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Shown in the picture is: Left to Right -- Todd Thieme (Assistant Principal/Athletic Director), Ron Kammeyer (Principal), Chris Hissong (Executive Director of School Management), Honoree Denny Miesle

In April of 1971 a young teacher just out of Bowling Green State University joined the faculty of recently built Woodlan High School. His name: Denny Miesle. Mr. Miesle started at the school as Industrial Arts teacher replacing an educator who had quit earlier that year.

Denny was from the Fremont, Ohio area and graduated from the St. Joe High School and then on to college. He met his wife, Ruth, at BGSU while working together in the cafeteria earning their way through college.

They were soon married and moved to Woodburn/New Haven area. They have seven children: Christine (Jeremy) Morris of Powell, OH; Angie (Chris) Stokes of Moon Township, PA; Jennifer (Jeremy) Peters of Fenton, MI; Jim (Laura) of Fishers, IN; Stephanie (Scott) Robinson of Fort Wayne; Pete (Amber) of Harlan, IN; Sarah Miesle of South Bend, IN and have numerous wonderful grandchildren.

While Denny was at (continued on page 7)

## EARTH FIRST, LLC. ANNOUNCES GROUNDBREAKING OF NEW RECYCLING CENTER & TRANSFER FACILITY

Earth First is pleased to announce the groundbreaking of its new Recycling Center and Transfer Facility. The groundbreaking will be held on Tuesday, December 4 at 11:00 a.m. at 4429 Allen Martin Dr. This new facility will be Northeast Indiana's only complete construction and demolition recycling operation. It will also allow for expanded recycling in the manufacturing and commercial sectors. Earth First's new recycling center will help to meet the growing demands for sustainability through the reuse and recycling of a large number of materials. These include brick, block, concrete, drywall, wood, cardboard, plastics, metals, glass and paper. This new 20,000 sq ft facility will contain a sorting line for separation of materials, a baler for preparation of materials for shipment, loading docks and trailer bay for shipping residual wastes. The new recycling center will represent an investment of nearly \$2 million dollars and 15 new jobs in an area hard hit by the loss of Navistar. The new facility will open in the Spring of 2013.

About Earth First, LLC.: Founded in 2009, Earth First is a locally owned busi-

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## WHY FREEDOM STILL RINGS IN ANTWERP, OHIO BOOKS ARE HERE

The Antwerp veterans biographical book, *Why Freedom Still Rings in Antwerp, Ohio*, has arrived. Submitted materials and books may be picked up at the Essen House Restaurant on Woodcox Street, Antwerp, this week and next week, Tuesdays through Fridays 2:00 until 6:00 p.m. On Saturday 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The V.E.T.S - Continuous Honor committee appreciates your prompt response. There will be a few books not spoken for, that will be available to purchase.

## NEW ER CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY AT PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL



Paulding County Hospital new ER construction

Major reconstruction surgery began at the Paulding Hospital in November. No, it's not on a patient but on the hospital structure itself! Paulding Hospital, also known as PCH, has been a regular fixture in the Paulding County area for nearly 3/4 of a century. Throughout the years the guests to the hospital have seen many building upgrades and additions. This time the Emergency Room gets the overhaul. The last major improvement to the ER was thirty years in the past.

The Board of Directors of the non-profit health fac-

ity approved the major 1.2 million dollar investment on Thursday, November 1st. The construction project started soon after approval. The first phase is to put in the new foundation for the addition. The second phase is to open the temporary ER on the North Entrance at SR 111. The third phase will be rebuilding the west rooms of and getting half of the New ER open by February. The final phase will be to finish the entire ER and including the separate sections for the EMT's to work in separate from the Nurses station.

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## WBN HOLIDAY AD DEADLINE

Deadline for Holiday ad submissions (Christmas and New Year's) is **Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.** Stop in the office at the intersection of SR 49 and CR 424 to check out our festive holiday designs or call WBN salesperson, Laura, to set up an appointment (see her ad in THIS issue)! *Note:* This will be the LAST issue of the 2012 year. The next issue date of The West Bend News will be January 2, 2013.

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**OBITUARIES**

**Neva Maxine Cluts**, 91, of Paulding, died November 22, 2012 at the Gardens of Paulding.

She was born October 11, 1921 in Payne, the daughter of Joseph M. and Portia G. (Jackson) Adamski. In 1943 she married Roy E. Cluts, who died in 2006, after 63 years of marriage. She was a member of St. Jacobs United Church of Christ in Payne, having held the offices of secretary and treasurer. She and her husband owned Cluts Oliver Sales & Service dealership in Paulding. Later she worked at Cassel's Jewelry and Ducats Store. She was a member of Payne American Legion Auxiliary, where she held the office of secretary. She was a past secretary and president of the former Paulding County Business and Professional Women. For almost 50 years, she was secretary of the Payne High School Alumni Association. Many will remember her as an avid cookie cutter collector and a volunteer at Paulding Elementary.

Surviving are her daughter and son-in-law: Pamela K. and Stephen F. Young; and one granddaughter, Stephanie K. Young of Bowling Green, OH. Also surviving is one brother, Anthony Leon (Gladys) Adamski of Payne. Visitation is at St. Jacobs United Church of Christ, Payne, Ohio, 8:00-9:00 a.m. before the funeral at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 5, 2012.

Memorials are to St. Jacobs United Church of Christ. Condolences may be sent to [www.denherderfh.com](http://www.denherderfh.com). Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, handled arrangements.

**James Michael Konopka**, 56, of Paulding died Friday, November 23 at the Defiance Regional Medical Center, Defiance, OH.

He was born August 1, 1956 in Paulding, the son of Michael P. and Emma Elizabeth (Russell) Konopka. On June 11, 1997 he married Loraine M. Emens, who survives.

He is also survived by five brothers: Robert (Deb) Konopka of Bluffton, OH; Thomas Konopka of Monroe, MI; William Konopka of Belleville, MI; Ralph (Sue) Konopka of Wayne, MI; and Richard (Joyce) Konopka of Flemingsburg, KY; three sisters: Kathryn Dorsett of Colmesneil, TX; Martha (H. Greg) Evans of Fairfield, CA; and Barbara Konopka of Paulding; and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; and a sister, Dorothy M. Konopka.

Funeral services were conducted December 1, 2012 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Burial will be at a later date. Visitation was one hour prior to services.

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

**Rose Marie Davidson**, 68, of Antwerp, passed away November 28, 2012.

Rose was born in Paulding on August 18, 1944, a daughter of the late Ila (Aten) and Richard LaFountain. She was a greeter at Meijer, Fort Wayne. On November 19, 1989 she married Ronald Davidson.

She will be sadly missed by her husband, Ron; and siblings: Joe (Jan), John (Sue), Tom (Rose), Jean (Sherry) and Mark (Elia) LaFountain, Laurel Mink and Carol (Joe) Coffey.

She was also preceded in death by her sister, Christine. Viewing was November 30, 2012 at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp.

Memorials are to Dooley Funeral Home, PO Box 452, Antwerp, Ohio 45813. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at [www.dooleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.dooleyfuneralhome.com)

**Anna Steury**, 86, formerly of Hicksville, OH died Thursday November 29, 2012 at Cameron Memorial Hospital, Angola, IN.

Anna was born in Grabbill, IN on May 22, 1926. She was married to Henry Steury on May 4, 1946. She loved cleaning private homes and worked at Dutch Made Kitchens for fifteen years. She was a member of the Church of Living Faith, Harlan, IN but presently attending Pleasant Lake Mennonite Church.

Anna is survived by her daughters: Rosalie (Mervin) Miller of Hamilton, IN; Eileen (Lynn) Eicher of Fremont, IN; Wilma (Samson) Eicher of Butler, IN; and one son, Louis (Ruth) Steury of Hicksville, OH; 22 grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry Steury and one grandson.

Services were held on December 2, 2012 at Church of Living Faith, 10717 Roberts Road, Harlan, Indiana. Pastor Lester Zehr officiated. Visitation was held December 1, 2012, and one hour prior to the service on Sunday. Burial was in Schlatter Cemetery in Leo, IN.

Preferred memorials are to the Crippled Children and Adults Society of Hicksville, Ohio. Online condolences may be shared at [www.smith-brownfuneralhome.com](http://www.smith-brownfuneralhome.com).

**CORRECTION**

In last week's obituary section, Heaven Smith's mom is Chelsea. Apologies to the family for this oversight.

**WOODBURN UNITED METHODIST PRESENTS CHRISTMAS CANTATA**

Woodburn United Methodist Church will be presenting the Christmas Cantata, "Silent Night! Holy Night!" on Sunday, December 9 at 9:00 a.m. The cantata was created by Russell Mauldin and Sue C. Smith, arranged and orchestrated by Russell Mauldin, and is under the direction of Dawn Patterson. This cantata uses many of the carols of the season to demonstrate the beauty of the Christmas story.

The cantata begins with the "Love's Pure Light Opener". This medley includes the beloved "Silent Night! Holy Night!" and concludes with the lovely "Birthday of a King".

Next is the "Let There Be Light Medley" which includes the lyrical "Let There Be Light" and concludes with the stirring "We Three Kings".

Next, the audience will hear the story of Mary's message from the Angel in "My Soul Magnifies the Lord" which also includes the traditional hymn "Angels, from the Realms of Glory".

The audience follows the story as Joseph has to accept the task of defending Mary and her anguished response in "Blessings". This song features a solo by Dawn Patterson, joined by the women of the choir.

The story leads on to the first hours after Jesus' birth with the modern song, "Tell the World".

The narration then leads to the "Shepherds Quake Underscore" featuring the skill of the narrator, Judy Copsey.

The audience will then be treated to the "Infant Holy Medley" which includes the title hymn, "Silent Night! Holy Night!", the sweet "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly", and concludes with the Twila Paris song "We Will Glorify". "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" features the Cantata Quartet of Annette Ruppert (soprano), Dawn Patterson (alto), Dick Hall (tenor), and Tom Cutchin (bass).

The cantata then continues with the thought-provoking "What Christmas Really Means" which includes a reprise of "Birthday of a King" which is sung by the Cantata

**SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK**

"She will give birth to a son, and you are to name Him, Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins."

—Matthew 1:21

Quartet. Finally, the cantata concludes with the "Tell of His Wonder Finale" This medley begins with the lovely title song, "Silent Night! Holy Night!". It then moves on to the rousing "Jesus, What a Wonderful Child", featuring the Cantata Quartet, and concludes with the joyous "Go, Tell It on the Mountain".

The members of the choir include the following:

- Soprano - Joyce Drayer, Annette Ruppert, Patti Shuler
- Alto - Ruth Corn, Sandy Hobbs, Dawn James, Dawn Patterson
- Alto/Tenor - Lyda Cutchin, Diane Hall, Margo Tester
- Baritone - David Drayer, Dick Hall
- Bass - Tom Cutchin
- Narrator - Judy Copsey
- Sound Tech - Sean Patterson

Pastor Terry McDonald and the members of the Woodburn United Methodist Church would like to invite the public to join in celebration of "The Reason for the Season" by attending this worship in music. Refreshments will follow the performance in the Fellowship Hall. Woodburn United Methodist is located at 4300 Becker Road behind the Mainstreet Oasis Marathon Gas Station in the middle of Woodburn.

**LET'S PINTEREST!**

We're having a Pinterest Party and you are invited!! Thursday, December 13, 6:00-?? in the Community Room of the Cooper Community Library, branch of the Paulding County Carnegie Library system. Everyone is asked to share one of their favorite finds on Pinterest. If you would like to bring it along that would be wonderful or if you would like to share a recipe feel free to bring samples. You could also just share a poem you found, a cleaning tip, gardening tip, etc. It will just be a fun evening of sharing and getting inspired to try something new! This will also give those of you, who do not know what the buzz is about Pinterest, a chance to learn how to search for things on Pinterest and set up your own Boards. Please keep in mind that this is an event for adults. A night out just for you! Call the library for more details at 419-594-3337.



This is the temporary ER entrance from the north at SR 111

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There are many advantages to a smaller hospital having an up-to-date modern facility that has the easiest access with quick admittance. Paulding's modernizing also includes a brand new lab facility that's separate from the ER at the east end of the existing structure. Re-organizing the entire facility with the new addition will provide seven individual rooms with two of them being larger trauma rooms. The new horseshoe shaped nursing station will not have more staff but will offer line of sight to all patient rooms and easier access for nursing and physicians.

The new lab will be attached to the new ER and the existing Draw Station (which will remain in its present location) by pneumatic tubes (like at the bank!) that send the samples to the labs much faster than a person could deliver them by hand walking through the hallways. This alone could save hours everyday, not to mention lives by getting results much quicker.

McDonald's Design & Build out of Defiance won the contract to fulfill Paulding Hospital's needs. The entire project should be finished by June 2013 if all stays on schedule.

It's important for the facilities to offer the best possible access and qual-

ity service in the area. Gary Adkins, CEO of PCH, stated, "Our goal in doing this project is to provide a better experience for our emergency patients and employee work area." This is the fourth major project under Gary Adkins tenure similar to other recent projects. The ER expansion will not cost taxpayers any money and is being paid for by operating funds. Even though Paulding Hospital is a county hospital, no funds are received from the county, state or federal government to run the hospital and no tax money or levies have been requested for this renovation project.

There is important information you need to know. The temporary ER is accessed off of SR 111 at the North Entrance. It will be like this for approximately three months. This was known as the Visitors entrance. The public should watch for signs concerning the ER entrance and parking.

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*Thank You*  
The family of Dale Bowers would like to express our appreciation to all our friends for the many ways of support during the loss of our loved one. A special thanks to the Hospice Nurses, Shawn Dooley, and our church family. We feel so blessed to have so many caring people in our lives.

*Thank You*  
Dave and I would like to thank everyone that attended the Miles for the Man of Steel benefit and our children Mandy, David and Chantelle for putting it all together. Thank you to all the bikers that went on the poker run, that was awesome, the people that donated and bid on items at the auction, and everyone that stepped up and helped with everything. Kitchen help, selling tickets, and the bake sale. The VFW and their bartenders and women's Auxiliary as well. And Dave's union brothers for donating the hog and Jeff Zimmerman for cooking it for us. The moonwalk was a big hit with the kids. Also DeRossett Printing for the great job on the shirts. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that has been there for us since the day of the accident. My family, our wonderful neighbors, friends, his Union brothers, and Sharon McLaughlin for donating the hospital bed and other equipment for his return home. To Charlie, Adrie, Faye, Debbie and Troy for setting it up for us. They all went above and beyond. Another special thank you to the anonymous donor, Dr. Wiley and his wonderful staff, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Fairchild and all the others that have stepped up and helped us with dis-repairs on our house and things that Dave would no longer be able to do. Everyone that made it possible for me to stay in Toledo at Dave's bedside and get to and from St. Joe Hospital. Everyone in our community that has been there for us during what I can only describe as a very terrifying and trying time in our lives. Please keep Dave in your prayers during his recovery. God Bless all of you for everything you have done.  
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## NEW HAVEN MERCHANTS AND SHOPPERS HOLIDAY SAFETY CHECKLIST



**By: Stephan M. Poiry,  
Chief of Police City of New Haven**

Be on the lookout for suspicious persons in your area when opening or closing your business; it is best to have two or more employees present when opening and closing your business.

Potential robbers may actually come in and pose as a customer only to case your establishment for a later robbery. Please pay extra attention to any suspicious behavior and take note of the particular vehicle they are driving along with the license plate number.

In the event that your business has had a suspicious person or persons casing your establishment, we can have an officer stand by your business at closing time if one is available.

Always have two people take your deposits to the bank. Have one person handling the deposit and another following behind. In the event anything happens they can call the New Haven Police Department.

During this time of year, there is also an increase in counterfeit money so make sure your employees are on the lookout for counterfeit money.

We will be requesting that our New Haven Police Reserve Officers assist with the additional patrols during this

holiday season.

Don't hesitate to contact the New Haven Police Department at 260-748-7080 to report any suspicious activity.

**Staying Safe While Shopping:**

- Always lock your car and close the windows, even if you're only gone a few moments. When possible, lock all merchandise or packages in the trunk of your car. Load your packages before departing, not at the next destination.

- Shop with at least one partner. Have your car or house key in your hand as you approach the door. If attacked use those keys as weapons!

- Stay alert to your surroundings and the people around you. Look inside your car and around it as you approach.

- Be extra careful with purses and wallets. Carry a purse under your arm. Keep wallets in an inside pocket.

- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.

- Avoid street vendors — many times these hucksters are selling stolen or unlicensed merchandise.

- Plan your trips. Instead of one big shopping trip, try several small ones. This will cut down on the amount of money you carry, the packages you'll be encumbered with, and it will make your shopping less stressful.

- Walk everywhere with a sense of purpose — show you are calm, confident and know where you are going.

- Park in well-lighted areas that will be well-lighted when you return.

**Keeping Your Credit and Identity Safe:**

- If you write checks, use only the necessary information, name, address, phone number. Never give your social security number.

- Safeguard your credit cards and checks as you do cash. Do not leave them in jacket pockets or sitting out in restaurants, stores or hotel rooms.

- Keep your purse or wallet on you. Shoulder straps should cross your body, not dangling from your shoulder. Do not lay them in a shopping basket. Be sure they are closed securely.

- Make a list of all your credit cards, debit cards and checks with account numbers. Keep the list in a secure place at home.

- Notify issuers immediately if your card is lost, stolen or misused.

- Take your time when making a purchase. Be sure you collect your license, credit card, or check book and your receipt.

- Keep your receipts and reconcile your statement. Promptly report any discrepancies to the issuer.

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### THE MOST POWERFUL AND LEAST POWERFUL PEOPLE IN THE WORLD, WHICH LIST ARE YOU ON?

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

If you were to create a list of the most powerful, influential people in the world who would be on your list? News media outlets offer plenty of lists for the "Best" and the "Most Powerful" people on the planet. For instance, Forbes magazine presents their annual lists for the top 100 celebrities, or for the 400 Richest Americans, or the world's most powerful women.

Other websites list the top ten most powerful people in the world, or the 50 most powerful people in Washington, D.C. But a website called "24/7 Wall Street" has an unusual twist on this theme. They call it the "100 Least Powerful People in the World List." The list includes corporate executives, athletes, politicians, and celebrities who share one common characteristic—they used to be powerful. Here are some

"Winners" (or "Losers") that qualified for this year's "100 Least Powerful People in the World List":

- Tony Hayward, the former CEO of BP, in 2011 the 4th largest company in the world (based on revenues). After a massive oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, the BP board of directors eventually fired Hayward.

- Jim Keyes, the former CEO of Blockbuster, once one of the nation's largest retailers.

- Mike Jones, the current CEO of the former #1 social network—MySpace, which once had 70 million users.

- Arnold Schwarzenegger, the once powerful actor and politician in California, who is attempting to make an acting comeback after driving his state's finances into the ground.

- Hosni Mubarak, the former President of Egypt who left the country in disgrace.

Some of the individuals on this least powerful list were victims of circumstances; others made poor business decisions; and others lost their influence because of moral failure. But none of them chose to become powerless.

In contrast, through his birth, incarnation, earthly ministry, and death on the cross, Jesus the all-powerful and sinless Son of God chose to become powerless for our sakes. Philippians 2:5-8 (NIV), "Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross!"

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 e-mail to: [defyfc@embarqmail.com](mailto:defyfc@embarqmail.com)

#### A COLLAGE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Old Crown Brass Band & The Aldersgate United Methodist Church Choirs will present a Collage Christmas Concert on Monday, December 17, 2012 at 7:00 p. m. at the Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 2417 Getz Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46804.

This Christmas concert features the Aldersgate United Methodist Choirs under the direction of Marlane Sturm and the Old Crown Brass Band.

Aldersgate groups performing are Wesley Choir, Chancel Choir, Children's Choir, Tenn Choir and Aldersgate Handbells. An orchestra and a solo ballet performance will accompany these groups.

Old Crown Brass Band was founded in 2007 and has become one of Fort Wayne's premier performing ensemble. The band does about 8-10 performances a year and is in great demand throughout Northeast Indiana and Northwest Ohio. The 38-piece brass and percussion ensemble is made up of members of the Fort

## VILLAGE PLAYERS OF HICKVILLE PRESENTS MIRACLE ON 34<sup>th</sup> STREET



Months of preparations have gone into the Village Players of Hickville's upcoming performance, *Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street*. The production is set to take place at the Huber Opera House on December 7-8 at 7:30 p.m. and December 9 at 2:30 p.m. This is the first production featuring the Huber's new sound system.

Wayne Philharmonic, local music educators and freelance musicians.

The band is under the direction of Tony Alessandrini and Sam Gnagey.

Admission is free. A portion of the donations will go to the Aldersgate United Methodist Church. For more information contact Dave Jones at 260-710-2908 or e-mail at [dsjones5533@comcast.net](mailto:dsjones5533@comcast.net), or Aldersgate United Methodist Church at 260-432-1524.

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our local charities very often unless you are involved with one of our many fine service programs here in New Haven. This is a reality for many of our New Haven organizations. Every day they are finding new ways to do more with less. In tough economic times their services are needed even more. When dollars are few and prices are high, our local New Haven organizations need you. You are the ones who will keep their doors open, their shelves stocked, and their clients and members provided for. I know all of us are finding it difficult to keep things going, but our local charities need our continued help. Please consider making an extra mile gift to your favorite charity this year. It will surely be appreciated.

For more information, call 260-493-3880 or 260-749-2163.

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## TO INSTILL A MORAL COMPASS

By: Regan Clem, Riverside Christian Church

"I bought into the fashionable philosophy of not interfering; letting the children find themselves. When they were getting into trouble—at school, or later with their relationships—I would just bite my lip and tell myself, 'Don't butt in, it's their lives.'"

This quote came from Nick Crews in an article in the British telegraph: I haven't done as well as a father, have I? Softer side of the man who fired off 'Crews missile'. When raising his children, Nick had bought into the popular parenting philosophy that we do not interfere in the life of our children. Now that his children are in their late thirties, he is disappointed in them. From the sounds of it, rightfully so. Through living selfishly, they are not providing the safe and stable family that good parents should provide. Realizing this led to him writing a scathing letter to his children. (This letter is reproduced at <http://tinyurl.com/clzuayy>).

The writer of Proverbs taught us to "train up our child in the way he should go." Paul, in his letter to the Christians in Ephesus, wrote that we are to bring up our children "in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." If we have been blessed with children, we have also been given the opportunity/responsibility to raise them.

The Israelites took seriously God's instruction to raise their children. The law taught:

You shall therefore lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall teach them to your children, talking of them when you are sitting in your house, and when you are walking by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers to give them, as long as the heavens are above the earth. (Deuteronomy 11:18-21 ESV).

If the truth is really in our

heart and in our soul, we will have no problem passing it on to our children. Our society might try to teach us not to instruct our children on certain issues, but we won't let that peer pressure stop us. We might feel compelled to not interfere, but we know that passing down spiritual teachings to our children and learning how to handle whatever life may bring is more important than insuring that they know how to read, write, and do arithmetic. That might seem like crazy talk. Reading, writing, and arithmetic are great and essential, but they do not provide the moral compass that instructs us on how we should use our reading, writing, and arithmetic to make this world a better place.

If you give skills to a person without a moral compass, then you have just created a more empowered monster. They would be good at exporting jobs without caring about the people left unemployed, accumulating wealth just to selfishly indulge, and creating new and inventive ways to screw other people out of their money. A moral compass guides us into using our skills to make our communities a better place.

If we aren't willing to provide a moral compass to our kids, someone is going to instill their moral compass in them. If not us, then who? A popular musician? A wayward teacher? A deceased and disgruntled philosopher? The list goes on and on of people who are willing to raise our children for us and instill in them beliefs that are contrary to what we hold dear. They might grow up to be selfish, self-absorbed leeches on others rather than the blessings that God wants them to be.

Do you really hold dear the teachings of Jesus? You can see whether you do or not by whether you try to pass them down to your children. Do you teach your children to love those picking on them, to try to be a friend to the "unpopular" kids, or to give to others generously? Or do you teach them to fight back, avoid unpopular kids, and to live selfishly? None of us deliberately teach the latter two, but our actions speak much louder than our words.

Most of us don't have the teachings of Jesus written on

our door frames. You can go ahead and do that if you would like, but it is most important to have the teachings of Jesus written all over the way we live. We need to be living the life that we want our children to live. We need to be loving others the way that we want our children to love. We need to be seeking after God the way that we want our children to seek after Him. If there is something in our lives that we don't want our children to do, then we need to stop doing it ourselves. Otherwise, our children are more than likely going to do the things we don't want them to do. Likewise, is there something that you want your children to do? Then you need to start doing it with them now. Serve others together. Worship God together. Study together. Be the parent God created you to be.

If you don't do it now, it will be too late. And someone else will gladly take your place. Someone is going to instill their beliefs into your children. Is it going to be you? Someone else? Or some stranger? If you let a stranger do it, you increase the chance that you will see your grown up kids living in such a way that it is going to result in messed up grandkids. Nick Crews realized this too late. May we learn from his mistake. We aren't given a second chance when it comes to raising our children. Change today. Our children don't have time for us to change tomorrow.

You can read more of Regan's writings at [www.reganravings.blogspot.com](http://www.reganravings.blogspot.com) or stop in to worship God with him and his church family on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. at Riverside Christian Church. Located at the corner of 192 & SR 49.

### A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR SINGLE MOTHERS & OTHERS

The Christmas shopping season is a hectic and sometimes chaotic time for all mothers and especially single mothers trying to get their Christmas shopping done. So First Friends Church is offering single mothers and others, "A Mother's Time Away". On Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-5:00 p.m., the caring people of First Friends Church are going to bless area single mothers and others with a break from the kids, so they can have peaceful time to go Christmas shopping.

While area single mothers and others are shopping, their children will be enjoying a fun filled time from 1:00-5:00 p.m. at the "Kids Holiday Carnival" at First Friends Church located at the corner of South Franklin and East Central, the church is one block south of East Main St. in Van Wert. There will be games, prizes, crafts, puppets, and loads of fun for all the kids. Because of limited space and to make sure there will be plenty of crafts and prizes for the children, the "Mothers Time Away" and "Kids Holiday Carnival" will be available for the first 60 children to pre-register. The "Kids Holiday Carnival" is primarily for children from age 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Children of single mothers will have a first pri-

ority in registration but the event is open to any mothers who need a break. You may pre-register by calling Pastor Paul at 419-771-9378.

There is no cost for the event. The event is a part of First Friends Church's vision of being "A Church with Heart, Caring for Our Community". They believe at First Friends Church, that the true mission of the church is to be a blessing and a help to make our community and area a better place to live. The heart desire, of the caring people of First Friends Church, is for this event to be a special Christmas gift from Jesus to area single mothers and others. For more information or to pre-register please call Pastor Paul at 419-771-9378.

### BIBLE QUESTIONS

By: James Potter, Oakwood church of Christ

1. Luke 4:39 - What did Jesus say to Simon's wife's mother about the high fever?
2. Luke 4:39 - After healing her of the fever what did she do?
3. Luke 4:40 - How did Jesus heal these people?
4. Luke 4:40 - How many were healed?
5. Luke 4:41 - What were the demons saying?
6. Luke 4:41 - What did Jesus do to the demons?
7. Luke 4:42 - When it was day, what did Jesus do?
8. Luke 4:42 - What did the crowd try to do?
9. Luke 4:43 - What did Jesus tell the crowd?
10. Luke 4:43 - What was Jesus to preach?

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

Answers to the Bible questions of the week 11/21/12.

1. Galilee
2. Teach on the Sabbaths
3. At Jesus teaching
4. Authority
5. He had an unclean spirit
6. Let us alone
7. Be quiet and come out of him
8. With authority and power
9. Simon Peter
10. Simon's wife's mother.

The Sahara Desert: The Sahara Desert is a three and a half million square mile expanse of arid land in North Africa, west of the Nile River. It is almost the size of the United States, and is growing larger. The history of the Sahara Desert is interesting. Long ago, Romans made this area the granary of Rome by employing soil conservation and water management. When the Romans left, Nomads ruined the land—trees were cut for fuel. Dams and irrigation channels were abandoned. Goat's grazed upon saplings. Topsoil eroded. The land had been highly productive, but when ravaged, it became nothing but "waste." All of us have talents and great opportunities. What we choose to do with our lives will determine if we become "productive" or "wasteland." You and I need to realize the value of our soul and prepare for eternity. Matthew 16:26, "For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?"

## WCCH DIRECTOR RECEIVES RECOGNITION



Great Lakes Christian College is proud to bestow the Divine Servant Award to Lee Bracey.

Each year recognition is given to a senior student or alumnus whose life has consistently illustrated the sacrificial servant spirit as taught by Jesus Christ and demonstrated in the life of Dr. Brant Lee Doty. This award is the highest and most prestigious this College offers.

Lee Bracey (BRE 1972) has faithfully served in ministry since 1969, ministering to churches in Corunna and Warsaw, IN and Toledo, OH. Lee, along with his wife, Vivian, is presently serving in his 27<sup>th</sup> year as the Executive Director of the Woodburn Christian Children's Home (WCCH), a ministry of Christian Churches and Churches of Christ in rural Woodburn, IN. Throughout his career, Lee has served on numerous boards and committees and presently serves on the GLCC Board of Trustees. Lee is active in the Indiana state legislative process, working hard to influence both legislation and regulation to keep them favorable to ministries and families. On behalf of the WCCH min-

istry, Lee travels and speaks at churches, colleges, conventions and camps throughout the region.

Lee's spiritual journey began at the Kalkaska Church of Christ under the ministry of Paul Stacy. He enjoyed a loving Christian home provided by his parents, Leon and Nettie Bracey. Lee committed his life to Full-Time Christian Service as a teenager at Rock Lake Christian Assembly. He believes that ministry is worth the investment of a lifetime and encourages young people to commit their lives in service to God. Lee and Vivian are proud of their son and daughter who are raising their own children to love and follow Jesus.

Lee believes in the ministry of the Woodburn Christian Children's Home, which receives no public (federal, state, or county) funds and provides a Christian home for many children who have no ability to pay. For more information about the Woodburn Christian Children's Home, please visit their website at: [www.wcchonline.org](http://www.wcchonline.org).

Lee is also the recipient of the Kalkaska Church of Christ Heritage Award.

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

As a resident of small communities we have seen many changes over the past several decades. The family owned and operated businesses have always been there for us. The personal services offered by our local restaurants, garages, service stations, lumber companies, grain elevators, grocery stores, flower shops, etc. have been the mainstay in our daily lives. We can go to any of these stores and greet the owners/workers on a first name basis knowing that they will take the time to assist us in finding what we need with professional knowledge. If your purchase isn't what you wanted when you got home or didn't perform as you thought it would, they will make it good, usually by offering you a full refund or replacement, not and in store credit.

When a local school, sport team, volunteer fire department, church or community group is in need of funds, donations or sponsorships these are the same business owners

who dig into their pockets without hesitation to help a local cause. The individuals they employ are most often your neighbor, relative, fellow church member, or have children/grandchildren that go to school with your children.

The majority of us go to the big box stores thinking we will get a bargain at a lower price, but quite often of inferior quality, and end up purchasing many things we don't need at a higher price rather than supporting the small community merchant to get what you need.

Fellow community members, it is time that we once again start supporting these local merchants and businesses or we will continue to lose the core of our community and the support they give to us as individuals and organizations.

—Denny Miesle

**CITY OF NEW HAVEN REMOVES STOP SIGN ON GREEN STREET AT THE GREEN STREET & POWERS STREET INTERSECTION**

The City of New Haven Engineering Department completed a traffic study evaluation at the intersection of Green and Powers and has determined that with the low volume of traffic on Powers, the stop sign on Green at Powers (stopping Green for Powers) is no longer warranted and has now been removed.

Assistant Director of Engineering Tye Campbell said, "The reason this sign was originally placed on Green was because Powers used to be part of U.S. 24. This resulted in a high volume of truck traffic utilizing that roadway at that time." Campbell added, "Powers has not been a state highway for over 10 years, and now that through traffic and truck traffic utilize 469, there has been a substantial drop in the amount of traffic utilizing that street.

Mayor McDonald has asked motorists to remain aware of this new change and to use caution when approaching this intersection.

For more information, please contact Assistant Director of Engineering Tye Campbell at 748-7030.

**DONUTS SUPPORT COMMUNITY PROJECTS**

The Woodburn Lions Club has been making donuts for over 50 years. This past year we made over 2,500 dozen for events such as the Woodburn Garage Sales, recycling day, summer & fall festivals, Woodlan home football games and Harlan Days.

The money raised through these sales have gone to many community and State Lions projects including: Woodburn Food Bank, Woodburn Christian Children's home, Maumee Township EMS, City of Woodburn Electronic sign, Woodburn Christmas light maintenance, Woodlan Band, Day in the Park, eye-glass and assistance for students with sight problems, Leader Dog for the blind, Cancer Control, Indiana Eye Bank. The club also sponsors the annual Easter Egg Hunt and Halloween Party in Woodburn and sponsors a team in the Woodburn youth baseball program.

The financial support of these projects would not be possible without your support of our donuts sales. We continue to need your support. Our membership continues to age and many members, who have served our community for many years, are no longer able to fully participate in our activities. We need new members who are willing to give a small fraction of their time to serve their community. With regular meetings, twice a month - every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the community center, meetings last about 1 hour, and making donuts during the spring, summer and fall - your commitment would be less than 40 hours/year.

Membership is open to both men and women. Without an influx of individuals willing to give a small portion of their time, eventually Woodburn Lions Donuts may become something of the past. The Lions International slogan is - WE SERVE!

If you are interested in attending and/or joining the Woodburn Lions Club call Denny Miesle at 260-312-2674, Clarence Reichhart at 260-632-5345, Bob Buuck at 260-704-5395 or contact any Lion Club Member.

**EACS LAUNCHING TRANSPORTATION SURVEY TO RECEIVE COMMUNITY FEEDBACK**

East Allen County Schools is reaching out to employees, parents and community members to receive feedback regarding the EACS bell times and other transportation related services. A Transportation Survey has been launched to gather this feedback. The survey can be accessed at the East Allen web site, <http://www.eacs.k12.in.us/>

Please take a moment to complete the survey to help us better understand your views. For more information, please contact Mr. Roger Miller, Manager of Transportation at 260-446-0100 ext. 2004.

**HUNTERS SUCCESSFUL DURING OHIO'S DEER-GUN SEASON OPENING DAY**

Hunters checked 29,297 white-tailed deer on Monday, Nov. 26, the opening day of Ohio's deer-gun season, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' (ODNR) Division of Wildlife.

Monday's total represents a 24.1 percent increase from 2011, when rain-soaked hunters harvested 23,600 deer.

Counties reporting the highest numbers of deer checked in 2012: Coshocton (1,199), Muskingum (1,102), Tuscarawas (1,091), Guernsey (858), Harrison (845), Knox (830), Ashtabula (816), Licking (805), Carroll (776) and Washington (747). The top three counties were unchanged from 2011.

The deer-gun season remains open through Sunday, December 2. It will reopen for an additional two days, Saturday and Sunday, December 15-16. Approximately 420,000 hunters are expected to participate in this year's season, including many out-of-state hunters. Find more information about deer hunting in Ohio's 2012-2013 Hunting and Trapping Regulations or at [wildohio.com](http://wildohio.com).

The white-tailed deer is the most popular game animal in Ohio, frequently pursued by generations of hunters. Ohio ranks eighth nationally in annual hunting-related sales and 10th in the number of jobs associated with hunting-related industries. Hunting has an \$859 million economic impact in Ohio through the sale of equipment, fuel, food, lodging and more.

Hunters are encouraged to donate any extra venison to organizations assisting Ohioans in need. ODNR Division of Wildlife is collaborating with Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry (FHH) to help pay for the processing of donated venison. Hunters who donate deer are not required to pay the processing cost as long as the deer are taken to a participating processor. To see which counties are involved in this program, go to [fhfh.org](http://fhfh.org).

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fish. This business also knows the value of giving back. Having participated in the recent Sample New Haven event, they support New Haven Food Bank, and New Haven High School. Rich's Cafe also participated in New Haven's trick or treating event and other Chamber activities.

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**OLD DAN & I CHAPTER 16: DAN & I AT AACHEN**

**By: Stan Jordan**

Dan and I returned from a mission on the Gerbersheim Canal and the Rhine River. That was a busy canal that carried raw materials down the Rhine to the Stutstart; sometimes referred to as the Saar Basin or the Colmar Pocket. When we returned from the mission, I knew that I had something wrong with the calf of my right leg.

I went down to the dispensary, and the doctor on duty was a Major from Cleveland Ohio. He had me lay on my belly and looked at my wound. He said, "Yes, you got hit, but you darn near didn't. That slug went through your clothes and just hit the skin of the inside of your right leg, but it was hot and left a burn and not a hole type wound."

He said, "Really what you have is a second degree burn. I will put on some salve and bandage and mark you 'duty'."

I am glad that I am back to duty, because I think Gen. Guggenheim is cooking up a new mission. The Gen. came over this morning and had his driver with him. A Gen. carries a lot of weight and they get catered to. When we went down to the mess hall mid-morning, we had coffee and hot cinnamon rolls.

We were all present: Lt. Meyers, Lt. Hornish, Dan, the general's driver and I, in the officers lounge.

Gen. Guggenheim said, "Fellows here is the big picture. We are going to make another napalm raid. Needless to say, it is another hush, hush mission."

"I will fly the C-47 transport with all of the napalm and ground crew and you three will escort me to Rome, Italy. There is a facility there called the Spaghetti Airbase. It is a big one, reconditioned and in good shape. The Italians used it. We will not have to take guards along, as it has a fenced in security area."

"It is about 1200 miles to Rome and we will need our extra fuel tanks but we will not drop them, we will need them later."

"We will be able to use our radios. I will be Blue Jay and you guys will be Blue Jay 1, 2, and 3. That airbase down there knows we are coming and who we are on the radio, but they are not sure when we are going. I will notify them the morning that we leave here."

"Now do you fellows have any questions?"

"Yes sir," Lt. Meyers said, "Just who is this gentleman here? He certainly is not just your driver."

The Gen. said, "I knew that someday, that someone would ask that questions, and I don't blame you."

"His name is Elroy and he is no common driver. He has been with S-3 and I since June 1941, when he graduated from MIT."

"He doesn't wear stripes, but he is a Master Sgt. First Class. He is a very important part of this organization. He can fly the C-47 as my co-pilot but he was never checked out in a P-51."

"Okay fellas, any other questions? Fine, well I'm leaning towards the day after tomorrow about mid-morning."

"If you fellows would be all ready to go, Elroy and I will be here and we will all go to breakfast together. Then if we have any changes or corrections we will discuss it then. Okay? Meeting over, see you about 8:00 a.m. Thursday."

See ya!

**ROAD NAMES & NUMBERS NORTH OF THE MAUMEE RIVER**

**By: Stan Jordan**

Friends and readers, now and then someone will ask me what the old time names on that road here in Carryall Township were. So we start at the county line and come south with the east-west

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1. Of course the Defiance/Paulding County Line have always used that name and no number.
2. The next road to the south is CR 230 and it was called the Johnson Rd.
3. The next road to the south is CR 220 and it was called Kemerer Rd.
4. (a) In between CR 220 and CR 204 is a short road called a One Half Mile Rd. off of SR 49—to the west it was called the Rogers Rd. after the Arthur Rogers family. That number is 214.

4. (b) Then it skipped a mile and then between Road 43 and east to 53 it is called the Drexler Rd. after Harry Drexler now numbered 216.

4. (c) Then it skips three miles and is still 214 over in Crane Township. I couldn't find a name for that road.

5. The next CR to the south is 204 it is called the Hubbard Rd. That road ends to the east at TWP Rd. 53. Then it skips to the east two miles and then it is CR 206 or the Harvgrave Pike. It runs from Dead Man's Curve onto Cecil.

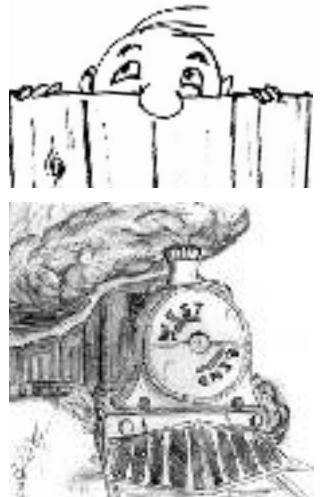
6. This is a one mile road TWP 190 between 204 and Road 192. I call this the Balsar Rd.

7. CR 192 or commonly called the River Rd. East or West from SR 49.

8. TWP T-31 is off the River Rd. to the west. The roads changed numbers at the Maumee River. Most of the numbers north of the river end in 3 but south of the river that same road might end in 1.

Next week we have the east/west roads that are south of the river.

See ya!



**By: Stan Jordan**

Dear Friends and Readers,  
Here at the WBN on our joke or laugh of the day column, we have used the logo of the little fellow looking over the fence.

That logo originated back during WWII over in Europe. It went along with the words Kill Roy Was Here.

It was found all over the E.T.O. even in London's Picadilly Circus. There is a tall marble spire that has been there for many, many years, and very sacred to all English people.

Well, in 1943 during the war they put up a scaffolding and removed the top ornament from the spire and inside this nationally known edifice was the above picture and the words Kill Roy Was Here.

The officials never knew who, when, or how that note got in there but the note and picture was very famous and well-known by all the service men in the European theatre of operations and

the Army's weekly publication called Yank.

The bottom picture of the speeding locomotive is called OI' #9, it was drawn by Joel Steiner a 6<sup>th</sup> grade student at Antwerp Local School. He is the son of the editor at WBN.

I thank Joel for this logo. See ya!

**ZEKE**

A Minneapolis couple decided to go to Florida to thaw out during a particularly icy winter. They planned to stay at the sam hotel where they spent their honeymoon 20 years earlier. Because of hectic schedules, it was difficult to coordinate their travel schedules. So, the husband left Minnesota and flew to Florida on Thursday, with his wife flying down the following day.

The husband checked into the hotel. There was a computer in his room, so he decided to send an e-mail to his wife. However, he accidentally left out one letter in her e-mail address, and without realizing his error, sent the e-mail.

Meanwhile, somewhere in Houston, a widow had just returned home from her husband's funeral. He was a minister who was called home to gory following a heart attack. The widow decided to check her e-mail, expecting messages from relatives and friends. After reading the first message, she screamed and fainted. The widow's son rushed into the room, found his mother on the floor, and saw the computer screen which read:

*To: My Loving Wife  
 Subject: I've Arrived  
 Date: July 19, 2010  
 I know you're surprised to hear from me. They have computers here now and you are allowed to send e-mails to your loved ones. I've just arrived and have been checked in.  
 I've seen that everything has been prepared for your arrival tomorrow. Looking forward to seeing you then! Hope your journey is as uneventful as mine was.  
 P.S. Sue is freaking hot down here!!!!  
 —Submitted to Stan by Rex Hurni*

**SAM RIVERS, INDIAN AGENT CHAPTER 43: BILLY METZGER ARRIVES**

**By: Stan Jordan**

I haven't written for a few days, just too much going on.

The other evening Gen. Kearney and Lt. Billy Metzger came into the agency to pay a visit to all his old friends.

Well maybe I better tell you, who Billy Metzger is and why we are so glad to see him.

He was 14 years old when he and his family left Ohio to go to Oregon to grow an apple orchard. He became a sidekick to the wagon master Slim Jim Martin. Billy is very good with horses and mules and was very good taking care of the wagons.

When the wagon train reached Fort Bridger, Billy's parents let him sign on with El Passo Sam, Slim Jim, and Hiram Mason the freighter from the California Gold Strike area.

Well, those four fellows

crossed this great nation from Independence Missouri, to Sutter's Mill on the American River in California where the gold was discovered in 1848. They made this trip seven times.

Gen. Kearney recognized this boy's ability with horses and urged him to go to the University of Missouri and become a veterinarian for the Army. The Army would pay all the fees and he would become an Army officer and a veterinarian.

Well, the four years have passed and Billy did a fine job at college and he has a 30-day leave and he decided to come here and see his old friends. We have sit and talked for three days. We had four years to catch up on. Billy has taken off his dress uniform and put on his fatigue clothes and is ready to be one of the boys.

We are leaving early in the morning to go over to the tribe of Limping Buffalo. You see, Billy knows some of those indians but back then White Elk was the chief and Limping Buffalo was the tribe shaman. Billy didn't know that White Elk had died and that his son, Limping Buffalo, was their new chief.

We arrived at their village and a few of the natives greeted Billy after they found out who he was—he is four years older now. Now there was quite a circle of friends: Gen. Kearney, Billy, Sam, and all four of the soldiers, Limping Buffalo, Pony that Walks, Half Moon, Deer Foot, and a couple of other braves.

They passed the peace pipe around a couple of times and Rooster had brought along the one burner oil stove and he was busy making coffee. Most of the natives can speak enough English to carry on a conversation, so there was a lot of talking and greeting going on.

Billy spent hours talking to Limping Buffalo and Pony that Walks, as he knew them from four years ago. The natives still refer to him as He Talks To Horses. After the pow-wow broke up, Rooster had made bean soup with buffalo meat and he had fried up some deer pieces and baked some biscuits. We ate and drank coffee and talked with Billy way into the night.

After we all had breakfast the next morning, Billy went and took care of the horses, looked them all over pretty good. He helped the boys grease the wheels and hubs on all of the wagons. Then they repaired the boards on the back of the barn where the wolves got in.

In the middle of the morning, Billy and a couple of the soldiers took the horses and went bear hunting. Billy has never shot a bear. I think this is his first time hunting. I guess this is the way the story goes.

The hunters traveled six or eight miles into the prairie-type undergrowth and weeds and also a little swale grass.

After a couple of hours of walking and leading the horses without any action of any type they sat down in the shade to smoke a cigarette and rest the horses a little.

The fellows chewed on a sandwich they had in their pocket and drank some cool water from their canteens. I think they enjoyed the rest and gab session as much as the hunting.

The soldier named Hunter said, "My gosh! Look, there is a bear over by that pile of brush at the bottom of that maple tree."

The bear stood up and looked at the boys and Hunter shot him with his 45-70 but he didn't go down.

Oh my gosh, here he comes!

See ya!

**100th Birthday Card Shower**

Mary Lilly, born December 9, 1912 a former resident of Bryan, Ohio. Retired from Spangler Candy Co., volunteered 14 years at Bryan Senior Center. Mary presently lives with her son and daughter-in-law, Roger and Joyce Lilly. Mail cards to P.O. Box 221 Antwerp, Ohio 45813.

Congratulations on this amazing milestone. Have a very Happy 100th Birthday. We love you. From, Roger, Joyce, and Todd, Debra, Pat and Dylan Meek

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**CELEBRATE THE SEASON!**

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 at the Antwerp Methodist Church

Encore Performance on

**Monday, December 17, at 7:30 p.m.**  
 at the Huber Opera House, Hicksville.

**This Year's Program**

Bach's mellow and relaxing "Arioso" and three medleys - the traditional "Sweet Sounds of Christmas", the contemporary "A Most Wonderful Christmas" and for the child in all of us, "A Charlie Brown Christmas", with lots more! Your "presence" is the best of "presents" we could wish for - please come and celebrate the music of the season with us!

## CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY AT TRACY'S COUNTRY FLEA MARKET



Tracy's Country Flea Market kicked off their first annual "Snowflakes for Seniors" Christmas project with a blessing by Pastor Tommy Sandefer of Van Wert Victory Church and the lighting of the tree by Mayor Don Farmer.

Gene Tracy, owner of the flea market, along with his wife Melissa, wanted to do something for Christmas for the elderly who are many times overlooked at this time of year so it was decided that the vendors at the flea market along with the Tracy's would adopt individuals from a local nursing home who would not be having Christmas with family or friends this year and the project began.

Snowflakes were numbered rather than named and a wish list on each snowflake placed on the tree. Anyone wishing to pick a snowflake from the tree and be a 'Secret Santa' is welcome to stop in and give us your name, then after shopping for your individual the gifts should be brought to the flea market by December 16<sup>th</sup> and we will see they are delivered to the nursing home in time for Christmas.

The Tracy's want this to be an annual event and welcome your participation in the project. Stop out at Tracy's Country Flea Market and see the tree and pick up your snowflake and start your Christmas shopping at the same time.

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Woodlan, EACS put in more career oriented classes including Graphic Arts and he became the teacher of the newly offered class. He taught the young people to run printing presses and what it takes to get ideas to completed products out the door and ready to ship.

While he was a teacher at the school he was also the wrestling coach in the evenings. He spent 29 years as coach, taking boys to manhood in the demanding sport. It was for this he was honored for on Tuesday, November 27 at the wrestling meet.

Denny also coached Junior High football, baseball and softball and was Athletic Director until his retirement in 2011 from East Allen County Schools. Congratulations Mr. Miesle. We are honored for having learned from one of the best!

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ness that serves Northeast Indiana's recycling and solid waste needs. Earth First was formed by Gregg Walbridge and Jason Pickerman, in an effort to bring back the locally owned, family atmosphere the Walbridge family had previously created at National Serv-all for over 30 years. Earth First currently has over 25 employees and serves over 12,000 residential, commercial, industrial and construction customers throughout the region. www.EarthFirst-Services.com

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### MANOR HOUSE GYM - YEAR IN REVIEW

The past year has been a whirlwind at the Manor House Gym. The gym opened for events in October 2011. Three fall basketball leagues for girls in grades 3-6, boys 3-4 and 5-6 brought 54 players mainly from Antwerp, Paulding, and Wayne Trace school districts. However, the seed was planted for future events. The fall league paid for gym lighting repairs and new water connections for the gym rest rooms. The Antwerp Baseball Association was a huge partner throughout the winter months in renting the gym for throwing and catching fundamentals. Their income repaired the toilets and made the rest rooms usable again. As word spread of the new gym facility, more communities showed their support. A boys spring varsity basketball league was offered and players came from all Paulding County schools and also from Hicksville. A national spring tournament came to Antwerp in conjunction with the Antwerp Local School gyms. Teams participated from Buffalo, NY, Akron, Toledo and Wauseon, OH; Angola, Lagrange and Fort Wayne, IN. Although team numbers were lower than hoped, the communication about the gym spread and opened new opportunities for the summer.

Basketball summer leagues were offered on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights in June and July. Monday brought 6<sup>th</sup> grade boy teams from WT, Paulding, Antwerp, and a team from Marion, OH. Tuesday brought twelve JV boys teams to the Antwerp School gyms and included 10 area Ohio teams as well as two Fort Wayne travel

teams. Wednesday was for JH girls. Teams traveled out of their communities to Antwerp each week from Delphos, Wayne Trace, Bishop Dwenger, Van Wert, and FW Legit. JH Boys played on Thursdays from Paulding, WT, Archbold, Tinora, and FW Legit. Those leagues kept the gym full and hopping. The income was used for repairs in the bleacher mechanics making all four sets usable and retractable again; provided a second scoreboard for divided gym play, and started an account for the future return of heat to the gym. Fall brought a new offering to the gym. A grant from the Paulding County Area Foundation in late 2011 provided the opportunity for the Manor House Gym to purchase volleyball equipment for two courts to play at a time. Twelve elementary teams from as far away as VW, Defiance, and Edon, participated in Antwerp, on Saturday mornings, to try their hand at improving their game.

The fall also brought a new boys basketball league, a tournament for JH Parochial Schools, and a 6<sup>th</sup> grade boy's pre-season basketball tournament. Marion, OH again played in the fall league with Antwerp, WT, Paulding, and newcomer Leo, IN. The volleyball season closed with parochial schools from Napoleon, OH; Monroeville, New Haven, Huntington, Fort Wayne, and Elkhart, IN. After having no interest last fall, the pre-season boys' basketball tournament brought two teams from Toledo, a Paulding County combined team and Marion. When the inaugural fall league rolled around again it expanded from three leagues to six. Added to the original three were 3-4 grade girls, 7-8 boys and girls. The whole difference was from the communication from last year's Paulding County players. This year hosted new players from Woodburn, New Haven, Hoagland, and Monroeville, IN; Archbold, Sylvania, Napoleon, Stryker, Edgerton, and all over Northwest OH. The league more than doubled in size. The income from the leagues provided enough to reconnect gas lines, then order and install heat into the gym. This opened up winter

## PAULDING PUTNAM ELEC. COOP. GIVES BACK TO LOCAL SCHOOLS



Don Clark, band director at Paulding High School, accepted a check for \$1,000 from Paulding Putnam Trust Board President, Ray Etzler. The Boosters are raising money to purchase rain coats. The grant was possible through the generous donations of Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative members through Operation Round Up. For more information regarding Operation Round Up visit www.ppec.coop. The deadline for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter applications is December 31.



Karen Schlatter, Elementary Guidance at Paulding Elementary, accepted a check for \$1,000 from Paulding Putnam Trust Board President, Ray Etzler. The grant will be used to fund the "Love and Logic" program. The grant was possible through the generous donations of Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative members through Operation Round Up. For more information regarding Operation Round Up visit www.ppec.coop. The deadline for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter applications is December 31.

leagues, a whole new season for the gym.

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**ANTWERP VS PAULDING BASKETBALL**



Paulding Boys went to Antwerp Saturday, December 1 for the first county matchup of the season. The gymnasium was packed and Panthers were on fire shooting down the Archers 56-37. (Left) Paulding junior Kyle Kauser drives the lane on a fast break to add two points for the Panthers against Antwerp. (Right) Antwerp senior Noah Ganger #24 looks for a passing lane. More great pictures at [www.premium-light-images.com](http://www.premium-light-images.com)



The lady Archers took on Paulding at home on Tuesday, November 27. The basketball game was very close up to the third quarter and then the Lady Panthers pulled ahead for the 44-38 win. (Left) Antwerp senior Alexis Jones jump shoots from the corner of the key. (Right) Paulding sophomore Brooke Combs attempts a three point basket. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net).



Shown above is New Haven junior Haley Fox getting fouled while scoring against East Noble. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)

Lady Bulldogs took on East Noble at home on December 1st. The JV game got a late start after the early games were delayed. The girls worked hard and by the beginning of the third quarter were only one point different at 19-20, but the last portion of the 3rd and all of the fourth quarter produced no points and New Haven JV Girls fell to East Noble 19-35.

The girls varsity game started with the Lady Bulldogs freshman Brooke Imel scoring the first basket, but they couldn't keep the lead and by the end first quarter it was 4-16. The second half proved to be better for New Haven, scoring 10 points each in the third and fourth quarters. Final score was 32-56 with the win going to East Noble.

**WEST BEND NEWS UP- GRADES PHOTO ALBUMS**

The West Bend News is now publishing pictures to the website the same night as the event. The albums have been upgraded so you can now rate each picture and make comments giving other readers your valuable input on the event! Like the West Bend News on Facebook and you will be notified immediately after the album has went live.

**BIRD FEEDING**

**By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Educator**

Bird feeding is a very popular way to enjoy wildlife in your backyard. A bird feeder placed in view of a kitchen or living room window can provide a pleasurable and educational experience.

Many people choose to feed birds year round, while others elect to feed birds only during the cold months of winter.

If you do not have a bird feeding station in your backyard but are interested in getting into this popular hobby, a little planning and consideration of bird feeding habits can make your backyard habitat more successful. First, let's consider the birds' needs.

Try to put the feeder in a location that is protected from winter winds. If you are placing your feeder on a pole, it should be 5 to 6 feet above the ground. There are some bird species, such as doves, which feed on the ground, so you might want to install a ground platform feeder to meet their needs.

In addition to protection

from the cold winter winds, birds need protection from predators that may be attracted, not just for the seed, to your feeder. So, position your feeder within 5 feet of some type of cover such as trees or shrubs for escape from predators. Birds will also use these areas for loafing between meals.

The type of seed you put into the feeder is an important consideration. There are many premixed bird seeds on the market, but what is in the mix will have an effect on how much is actually consumed. Some birdseed mixes contain seeds, such as milo, wheat, oats and rice, which are unattractive to most birds. The seed that attracts the widest variety of birds is sunflower.

One way to avoid wasted seed is to make your own mixture. A combination of

white proso millet and black oil-type sunflower seed will give you the most for your bird-feeding dollar because these seed types are preferred by many types of birds. While the initial cost of this seed combination may be higher, very little seed, and therefore money, will be wasted.

If winter feeding is started it must be consistent throughout the winter when natural foods are in low supply. It is important to place the feeders in a location where you can get to them in the middle of winter. Do not forget to keep your bird feeder clean. Once a week, or as necessary, remove moldy seed and fecal matter from the feeder. If you feed birds during the warmer months, disinfect your feeder at cleaning time with a weak bleach solution.

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# GARRETT DERAILED AT WOODLAN



Shown above is senior Corbin Bennett getting fouled on the shot against the Railroaders. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)

Woodlan boys took on Garrett for their second home game Friday, November 30. The JV game was very close and came down to the wire but the Warriors pulled off the win. The varsity game started with Garrett scoring the first basket.

Woodlan finished the half in the lead, and finished with a 59-52 score. It wasn't an easy win for the Warriors as both teams' offense was on fire in the last quarter with both scoring 21 points. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)

## WARRIORS HANG ON FOR VICTORY OVER BLAZERS

Woodlan placed three players in double figures in scoring and the Warriors hung on to get a 62-56 victory over Eastside in boys' basketball at Butler. Shawn McGettigan led the Warriors with 15 points and

Woodlan led at every stop in the game. Loren Stieglitz and Kadin Gerig each added 11 points for the Warriors. Score by the quarter: Woodlan - 13 16 16 17=62 Eastside - 8 12 19 17=56 Scorers of the game: Woodlan - McGettigan 15, Stieglitz 11, Gerig 11, Evans 9, Bennett 6, Mendenhall 4, White 4, Borden 2

Eastside - Lilly 25, Shelter 11, Renier 5, Liechty 5, Newcomer 4, Dean 4, Yoder 2

## CONCORDIA TOPS WOODLAN IN SEASON OPENER

Concordia posted a 79-50 win at the Woodlan gym over the Warriors in the season opener in boys basketball at the Warriors' gym. Austin Harris led the Cadets with 19 points in the game. The Concordia defense held the Woodlan offense scoreless until the 5:05 mark of the first period and the Cadet offense went on a 12-0 run to start the game. Kadin Gerig led Woodlan scoring with 17 points and hit 5 three-pointers in the game. Concordia swept the evening with a 61-38 win in the reserve game. Elijah O'Hara had 11 points for Woodlan and Nathan Brown added 10 points.

Score by the quarter:  
Concordia - 18 26 25 10=79  
Woodlan - 12 13 12 13=50  
Scorers of the game:  
Concordia - Harris 19, McCall 17, Gremaux 15, Starks 11, Rogers 7, Gross 4, Tharp 2, Curry 2, Webb 2  
Woodlan - Gerig 17, Evans 12, Williams 7, Stieglitz 4, Bennett 4, Jones 2, Lortie 2, McGettigan 2

## EACS BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES PRESENT HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA TO UNITED STATES ARMY VETERAN

At a recent board meeting, the Board of School Trustees along with the Indiana Department of Education recognized, honored and presented Mr. Marion Rothgeb with his high school diploma. Mr. Rothgeb left Hoagland High in 1953 to join the United States Army and was unable to graduate. He served our country for 13 months in Korea during that time period. After leaving the U.S. Army, Mr. Rothgeb worked at a local Fort Wayne company for over 40 years. "EACS is proud and certainly honored to recognize Mr. Rothgeb for his commitment to life long learning and military service to the United States of America" said Dr. Karyle Green, Superintendent.

## FIRST WIN OF THE SEASON FOR WARRIOR BB

Woodlan hung on to get its first win of the season in boys basketball with a 59-48 victory over the Belmont Braves. Jaylin Bennett scored 20 points to lead the Warriors with Kadin Gerig pumping in 4 three-pointers and 16 points. Gregory White added 10 points for Woodlan. The Warriors trailed by just 1 after the first quarter but took the lead for good in the second quarter and led by 5 at the half. A 10-2 run in the third period helped Woodlan extend their lead. Belmont fought back in the final period and trailed by just 2 points with a minute to play before Bennett and Gerig hit free throws down the stretch to secure the game. Woodlan got the win in the reserve game 51-40 with Jeffery Jones and Loren Hahn each scoring 10 points.

Score by the quarter:  
Bellmont - 12 9 12 15=48  
Woodlan - 11 15 14 19=50  
Scorers of the game:  
Bellmont - Zeser 14, Bienz 13, Birch 13, Vergara 4, Tierney 2, Baker 2  
Woodlan - Bennett 20, Gerig 16, White 10, Mendenhall 7, Williams 5, Evans 1

## WOODLAN TAGS CONFERENCE WIN OVER GARRETT

Woodlan had 4 starters hit double figures in the scoring department and the Lady Warriors pulled away in the second half to get a 57-32 conference win over Garrett at the Woodlan gym. The Lady Warriors led 10-9 after the first quarter and 26-25 at the half. Woodlan broke the game open in the second half, holding the Lady Railroaders to just 3 points in the third quarter and 4 in the fourth period. Woodlan outscored Garrett 31-7 in the second half. Lauren Ehle led Woodlan with 15 points. Garrett won the reserve game 32-29 with Kendra Graber getting 10 points for the Warriors.

Score by the quarter:  
Garrett - 9 16 3 4=32  
Woodlan - 10 16 14 17=57  
Scorers of the game:  
Garrett - Dawson 12, Oliver 6, Somers 5, Smith 5, Wisel 2, Riedley 2  
Woodlan - Ehle 15, Price 12, Gerbers 11, Malfait 10, Hostetler 6, Franklin 3

## LADY WARRIORS CRUISE TO BIG WIN OVER EASTSIDE

Eastside scored the first 4 points of the game and Woodlan didn't get on the board until the 6 minute mark of the first quarter, but the Warriors went on a 9-0 run to take the lead for good and cruise to a 53-37 win in girls' basketball. Burgundy Price's three-pointer put the Warriors on the board and she scored 16 in the game to lead the offense. Woodlan beat the lady Blazer 39-6 in the reserve game with Kendra Graber getting 10 points and Kenzie Salzbrenner

# A MAJOR FITNESS CELEBRATION



Major Fitness & Martial Arts has celebrated their third anniversary in November and would like to see you participate! They are working hard to get the facilities ready for all the people who have not been there before and to see how it is set up for the whole family! It's been three years since Rob Major thought, "There should be a place for kids to go to, learn, and keep fit." Since 2009 hundreds of kids have gone through the programs offered at Major Fitness and learned to not only be skilled but also confident with other people. Many young people are off the streets because of programs like this. It's not just for kids either. Parents have found that exercise and muscle toning has helped them fall

asleep easier and they don't spend as much time in front of the television. Along with Rob Major are two other assistants, Robert Kennedy and Jon Dobbelaere, who make the Major Fitness a central part to the atmosphere in Paulding. It also offers women instructors for targeted women's classes. Major Fitness is located at 100 N. Williams St in Paulding, previously the Village Apothecary. If you have been thinking about stepping up a little exercise and accountability or ready for a major change some pounds, check out a Major Fitness. For more information call 260-312-9920. Look for the end of the year specials in this week's ad in the West Bend News.

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Eastside - 10 10 2 15=37  
Woodlan - 19 14 11 9=53  
Scorers of the game:  
Eastside - Ward 10, Jones 10, Minehart 4, Crager 4, Moore 3, Shook 3, Miller 3  
Woodlan - Price 16, Ehle 9, Malfait 9, Hostetler 7, Gerbers 7, Williams 4, Bontrager 1

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**TIME FOR YEAR-END REVIEW OF YOUR FINANCIAL STRATEGY?**

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



Now that 2012 is drawing to a close, you may want to review the progress you've made this past year in many areas of your life — including your financial situation. By going over your investment portfolio and other key areas related to your finances, you can learn what moves you may need to make in 2013 to stay on track toward your important objectives, such as college for your children, a comfortable retirement and the ability to leave the type of legacy you desire.

To get a clear picture of where you are, consider asking yourself these questions:

- Am I taking on too much risk? Although 2012 has generally been a pretty good year for investors, we've certainly seen periods of considerable volatility. During these times, did you find yourself constantly fretting about big drops in your portfolio value? In fact, have you consistently

experienced this type of worry throughout your years as an investor? If so, you might be taking on too much risk for your individual risk tolerance. Review your holdings to determine if you can lower your risk level without jeopardizing your overall investment strategy.

- Am I investing too conservatively? Just as you can take on too much investment risk, you can also go to the other extreme by investing too conservatively. If your portfolio contains a preponderance of investments that offer significant preservation of principal but very little in the way of growth potential, you may be endangering your chances of accumulating the resources you'll need to achieve your long-term goals.

- Am I contributing as much as I can afford to my retirement plans? If you have access to an employer-sponsored retirement plan, such as a 401(k), 403(b) or 457(b), consider yourself fortunate. Your plan has the potential to grow on a tax-deferred basis, and you typically contribute pre-tax dollars — the more you put in, the lower your annual taxable income. Plus, your employer may match part of your contributions. So if you've been under-funding your retirement plan, ratchet up your funding in 2013. At the same time, you may still be eligible to contribute to an IRA; if so, try to "max out" on it. A traditional IRA grows tax deferred while a Roth IRA can grow tax free, provided you meet certain conditions.

- Am I adequately protecting my income — and my family? Over time, you'll experience many changes in your life — marriage, chil-

dren, new job, new home, etc. Most, if not all, of these changes will require you to make sure you have adequate life insurance in place to help guard your family's future, should anything happen to you. Furthermore, to help replace your income should you become disabled, you may well need to purchase an adequate amount of disability income insurance.

- Do I need professional help? As the above questions indicate, maintaining control of your financial situation can be challenging — especially if you try to do it all on your own. You might benefit from working with a financial professional — someone who can analyze your situation objectively and make recommendations based on your risk tolerance, time horizon and specific goals.

Before the clock runs out on 2012, take the time to ask yourself the above questions. The answers may well spur you to take positive action in 2013.

**WOODLAN JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL 1ST NINE WEEKS 2012-13 SCHOOL YEAR**

**Scholar Honors (A Average with no grade below a B-):**

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade** – Isabel Alicea, Kyra Bailey, Emma Baughman, Lucas Bertsche, William Collins, Luke Crilly, Jenna Cummins, Justin Durkes, Evan Garver, Aaron Hahn, Karissa Hoepfner, Hunter Knight, Curt Lomont, Clayton McMahan, Paul Schmucker Jr.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade** – Meghan Bair, Kaitlyn Castleman, Rochelle Faull, Josephine Giannotti, Mitchell Lehman, Alyssa Schuller, Samantha Voors, Cassidy Wiedenhoef, Alan Zehr

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade** – Isabell Baughman, Bailey Berning, Madison Bullerman, Garrett Byers, Kory Gerig, Gavin Keller, Victoria Moore, Kenzie Salzbrenner, Michael Singer, Brenna Steury, Paige Stutzman, Joseph McKinley, Mitchell VanBrocklin, Zackary Wietfeldt

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade** – Thomas Bartle, Megan Benson, Victoria Cook, Jasmine Diaz, Rebekah Dignall, Caitlyn Downs, Loren Hahn, Olivia Hostetler, Anthony Hutson, Shawn Kitzmiller, Ella Minic, Kaylee Moses, Jason Renner, Emily Summers, Madeline Thomas, Ivan Valentine Jr., Teakiesha Walker, Jazmine Williams

**11<sup>th</sup> Grade** – Kendra Abbott, Tori Bontrager, Rashel Dial, Tyler Eich, Jared Emehiser, Dakota Gerig, Mackenzie Hartman, Samuel Hathaway, SunSeeRae Heron, Joachima Hoot, Haley Hostetler, Tyler Kern, Micah Koenig, Keri Koenig, Erika Kreilach, Cassandra Lomont, Gena Oberlin, Garrett VanBrocklin, Emily Wagoner, Abigail Wietfeldt

**12<sup>th</sup> Grade** – Lauren Braaten, Kelsey Brown, Austin Brooks, Lauren Ehle, Carissa Eisenmann, Clayton Graber, Joshua Hettinger, Katie Hormann, Carly Huth, Marisa Komosinski, Jaryn Malfait, Ryan Milby, Blake Miller, Zachary J. Miller, Timothy Nahrwold, Graham Renbarger, Lori Renner, Jacob Rhodes, Hannah Robbins, Joseph Salgado, Olivia Schultz, Enos Schwartz, Rachel Sowles, Zachary Taylor, Cameron Voss, Michael Yagodinski

**High Honors (B+ Average with no grade below a B-):**

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade** – Taylor Albertson, Faith Kizer, Reese Martin, Kei'anna McGettigan, Grace Miller, Stephanie Piedra, Micah Robbins, Jacob Thompson

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade** – Sydnee Ashcraft, Alec Bayman, Ethan Brandenburg, Samantha Brenneke, Jordan Delagrang, Elizabeth Eich, Olivia Funk, Dane Herschberger, Kage Kurtz, Sydney Moore, Adam Quaintance, Sophia Schultz, Tucker Wallace, Breanna Ward

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade** – Micah Allgeier, Brooke Gerig, Alyssa Hoepfner, Adam Hormann, Justin Fuelling, Rebecca Lomont, Elise Rudolph, William Stuckey

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade** – Na Si Ma Be, Brittany Berning, Tynan Easterday, Savannah Funk, Alyssa Garver, Dylan Gerig, Kendra Graber, Chase Hunt, Shelbi Kemp, Cheyenne Kling, Bohde Kurtz, Jessica Marquis, Cassandra Melcher, Chevy Reeb, Jesenia Salgado, Kendra Saum, Matthew Schoof, Caitlin Widdifield, Ni Ni Win

**11<sup>th</sup> Grade** – Daniel Foust, Morgan Franklin, Spencer Garstka, Brooke Gerbers, Morgan Gerig, Benjamin Gruber, Tabitha Hinrichs, Ski Na, Danielle Johnson, Darlene Lengacher, No Sain Man, Sidney Mumma, Burgundy Price, Joshua Raber, Brian Salmon, Kendra Sinclair, Morgan Spencer, Caleb Stieglitz, Cathy VanAlstine, Sarah Voors, Rikkilee Werst, Sara Woodcock

**12<sup>th</sup> Grade** – Mark Caswell, Heather Downs, Marena Drewery, Kimberlyn Graber, Kali Kennerk, Sia Mawi Lah, Alyssa McMichael, Misty McSorley, Abdullah Mit, Travis Normand, Samantha Oberlin, Ayrika Pier, Daniel Roller, Logan Smead, Ashley Stevens, Kylie Stocksdale, Kaitlynn Walker

**Honor Roll (B or B- Average with no grade below a B-):**

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade** – Cade Anderson, Dawson Richhart

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade** – Lindsey Hare, Kayla Resor

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**11<sup>th</sup> Grade** – Corbin Smith

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**REP. POND APPOINTED TO CHAIRMAN OF WAYS AND MEANS SUBCOMMITTEE**

House Speaker Brian C. Bosma (R-Indianapolis) announced committee assignments and leadership appointments for the Indiana House Republican Caucus. State Representative Phyllis Pond (R-New Haven) was appointed to serve as the Chairman of the Health and Medicaid Subcommittee of Ways and Means.

"I am confident in the abilities of each of these leaders, and I know that they are each eager to begin their committee work and their leadership roles," said Speaker Bosma.

Rep. Pond will also serve as a member of the Judiciary Committee.

"I'm honored to serve in this leadership position, and I'm eager to take on the responsibilities associated with my role and to continue serving Hoosiers in this capacity," said Rep. Pond.

Standing committees are an integral part of the legis-

**RIP IT FIT IS READY FOR YOU!**



Pictured cutting the ribbon are (l-r) Melinda Krick, Chamber member; Mark Ptak, Reta Ptak, and Erika Willitzer, Chamber President.

The Paulding Chamber of Commerce celebrated with the owners of Rip It Fit on Friday, November 30th with a ribbon cutting ceremony announcing the opening of the new fitness gym at the corner of Williams and Perry St. in Paulding.

Reta and Mark Ptak along with Drew and Brenda Munger have put in endless hours to polish and make shine this landmark building in downtown Paulding. Pulling out all drop ceiling and restoring the original beauty was a priority of the group. "We've utilized little pieces of the building's history in the restoration process," Reta commented.

Each room of the upstairs gym will offer different varieties of fitness—from ellipticals, to weight benches, to treadmills—upon leaving Rip It Fit, a person's fitness goals can be realized. In the downstairs, Reta will continue to offer different exercise classes. The Ptak's and Munger's began this project in May 2012. All their hard work is beginning to pay off.

The gym officially opened on Saturday, December 1st. Hours will be Monday through Friday 6:00 a.m. through 9:00 p.m. and Saturday 6:00 a.m. through 12:00 p.m.

lative process. Committees with specific expertise receive public testimony and work out the details of proposed legislation before it is heard on the House floor.

**TOYS FOR TOTS IN NEW HAVEN**

Toys for Tots is back again this year at New Haven City Hall in both lobbies of the Police Department and Administration. Toys for Tots will accept any toys that are new and not wrapped in Christmas paper. Toys will be accepted through December 13, 2012.

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

**WOODBURN CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST**

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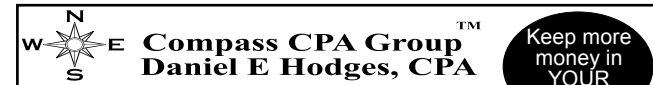
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Recently, Cooper Farms donated turkey rolls to the annual Thanksgiving hosted at the Paulding VFW. Pictured here are Diane Cooper, Sherry Kaufman, and Carol Baker.



**THANKFULNESS IS...**

**By: Lisa McClure, Paulding County Area Foundation**

In September 1620, a small ship called the Mayflower left Plymouth, England carrying 102 passengers seeking a new home where they could freely practice their faith and find prosperity and land ownership in the New World.

Squanto, a Native American, came to the colonists who were weakened by malnutrition and illness and taught them how to cultivate corn and catch fish in the streams.

In November of 1661, the Pilgrims first corn harvest proved successful. To show their appreciation the colonists invited those who taught them the art of planting and celebrated America's "first Thanksgiving".

In 1863, at the height of the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln proclaimed

all Americans to ask God to "commend his tender care to all those who have become widows, mourners, orphans or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife" and to "heal the wounds of the nation." He scheduled Thanksgiving for the last Thursday in November. It was celebrated on that day until 1939, when Franklin D. Roosevelt moved the date up a week to try and spur the economy during the Great Depression. His plan was met with opposition. In 1941, the president signed a bill making Thanksgiving the fourth Thursday in November.

In many households, Thanksgiving has lost much of its religious significance, instead centering around food, parades and football.

We often take for granted the blessings that have been so generously provided for us. As you finish Thanksgiving leftovers with family and friends, remember to take time to be grateful for what has been given you.

We, at the Paulding County Area Foundation, wish you and your family a blessed holiday season with much to be thankful for.

**LADY WARRIORS PICK UP FIRST WIN OF SEASON**

**By: Jeff Abbott**

Woodlan picked up their first win in girls basketball with a 78-72 win over Lakewood Park at Auburn. The Lady Warriors led 24-18 after the first quarter and 43-36 at the end of the first half. The Panthers came back in the period to trail by just one at the end of the third, 58-57. Woodlan controlled the final 8 minutes to get the win. Burgundy Price led all scorers with 34 points in the game for the Lady Warriors.

Score by the quarter:  
Woodlan - 24 19 15 20=78  
Lakewood Park -18 18 21 15=72

Scorers of the game:  
Woodlan - Price 34, Malfait 16, Hostetler 13, Gerbers 9, Franklin 6

Lakewood Park - R Faur 24, N Mafera 12, N Faur 10, Grimm 10, Sliger 8, Dousseau 4, J Mafera 2, Priskorn 2

**CAVALIERS BURY LADY WARRIORS IN SEASON OPENER**

**By: Jeff Abbott**

Canterbury buried Woodlan with a 23-9 first period and pulled away from the Warriors 87-63 in the season opener for girls basketball at the Woodlan gym. The Cavaliers extended the lead to 45-23 at the half. Brooke Gerbers led Woodlan scoring with 17 points.

Score by the quarter:  
Canterbury - 23 22 24 18=87

Woodlan - 9 14 19 21=63

Scorers of the game:  
Canterbury - Farley 24, Fincher 23, Maggard 17, Hynzman 5, Gaines 4, Haines 4, Johnson 4, Riley 4, Hoagburg 2

Woodlan - Gerbers 17, Price 14, Malfait 12, Hostetler 9, Ehle 5, Franklin 4, Williams 2

**25 BASKETBALL TEAMS PLAY WEEKLY IN ANTWERP**

Hormann's Heating and Cooling has installed the new heating system in the Manor House Gym. Beginning Saturday, December 8, the Manor House gym 2012-13 winter basketball schedule will start. The league will bring 23 boys and girls teams to Antwerp every Saturday. Two games will be played each hour from 8:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m. December 8, 15, January 5, 12, 19 and a single elimination tournament on January 26. Teams come from all around the area including all Paulding County schools, Ayersville and Tinora in Defiance County, Holgate in Henry County, OH, and Leo, Hoagland, and Woodlan from Allen County, IN. Please visit the Manor House Assisted Living Campus and meet the residents, grab a bite to eat at the Essen House Restaurant, and stop in see the future of area basketball begin.

**MANOR HOUSE GYM HOSTS VOLLEYBALL CLINIC**

Performance Plus Volleyball held a volleyball clinic at the Manor House Gym Saturday, December 1st. The clinic was for teaching fundamentals and breaking down volleyball technique to help players understand volleyball mechanics. 26 players from around the Northeast

Indiana and Northwest Ohio areas participated to improve their skills. Performance Plus is a volleyball club from Fort Wayne, IN and host weekly clinics at their facility and travel to area facilities to host clinics throughout the year. They will be back in Antwerp again for spring and summer clinics.

**RESPONDING TO THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT**

**By: IN State Sen. Dennis Kruse (R-Auburn)**

As members of the General Assembly look toward the legislative session that begins in January, we are preparing to discuss several prominent issues that will impact all Hoosiers. Near the top of the list is the federal health-care mandate. Legislators are tasked with deciding how Indiana will respond to the law's requirements.

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) - often referred to as "Obamacare" - contains dozens of changes to health care and taxation in the United States, many of which require decisions to be made by state governments. One such component is the law's creation of "health insurance exchanges," which serve as one-stop shops for consumers to compare and buy insurance plans.

By December 14, each state must choose to either design and implement its own exchange, let the federal government manage its exchange or operate an exchange under a federal-state partnership. Whoever takes ownership has the authority to decide the criteria for insurance plans offered on the exchanges. These will take full effect in January 2014.

There are some who believe these exchanges will benefit health care in the U.S. overall. According to a study presented to the 2012 Indiana Family Impact Seminar, approximately 930,000 Hoosiers were uninsured in 2011. If fully implemented, ACA could increase insurance coverage and access to care for hundreds of thousands, some say. These proponents also argue the exchanges would lower insurance prices and improve care quality.

However, many also argue that ACA is too costly for states, no matter what option they choose. If Indiana runs its own health insurance exchange, it will maintain more control of its insurance market, but the governor's office estimates it will cost Indiana taxpayers \$50 million to \$65 million in the first several years. This would lead to higher taxes or major spending cuts in other essential areas, some say.

On the other hand, allowing the federal government to manage some or all aspects of the exchange would save our state money, but it would also sacrifice our ability to control our own insurance market, opponents say. If many states allow the federal government to oversee their exchanges, it could potentially pose more financial problems for Washington because the ACA did not appropriate any money for this to happen.

It is clear "Obamacare" poses many challenges for everyone, regardless of per-

**LADY WARRIORS TAKE A WIN FROM BLAZERS**



Shown above is Woodlan senior Lauren Ehle scoring 3 points against the Blazers. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net.

The Lady Warriors took on Eastside Wednesday evening, November 28 at home. The lady Warriors were warmed and up and ready to proceed for the win. The JV game shortly before produced an outstanding win for the Woodburn team with Eastside not even scoring a basket until the 2nd quarter.

Eastside scored the first two baskets with Woodlan following with a 3 point bas-

ket. By the end of the first quarter Woodlan was ahead by nine points. Woodlan outscored the Blazers in the first three quarters the last quarter went to the guests. The Lady Warriors won the sportsmanship award as Eastside players were not afraid to use inappropriate means of 'getting back'. Woodlan wins with a final score of 53-37: More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

sonal support or opposition. Throughout the legislative session, the General Assembly will take a closer look at these potential obstacles and determine how to best respond. At the end of the

day, our goal as lawmakers is to construct a solution that gives Hoosiers the best health care possible in a financially responsible way. What do you think?

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soon!  
The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce, with the help of the Antwerp High School National Honor Society, is working with Santa this year to get all those letters collected and forwarded to the North Pole. So get those letters written and drop them off to Santa's mailbox located next to the Antwerp Insurance Agency, across from the post office. Don't forget to include your return address so Santa can get back to you!

**HUNTERS HARVEST MORE THAN 1,300 TURKEYS DURING OHIO'S FALL SEASON**

Hunters harvested 1,338 wild turkeys during Ohio's 2012 fall wild turkey season, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' (ODNR) Division of Wildlife. Ohio's 2012 fall wild turkey hunting season was open Oct. 13-Nov. 25.

This year's total is a 2.5 percent decline from 2011, when hunters bagged 1,372 wild turkeys. The 2010 harvest total was 1,425.

"Wild turkey hunting is a challenging activity that thousands of hunters enjoy year after year with family and friends," said ODNR Director James Zehringer. "Ohio's wild turkey population remains strong, and we appreciate those hunters who participated in the fall wild turkey season this year."

The top 11 counties for fall turkey harvest were: Ashtabula (61), Coshocton (56), Geauga and Tuscarawas (53 each), Knox (46), Clermont (42), Licking (41), Guernsey (39), Holmes (38) as well as Adams and Richland (37 each). Ashtabula was also the top county in 2011, with 67 wild turkeys.

Prior to the start of this fall's hunting season, Ohio's wild turkey population was approximately 180,000. More than 17,000 hunters, not including private landowners hunting on their own property, enjoyed Ohio's fall wild turkey season. Hunters could pursue a wild turkey of either sex in 48 counties using a shotgun, muzzleloading shotgun, bow or crossbow.

More information about Ohio wild turkey hunting can be found at wildohio.com. Hunters can share photos by clicking on the Photo Gallery tab online.

ODNR ensures a balance between wise use and protection of our natural resources for the benefit of all. Visit the ODNR website at ohiodnr.com.

**eTECH OHIO TO HOST 15<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL OHIO EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE**

eTech Ohio, a state agency dedicated to preparing learners for a technology-driven future, will host the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Ohio Educational Technology Conference (OETC) February 11-13, 2013 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. This three-day event will bring together more than 6,000 educators, administrators and thought leaders, and will feature over 500 events and sessions. The 2013 theme, \* Equip \* Engage \* Empower \*, will explore educational technology models, advancements in pedagogy and practice, and emerging tools for teaching and learning.

"We are excited to once again host educators, students, technology experts and state partners from throughout Ohio here in Columbus" said Greg Davidson, Interim Executive Director of eTech Ohio. "The Conference is a proven resource, equipping attendees with knowledge of educational currents across the state, engaging them to explore new ways of integrating technology and pedagogy, and empowering Ohio students and educators to imagine what our learning environments can be."

New this year, and building from Digital Learning Day, to be observed on February 6, OETC will offer Pre-Conference Sessions. These three-hour intensive hands-on workshops covering robotics, cloud-based applications, and coding and programming set the stage for the expanded hands-on workshop offerings through OETC 2013. Our themed programming days provide a streamlined conference experience, allowing administrators and teachers to best utilize their time away from their home schools. Monday's "Blended Learning 101," featuring keynote speaker Heather Clayton Staker of Innosight Institute, will provide administrators and teachers with a quick and easy way to get up to speed on blended learning, an evolving pedagogy combining the best online and face-to-face instruction. "Tech Tuesday" is geared toward educational IT personnel and will feature a keynote by Max Brooks of the Discovery Educator Network. Tuesday's attendees will also experience OETC's first ever Un-Conference. Focused on social media, these sessions will allow attendees to drive the agenda and collaborate to find innovative solutions for common problems as topics emerge organically from participant interests. "Higher Education Wednesday" will close the Conference with a focus on college-level learning in the digital age. The Ohio Board of Regents will host a roundtable discussion on the meaning of disruptive learning for Ohio institutions and students.

**ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS 12/5 - 12/11**

12/5 - Mini corn dogs, salad w/carrots, pineapple, milk; PLUS: Salad bar

12/6 - "Disney Day", Chicken nuggets, french fries, peaches, milk; PLUS: Salad bar

12/7 - French bread pizza or Egg salad sandwich, beets, applesauce, milk; PLUS: Salad bar

12/10 - Hamburger on bun, sweet potato fries, peaches, milk; PLUS: Salad bar

12/11 - Hot dog on bun, green beans, applesauce, milk; PLUS: Salad bar

**MIGHTY KINDERS COMPLETE SANTA LISTS**



The K-4 Mighty Kinders at Paulding Elementary recently completed their lists for Santa Claus! The students addressed an envelope and mailed all of the letters to Santa at the North Pole!

Pictured in the back are (l-r) Draven Bradford, Harry Ross, Chad Schnepf, Josiah Akom, Piper Kochel, Kynzi Knapp. In the middle are

Gabe Gonzales, Sophia English, Aniyah Sajuan, Nico Stahl, Hopeful Rose, Blayze Vance, Brooklynn Bakle, Cameron Barajas, Kamryn Sutton. Holding letter to Santa are Gavin Coil and Aeylah Hitzeman. Absent from the photo are Samantha Suffel, Kaden George, and Delaney Dachenhaus.

**WT LOCAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 12/5 - 12/11**

*Breakfast:*  
12/5 - Mini pancakes, sausage, juice, milk  
12/6 - Cheese omelet/toast, juice, milk  
12/7 - Fruit turnover, juice, milk  
12/10 - Sausage pizza, juice, milk  
12/11 - Egg/cheese muffin, juice, milk

*Lunch:*  
12/5 - Shredded chicken sandwich, green beans, fruit, milk  
12/6 - Quesadilla, tossed salad, fruit, milk  
12/7 - Mini corn dogs, baked beans, fries, fruit, milk  
12/10 - Nacho chips w/meat & cheese, refried beans, fruit, milk  
12/11 - Grilled ham & cheese sandwich, California blend, fruit, milk; WTHS: BBQ pork sandwich

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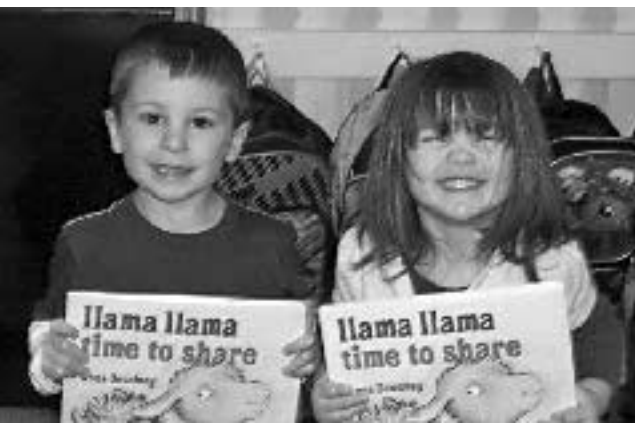
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Hagerman (bottom left) from the afternoon class of 3 and young 4 year olds, Hayden Gorrell (bottom middle) from the morning class of 4 and young 5 year olds, and Addison Hunt (bottom right) from the afternoon class of 4 and young 5 year olds.

**ODOT SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED PROJECTS**

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), is seeking public comments regarding the following proposed projects:

**Allen County:**  
Lima Elizabeth/West Streets (PID: 90948) - The City of Lima is proposing improvements for Elizabeth Street and West Street in Lima. This project proposes to modify Elizabeth and West Streets to one-way, one-lane operations between Elm Street and North Street and may include adding a traffic signal at the Wayne Street and Elizabeth Street. It will

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add a bike lane and back-in-angle parking. Elizabeth and West streets will be converted to two-way operations south of Elm Street and north of North Street. Local traffic during this project will be maintained at all times. This project is currently scheduled for construction in the summer/fall of 2013.

**Hancock County:**  
Safe Routes To School-Donnell Middle School (PID: 90953) - The proposed project is funded with federal funds from the Safe Routes to School Program. The City of Findlay and Findlay City School District have proposed to construct a sidewalk/trail along Lima Avenue from Logan Avenue to Lake Cascades Parkway. This project will also provide an enhanced visibility crosswalk at the Lima Avenue and Lake Cascades Parkway intersection, including pavement painting, new signs, and advanced warning signs. The sidewalk along Lake Cascades Parkway will be extended to the South West Street crossing. Sidewalks will be provided from Lake Cascades Parkway to West McPherson Avenue on South West Street. Traffic during this project will be maintained at all times. Construction is currently scheduled for summer of 2013.

**Van Wert County:**  
TR 41-02 (PID: 84904) - The Van Wert County Engineer is proposing a bridge replacement located on Harner Road over the St. Mary's River. This project also includes approximately three hundred feet of work to the roadway next to the bridge. Traffic during this project will be detoured for approximately 90 days. The construction of this project is currently scheduled for summer of 2014.

**Wyandot County:**  
CR 47-Indian Mill Bridge (PID: 92339) - The Wyandot County Engineer is proposing to restore the historic Indian Mill Bridge located on County Road 47 over the Sandusky River to good condition. This will be done by repairing the stone masonry abutments, replacing pieces of the deteriorated steel superstructure, and installing a new timber deck and railing. The bridge will be disassembled and main steel bridge pieces will be cleaned and hot-dip galvanized at a factory. Traffic during this project will be detoured for approximately 240 days. The construction of this project is currently scheduled to begin in the summer of 2013 and conclude in the spring of 2014.

For more information on ODOT projects visit: [www.dot.state.oh.us/districts/D01/PlanningPrograms/Projects](http://www.dot.state.oh.us/districts/D01/PlanningPrograms/Projects)  
Comments regarding any of these project may be made to Stacy Schimmoeller, ODOT District 1, 1885 N. McCullough Street, Lima, Ohio 45801; Phone: 419-999-6854; e-mail [stacy.schimmoeller@dot.state.oh.us](mailto:stacy.schimmoeller@dot.state.oh.us)  
Please provide comments within 15 days from publication. To help expedite a response please provide the project name and PID number provided above as well as contact information. Comments without contact information cannot be responded to. Project related issues the public may wish to comment on include, but are not limited to, historic or cultural resources, ecological resources, and environmental justice issues.

**PEVS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 12/5 - 12/11**

**MS/HS - Breakfast:**  
12/5 - Ham, egg & cheese muffin, juice/fruit, milk  
12/6 - Coffee cake or Apple filled bread stick, juice/fruit, milk

12/7 - Gravy (sausage) w/ biscuits, juice/fruit, milk  
12/10 - Breakfast pizza, juice/fruit, milk  
12/11 - Links (sausage), tator tots w/cheese sauce, juice/fruit, milk

**MS/HS - Lunch:**  
12/5 - Mozzarella stix w/marinara sauce, vegetable blen or Idaho nachos, salsa/sour cream/roll, assorted fruit, milk  
12/6 - Oven potatoes, chili dog w/bun, garlic bread or Big Daddy pizza slice, broccoli w/cheese sauce, assorted fruit, milk

12/7 - Salad bar w/breadstick or Grilled or breaded chicken w/bun, baked beans, glazed carrots, assorted fruit, milk  
12/10 - Pizza sticks w/marinara sauce, green beans or Salad bar w/bread stick, assorted fruit, milk

12/11 - Oven fries, BBQ w/bun, vegetable pack or Chicken chunk salad w/ bread stick, assorted fruit, milk

**Paulding Elementary - Breakfast:**  
12/5 - Breakfast burrito, fruit/juice, milk  
12/6 - Muffin, string cheese, fruit/juice, milk  
12/7 - Cereal bar or Cereal, graham crackers, fruit/juice, milk

12/10 - Rainbow yogurt, goldfish grahams, fruit/juice, milk  
12/11 - Pancakes, juice/fruit, milk

**Paulding Elementary - Lunch:**  
12/5 - Egg & cheese omelet, goldfish graham, raisin muffin or Whole grain uncrustable & gogurt, tator tots, tomato juice, fruit, milk  
12/6 - Sloppy joe w/whole grain bun or Whole grain uncrustable & gogurt, tator tots, green beans, fruit, milk  
12/7 - Cheese pizza or Goldfish bread w/peanut butter cup & gogurt, romain salad, vegetable choice, sherbet, fruit, milk

12/10 - Hamburger w/ whole grain bun, carrots/celery, fruit, milk  
12/11 - Taco salad, lettuce/cheese/salsa, refried beans, fruit, milk

**Oakwood Elementary - Breakfast:**  
12/5 - Sausage pancake wrap, fruit, milk  
12/6 - Breakfast burrito, fruit, milk  
12/7 - Assorted cereal, crackers, fruit, milk  
12/10 - Rainbow yogurt, goldfish crackers, juice, milk  
12/11 - Mini maple pancakes, fruit, milk

**Oakwood Elementary - Lunch:**  
12/5 - Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes, gravy, romaine lettuce salad, fruit, milk  
12/6 - Cheese cup, whole grain chips, green beans, carrot sticks, fruit, milk  
12/7 - Cheese pizza, corn bean salad, fruit, milk  
12/10 - Hamburger w/ whole grain bun, lettuce & tomato, oven potatoes, fruit harvest strip, fruit, milk  
12/11 - Chicken strip wrap, lettuce, corn gogurt, fruit, milk

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Answers on Page 15

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Pictured here are Pastor Bill Sherry, Grover Hill Ministerial Association, Mr. Alan Lautzenheiser, Principal of Wayne Trace Grover Hill Elementary, and students.

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# WTJH WRESTLERS START OFF SEASON STRONG



Shown above is Max Rassman from Wayne Trace after pinning his opponent in the 92 lb weight class. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net).

The Raider Jr. High wrestling team started off their season with a solid showing, finishing second at their own invitational tournament. Sixteen teams traveled to Wayne Trace on December 1<sup>st</sup> to open up their seasons. Consisting of Division II and III schools from the area, this is a very competitive tournament.

Last year the Jr. High Raider wrestlers had been dubbed the Fab 5 as they had a stellar eighth grader in George Clemens III and four solid seventh graders. It was unclear of how this team would fair as only three returned from last year's squad: Ruger Goeltzenleuchter, Brandon Laney, and Caleb Schultz. However, they would be joined by a large seventh grade group and a couple of eighth graders trying the sport out for the first time.

The Raiders would drop some early matches and find

themselves in 7<sup>th</sup> as a team after two rounds. As they shook the rust off and calmed their nerves down, some pivotal wins would come. Slowly the Raiders would creep up the team standings. The larger schools would find themselves slipping as the Raiders passed them. In the end, the Raiders would only fall short of passing Elida and finish the tournament as runners' up. Coach Stabler was quick to say, "it was a team effort to accomplish what we did today. Not all of the wrestlers placed, but everyone contributed to the team points and our runner up finish."

Hunter Showalter (3-2), Clayson Brown (3-2), Anthony Rooks (3-2), and Brandon Decker (2-2) would all make it to the consi semi's but fall one win shy of placing. Brandon Laney would finish 3<sup>rd</sup> and Caleb Schultz 2<sup>nd</sup> for the red, white, and blue. Three champions would be crowned: Ruger Goeltzen-

leuchter, Max Rassman, and Quinton Stabler.

Team finishes were Elida (228.5), WT (158), Celina (137), Ayersville (134), Allen East (133.5), Spencerville (129.5), Delphos Jefferson (113.5), Ottawa Glandorf (104), St. Marys (97), Delphos St. Johns (66), Van Wert (60), LCC (55), Columbus Grove (37), Antwerp (32), Hicksville (24), and Lincolnview (23.5).

The WT Jr. High squad will next compete in the Allen East invitational on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Coach Stabler was overall pleased with the work of his team. He feels the team has a good mix of talented youth and experienced wrestlers. "We still have a lot of work to do before our next tournament at Allen East, but we will continue to work on improving," stated Coach Stabler.

## ANTWERP JH PLACE AT WAYNE TRACE WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

The Antwerp Junior High Wrestling team competed in their first meet of the season Saturday, December 1, 2012 at the Wayne Trace Invitational. Of the three wrestlers who competed two were able to win matches and one was able to place in the tournament. Jarrison Steiner (8<sup>th</sup> grade) is a first year wrestler who won his first match on Saturday before losing his next two and coming up just short of placing. Congratulations to Jarrison on getting the first win of his career. Logan Shaner (8<sup>th</sup> grade) was able to win the 104 lb. weight class, pinning all three opponents he faced. This is Logan's first year at Antwerp and he is the first Antwerp Junior High wrestler to win the Wayne Trace Invitational. Congratulations to all of the wrestlers for their hard work and we wish them success all season long. GO ARCHERS!

## SLOW START BUT WARRIOR WRESTLERS TAKE A WIN

By: Jeff Abbott

After dropping 6 of the first 7 matches and falling behind 36-10, Woodlan came back to win the last 6 matches and take a 40-36 win over Bishop Dwenger in wrestling action at the Woodlan gym. The Warriors got pins at 195, 113, 126, and 132. Travis Normand had the quickest pin of the evening for Woodlan, getting his opponent stuck in just 46 seconds. Gavin Keller got a pin in the lone reserve match for Woodlan at 126.

152 - Trey Delagrang (W) major dec, Nick Lehman (BD), 14-4, 4-0

160 - Sam Lyon (BD) forfeit, 4-6

170 - Jon Hake (BD) pin Cory Hoersten (W) 3:36, 4-12

182 - CJ Bostwick (BD) forfeit, 4-18

195 - Brian Salmon (W) pin Jeremy Reese (BD) 1:47, 10-18

220 - William Hilger (BD) pin Edwin Barbarena (W) 1:47, 10-24

285 - Shawn Ryan (BD) pin Garrett VanBrocklin (W) 3:35, 10-30

106 - Alex Bruns (BD) pin Eric Kurtz (W) 4:36, 10-36

113 - Nic Hoot (W) pin BJ Tippman (BD) 5:58, 16-36

120 - Shaun Snyder (W) major dec. Dominic Garrett (BD) 21-9, 20-36

126 - Jay Kneep (W) pin John Hart (BD) :46, 26-36

132 - Travis Normand (W) pin Brandon Wildey (BD) :54, 32-36

138 - Josh Stewart (W) major dec Logan Parrish (BD), 14-2, 36-36

145 - Hayden Parisot (W) major dec. Austin Hillman (BD), 13-1, 40-36

## WAYNE TRACE WRESTLERS COMPETE IN 7<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GRAHAM ALL STAR PREVIEW

Seven varsity wrestlers were selected and competed in the All-Star preview at Graham High School on November 24<sup>th</sup>. Some of the most talented wrestlers from all over Ohio, representing all three divisions competed.

George Clemens pinned Jr. High State Qualifier Jaylin Cameran of Urbana.

Dustin Tayler defeated District Qualifer Kyle Busard of Valley View, 8-2.

Aaron Miller was winning, and with 30 seconds left in the match, lost to Byrdon Brussard of Valley View.

Zaine Cotterman was defeated by Tony Kitchen of Urbana via pin.

Tim West was defeated by Demarco Smith of Princeton, via pin.

Sawyer Temple was defeated by 3 time Ohio State Champion Bo Jordon of Graham, by a score of 18-2.

Justin Pierce was defeated by District Qualifier Zack Weekley of Northwestern.

## EACS SEEKS INPUT ON START/END SURVEY

East Allen County Schools is asking employees, parents and community members to provide feedback through a survey on the district's school-day start and end times and other transportation-related policies.

The transportation survey can be accessed through the district's website at [www.eacs.k12.in.us](http://www.eacs.k12.in.us).

For more information, please contact Roger Miller, transportation manager at 446-0100, ext. 2004.

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# BISHOP DWENGER TAKES ON WOODLAN IN WRESTLING



Sophomore Nic Hoot of Woodlan pins BJ Tippman at the Tuesday, November 27 wrestling meet. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)

The Warriors started behind and stayed there for a while on Tuesday, November 27 following the award ceremony for Dennis Miesle, previous Athletic Director and Wrestling Coach of Woodlan. The boys worked hard and their endurance paid

off. Woodlan finished with a close 40-36 win over the Saints. Later on November 29<sup>th</sup>, the Warriors wrestlers traveled to Bluffton. They took down the Tigers with a 68-12 win. Woodlan is now 2-0 on the season.

## LEGISLATIVE PREVIEW FOR NEW HAVEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The New Haven Chamber of Commerce will host its Annual Legislative Preview on Friday December 14, 2012 at 7:30 a.m. in the Police Training Room at New Haven City Hall. The public is invited and

encouraged to attend and discuss legislative issues that will be addressed during the next session in the Indiana General Assembly. The following elected officials have been invited to attend: Senator Dennis Kruse, Representative Phyllis Pond and Representative Matt Lehman.

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WT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES FOR 11/19/12 (CONT'D)

G. to commend the Wayne Trace Local Schools employees for contributing \$700 to the United Way of Paulding County;

Superintendent and JH/HS Principal, and Guidance Counselor, to approve a memorandum of understanding for Project Jump Start between Wayne Trace Local Schools and Northwest State Community College for the 2012-2013 school year;

VILLAGE OF ANTWERP REGULAR MEETING COUNCIL 11/19/12

The regular meeting of the Village of Antwerp council was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Tom VanVlerah.

The minutes from the regular council meeting held October 22, 2012, were reviewed.

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

6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: OPWC Cleveland/Washington Street repaving is complete. A manhole on S. Cleveland needs replaced, which will be completed this week. API, the contractor, was able to pave W. Canal from S. Cleveland to S. Main without an increase in the contract price.

OPWC S. Erie Street emergency waterline replacement has been completed and is now being served by a new 8" line. Driveway repair and seeding and strawing is in process. There is a guarantee on the seeding. Depot project: completion is scheduled for mid-December. Lights are hung and floors sanded ready for sealing.

Maumee Valley Planning told Keeran that grant money is available for 109 Stone Street house that needs demolished. Keeran asked for another month to make decisions on the house located on Oswalt Street. Groups using the two gyms on Archer Drive have requested angle parking in front of the gyms.

Motion made by Jan Reeb, seconded by Ryan to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2012-18. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved. \*\*Emergency reading of ordinance no. 2012-19: An ordinance authorizing the village fiscal officer to transfer funds from the general fund to the water fund in the amount of \$30,000.00 and declare the same to be an emergency.

Motion made by Derck, seconded by Jan Reeb to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2012-20. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved. \*\*Emergency reading of resolution no. 2012-09: A resolution authorizing the mayor of the Village of Antwerp, Ohio, to execute a revocable encroachment permit for encroachment in the right-of-way located on Railroad Street in the Village of Antwerp, Ohio; and declaring the same an emergency.

Motion made by Ryan, seconded by Derck to go into executive session at 6:59 p.m. regarding Ohio Public Employees Retirement System ("OPERS") and EMS personnel. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Ryan, seconded by Reinhart to adjourn the meeting. 6 years, 0 nays. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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# MAYFLOWER SOCIETY MEETS

The Toledo Colony of the Ohio Mayflower Society met Saturday, November 17 at Findlay, OH at Birchhaven Chapel for their annual Thanksgiving Compact meeting and traditional turkey dinner.

Attending from Antwerp were Myron and Caroline Zimmerman. Caroline is a direct descendant of GEORGE SOULE who was a signer of the Mayflower Compact and an indentured servant for seven years of Gov. Winslow. (Mr. Soule was a school teacher and served in many capacities over that time). We were reminded of the struggles of the first year of the Pilgrims and when they arrived at Plymouth, MA, they had sailed much further North than they had intended to. They found that other groups had tried to land at that same spot and live but had failed.

Not only did it take them several years to prepare for the trip to America, in the first year from leaving England on August 5, 1620 they had many mishaps including leaks in one of the two boats that set off for the venture. The "Speedwell" sprung a leak and they both returned and could only take aboard part of their passengers on the already crowded and older ship, the "Mayflower". They had gone later in the year because of pirating and the storms were bad on the ocean. They (even the children) drank beer during the trip. Mrs. Bradford died the first year, but he never mentions it in his writings. More than half of the people died during this year.

The pilgrims would never have survived without the help of the Indians. Even though the Indians were a bit afraid of the white people because they had just had gotten over a terrible outbreak of some disease that had killed many Indians, they still approached the Pilgrims luckily. The Pilgrims also learned how to trap beaver in the first years. The story of the Pilgrims should be remembered and retold each year to your children. It was made a National Holiday in 1863 by President Lincoln.

The November meeting including "the kernels of corn" in which each member was given a kernel of corn and ask to tell what they felt was their greatest blessing of the past year. New members

and lost members were announced. The program was given by the State Historian: Ann Fox Gulbransen on "Genealogy in your Jammies". It was a very interesting dialog on a lot of free sites and links and some good information on getting your correct information without making errors on your lineage and applications. She also gave out an excellent handout with lots of information for researchers.

If you are interested in joining the Mayflower Society or would like to know more about it, please call Caroline Zimmerman at

419-258-2222, I will try to answer your questions or forward your calls. You must be able to prove your direct line back to a signer of the Mayflower Compact to be eligible. Even though there were only about 50 persons who made it through the winter, there seems to be several thousand people who are eligible for membership thru those who lived thru the winter.

The Mayflower Compact was signed before the Pilgrims got off the Mayflower to go onto the shore as a covenant and to combine themselves together into a

civil body politic, for better order, preservation and furtherance of ends aforesaid; it was to make things equal to all (Saints AND Strangers as they referred to themselves). The men were each given a weapon and treated equally even though some were servants of others. It was signed in the Cabin of the Mayflower on Cape Cod, November 21, 1620 (November 11 - Old style), as recorded by Gov. William Bradford in his book *History of Plymouth Plantation*.

—Submitted by Caroline Zimmerman

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