law, Rosalie Burt; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews who were also very dear to him.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Alex and Ferrell; his brother, Richard; and his sister, Phyllis Mohr.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 25, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at Melrose United Methodist Church in Melrose, OH. A special donation to a favorite charity in lieu of flowers would be an excellent way to honor the compassionate, cheerful, and generous life of Theodore.

**Rita M. Kaufman**, 86, died Sunday, January 1, 2012 at CHP Hospice, Defiance.

She was born October 4, 1925 in Putnam County, Ohio the daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Meyer) Neise. On August 3, 1946 she

married Daniel J. Kaufman, who preceded her in death on March 17, 1976. She was a member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding, and the VFW Post #587 Ladies Auxiliary. She was formerly employed by Cooper's Grain and Feed of Paulding



retiring in 1991 and was the former owner/operator of Kaufman's Bar and Grill from 1959-1976.

She is survived by five daughters: Linda (David) Begley of Payne, Konnie Gerber, Jane (Steve) Sprow, and Jackie (Tom) Boyd, all of Paulding, and Sue (Dave) Vogel of Lake Cormorant, MS; a son, Daniel (Sherry) Kaufman of Paulding; 14 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; four brothers; and a sister.

A Mass of Christian Burial was conducted January 5, 2012 at Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding. Burial was in Cooper-Haines Cemetery, Paulding.

Donations may be made to Masses; CHP Hospice; or a charity of the donor's choice. Online condolences may be sent to [www.denher-](http://www.denherderfh.com)

**Harry Orval Schomburg**, 80, of Defiance, formerly of Antwerp, passed away January 12, 2012 at Defiance Area Inpatient Hospice Center.

Harry was born January 8, 1932 in Defiance County, a son of the late Oscar and Inez (VanVlerah) Schomburg. He graduated from Ayersville High School in 1950, served in the U.S. Marines during the Korean Conflict; was a member of the Defiance Elks & Eagles and the Antwerp American Legion Post. He was a former dispatcher at Dinner Bell Meats in Defiance Ohio and drove semi-truck in California. Harry was a member of Defiance Christian Church.

He will be sadly missed by his sons: Mark of OK, Thomas (Valerie) of CA, Jerome (Renee) of CA, David (Connie) of Hicksville, and Timothy (Ida) of FL; siblings: Thelma Frost, Laura Pefley of Defiance; Robert (Sylvia) of NM, and Rickey (Carol) Schomburg of AZ; special friend, Etta Rister of Defiance; many grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and dog, Missy.

Preceding him in death was his wife of 25 years, Stella Rister who died December 23, 2006; three sons: Dennis, James and Joseph; sisters: Beverly Land and Frances; brothers: Ronald (Margie), Harold and Roger (Dorothy).

His funeral service was at Defiance Christian Church, January 17, 2012. He was laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp.

Memorials are to Defi-

**SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK**

“For the Lord gives wisdom, and from His mouth comes knowledge and understanding.”

—Proverbs 2:6

**THOUGHTS ON GOD**

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

Many people like firm policies and procedures. Many areas in life actually need them. This often translates into people imagining that God has firm policies and procedures, which leads to people developing destructive thoughts about God.

First, let's get this out there. God's goals never change. Who He is at the core of His being never changes. His attributes never change. But life here on earth is in a constant state of change, so the way He works and relates to us outside of Scripture is always in a state of flux. He does not operate with a policy and procedure manual; He operates through relationships with you, me, and everyone else in creation.

I have read stories of God healing an individual by having the sign of the cross done over them. Others have received healing through the laying on of hands. Still others just feel the presence of God during their quiet prayer time and receive healing. While others never receive the healing they greatly desire. God does not have a set procedure to receive His healing.

The same is true with knowing God. There is no set procedure. A devoted seeker of God will typically go to the Scriptures to learn about God, but God desires more than us just knowing about Him. He wants us to truly know Him. It's the difference between me being able to tell you facts about Tim Tebow's life. He was born in the Philippines to missionaries despite doctors recommending that he be aborted, was home-schooled, spent three summers as a missionary in the Philippines, was a high school standout in Florida, went on to become a college star with the Florida Gators, and now plays for the Denver Broncos. But that isn't knowing Tim Tebow; that's just me knowing facts about Tim Tebow. If I were able to tell you about that time that Tim and I tossed a football down on the beach while on vacation, went out to eat, and stayed up late talking about a variety of subjects, then that would be knowing Tim Tebow. (That's just an illustration. I do not know Tim Tebow personally.) There is a difference between knowing about someone and really knowing them.

With all that said, I still don't want to devalue knowing about God. The ideas that we know about God will influence how we pursue knowing God on a deeper level. If we think that God is uncaring because He let our loved one die, then that will influence how much we trust Him. If we think God is aloof and doesn't really care about individual people, then that will influence how much we are willing to trust Him and do the bold and daring actions we are called to do. If we think that God isn't gracious and merciful, that will influence the way we view our own sins and the sins of others.

The attributes that we believe God has or doesn't have are integral to the way we actually live our lives. I am heading to Liberia at the end of February to teach at a conference for church leaders and install safe water systems. In the process of writing these sessions, I am realizing how much I rely on knowing my audience when I prepare a message or a lesson. One of the lessons that I have been assigned to give is "Who is God?" In preparing that lesson, I am struck by the fact we must focus on who God is and His attributes. Deceptions are various and ever-changing, but the truth of God remains the same forever. We might learn a defense against the deceptions of today, but those defenses would be meaningless tomorrow when we are faced with new deceptions.

**Musculoskeletal INSTITUTE**  
OF COMMUNITY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL



**Knee & Shoulder Specialist**

Specializing in knee and shoulder surgery for over 29 years, Dr. Rutledge is board certified in orthopedic surgery and fellowship trained in sports medicine.

In addition to traditional joint implants, Dr. Rutledge offers patient-specific implants that are custom designed and positioned for each individual patient.

You don't have to live with knee and shoulder pain—call Dr. Rutledge today!

**Appointments call 419-542-5669**



**Hip & Spine Specialist**

Dr. Arata, a physician with Fort Wayne Orthopedics (FWO), has specialized in hip and spine surgery for over 31 years. He is board certified in orthopedic surgery and fellowship trained in spine surgery.

Dr. Arata is one of only a few surgeons in the region who perform the anterior hip replacement. This approach is a tissue-sparing alternative to traditional hip replacement surgery that provides the potential for less pain, faster recovery, and improved mobility.

You don't have to live with hip or back pain—call Dr. Arata today!

**Appointments call 800-566-5659**

Ask to be scheduled in the Hicksville Clinic!

**Living Water Ministries**

[www.LWMOhio.com](http://www.LWMOhio.com)



- ➔ New Location
- ➔ New Mission
- ➔ Meet with us at:

Payne American Legion Hall  
220 N. Main St. • Payne, OH 45880  
*Across from Dollar General*

**Worship:** Sunday 10 am  
**Encounter Worship:** Wed. 7 pm

For more info:  
We can be reached at  
419-263-2728  
or, by email:  
[richjuliephelan@hotmail.com](mailto:richjuliephelan@hotmail.com)

**OAKWOOD CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Corner of TWP Rd. 191 & CR 166

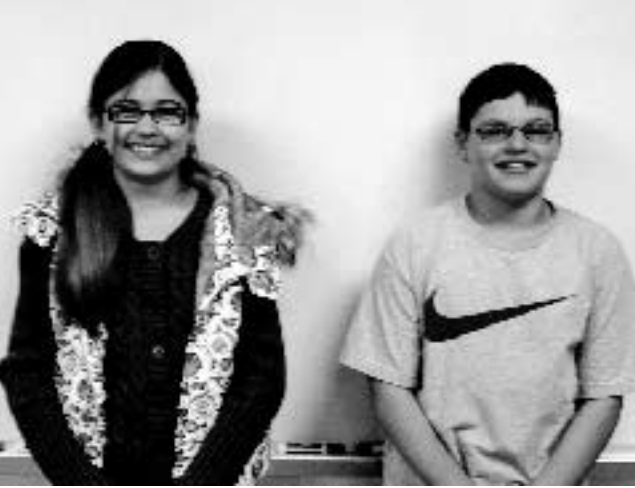
Sunday, AM Bible classes ..... 9:30 am  
Sunday A.M. Worship Assembly ..... 10:30 am  
Sunday P.M. Worship Assembly ..... 5:30 pm  
Wednesday Night Bible study ..... 5:30 pm

*Come visit with us. Where Jehovah is Father, Jesus is King and the Bible is the guide! Our assemblies are friendly, courteous, orderly and spiritual. One only needs to be in need of Jesus' redeeming blood and willing to obey Him!*

**CORRECTION**

Verlin Gribble's obituary in last week's West Bend News contained a typo. The correct son of Verlin Gribble is Brad (Shanna Fink) Gribble.

**DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC SCHOOL ANNOUNCES SPELLING & GEOGRAPHY BEE WINNERS**



Divine Mercy Catholic School in Payne held its annual Spelling Bee this month. Kaleigh Thompson (top left), 5<sup>th</sup> grader and daughter of Jason and Amy Thompson of Payne, was the winner. Emily Dyson, 5<sup>th</sup> grader, and daughter of Carrie Dyson and Shane Dyson of Payne, was the runner-up. Kaleigh will advance to the Paulding County Spelling Bee in February.

Divine Mercy Catholic School in Payne also held their Geography Bee the first week of January. 5<sup>th</sup> grader, Kaleigh Thompson (bottom left), the daughter of Jason and Amy Thompson of Payne emerged as the winner. Coming in as the runner-up was 5<sup>th</sup> grader, Grant Baumle. He is the son of Jack and Annette Baumle of Payne.

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, and you truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (John 8:31-32 ESV).

The truth will set us free. Deceptions will do the opposite; they will enslave us.

There is an episode of Mythbusters where they tested a myth that filtering low end vodka through Brita filters would produce top-shelf vodka. They filtered and re-filtered the vodka six times through the Brita filters and took a sample from each filtration. With eight samples (the low end, the six filtrations, and the top-shelf), they then brought in their taste testers. Kari, Mythbusters' female co-host, totally blew the taste

test when she ranked the top-shelf as the second worst and the low-end as the third best. Finally, they got around to Anthony Dias Blue, a vodka expert and the executive director of the San Francisco World Spirits Competition. When he lined up the drinks, he had it completely figured out. He had the order completely right from the low-end being the worst, through all of the various stages of filtration, to the best one being the top-shelf vodka.

Don't get me wrong. I'm not saying that drinking vodka will get you closer to God. Like the vodka expert was to vodka, we need to be with God. If we really know who God is, we will not be deceived by all of the deceptions Satan uses to get us off track. We need to know Him so well that we will not fall prey to all of the tricks that can cause us to lose focus on God and live a wasted life.

Our thoughts about God influence the way we live. Proper thoughts about God, if truly believed, lead to proper living. Through proper living, we can get to really know God rather than just know about Him. Let us not be people tossed

by every cultural wave and steered off course by every societal wind. Let us live the life we were destined to live, anchored in the beauty and majesty of who God really is.

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

**THE ART OF MARRIAGE COMES TO PAULDING**

In today's world, marriages are in crisis. With percentages as staggering as 50-51% of marriages failing, it is time to take a stand. Family Life, a non-denominational ministry, has been working to restore the value of marriage since 1978. While hosting seminars all over the country, many have experienced restoration in their marriages by attending such seminars. It is time to bring this nationally known event to Paulding, Ohio. Whether your marriage is great, going along smoothly, or in need of desperate repair, *The Art Of Marriage* is for you.

Paulding Church of the Nazarene will be hosting *The Art of Marriage* Seminar February 3-4, 2012. The event will begin Friday evening from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. and finish up on Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact the church office for more information and price of the event at 419-399-3932 or Dave Clapsaddle at 419-399-4569 for more information or, go to [www.familylife.com](http://www.familylife.com) and click on "attend event". The price of the event includes seminar materials and refreshments.

**SOUP BOWL SUNDAY AT JUNCTION BIBLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

January 29th is "Soup Bowl" Sunday at Junction Bible Christian Church!

We know how hard the "end of the month" can be and we just want to help. Bring the family to "our house" for supper between 2:00 and 6:00 p.m. We'll be serving hot soup and fresh baked breads. All you care to eat, no strings attached. Junction Bible Christian Church is located at 18878 CR 111, Defiance (Junction).

For more information: [www.facebook.com/JunctionBible](http://www.facebook.com/JunctionBible) or 419-393-2671 or [JunctionBible@copper.net](mailto:JunctionBible@copper.net)

**BIBLE QUESTIONS**

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

*All scriptures are found in the New King James Version of the Bible.*

1. Acts 23:4 - What did those who were standing by say to Paul?
2. Acts 23:5 - In this verse what did Paul say was written?
3. Acts 23:6 - What two groups of people are among those in the council?
4. Acts 23:7 - What broke out between the Sadducees and the Pharisees?
5. Acts 23:8 - What do the Pharisees confess in this verse?
6. Acts 23:9 - In this verse what did the Pharisees say about Paul?
7. Acts 23:10 - In this verse

what was the commander fearing?

8. Acts 23:11 - The following night what did the Lord tell Paul?

9. Acts 23:12 - What was the oath that some of the Jews made in regards to Paul?

10. Acts 23:13 - How many Jews formed this conspiracy?

Comments or Bible questions call 419-399-5022 for Lonnie Lambert or 419-393-4775 for James Potter. Loved ones, always remember God is waiting to hear from you in prayer and Bible study. Jesus loves you and so does the Oakwood church of Christ.

Answers to last week's questions as follows:

1. That he had imprisoned and beat those who believed on the Lord.
2. Away with such a fellow from the earth, for he is not fit to live.
3. Is it lawful for you to scourge a man who is a Roman?
4. Tell me, are you a Roman?
5. He was born a roman citizen
6. Because he had bound Paul
7. High priest Ananias
8. A white washed wall

**ARATA WILL PERFORM ANTERIOR HIP REPLACEMENTS AT CMH**

Michael A. Arata, MD, an orthopedic surgeon with Fort Wayne Orthopedics (FWO), is now seeing patients at Community Memorial Hospital (CMH). Specializing in hip and spine surgery, Dr. Arata will be a visiting specialist with CMH's Musculoskeletal Institute. The Musculoskeletal Institute of Community



Memorial Hospital is a group of specialists who offer a wide range of surgical and non-surgical treatments for muscle, nerve, and joint pain. The Institute currently includes

the following specialties: orthopedics, physical medicine and rehabilitation, podiatry, chiropractic, psychology, and neurosurgery.

Dr. Arata will bring a new procedure to CMH—the Anterior Approach for total hip replacement. He is one of only a handful of surgeons in the region who perform the Anterior Approach.

The Anterior Approach for total hip replacement is a tissue-sparing alternative to traditional hip replacement surgery that provides the potential for less pain, faster recovery, and improved mobility because the muscle tissues are spared during the surgical procedure. The technique allows the surgeon to work between the muscles and tissues without detaching them from either the hip or thigh-bones—sparing the tissue from trauma.

Keeping the muscles intact may also help to prevent dislocations. With the Anterior Approach, the surgeon uses one small incision on the front (anterior) of the hip as opposed to the side or back. Since the incision is in front, patients can avoid the pain of sitting on the incision site.

"We are excited to have Dr. Arata here at CMH," said Mel Fahs, CEO. "The addition of the anterior approach for hip replacement will further enhance our already robust surgical offerings here in Hicksville. I think many people in the area will benefit from Dr. Arata's skill with the anterior technique, and that's why we're here—to offer excellent care, close to home."

Dr. Arata is a graduate of Indiana University School of Medicine and conducted his residency in orthopedics at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. Dr. Arata is also a Fellow of the Leatherman Spine Center in Louisville, Kentucky. He is Board Certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery and is a member of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. He is also a member of the North American Spine Society, the Indiana State Medical Association, and the Fort Wayne Medical Society.

To schedule an appointment with Dr. Arata, please call 800-566-5659 and ask to be scheduled in the Hicksville Clinic.

**WHEN YOU'RE HURTING, WHERE DOES YOUR STRENGTH TO SERVE GOD COME FROM?**

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

2 Timothy 2:1 (NIV), "You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus."

I was at a Youth for Christ Basketball practice this past week with my Jr. High guys; a practice that I had prayed before going to that the Lord would give me "the strength" I needed to get through the practice. I prayed for this in particular because of the pain I am experiencing due to a disk problem in my back. I also prayed for the Lord to help me enjoy my time with the guys, to make the practice a memorable one for them.

Near the end of the practice I decided to implement a passing drill with the guys and to ensure that they "caught" what I "taught," the importance of making crisp and concise passes. I stepped onto the basketball floor to illustrate just how to make quick, crisp passes. I was really getting into it, moving the ball with the speed and efficiency I had mastered as a basketball player and suddenly I was reminded of my hurting disk. As I naturally attempted to rotate to make a pass the pain was excruciating. I left the floor in tremendous pain as I encouraged the boys to carry on with the drill.

About that same time, a group of high school boys with their girlfriends came into the gym, getting ready for the start of our Youth for Christ High School Basketball practice. One of the girls remarked to me, "Are you okay?"

I responded, "Yeah, I've got a disk problem with my back and for a moment I had forgot about it; but it let me know it wasn't going to let me do stuff without reminding me of its presence. Please forgive me for complaining about it."

"Oh," she replied, "That's okay. It was obvious to anyone watching that you're in pain, but I was touched by your joy in working with the boys, how much you enjoyed working with them."

"Thank you, for your kind words," I told her.

*(Continued on Page 4)*

**Free Mammograms Available At Paulding County Hospital**

Men and women without health insurance can receive free mammograms, **JANUARY 23rd thru February 3rd**

The breast screenings, which include mammograms, are covered through a grant from the Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

**CALL NOW** to schedule an appointment or for more information: **419-399-1131, Radiology Department**



Free mammograms are provided by Paulding County Hospital in partnership with The Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio through funding from the Northwest Ohio Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen for the Cure



1035 West Wayne St. ~ Paulding, OH 45879  
419-399-4080 ~ 800-741-1743  
[www.pauldingcountyhospital.com](http://www.pauldingcountyhospital.com)

**VFW Post 587**  
**Paulding, OH**  
**419-399-3071**

**Saturday, Jan 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**Steak Fry**

**5:00-8:00 p.m.**  
**\$11.00**

★ *Public Is Welcome!* ★

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

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

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



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

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

*email: info@westbendnews.net*

*fax: 419-258-1313*

*USPS: West Bend News*

*PO Box 1008*

*Antwerp, OH 45813*

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Here we go again, mis-Representative Bob Latta kicking President Obama around again! In the 1-11-12 issue of the West Bend News, he's whining on the recess appointment of Richard Cordray! Come on, man, Ronald Reagan, both Bush's and Bill Clinton made recess appointments—it's nothing new! What mis-Rep Bob and the Boehner clan's upset about is President Obama had to take action because mis-Rep Bob and the "gang of no" have done NOTHING to move legislation by working together and getting our country moving! I'm also sick and tired of mis-Rep Bob's crowding us with oil pipelines, which will be refined in Texas, and shipped overseas, doing nothing to the price of gas for us, destroying water by fracking, and trying to kill all the anti-pollution laws to appease the rich, corporate campaign donors!

Looking up legislation to benefit the 5<sup>th</sup> district,

mis-Rep Bob gets an "F" for lack of helping anyone in the middle class! How about bio-soy? How about the ethanol tax credits? Where's mis-Rep Bob? On the wrong side! He voted to END GM and Chrysler! How'd that work out? He voted "no" on stimulus money to build and fix our roads and bridges? Why, we can't fix this country's problems, only fill foreign owned oil companies pockets! Who do you think owns the refineries? Royal Dutch Shell, British Petroleum, Citgo? These ain't local family owned companies, but they made donations to our mis-Rep! We build the pipeline, they take the money! Those jobs are only good for 1-2 years, once it's done, only 50-100 people will maintain it, so what's taxes across those farms and lands going to do? Who cleans up the mess if and when it springs a leak? Would you want it to ruin your farm ground or drinking water? mis-Rep Bob fails to tell us about that! Why instead of belittling our president, isn't mis-Rep Bob talking about getting some appropriations to put our veterans coming home to the 5<sup>th</sup> district back to work? Why doesn't he find the funds to fix broken bridges, replace out-dated equipment in our county offices, figure out ways to put jobs back in this district for the kids graduating from high school and college? Because it doesn't put money back into his campaign contributor's pockets, that's why!

—Mike Porter

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

In response to the "Letter to the Editor" 1/5/12, I felt the need to respond because the facts have been twisted to make four of our siblings look like the injured party. The only injured party was our Dad, Olan Bidlack. He forbid these four children from having any contact with him six years ago when they refused to sign his property back to him. That's all he wanted!

They tried everything they could do to stop Dad's funeral. They put Dave Heitmeyer and his staff through an unbelievable amount of stress that was not necessary. They weren't even supposed to be there per Dad's wishes, then tried to stop his funeral and burial. We tried so hard to honor Dad's wishes, but we could not fulfill our promise to him. As I spoke at the funeral to eulogize Dad I was interrupted by my sister leaving the room—loudly—because she did not want me to tell the truth. All attention should have on Dad and his wishes, but we were unable to focus on him because of their actions. The "circus acts" were not created by the four children Dad wanted there. We couldn't even grieve for our father because of the turmoil they created.

Dad does know the truth about everything. He was happy and content living with Terry and Karen Bidlack. He received the best care he could have had and was treated with love and tenderness. He was visited and very loved by many people. They haven't known Dad's wishes for the last six years, so for them to say they have all the facts and documentation is garbage. If they truly wanted to honor Dad they should have fulfilled his one so-very-important wish. Give him back his property! Greed and control have divided our family forever. The citizens of Paulding County should be very upset about the number of times the police have been called. These calls are without substance and basically a waste of time, therefore a waste of taxpayer's money. The accusations are made just to be mean and to try to hurt us further.

I know Dad loved me very much as I do him. I know his heart was broken over this mess and he died with the hurt that was imposed on him. He knows we tried to do everything to make it right. He was an honest man and did not live his life relying on deceit to get what he wanted. He was a great man and I will always put him on a pedestal. I hope he can finally rest in peace.

—Pamela S. Bronner

**PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS & DISMISSALS**

- Admissions:*  
 1/2 - Clarice Highwarden, Paulding  
 1/3 - Michael Nieto, Paulding  
 1/5 - Charles Parrett, Oakwood
- Dismissals:*  
 1/4 - Michael Nieto, Paulding  
 1/4 - Earlene Mundy, Paulding

(Continued from Page 4)

Then the scripture came to my mind, "The joy of the Lord is my strength," (Nehemiah 8:10), I can "be strong" in the joy of Lord.

In the scripture I've noted above, "be strong in the grace of the Lord," I've found two great promises to encourage us with.

The Greek word for "strong" is endynamoō, which has to do with "Divine Enablement." Actually the root of the Greek word is dunamos, which is where we get our English word dynamite. Our strength to carry out God's work does not come

from natural ability or talent but the command by God to carry out to "be strong" is also provided to us by our Lord Jesus.

Second, we are told to be strong in the "grace" that is in Christ Jesus. The Greek word for grace is "charis," which has to do with "Divine Impression," that is to note the impact of divine influence upon our hearts, and its reflection in our lives; resulting in gratitude.

This next week, as you carry out the Lord's work in the Lord's way, I pray that you will "be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus." Amen!

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

**USDA PROPOSES FIVE OHIO FSA COUNTY OFFICES TO CLOSE**

Following the January 9<sup>th</sup> announcement by Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack that the USDA must be built to meet the evolving needs of a 21<sup>st</sup> century agricultural economy, he presented USDA's Blueprint for Stronger Service, a plan that helps farmers and ranchers continue to drive America's economy by streamlining operations and cutting costs.

The Blueprint for Stronger Service is based on a Department-wide review of operations conducted as part of the Administration's Campaign to Cut Waste, launched by President Obama and Vice President Biden to make government work better and more efficiently for the American people. The agency took a hard look at all USDA operations, from headquarters to field offices. The end result is a plan that will create optimal use of USDA's employees, better results for USDA customers, and greater efficiencies for American taxpayers.

Following the Secretary's statement, Steven Maurer the Ohio Farm Service Agency State Executive Director would like to reiterate the five offices within USDA's Ohio FSA that are proposed to close.

—Carroll County will be consolidated with the Tuscarawas County FSA office and located in New Philadelphia, Ohio.

—Clark County will be consolidated with the Madison County FSA office and located in London, Ohio.

—Meigs County will be consolidated with the Gallia/Lawrence County FSA office and located in Gallipolis, Ohio.

—Montgomery County will be consolidated with the Preble County FSA office and located in Eaton, Ohio.

—Perry County will be consolidated with the Fairfield County FSA office and located in Lancaster, Ohio.

FSA will hold a public meeting in each affected county within the next 30 days. Ohio FSA will release more information about each public meeting as soon as the locations and day/times are established.

For more information about the Blueprint for Stronger Service, please visit www.usda.gov/strongerservice.

**MEET CMH'S MIDWIFE & NURSE PRACTITIONERS**



their families by creating individualized plans of care consistent with each family's personal and cultural values. As a midwife, she attends births in the hospital and maintains a collaborative relationship with all of CMH's family physicians.

**ABOUT COMMUNITY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL:**

Community Memorial Hospital (CMH) is a 25-bed Critical Access Hospital located in Hicksville, Ohio. For more than 50 years, CMH has been serving the citizens of Northwest Ohio and adjoining Indiana communities. CMH offers inpatient and outpatient services, 24-hour emergency care, obstetrics, comprehensive rehabilitation and wellness programs, and the region's only open high field Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI). Community Memorial Hospital is an independent affiliate of the Lutheran Health Network. For more information on Community Memorial Hospital and its physicians visit www.cm-hosp.com or call 419-542-6692.

The public is invited to meet Community Memorial Hospital's nurse practitioners, Tara Lynchard, Jessica Slattery, and Kori Strubing, on Wednesday, February 1, at 6:30 p.m. at CMH in Community Rooms 1 and 2. There will be a brief presentation, followed by a question and answer session. This is a great opportunity to learn more about midwifery and nurse practitioners, while getting to know your local providers.

A nurse practitioner is an experienced registered nurse (RN) who has completed a master's degree (MSN) and received education in the diagnosis and management of common health problems. A nurse practitioner can conduct physical exams, prescribe medicines, and treat illness. Nurse practitioners focus on prevention, wellness, and patient education priorities.

Lynchard, Slattery, and Strubing are all certified family nurse practitioners and treat both male and female patients of all ages. Jessica Slattery, CNP, works with Dr. Kooistra in Edgerton. Kori Strubing, CNP, works in Antwerp with Dr. Wiley.

Tara Lynchard, CNP, CNM, is both a certified family nurse practitioner and a certified nurse midwife. She works with Drs. Miller and Johnson in Hicksville. She offers holistic family-centered care for women and

**Paulding Eagles**  
206 W. Perry  
**PUBLIC WELCOME**

☞ **Thursday Night Karaoke with Rick Heffner 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm** There will be a home made meal special every Thursday night

☞ **Saturday Night January 21<sup>st</sup>, 4:30-7:30 pm, N.Y. Strip Steak Dinners \$10.00**

**DALE VAUGHN BAND**  
8:00 pm - Midnight

**Daily Lunch Specials**  
11 am - 1 pm

**PUBLIC WELCOME**

**EICHER'S WOODWORKING SHOP**

22319 Ward Rd., Woodburn, IN 46797 • 260-632-1065

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

**Granite & Formica & Solid Surface Countertops**

And Much More

3600 Square Ft. Store & Display

Furniture Store Hours:

M-F 8-4:30; Sat 8-2:30; Closed Sun



*Your Transportation Solution*

**Buy Here... Pay Here!**

*Stop in Today!*



**Apply online at www.superior-auto.com or at 1053 S. Shannon St., Van Wert 419-238-7314**

Join the Paulding Chamber of Commerce

- You'll get a webpage with your membership
- Inside information about community happenings
- Networking events to grow your business

419-769-3011 or visit www.PauldingChamber.com  
Ask for Executive Director, Erika Willitzer

**KLOPFENSTEIN REPAIR**  
**AUTO • TRUCK • FARM • INDUSTRIAL**

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

Tim Klopfenstein 19718 Notestine Road  
 657-5700 shop Woodburn, IN 46797

**Terry's Mower Sales & Service LLC**  
**THINK SPRING TUNE UP**  
**FREE PICKUP & DELIVERY**  
*For the Month of January*

**419-399-5296**

Hours: Mon-Fri 9-5 773 N. Williams St.  
 Sat 9-12 Paulding, OH 45879



**DIZZY DEAN: PITCHER**

**By: Stan Jordan**

Dizzy Dean was one of the greatest baseball pitchers ever. He was the last National League Pitcher to win 30 games or more in one season. That was in 1934 with the St. Louis Gas House Gang.

Dizzy Dean was born in January 1910 in Lucas, AR. His folks, Albert and Alma Dean were sharecroppers. He had an older and younger brother. His younger brother was named Paul. Sometimes Dizzy called him Paul and sometimes Daffy. Dizz's real name was Jay Hannah. Dean's mother died in 1918 of tuberculosis and this left his father to raise the three boys.

The boys played a lot of ball when they were not picking cotton in the field. They were dirt poor and the ball they used was rags rolled up tight and sewed inside a sock.

They moved to Spalding, Oklahoma in 1925. The boys missed a lot of school because they had to help on the farm. But on Fridays in Spalding, the townspeople who were baseball nuts wanted to see the Dean boys play and win for the locals.

Evidently the Dean boys came up through the St. Louis Cardinals Farm System. Dizzy's first appearance was September 28, 1930 for the Cardinals. He batted and threw right-handed.

He pitched for the Cardinals in 1930 up to 1937. He had a career like few others. He pitched for the Cubs in 1938 to 1941. He pitched for the St. Louis Browns in

1947. His main call to fame was in 1934 when the Cardinals had a 30-7 record with an ERA of 2.66.

His brother, Paul, was on that roster that year, Paul had 19 wins and Dizzy had 30. That record still stands in the National League.

He was selected to the All Star Game in 1934, '35 '36 and '37. He was in the World Champions in 1934 and was also the MVP of that series and was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1953.

All baseball fans know the number of stories and tricks that he used in his homespun humor. He was like the later Yogi Berra of the Yankees, he was dumb like a fox. His use of the American slang was part of his fortune.

In the 1937 All Star Game, a man from the Indians named Earl Averill had a line drive back at Diz and hit him on the toe. Dean came back to pitching to soon and had to change his delivery and that led to his end as a fastball pitcher.

After he left the game of baseball he became a broadcaster in St. Louis. He also was on the air for the Browns, Yankees and Atlanta Braves and later with Mutual and CBS.

After his life in baseball, he and his wife, Patricia, lived in Bond, MS. He died of a heart attack in Reno at the age of 64 and is buried in the cemetery in Bond.

To me, a baseball fan, Dizzy is a legend.

See ya!



**By: Stan Jordan**

The Indians were having a reunion of sorts at the memorial of The Battle of Wounded Knee in South Dakota. That is on Porcupine Creek in the Pine Ridge Reservation for the Oglala

Sioux.

A man asked a native Indian who was standing there, "What is your wife's name?"

"She is called Five Horses," he replied.

The man said, "That is an unusual name for your wife. What does it mean?"

"It is an old Indian name and it means, nag, nag, nag, nag, nag!"

30 Grandpa was celebrating his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and everybody was complimenting him on how athletic and well-preserved he appeared.

"Gentlemen, I will tell you the secret of my success," he replied. "I've been in the open air day after day for 75 years now."

All were impressed and asked how he managed to keep up his fitness routine.

"Well, you see, my wife and I were married 75 years ago and on our wedding night we made a pact. Whenever we had a fight the one who was proved wrong would go outside and take a walk."

See ya!

**BILLY METZGER'S JOURNAL CHAPTER 39: LEAVING KEARNEY FOR THE LAST TIME**

**By: Stan Jordan**

We are back from making a visit to the new Indian Agency at Broken Bow. I think it is a nice area to have that building. I have to report to the Post Commander's Office at 9:00 a.m. tomorrow morning.

Well, I did report to the general's office this morning and this is what he had to say.

"Billy, I think you should leave now and go to that college at Columbia." This is August 1, 1851 and it is around 400 miles to Columbia. "The east bound Wells Fargo stage will leave here around 10:00 a.m. on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, that's this Wednesday. I will give you your travel orders that will cover all your expenses except your meals. Now you keep all your meal receipts and turn them in at the college and they will reimburse you for that amount. In other words, your trip is paid for. We call that traveling under orders."

He patted me on the back and said, "I'm proud of you, Billy, I know you will work hard and come back a Second Lieutenant Veterinarian with this new horse calvary. You will be a great asset."

I haven't written for a few days as it isn't always practical. We left Kearney and then went east and took a ferry across the North Platte at a place called Kenesaw. The same area our 3M Wagon Train always used. This will take us down to the Kansas Territory down by Vermilion and Big Blue Rivers. We moved a lot faster with a 6-up than a pair of mules. I don't think riding in a stage coach is any better or worse than a common wagon. Your bottom takes a lot of abuse.

We covered about 30 dirty miles each day. A couple times we stayed at a station with a river near by, so we waded out into it and washed off. We stuck to the Oregon Trail and will go north of Kansas City and keep right on into Inde-

pendence, MO. Some of the drivers will let me ride up top with them and after they find out that I can handle a 6-up they have me drive and let them rest a bit.

We are headed east now, we left the Baldwin Stage Stop this morning and we are headed toward Lawrence, Kansas, but we will miss it as we are a little north of there.

Well, a lot has happened since I wrote that. That was over two days ago. Well, when we left Baldwin, Kansas, that was Tuesday morning. Our driver was Chuckwalla Charlie, an old timer who had been a hunter, a trapper, a guide and a mountain man. He wasn't a big fellow but he could do his job well. He asked me to ride up on top with him and drive a bit. The farther we went the less he talked. We got into Big Springs Station about supper time, but as we got down off the coach he asked if I would take care of the horses as his chest hurt and his arm also. So I said, "Of course," and for him to go inside and lay down. Chuckwalla Charlie didn't eat any supper, he went into the back room and laid on the station's manager's cot.

He only drank a little coffee for breakfast so I went ahead and fed the animals and they walked to their place at the wagon tongue and I hooked them up. I'm sure glad they did that because I couldn't tell them apart. I took my buffalo robe and put it on the front seat of the coach, Charlie laid on the bottom half and I covered him with the top half and made him a pillow of his boots and coat. He tried to mumble his thanks to me and I told him I could handle things and he was to rest. The other two passengers just sat and watched.

I didn't push the horses, it was 32 miles to Black Water Station about half way between Lawrence and the Kansas and Missouri State Line. I wanted to make it if it took all day and all night. I was very worried about Charlie. I don't know much about the body, but I remember Mom talking about people's heart and I think that is Old Chuckwalla's problem. I didn't push the horses because I didn't want to bounce Charlie around too much. So it was after dark when we got into Yellow Springs Station—that is sort of a division headquarters.

A couple of fellows came out to check the coach and asked where is Chuckwalla Charlie. I told them the whole story as they helped get him inside. They loaded Charlie into a straw-filled wagon and rushed him off to an infirmary at the edge of Kansas City.

I took care of the animals and then we sat and had supper and talked a lot. They asked if I could finish Charlie's run to the next stage stop tomorrow. "We will pay you." The next station is Independence, Missouri. Yes, I told them I would finish his run, but any and all pay, please give that to Charlie as he is going to need it.

The next stop is Odessa, Missouri and it is right on the way to Columbia. This is August 14, 1851 and I want to be there by September 1.

See ya!



**THE FELLOW RODDER**

**By: Mike McKeever**

The first featured ride is a 1933 Plymouth from a lifetime Antwerp resident, John Tuto.

John's story starts with him trying to decide to buy it. It was at a junk collector's barn in Hicksville. The poor car was a mess, covered with rust, bird droppings, junk, full of mice and home for the entire chipmunk population of the neighborhood. Since John could not make up his mind, his wife, Jo, went behind his back and bought it as a birthday gift in 1981. She gave \$600 for it and \$10 for delivery. She handed John a title. He was thinking it was their Chevvy she paid off. She said, "Look again dummy!" What a shock to him, he never would have imagined she would do this for him. This is how his "keep me out of the bars car started." John likes to think she saw a sparkle in his eye when she gave him that title, but it might have been \$\$ signs.

John tore it down and discarded all but the body and decided to build a new

tube chassis. Back then nobody was building that way and John was going for the WOW effect and he achieved it with the help of Advanced Chassis in Paulding. John spent a lot of time at swap meets looking for just the right parts. What he has ended up with is a ride that most dream about. It has a lot of fiberglass panels, a smooth hand built firewall and a radical 383 stoker that spins a 9" narrowed ford rear end supported by those super wide rear tires. If you have seen this street rod you would know what I am saying about the WOW effect that he has accomplished.

John will tell you that if you wait to get parts for birthdays and Christmases it will take you 400 years to build it. His wife made a statement, "I don't want you to put junk yard parts in this car." That might have been a big mistake on her part (hmm). Well several years later and lot of hard work it's done (well, they're not really ever done, are they?).

If you would like your ride featured in this column, please contact, Mike McKeever, Fellow Rodder.

*Antwerp Ball Association 2012*

## BALL REGISTRATION

**Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**

**9 am - 12 pm Antwerp Local School**

**6 year old PeeWee Tryouts**

**January 15<sup>th</sup> 2-3pm Antwerp Local School**

## Meyer Excavating

Edward Meyer  
17197 Road 45 • Antwerp, Ohio 45813  
**(419) 542-8450**  
**cell: (419) 506-0002**

Stone & Dirt Hauling • Backhoe & Dozer work •  
Snow Removal • Demolition

## Sauder Feeds

Local Manufacturer of Quality Animal Feeds for over 90 years.

Joe Smalley - Kennel Mate Dealer in Paulding County - 419-258-7245 • 419-258-2584

P.O. Box 130 • Grabill, IN 46741 • 260/627-2196  
www.sauderfeeds.com • info@sauderfeeds.com  
1-800-589-2196 Fax 260-627-2783

## Design Center

Excellence in Kitchen & Bath Cabinetry

- ★ Granite Countertops
- ★ ADA Showers
- ★ Free Estimates
- ★ Computer Designs

Ph: 419-438-0587  
20990 Rd 140 • Oakwood, OH 45873  
Homeowners & Contractors welcome  
25 Years Experience in Kitchen & Bath Design

Located in old Church building

## YAKTRAX WALKER

Walk Confidently on Packed Snow and Ice

- Easy On/Off
- No Nails or Spikes
- Spikes are 100% Recycled
- Helps Reduce Falls & Injuries

Ice and Snow Traction

Antwerp PHARMACY

Downtown Antwerp • 419-258-2068



## LISA MCCLURE SELECTED AS NEW PCAF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Paulding County Area Foundation has selected Lisa McClure as its new executive director. McClure brings with her a lifetime of agriculture experience and a passion for helping the community. It's an easy transition considering the Foundation's mission is to provide young farmers with



grants, high school students with scholarships, and other community members with funding opportunities.

She is a wife and mother of three and currently is giving a home to a 16-year-old exchange student from Germany. She also has a 3-year-old grandson who she foresees as being the next generation in their farming operation. McClure says he already is showing a love for agriculture.

In addition to taking on this new role, McClure will continue to be the family accountant for McClure Farms, LLC, which special-

izes in small grains, corn, soybeans, and wheat. Their family farm currently has a hog contract with Cooper Farms as well. It's a six generation farm located in the Grover Hill area. When asked about the daily operations, McClure says, "Agriculture is a passion of mine and my husband's, it's who we are and it's what we do."

McClure also serves on many boards in the community including the Wayne Trace Local School Board, Ohio State 4H Endowment Board, and she is the treasurer for the Grover Hill Ministerial Association.

Regarding the future plans for the Paulding County Area Foundation, McClure says her goals are to provide leadership and growth for The Paulding County Area Foundation and the Marshall Memorial Supporting Foundation. McClure also says, "I plan on bringing more visibility to the foundation by being seen and educating the public on how the foundation can help them."

To see if you might qualify for a grant, the eligibility requirements are posted on The Paulding County Area Foundation's website at: [www.pauldingcountyarea-foundation.net](http://www.pauldingcountyarea-foundation.net). If you would like to meet Lisa in person, the Paulding Chamber of Commerce and the Foundation will be holding an open house at The Paulding County Area Foundation Office located at 101 E. Perry Street in Paulding on January 19<sup>th</sup> beginning at 4:30 p.m.

## WARRIORS HIT HARD BY TIGERS

By: Jeff Abbott

Bluffton pulled away for Woodlan with a 19-9 third quarter and posted a 70-49 win in boys' ACAC basketball at Bluffton. The Tigers remain undefeated in the conference with the win. Bluffton led the entire way in the game, leading 15-11 at the end of the first quarter and extending the margin to 37-24 at the half. The 19-9 third quarter sealed the win on the home court for the Tigers. Bluffton placed 4 players in double figures with Keith Pearson leading the way with 13 points. Alex Emehiser got 11 points to pace the Warriors.

Score by the quarter:

Woodlan - 11 13 9 16=49

Bluffton - 15 22 19 14=70

Scorers of the game:

Woodlan - Emehiser 11, Hines 8, Harris 7, Bennett 6, McGettigan 5, Evans 5, Whitlow 4, Schwartz 2, Stieglitz 1

Bluffton - Pearson 13, Cochran 12, Coratti 12, Lambert 10, McKinley 8, Sturgeon 5, McCarthy 4, Thompson 3, Prible 2, Marshall 1

## WT WRESTLING CLUB COMPETE IN IRONHORSE WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

On January 15, Wayne Trace Wrestling Club competed in the Montpelier Ironhorse Wrestling Tournament. Placing for 1<sup>st</sup> for WT: Brendon Bidlack, Hunter Long, and Brendon Dingus. Coming in 2<sup>nd</sup>: Kameron Urivez, Jarrett Hornish, Ty Tinlin, Kameron Bevis, and Hunter Showalter. Then in 3<sup>rd</sup>: Gage Tinlin.

## RAIDERS COMPETE AT WOODLAN INVITATIONAL

The Raider wrestling team competed at the Woodlan invitational on Saturday, January 14th. The Raiders would finish third as a team with Woodlan garnering first place honors. All Raiders would find their way to the podium but only six would finish in the top four spots.

Zaine Cotterman and Aaron Miller would both finish in third place. "I thought Zaine wrestled well today, as well as Miller," commented coach Clemens.

Four Raiders would find themselves wrestling in the championship round. Dustin Taylor would start the championship round at 106 pounds. He would come out on fire. Getting the first takedown and establishing himself early in the match, he would be in control the entire time. He would take the top spot with a major decision.

Next, Kameron Clemens would follow suit with getting a quick takedown in the 138 pound final. After going out of bounds, he would give up an escape and shoot another beautiful single leg. Working for a pinning move, he would place the wrestler in a near side cradle and end the match with a pin.

Sawyer Temple and Tyler Arnett would both wrestle hard in the finals at 152 and 160. However, they would both come up short and settle for runner-up placements.

"Overall, I felt we did not wrestle up to our potential today. Taylor had an awesome tournament, looked really strong today. Cotterman wrestled well, and the other three getting to the championship round looked pretty solid," commented coach Clemens. "We have to wrestle better over the next few weeks. The tournaments are only going to get tougher, and we need to get ready for sectionals. The performance we gave today will not be nearly good enough over the next few weeks; we need to work on improving." The Raiders travel to Van Buren to compete in their invitational this Friday and Saturday.

Other results of the invitational:

Team placements - 1st Woodlan 202.5; 2nd Leo 190; 3rd Wayne Trace 172.5; 4th Churubusco 169.5; 5th Logansport 158.5; 6th Fremont 123; 7th Bishop Luers 99; 8th Greenville 95.5

Championship matches:  
106 - Taylor (WT) dec 10-6, Price (F)

113 - Lovejoy (BL) pin 1:36 Knepp (W)

120 - Normand (W) pin 3:30, Downing (CH)

126 - Hammon (W) T.F. 16-1, Shroyer (CH)

132 - Willms (FR) dec 8-4, Parisot (W)

138 - Clemens (WT) pin 1:01, Boggess (CH)

145 - Zink (W) dec 5-0, Johnson (BL)

152 - Edwards (GV) pin 0:55, Temple (WT)

160 - Steury (L) M.D. 14-2 Arnett (WT)

170 - Weber (L) pin 2:32, Nicodemus (CH)

182 - Siddons (CH) dec 7-3, Carr (L)

195 - Green (BL) pin 0:57, Baber (LOG)

220 - Wilson (L) pin 3:33, Woodruff (GV)

285 - Hager (L) pin 1:38, Deitrich (LOG)

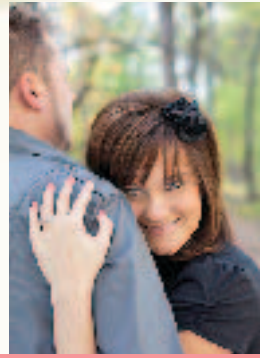
## LADY RAIDERS: SOLID WIN OVER PILOTS



The Pilots took on the Lady Raiders at the Palace Friday night, January 13 in a conference match. Wayne ruled the court in a high scoring game, winning 76-64. Shown above is senior Ashley Saylor scoring for the Raiders. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)



Columbus Grove made their way to Paulding for the conference basketball game Friday, January 13. Paulding fought hard and scored beautiful shots, but the Bulldogs won 51-67. Shown above junior Neil Roehrig shooting for the Panthers. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)



wedding | engagement | family | children | maternity | seniors



## CACI HYMAN PHOTOGRAPHY

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.  
1 Corinthians 13:13

find us on facebook  
[www.cacihymanphotography.com](http://www.cacihymanphotography.com)  
[caci@cacihymanphotography.com](mailto:caci@cacihymanphotography.com)



419.670.4168

**FOR RENT: THIS SPACE**  
Remodeled weekly if you request. High-traffic area. Convenient location. All maint. included.  
Call 419-258-2000 for more info

**HECKLEY TAX SERVICE**  
22235 US 24 East • Woodburn, In • Fifth House West of 101  
**FREE ELECTRONIC FILING**  
Office Hours: Mon & Sat 9:00 to 5:00, Tues, Wed, Fri 9:00 to 8:00, Closed Sunday & Thursday  
Family Owned since 1967, Authorized IRS E-file Provider  
For an appointment call anytime or drop off return.  
**260-632-4898**

**MOM 2 MOM SALE**  
Children's Items & Maternity Clothes Only  
**SATURDAY, JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>**  
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Antwerp United Methodist Church • 202 E. River St. (Old 24), Antwerp, OH  
Admission is \$1 per Adult  
Please call Amber for table rental info (\$20) • 419-258-1096  
Proceeds from table rentals & admission go to the new Antwerp Community Youth Center  
Sellers keep their own profits from items sold.



# WT BOYS CRUSH D. JEFFERSON



Delphos Jefferson took on Wayne Trace at the Palace Saturday, January 14. The WT boys took an early lead with 25-5 at the quarter and 47-18 at the half. Delphos and the Raiders scored nearly the same in the 2nd half but WT still won by a wide margin 73-42. Shown above is senior Austin Speice scoring for the Raiders while being fouled. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



Antwerp girls took on Holgate in a game of basketball Friday, January 13. The Tigers started strong and gained an early lead over the Archers. Antwerp recovered but only to maintain a 10 point difference through the game. Holgate finished with a 40-30 win. Shown above is junior Alexis Jones attempting a basket. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

Let West Bend News announce your engagement, wedding or anniversary. It's only \$5 per column for the photo and the announce is news (free).

## LADY WARRIORS POST BIG WIN IN ACAC OPENER

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan built a 30-16 advantage and posted a 58-41 win over South Adams in the opening game of the girls' ACAC basketball tournament at Woodlan. The Warriors had 3 players hit double figures in scoring, led by Lauren Ehle with 18 points, to get the win and advance to the Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne for the semi-finals. Burgundy Price, coming back from an illness, came off the bench and scored 14 points.

Score by the quarter:  
South Adams - 9 7 12 13=41

Woodlan - 16 14 12 16=58  
Scorers of the game:  
South Adams - Ahmetovic 12, Amstutz 7, Smith 7, Balsiger 6, Ly. Chandler 3, Lo. Chandler 2, Johnston 2, Muselman 2

Woodlan - Ehle 18, Price 14, Hostetler 10, Gerbers 9, Knoblauch 6, Malfait 1

## WOODLAN GIRLS TAKE FALL TO LEO

By: Jeff Abbott

An 11-0 run to start the game propelled Leo to a 54-39 win over Woodlan in girls' ACAC basketball at the Warriors' gym. The Lady Lions grabbed the lead just 5 seconds into the game and built the lead to 11-0 before the home team got on the board. Leo was led in scoring by Taylor Seiss with 16 points and Akron basketball recruit Keanna Gary had 11 points. Woodlan was led in scoring by Haley Hostetler with 16 points.

Score by the quarter:  
Leo - 21 14 9 10=54  
Woodlan - 12 4 10 13=39  
Scorers of the game:  
Leo - Gary 16, Gary 11, Woodward 9, Beer 7, Field 6, Pontius 3, Lindsey 2  
Woodlan - Hostetler 16, Ehle 10, Gerbers 5, Malfait 4, Knoblauch 4

## PANTHER WRESTLERS FACE APACHES & AGES IN TRI-MEET

The Paulding Panthers faced Hicksville and Fairview at Hicksville on Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> in High School wrestling.

Paulding faced Hicksville first with the Panthers winning as a team 39-33. The results are as follows: Tyler Speakman (Hv) pinned Sidney Salinas (P) in 1:25. Aaron Mock won via Void. Jared Miller (Hv) pinned Nelson Foster (P) in 3:08. Taylor Deatrck (P) defeated Brennan Stinebuck (Hv) 5-2. Cody Laney (Hv) pinned Josh Hemker (P) in 2:27. Austin Laney (Hv) won via void. Jake Thiel (Hv) pinned Cotey Nichols (P) in 1:48. Nick Post (Hv) defeated Chazz Hahn (P) 5-11. Adam Deatrck (P) won via Void. Kyle Mohr (P) pinned Justin Miller (Hv) in 2:46. Dakota Valdez (P), Tyler Ash (P), and Brandon Jarrell (P) won via void.

Paulding won as a team vs. Fairview with a team score of 46-31. The individual results were: Sidney Salinas (Fv) defeated Jacob Laguna (Fv) 17-8. Nelson Foster (P) and Aaron Mock (P) won via void. Taylor Deatrck (P) pinned Bobby Kelly (Fv) in 1:04. Trevor Decott (Fv) defeated Josh Hemker (P) 19-7. John Martin (Fv) and Trent Czartoski (Fv) won via Void. Isaac Valle (Fv) pinned Cotey Nichols (P) in 1:51. Matt Meyer (Fv) pinned Chazz Hahn (P) in 1:45. Adam Deatrck (P) pinned Kolbe Roose (Fv) in 4:00. Lorne Rossman (Fv) defeated Kyle Mohr (P) 9-2. Dakota Valdez (P) and Ryan Schindler (P) won via void. Tyler Ash (P) pinned Zack Shinninger (Fv) in 5:24.

## PAYNE ELEMENTARY STAFF VS. 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BASKETBALL IS BACK!



The Wayne Trace Payne Elementary Staff decided to bring back the Annual Staff vs 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Benefit Basketball Game after a one year hiatus. The money donated went towards a Payne Elementary family that recently lost their house in a fire. The staff was joined by a couple of basketball guests

this year: Mr. Arnold, our Superintendent; and Elyse Myers who is a college student and works at Payne Elementary in the summers. There was also a guest referee, Mr. Linder, the WTHS Athletic Director and Boys Varsity Basketball Coach. The staff participated by playing in the game, play-

ing music for the game, sitting with the students, and cheering during the game. The Little League Cheerleaders performed a dance during our half time. Everyone had a wonderful time, and were able to raise money for the Payne Elementary family.

## WARRIORS LOSE BY 1 IN ACAC OPENER

By: Jeff Abbott

South Adams led early against Woodlan in ACAC boys basketball tournament action with Dustin Wanner and Scott Hoepfner propelling the Starfires to a 21-13 lead in the first quarter. Woodlan's defense was able to step-up pressure on the 2 South Adams guards through quarters 2 and 3 as the Warriors came to trail by just 2 at the half, 34-32 and then take the lead after three quarters, 49-43. South Adams responded with a comeback and retake the lead early in the fourth pe-

riod and Woodlan couldn't get back on top as the Warriors fall to the Starfires 67-66. Dustin Wanner scored 27 points in the game for South Adams and Scott Hoepfner added 16. Shawn Mcgettigan topped Woodlan scoring with 20 points.

Score by the quarter:  
South Adams - 21 13 9 24=67  
Woodlan - 13 19 17 17=66  
Scorers of the game:  
South Adams - Wanner 27, Hoepfner 16, Fox 12, Alig 6, Smith 6  
Woodlan - Mcgettigan 20, Bennett 12, Hines 11, Emehiser 7, Evans 6, Harris 6, Whitlow 4

## PAULDING WRESTLERS COMPETE IN LIMA SENIOR INVITE

Paulding recently wrestled at the Lima Senior invite. This invite was compiled of 15 teams. The Panthers placed 6<sup>th</sup> out of the 15 teams. Placing for the Panthers were the following:

- 106 - Sidney Salinas 4<sup>th</sup>
- 113 - Aaron Mock 6<sup>th</sup>
- 126 - Taylor Deatrck 1<sup>st</sup>
- 132 - Josh Hemker 5<sup>th</sup>
- 152 - Kotey Nichols 7<sup>th</sup>
- 160 - Cody Jarrell 6<sup>th</sup>
- 170 - Adam Deatrck 3<sup>rd</sup>
- 195 - Ryan Schindler 3<sup>rd</sup>
- 220 - Tyler Ash 4<sup>th</sup>

The Panthers will be in action again Saturday at New Albany.



introducing  
**Certified Personal Trainer**  
**Naomi Nicely**

**work smarter not harder,  
with one on one training,  
let me help you....**

- Improve overall health
- Increase strength
- Improve endurance
- Help promote healthy weight loss



1035 West Wayne St.  
Paulding, OH 45879

**Naomi is available:**

Tuesday 2 - 8 pm  
Wednesday 1 - 8 pm  
Thursday 6am - Noon

**call now for a fitness review**  
**419-399-1725**

**GIVE ME A CALL!**  
I can help with your New & Used Car and Truck Needs!

**Dennis Recker**

CONTACT  
**DENNIS RECKER**  
Cell: 419-786-0889  
dennisr@integrity-family.com

**INTEGRITY FORD**  
Business: 419-399-2555

**www.alliancetaxservices.com**

**(419) 542-9000**

**FAST FRIENDLY TRUST-WORTHY EXPERIENCED RELIABLE**

**ALLIANCE TAX SERVICES LLC**

**Free E-Filing IRS Letter Resolution**

Drop Off or Appointments Evening and Weekend hours Payroll/Bookkeeping Services OPEN ALL YEAR!

Personal/Farm/Business Truckers/LLC **112 East High Street Hicksville, OH 43526**

**DENISE SUTTER & DEB ZIMMERMAN**



# WEST BEND PRINTING & PUBLISHING INC.

Publishers of the West Bend News free circulation newspaper



West Bend Printing & Publishing Inc.  
cannot offer locations like the above, but we do have:

- Printing Services
- Multi-part forms
  - Note pads
  - Newsletters
- Full-color Printing
  - UV Coatings
    - Folding
    - Scoring
    - Envelopes
- Blank Paper
- Numbering
- Laminating
  - Copying
  - Faxing
- Advertising to  
Thousands of readers
- Web advertising
  - Brochures

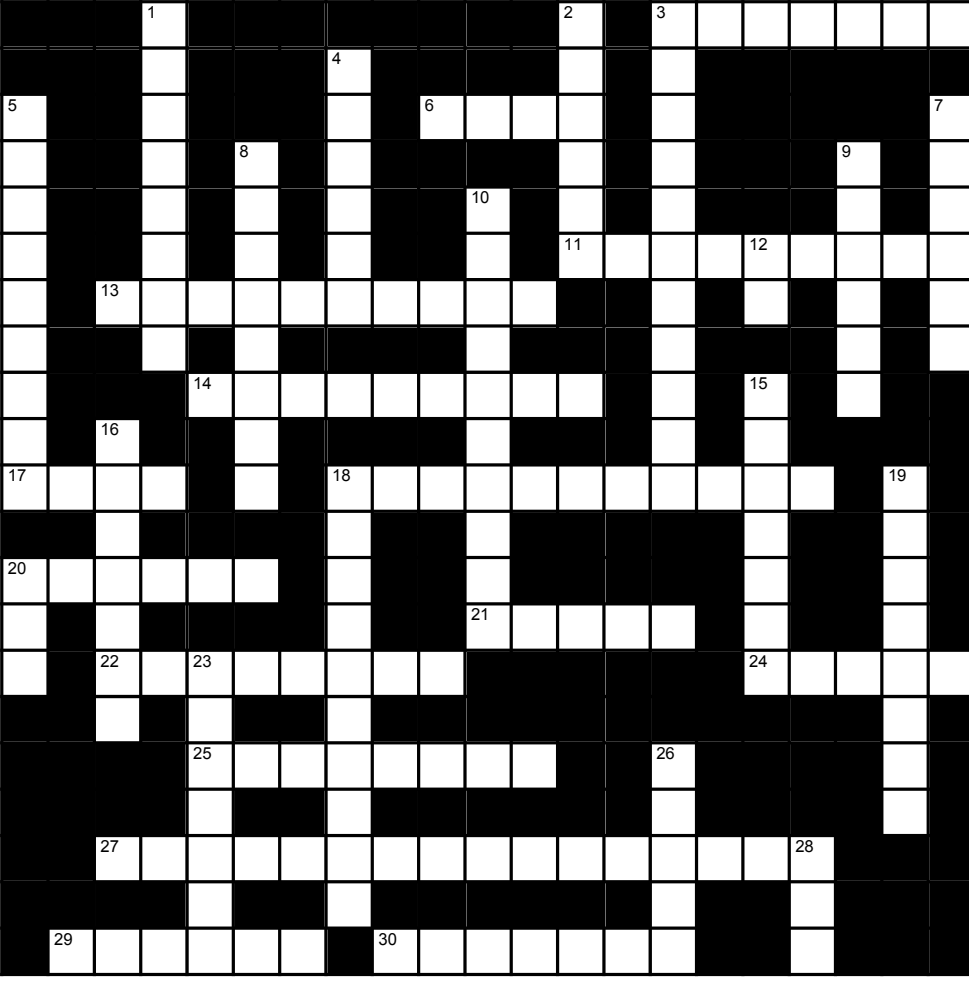
**WB** West Bend  
Printing &  
Publishing Inc.

**419-258-2000**  
fx 419-258-1313  
info@westbendnews.net  
PO BOX 1008 • 101 N. Main St.  
Antwerp, OH 45813





# Crossword Puzzle



**Across**

- 3. This state is due east of Alabama.
- 6. The first name of the first man in space.
- 11. The name of the bird that cartoon cat Sylvester chases in vain.
- 13. In football, where do the Redskins come from?
- 14. Where in America was the world's largest rock festival staged?
- 17. The color of an Oscar.
- 18. The first American to walk in space.
- 20. Where was a wall built to divide a city during the Cold War?
- 21. This creature was the star of the film Jaws.
- 22. This Joe was nicknamed the Yankee Clipper.
- 24. In which country was a 2000 year old, life size terracotta army discovered.
- 25. Where was the second Atom bomb dropped.
- 27. Who lost part of his ear to the teeth of Mike Tyson in 1997?
- 29. The 50th state to become part of the USA.
- 30. In basketball, where do the Supersonics come from?

**Down**

- 1. The Great Lake state.
- 2. These brothers made the first powered plane flight.
- 3. The 41st president of the United States.
- 4. The other northern Pacific state along with Washington.
- 5. What does the B stand for in SCUBA diving?
- 7. The capital of Alaska.
- 8. Virginia's capital.
- 9. What is Minneapolis' 'twin city'?
- 10. In Forrest Gump, his mom says, "Life is like a box of..."
- 12. The postal abbreviation of Texas.
- 15. The world's biggest passenger ship when it was launched in 1912.
- 16. The largest of the southern states.
- 18. This part of Florida is famous for its alligators.
- 19. The Bear state.
- 20. Michael Jackson's follow-up album to Thriller.
- 23. This state is called the Treasure State.
- 26. Which state is called the Pine Tree State?
- 28. In Peter Pan, what sort of animal was Nana?



**Bryan Kaplansky, MD, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation Specialist.**

Bryan Kaplansky, MD, a physical medicine and rehabilitation specialist, will discuss and demonstrate acupuncture on Tuesday, January 24, at 11:00 a.m. in Community Rooms 1 and 2 at Community Memorial Hospital, 208 N. Columbus St., Hicksville, OH. This lunch and learn educational session is geared towards senior citizens, but anyone is welcome to attend. There is no charge to attend this event, and a complimentary brunch is provided by the hospital. A nurse will also be on hand to take and record blood pressure measurements. Reservations are required and can be made by contacting Lori at 419-542-5560.

Dr. Kaplansky is certified in acupuncture by the UCLA School of Medicine.

Acupuncture involves the insertion of extremely thin needles in the skin at strategic points on the body. Acupuncture originated in China thousands of years ago, but over the past three decades its popularity has grown significantly in the United States.

Traditional Chinese theory explains acupuncture as a technique for balancing the flow of energy or life force—known as qi or chi (chee)—believed to flow through pathways (meridians) in your body. By inserting needles into specific points along these meridians, acupuncture practitioners believe that the energy flow will re-balance.

Acupuncture can be used for symptomatic relief of a variety of diseases and conditions, including: chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting, fibromyalgia, headaches, low back pain, menstrual cramps, migraines, osteoarthritis, postoperative dental pain, tennis elbow, and for smoking cessation.

Dr. Kaplansky is a physical medicine and rehabilitation specialist with the Musculoskeletal Institute of Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville (OH). He sees patients at both the Hicksville and Fort Wayne (IN) clinics.

**ABOUT THE MUSCULOSKELETAL INSTITUTE:**

The specialty physicians at the Musculoskeletal Institute of Community Memorial Hospital offer a wide range of surgical and non-surgical treatments for muscle, nerve, and joint pain. The Institute currently includes the following specialties: orthopedics, physical medicine and rehabilitation, podiatry, chiropractic, psychology, and neurosurgery. Clinic locations include Hicksville, Van Wert, Paulding, and Ft. Wayne (IN).

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

**2012 NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS**

**By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Educator**

With the beginning of a new year comes a great time to reflect on the past and look to a better future. The New Year allows us the opportunity to consider what we would like to do to improve ourselves.

Making a new year's resolution is easier to say than to complete. The magic is to first choose the right resolution for the right reasons. A resolution should be made with serious intent, thoughtfulness and has to be realistic. To help you achieve your goal, write your resolutions down, start small, share them with others, keep them in front of you on a daily basis and reward yourself when successful.

Resolutions and goals are similar. They are definite statements of how you plan to achieve your vision of the future. In management education they are referred to as SMART goals. They should be Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Rewarding and Timed. Goals should focus your attention, energy and action on desired results.

Some resolutions to consider for 2012 include:

Participate in at least one OSU Extension education program such as an Agrono-

my Day, Ag Day, Pond Clinic or a Master Gardener sponsored program.

Complete a will. Surveys show that over half of Americans do not have a will. If you have one, review and update it with your attorney and family members.

Get to know at least one neighbor that you did not already know.

Maintain financial records on a regular basis so that decisions can be made using the best available information.

Read the Ohio Ag Manager (<http://ohioagmanager.osu.edu>), Ohio Beef Newsletter (<http://beef.osu.edu>), CORN newsletter (<http://corn.osu.edu>) and/or the Buckeye Dairy News (<http://dairy.osu.edu>) on a regular basis to stay up to date on the latest Extension research and programming.

It is important to remember that a New Year's resolution is a long-term commitment requiring changes to one's lifestyle. Attempts to accomplish vows in the first week of January often spell disaster. Make those resolutions as they are proof that you have faith in yourself to make positive changes within yourself and the people around you.

Best wishes for a prosperous 2012!

*We can do your wedding, graduation, anniversary or any other announcement that you may need!*  
Come in and browse our great selection!!  
West Bend Printing & Publishing - 419-258-2000

**Have Something to sell?**  
Classified ads are \$7.50 for 20 words or less and only \$.15 for each additional word.

**we're not just bankers, we're neighbors**

the **Antwerp Exchange Bank**  
Est. 1898

Member FDIC

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

Call Today: 419-258-5351 419-263-2705

**LEE KINSTLE GM**  
SALES AND SERVICE

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

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

**Benji Grant**  
Sales Consultant  
419-238-5902

GMC, Chevrolet, Buick, Saturn logos

**AMISH CONSTRUCTION**  
260-417-2651

Licensed & Insured

Free Estimates

- \* Apartment Renovations
- \* New Homes
- \* Pole Barns
- \* Garages
- \* Roofs
- \* Decks
- \* Concrete
- \* And more

**DERCK'S LANDSCAPING SUPPLIES**  
15193 Rd. 45  
Antwerp, Ohio 45813  
419-258-2512  
419-506-1902

**Mulch Colors:**  
Red, Brown, and Gold;  
NEW COLOR: BLACK

Black Dirt and Small Gravel.  
Everything is in Bulk



# DON'T PLAY POLITICS WITH YOUR INVESTMENT DECISIONS



## Financial Focus by: Gabe Pollock, Edward Jones Advisor

While the election season heats up, you will hear more and more promises, claims and counter-claims from the candidates. As a citizen, you may or may not enjoy this "political theater," but as an investor, you might be concerned over all the talk about taxes, Social Security, Medicare and other financial topics. Will you need to adjust your savings and investment strategies? If so, how?

Before you think about adjusting your investment strategy in anticipation of any actions coming from Washington, keep a couple of facts in mind. First, few campaign promises become reality. And second, due to our system of government, radical shifts in direction are difficult to implement — which is why so few of them occur.

Still, we may see some smaller-scale — yet not insignificant — changes in the near future. In light of this possibility, what investment decisions should you make? Here are a few suggestions:

**\*\*Consider owning investments that are taxed in different ways.** No one can predict what will happen with income tax rates or the tax rates that are applied to capital gains and dividends. Consequently, it may be a good idea to seek "tax diversification" by owning investments that are taxed in different ways. For example, when you sell appreciated

stocks, you pay capital gains taxes, whereas interest payments from bonds will be taxed at your individual tax rate. And it's always a good idea to take advantage of tax-advantaged vehicles, such as an IRA and your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan.

**\*\*Stick with quality.** It's a good idea, when owning stocks, to invest in quality companies with diversified businesses. These companies are usually less dependent on a particular government program, and they typically have a global reach, so they may be better able to handle any changes implemented in Washington.

**\*\*Stay focused on your long-term goals.** Politicians come and go, and our political parties seem to take turns holding the reins of power. Yet your long-term goals — such as college for your children, a comfortable retirement and the ability to leave a legacy to your family — don't really change. By realizing that you are largely responsible for achieving your goals, and by following an investment strategy that's suitable for your individual risk tolerance and time horizon, you can make gradual, but still meaningful, progress toward those goals — no matter what's happening in Washington.

**\*\*Review your strategy regularly.** With the possible approach of changes in tax policies and in government programs that can affect your retirement security, you'll want to review your investment strategy regularly to make sure it's still on track toward helping you meet your objectives. As part of this review, you may want to seek out more "tax-smart" investment opportunities, while always looking for ways to supply the asset growth you'll need to enjoy the retirement lifestyle you've envisioned.

Aside from voting for the candidates who best represent your interests, you may not have much influence over what goes on in Washington. But by "electing" the right moves to help meet your goals, you can have plenty of control over your investment strategy.

## BALD EAGLE SIGHTING

By: Joyce Lilly

Bald eagles white heads and tail make the adult eagle unmistakably. Bald eagles build their nest in large trees near rivers, lakes or the coast feeding mainly on fish. Even when a nest tree falls or a strong wind blows a nest down, the established pair usually rebuilds at or near the site within a few weeks if it is near breeding season.

Nests are up to 5-10 feet in diameter and can weigh up to 2,000 pounds and used year. Nesting territory is usually 1-2 square miles. Ohio's netting season is underway.

Bald eagles mate for life



Two juvenile bald eagles playing in the water at Independence Dam (Power Dam), Defiance. Photo taken by Roger Lilly

but when one dies, the other will not hesitate to accept a new mate. Eagles lay 2-3 eggs five to ten days after a successful copulation. The female lays a speckled off white or buff colored egg about the size of a goose egg. A second egg is laid a few days later followed by a possible third. 35 days for incubation, duties shared by both parents but 98% of the time one parent remains on the nest to keep the eggs warm and to protect them from squirrels, ravens and gulls. The nesting cycle is 20 weeks.

To determine the sex of a bald eagle is to examine its beak. Females peak, from top to the chin, is longer than males. Eagles live up to 30 years in the wild.

Today there is an estimated 9,789 breeding pair of Bald Eagles. They were on the endangered species list in the United States in 1967. In 2007 the Interior Department took the American bald eagle off the list.

Juvenile bald eagle feathers are a mixture of brown and white. They reach full maturity in four to five years. Bald eagles' skin tolerance to cold temperature is protected by 7,000 feathers lined with down. Their feet are cold resistant, consisting of tendon, the bill is mostly nonliving material with little blood supply.

The bald eagle became our national emblem in 1782

when the great seal of the United States was adopted.

Above all other birds, it is the soaring eagle with its size and weight that gives the most abiding impression of



power and purpose in the air. A vision of beauty for all to see and enjoy.

Facts found on American Bald Eagle web site.

## OHIO PREP SPORTS WRITERS ASSOCIATION UNVEILS WEBSITE, WRITING CONTEST & STATEWIDE MEETING

Founded in 1972, the Ohio Prep Sportswriters Association (OPSWA) has a distinguished list of Hall of Fame inductees and annual traditions including a writing contest and statewide meeting. Now, the OPSWA also has a website that contains many resources and has announced details for a writing contest and the next statewide meeting March 29, 2012.

The last statewide meeting for the OPSWA was held in March 2009, but membership and participation in the annual writing contest was declining. Plans to revive the association and improve communication, including the development of a website and contact through e-mail, were initiated in 2010 in partnership with the Ohio High School Athletic Association.

Those efforts have resulted in the creation of the OPSWA's first website, www.ohsaa.org/news/OPSWA, which currently resides on the OHSAA's 'News & Media' page. The website includes information about:

- OPSWA officers (elections will take place in conjunction with the March 29 statewide meeting)
- Upcoming meetings
- Membership list and registration form: www.ohsaa.org/news/OPSWA/OP-

SWAMemberRegistration.pdf

- District media directories

- Hall of Fame: www.ohsaa.org/news/OPSWA/HOF.htm

- Writing contest: www.ohsaa.org/news/OPSWA/Contests.htm

There is no cost to become an OPSWA member or attend the next statewide OPSWA meeting, which is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. Thursday, March 29, at the DoubleTree Hotel Crosswoods/Worthington (intersection of State Route 23 and I-270). Media planning to attend the meeting are asked to indicate that on the appropriate line of the membership registration form (see link above). The membership registration form also allows for media to indicate if they are interested in learning more about becoming an OPSWA officer.

The last OPSWA writing contest was conducted during the 2009 calendar year. Thus the current writing contest represents a two-year timeframe of entries written from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011. A contest entry form is posted on the contest page and has more details. There is a cost to enter the contest, which currently serves as the only revenue source for the OPSWA (no registration fee). The entry deadline is February 10, 2012 and there are four categories and six divisions. Sportswriters from around the state will serve as judges.

## ANTWERP 5TH/6TH GRADE SPELLING BEE WINNERS



Josh Poulson, a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at Antwerp Local School, won the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade Spelling Bee on January 5<sup>th</sup>. Finishing second was Brayton Stuckey, a 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Antwerp. Josh will

be competing in the Paulding County Bee on Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in the Antwerp Local School Auditoria.

## PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL SPELLING BEE WINNERS



Paulding Middle School held their Spelling Bee recently. Sixth grader, Marcus Miller won the Bee with the word "cornea." Marcus is the son of Brian and Misti Miller of Paulding. Runner-up was sixth grader, Audrey

Manz. Her demise came with the word "literati." Audrey's parents are Mark and Cathy Manz of Paulding.

Marcus will move onto the Paulding County Spelling Bee to be held in February.

**FOR RENT: THIS SPACE**  
Remodeled weekly if you request. High-traffic area. Convenient location. All maint. included.  
Call 419-258-2000 for more info

**Edward Jones**  
MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

**Gabriel J Pollock**  
Financial Advisor

110 E HIGH ST.  
HICKSVILLE, OH 43526  
Bus. 419-542-6260  
TF. 855-542-6260  
www.edwardjones.com

Member SIPC

**SCHWARTZ**  
Small Engine Repair & Sales

Zero-turn mowers • Walk Mowers • Tillers  
Chainsaws • Trimmers • Blowers  
Pressure Washers • Generators

Come See Us For All Your Outdoor Power Equipment needs

10307 N. State Line Rd.  
Woodburn, IN 46797  
260-632-9019

**WHAT CAN WE PRINT for you TODAY?**

419-258-2000  
West Bend News

**WEST BEND PRINTING & PUBLISHING INC.**  
Publishers of the West Bend News free circulation newspaper

**For Sale By Owner**  
listings in the West Bend News

**MOTIVATED SELLER!** Three bedroom, 2 1/2 bath ranch in quiet neighborhood. 1900 sq. ft. open floor plan featuring large kitchen, master suite, and heated 18x24 building. 419-399-9134.

**READY TO SELL?**  
**CALL THE WEST BEND NEWS TODAY!**



**OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION PROGRAM "SAY GOOD NIGHT TO BULLYING" COMES TO PAULDING ELEM.**

Paulding Elementary has been working hard to implement a new program into the school. Many of the faculty and staff members have been training and learning about the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program. All parents of Paulding Elementary students are invited to a Parent Information Night on Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the middle school/high school auditoria. There will be elementary staff members on hand to share and explain the program and give examples of how it will work. Elementary students are invited to attend a pajama party that evening in the elementary gym/cafeteria entitled, "Say Good Night to Bullying". Many activities are planned for the evening. There will be high school students and elementary faculty members on hand to supervise activities for the elementary students. Mark your calendar now for this event! Please contact the Paulding Elementary Office or Guidance Department at 419-399-4656 if you have any questions regarding the evening.

**ACAC BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT RESULTS**

**GIRLS:**  
*Opening Round* - Leo 40, Garrett 38; Heritage 48, Adams Central 30; Woodlan 58, South Adams 41; Southern Wells 60, Bluffton 36  
*Semi-Finals* - Southern Wells 52, Heritage 39; Leo 69, Woodlan 43  
**BOYS:**  
*Opening Round* - Leo 79, Garrett 67; Heritage 56, Adams Central 51; South Adams 67, Woodlan 66; Bluffton 69, Southern Wells 48  
*Semi-Finals* - Bluffton 65, Heritage 61; Leo 105, South Adams 80

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Carryall Township 2011 Financial report is complete and available for public review.  
  
Monthly meetings will be held on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7pm.  
  
Meetings will be held at 1445 Road 204, Antwerp, OH.  
  
-Twila Demongeot, Fiscal Officer  
Carryall Township

The West Bend News is published weekly for residents of Paulding County & Woodburn, IN.  
Subscription information for the West Bend News follows: If you live within the circulation area, the West Bend News is delivered for free. If you reside outside the circulation area, subscriptions are \$32.10 per year. Newstand price is \$.25 per copy.  
All content submitted & printed in the West Bend News becomes the property and copyright of the West Bend Printing and Publishing Inc corporation. Any and all reproduction requires prior consent by the Publisher

**PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL SECOND NINE WEEKS 2011-12 SCHOOL YEAR**

**GRADE 6:**  
*All A's* - Abigail Adams, Isaac Baldwin, Logan Bradford, Brianna Gorrell, Audrey Manz, Brian Matson, Cade McGarvey, Emma McMaster, Marcus Miller  
*All A's & B's* - Allison Ankney, Lily Arend, Cassandra Bishop, Miah Coil, Chloe Foltz, Kaylen Hale, Shawn Jackson, Kalen Kelly, Corbin Kohart, Michael Kohart, Zachary McCorkle, Abbigaile McMichael, Elizabeth Mobley, Caitlyn Myers, Sunshine-Rae Newsome, Daviah Pessefall, Kaylee Plummer, Cassidy Posey, Devon Smith, Gabriella Stahl, Jordan Weidenhamer, Brianne Wilson

**GRADE 7:**  
*All A's* - Allison Arend, Brittany Brown, Christine Clapsaddle, Hannah Farr, Paige Fitzwater, Preston Johanns, Andrea Kremer, Skyler McCullough, Molly Meeker, Estee Miller, Chantal Monnier, Dayton Pracht, Logan Shaner, Ashley Snipes, Cameron Strahley, Chella Vargas, Faith Vogel  
*All A's & B's* - Leona Aldred, Autumn Brown, Angelica Chandler, Michael Dangler, Daleigh Davis, William Deisler, Robert Deitrick, Cameron Doster, Devin Gee, Griffin Harder, Lauren Hill, Aaron Horstman, Preston Ingol, Matthew Karia, Sanora Keck, Emily Knodel, Aubrey Kremer, Kaytlin Ladd, Cheyenne Lucas, Michael McMichael, Wyatt Miller, Ava Moats-Landis, Ryan Nicelley, Tyler Nichols, Laramie Rhodes, Morrisa Rue, Jo Ellyn Salinas, Simeon Shepherd, Tyler Tracy, Tatem Stallard, Jacob Tracy, Brooke Weidenhamer, Tyler White, Beth Yates

**GRADE 8:**  
*All A's* - Lucas Arend, Kelsey Beck, Victoria Bradford, Allison Harpel, Taylor Manz, Matthew Martinez, Branson Minck, Emily Moore, Megan Reineck, Emilee Ringler, Taylor Schooley, Jordan Shull, Tzu-Mei Tenwalde, Jaycie Varner, Cullen Wenzlick, Drayson Wenzlick  
*All A's & B's* - Jasmine Bartosh-Knowles, Zachary Buchman, Kasandra Cogswell, Damon Egnor, Kynsie Etzler, Megan Fife, Nathan Gee, Mayah Goings-Nance, Jowaine Grimes, Adison Hawn, Lauren Johanns, Victoria Johanns, Kacie Karlstadt, Kimberly Matson, Victoria Meadows, Samantha Meggins, Krista Mullins, Haley Porter, Johnathon Rose, Jarrett Sitton, Nicholas Warnimont, Ruth Weible, Katlyn Wesley

**CLASSIFIED ADS**  
**Sell it in the Classifieds!**  
Classified ads are \$7.50 for 20 words or less and \$.15 for each additional word.  
**Bold is \$1.00 additional.**  
Fax: (419) 258-1313 • Email: info@westbendnews.net  
P.O. Box 1008, Antwerp, OH 45813  
Deadline for classified ads is Mondays at 12 Noon.  
**Classifieds MUST be paid up front!!**

**UNCLE FUDD'S Presents Charity Moore & the Big Ugly Boys, Saturday, Jan. 21 from 6:00-8:00pm. Friday, Jan. 27 - Brian Holbrooks & the Poor Bottom Grass from 6:00-8:00pm. Reservations preferred. Uncle Fudd's - Open Sun, Mon, Wed 6:30am-1:30pm; Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat 6:30am-7:30pm. St. Rt. 613, Melrose, OH, 419-594-3319.**

LSW:Part-time medical social worker for Defiance & Paulding counties. Home health/hospice experience. Competitive salary, mileage. Submit resume by Jan. 27 to: Brent Tow, Community Health Professionals, 1159 Westwood Dr., Van Wert, OH 45891, 419-238-9223, ComHealthPro.org

**MISSING: Black Tuxedo Cat - Female. Missing from 202 Mervin St., Rebekah Smith, 419-258-3055.**

**BEEF FOR SALE:** Quarter, half or whole. 260-740-9632.

**FOR SALE: Oak hutch, old oak table extends to approx. 9 feet; treadmill. Call 258-9340 for price & info.**

**FOR SALE:** Peavey Hollowbody Electric guitar, Sunburst (SN:OQBA1100162). Excellent condition. Purchased new in February 2011 from Sweetwater. Played approx. 2 hours. All original packaging. 419-830-4644.

**AL GRIFFITHS CONSTRUCTION - Windows, light electrical, dry wall, siding, doors & more. Call Al for your repair or construction needs. 419-439-5429.**

**WOODBURN RENTAL:** Spacious 2 bdrms w/walk in closets, laundry room w/w&d, a/c, lawn maintained, no pets. \$525mo/\$525 dep. + utilities. Call for appt. 260-632-5123.

**WHISPERING PINES: 2 bedroom apartments for rent in Paulding. Please call 419-439-5429.**

**HOME FOR SALE IN ANTWERP:** Condo style, 2 bedrooms, 1 car attached garage, 8 years old, very low maintenance. 419-506-1220.

**PAUL EICHER BUILDERS: Pole barns, garages, re-roof & re-side old barns. 260-632-5983.**

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

**HAPPY NEW YEAR** in a beautiful new home at Defiance Crossing. First Month's Rent is only \$99.00. New 3 and 4 bedroom homes available starting at \$629.00. Income Qualifications apply. Give us a call at 419-782-0997 or visit us at www.defiancecrossinghomes.com. Defiance Crossing is an Equal Opportunity Housing Provider.

**3 BEDROOM HOUSE: Large lot with shed, \$400 deposit, \$400 month. 419-258-5735.** WEST BEND PRINTING & Publishing can take care of all your printing needs! Invitations, laminating services, business cards—you name it, we probably do it! Call us today at 419-258-2000.

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

**DEADLINE FOR THE CLASSIFIEDS IN THE WEST BEND NEWS" IS MONDAYS AT 12 NOON!**

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.  
[www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)

**SOYBEAN GROWERS WANTED**  
For Contracted Soybean Seed Production  
With Premiums  
Contact Darren Yerks at Yerks Seed Inc. 260-657-5127

**Cedar Creek Realty**  
Serving all of NE Indiana  
**FOR SALE** **SOLD**  
**Mobile 260.402.2725 Office 260.627.7420**  
**LAURA BRUNE**  
**OPEN HOUSE Saturday, Jan 21<sup>st</sup> 1-3pm**  
**OPEN HOUSE**  
Spacious farmhouse filled with all of today's modern decor. Custom cherry cabinets and hardwood floors flow thru spacious kitchen; Remodel/add-on included new vinyl siding, all new roof with 30 yr. shingles, new septic and 2-story garage with over 950 sq ft. Includes 3-car extra-tall garage bays and a separate workshop room. Bonus room above garage. Don't miss out! Come see this Sat!  
**8636 Brush College Rd., Woodburn \$169,900**

**GRAPHING AT WT PAYNE ELEMENTARY**



The 5<sup>th</sup> grade students in Mrs. Stouffer's math class at Wayne Trace Payne Elementary worked on graphing. The students had to survey all students in Preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> grade, record their data on frequency tables, create double bar graphs to represent

their data, then they had to present their results to their classmates. In the picture (l-r) Evan Proxmire, Josiah Linder, Madison Coyne, and Kaylee Shepherd are presenting the data they found about everyone's favorite pets.

**ANN'S PRESCHOOLERS GO WILD!**



Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschoolers were recently visited by Mr. Mark Holtsberry, education specialist from the Paulding Soil and Water Conservation District. Mr. Holtsberry shared a lot of stories with us, along with animal hides, animal prints and pictures. Shown here with some of the items

he brought along are from left: Ella Moore with an ear of corn that the animals love to eat, Jackson Clark with a red fox hide, Mr. Holtsberry with a wild turkey tail, Brennan Egnor with animal footprints and Devyn Egnor with a set of deer antlers! We sure learned a lot, and had a lot of fun doing it!

**LADY LIONS TAKE ACAC SEMI-FINALS FROM WARRIORS**

By: Jeff Abbott  
It was déjà vu for Woodlan against Leo in the girls' ACAC basketball tournament semi-final at the Memorial Coliseum. Leo used an 11-0 run on the Warriors in the opening stanza, just like they did 5 days before at Woodlan, to take a lead they never relinquished and the Lady Lions went on to get a 69-43 win and advance to the championship game on Saturday. Keanna gary had 12, and Hannah Field and Tenessa Pontius each added 11 points. The Lady Lions led 14-4 at the end of the first period with Woodlan first points coming on a Burgundy Price field goal with 1:10 to go in the opening stanza. Leo extended the lead to 34-20 at the half.  
Score by the quarter:  
Leo - 14 20 14 21=69  
Woodlan - 4 16 10 13=43  
Scorers of the game:  
Leo - Seiss - 17, Gary 12, Pontius 11, Field 11, Lindsey 5, Adams 3, Carman 2, Stoller 2, Bowers 2, Woodward 2, Pannabecker 2  
Woodlan - Hostetler 9, Price 9, Knoblauch 9, Malfait 8, Ehle 5, Gerbers 3

**STRALEY**  
REAL ESTATE  
100 East Jackson St., Paulding, Ohio 45879  
**419-399-4444**  
[www.straleyrealestateinc.com](http://www.straleyrealestateinc.com)

**NEW LISTING:**  
Three lots totaling 1.6 acres, along the Auglaize river in the Ft. Brown/Melrose area. Sell together or separate. River accessible. #337.



**Paulding Income Producer:** Up & Down Duplex Rental located near the square. Rent out both or live in one and rent the other for extra income. Please call us for further information. Listed at \$24,900. #333



**Payne:** Bank owned located in a nice neighborhood near the school, needs some TLC. #321

**Crane Township -** Northeast Paulding County, 9.9 acres of woods with pond and access lane.

**Ayersville Area -** Building site with water & sewer - .92 acre in size. Located on the Defiance-Ayersville-Pleasant Bend Road. #336

**Please Call Matt Straley at 419-785-5161 for more information**

**WEST BEND PRINTING & PUBLISHING INC.**  
Publishers of the West Bend News free circulation newspaper  
P.O. Box 1008 101 North Main Street Antwerp, Ohio 45813  
Ph. (419) 258-2000 Fx. (419) 258-1313 info@westbendnews.net

Want to Advertise, but don't know where to start  
**?**  
Call  
**The WEST BEND NEWS**



**IT'S BETTER TO GIVE THAN RECEIVE**



This year the Wayne Trace Payne Elementary 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes decided to donate items to the Paulding County Animal Shelter instead of

doing a gift exchange at the holidays. The students of Mrs. Stouffer's and Mrs. Saylor's classes brought in various items to help the animals in

the shelter. Georgia Dyson came to Payne Elementary to accept their gift.

**"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": IMAGINE A NON-TRADITIONAL CAREER!**



Emergency Medical Technician Bob Baker answers questions in the back of an ambulance from 2009 "Step Into Your Future" participants.

Challenge yourself... Change their minds... It's about who you are and what you can become! Sometimes people choose a career because it fits the traditional image of boys growing up to be fire fighters or engineers, while girls become teachers or nurses. But that no longer is the case. There are no limits when it comes to choosing a career.

Careers which have traditionally been dominated by females - healthcare, education and social work - are fast becoming occupational choices for many males. Healthcare is one of the most in-demand career areas in the nation. Males are finding career opportunities in the healthcare field, including

nursing, practical nursing, medical assisting, medical billing and coding, paramedic, emergency medical technician, phlebotomy and so many more.

Do you know any 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade guys interested in a career in the medical or health field? Think they would like to see how an EMT works in the back of an ambulance or learn what a lab technician does? Maybe they've even talked about becoming a surgical tech, nurse or occupational therapist...

If so, they need to check out "Step Into Your Health Technology Future" at Vantage Career Center on Saturday morning, January 28th from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon! This is an awesome oppor-

tunity for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade guys to learn about exciting careers in health technology. The event is FREE! A light breakfast, lunch and a T-shirt are provided.

To register, just go to [www.vantagecareercenter.com](http://www.vantagecareercenter.com) and click on the link for the "Step Into Your Health Technology Future" form. Or send an email to [klinger.a@vantagecareercenter.com](mailto:klinger.a@vantagecareercenter.com). You can even call 1-800-686-3944 ext. 138. But hurry - space is limited to the first 40 students who register! The registration deadline is January 23, 2012. Don't miss out on a chance to check out your future now!

Are you wondering how the renovation and expansion project is coming along at Vantage? Come and see for yourself on Monday, February 6, 2012 during the annual Open House and Dinner from 5:00-7:30 p.m. Get an update on the construction project, meet the teachers, see the newly renovated labs and take a tour of the completed areas!! College representatives from UNOH, Wright State, Owens, Rhodes and Northwest State will be available to answer your questions, and Vantage Adult Education staff will be available to tell you about upcoming classes and online education too. A pulled pork sandwich dinner will be available to purchase (proceeds to Citizens for Vantage) from 4:30-7:00 p.m. Drive-thru and carry-out available!! Don't miss it!

**ANTWERP BALL ASSOCIATION PLANS MEETING**

The Antwerp Ball Association has scheduled its next meeting for Sunday, January 22, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at the Antwerp School.

**WESTERN BUCKEYE ESC RECOGNIZES BOARD MEMBERS & THEIR "COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE"**

The Western Buckeye ESC Governing Board held their regular monthly Board meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at the Thomas Edison Preschool Building in Van Wert. Board President Mr. Jerry Zielke welcomed Board members and school personnel to the meeting. During the Organizational Meeting, Billy Poe II, Jerry Zielke, and P. James Grubaugh were sworn in to begin serving another term on the Western Buckeye ESC Board. Billy Poe II will serve as President and Nick Miller will serve as Vice President. P. James Grubaugh was sworn in as he begins his 42<sup>nd</sup> year on the Board. He was first sworn in on January 8, 1970.

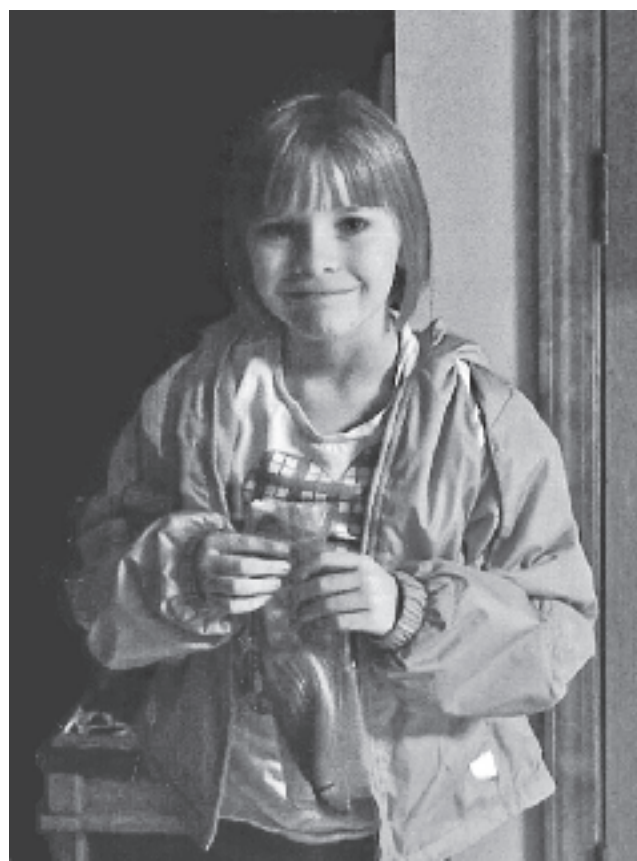
"Mr. Grubaugh brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the WBESC Board. He is passionate about Van Wert and Paulding County. Mr. Grubaugh loves this area and wants to see education succeed at all levels. We are fortunate to have him involved in our agency. He may be in his 42<sup>nd</sup> year, but he is probably as feisty and spunky as he was in 1970. I didn't know Jim in 1970 because I was only 8 years old. However, I enjoy his company and his passion for education in 2012. His 42 years on the Board is an incredible accomplishment. That should tell you a little something about the man."

January is "School Board Recognition Month" and a chance for all of us to say thanks to our board members for the important work they do for our partner schools. We appreciate our Board at Western Buckeye Educational Service Center because they work within the team concept. The role of a school board is to set policy and support it. There are some boards who do not understand their role. However, the Western Buckeye ESC Board works within the framework of a team. They work with the community, staff, and administration to make Western Buckeye ESC a productive and effective educational agency.

It takes teamwork and collaboration from all parties to ensure an educational agency's success. We appreciate the commitment of Board members Jerry Zielke, Ron Treece, William Poe II, Nick Miller, and P. James Grubaugh to Western Buckeye ESC and their "Commitment to Excellence."

Superintendent Brian Gerber also recognized Mrs. Sandra LeMieux, Intervention Specialist at Wayne Trace Grover Hill Elementary for her 17 years of dedication to the students at WTGH. Mr. Gerber stated, "Sandra LeMieux cared and loved her students during her tenure at Grover Hill. She was a team player and did what was necessary to help the students. We will miss Sandra and her pleasant personality and wish her the best as she retires at the end of this school year."

**LOCAL YOUNG LADY GIVES TO GOOD CAUSE**



Antwerp 2<sup>nd</sup> grader, Alexandra Elisabeth Lehman recently donated nine and a half inches of her own hair to Pantene's Beautiful Lengths organization. This was her

first experience with donating her own hair, and she was given her new hair style by Keystone Salon in Antwerp. Alexandra's parents are Dan and Laurel Lehman.

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

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

Consent Items - WBESC  
A. Motion to accept the retirement resignation of Sandra LeMieux as an Intervention Specialist, effective at the end of the 2011-2012 school year.

B. Motion to renew membership with Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) for 2012, at a cost of \$2,619.00 and subscribe to the Electronic Copy of OSBA Briefcase at no charge.

C. Motion to renew mem-

bership with OSBA Legal Assistance Fund for 2012 at a cost of \$250.00.

D. Motion to donate the Western Buckeye ESC Paulding County Retired Teachers plaques to the Paulding County Retired Teachers Association.

Consent Items - NOAC-SC:  
There are no NOACSC Consent Items this month.

The Board meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. with no additional Board action. The next regular Governing Board meeting of the Western Buckeye Educational Service Center will be on February 8, 2012 starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Paulding ESC office.

**Be sure to tell the businesses you patronize, that you saw their ad in the West Bend News.**

**Sam Murphy** Full-Time Agent  
419-487-0355  
**Century 21**



**STRAIT REALTY INC.**  
(419) 542-6180  
119 E. High St, Hicksville  
[www.century21.com](http://www.century21.com)

**NEW LISTINGS!!!**




4BD, 3.5 BA, 2986 SF in Payne ..... \$238,000



18283 Rd 63, Antwerp ..... \$127,500




502 W. Merrin St, Payne..... \$74,900  
4.69 Acres-1 Mi W of Cecil on Rd 424 ..... \$30,000

**MORE LISTINGS!!!**




Price Reduced  
12724 Dennis St., Paulding. \$59,900  
16918 Road 63, Antwerp ..... \$49,900

**58 taps & 28 bourbons**



**HOME OF: BREW HAVEN CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL**

**Northeast Indiana's BEST Craft Beer Bar**  
familiar favorites incredible imports  
regional rarities brand new brews

downtown New Haven open every day  
**FULL MENU & FULL BAR**  
non-smoking family room 260.493.2265  
menu, tap list & more at:  
**TrionTavern.com**