

## PAYNE'S DOWNTOWN ABOUT TO UNDERGO MORE CHANGE



In December, 2008, the Antwerp Exchange Bank expanded into Payne opening its Payne Banking Center branch at 119 N. Main Street in a building owned by the Chamber of Commerce that the Chamber had purchased just one year prior. This was the bank's first branch location and the bank was committed to taking up more permanent residence, with drive thru lanes, etc. in the future.

On March 31, 2011, First Financial Bank closed its Payne Branch which occupied its company-owned building (built with green bricks), the only bank building that most present day residents know. As a consequence, the Antwerp Exchange Bank made inquiry into purchasing that building but learned that First

Financial Bank was not interested in selling it (their building) to a competing financial institution and instead, had sold its building to the Williamson Crop Insurance Agency of Paulding. It's a tremendous new addition to Payne's downtown.

During the summer of 2011, realizing that the Antwerp Exchange Bank would not be purchasing the former bank building (green brick) and that they, (Antwerp Exchange Bank) might be preparing to break ground for the new Payne Banking Center on vacant ground at the north edge of town, (purchased some months prior for this purpose) the Payne Chamber of Commerce initiated efforts to try and keep the Antwerp Exchange's Bank Payne Banking Center downtown

(rather than at the north edge of town) and offered its willingness (and financial resources) to try and find an area in the downtown where the Antwerp Exchange Bank could be encouraged to build its new, stand alone Payne Banking Center branch building.

After discussing the idea with Payne's Village Officials and the Antwerp Bank Board, the three groups agreed to work together cooperatively to try and procure a section of Payne's older buildings downtown that had fallen into a state of disrepair as a possible future Payne Banking Center site. One positive thing led to another and by late December 2011, the Payne Chamber of Commerce, Inc. had purchased the northeast corner of the 100 block of Payne's North Main Street downtown.

Concurrently with the above sale, to help with the purchase, demolition, and land fill costs, the Chamber of Commerce sold its 119 N.

Main St. building (where the Antwerp Exchange Bank presently has its Payne Banking Center) to the Village freeing up some much needed monies used to pay project costs that will run well into six figures. Once the bank's new building is completed, the Village will relocate its offices to 119 N. Main St. and the Chamber, which received the Village's current building as trade in the sale, will either lease or sell it.

It's important to note, that as part of the sale agreement, former building owners Hacker and Sheila Combs of Paulding will maintain full and complete possession of the buildings until March 1<sup>st</sup> and may remove anything and everything from the property that they desire. On March 1<sup>st</sup>, the Chamber takes possession of the buildings, and shortly thereafter, the buildings are scheduled to be torn down and the vacant lot then sold to the Antwerp Exchange Bank... paving the way for construction in the future of its new Payne Banking Center complete with drive-thru lanes, ATM and off-street parking.

Citizens, organizations and companies desirous of helping with the demolition and other project expenses are encouraged to mail donations to the Payne Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 411, Payne, 45880.

The Payne Chamber feels very fortunate to not only have the Antwerp Exchange Bank serve the financial needs of the Payne community but partner with it in this downtown revitalization project.

## THE BLESSINGS OF SMALL TOWN

Amazed is what first came to my mind on Sunday afternoon. As many of us know Paulding Village experienced a catastrophe with the fire of the prior Barnes Hotel. What many people did not see was the amazement of the citizens of Paulding and Van Wert counties. I was fortunate to experience that first hand.

I would like to personally say Thank You to our first responders, our Firemen and the community for pulling together, Sunday, January 15, 2012. As I watched a group of firemen, approximately 12, walk down the street together, all I could think about is how thankful I am to live in a small town, and the way everyone works together at a time of need.

My heart is full of pride and utter amazement as I list the group of people I watched/helped that day with donations of food, drink, buildings and care for the Firemen and EMT's all who worked endlessly, and who are all volunteers, as well as the Policemen and Sheriff's department!

Thank You to:  
The Firefighters of Paulding,

Cecil, Auglaize, Oakwood, Sherwood, Defiance City, Van Wert City and the Delaware Township, Oakwood EMS, Paulding Police Department, Paulding County Sheriff's Office, Ohio State Highway Patrol and American Red Cross, Area EMT's, the wives of the firefighters, and EMT's of Paulding County - who within minutes of the first call, were at the grocery store purchasing food to start cooking chili for the firemen. Within an hour there were two large roasters of chili cooking.

To, whom we will call "The Lady" at the Chief grocery store, who aided in the purchase of meat for the chili. My apologies for not having a name, but you know who you are!

The Eagles - they contacted the EMT's, and opened their doors as a central location for all of the firemen to come in, get warm and get something to eat; supplied tables and chairs, coffee and anything else imaginable!

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**OBITUARIES**

**Terry A. Morgan**, 46, of Hicksville died Tuesday, January 17, 2011 at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville.

He was born on March 26, 1965 in Cleveland, TN, the son of Willard and Sandy (Carroll) Morgan. He was a 1983 graduate of Southside High School in Fort Wayne, IN. In 1994, Terry was united in marriage to Paula Husted. He was employed by Uniroyal Goodrich in Woodburn, Indiana. Terry loved to play guitar, sing, read, and was a woodworker.

Terry will be missed by his wife, Paula; daughter, Jessica; step-son, Dillon Husted, all of Hicksville; parents: James and Sandy Bly; brother, Andrew (Vanessa) Morgan, all of Fort Wayne, IN; brother, Randal (Tammy) Morgan of Alabama; and a sister, Brenda Bly (Brett Van) of Fort Wayne, IN.

He was preceded in death by his father; grandparents; and a brother, Austin Morgan.

Services for Terry were January 21, 2012 at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, with Pastor Jack Teeple officiating.

Online condolences may be shared at [www.smith-brownfuneralhome.com](http://www.smith-brownfuneralhome.com).

**Rose Marie Maples**, 75, of Haviland died Wednesday, January 18, 2012 at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana, Fort Wayne, IN.

She was born April 14, 1936 in Haviland, OH, the daughter of Elmer M. and Thelma Marie (Rodman) Baker. In 1957 she married

Eugene Elmer Maples, who preceded her in death on November 3, 1988. She was a member of the former Haviland Baptist Church.

She is survived by four sons: Ivan Maples of Antwerp, James Maples of Haviland, Kenny (Lisa) Maples of Celina, OH, and Virgil (Carma) Maples of Indianapolis, IN; a daughter, Angela (Kenneth) Calvelage of New Haven, IN; two brothers: Glenn (Joyce) Baker of Haviland, and Elmer (Cheryl) Baker of Payne; four sisters: Erma Pratt of Haviland, Toni (George) Searfoss, and Carolyn (Jerry) Goins, both of Haviland, and Joann (Roger) Barker of Defiance; twelve grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; a brother, John Baker; and a sister, Nellie Hartman.

Funeral services were conducted January 23, 2012 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Burial was in Blue Creek Cemetery, Haviland.

Donations may be made to Feed the Children; Habitat for Humanity; American Cancer Society; or World Wildlife Fund. Online condolences may be sent to [www.denherderfh.com](http://www.denherderfh.com)

**David A. Goodwin**, former Payne resident, 75, died Friday, January 20 at the Doctor's Hospital West in Columbus, OH.

He was born in North Fairfield, OH on October 2, 1936 the son of Carl R. and Gladys (Foulke) Goodwin. On January 3, 1960 he married Caroline Gray, who survives. He was employed as an automotive office manager by Wal Mart in

Lewis Center, OH. He was a US Army Veteran; and a member of Payne Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife, Caroline Goodwin of Hill-



iard, OH; two sons: Michael (Dawn) Goodwin of Paulding, and Samuel Goodwin of Payne; a daughter, Sharon (Carl Reynolds) Thatcher of Hilliard, OH; a brother, Carl (Nancy) Goodwin of Colorado Springs, CO; two sisters: Penny (Dave) Kurtz, Willoughby, OH, and Sue (Paul) Nixon, Chesterland, OH; and four grandchildren: Alexander, Katrina, Phylcia, and Abigale.

He is preceded in death by his parents; and a granddaughter, Ashley Marie Goodwin.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at Den Herder Funeral Home. Rev. Ben Lowell will officiate. Burial will be in St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding with military graveside services by VFW Post #587. Visitation will be one hour prior to services on Wednesday.

Donations may be made to American Heart Association; Alzheimer's Association; or a charity of the donor's choice. Online condolences may be sent to [www.denherderfh.com](http://www.denherderfh.com)

**Loretta Tempel DiNo-  
fia**, of Antwerp, formerly of Philadelphia and Wildwood, NJ, passed away January 21, 2012 at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville.

Loretta was born in Paulding on December 7, 1915, a daughter of the late Olive A. (Schmidt) and Albert J. Tempel. She was an accomplished opera singer in Philadelphia, who moved to Wildwood, NJ after retiring. There she was a member of the Moose Lodge. Loretta recently moved to Antwerp to be with her family, where she was a devout member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish.

Loretta will be sadly missed by her nieces and nephews: Beverly Rex, Dorinda Jarrell, DoRetta Cline, Marlene Tempel, William Carper and Kevin, John and Gary Tempel.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Joseph; step-son, Joey; siblings:

**SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK**

"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops, then your barns will be filled to overflowing..." —Proverbs 3:9-10

Linus, Vitalis and Valerie Tempel; and nephew, David Tempel.

Viewing was at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp on January 24, 2012, 5:00-7:30 p.m. with a Catholic vigil service at 7:30 p.m. Viewing is also Wednesday, January 25, 2012 from 9:00-9:30 a.m., at the funeral home. Her Mass of Christian Burial is at Divine Mercy Catholic Church, Antwerp, Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. She will be laid to rest at Saints Peter & Paul Cemetery, Springfield, PA.

Memorials are to Mooseheart Child City & School, Mooseheart, Illinois 60539 or Divine Mercy, 417 N. Main, Paulding, Ohio 45879. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at [www.dooleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.dooleyfuneralhome.com)

**Barbara E. Mason**, 79, of Woodburn, passed away Sunday, January 22, 2012 at her residence.

Barbara was born in Woodburn on June 12, 1932, a daughter of the late Marie and Victor Malfait. She retired from Sheller Globe, Grabill. On April 23, 1955 she married Carl Mason, who passed away November 10, 2007.

Barbara will be sadly missed by her son, Mike (Julie) of Woodburn; granddaughter, Nicole (Ryan) Jewell; and great-grandchildren Xander and Jaxson Jewell all of Fort Wayne.

She is also preceded in death by her siblings: Joseph and Albert Malfait, Estella Taylor, Ida Dewey, Mary Minnich, Evonna DeFore and Margaret Brindle.

Viewing is Wednesday, January 25, 2012, from 2:00-8:00 p.m. at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp. Her funeral service is at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp at 11:00 a.m., with viewing one hour prior, on Thursday, January 26, 2012 with Rev. David Atchley officiating.

Memorials are to Woodburn Fire & EMS. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at [www.dooleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.dooleyfuneralhome.com)

**IS YOUR LIFE ONE THAT HAS BEEN PRODUCTIVE?**

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

The Scriptures teach us that as iron sharpens iron so one man sharpens another. In other words, having someone who can speak truth into your life, even when it hurts, is a good thing. For example:

In *Paths to Power*, A.W. Tozer writes, "There are two kinds of ground: fallow ground and ground that has been broken up by the plow."

"The fallow field is smug, contented, protected from the shock of the plow and the agitation of the harrow. Such a field, as it lies year after year, becomes a familiar landmark to the crow and the blue jay... Safe and undisturbed, it sprawls lazily in the sunshine, the picture of sleepy contentment... fruit it can never know be-

cause it is afraid of the plow and the harrow.

"Directly opposite to this, the cultivated field has yielded itself to the adventure of living. The protecting fence has opened to admit the plow, and the plow has come as plows always come, practical, cruel, business-like and in a hurry. Peace has been shattered by the shouting farmer and the rattle of machinery. The field... has been upset, turned over, bruised and broken; but its rewards come after its labors. The seed shoots up into the daylight, its miracle of life, curious, exploring the new world above it. Nature's wonders follow the plow. There are two kinds of lives also—the fallow and the plowed."

As you think about your life, who is speaking into your life? As you evaluate your life, have you been, are you being and will you be productive? We're just a few weeks into the New Year and there's time to change; there's time to resolve to make 2012 a year of growth in our lives.

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

**THANK YOU**

A special thank you to all our friends and family for all the cards and well wishes on our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Also a special thanks to those who joined us at Rooster's for the celebration.

—Lee & Mary Kallsen

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**

Krayston Samuel John Eicher was born November 16, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at Dupont Hospital in Fort Wayne, IN.

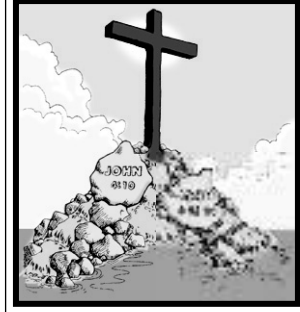
Krayston weighed 8 pounds and 6 ounces, and was 22¼ inches long.

Krayston was welcomed home by his parents Kara and Mathew Eicher of Antwerp.

Krayston's grandparents are Benny and Deb Wyck-off of Antwerp and Samuel and Laura Eicher of Hicksville. Joel and Nancy Graber of Hicksville are Krayston's great-grandparents.

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 1/12 - Eloise Hopkins, Antwerp  
 1/12 - Mable Osborn, Antwerp  
 1/14 - Norman Tritsch, Cecil  
*Dismissals:*  
 1/9 - Charles Parrett, Oakwood  
 1/14 - Eloise Hopkins, Antwerp  
 1/14 - Benjamin Blankenship, Paulding

**DOING THE RIGHT THING AT THE RIGHT TIME**

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

One of the hardest aspects of decision-making isn't knowing the right thing to do—it's doing the right thing at the right time. Timing is critical no matter who you are.

In business, timing is essential to the movement of orders and the meeting with clients. In parenting, choosing the right time to speak to your child regarding an issue or dealing with them about a concern. In farming, planting at the right time, spraying at the right time, and harvesting at the right time is one of the keys to success.

The tendency that all of us have is to either jump in and do something too soon, or sit back and wait and do something too late. Either way, there are inherent risks.

This principle was illustrated in a cute story I discovered:

It seemed that a man who was 82 and a widower for 20 years began to court a widow who was in her late 70's. They had been friends for years and wonderful companions together.

Yes, they were in love and had been for quite a long while. It just seemed that the old gentleman just couldn't bring himself to the place to ask her to be married. Finally, after years of hesitation, he brought himself to the place that he was going to pop the question.

To get the procedure right he decided to read a book by Emily Post (*Miss Manners*).

Mustering up all the courage he could, he finally got down on his knees one night and said, "Dearest Lillian, I have two questions I want to ask you."

She replied, "Go ahead."  
 He asked her, "Will you marry me?"  
 "Oh, yes," she replied.

A long time passed and neither one said anything. Finally the woman asked, "And what is your second question, Howard?"

He said, "Will you now help me up?"

Indeed, there are risks if you wait too long, even when you've made the right decision. My encouragement to all of us is to walk in step with the Lord so much that He will sovereignly help us with issues of timing.

We're certainly not omniscient; He is. And as we pray, trust Him, and seek His will and His way, we can step out in faith and be assured that He will take care of the issues of timing.

Even when we're in our eightsies.

**BIBLE QUESTIONS**

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

*All scriptures can be found in the New King James version of the bible.*

1. Acts 23:14 - Those who formed the conspiracy, made a vow to do what?
2. Acts 23:16 - Who told Paul about the ambush?
3. Acts 23:17 - What did Paul say to the centurion?
4. Acts 23:22 - What did the commander say to Paul's sister's son?
5. Acts 23:23 - How many spearmen were to go with the commander?
6. Acts 23:23 - What time of night were they to leave?
7. Acts 23:24 - Who was the commander taking Paul to?
8. Acts 23:29 - In this verse what was Paul accused of?
9. Acts 23:30 - What did the commander tell Paul's accusers to do?
10. Acts 23:31 - Where did the soldiers take Paul to?

Comments or questions call Lonnie Lambert 419-399-5022 or James Potter at 419-393-4775. Loved ones, please continue to pray and study your Bible. Let God speak to you through the written word, the Bible. Answers to

the questions are next.

1. Do you revile God's high priest.
2. You shall not speak evil of the ruler of your people.
3. Sadducees; Pharisees
4. A dissension
5. The resurrection, angels or spirits
6. We find no evil in this man
7. That Paul might be pulled to pieces
8. Be of good cheer
9. Would neither eat or drink until they had killed Paul
10. More than forty

**REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS FOR HONORARY SURVIVOR FOR RELAY 2012**

The Relay For Life Committee would like to have your nominations for Honorary Survivor for 2012. Please send a name, contact number, and perhaps type of cancer by February 1<sup>st</sup> to Anna Lee Adams at anniee@tds.net or call her at 419-594-2421.

**RECIPES FROM A GREAT-GRANDMA**

**By: Sue Knapp**

Okay, it's officially feels like winter now. We didn't get the snow, but the cold is enough to make up for it. It's time for hot comfort food. But for those of us who are still 'on our diets' we have to be careful of what we take in.

Chicken noodle soup is a great dish for winter. Make it yourself with whole wheat noodles. That will help the diabetics, but remember you don't have to eat the whole pot. A cup is good enough!

I like the homemade kind because it doesn't have the sodium in it like the canned. You can put the leftovers in the freezer in portion-sized helpings. I think I will make a batch this weekend.

Another thing to go with it is a grilled cheese sandwich. Now you're talking comfort. Use whole wheat bread and low fat cheese. I'm one for butter (never margarine), you can also use olive oil instead of butter. If you're real concerned about calories and fat, eat a half of a sandwich. You can also have a salad with your soup and sandwich. Now you have everything you need in a meal.

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Hometown Pizza, Van Wert Pizza Hut, Van Wert Wendy's, Van Wert McDonalds

Karen Schlatter - home baked cookies

Susan Farr - fresh baked bread

Brad and Amy Simon, Jessica Bauer, Cheryl and Dean Germann, Rich Perl Family, Marsha Bennett, Jessica Muddel, Diana Farquhar

If I left any name out, my apologies! But Thank You for your kindness.

Also, I would like to thank the firefighter's wives for allowing me the opportunity to work with them in cooking and feeding the firefighters. They are all truly "A Band Of Brothers!" God's blessing to all of you!

—Lou Ann Wannemacher

**ANTWERP 24/49 COMMITTEE MEETS**

In a meeting held at the Essen House, the Antwerp 24/49 Committee met to work on the progress to develop Antwerp and the 24/49 Interchange. Those attending were: Randy Derck, CIC Pres.; Mike Renno, Chamber Pres.; John Kobee, Antwerp Bank; Ray Delong, former mayor; Kirk Hopkins, ACDC; Doug Bragg, businessman; Sara Keeran, Antwerp Administrator; Mark Hartman, Antwerp School Supt.; Tony Langham, PCED Director and Larry Dillin, consultant.

Mr. Dillin advised that four sub-committees be formed to pursue specific purposes. Persons attending the meeting volunteered to be Chairpersons. Persons who had signed a volunteer list were chosen by the group to serve on one of the committees.

**LAND DEVELOPMENT** — Randy Derck, Chair. Members are Sara Keeran, John Kobee, Ray Delong and Todd Van Vlerah. This committee will be in charge of layout of the interchange development, obtaining options and purchasing land, land use, new business development at the interchange, infrastructure and financing.

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES** — Doug Bragg, Chair. Members are Aimee Lichty, Tina Conley, Regan Clement, Gale Jordan, Kirk Hopkins, Anita Bok, Barry DeLong and Mike Rohrs. This committee will be in charge of creating and coordinating new community activities. This includes from creating new "destination-oriented"

**WAYNE TRACE BOE RECOGNIZES HOCKENBERRY**



The Wayne Trace Board of Education recently recognized outgoing member Mr. Les Hockenberry for his several years of service to the Wayne Trace Local School District. Mr. Hockenberry was appointed to the BOE in 2002. He was then elected to two four-year terms in 2003 and 2007, respectively. He chose not to seek re-election in 2011. Shown in the picture is BOE president Perry Sinn presenting a plaque to Mr. Hockenberry.


festivals to cleaning up the town to improve appeal. The committee recognizes those organizations that currently put on festivals and have already made improvements to Antwerp, as they are very important to the community.

**CONNECTING THE PIECES** — Ray DeLong, Chair, Jan and John Reeb, Keith and Kathy Nern, Drew Altimus, Alan and Wendi Dunlap. This committee will be in charge of identifying and implementing ideas to connect the downtown, Essen House property, development land, school, Riverside Park, and railroad depot. This is a tough, but crucially important task. The elements of this effort once again span several independent, but related tasks including: cleaning up the


downtown building and sidewalks, way finding signage, gateway monument at the US 24 interchange, sidewalks and street crossings to school, zoning and use restrictions on SR 49.


**MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION** — Mark Hartman, Chair; Aimee Lichty, Mike Renno, Dennis Recker. This committee will be in charge of coordinating the school, public organizations and business community together to work on the use of social media, website, printed word, and brochures to "show off" Antwerp.

These committees will be meeting and another public meeting will be held in March. If you are interested in volunteering, call 419-399-8282 or email pced@bright.net.




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**AGRONOMY DAY IN PAULDING COUNTY**

The Paulding and Van Wert County Extension offices are co-hosting an Agronomy Day Program on Friday January 27, 2012 in the Paulding County Extension Building. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and the program is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The program will provide local agency updates from the SWCD, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the Farm Service Agency. The remaining morning sessions will feature Pierce Paul, Extension Specialist Plant Pathology, discussing "Wheat Head Scab" and Andy Michel, Extension Specialist Entomology, reviewing "Insect Concerns for 2012." After lunch Harold Watters, Agronomy Field Specialist, will look at "The Basics and Stretch to Get Beyond Average Yields," Greg LaBarge, Agronomy Field Specialist, will look at "Phosphorous Fertilization and Water Quality Concerns," and the final presentation will be given by Bruce Clevenger, Extension Educator, on "Controlled Drainage and Its Impact on Water Quality."

Please call the Paulding County Extension Office at

419.399.8225 to pre-register for the program by Wednesday January 25<sup>th</sup>. The registration fee is payable at the door.

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

It's amazing how some people have the audacity to claim they know someone and exactly what they wanted in life. For beginners, you have to be a part of their life to know their wishes. You cannot trick someone into thinking you care about them when your only intentions were to take their property from them, claiming you were protecting them from Medicaid. So when it came time to put your loved one in a nursing home, Medicaid wouldn't take his possessions—which we have documents to prove your schemes. Olan Bidlack's funeral was exactly as he wished, except for some of his children who were not invited to attend, and not only that, but spent their time trying to find ways to stop the funeral, including putting a stop to the grave digging, requesting an autopsy. Really, you all should be ashamed of your actions. After calling adult protective services on us, claiming he was being mistreated, and making him think he was going to be taken from us—which we have documentation proving you wrong. The driving by the

house daily just to irritate him caused him to lose faith in all of you. He went downhill from then on. He was very upset with all of you. His words to social services were, "If I could get up and find them I would kick their butt." Which again we have documentation proving his words.

His passing was premature due to all of you. You can think whatever you like. All Olan wanted back was what he worked all his life for. Greed gets you nowhere in life. You all made the wrong choice when it came to your dad. You lost out on six years of his life. And for what, a little piece of land?! And even in his passing you're still causing problems for your siblings, trying to make us move our buildings, which have been on our property for the last 30 years. He had a contract with his renter, whom was watching over his property, but you are trying to have him evicted in the winter with two small children, but none of that matters as long as you get revenge. And to think we haven't even went to probate!

—Karen Bidlack

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

How many people who are tired of our government doing nothing for this country would like to let it know how they feel? Well, now you can and at its expense!

Recently I received a request for a donation of money for the 2012 campaign for President! These people even had the gall to tell me how much to give them and if I sent some huge amount I would receive a 'free' tote bag. Well, I returned this request with not a monetary donation but a letter telling them how I felt about them over three years of doing nothing! Nothing obscene or threatening but just reminding them of our 15.5 trillion (and growing) dollar debt, the 14.5 million Americans out of work, the costly useless 'war', their kissing up to all these foreign countries and filling our country with cheap junk parts and cars. Also of Americans losing homes, jobs and having no health insurance. Of our veterans not being taken care of after all they have done to protect and fight for America.

I told both parties that they only cared about their paychecks, they were all sleeping in the same bed and

I wouldn't trust them to clean out my cat's litter box.

If you get these requests for a donation you can do the same. Demand change and doing something for America. As with all the protests all over the country maybe they will start getting the idea that we, the common people, are sick and tired of being kept poor and they will do something about it. I won't hold my breath though! At least they will know how we feel! Stand up for America – Speak Out!

—Gregg Gorman

**HOME FIRE SAFETY PLANNING**

**By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Educator**

Studies have shown the number of deaths and injuries from fire have decreased greatly in recent years in part due to smoke detectors and other home fire prevention efforts. Yet, fire is the second leading cause of accidental death in the United States. Some simple safety measures can reduce your chance of death or injury.

How simple can safety measures be? They can be as simple as discussing a fire evacuation plan with family members and as basic as regularly changing a smoke detector battery. Fire produces poisonous gasses that make people disoriented and drowsy. Without the sound of a smoke alarm, it's possible to sleep through a fire. Fire also spreads quickly, engulfing whole rooms in seconds and a home in as little as five minutes. This leaves no time to safely grab valuables or make a phone call.

It is important to have a plan to safely exit your home in case of a fire because when disaster strikes, you will not have time to come up with one. The basis for a fire escape plan is simple: GET OUT! Seconds count. If you have a plan, you won't waste precious moments trying several unsuccessful escape routes.

The National Fire Protection Association has prepared an exit emergency plan called E.D.I.T.H. All family members should become acquainted with the "Exit Drills in the Home" to help you quickly plan your family's escape.

The basics for a good home escape plan are to plan at least two routes to the outside from every room in the house, especially bedrooms. Arrange a home fire alert signal to make sure everyone is awake.

Have everyone sleep with bedroom doors closed to hold back smoke, heat and flame. This provides occupants extra time to escape by alternate routes. If a window is the only alternate escape route, be sure it opens easily. Have an escape rope or ladder from upper floors.

Once outside have a designated gathering location well away from the house where all household members will meet. Be sure everyone understands that the house must not be reentered for any purpose. Notify the fire department but not from a phone inside your own burning house.

Each family member must know where to go and what to do in case of fire. Escape by walking down the hallway and out the front door may be impossible. By having plans for the worst possible conditions, your life and the lives of your family may be saved.

## Paulding County Hospital Specialty Clinic Spotlight

### Audiology

#### Dr. Kimberly Molitor, Au.D.



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### Outpatient Clinic Schedule

#### Monday

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Shane Gerber, Certified Nurse Practitioner  
Peter vanden Berg, M.D., General Surgeon/Wound-Care

#### Tuesday

Steven Haman, M. D., Orthopedics  
Craig Hanson, M.D., OB/Gynecology  
**\*Kim Molitor, Au.D. (Doctor of Audiology)**  
Peter vanden Berg, M.D., General Surgeon/Wound-Care  
Andrew O'Shaughnessy, M.D., Nephrology  
Richard G. Smith, M.D., Ear, Nose and Throat

#### Wednesday

Raj Gunda, M.D., Oncology/Hematology  
**\*Kim Molitor, Au.D. (Doctor of Audiology)**  
Peter vanden Berg, M.D., General Surgeon/Wound-Care  
Thomas F. Walsh, M.D., Urology  
Ft. Wayne Cardiology, Cardiology/Echocardiograms  
Sleep Clinic, James Gray, D.O.

#### Thursday

**\*Kim Molitor, Au.D. (Doctor of Audiology)**  
Samuel Neuschwanger, D.P.M., Podiatry  
Peter vanden Berg, M.D., General Surgeon/Wound-Care  
Ft. Wayne Neurological Center, Neurosurgery  
The Medical Group of Ft. Wayne,  
Cardiology/ Echocardiograms (*The Heart Center*)

#### Friday

Peter vanden Berg, M.D., General Surgery/Wound Care  
Ft. Wayne Cardiology, Cardiology/Echocardiograms

### Paulding County Hospital's Outpatient Department 419-399-1135

*You must be referred by your doctor for the cardiology clinic. In most other cases, referrals are not necessary.*





**BILLY METZGER'S JOURNAL CHAPTER 40: ON THE WAY TO COLUMBIA**

**By: Stan Jordan**

On the stage coach going east, I drove Chuckwallas' stage into Independence, Missouri at Independence Hotel. I walked down to the hotel here for a room and a couple meals. I have been here with the 3M Wagon Train a number of times.

Those folks were glad to see me, after they knew who I was with my Army uniform on. I told them about all that's happened, where the other boys are, where I'm going now and all about Sam being an Indian Agent. I had a good breakfast and then we talked awhile. The stage didn't leave until 10:00 a.m. so I had plenty of time to talk and still get the animals ready to go.

Well, I did all that. We got into Odessa in good time. It was just another day of traveling. I was up on top and one lady passenger inside.

After we left Odessa, I was just a passenger and rode inside for most of the morning. I rode up top with the driver for the rest of the day. The ground here is flat and a pretty smooth ride. There was a lot of traffic here, going both ways.

The next station was the Black Water Station. It was pretty modern and up to date. A good kitchen and pretty good beds. I guess this is still part of the Oregon Trail. This runs almost straight east out of Kansas City through Independence, Columbia and straight into St. Louis. It is a pretty good road with a lot of wagons going each way.

It will be about three more

days on the stage coach and we will be in Columbia.

I haven't written for awhile. We have been here in Columbia for a few days. This is August 29.

This is part of a letter to my mom in Oregon:

"I have walked around town quite a bit and out to the university, just getting a little acclimated. I have walked around the school and out around the barns and horse corrals. The place is pretty big and well taken care of. I have been a student here for a week now and I am getting used to the routine. We have breakfast at 7:00 a.m. but that is after we have had one hour of drilling and one and a half hour of exercise. Classes start at 8:30 and continue until 11:30. We have an hour break for lunch and study.

"Weather permitting, we use the first part of the afternoon for training with horses as this basically will be a cavalry outfit, although there is some infantry.

"Several boys take infantry, some cavalry, some supply, some intelligence, some take the basics for artillery but no big guns here. Myself and a few other boys are in the Veterinary School. There are some subjects that I don't care for, but I still enjoy working with the animals and that part of the school.

"Some of the professors are Army officers, few are civilian folks. But I get along good with all of them. We must study a lot, but we get time.

"Everyone here is aware of my good luck charm given to me by Limping Buffalo and White Elk, Chief of the Lakotas. Our commanding officer here is Martin Morgan, a Bird Colonel. He says if a soldier is given an award by a foreign country you can wear it on your uniform. Then he reasoned that my good luck charm was a reward from the Lakota nation, and therefore, I could wear it on my uniform.

"Mom, I will write when I can. It will take the Pony Express and the Wells Fargo stage line about a month to

get a letter to you. I guess it is about \$5.00 for an ounce and a quarter, but that is a bargain, as I have been all over that area. I will write when ever I can."

Well, friends and readers, that is the end of Billy Metzger's Journal. We wanted him to grow up and to become a Veterinarian. His three years with the 3M Wagon Train probably was very good experience in every way. The men on the wagon train had very high morals and that was needed for a boy from 15-18 years in age. I feel assured that Billy will graduate as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 1855 and he will be an Army officer.

In the next few issues of the WBN, we will bring you a character sketch of all the people that we encountered on the Oregon Trail and maybe a look into the future.

We want to you stay with us in the settling of the west in the era of the 1850's. Soon we will bring you the adventures of El Paso Sam as he marries Callie out there in North Platte and he becomes the Indian Agent for the Lakota nation, a new and very important step for all.

See ya!



**By: Stan Jordan**

She was so blonde that she thought a quarterback was a cash refund.

She was so blonde she tripped over the cordless phone.

She was so blonde she took a ruler to bed with her so she could see how long she slept.

Blondie sat and stared at the orange juice box for 25 minutes because it said concentrate.

She was so blonde she got stabbed in a shoot out.

She was so blonde she thought Taco Bell was a Mexican phone company.

She was so blonde she thought Meow Mix was a record for cats.

She was so blonde she thought Ertha Kitt was a garden tool.

See ya!

**SEARS DEMISE?**

**By: Stan Jordan**

A couple weeks ago on the evening news the topic was that Sears is closing a number of their stores. The sales are not making enough profit to keep them open. Their total sales are just not good enough.

The reporter was interviewing a Sears top official in Chicago about this situation and he couldn't understand why their sales are down.

Well, it is not that hard for me to understand why Sears sales are down. Sears has forgotten who made them as big as they are. In my lifetime, Mom bought all of our school clothes and shoes from Sears Catalog. The service was great and fast.

After WWII nearly all work a day people did business with Sears. Sears stood behind all that they sold. If you didn't like your purchase bring it back. Sears, for years, was the leading commercial market in the nation and they worked at it. But soon they got money hungry and went into

the insurance business.

If you bought an article, maybe an electric sweeper or a washer and dryer, etc. they wanted you to buy a three year insurance policy on that object at maybe \$80 or \$90 for the three years on the repair and maintenance of said unit. Well, the reason you bought a new gismo is because it should last for a few years maintenance free. It is just a way of getting another few \$20 bills from you.

I flat out told them that if you sell a good product it should last well over the years of that insurance policy and they make out like a bandit because the years go by and you don't have to call their repair man. It got to where Sears almost insisted on you getting that insurance policy. I guess they figured the common customer couldn't figure that out!

Then Sears sort of forgot the service to the people and their steady customers. The customers who made Sears the corporate giant are older and it's a little hard for them to get around. If you were to go to a Sears store you will not see a chair or any place for you to sit and rest a minute. Older men will take their wives into a store and wait on their women to shop and try on this or that, and there is no place for them (the men) to sit. I stopped going to Sears for that reason. The old legs just won't tolerate standing and waiting.

In the Defiance store I asked two young salesmen if there was a chair in the area, and they both said the only chairs in the store were in the optical department, where you get glasses. Because if there was a chair to sit on, that same area could hold a piece of merchandise to sell for a profit. All Sears can see is a profit margin, service to people who made them what they are has gone out the window.

For the last few years Sears was living on their Craftsman Tool sales. They backed that product without question and it was profitable for them. Then Sears moved their tool area way to the back of the building so a customer had to walk past all the other merchandise to get to the tool area. I guess they figured a common man couldn't see through that trick.

Well, all of this is my own feelings. But I have felt like that for years.

People here in Antwerp

could mail an order to Sears in Chicago on Monday and the order would come into the post office on Wednesday. I guess looking back that was the good old days. Service was fast and with a smile. Yes, that was another era, another time. The merchants wanted your business. Now there is so much business that people bust the doors down at 4:00 a.m., all night sales, no interest for years and no credit checks and the people enjoy that type of shopping. I guess it's the way of the sales now. Somehow Sears didn't keep up and their business fell off. If you snooze, you lose!!

As I sit here at my desk at the WBN I'm 87 years old and I've lived a fine life in this small town in this big country and I wouldn't change a thing, even if I could.

See ya!

**DRAWING NEW CONGRESSIONAL LINES IN OHIO**

**Guest Column from Representative Wachtmann**

The criticism constantly swirling around the redistricting process over the past couple of months has certainly worked to the Democrats' favor. From the beginning of the process, they apparently were only interested in obstructing the process and standing in the way of the legislative lines being drawn.

At the beginning of the process, Republicans and Democrats were given equal amounts of public money. The purpose of this money was to conduct research and generate new congressional maps. Only after seeing each map could the two sides come together and make revisions and concessions. Republicans used their resources for the intended purposes—drawing a new map. Meanwhile, however, Democrats were using their money to hire Innovation Ohio, a liberal think tank designed to help the party with matters that they obviously believed were more important, such as generating a negative PR campaign against Republicans and assessing possible violations.

Knowing this, it is not surprising that at the time the first map was to be debated on the House floor, Democrats were unable to offer a map of their own. In fact, the only map they ever introduced came from a Republican state legislator in

Illinois. So, in that way, perhaps they can argue that they reached across the aisle—just not with anyone from this state.

That Democrats have criticized the congressional map is fair. Voicing concerns and opinions in a public setting is what being a legislator is all about. But for them to continually sling rocks and arrows at Republicans, without submitting a map of their own is irresponsible and, frankly, unfair to the taxpayers they represent.

Despite the highly contentious atmosphere generated by the drawing of new district lines, I am happy with the final product. House Bill 369, which established the new boundaries, passed through both the House and Senate with vast bipartisan support. Because of Ohio's slowing population growth over the past decade, the state has lost two seats in Congress. We took a bipartisan approach to cutting these seats, including drawing two Republicans into a primary and two Democrats into a primary.

It repealed the provision in the previous redistricting bill that established two primary dates, rightfully restoring a single primary date. The bill also addresses the contempt and anger that many people have against this process by establishing an eight-member, bipartisan panel of legislators that will propose ideas for how district lines should be drawn in Ohio. Those meetings are already underway.

My goal is that, by the next time these lines need to be drawn, legislators will be forced to add two congressional seats, as opposed to subtracting them. For that to happen, we must remain committed to our primary goal in the legislature: bringing jobs back to Ohio. We are off to a good start, and I expect more good things to come.

**THANK YOU**

I wish to thank everyone who remembered me on my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with cards, gifts, flowers and your presence. I especially enjoyed the notes enclosed in some of the cards reminding me of the fun times from the past. Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to make my day special.

—Eunice Bradford

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# WT BOYS ON FIRE



The Raiders took on the Aces Thursday, January 19. WT dominated from the beginning and finished Hicksville with a 82-52 win. The Raiders boys basketball team started the season with only 2 wins in their first 8 games. Since then the boys have won 5 straight games. Shown above is junior Nick McClain dunking the ball for WT. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)



Paulding took on Crestview Thursday, January 19 at the home court. Paulding held on to their early lead with a first half score of 19-13. The 2nd half the Knights came back and outscored Paulding with a final game score 34-39. Shown above is junior Sarah Nardone attempting a side shot for Paulding. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)



Antwerp took on the Lady Lancers Tuesday, January 17. The Lady Archers, in a close match, fell to Lincolnview 38-41. Shown above is Antwerp's Bree Kurtz attempting a shot. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)

## PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCES ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Paulding High School will hold its 16<sup>th</sup> induction ceremony of the Paulding High School Athletic Hall of Fame in between the junior varsity and varsity basketball games against Ottoville on Saturday, January 28. Two individuals and the first ever team will be inducted on this night. The individuals are Ryan Collins, a 1994 Paulding graduate, and Jerry DeLong, a 1960 Paulding graduate. The first team ever to be inducted into the Hall of Fame will be the 1978 Paulding High School football team.

**Ryan Collins** graduated from Paulding High School in 1994, where he earned two letters in football and four letters in wrestling.

During his football career, Ryan earned those two varsity letters while also serving as a captain his senior year. During his senior year, he earned 2<sup>nd</sup> team Northwest Conference and Honorable Mention All-District honors as an offensive lineman.

It was on the wrestling mat as a heavyweight where Ryan really excelled during his high school athletic career. His freshman year he was the 2<sup>nd</sup> place finisher at the Sectional Tournament, which moved him on to the District Tournament. He finished his freshman year with a record of 25-6. Ryan went another step farther along the tournament trail his sophomore year as he was the Sectional Champion and placed 5<sup>th</sup> at the District Tournament. By doing this, he was a 1992 State Tournament Alternate. Ryan completed his sophomore year of wrestling with a 26-5 record.

Ryan's junior wrestling season was an outstanding one. He posted a 26-2 record while also defending his Sectional Championship. Ryan finished 3<sup>rd</sup> at the District Tournament to qualify for his first State Wrestling appearance. He became the first Paulding wrestler to earn a place at the State Wrestling tournament as he finished 2<sup>nd</sup>. During his junior year, he also was named to the Lima Area All Star Team and finished 7<sup>th</sup> at the Junior AAU National Tournament.

Ryan followed that season with an even better one his senior year. He won the Sectional Championship for the third straight year and backed that up by also winning the District Championship. Ryan took an undefeated record to the State Wrestling tournament and came away with his second straight runner-up finish. He finished the season with a record of 34-1, became the first two-time state placer in Paulding history and earned the 1994 Crescent-News Wrestler of the Year. Ryan finished his high school wrestling career by finishing 4<sup>th</sup> at the High School Senior National Wrestling Tournament.

Ryan went on to college and wrestled at Capital University, where he became a NAIA All American and finished 5<sup>th</sup> at the National Tournament.

Ryan currently resides in Columbus, Ohio and works as an Activity Therapist for the Ohio Department of Corrections.

**Jerry DeLong** graduated from Paulding High School

in 1960 and earned 15 varsity letters during his time here: four each in football, basketball, and baseball, and three in track.

During his basketball career, Jerry was the leading rebounder and leading free throw shooter for the team his senior year. Also as a senior baseball player, Jerry batted .504 with 18 stolen bases for the District runner-up baseball team.

Football would end up being the sport that Jerry excelled in the most during his time at Paulding. He was three year starter on teams that went a combined 21-4-1 and won two conference championships. Jerry was the starting quarterback his sophomore year and finished it scoring eight touchdowns on an 8-0 football team. As a junior, he scored eight more touchdowns and earned not only the team Most Valuable Player Award, but also 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All State.

Jerry's senior season proved to be his best as he rushed for 1234 yards and scored 134 points for a team that finished 8-1. His rushing and points totals were the most in Northwest Ohio. He was a co-captain that season and earned 1<sup>st</sup> Team All State. As a defensive player, Jerry recorded 18 or more tackles in three consecutive games, with two of those totals being over 20.

After high school, Jerry went to Defiance College and later became employed at Dana Corporation, where he worked for 39 years and retired in 2000.

**The 1978 Paulding High School Football Team** will become the first team to be inducted into the Paulding High School Hall of Fame.

The 1978 Football Team finished the season with a perfect 10-0 record, which was the first undefeated season for Paulding High School since 1957. This team won the second straight outright Northwest Conference Championship and their ten wins set the school record for most wins in a season.

Some of the highlights from the season include:

—Finished rated #7 in the state by the UPI and #10 in the state by the AP.

—Continued winning streaks of 14 straight games and 12 straight Northwest Conference games, including ten straight road wins.

—The defense recorded an astounding seven shutouts and only gave up 20 points the entire season.

—The defense ranked first in the Defiance (34 teams) and Lima (51 teams) areas.

—The team average margin of victory was 20 points per game.

—The team ranked first in defense and second in offense in the Northwest Conference.

—Ten Panthers earned 1<sup>st</sup> Team Northwest Conference honors with five more earning Honorable Mention.

—Five players earned All-Ohio recognition with one 2<sup>nd</sup> Team and one 3<sup>rd</sup> Team recipients. Also had a player participate in the Ohio North-South All Star game.

The head coach of the team was Steve Clark. He was assisted by varsity assistants Bill Shugars, Dale Nienberg and Mark Burton. Randy Short and Ted Wunderle served as freshmen coaches that season.

## 2012 JOURNAL GAZETTE PAULDING COUNTY SPELLING BEE DATE SET

Sandra Freeman, Coordinator for Gifted and Curriculum Services, Western Buckeye ESC, cordially invites the public to attend the 2012 Journal Gazette Paulding County Spelling Bee. The County Bee is scheduled for Thursday, February 2, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Antwerp Local School Auditoria.

Ten school champions, in grades five through eight, will compete for the honor of representing Paulding County at the Journal Gazette Area Spelling Bee in Fort Wayne, Indiana on March 17, 2012.

Individual school champions Josh Poulson, Antwerp Elementary; Derek Reeb, Antwerp Jr. High; Conner Graham, Christian Home Educators of Paulding County; Kaleigh Thompson, Divine Mercy Catholic School; Colton Lloyd, Oakwood Elementary; Lexie Beckman, Paulding Elementary; Marcus Miller, Paulding Middle School; Leah

Maassel, Wayne Trace-Grover Hill Elementary; Ian Vogel, Wayne Trace-Payne Elementary and Jayson Nowak, Wayne Trace Jr. High.

Dr. Robert Scheidt of Van Wert is the Pronouncer for the Spelling Bee. Judges for the contest are: David Stallkamp, Principal of Paulding Middle School; Sarah Franz, Principal of Wayne Trace-Payne Elementary; and Alan Lautzenheiser, Principal of Wayne Trace-Grover Hill Elementary School.

Mr. Travis Lichty, Principal of Antwerp Elementary School, will preside as Master of Ceremonies.

The Antwerp Exchange Bank sponsors the awards for the County Spelling Bee, which include gift cards and trophies for first and second place finishers, as well as medals and certificates for all of the school champions. Mrs. Sandra Freeman, Western Buckeye ESC, is the awards liaison.

Contestants are reminded to report to the Antwerp Local School Auditoria at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 2, 2012.

## ACAC RECOGNIZES THREE FOR OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP

By: Jeff Abbott

The ACAC conference recognized three individuals for outstanding leadership guidance at their schools and to the ACAC conference.

**Dan Feagler - Garrett High School**

Dan graduated from Garrett, did his undergraduate work at Gleen Oaks Community College and the University at Texas-El Paso. He coached the Lady Railroaders for 16 years and resides in Garrett with his wife, Robin.

**Stan Gilbert - Bluffton High School**

Stan graduated from Chesterton High School, did his undergraduate work at

Huntington College, and his Masters at St Francis. He received his degree in Social Studies and English. He was a teacher for 45 years, 19 years as Head Girls Track Coach, and 18 years as Head Girls Cross Country Coach. He resides in Bluffton with his wife, Carolyn.

**Denny Miesle - Woodland High School**

Denny graduated from St Joseph High School in Fremont, Ohio. He did his undergraduate work at Bowling Green State University, and his Masters at IPFW.

He was a teacher for 35 years, five years as Athletic Director, 27 years as Head Wrestling Coach, 13 years as Head Baseball Coach, and five years as Head Softball Coach. He resides in Woodburn with his wife, Ruth.

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**OHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS - JANUARY 12,  
2012**

The Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors met Thursday morning at the OHSAA office in Columbus for its regularly scheduled January meeting. The following are highlights from the meeting. The complete set of meeting minutes will be posted at OHSAA.org in the near future.

The Board approved a memorandum of understanding with The Ohio State University to extend the contract for the Jerome Schottenstein Center to host the OHSAA's wrestling, girls basketball and boys basketball state tournaments through 2015.

The Board approved the initial list of referendum items that will go to the membership for vote during the annual referendum voting process in May. The initial list is now posted at OHSAA.org and includes one constitution item and three bylaw items.

The Board unanimously approved a motion to continue to support the work of the OHSAA's Competitive Balance Committee, which meets again January 31. The motion was in response to a letter received from an Ohio public school superintendent that requested the Board of Directors immediately create a referendum item to go to the membership this spring that would place public and non-public schools into separate tournaments.

The Board approved the OHSAA to conduct an annual OHSAA-sponsored cross country invitational at National Trail Raceway (site of the state championships) in August prior to the start of the regular season. Participation in the event would not count toward a team's allotted total of 16 regular-season contests. Junior high teams will also likely be permitted to compete in the event. Details will be released as they are finalized.

The Board reviewed a list of recent infractions and penalties involving four member schools. Details will be included in the complete set of meeting minutes posted at OHSAA.org, but media may request the information in advance via email from Tim Stried, OHSAA Director of Information Services.

The OHSAA Foundation will sponsor three student leadership conferences in March, including March

12 at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, March 27 at Wright State University and March 28 at Kent State University-Stark County Campus.

The Board heard proposals from three fall sports and will take action on each proposal at its April meeting. The proposals include:

-The cross country coaches association made a proposal that would allow disabled student-athletes who compete at Special Olympics or Paralympics during the interscholastic season to return to their high school team and compete.

-The volleyball coaches association made a proposal that during OHSAA tournament contests, line judges be certified to perform that duty by the Professional Association of Volleyball Officials or an equivalent licensing organization.

-The field hockey coaches association made a proposal that the start date of their 2012 season be changed from August 25 to August 18 so that it coincides with soccer.

-The soccer coaches association deferred its proposal until February.

-The Board approved Paul White from the Southeast District and Dale Creamer from the Southwest District as the OHSAA's designated honorees on behalf of a contribution to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. They will be honored during the boys basketball state tournament.

**4-H CAMP COUNSELOR  
LOCK-IN 2012**

Planning for the 2012 Paulding County 4-H Program began over the weekend with our annual camp counselor lock-in at 4-H Camp Palmer. This year we have selected 30 camp counselors to serve as mentors and guides for our campers during the 2012 Paulding County 4-H Camp held July 9-13<sup>th</sup> at Camp Palmer. This year the counselors choose the theme: 4-H Camp Palmer - "A Place Where Dreams Come True." If you are interested in more information about 4-H camp or joining Paulding County 4-H please visit our website paulding.osu.edu or contact the Extension Office at 419-399-8225.

**LADY WARRIORS OVERTAKEN BY CADETS**

By: Jeff Abbott

Concordia jumped out to a 16-4 advantage after the first quarter and the Lady Cadets cruised to a 58-44 win over Woodlan in girls' basketball at the Concordia gym. Concordia extended their lead to 34-14 at the half. The Lady Cadets won the reserve game as well, 29-14 over the Warriors. Haley Hostetler led Woodlan scoring with 17 points.

Score by the quarter:  
Woodlan - 4 10 12 18=44

Concordia - 16 18 14 10=58

Scorers of the game:  
Woodlan - Hostetler 17, Malfait 12, Ehle 10, Price 3, Gerbers 2

Concordia - C Smith 27, Wright 8, Dixie 6, Marinko 5, Hahn 5, Sparks 3, Kammer 2, B Smith 2

**ANTWERP FALLS IN O.T.**




The Antwerp boys took on Lincolnview in a hotly contested battle throughout the entire game. The Lancers, coming from behind, managed to tie the game up in the 4th quarter for overtime in which they pulled off a 47-44 victory. Shown above is junior Andy Coleman scoring for the Archers. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



The Heritage boys came to the Woodlan gymnasium Friday, January 20. The Woodlan boys struggled from the beginning with turnovers and the final score gave Heritage a 30 point 67-37 win. Shown above is senior Jaylen Whitlow scoring for the Warriors. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

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# "FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": BUSINESS BASICS



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Did you know that Vantage offers 16 different high school career tech programs in business, trade and industry and service? Over the next few weeks, you'll have the chance to learn a little about each program. Today's article is about three specialized business programs.

For the technologically creative and artistic student, the Interactive Media program offers exciting opportunities. Interactive Media is the study of a combination of elements such as music, sound, computer-generated graphics, and video used for purposes of entertainment, presentation, advertising, or public relations. Careers in Interactive Media involve creating, designing, and producing interactive multimedia products and services, including the development of digitally-generated or computer-enhanced media used in business. Students become skilled in manipulating images and information from a variety of sources including audio, video, still photos, animation, text, soundtracks and digital data using computer applications and visual and sound techniques. Internet applications and website creation are also included in this program.

Students interested in the Medical office field can get a head start in the Medical Office Management program, where they will learn business skills, accounting, software, medical terminology, abbreviations and Anatomy/Physiology. The build knowledge of medical terminology, abbreviations and anatomy. Students develop skills in medical transcription, utilize medical coding, billing and accounting systems and procedures. Students also learn specialized computer applications. The demand is great for students with this educational background.

Interested in seeing how a computer and its systems work from the inside out? The Network Systems program provides students with the opportunity to work on state-of-the-art equipment while learning to make basic repairs, network management and troubleshooting within the system. They design, build, install and repair complex computer network systems, develop programming skills for game creation, and apply computer forensics and information security software to keep systems safe. Areas of study also include programming, computer architecture and forensics, infor-

mation and network security, workstation management and business applications.

All of the Vantage business programs are Tech Prep programs, which means students can prepare for further education, possibly earn college credit for high school coursework, and apply for Tech Prep scholarships to Rhodes State College.

If you are interested in finding out about career opportunities in any of these fields or have questions about the business programs at Vantage, please call Ben Winans, Student Services Supervisor at 419-238-5411 or 1-800-686-3944 ext. 140 or email him at winans.b@vantagecareercenter.com.

Mark your calendars for the annual Vantage Open House and Dinner, which will be held on Monday, February 6, 2012 from 5:00-7:30 p.m. Tours of the construction site will be given! Visit the labs, meet the teachers, and see the progress of the renovation and expansion project! No time to cook? To support Citizens for Vantage, a pulled pork sandwich dinner will also be available from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Drive-thru and carry-out available! Don't miss it!

## WOODLAN WRESTLERS IN NEW HAVEN INVITATIONAL

By: Jeff Abbott

Homestead squeaked by Leo by just 7 points in wrestling at the New Haven Invitational 201-194. Woodlan finished fourth in the match. Leo had 4 individual champions with Isaac Steury winning at 160, Garrett Weber at 170, Trevon Carr at 182, and Nolan Wilson at 220. Woodlan champions were Travis Normand at 120 and Cody Zink at 145.

## WAYNE TRACE WRESTLING 7TH AT VAN BUREN

The Raiders traveled to the Van Buren Invitational January 20-21 to compete in one of the tougher DIII tourneys in the state. Twenty-three schools competed in this tournament. Featuring former state placers and qualifiers, district placers, and sectional placers, the competition is very intense.

Entering the tournament with high expectations, the Raiders would find themselves with five wrestlers remaining in the championship round after the first day. Showalter (132), Clemens (138), Zach Cotterman (145), Temple (152), and Arnett (160) would remain without a loss. All but one of the Raiders would stay alive to wrestle on Saturday.

Coach Clemens was content with the effort of his team Friday night. "We won the matches we should have today, even some of the ones we weren't picked to win. Getting these five out is a good start, we just have to continue to wrestle like we are capable of tomorrow," stated Clemens.

Saturday would not be so kind to the Raider team. As the rounds wore on, the competition elevated, and the wins became more difficult, the Raiders continued to wrestle hard. One by one, though, they would all fall. In the end, the team would find themselves in 7th place in the field of 23, placing 6 of their 12 wrestlers.

Dustin Taylor and Zach Cotterman finished in sixth

place. Tyler Arnett would find himself in fifth place. Both Sawyer Temple and Tyler Showalter would be standing on the podium in fourth place. In the runner up place, Kameran Clemens would round out the placers for Wayne Trace.

"All in all, most of the matches we wrestled well in. With the competition and intensity this tournament has, even the smallest mistake can cost you. Hopefully, the kids learned from some of those today and gained some more experience as we head into GMC's and then, sectionals," commented Clemens. The Raiders will return to action this weekend competing in the LCC Thunderbird Invitational on Friday and Saturday.

## UNDEFEATED WRESTLING TEAMS SQUARE OFF

On Wednesday, January 18, 2011 the Wayne Trace Raider wrestling team traveled to Delphos to face the 7th ranked Blue Jays and division II Elida Bulldogs. This was a trimatch put together to pit some of the best wrestlers locally against one another. This tri-match would not disappoint anyone in attendance.

The 6th ranked and undefeated Raiders would face the undefeated Blue Jays first. Both of these division III teams would be battling to maintain their blemished records. The Raiders would jump out to a big lead winning their first six matches, pick up another one, and hold on for the win. The final score would be 40-32 and Wayne Trace would remain unbeaten in division III.

Wayne Trace would square off against the Elida Bulldogs in their second dual of the night. The undefeated division II squad would prove too much for the Raiders this evening. Wayne Trace would drop the dual to the Bulldogs 45-36.

Coach Clemens was fairly satisfied with his team's effort. "Most teams wouldn't be willing to come in here, set this dual up, and push their respective teams with some heavily contested matches. We just wanted the opportunity to wrestle some of the areas best and see where we stood. In the end, we were right there with them. All in all we wrestled well, won and lost some very tight matches, and gained more experience for the upcoming end of the season," commented Clemens.

## ANTWERP JH WRESTLERS COMPETE AT INVITE



(l-r) D. Gamble of Paulding 1st, C. Schultz of Wayne Trace 2nd, Bryce Hall of Antwerp 3rd, and E. Mohler of Delphos St. John 4th.



(l-r) Bevin Hall of Antwerp 1st, T. Walters of Hicksville 2nd, Z. Relyea of Ayersville 3rd, and D. Apt of Edgerton 4th.

On January 14, 2012, at the Pilot Invitational at Ayersville High School the Antwerp Junior High wrestling team had two wrestlers place. Bryce Hall was 3-1 (3 pins) with a 3rd place finish in the

116 lb. weight class. Bevin Hall was 4-0 and won the 122 lb. weight class with four pins. Conner Jenkins had his first win of the season against J. Honigford of Delphos St. John's.

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**DELAY IN INVESTING  
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**Financial Focus by: Phil Recker, Edward Jones Advisor**

You've no doubt heard that "time is money." While this expression may be applicable in many areas of life, it's especially relevant for investors — because the more time you spend not investing, the less money you are likely to have when you really need it, such as during your retirement. That's why it's essential that you don't wait to start saving for your days as a retiree.

Many people think it won't make much difference if they delay investing for a few years. As you know, time flies, and before you know it, "a few years" turns into a decade — and a decade's postponement in saving for retirement can make an enormous difference in your life.

How big a difference? Suppose you plan to retire at age 65. If at age 25, you began putting \$200 a month into a tax-deferred vehicle, such as a traditional Individual Retirement Account (IRA), and your investments inside that IRA hypothetically earned on average 7% a year, you would accumulate about \$512,000 after 40 years. However, if you had waited until you were age 30 to start saving for retirement, with all else being equal, you'd end up with only about \$355,000 when you reached 65 — \$157,000 less — due to that five-year delay. And if you waited 10 years, until you were 35, you'd end up with about \$243,000 — far less than half of what you would have accumulated had you started saving at 25. (Keep in mind that you will eventually have to pay taxes on these accumulations, and the actual figures don't reflect fees, commissions or expenses.)

Clearly, the cost of delay can be considerable — which is why you should consider taking these steps:

**\*\*Develop a strategy with your financial advisor.** It's easier to stick to a strategy if you know where you're going. Your financial advisor can help you determine how much you need to save to reach the type of retirement you've envisioned.

**\*\*If you haven't started saving, begin now.** If you wait until you feel more financially comfortable before you invest for retirement, you may never begin. Even if you can put away only a small amount, such as \$50 per month, you'll have made a start.

**\*\*To make it easier on yourself, set up your accounts to automatically move a set amount each month into your IRA.** As the above examples show, the best way to build substantial savings is to start early, but even if you're in your 30s or 40s, you can catch up — although you'll need to save more to potentially get to the same level.

**\*\*Increase your investments when your income rises.** Every time you get a salary increase, boost your contributions to your IRA and your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan.

**\*\*Don't take a "timeout" from investing.** Keep on investing, whether the "news of the day" is positive or negative. The best investors are those who follow a consistent strategy and continue investing, year in and year out.

In short, save early, save often — and keep investing.

**THANK YOU**

The family of Carolyn Carr wish to thank everyone who supported and prayed for her during her stay at Manor House and her last couple of days.

Thanks to all who sent cards, attended her viewing and funeral service and just expressed their words of comfort to us. Thanks also to Dooley's Funeral Home, Pastor Schneider and Barry DeLong for her beautiful service as well as the ladies from the Methodist Church for providing the fellowship meal.

She, as well as us, have so many friends to be thankful for and we appreciate all your thoughts and prayers, words just don't seem to be enough...

—Steven Carr & family,  
Elaine Phillips & family,  
Kevin Carr & family

**LOCAL ARTIST HONORED  
AT OHIO GOVERNOR'S  
MANSION**

Grover Hill wildlife artist Ann Dysinger was honored at a reception held at the Ohio governor's residence by Governor and Mrs. John Kasich on December 5, 2011. This past summer "The Ohio Arts Council" selected one of Ann's wildlife paintings to be put on display at the residence. Ann's oil painting was one of the approximately 75 that were selected from over a thousand entries.

The reception put an exclamation point on Ann's 2011 art season. She won two awards for her dog art in Kansas at the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Show at the Dog Show, the Breckenridge Fine Arts Center in Breckenridge, Texas, the Irving Texas Wildlife Art Completion where she won Best in Show, and the Richeson75 Animals, Birds & Wildlife online show taking People's Choice Award.

Ann's art can be seen at [www.thornbottom.com](http://www.thornbottom.com) and go to Ann's Art tab.

**CONGRESSMAN LATTA  
ANNOUNCES NEW LAW  
THAT ALLOWS SCHOOLS  
TO DONATE LEFTOVER  
FOOD TO CHARITIES AND  
PANTRIES**

Congressman Latta (R-Bowling Green) announces that a new provision in the Department of Agriculture's annual spending bill will allow public schools to donate excess food to charities and pantries. The new provision by Representative Frank Wolf (R-VA) now ensures schools are covered under the Good Samaritan Act, which protects donors who give to food banks in good faith from all liability. Previously, many school districts didn't donate food out of concern that they weren't covered under the Good Samaritan Act.

"As a result of this clarification, each school and local educational agency participating in the school lunch program may donate any food not consumed under the school lunch program to eligible local food banks or charitable organizations," said Rep. Latta. "This long overdue, common-sense change will allow schools to boost the inventory of food pantries at a time when donations are greatly needed," added Latta.

Congressman Latta has sent school principals and food bank directors across the Fifth Congressional District a letter informing them of the new change.

**FROM THE PAULDING  
COUNTY GRAND JURY**

Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney, Joseph R. Burkard announced that the Paulding County Grand Jury indicted 11 persons on Thursday, January 12, 2012:

Jason A. Zamora, DOB 11/16/1977, Possession of drugs, F-5

Adam J. Custer, Van Wert, DOB 9/16/1990, Burglary F-2

Julian Zeke Zamora, DOB 3/20/1073, Trafficking in Drugs, F-4, Possession of Drugs F-4

Adam C. Stripe, Van Wert, DOB 5/4/1977, Bur-

glary F-2

Joaquin M. Estrada, Paulding, DOB 3/14/1975, Failure to Appear F-4

Clinton A. Gates, DOB 6/10/1981, Theft F-5

Melissa J. Coe, Antwerp, DOB 1/4/1985, Burglary, F-4

Joshua K. Clark, Paulding, DOB 2/19/1986, Non-support of Dependents, F-5

Brian Curvin, Hicksville, DOB 7/30/1977, Non-support of Dependents F-5

John E. Philips, Hicksville, DOB 8/28/1979, Non-support of Dependents F-4

Cory Rodriguez, Paulding, DOB 10/27/1976, Possession of Drugs, F-1

**FSA REMINDS PRODUCERS THAT SIGN-UP FOR DCP AND ACRE PROGRAM ENROLLMENT BEGINS TODAY**

USDA Ohio Farm Service Agency (FSA) State Executive Director Steven Maurer, reminds producers that enrollment for the 2012 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) and the Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) program begins today, and continues through June 1, 2012.

"New contracts are required annually for each of these programs and all signatures must be obtained by the deadline", said Maurer. "We encourage producers to call their local county office and set up an appointment to begin the enrollment process as soon as possible. This will allow adequate time to obtain all necessary signatures before the June 1st deadline."

The 2008 Farm Bill states that no 2012 advance direct payments for DCP and ACRE will be issued. Direct payments are paid at a rate established by statute and are expected to be made in October 2012.

For more information on the DCP or ACRE programs, or to schedule an appointment, please contact your local FSA County office or visit [www.fsa.usda.gov/dcp](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dcp).

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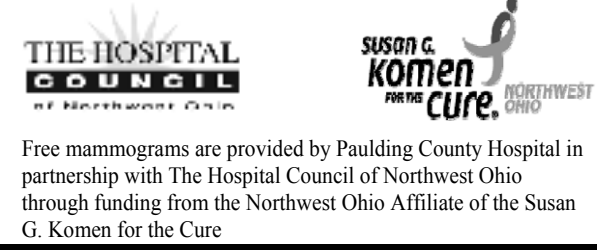
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*MS/HS - Breakfast:*  
 1/25 - Cook's breakfast choice, juice, milk  
 1/26 - French toast, sausage links, juice, milk  
 1/27 - Gravy (sausage) w/ biscuits, juice, milk  
 1/30 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk  
 1/31 - Egg & sausage burrito, juice, milk  
 2/1 - Cheese/egg & sausage muffin, juice, milk  
 2/2 - Sausage biscuit, tator tots, juice, milk  
 2/3 - Gravy (sausage) w/ biscuits, juice, milk  
 2/6 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk  
 2/7 - Egg & sausage burrito, juice, milk  
*MS/HS - Lunch:*  
 1/25 - Popcorn chicken bowl, dinner roll or Salad bar w/bread stick, assorted fruit, milk  
 1/26 - Pork burger w/bun, macaroni & cheese, baked beans or chili cristos or Pretzel, vegetable, assorted fruit, milk  
 1/27 - Oven potatoes, chili dog w/bun or Mozzarella sticks, summer blend vegetables, assorted fruit, milk  
 1/30 - Salad bar w/ bread stick or Idaho nachos, assorted fruit, milk  
 1/31 - Southwest chicken salad, Mexican bread stick or Sandwich & oven fries, assorted fruit, milk  
 2/1 - Whipped potatoes, gravy, bread, chicken nuggets or Salad bar, bread stick, assorted fruit, milk  
 2/2 - Potato soup, ham & cheese croissant or Fiesta pawburgers, baked beans, assorted fruit, milk  
 2/3 - Roasted potatoes, breaded chicken w/bun or Chili cheese fries, assorted fruit, milk  
 2/6 - Pizza sticks, green beans or Salad bar, bread stick, assorted fruit, milk  
 2/7 - Spicy chicken, ceasar salad, garlic biscuit or Sandwich & oven fries, assorted fruit, milk  
*Paulding Elementary*  
 - *Breakfast:*  
 1/25 - Pancake wrap, juice, milk  
 1/26 - Assorted cereals, crackers, applesauce, milk  
 1/27 - Cereal bar, crackers, applesauce, milk  
 1/30 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk  
 1/31 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk

1/31 - Muffin, string cheese, cracker, juice, milk  
 2/1 - Pancake wrap, juice, milk  
 2/2 - Cereal bar, crackers, applesauce, milk  
 2/3 - Cereal bar, crackers, applesauce, milk  
 2/6 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk  
 2/7 - Muffin, cheese stix, juice, milk  
*Paulding Elementary*  
 - *Lunch:*  
 1/25 - Pizza, salad, fruit cup, milk  
 1/26 - Chili soup w/crackers, bread, fruit cup, milk  
 1/27 - Taco salad, lettuce/cheese/salsa, crackers, fruit cup, milk  
 1/30 - Cook's choice, milk  
 1/31 - French toast, hash browns, sausage, fruit cup, milk  
 2/1 - Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes, gravy, bread, fruit cup, milk  
 2/2 - Egg & cheese omelet, hashbrowns, raisin muffin, fruit cup, milk  
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 2/6 - Hamburger w/bun, oven potatoes, fruit cup, milk  
 2/7 - Chicken alpha-bit soup, crackers/bread, carrots, fruit cup, milk  
*Oakwood Elementary*  
 - *Breakfast:*  
 1/25 - Rainbow yogurt, crackers, juice, milk  
 1/26 - Breakfast burrito, juice, milk  
 1/27 - Assorted cereals, crackers, fruit, milk  
 1/30 - Whole grain cinnamon roll, juice, milk  
 1/31 - Biscuit w/sausage patty, juice, milk  
 2/1 - Egg, bacon & cheese breakfast pizza, fruit juice, milk  
 2/2 - Breakfast burrito, fruit juice, milk  
 2/3 - Assorted cereals, crackers, juice, milk  
 2/6 - Ham & cheese hot pocket, fruit juice, milk  
 2/7 - Pancake on a stick, fruit juice, milk  
*Oakwood Elementary*  
 - *Lunch:*  
 1/25 - Chicken noodle soup, crackers, bread, carrot sticks, fruit, milk  
 1/26 - Cold ham & turkey sub, green beans, fruit, milk  
 1/27 - Cheese pizza, corn, fruit, milk  
 1/30 - Breaded chicken w/ bun, broccoli w/cheese, fruit, milk  
 1/31 - Cheese bread stick w/marinara sauce, green beans, fruit, milk  
 2/1 - Hot dog or Chili dog w/bun, oven potatoes, fruit, milk  
 2/2 - Cheeseburger w/bun, corn, fruit, milk  
 2/3 - Taco wrap, lettuce/cheese, fruit, milk  
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**VILLAGE OF PAULDING COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR 1/4/12**

Paulding Village Council met in Regular Session on January 4, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. Mayor White called the meeting to order.

Finance Director Tope called roll with the following members present: Barb Rife, Roger Sierer, Tom Diaz, Randy Daeger, Mike Trausch and Jim Guelde. Solicitor Jones and Administrator Wiebe were also present.

Council elected Roger Sierer Council President with the following seating: second seat, Mike Trausch; third seat, Jim Guelde; fourth seat, Randy Daeger; fifth seat, Tom Diaz; sixth seat, Barb Rife.

Guelde motioned to approve 2012 Council Rules, seconded by Diaz. Vote: all yea.

Trausch motioned to approve the minutes of the December 19<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, seconded by Guelde. Vote: all yea.

Resolution No. 1260-11 re: A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor of the Village of Paulding to Enter into a Cooperative Agreement for Construction of a Water Treatment Plant Upgrade Project between the Village of Paulding and the Ohio Water Development Authority, and Declaring an Emergency, was read for the first time. Sierer motioned to suspend the rules and declare an emergency, seconded by Guelde. Vote: all yea. Trausch motioned to approve the legislation, seconded by Guelde. Vote: all yea.

Wiebe noted representatives of the Perfection Group will be present on January 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. to discuss energy efficiencies. He also noted water meter upgrades will be discussed at this meeting.

Wiebe also noted a meeting with representatives of the Ohio EPA, Jones & Henry Engineers, Julie Ward of RCAP, and the Village will be held on Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the planning report for the Combined Sewer Overflows (CSO).

Wiebe presented the Administrator's Agenda requesting approval for the Village to enter into an agreement to be a part of the MRBPLG organization. Diaz motioned to approve the Administrator's Agenda,

seconded by Guelde. Vote: all yea.

Mayor White mentioned RCAP conference entitled "Small Towns, Big Futures" scheduled for August 14 and 15. He encouraged Council members to attend. Mayor White noted this conference may be very beneficial to small local governments since the Governor continues to relay that local governments are on their own with no additional financial help from the state.

Mayor White passed out a list of Council Committees for 2012.

Solicitor Jones noted there is currently a bill proceeding through the legislature regarding centralizing income tax collection. He has requested Tope provide him with the administrative fees the CCA has charged the Village over the years for their services as he intends to compose a letter to be sent to our state representatives opposing centralized collection.

Trausch requested a Recreation Committee meeting be scheduled. He has been contacted by Ron Riggenbach to discuss various issues. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

The following committee meetings were scheduled: Recreation Committee - Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

Buildings & Grounds Committee - Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

Diaz motioned to pay the bills, seconded by Trausch. Vote: all yea.

Daeger motioned to adjourn, seconded by Guelde. Vote: all yea.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**  
 Maumee Township Trustee, Advisory Board and Park Board will host a public meeting at the Woodburn Community Center on Tuesday January 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Viridian Architectural Design will present plans and 3-Dimensional renderings for the new park property located at the corner of Woodburn and Fahlsing Roads. There will be a question and answer session at the end of the meeting and a time table will be presented for grant writing to begin. All interested parties are encouraged to attend!  
 -Brian S. Hoepfner  
 Maumee Township Trustee

**WOODLAN INTERMEDIATE GEOGRAPHY BEE WINNERS**



The 2012 National Geographic Geography Bee was held at Woodlan Intermediate School on Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. The 20 students representing the 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades included: Trevor Wallace, Jared Sherwood, Addison Bayman, Ashley Clifton, Collin Hahn, Cassie Roehm, Trevor Wiendenhoeft, Luke Spangler, Jack Stuckey, Ana Bullerman, Logan Bricault, Caden Gerber, Steven Dellinger, Chris Hare, Kylan Davis, Tate Radel, Jenna Cummins, Nick Hettinger, Curt Lomont, and Clayton McMahan.

Ten students advanced to the final round of competition and answered questions ranging from U.S. capitals to

world geography. The championship round included the two students scoring the most points in the final round, 6<sup>th</sup> grader Clayton McMahan and 6<sup>th</sup> grader Jenna Cummins. "Located on Victoria Harbor, Wan Chi is one of the older commercial areas in which city that is a Special Administrative region of China?" Jenna Cummins answered Hong Kong correctly, becoming the 2012 Geography Bee champion at Woodlan Intermediate School. Congratulations to all of the contestants, runner-up Clayton McMahan, and Champion Jenna Cummins on an exciting Geography Bee.

**STRUTTING INTO THE NEW YEAR**

The Scarlet Strutters Baton Corps of Northwest Ohio, (State, Regional and National Champions) have started rehearsals for the 2012 Marching/Competition season. The Strutters are accepting boys and girls age seven years and up for twirlers. A beginner's class has now formed. The Strutters draw members for the seven county area of Northwest Ohio. The Scarlet Strutters are also accepting members 15 years old to adult for the Adult Competitive Flag Team. The Strutters are in need of color guard and musicians (drums, brass, woodwind) for parades.

Membership to the Scarlet Strutters is free. There is no monthly membership fee to the Strutters. We understand the financial times our country and community is dealing with, so contact us today for more details.

The Scarlet Strutters rehearse every Monday and

Tuesday night from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Skylark Youth Center, 320 Jackson Street, Defiance, OH. Membership is always open.

Highlights for the 2012 season include, competitions, exhibitions, parades and return performances at Regional and National Championships.

The Scarlet Strutters are now celebrating their 37th Anniversary as a family oriented organization that teaches proper twirling technique, teamwork, responsibility, work ethic, and pride. The Strutters have performed in ten states as well as many times in Canada, in such parades as the Disney World Main Street Parade, Orlando, FL; Gimbels Thanksgiving Day Parade, Philadelphia, PA; Cincinnati ST. Patrick's Parade, Cincinnati, OH; International Freedom Festival Parade in Windsor, Ontario, Canada; and the Sam Hornish Indy 500 Victory Celebration Parade in Defiance, OH.

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**SENIORS:**

4.0 - Kristen Beck, Drew Burnett, Derrick Echols, Logan Englehart, Lindsey Hitchcock, Katie Kohart, Audra Phlipot, Mesa Pracht, Beth Salinas, Derek Shrider, Tawnika Weller

3.5-3.99 - Anthony Arelano, Samantha Branham, Jill Busch, Tanya Collins, Jessica Farr, Haylie Forrer, Jason Koenn, Kyle Mohr, Ian Moore, Amber Simpson, Andrew Smiley, Marissa Thom- as

3.0-3.49 - Cody Bradford, Jaime Deatruck, Dylan Egler, Austin Land, Jacob Mourey, Alyson Munger, Kayla Owens, Brittany Roberts

**JUNIORS:**

4.0 - Catlyn Pavel, Savannah Roughton, Zane Wilhelm

3.5-3.99 - Anna Bartels, Kara Burak, Sydney Early, Abbey Edwards, Tyler Hayner, Austin Miller, Sarah Myers, Sarah Nardone, Samantha Owens, Marlee Pease, Breanna Schmidt, Jacey Schroeder, Courtney St John, Steven Strayer, Yu-chi Tenwalde, Dalton Thomas, Patrick Troyer, Maggie Wilhelm

3.0-3.49 - Austin Carlisle, Elizabeth Chandler, Logan Doster, Evan Huebner, Kaitlyn Radel, Chance Robinson, Neil Roehrig, Alexis Rue, Kayla Simon, Destiny Starry, Julia Stuck

**SOPHOMORES:**

4.0 - Andrew Layman, Sierra McCullough, Kaylyn Rager, Kaitlyn Roughton, Julian Salinas, Jaclyn Schlatter, Alesha Simon, Tiffany Spangler, Kaley Varner

3.5-3.99 - Emily Albert, Stephanie Baldwin, Jerika Bland, Eric Busch, Justin Carnahan, Megan Coak, Taylor Deatruck, Melissa Durham, Gerod Harder, Guy Harder, Nicholas Hitchcock, Ashley Johanns, Kenneth King, Kande- ee Manson, Kelsi Manz, Brad Matson, Rachael Mourey, Rachel Nicelley, Abby Pease,

Sydney Provines, Chelsea Rose, Sidney Salinas, Chelsea Schoepflin, Kayla Shaffer, Alyssa Shelmadine, Jenifer Switzer, Meagan Weller, Mindy Yates, Bailey Zeller

3.0-3.49 - Sarah Bales, Taylor Dangler, Emily Farr, Taylor Farr, Tyler Fry, Chase Gideon, Javier Gonzales, Chazz Hahn, Cody Jarrell, Joseph Kauser, Rachael Kesler, Sonny Manz, Georgina Martinez, Seth Mattocks, Michael Mott, Cotey Nichols, Justin Reyes, Avery Rice, Ryan Schindler, Allison Singer, Andrea Singer, Shelly Stafford, Jade VanCleve, Cal Ward

**FRESHMEN:**

4.0 - KATHRYN Clapsaddle, Erin Johanns, Isaac Nice, Shayla Shepherd, Ashlyn Strahley, Malayna VanCleve

3.5-3.99 - Katie Carnahan, Ben Heilshorn, Sean Homan, Jacob Long, Ellie Miller, Morgan Riley, Laurel Wehrkamp

3.0-3.49 - Taylor Ankney, Lyndi Clinton, Bailey Combs, Brooke Combs, Kayla Deitrick, Jacob Dye, Hannah English, Claudia Foltz, Kyle Gardner, Felita Guyton, Alexis Howell, Kastin Kelly, Greg Kurtz, Amanda Locastro, Ashleigh Marable, Suzanne Reinhart, Jessica Schroeder, Bill Smith

**WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS FOR 1/25 THROUGH 1/31**

*Breakfast:*

1/25 - Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk

1/26 - Egg/cheese omelet, hashbrowns, juice, milk

1/27 - Turnover, juice, milk

1/30 - Pizza, juice, milk

1/31 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, juice, milk

2/1 - Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk

2/2 - Egg/cheese omelet, hash browns, juice, milk

2/3 - Turnover, juice, milk

2/6 - Pizza, juice, milk

2/7 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, juice, milk

*Lunch:*

1/25 - Walking taco, meat/cheese, lettuce/salsa, corn fruit, milk

1/26 - Cook's choice, fruit, milk

1/27 - Fiestado, tossed salad, fruit, milk

1/30 - Chicken nuggets, french fries, fruit, milk

1/31 - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, green beans, cheese stick fruit, milk

2/1 - Chili soup, crackers, grilled cheese, fruit, milk

2/2 - Creamed chicken sandwich, potato wedges, fruit, milk

2/3 - Pizza, carrot/celery stick w/dip, fruit, milk

2/6 - BBQ pork sandwich, french fries, fruit

2/7 - Hot ham & cheese sandwich, scalloped potatoes, fruit milk

*Menus are subject to change.*

**ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS FOR 1/25 THROUGH 2/7**

1/25 - Grilled cheese or BBQ pork on bun, noodle soup, green beans, mixed fruit, milk; PLUS: Taco bar

1/26 - Cheeseburger mac or Vegetable soup w/crackers, grapes, peas, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Cottage cheese

1/27 - Fiestada pizza or Ham salad sandwich, carrots, applesauce, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Cook's choice

1/30 - Corn dog or Po-

**OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY SPELLING BEE WINNERS**



Sixth grader, Colton Lloyd (left) is the winner of Oakwood Elementary's 2012 5th/6th grade Spelling Bee, which was held on Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. Thomas Heilman, also a 6<sup>th</sup> grader, is this year's Spell-

ing Bee runner-up. Colton will be representing Oakwood Elementary at the Paulding County Spelling Bee on February 2<sup>nd</sup> at Antwerp School's auditoria.

tato wedges w/meat & cheese, peaches, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Ham salad w/crackers

1/31 - Chicken nuggets or Pizzaburger on bun, salad, peas, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Pretzel w/cheese

2/1 - Spaghetti w/meatballs, salad, fruit cup, breadstick, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Cook's choice

2/2 - Sloppy joe or Pork fritter on bun, peas, pears, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Cottage cheese

2/3 - Pepperoni pizza or Tuna salad sandwich, salad, applesauce, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Cook's choice

2/6 - Hotdog on bun or Cook's choice, tator tots, mixed fruit, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Tuna salad w/crackers

2/7 - Tex-mex chili or Chicken teriyaki w/rice, corn, peaches, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Pudding

*Menus are subject to change.*

**LATTA DENOUNCES PRESIDENT OBAMA'S DECISION ON CONTRACEPTIVE COVERAGE MANDATE**

Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH) made a statement after the Obama Administration announced that it will

not expand the exemption for religious employers from the requirement that all health plans cover contraceptives approved by the FDA:

The rule requires organizations like religious schools and Catholic hospitals to offer contraceptive coverage to employees covered by their health plans - even if doing so violates their faith. The new rule dramatically alters the federal framework for conscience protection and has far-reaching impacts on patients, employers, providers and faith based-institutions. The Administration will grant organizations 1-year waivers to come into compliance with the mandate.

Note: H.R. 1179, introduced by Representative Jeff Fortenberry (R-NE) would allow religious organizations to decline coverage of specific items and services that are contrary to their religious beliefs. Latta sits on the Health Subcommittee of the House Energy & Commerce Committee, which held a hearing on this issue on November 2, 2011.

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