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Merry Christmas!

## WAYNE TRACE GROVER HILL STUDENTS PRESENT DEAR SANTA



Months of preparations have gone into the Grover Hill students upcoming performance, *Dear Santa*. The Christmas program took place December 11 with two showings and December 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Shown in the picture is Music teacher Sharon Spinner, sixth grade teacher Jes-

sica Davis and students Sadie Sinn, Trae Sinn, Emily Williams, Kaitlyn Doster, Macey Glass, Noah Hasch, Brian Holbrooks, Alexis Gibson, Keegan Parrish, Noah Kline, Derek Myers, Olivia Egnor, Claire Sinn, Reid Miller, Isaiah Rittenhouse, Austin Reed, Ashlynn Parrish, and Haley Pastor.

## DR. HOGAN ACCEPTS POSITION AT COUNTRY INN ENHANCED LIVING CENTER

Timothy Hogan, M.D. has accepted position of Medical Director at Country Inn Enhanced Living Center. Country Inn is a 40 bed assisted living facility located in rural Paulding, Ohio. Dr. Hogan has already been serving residents at the facility. He will continue to serve existing and new residents at the facility. Dr. Hogan is a physician who specializes in family practice at the Oakwood Medical



Center. Dr. Hogan has over 29 years experience as an MD and received his education at University of Toronto. Country Inn Enhanced Living

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## ANTWERP'S CHRISTMAS VILLAGE OF LIGHTS CONTEST RESULTS

The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce would like to recognize everyone who participated in this year's "Christmas Village of Lights" holiday decorating contest. Several people accepted the difficult challenge of judging all of the beautiful houses that made Antwerp sparkle this year! Chamber would also like to encourage everyone to take a ride around and seek out the season's beauty and admire the hard work that so many

people in the community have put into decorating this year!

The \$50.00 winners are as follows:

Religious theme - Paul and Jean Reinhart, 406 Park Ave.

Martha Stewart would be proud - Kurt and Emily Tempel, 101 Hickory Lane

Clark Griswold - no entries submitted

Anything goes - (Judges chose top two since above category was not entered)

1. Rene and Heather Dzib, 2840 Rd 190

2. Randy and Shelly Hoehn, 103 Woodland Drive

## SNOWCOMING!



Pictured here are Madeline Thomas, Caitlin Widdifield, Alyssa Garver, Rebekah Dignal, Shelbi Kemp, and Jessica Marquis.

Students and staff at Woodlan Jr/Sr High School are in the holiday spirit by participating in Snowcoming. The participating days included: Christmas Morn-

ing Day; Hats, Mittens, Boots, Gloves Day; Christmas Color Day; Christmas in July Day; and Ugly Christmas Sweater Day.

## HOLIDAY HOURS AT WBN

West Bend News will be closed Dec 24-25, and Jan 1. We will be open for normal business hours on Dec 26-28, and December 31. And remember, there will be no issue of WBN on Wednesday, Dec 26th. But look for us in your mailboxes on January 2! Have a most blessed Holiday season and see you next year!

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school has partnered with churches, parents and the New Haven Police Department making this event a huge success.

www.newhavenbulletin.com

## EACS NOW POSTING 'LATE BUS' INFORMATION ON WEBSITE

East Allen County Schools will now post 'late bus' information on the web site if/when they occur.

For late bus information, patrons can go to the EACS homepage (www.eacs.k12.in.us), click on bus status to receive the updated information.

"We know this will help parents tremendously, especially as we approach winter", said Roger Miller, Transportation Manager.

For more information, please contact Mr. Roger Miller, Manager of Transportation at 260-446-0100 ext. 2004.

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## OBITUARIES

**Betty Ann Bowers**, 92, died December 7, 2012 at VNA Hospice House, Vero Beach, FL.

She was born in Milan Center, IN, the daughter of Adolph and Ella Brueggemann. She was a resident of Sebastian, FL for more than 20 years, having come from Angola, IN.

Survivors include her son, Terry (Cyndy) Bowers of Antwerp; daughters: Phyllis (Jerry) Kennerk of Sebastian, FL, Becky Bowers of Sebastian, FL, and Jan (Mo) Barghout of Barefoot Bay, FL; daughter-in-law, JoAnn Bowers of Fort Wayne, IN; sister, Donna (Robert) Dinkmeyer of Palos Heights, IL; 11 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George W. Bowers; and son, Barry W. Bowers.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Indiana. Burial will be alongside her husband at the Marion National Cemetery, Marion, IN.

Memorial contributions may be made to VNA Hospice House, 901 37th St., Vero Beach, FL, 32960. Ar-

rangements are by Seawinds Funeral Home, Sebastian, FL. A guestbook is available at [www.seawindsfh.com](http://www.seawindsfh.com)

**Grant Craig Totten**, 72, formerly of Payne, passed away Saturday, December 8, 2012 in Pueblo, CO.

Grant was born in Dayton, OH on August 2, 1940, a daughter of the late Rosemary (Underwood) and H.B. Totten.

He proudly served in the U.S. Navy and graduated from the University of New Mexico-Albuquerque with a degree in electrical engineering, then went on to OSC in Rhode Island.

Grant will be sadly missed by his sister, Sonia Parsons of Lubbock, TX; and nieces: Michele Taylor of Ruidoso, NM and Holly Strain of Washington, DC.

His graveside service was held December 17, 2012, at Wiltzie Cemetery, Payne, OH with military honors.

Condolences and fond memories may be shared at [www.dooleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.dooleyfuneralhome.com)

**Josephine R. Reyes**, 87, of Paulding died Sunday, December 9, 2012.

She was born March 9, 1925 in Fort Wayne, IN, the daughter of Joaquin and Elisea (Torres) Ramirez. In

1940 she married Rudolph Reyes. She was employed as a housekeeper for Paulding County Hospital.

She is survived by two children: Rudolph Reyes and Theresa DeLeon both of Colorado Springs, CO; a brother, Dan Ramirez of Loveland, CO; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; a daughter, Angie Reyes; and a sister, Mary Lopez.

Funeral services were conducted December 15, 2012 at Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding, with Rev. G. Allan Fillman officiating. Burial followed in Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding. There was a one-hour visitation prior to services at the church.

Donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. Online condolences may be sent to [www.denherderfh.com](http://www.denherderfh.com). Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, is handling arrangements.

**O'Dell C. Williams**, 87, of Payne passed away Wednesday, December 12, 2012 at The Gardens of Paulding.

O'Dell was born in Payne on July 18, 1925, a son of the late Gladys (Zartman) and Vernon Williams. He proudly served in the U.S. Navy in

## 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

WWII. He worked at Armstrong Implement in Payne and had been the Mayor and Fire chief of Payne. O'Dell was a member of Saint Jacob's United Church of Christ, the Flat Rock Masonic Lodge #580 & Payne American Legion Post 297. In December, 1946 he married Helen Gibson, who died in December, 2004.

He will be sadly missed by his sons: Dennis (Deborah) of Payne and David of Indianapolis; brother, Keith (Mary) and granddaughter, Carrie both of Payne.

Also preceding him in death is his son, Jimmy.

Viewing was December 14, 2012 with Masonic rites at Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp. His service was at Saint Jacob's United Church of Christ, Payne, with viewing one hour prior on December 15, 2012. Rev. James Langham officiated. He was laid to rest at Lehman Cemetery, with military honors.

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

Grant of Saugus, CA, Brandon (Jennifer) Grant of Antwerp, OH, and Holly Grant of Fort Wayne, IN; three brothers: Virgil (Joan) McKeon, and Randy (Jill) McKeon, both of Pinconning, and Clyde (Nancy) McKeon of Standish, MI; four sisters: Gloria (Albert) Bourdon of Fenton, MI, Elaine (John) Poyner of Surprise, AZ, Lorraine (Mike) Grumley of Linwood, MI, and Karen (Jay) Bishop of Pinconning, MI; 14 grandchildren: Shaina, Logan, Gracie, Kailey, Philip, Hunter, Hailey, Hayden, Taylor, Victoria, Noah, Danica, Irelynn and Drystan.

She is preceded in death by her father.

Funeral services were conducted December 18, 2012 at Woodburn Missionary Church, Woodburn, IN, with Pastor Joel DeSelm officiating. Burial was in St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding, OH. Visitation was December 17, 2012 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, and one hour prior to services on December 18, 2012 at the church.

To honor Linda's requests the family asks in lieu of flowers, throws, wind chimes, statuary, etc. donations may be made to Chief Ministry Arizona or Outreach Ministry Star 88.3. Online condolences may be sent to [www.denherderfh.com](http://www.denherderfh.com).

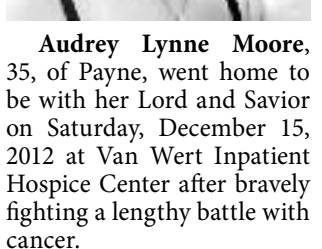


**Linda Kay Grant**, 61, of Paulding died Thursday, December 13, 2012.

She was born December 21, 1950 in Bay City, MI, the daughter of Merlin Jay and Iva Romaine (Selle) McKeon. On August 15, 1971 she married Gary Grant, who survives. She was President and CEO of Wedding Dreams and Grant's Catering and was previously employed as a registered nurse for Paulding Hospital and Lutheran Hospital of Fort Wayne. She was a member of Woodburn Missionary Church.

Linda's zest for life and helping others will never be forgotten. As President and CEO of Wedding Dreams and Grant's Catering, she touched the lives of thousands of brides and grooms. Through her devotion to family and friends, she brought happiness, security and a sense of calm to others. Linda will always be remembered for her leadership in the community, her warm, friendly personality and hard working, patient, goal-oriented lifestyle. She demonstrated courage and determination throughout her life, giving her children and grandchildren a role model beyond words. Her family looks forward to continuing the business for many years as a tribute to her legacy.

She is survived by her mother, Iva McKeon of Pinconning, MI; husband, Gary Grant of Paulding; children: Heidi (Jerry) Stebleton of Lima, OH, Brian (Jamie)



**Audrey Lynne Moore**, 35, of Payne, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Saturday, December 15, 2012 at Van Wert Inpatient Hospice Center after bravely fighting a lengthy battle with cancer.

Audrey was born in Paulding, on February 16, 1977, a daughter of Nancy (Thompson) and Tony Burkley. On August 26, 2000 she married Chad Moore. She was the Director of Student Life at IPFW and enjoyed providing the Orientation program for students and parents and instilling leadership skills in her students to provide a more fulfilling college experience. Audrey also

attended Woodburn Missionary Church. She graduated from Paulding High School in 1995 and received a Bachelor's Degree from Bowling Green State University in 1999. She obtained a Master's Degree in Education from Indiana University at IPFW in 2004.

Audrey will be sadly missed by her husband, Chad; son, Dane (age 10); daughter, Mallory (age 7) all at home; parents: Tony and Nancy Burkley of Payne; sister, Alison Burkley of Hilton Head Island, SC.

She is preceded in death by her paternal grandparents: Marion and Bonita Burkley; and maternal grandparents: Virgil and Helen Thompson.

Her service is at Woodburn Missionary Church, 5108 Bull Rapids Rd, Woodburn, IN at 10:00 a.m., with viewing one hour prior on Wednesday, December 19, 2012 with Rev. Joel DeSelm officiating. She will be laid to rest at Lehman Cemetery, Payne. Viewing is also Tuesday, 3:00-9:00 p.m., at Woodburn Missionary Church.

To honor Audrey's request, the family asks that in lieu of flowers, throws or other tributes, that donations be made to one of the following memorials: Woodburn Missionary Church Youth Group; Community Health Professionals (Hospice); Audrey Moore Memorial for Leadership Development Fund or the Moore Children's Education Fund.

Arrangements by Dooley Funeral Homes of Antwerp & Payne. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at [www.dooleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.dooleyfuneralhome.com)

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*I hear the many Christmas songs, that people hold so dear. O' the sounds of music can't compare, with the Christmas choir up here.*

*For I have no words to tell you, of the joy their voices bring, for its beyond description, to hear the angels sing.*

*I know how much you miss me, I miss you that much too. But, through our memories you hold so dear, they will help guide you thru. So please let your heart be joyful, and let your spirit sing, for I'm spending Christmas in heaven, and I'm walking with the King.*

—Your Family

**PAULDING ELEM. 4<sup>th</sup> GRADERS PRESENT THE MYSTERY OF SIMON SHEPHERD**



The Paulding Elementary Fourth grade students performed a Christmas play titled *The Mystery of Simon Shepherd* on Thursday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. The students

were directed by Mrs. Dawn Sloan, the elementary music teacher. Shown in a picture of the students during the performance.

**DECEMBER HAPPENINGS AT ST. JOHN LUTHERAN**

Two big events will take place this week at St John Lutheran, 812 East High, Hicksville. Our Adventure Club Christmas Program will be held Wednesday Dec 19<sup>th</sup>. The evening will begin with dinner at 6:00 p.m. which is open to everyone. The program begins at 6:45 p.m. The younger children will present, *Sleepover at the Stable: A Christmas Musical*. It's bedtime at the stable and the mule, goat and cow are snoozing soundly. Suddenly, two humans crash the scene! The humans' donkey strikes up a conversation with the other animals which also include chickens and a sheep.

There isn't a single human in this charming performance, but still the complete Nativity story is told. The children will be wearing cute costumes and performing in front of a unique set.

The older children will be performing, *The Reason for the Season*. The cast of characters include the tree, star, angel, card, candy cane, bell, present, stocking, candle plus a dad, mom, girl and boy. All characters are dressed to match their names. Come and enjoy this delightful performance.

Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup> will be our next free meal ministry from 5:00 until 6:30 p.m. During this time the church will have an Open House for anyone that would

like to see our decorated entrance, narthex, nave and sanctuary. Both the meal and open house is open to all. Come and enjoy a delicious meal, fellowship and the sights of the season.

The fourth Sunday of Advent will be Sunday December 23<sup>rd</sup> with worship at 10:00 a.m.

The traditional Christmas Candlelight Service will be held December 24<sup>th</sup>. The service will begin with the prelude starting at 7:30 p.m. It will consist of special music including the choir.

Everyone is welcome to all or any of these services. If you have any questions, call the church office at 419-542-6269. Blessings be yours this Advent season as you anticipate, wait, meditate and celebrate the coming of Jesus Christ, Messiah and Savior.

**A FEW DAYS NOW**

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

It's been a few days now.

Have we gone back to our same routine?

It's so easy to go back to our same routine. Some go to church on Christmas and Easter, think they are going to take their journey together with other Christians seriously, but the fact that everyone else is imperfect gets in the way. Some make New Years' Resolutions only to lack the discipline to keep it going more than a few weeks. We get baptized only to continue wallowing in the mud of our sin. We take the Lord's supper only to turn around and starve for holiness.

How can we live with the love we are intended to have, the discipline that is needed, in the freedom we are called to, and on the right path?

It seems hopeless.

And it is.

At least in our strength. God knew that it was hopeless, and that is why He gave us hope. He came in the form of a little baby boy. Vulnerable and relying on others. He grew up in the love of God, His mother, family, and faith community. Nourished and strong. He traveled and taught. Wise and ridiculed. He then hung, bled, and died for all of us. Loving and disgraced. He rose again and continued to teach His followers. Inspiring and challenging. And then He gave His Spirit and established His Church. You and me.

It culminates in the two things that we still have today: His Spirit and His Church. And it breaks through into our world, not through the waving of a magic wand, but through you and me being His followers, together, day after day, moment after moment, in tragedy, in joyous celebrations, and in every moment between.

Paul wrote to Timothy, "Fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control." 2 Timothy 1:6-7 (ESV).

Power, love, and self-control. Those are the attributes needed to respond to our challenges. Not fear. Never fear. His Spirit gives us the power to accomplish what we are called to, the guidance to love in relevant

ways, and the self-control to be free from distractions.

Tragedies like the one at Sandy Hook Elementary remind us that things are still not right. God needs a generation of people who will step up, live for others, and build a better world than the one they were born in. And He did not send us on this mission without the tools to make it happen.

Are we ready to heed the call? If there is anything that the last week has shown me, it's that this world needs more and more people to truly follow Jesus and strive to bring His kingdom to earth as it is in heaven. Our goal is not just some far off heavenly place; it's heaven here on earth, among us. And it can be realized through His Spirit and His Church.

I can't help but imagine Martin Luther King, Jr. staying awake on one of his many frustrating nights. He had a dream. And many nights that dream looked like it wasn't going to come about. I'm sure that he laid there and wondered whether the dream was just a fairytale that would never cross over into reality. But in his faithfulness to God, the dream laid on His heart by God became a reality. Not because of his perfection, for he was far from perfect. But because of His perfection working through him.

It's been a few days now. Have we given up?

Or have our eyes been open to a better reality? One that appears to be a dream covered over by the fog in the cold, damp morning. Remember that the Son removes the fog. The day will come. A new and better reality that can be lived among us through the strength,

**SENIOR CITIZEN BREAKFAST AT PHS**



Paulding Ex. Village Schools held their annual Senior Citizen Breakfast on Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> in the high school auditoria. Shown enjoying the breakfast is Mrs. Phyllis Bidlack.

The high school and middle school band and choir performed at the breakfast as well as members of the high school quartets and students from Oakwood and Paulding Elementary Schools.

love, and self-control that His Spirit provides.

Let us work together for a better today.

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

**1ST PRES. CHURCH, PAULDING HOSTS CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**

On Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 p.m. come for a Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship at First Presbyterian Church, Paulding.

Join in carols, a Christmas message, and candlelight to welcome Baby Jesus. Bring the whole family and come as you are.

The First Presbyterian Church, Paulding, is located at the corner of Caroline and Cherry St.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES AT PAULDING UMC**

Come join us for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Services at the Paulding United Methodist Church at 7:00 and 10:00 p.m. The Paulding UMC is located at 321 N Williams St.

**CORRECTION**

From James Wright's article in last week's WBN, "The Wolf and The Lamb"—Luke 18:16,17, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein."

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*—From the West Bend News staff*

**BIBLE QUESTIONS**

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

1. Luke 5:7 - How many boats of fish did they have?
2. Luke 5:8 - When Peter saw this what did he do?
3. Luke 5:8 - In this verse what did Peter say?
4. Luke 5:9 - What was Peter and the others astonished at?
5. Luke 5:10 - Who were the sons of Zebedee?
6. Luke 5:10 - Who were James and John partners with?
7. Luke 5:10 - What did Jesus tell Simon?
8. Luke 5:11 - What did they do when they brought their boat to land?
9. Luke 5:12 - What was this man full of?
10. Luke 5:12 - What did this man say to Jesus?

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

Answers to Bible questions next 12/5/12.

1. Preaching
2. By the lake Gennesaret
3. Also known as Sea of Chinnereth; Sea of Galilee; Sea of Tiberias
4. 2
5. Washing their net
6. Simon Peter
7. taught the multitudes
8. Let down your nets for a catch
9. none
10. Verse six says a great

number.

Now something to think on: the family of yesteryear: In America of yesterday you paid your debts on time, and went without to do so. You spent less than you earned and wanted the government to do the same thing. You disciplined your children, but disciplined yourself first. You went to church services regularly and took your children to Bible classes. You would have been horrified at (and quick to change) any man in high places who made "deals". You expected to prosper only by doing a better job. Is this why those products from China, like electronics is cheaply made, their clothes are smaller sizes than ours, and the list goes on. Love ones, we have become a "gimme" nation. We are not content with what we have. Hebrews 13:5, "Let your conduct be without covetousness, and be content with such things as you have. For (he himself) (this is Jesus) has said, 'I will never leave you nor for sake you.'"

Love ones, the Bible tells me how to be content and be 100% satisfied with what I have. My heavenly father provides me with all and then some, of what I need to sustain life. Study the Bible, do what it says, and then you will see why I am saying this. Please read James 1:22-25.

**BLUE CHRISTMAS**

For many people, the approaching Christmas holiday does not bring with it the joy and happiness advertised on television or in greeting cards. Psychologists have long known that the contrived good cheer of the holiday season can actually make some people who are dealing with heartbreak feel worse.

Holidays in our culture are often about families, and families are not always happy institutions. The "Blue Christmas" concept serves an important function for those who have lost loved ones. The biggest relief for people who are grieving comes when it is named. The Blue Christmas service confronts feelings of

grief and loss head-on. Cultures across the world have festivals of light this time of year. It is really dark, and it is really a hard time for many people. This church service acknowledges just how dark the dark is.

Blue Christmas services include an emphasis on candles, with people in the congregation invited to come forward and light a candle in memory of someone or to mark an event in their lives. Candles are also sometimes lit as prayers or Scripture readings are recited. These services have a more quiet, somber feel than a traditional Christmas worship service. Scripture, music and reflections or sermons focus on the comfort God offers during dark times, the "winter of our souls."

The festivities of the season seem to magnify the grief or pain people are experiencing. The commercials tout "Joyous Noel" and carolers sing "Tidings of comfort and joy"... but many among us have hearts that are breaking.

We invite you to a Blue Christmas service of remembrance and reflection on Sunday December 23 at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of St. Paul Lutheran Church, 601 Flat Rock Drive, Paulding, OH. All are welcome to participate in this service. For more information you may email pastor.karen@windstream.net or call 419-399-2320.

**UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN: MATTHEW 1:18-25**

**By: James Wright, First Church of God, Dupont, OH**

It is hard to fathom what was going through Joseph's mind when he found out his wife was pregnant with child. By rights she could have been stoned to death according to the law. Joseph loved Mary, and he did not want to make a public example of her, and thought maybe he could put her away privately. But while Joseph was thinking on these things, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream saying, "Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost."

Everything that was prophesied in the Old Testament concerning the Messiah was finally coming to fulfillment. We have here, a portion of scripture that the majority of the world has a hard time believing, it is foolishness to them, (1 Corinthians 2:14). There are those who believe Christ lived, that He was a good man, even Mohandas Gandhi once said, "That the Sermon on the Mount was of great significances, Christ teachings of love would benefit the world." That is a wonderful thing to say about Jesus, but if we do not believe in that miraculous birth and all we think of Jesus is a good man, then our believing does not amount to much. What is it that makes the virgin birth so

important? It is the blood line that makes it so important. It takes a male and female to conceive a child, that is how God designed it. The male sperm fertilizes the egg of a woman and that's how you and I were conceived thanks to our earthly mothers and fathers. Let's look at Mary. The Bible says that she was conceived by the "Holy Ghost" which is saying that the blood line did not come from man; it came directly from God Himself. When I was born, I was given the name Wright, because my earthly father was a Wright; I came from his blood line. When Christ was born, He became incarnate God, Emanuel, God with us. Jesus in His human nature was the part of Him that was born from a virgin, it was the part of Him that was to be a sacrifice for all of mankind, and His human nature was God's only begotten. Now the Spiritual part of Christ was Divine, it never was born nor did it have a beginning. John 1:1-3, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God, The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. Verse 14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us."

You see it was necessary for God to do it this way. Animals could not do it, Hebrews 10:4, "For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins." Man was and still is in desperate need of a spiritual cleansing that only God can do through the sacrificial blood of Christ. When the Lord's Supper was instituted Jesus took the cup and said, "For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins." (Matthew 26:28) The New Testament or the New Covenant was confirmed through Christ's blood on the cross at Calvary. And it was through this method that those who would believe would receive its benefits, the remission of sins. When we take part of that cup, we remember what our Dear Savior did for us. That little child that was born in that smelly old stable was more than just a good man, in His natural state He was the Son of God, but in His Divine state He was the Holy One, the Messiah, the Redeemer, the Great I Am, King of Israel. Isaiah 43:11 says these words, "I, even I, am the Lord; and besides me there is no savior." Yes, He came to us in the form of man to do what nothing else could do. How GREAT is His love. Merry Christmas!!

**WHAT'S THE STORY BEHIND THE REAL SANTA CLAUS?**

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

As I was growing up in the late 1950's there wasn't a Christmas without some reference to Santa Claus. We were told stories growing up about this pudgy white haired type grandfather who dressed in a red suit, who knew everything we did, good or bad and delivered Christmas gifts to all with his team of reindeer. However, whether in school, church or home, somehow we missed the story behind the real Santa Claus... PreachingToday.com tells

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The first and second graders of Divine Mercy Catholic School have been very busy decorating their room for Christmas. They have also wrote letters to Santa and are practicing for their Christmas program, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Most importantly, they are readying their hearts for Jesus' Birthday! Maranatha—Come Lord Jesus!

us that... You'll find some great stories about the real Santa Claus in the new book, *The Saint Who Would Be Santa Claus*, by Professor Adam C. English.

Before the guy with the white beard and the red suit, there was a real person named Nicholas, a Christian leader in the city of Myra (modern day Turkey), who was born around 260 A.D. English notes, "His life was a life of faith, to be sure, but it was also one of adventure and honor, justice and charity, goodwill and thick resolve."

Specifically, Bishop Nicholas used his entire inheritance to help the poor, sick, and children in need. He gave in secret, expecting nothing in return. He attended the Council of Nicaea in AD 325. Nicholas saved three young women from slavery, protected sailors, spared in-

nocents from execution, provided grain in a famine, and rescued a kidnapped boy. He fought the paganism of his day not with "visible weapons" but by arming "himself with hope and firm confidence." The real story is even more exciting than modern day Santa Claus tales.

This Christmas I pray that you will read the scriptures surrounding the Christmas story, our Lord Jesus and take time to tell your children about a man who loved God, the poor, the condemned, those who were hopeless and helpless, Nicholas of Myra.

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

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Have you heard? The Antwerp Community Band Christmas concert at the Antwerp Methodist Church was fabulous. What a gem this group of people are. Under the direction of Steve Hahn, they produce such beautiful music. The joyous Christmas season, the love, the music... it all came together... due to all the talents of the Antwerp Community Band.

—Tony Langham

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

I agree to an extent with the letter from Denny Miesle about buying local. Yes, all these small businesses need support. The higher prices in our small town is because of the higher cost of living because of our higher taxes and levies placed on us! I try to shop as much as possible locally to support these businesses. I only go to the large stores to buy pet supplies (which I buy in large

quantities) and vegetables that are not in season and not available sometime in local stores!

I disagree with the lower price, inferior quality statement! No matter where you shop—Paulding, Van Wert, Defiance, Fort Wayne—take a look at where that product was made. There is a 75-80% chance it was made in China, Japan, Taiwan, Mexico, India or other third world country. It is all poor quality, and usually doesn't last. And it's going to get worse with our government letting more and more industries move out of the US.

That's why I've decided to retire. I'm tired of trying to do work with poor quality parts. Everybody better get ready to fly the flags of some foreign country because that's where we are headed if nothing is done. America is failing the very people who built it and support it! Four more years of O'bummer and his bunch will bring more job loss, unemployment business closing but higher taxes that no one can afford because they have no work! And yes more crime. This country should be ashamed at what it has become!

—Gregg Gorman

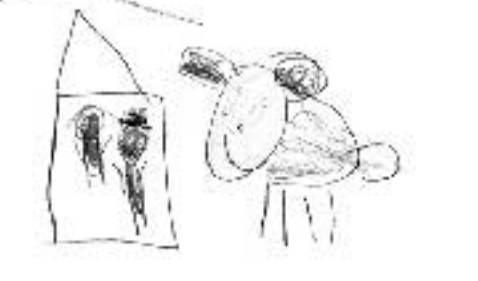
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**LETTERS TO SANTA**



Dear Santa how are you? Santa can you come to our school. I want a big dog. Loves Elle

A mailbox has been visible the past few weeks on South Main St. in downtown Antwerp. It's a mailbox especially for Santa's mail to the North Pole. We here at the West Bend News wanted to make sure the kids' wishes were known to Santa. The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the Antwerp School's National Honor Society has shared these letters with us in order to post them here. No worries kids, your anonymity is safe with us!

Dear Santa, I have been good. I like you. I want arme gis. Love, Draven

Dear Santa, I woosh I had a Lagl Bat man. Love, Aieden

Dear Santa, I have been good. I love you. I want ater Bell Ten krBel jelree box. Love, Lillian

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. I love you. I want lego ninjgo. Love, Drew

Dear Santa, I have been good this year! I love you. I want American Girl. Love, Faith

Dear Santa, Good this year, I have been. I love you. I want ame toys, Love, Austin

Dear Santa, I have been good this year! I love you. I want a American Girl. Love, Caroline

Dear Santa, I have been good this year! I love you. I want a Hello Kitty doll. Love, Eden

Dear Santa, I have bee good this year. I want the death star. Love, Bryce

Dear Santa, I have been good this year! I love you. I want a toy cat. Love, Allison

Dear Santa, Wut I wunt for Christmas is a peano, hellucoptr, S Bob DS XL game, a gift card for put put park, more beanie babies, O and I wus a vary good good girl. I love you snata. you are the my Bff. Do you no what Bff means? it means Best frind for ever. Your frind, Madison

Dear Santa, How are you? Santa can you com to our school. I want a big dog, Love, Elle

Dear Santa, How are you? I have been good. please bring me a remote control shark. Love, Kelten

Dear Santa, How are you? How are the elves? I want a Barbie house. Love, Anyssa

Dear Santa, How are you? I have been good. Please bring me a battery Powered backhoe. Love, Luke

Dear Santa, In the morning, Jack my elf wa in the washer. It was a good hiding place! I really want Just Dance 4, please. I love you. Love, Madisyn

Dear Santa, How are the elves? I have been good. Please bring me a work toy. Love, Dayne

Dear Santa, I want a play station for Christmas. I love you. How are you? How is Mrs. Claus? How is Rudolph and your elves. Love, Aiden

Dear Santa, How are the elves? I have been good. Please bring me a Zombie doll. Love, Jonah

Dear Santa, How are the elves doing? I want the very first bell of Christmas. Love, Karen

Dear Santa, How are your elves? Please bring me a car. Love, Brendon

Dear Santa, I have been good. How are the elves? I want a Bratz Doll. Love, Emma

Dear Santa, How are you, Santa? I have been good. Please bring me a baby crib. Love, Brittlynn

Dear Santa, How are you? Please can I have an iPod? Love, Teeghun

Dear Santa, How are the elves? I have been good. Can I have a toy reindeer? Love, Tavin

Dear Santa, How are you? I have been good. I want a Lego Batman. Love, Gavin

Dear Santa, How are you? I have been good. Please bring me a cat. Love, Skyler

Dear Santa, How are the elves? I have been good. What do you want for Christmas. I want Monster High. Love, Lainee

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**OLD DAN & I AT THE POLESTI RAID**

**By: Stan Jordan**

This is what happened on the day of the Polesti Raid. We got airborne about 9:45 a.m. We turned and went east over Italy and then across the Adriatic Sea, then over Bosnia, across Serbia, then the very north end of Bulgaria, and then into Romania. Polesti oil fields are about straight north of Bucharest 50-60 miles.

My watch was showing about noon and Gen. Norm came over the radio and said, "It's just ahead fellows. Test your guns, good luck, and catch you later."

Dan lined us up along the south part of the target. He blew up two large storage tanks and then he started to unload the napalm on the line of the anti-aircraft positions in our path. Then I felt the plane jerk as he fired another 40 mm round at another storage tank.

I could see all the napalm was burning, the big tanks were burning, I was spraying 20 mm stuff all over, the troops, the vehicles, and the ground. A camouflage building that was the soldiers barracks, a couple of fuel tanks. By now we had come to the end of the oil field. We even started a forest fire. Dan pulled us up over the forest and made a sharp turn so we could go back over the fields again. I was covering this area with my twin 20 mm cannons when I was thrown sharply against my seatbelt, as Dan made a very sharp turn down a railroad where about 100 oil tank cars were heading north behind a big locomotive.

Dan took us down the train and put a 40 mm round right into the bowler of that locomotive. It blew steam sky high. Then he fired our last 40 mm round. I never knew what he hit with that round until later.

He gave us two sharp left banks and we were now over some foot hills, and Dan said, "We are on course to go back to Italy. I will slow up a little until the other boys catch up with us."

We settled down at 1,000 ft. altitude and pretty soon we were all accounted for and we cruised at about 350 mph.

Dan said, "I guess everyone is alright and we are on our way back to Rome and we should get there around 3:00 p.m."

We landed at Spaghetti airfield in single file and taxied on down to the restricted area. The ground crew took care of our planes right away quick, incase of an emergency. They repaired a few holes in the rudder section of Blue Jay 3.

The boys secured all the cameras from one and two planes. That was the reason for the raid was to see how much of the oil field was producing oil for the German army. We did not see any luft-waffe at all on this trip. We encountered a lot of flack over the oil field but all in all we had a good trip and we did a good job proving that napalm is bad stuff on the people that get hit with it.

We sat around till supper time and after we returned to our barracks we talked about the raid. Gen. Norm did all the reporting and he and his supervisors were well satisfied with the results. Gen. Norm said, "Fellows tomorrow you can be off and see all of old Rome, if you wish. I will stay here and watch things. I have seen all of the old relics a number of times. So, if you want you can go right after breakfast and use the 2x4 truck. But please be back by 9:00 p.m."

I think everyone went to town and we used the truck to travel from place to place. We ate and drank at a curb side

restaurant, a cafe, or bistro. We were all back by 9:00 p.m. and we talked about all the historical places and remarked about the 100's of years ago that some of this took place. Gen. Norm, suggested a few games of euchre and we played until well after midnight.

Well, the phone rang about 7:15 a.m. and Norm said, "Well, okay thank you for the message. Can we stay here a couple more days?"

I guess the people on the other end of the phone gave us permission to stay.

Gen. Norm turned and said, "The weather bureau said from Paris on north is ice and sleet and we are grounded here. You boys can have another day of R&R if you wish."

See ya!

**SAM RIVERS, INDIAN AGENT CHAPTER 45**

**By: Stan Jordan**

Sam told Billy about the gardening, and the hunting for the winter meat supply, about the two bridges the engineers built, along with the big community building for the Calamus Village. Yes we have been quite busy for those four years, but the natives have made a lot of progress.

The Gen. said, "Billy I would like to have you see the Calamus Village. We can make it there in a one day long travel."

Billy counted up his furlough time and he said he could use four days yet. He has to return to Fort Kearney and there will be some orders for him at the end of his forty days. After they arrived at the Calamus Village, Billy fit in very well as he and the natives could talk together pretty good.

As they sat around the cook out area and talked in the warm sunshine, a cloud of dust was coming from the north. They don't seem to be in a hurry to get here. We all stood and watched the dust cloud get closer. There was a lot of mumbling and grumbling from the natives of the villages.

As they neared our camp we could see they carried bows and arrows and spears and tomahawks. That was probably all the arms they had. I gave the peace sign as did Limping Buffalo and Pony That Walks. After a few seconds and mumblings amongst themselves the six newcomers all gave the peace sign.

The one with the most armament and eagle feathers looked around and grumbled, "White Elk?"

Limping Buffalo pointed to himself and waved and gestured to the other chief about White Elk being gone to the happy hunting ground many moons ago. The chief turned to his tribe and told him the situation. After a while, the two chiefs could understand each other a little bit. He is Broken Lance and they are the Loup River Tribe. They are about two days march to the northwest of the Calamus River Village.

Yes they are armed, they didn't know what to suspect. They heard there are war drums to the east—many war drums. Broken Lance said, "We are farmers and hunters and we don't like war. The Crow and the Black Feet like war. They no like the white man. We hear you give some

blankets to us?" Then I told the chief who that man here is, the white chief to the south. And I told him about our policy on blankets—if they will agree to learn to live the white man's ways and to get along and be peaceful. If the fort has any blankets and supplies, if they can be issued, and if we have any to give. Then both of the other tribes talked about each getting two blankets and the other supplies they have gotten.

They pointed to me, the agent, and to Gen. Kearny, and to Billy Metzger and said, "Straight tongue, straight as an arrow."

See ya!

**ME & RESOLUTIONS**

**By: Stan Jordan**

Each New Year, there is about ten gallons of ink, and enough paper to make two pine trees wasted on paper making resolutions that 99% fail to keep.

There are a zillion reasons why people used to make a resolution. I know because I have used most of them. I hear that 73.9% of all the resolutions are to lose weight.

Now let me tell you about this losing weight crap.

About 70 years ago, when I played basketball for AHS, I was six ft tall and weighed 168 lbs. Now, I'm considerably shorter than 6 ft tall and I weigh considerably more than 168.

But all my friends say, "Stan you look good, how are you doing?" Well, I guess I do look good, 'cause I don't have any wrinkles, cags, or lines in my face. The reason for that is, I have a fat face. That takes away all of the lines and wrinkles. I enjoy people saying, "Stan you look good."

Now, if I make a 2013 year resolution to lose weight and stick to it, this is what would happen. My face will turn pale, skinny and I will have wrinkles, crow's feet, sunken eyes and my cheekbones will stick out.

My friends will say, "Stan you look bad. You have a bad color. You look sickly. Are you sick? What have you done to yourself? You used to have clear skin and not a line on your face, what have you done with yourself?"

A few meetings like that and I will become sick and become bedridden and just worn away—NO WAY!

Now you are starting to think, that I'm using that pale looking, skinny face, with all those lines, as a crutch from keeping me from going on a diet.

Well, you are right. I'm going to continue to eat some of that very bad for you fast food, drink a little pop, eat a little pie, and a little ice cream, some chocolates, and I think I need a coney dog. No, lose the fat resolutions for me. See ya!

**NAMES OF NORTH/SOUTH ROADS IN CARRYALL TOWNSHIP NORTH OF THE RIVER**

**By: Stan Jordan**

Starting at the Indiana line:

1. Road 7 - I cannot find an official name for that road but I always called it the Donat Rd.

2. From on the County Line to Road 230 - a short Road 13 was called the Met-

tert Rd. This road skips a mile and then goes on down to 192 and that road is called Shultz Rd.

3. The next road to the east is Road 219 and it was called the Cottrell Rd.

4. The next road east is CR 33 or the Harris Rd.

5. The next road to the east is SR 49.

6. The next road is CR 43 was called the Trembly Rd.

7. The next road to the east is C-53 or the Reeb Rd.

8. The next road is T-63 or the Hopkins Rd.

9. C-73 is the next road and I couldn't find a name for it.

10. The next road is an extension of Road 230; some will call it the Miller Rd. There is a short piece of Road 83, across the river to the south is called 87 or the Briceton Rd. See ya!



**By: Stan Jordan**

**Kids Pray and Memories of Their Prayers**

When my twin daughters were young, I taught them to say this prayer before going to bed. As I listened outside their door, I could hear them say, "Give us this steak and daily bread, and forgive us our mattresses." My husband and I always had a good laugh over this. That was over 50 years ago, and the memory still remains in my heart.

Groton, Mass.

My mother spent her early childhood saying, "Hail Mary, full of grapes."

Missoula, Mont.

My son, who is in nursery school said, "Our Father, who art in Heaven, how didja know my name?"

Uniontown, Ohio

I remember thinking this prayer was "Give us this day our jelly bread."

Covina, Calif.

I recall reading something

years ago about the Pledge of Allegiance. Some child thought it began, "I led the pigeons to the flag."

Cleveland, Ohio.

When I was little, I often wondered who Richard Stands was. You know: "I pledge allegiance to the flag... And to the republic for Richard Stands."

**LATTA STATEMENT ON NOVEMBER JOBS REPORT**

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) issued the following statement regarding November's national unemployment report:

"At 7.7%, our nation's unemployment rate remains too high. It has been continually reported that more and more Americans have given up on looking for work and dropped out of the labor force. While hardworking families are searching for ways to make ends meet, the president is searching for ways to raise taxes on small businesses and continue massive federal government spending. Rather than slam small businesses with a tax hike that will make it harder to get the economy back on track and for Americans to find work, it is time we work together and find middle ground on comprehensive tax reform and federal spending cuts to ensure our economy does not go over the fiscal cliff."

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**THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE**

By: Lisa McClure, Paulding County Area Foundation

I have just returned from the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Senior Citizens Luncheon at Wayne Trace. Wayne Trace holds a luncheon, once a year, to show the school's appreciation for our valued Senior Citizens of the school district. We are proud of the

heritage they provide based on values, strong work ethic and commitment. The students enjoy serving lunch and providing an afternoon of entertainment. There is certainly something for everyone involved to appreciate.

The Senior Citizens of our community and county are very generous with their time, talent and funds. Funds administered by the Paulding County Area Foundation have grown because of the generosity of those who were at the luncheon today and many other Senior Citizens throughout the county. They care about Paulding

County and are generous donors of the funds; whether it be the Paulding County 4-H Funds, the Grover Hill Park Fund, the Antwerp Ball Association Fund, the Oakwood Library Association Endowment Fund, The Paulding Fairground Funds, or the various Scholarship Funds.

As the Senior Citizens of our county support us; we support and appreciate you.

If you have any questions, regarding the funds the Paulding County Area Foundation administers, please contact Lisa McClure, 419-399-8296.

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Center welcomes Dr. Hogan to his new responsibilities within the facility.

Dr. Hogan replaces Lee Klopfenstein, MD who has been at Country Inn since its beginning in August, 2004. Dr. Klopfenstein leaves the facility and will be relocating in January with his family to Bonne Fin, Haiti where he has accepted the position of Medical Director at Hospital Lumiere. Country Inn board and staff wishes to sincerely thank Dr. Klopfenstein for his service to our residents and facility as Medical Director during the last years.

## WOODLAN STUDENTS RING THE BELL



Pictured here is Justin Smith, Cassandra Lomont, Sam Hawthaway, and Tyler Snyder.

These are the Salvation Army bell ringers who represented Woodlan High School Service Club at Chapel Ridge Walmart on December 8. Woodlan High School students rang bells from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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*Thanks to all who contributed to the PCH Foundation's Bright Lights Program.*

## PAULDING WRESTLING RESULTS AT EDGERTON DUALS

Paulding HS Wrestling wrestled recently at the Edgerton Duals. They went 3-2 losing to Fremont, IN and Sandusky, OH and beat Morencie MI, Patrick Henry, and Hudson, MI.

Fremont vs. Paulding - Fremont wins, 44-32; 106 - Seals (P) pins Lowe (F); 113 - Salinas (P) wins by void; 120 - Mink (P) lost 9-5 to Leskowsyak (F); 126 - Fry (F) wins by void; 132 - Deatrck (P) won 4-1 over Schmucker (F); 138 - Willims (F) pins Wesley (P); 145 - Backer (F) pins mock (P); 152 - Owens (F) pins Grubb (P); 160 - Short (F) tech falled Jarell (P) 19-4; 170 - Deatrck (P) tech falled Maggart (F) 18-3; 182 - Elliot (F) pinned Valdez (P); 195 - Barry (F) pinned Schindler (P); 220 - Ash (P) pinned Dossett (F); 285 - Manz (P) pinned mitchell (F)

Sandusky vs. Paulding - Sandusky won 58-16; 106 - Seals (P) lost by pin Jones (S); 113 - Minck (P) won 13-0 Maynard (S); 120 - double void; 126 Fry (S) wins by void; 132 - Wesley (P) pinned Lansoy (S); 138 - Deatrck (P) lost 21-9 Porter (S); 145 - Fuller (S) pins mock (P); 152 - Kirkwood (S) pins Grubb (P); 160 - Dickerson (S) Jarell (P); 170 - Dalma (S) pins Deatrck (P); 182 - Gowdy (S) beats Valdez (P) 9-8; 195 - Marghein (S) pinned Schindler (P); 220 - Ash (P) pinned Marth (S); 285 - Manz (P) lost by pin to Hitchcot (S)

Paulding vs. Hudson, MI - Paulding won, 64-18; 106 - Seals (P) tech falled Leath-

ers (H) 19-4; 113 - Salinas (P) won by void; 120 - Minck (P) won by void; 126 - Mattison (H) won by void; 132 - Wesley (P) lost by pin to Randall (H); 138 - Deatrck (P) won by void; 145 - Mock (P) pinned Ibranhim (H); 152 - Grobb (H) pins Grubb (P); 160 - Jarell (P) tech falled Baltzner (H) 17-2; 170 - Deatrck (P) won by void; 182 - Valdez (P) won by void; 195 - Schindler (P) won by void; 220 - Ash (P) pinned Lockwood (H); 285 - Manz (P) pinned Holder (H)

Morencie, MI vs. Paulding - Paulding won, 72-0; 106 - Seals (P) won by void; 113 - Salinas (P) won by void; 120 - Minck (P) won by void; 126 - double void; 132 - Wesley (P) pinned Pless (M); 138 - Deatrck (P) won by void; 145 - Mock (P) pinned Kelley (M); 152 - Grubb (P) wins by void; 160 - Nichols (P) wins by void; 170 - Jarell (P) pinned Tule (M); 182 - Deatrck (P) pins Vanderpool (M); 195 - Schindler (P) wins by void; 220 - double void; 285 - Manz (P) wins by void

Paulding vs. Patrick Henry - Paulding wins, 60-17; 106 - Seals (P) pinned Wade (PH); 113 - Salinas (P) won by void; 120 - Minck (P) won by void; 126 - Hinojosa (PH) wins by void; 132 - Deatrck (P) wins by void; 138 - Wesley (P) pinned Cash (PH); 145 - Cole (PH) pinned Mock (P); 152 - Grubb (P) wins by void; 160 - Jarell (P) wins by void; 170 - Deatrck (P) pins Brewer (PH); 182 - Powers (PH) pins Valdez (P); 195 - Schindler (P) wins by void; 220 - Ash (P) pinned Tussing (PH); 285 - Manz (P) lost by pin to Bennet (PH)

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# LADY WARRIORS WIN IN OVERTIME GAME



Weren't there? You missed a great game! The Woodlan girls took on Heritage at the home court Saturday, December 15. The first half showed the Lady Warriors take the lead over their Patriot opponents. Heritage took back the momentum in the third quarter. The girls out-scored Heritage in the fourth quarter enough to tie and drive the matchup into overtime. In overtime Woodlan scored 12 to Heritage's 5 points and won the close 78-71 game. Shown above is sophomore Jazmine Williams scoring for the Warriors. More pictures in the photo galleries above at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)

# TO ALL FAMILIES OF EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

Last Friday was a horrific day in education across the world. Schools are to be a bastion offering a safe, secure, supportive, student-centered learning environment for all staff and students. When events like Friday's occur, our confidences tend to be shaken greatly. There's nothing that can be said about Friday's events that can help ease the pain felt by the students, staff and families of children and staff at Sandy Hook Elementary School except to offer our prayers for all those affected.

It's important for you to know that East Allen County Schools, on a daily basis, review, revise, practice and implement our safety procedures. I'd like to share with you some of the things we have in place so that you might have confidence in the fact that we take safety and security of our students and staff very seriously.

Below is a list of some of the things we have in place.

EACS employs a Safety Specialist who has the responsibility to develop practices and procedures for all schools. He is certified by the State of Indiana and works with a district-wide committee to review and revise our district-wide plan which is submitted to the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) each fall.

EACS has employees who have been certified by the IDOE as School Safety Specialists.

Each school has a safety team.

Each school has a crisis intervention team.

All doors in all schools are locked throughout the school day.

Each school in the district has a buzzer system at the front door, complete with a camera and speaker system. The purpose of this is for school personnel to determine whether or not to open the door, electronically, to visitors.

EACS has a New Haven Police Officer who is assigned

full time as a School Resource Officer and a full time Allen County Reserve Officer for coverage in our county schools.

EACS maintains an excellent relationship with both the Allen County Sheriff's Department and the New Haven Police Department.

Security cameras are in place in all of our buildings and most of our school buses.

Teachers supervise hallways during passing period.

Schools practice safety drills throughout the school year as required by law.

This is representative of just some of our efforts. But, one thing we do know, through all of the research and historical evidence gathered over the years, is that it takes ALL of us to maintain a safe environment. School Safety is EVERYONE'S job!

Please talk to your child(ren) about the necessity to discuss concerns with adults in their school(s). There's an old saying that we need "mental detectors" more than metal detectors for security. Paying attention to the little things is vitally important. And, if something causes concern, telling someone about the situation is critical to maintaining a safe environment. Sometimes we don't want to mention something because we may think it's silly or we may think we're going to hurt someone's feelings. That goes for both students and staff. But, what we tell those who are worried about "telling" on someone or about something is that we'd rather have a conversation with someone out of concern about something bad happening than have a conversation with someone else after something bad has happened. Bottom line, communicate concerns immediately! The Department of Education Safety Specialist says, "See something? SAY SOMETHING!"

We will continue to be diligent in our safety efforts. Please contact your child's principal if there are specific questions you have relative to your child(ren)'s school.

# LADY SQUAWS TAKE WIN FROM NEW HAVEN



The Lady Bulldogs took on Bellmont Saturday, December 15. The New Haven girls pulled together and had a half time lead of 13-7. It was a great half for the girls as they nearly doubled their opponents' score. The second half was a different game for the girls. New Haven had too many fouls, with Brooke Imel fouling out, and not enough team points and ended up with a 35-40 loss. Shown above is Brooke Imel scoring for the Bulldogs. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)

Thank you for your efforts!

Sincerely,  
Karyle M. Green, Superintendent  
[www.newhavenbulletin.com](http://www.newhavenbulletin.com)

## EACS STUDENTS & STAFF RAISE FUNDS FOR HURRICANE SANDY VICTIMS

On Wednesday, December 12 at 12 noon, East Allen County Schools administration and students will present a check to the American Red Cross of Northeast Indiana to go towards the Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund. The presentation will take place at the American Red Cross 1212 E.

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Over a one week period, EACS staff and students worked hard to raise funds to help families that were affected by Hurricane Sandy. "We are so blessed and we just want to give back to help others. There are so many families that are still in need and this is our (EACS) way of helping out to show we care," said Joe Venderley, Guidance Counselor at Paul Harding Jr. High.

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# WAYNE TRACE PIERCE LANCERS



Saturday, December 15 the JV Raiders boys basketball beat Lincolnview by with a 37-15 win.

The varsity game fell in a little better favor for Lincolnview but not much. The Raiders started off on with a large lead, then the momentum swung in the Lancers' favor. Wayne Trace did not allow that to distract them from their goal for victory long and on to finish the game in the 2nd half with a 62-47 victory. Shown above is Corbin Linder scoring 3 points and the foul shot! More pictures in the gallery at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)

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# ANTWERP QUAD MEETING WRESTLING RESULTS

Recently a quad meet was hosted by Antwerp Wrestling. These are the posted results for Antwerp.

- Edgerton vs. Antwerp - 60-6
- 106 - Jordan (E) won by void
- 113 - Santa-Rita (E) won by void
- 145 - Santa-Rita (E) pinned Clark (A), .61, 0-24
- 160 - Daniel (E) pinned Hall (A) 1:38, 6-36
- 182 - An Hurley (E) pinned VanAtta (A) 1:48, 6-42
- 220 - Geoltzenl (E) won by void
- 285 - Bute (A) pinned Au Hurley (E) 1:65, 6-60
- Antwerp vs. Wayne Trace - 6-76
- 106 - Clemens (WT) won

- by void
- 113 - D Taylor (WT) won by void
- 120 - M Baxter (WT) won by void
- 126 - C Elliot (WT) won by void
- 132 - A Miller (WT) won by void
- 138 - Cotterman (WT) won by void
- 145 - Showalter (WT) def. Clark (A), 40-0
- 152 - Dingus (WT) won by void
- 160 - Temple (WT) pinned Hall (A) :42, 52-0
- 170 - Reel (WT) pinned Perry (A) :44, 58-0
- 182 - Showalter (WT) pinned VanAtta (A) :39, 64-0
- 195 - Mansfield (WT) won by void
- 220 - Pierce (WT) won by void
- 285 - Bute (A) won by void



Antwerp hosted the wrestling tournament Tuesday, December 11 against Wayne Trace, Fairview, Edgerton Jefferson. Shown in the picture above is Jarrett Bute who won by pin and forfeit. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)

# WT WRESTLING STILL UNDEFEATED



WT Wrestling on Thursday, December 13. Shown above is George Clemens IV pinning his opponent. More pictures at <http://www.westbendnews.net/photos.html>

# RAIDER WRESTLING REMAINS PERFECT

Wayne Trace Wrestling entered last week with two dual meets scheduled. Wrestling on Tuesday night at Antwerp they picked up wins over Antwerp and Fairview. Thursday night they moved their record to 6-0 in duals with two highly contested wins over Tinora and Ayersville. After Thursday night, the Raider squad has beaten all GMC teams.

With only one day rest, the Raiders participated in the Backhaus Duals at Tinora High School on Saturday. In the dual tournament, no other school would push them, and the red, white, and blue would comfortably take are of all challengers making their record 11-0. Coach Clemens was pleased

after the tournament stating, "The kids looked and wrestled great today. Now, we just need to keep building and improving for the remainder of the season."

Raider wrestlers wrestling to a 5-0 record for the tourney were: George Clemens (106), Aaron Miller (126), Zaine Cotterman (132), Carl Elliott (138), Tyler Showalter (145), Jacob Dingus (152), Sawyer Temple (160), Daron Showalter (182), and Justin Pierce (220).

Final scores were: WT 72-Antwerp 6, WT 66-Evergreen 10, WT 81-Danbury Lake 0, WT 59-Tinora 15, WT 60-Van Buren 18.

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

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# MEADOWBROOK ELEMENTARY NOMINATED AS "RAPIDLY IMPROVING SCHOOL" BY INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

The East Allen County Schools Corporation has been notified by the Indiana Department of Education that Dr. Tony Bennett has nominated Meadowbrook Elementary as 1 of 8 from Indiana as a "Rapidly Improving School" as part of the National Blue Ribbon process. Each grade level at Meadowbrook saw growth and the amount of growth put Meadowbrook in the

top 10 improving schools in Indiana! The IDOE will notify EACS by September 2013 of the final selection. If Meadowbrook is selected, members from the Meadowbrook staff will be invited to receive the award in Washington, DC on November 14, 2013.

# STUDENTS SHOW SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

Woodlan Primary, Intermediate, and Junior High students opened their hearts in a big way by participating in a Christmas Food Drive for those less fortunate in the Woodburn area. The Woodburn Community Association co-sponsored the drive and is rewarding the winning classes in each group with either a pizza or ice cream party.

The Woodlan Primary (Grades K-3) collected 800 items for the Woodburn Food Bank and 400 items for the Woodburn Christian Children's Home. The winning class was Mrs. Snyder's second grade.

Woodlan Intermediate (Grades 4-6) collected 1220 items for the Food Bank with Mrs. Price's 5th grade being the winning class.

Woodlan Junior High (Grades 7-8) collected 162 items and \$80.00 cash that will be used to purchase perishable items. Mrs. Mostella's class came out winners in this age group.

What generous and loving children and parents we have in our community! These gifts of food will remind many households of the true meaning of Christmas as they use these gifts of food to prepare for Christmas.



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Consider the numbers: In 2007, just before the financial crisis, the country's household debt service ratio was about 14 percent. (The debt service ratio is the ratio of debt payments, including mortgages and consumer debt, to disposable personal income.) But by 2012, this figure had dipped below 11 percent, the

lowest level since 1994.

These figures are national averages, but they do translate into real-life savings for many of us. If you're in this group — that is, if you've lowered your debt payments noticeably — what should you do with this "found" money?

Of course, you could spend it on material objects, which, in some cases, may make your life more pleasant today. But you'd probably be better off by devoting your financial resources to your goals for tomorrow, such as college for your children and, eventually, a comfortable retirement lifestyle for yourself.

Consequently, you want may want to consider these suggestions:

- Increase your contributions to your retirement plan. Try to put more money into your employer-sponsored retirement plan, such as a 401(k), 403(b) or 457(b). Your contributions are typically made with pretax dollars, so the more you invest, the lower your taxable income. Plus, your earnings can grow on a tax-deferred basis.
- Fully fund your IRA. You can put in up to \$5,000 per year (as of 2012) to a traditional or Roth IRA, or \$6,000 if you're 50 or older. A traditional IRA grows tax-deferred, while a Roth IRA can grow tax-free, provided you meet certain conditions.
- Fill in "gaps" in your financial strategy. With a little extra money each month, can you find ways to fill in the

"gaps" in your financial strategy? For example, do you have sufficient life insurance and disability income insurance? Or can you add some investments that can help diversify your overall portfolio? While diversification can't guarantee profits or protect against loss, it can help reduce the effects of volatility on your holdings.

- Build an emergency fund. It's a good idea to build an emergency fund containing six to 12 months' worth of living expenses. Without such a fund, you may be forced to dip into long-term investments to pay for unexpected costs, such as a large bill from the doctor or a major car repair. Keep the money in a liquid, low-risk account.

- Establish a 529 plan. If you have children or grandchildren whom you would like to help get through college, you might want to contribute to a 529 plan. Your earnings grow tax-free, provided withdrawals are used for qualified higher education expenses. Plus, your contributions may be deductible from your state taxes. (Be aware, though, that withdrawals used for purposes other than qualified education expenses may be subject to federal and state taxes, plus a 10% penalty.)

Reducing your debt level can remove some stress from your life. And you'll gain even more benefits from debt reduction by using your savings to speed your progress toward your important financial goals.

**WESTERN BUCKEYE ESC STAFF**

*Note: This is the letter sent to all the staff of Paulding County Schools from WBESC superintendent, Brian Gerber.*

The tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School was horrific and is on the minds of educators across the country and world. Words alone cannot describe the terror and horror that was experienced by the students, staff, parents, community, and first responders. In the midst of this tragedy there are a few things we can continue to do. First and foremost we need to continue to pray for those people in Newtown, CT. We need to continue to send prayers asking for God's strength and grace. Do not be afraid to talk about this incident within your own school buildings in order to brainstorm ways and means to continue to keep children safe. In my opinion the staff at Sandy Hook did everything humanly possible to keep their children safe. The principal, guidance counselor, school psychologist, teachers, and aides sacrificed their bodies to save kids. They acted quickly and probably saved more kids with their first reactions. This was a terrible incident in our world but probably could have been even worse if it wasn't for the brave staff of Sandy Hook Elementary. The school installed lock down mechanisms on their doors and had security as a main priority. Unfortunately, these safety procedures cannot prevent a sick deranged individual from shooting out the windows and entering the building.

Several districts took further precautions after the Amish school murders in 2006. For example at WT, we added automatic locks at each entrance and installed

security cameras and locked down 24/7. This was a proactive move but still would not prevent someone from shooting out windows and entering the building. Safety is a first priority. Having conversations and discussion on becoming more safe is the right thing to do. It's not a safeguard for every situation but it does help in being proactive to the best of your ability when it comes to keeping kids safe. If students want to talk about it, please allow them to do so. Reinforce to them that the schools do everything possible to keep them safe. Let them know that safety is a priority and schools are always looking for ways to keep students safe at all times.

I know all of you are caring staff members who treat your students like they were your own children. Continue to carry on and do the best job possible. Please continue to pray for the people in Newtown and Sandy Hook Elementary.

Sincerely,  
Brian Gerber, Superintendent  
Western Buckeye ESC

**SEN. KRUSE ENCOURAGES STUDENTS TO SERVE AS PAGES**

IN State Sen. Dennis Kruse (R-Auburn) invites area middle school and high school students to spend a day at the Statehouse and serve as Senate pages during the 2013 legislative session, which runs from January 7 to April 29.

"The Senate page program is a valuable opportunity for any student who wants to learn more about our great state," Kruse said. "By participating in the legislative process, pages gain a new understanding of how Indiana government functions and why it matters for all Hoosiers."

Interested students should submit page requests as soon as possible by visiting <http://www.in.gov/legislative/senate-republicans/6074.htm>. Requests may also be emailed to [Senator.Kruse@iga.in.gov](mailto:Senator.Kruse@iga.in.gov) or by mail to the following address:

State Sen. Dennis Kruse, Indiana Senate, 200 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46204

All requests need to include the student's name, address, home telephone number, age and school affiliation.

Friends wanting to page on the same day should send requests together. Kruse said specific date requests will be considered, but may not be possible. The Senate's page office will confirm the scheduled date after processing the incoming requests.

Participating as a page is an excused absence from school. Pages must arrive at the Statehouse by 8:30 a.m. to begin their orientation. They will then tour the historic Statehouse and observe legislative proceedings in committee rooms or the Senate Chamber.

Parents are responsible for pages' transportation to and from the Statehouse, and pages should plan on bringing a lunch or money to buy a meal. Food can be purchased at the Government Center Cafeteria, Circle Centre Mall or one of the many downtown restaurants near the Statehouse.

For additional information on the Senate page program, visit Kruse's website at [www.in.gov/senator.kruse](http://www.in.gov/senator.kruse) or call 1-800-382-9467.

**PAULDING FALLS TO WAYNE TRACE**



WT girls took on Paulding at the Palace Tuesday, December 11. The Raiders were warmed up and ready to go that night. The Lady Raiders won the JV game 44-14. Wayne Trace outpaced the Panthers 10-1 in the first 8 minutes, but Paulding bounced back ending the quarter down 14-6. The final score ended up at 54-40 with the Lady Raiders finishing on top. Shown above is junior Brenda Feasby scoring 3 points for the Raiders with Paulding's Sierra McCullough guarding. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)

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Celebrating their anniversaries were Ken and Sue Dulle of Hicksville, and Sue's brother and his wife, Gary and Renee' Moyers of Akron, OH.

The Dulle's celebrated their 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in September. Sue is a retired office nurse and Ken is still employed at BFGoodrich in Woodburn, IN.

their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in October. They all waited until December to celebrate together on a cruise to the Caribbean.

The Dulle's have a daughter, Shannon, son-in-law Mark and grandchildren Matthew and Marissa Wannemacher all of Cloverdale, OH. The Moyer's have a son, Zachary and daughter, Nicole.

**PAULDING COUNTY CHRONICLES III**

By: **Caroline Zimmerman Oddfellows & Rebekahs**

As we drive through many towns, we can still the I.O.O.F. emblems above some doorways of older buildings and wondered just what those

symbols meant. My grandfather, John James Soule has that on his tombstone in Romeo, Michigan as he was an "Odd Fellow" and my grandmother, Gertie Irene Perry Soule, was a "Rebekah" (or "Daughter of the Rebekahs"). I have a receipt for her dues of \$1.00 which appears to have paid

from 27 December 1926 to 1 January 1928 to Clifford, MI, Rebekah Lodge # 50 I.O.O.F. Are there any surviving fraternities still alive in Paulding County or surrounding counties today? If so, I would like to hear from you as I am interested in your work and membership. My grandfather was always very proud of his membership in this non-drinking group and their philanthropic goals.

It was founded by Thomas Wildey in North America (he was born in London, England. In 1782 and left an orphan five years later.) He made a pledge at that time to "Educate the Orphan", because of his own experiences. At 14 he went to live with an uncle and after nine years of schooling, he became an apprentice to a maker of coach springs. He joined the Odd Fellows in 1804.

He came to America in 1817; the British were not liked because of the memory of the War of 1812. Unemployment and yellow fever were great epidemics. He advertised in the newspaper to meet with other Odd Fellows in Baltimore and with four others, they formed the "Independent Order of Odd Fellows in North America dedicating the Order to achieve philanthropic goals.

At the time of his death in 1861, there were more than 200,000 members of the I.O.O.F. Across America. They even fought against each other unknowingly in the Civil War.

Today the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs spend over \$775 million in relief projects annually. They meet each year in Washington to lay wreaths at the Memorials for the soldiers. They give to orphanages, junior leagues, etc. They strictly forbid any interference with one's religious beliefs or political opinions.

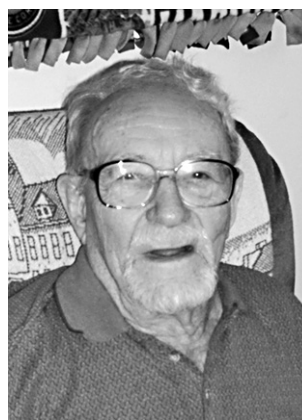
My grandparents visited old and sick members and had to give up their memberships during the depression. The "Secret Words" were used to keep people from coming into the organization and getting the monies and foods stocked for the people of the organization. There were words used on the telegraph that prevented thefts and graft this way. They donated money to help those in the organization and to those they chose to help. They believed a person should be of good character and loyal to his country and believe in a Supreme Being, the creator, and preserver of the Universe (Those are some of the requirements for membership). If you know an active group in the area, please contact Caroline Zimmerman 1-419-258-2222. If you have any history of any of the groups I would be interested in that also.

**THE BEST CHRISTMAS PRESENT EVER**

It was late 1944 and the main concern on Dick Hurni's mind was to get home. He'd been away for 26 months with the Marines; his time was up and he was ready to get out. Leaving Guam, he spent several days aboard an aircraft carrier which took him to San Diego. Once there he was processed out which was an additional, several-day event. The unquestionable mode of travel in the 1940's was by railway, so Dick boarded an eastbound train to Chicago. Upon reaching Chicago's Union Station, Dick soon realized he had to figure out how he would get to

Antwerp. After some inquiries, he learned there was indeed passenger service to Antwerp but not directly from Chicago. Connections were made for a trip into Fort Wayne, where he again needed to board a different passenger train.

Before long, the locomotive slowly pulled into the Antwerp Depot; it was 8:30 p.m. Dick recalls he had been the only military person on board during the last rail-leg of his journey home. It was



**Dick Hurni**

December 24, 1944, Christmas Eve night and there were very few Antwerp residents out and about at that time. Because there was no telephone at the depot, Dick walked to an auto dealer close by, where the young Marine anxiously telephoned Russell and Harriett Brown, an aunt and uncle. The Browns lived just north of Antwerp on the River Road. Due to wartime rationing, Dick asked if they might have enough gasoline to be able to drive their car into Antwerp, pick him up, and take him to his parent's home in Hicksville. Yes! Yes, they did!

Upon arriving at the home of Scott and Geraldine Hurni, Uncle Russell knocked on the front door. When Dick's

**SALISBURY - KRALY**



Natalie Renee Salisbury and Matthew David Kraly were married October 27, 2012, at the Covenant Christian Church in Mount Vernon, OH. The reverend Ricky Grimes performed the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Mike and Billie Salisbury of Centerburg, OH. The groom is the son

of Daniel and Jeanie Kraly of Antwerp. The bride is a graduate of Mount Vernon Nazarene University with a bachelor's degree in early childhood education. The groom also graduated from MVNU with a bachelor's degree in computer science. The newlyweds reside in Columbus, OH.

mother, Geraldine answered, Russell announced, "I have someone here that you might know!" Dick recalls those first moments being heavy with happiness, relief, and tears. It was Christmas Eve night and what could be a more wonderful gift than for a mother to have her son home—safe and sound from the war?

This particular Christmas

would become sadly sweet for the Hurni family; Geraldine passed away in the spring of 1945. Dick went on to marry and raise three children: Colleen, Richard, and Marcia. In February of 1975 he once again married, to Ms. Betty Strong. Dick is a very pleasant conversationalist and is currently a resident of The Manor House Assisted Living, Antwerp.

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**"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": 20 INDUCTED INTO VANTAGE NATIONAL TECHNICAL HONOR SOCIETY**



Wayne Trace principal Kevin Wilson with new Vantage National Technical Honor Society inductees Tiffany Hittle (left) and Samantha Spangler.



Todd Harmon, Paulding principal with Kayla Warnimont, a new member of the Vantage National Technical Honor Society.

Twenty outstanding Vantage seniors were recently selected as members of the Vantage chapter of the National Technical Honor Society. They were introduced and inducted at the annual NTHS banquet on December 11, 2012, held in the new Commons Area. In addition to the guests of honor, parents, home school principals and counselors, and Vantage teachers and administrators attended the banquet to recognize this elite group of students.

The main purpose of the National Technical Honor Society is to reward scholastic achievement in career technical education. Membership encourages skill development, honesty, service, leadership, citizenship, and individual responsibility. In addition, students are selected for membership in NTHS as a reward for excellence in workforce education; to develop self-esteem, pride and encourage students to reach

for higher levels of achievement; and to promote business and industry's critical workplace values—honesty, responsibility, initiative, teamwork, productivity, leadership, and citizenship.

NTHS membership is the highest award for excellence in career technical education and is a reliable indicator of performance and leadership in the workplace. Students who achieved a 3.5 grade point average or better, while maintaining a 95% attendance rate at Vantage, were eligible to apply for membership. In addition to submitting a resume and writing an essay stating why they would like to be a part of the NTHS, the students also were required to obtain three teacher recommendations.

Students selected for membership in the National Technical Honor Society for the 2012-13 school year are Mac Kensey Bendele (Ottoville), Building and Grounds; Caleb Blankemeyer (Lincolnview), Precision Machining; Matt Burgei (Ottoville), Industrial Mechanics; Nicholas Dealey (Crestview), Ag and Industrial Power Technology; Joshua Dempsey (Crestview), Auto Body; Cody Dugan (Parkway), Industrial Mechanics; Cora Finrock (Crestview), Culinary Arts; Destiny Hines (Van Wert), Cosmetology; Darian Guilmette (Continental), health Technology; Tiffany Hittle (Wayne Trace), Cosmetology; Zachary Miller (Ottoville), Industrial Mechanics; Alyssa Odenweller (Kalida), Cosmetology; Jody Richey (Lincolnview), Welding; Tressa Ringwald (Lincolnview), Interactive Media; Spencer Schaadt (Lincolnview), Precision Machining; Samantha Spangler (Wayne Trace), Auto Technology; Mikayla Stetler (Parkway), Medical Office Management; Alexandria Strickland (Lin-

colnview), Carpentry; Kayla Warnimont (Paulding), Cosmetology; and Luke Wrasman (Delphos St. Johns), Industrial Mechanics.

Congratulations to these National Technical Honor Society members!

**THE 12 YEARS OF CHRISTMAS WEATHER**

By: Josh Steiner

Since we are getting close to Christmas Day, I thought I would go back through the last 12 years, and look at the weather on each Christmas Day going back to the year 2000.

*On the first day of Christmas...*

**December 25, 2011:** It was a warm, breezy sunny day with highs in the upper 40's. Last December was very stormy, but we had very little snow, and certainly did not have a White Christmas. Ironically, shortly after Christmas Day, a potent winter storm hit the area with sleet, freezing rain, and 2-4 inches of snow.

*On the second day of Christmas...*

**December 25, 2010:** After a very warm November, December 2010 turned out to be a very cold, snowy month across the area. Even though precipitation was below normal, frequent lake effect snow and minor snowstorms kept snowfall totals up. On Christmas Day, high temperatures were in the middle to upper 20's, with cloudy conditions as a major winter storm passed to our south and east. It was a white Christmas, and we had about 3-4 inches of snow on the ground.

*On the third day of Christmas...*

**December 25, 2009:** On this day, an incredibly strong storm system was "wrapping up" through the region, bringing heavy rain, thunderstorms, and high winds. While the rest of December had been near normal, with slightly higher snowfall amounts, Christmas Day featured a violent blizzard for a large portion of the Midwest, now known as simply, "The Christmas Blizzard of '09". Around here, it was "technically" a white Christmas because we had 2 inches of snow on the ground, but the heavy rain and thunderstorms eventually melted the snow pack.

*On the fourth day of Christmas...*

**December 25, 2008:** Most of you probably remember the incredible ice storm of December 2008,

as well as the nasty cold that followed the storm. In fact, in the days leading up to Christmas, temperatures frequently dropped below zero. On the 24th, temperatures rapidly warmed into the middle 40's, before dropping back into the lower 20's for Christmas Day. This was also a white Christmas with about 2 inches of snow on the ground. After Christmas, temperatures rose into the middle 60's, with heavy thunderstorms.

*On the fifth day of Christmas...*

**December 25, 2007:** Although December 2007 was a very stormy, and snowy month across the area (three big snowstorms), the days leading up to Christmas became very warm, with a severe weather outbreak on December 23rd! On Christmas Day, temperatures were in the middle 30's, and we did NOT have a white Christmas.

*On the sixth day of Christmas...*

**December 25, 2006:** December 2006 began in earnest with rather cold, and stagnant winter weather. But by the middle and end of the month, temperatures became EXTREMELY warm, rising into the lower 50's and 60's at times. Around Christmas Day, we had some snow, but it was too warm, and did not accumulate. After Christmas, a few of inches of snow arrived in the area as well. By January 2007, things were looking better for winter weather.

*On the seventh day of Christmas...*

**December 25, 2005:** Although December 2005, was a VERY cold month (6 degrees below average) and very snowy (16 inches of snow), ironically, the weather turned very warm by the 23rd, and stayed that way for the rest of the winter. Parts of the area did see a white Christmas, mainly north of Route 24, as the temperatures rose into the 30's and 40's.

*On the eighth day of Christmas...*

**December 25, 2004:** December 2004 was probably the most volatile December we've had in years across the area. December of '04 started off with very warm temperatures, approaching 60 on several occasions, as well as rainy. But by the time Christmas rolled around, the weather pattern changed drastically. It began to change around the 20th, when a strong cold front

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*On the tenth day of Christmas...*

**December 25, 2002:** (Continued to Page 13)

moved through the region, dropping temperatures from the 40's to near 0! In fact, it became so cold behind the front, that low temperatures were breaking ALL-TIME records. For example, Christmas Day itself featured a high of 10 and a low of -16! This was also one of the last times that the area has seen a significant Christmas Eve blizzard. The day prior to Christmas, most of the area saw in between 10-15 inches of snow! Obviously, this was a white Christmas.

*On the ninth day of Christmas...*

**December 25, 2003:** While December 2003 was slightly snowier than normal, there was not a white Christmas. Temperatures throughout the month generally averaged above normal, with occasional periods of cold weather. By Christmas Day, we had some snow from lake effect snow showers, but nothing more than that.

*On the tenth day of Christmas...*

**December 25, 2002:** (Continued to Page 13)

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# UNSUNG HEROES



By: Beth Stauffer

In this joyous season of abundance and reasons to celebrate with family and friends, there is a tendency to forget the sad truth that there are many people in our own community who may not know where their next meal is coming from.

Fortunately, there is a small but dedicated group of unsung heroes in New Haven who work year round to ensure that those from our community who are in need have food to put on the table.

The New Haven Food Bank, helmed by a staff of approximately 12 volunteers each week, operates simultaneously out of a small trailer and the fellowship hall at Emanuel Lutheran Church on Green Street every Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. According to Pat Speaks, who coordinates the efforts of the food bank together with her husband Mel, in recent years she has noticed a growing trend of people needing the help that the food bank provides.

"We can have as few as twenty families that we serve each week, but just two weeks ago we had 70," said Mrs. Speaks, adding, "we never turn anyone away who is truly in need."

Everyone who receives assistance from the New Haven Food Bank must live in the New Haven district and provide proof of their current address by supplying a photo ID and a current piece of mail.

They can visit the food bank once every four weeks for assistance.

A majority of the food donations that the food bank gives away each week come from private donations from the community at large, but a few things come from the Associated Church's warehouse, of which the New Haven Food Bank is a participating member. According to the Associated Church's website, its Neighborhood Food Program is a network of 28 agencies in Fort Wayne & Allen County that provide emergency food assistance to families.

In 2011, the Neighborhood Food Program as a whole provided service to 90,309 individuals which is an increase of 4,960 individuals in 2010. This statistic is staggering, but even more so when considering that these numbers will most likely go up again when the year-end totals for 2012 are received.

"I wouldn't be surprised the way that Christmas falls this year that next week will be extremely busy," said Mrs. Speaks. "We'll be doubling up our weeks."

With this in mind, the New Haven Food Bank is in need of essential items such as peanut butter, dry cereal, canned fruit, and canned ready to heat meals like raviolis and Spaghetti-O's. These items can be dropped off at Emanuel Lutheran anytime during church office hours of 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday or on Sunday mornings. Financial donations are also welcome, and can be dropped off at the church with the notation "New Haven Food Bank."

While the food bank is primarily open to serve those in need by providing food that meets nutrition guidelines set forth by the Department of Agriculture, the volunteers also make reading materials available to benefit a family's spiritual needs as well. "We always have Bibles, hymnals, prayer books and devotionals for those visiting the food bank," said Mrs. Speaks.

Perhaps even more important than the tangible items the New Haven Food Bank gives away is the sense of hope that the volunteers give to the food bank's visitors each week.

"The week before Thanksgiving, we had a woman come in who had been coming to the food bank for a while, but her situation had recently turned around. I thought she was here because she needed assistance, but what she actually wanted was for us to pick

out a family to buy a Thanksgiving dinner for. She gave us \$40 to buy the food for the family we chose. She wanted to give back in her own way for the help she had been given at one time," said Mrs. Speaks, adding, "I get teary-eyed every time I tell this story. It's really why we do what we do."

St. James Lutheran Church in New Haven is also a member of the Associated Church's Neighborhood Food Program, serving local residents who reside in Adams and Jefferson Townships. They are open on Thursdays from 1:00-4:00 p.m. To donate to this program, contact the St. James Lutheran Church office at 260-749-5232.

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This was yet another fine example of a Christmas classical snowstorm. A snowstorm began on Christmas Eve (with about five inches of accumulation), continuing through Christmas Day with another 6-8 inches of snow (across parts of the area, Fort Wayne, IN had about 5 inches of snow on Christmas Day.). Although it wasn't a cold, nor a snowy month, we did end up with a decent Christmas snowfall (8-10 inches of snow).

*On the eleventh day of Christmas...*

**December 25, 2001:**

This was another virtually "snowless" December across the area. Fort Wayne only recorded 1.9 inches of snow, and that occurred Christmas week in the face of Lake effect snowfall. Temperatures were well above normal (until Christmas Day, then they became closer to normal) for most of the month as well.

*On the twelfth day of Christmas...*

**December 25, 2000:**

An excellent example of a very cold, and VERY snowy December (as well as a White Christmas). Temperatures averaged 12 degrees below normal, as record cold held on to the area for most of the month, and occasionally temperatures well below zero. In mid-December, the region was hit by a series of major snowstorms, which brought snowfall totals near 20 inches for the month, making it one of the top snowiest Decembers on record. This month also featured a white Christmas.

Well, there you have it. According to the research I've done, the history over the past 12 years generally favors a white Christmas. Based on the current model forecasts, I'm going to give our area about an 80% chance of having a white Christmas. In fact, our very first accumulating snowfall event is possible Thursday night into Friday (check out my blog and Facebook page for details on this winter storm). Not only this, but based on what I've seen, a more accurate comparison for this year would be December 2004, which was warm for the first part of the month, but became drastically cold at Christmas. This has a very good possibility of happening.

Visit Josh's blog at <http://stormcenteroh.blogspot.com> or email at [storm-reportsjoshua@yahoo.com](mailto:storm-reportsjoshua@yahoo.com) and post a comment or question.

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# Sudoku Puzzle

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provided at school. Blessings in a Bag operates solely on the donations of individuals, businesses and churches in the community. They currently need \$200 a week to fulfill their current need.

During the summer of 2012 Kari and Kelsey Manz contacted the superintendent

at PHS for permission to do this permanently and after the "okay" was given they began to call around to other schools to find out how to go about expanding. There are many options on where to get food for the project—Chief and Walmart or even the West Ohio Food Bank who pack nutritious meals.

Each Wednesday a community member picks up the bins of food at Walmart where they meet the West Ohio Food Bank truck. They bring the food to the school and the bags are filled on Thursday nights, and take the bins to Miss Schlatter. Her, Mr. Carr, and the 5th grade student council members pass the individual bags out on Friday mornings. In order for the kids to get food for the next week they have to bring back the bag and place it in the bin by the elementary cafeteria. Everything, including the kids' names, is kept

strictly confidential. Blessings in a Bag has raised about \$9,000 so far and are still going strong due mostly to everyone from the community.

Kelsey has been passionate about this endeavor since 6th grade when she started tutoring a little boy who came to school and told her his stories of his home life.

In regards to how Blessings in a Bag has touched her life, Kelsey had this to say, "I have been so blessed to start this and could not have done it without Mrs. Kreitemeyer, who is my FCCLA advisor, my sister Kari and all of the generous donations! It makes me tear up to see all of the support that I have gotten."

If anyone would like to know more about Blessings in a Bag, please contact Kelsey Manz at k.manz@aol.com, 419-399-3923 or text at 419-786-1379.

**5th GRADE BAND CONCERT AT OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY**



The Oakwood and Paulding fifth grade bands combined to put on a performance at Oakwood Elementary on Tuesday, December 11th for their parents and friends. Shown are fifth graders Matthew Henry from Paulding Elementary and Claire McClure from Oakwood Elementary during the performance. The Oakwood Band is under

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### PHOSPHOROUS RUNOFF & DISSOLVED REACTIVE PHOSPHOROUS

By: **Jim Lopshire, PC Extension Educator**

For years, agricultural producers were taught that soil phosphorous is relatively immobile and that it is tied to soil particles. New research shows that soil phosphorous is becoming more mobile for a number of reasons. Let us look at some of the reasons for the increase in phosphorous runoff.

First, today's phosphorous fertilizer has fewer impurities, is more concentrated, and is highly soluble; so the fertilizer is more bioavailable to crops. The phosphorous fertilizer concentration needed for crops is 10 to 100 times higher than what is needed for a hazardous algae bloom to occur. Even a small amount of phosphorous runoff from agricultural fields may cause a huge hazardous algae bloom problem in Lake Erie.

Second, with more conservation tillage, there is less soil mixing so the phosphorous fertilizer is concentrated at the soil surface. Soil compaction leads to slower water infiltration and highly enriched phosphorous topsoil results in high phosphorous runoff when heavy rains occur. Rainfall allowed to slowly infiltrate into the soil will filter and tie up soluble phosphorous and results in less dissolved reactive phosphorous in surface water.

Third, the change in crop rotation due to higher grain process has some producers growing less wheat and more corn and soybeans. Live crops in the winter increase water infiltration and live roots absorb the soluble phosphorous in the water, reducing phosphorous runoff.

off.

Fourth, farmers are increasing the installation of surface and subsurface (tile) drainage improvements. Farmers are installing tile closer together and splitting the tiles. Tile are extremely important to farmers for producing high yielding crops, but tile do move water quickly to surface water and soluble nutrients flow with the water. One Ohio research study shows that almost 50% of the dissolved reactive phosphorous is coming from tile lines.

Two other factors impact phosphorous absorption to the soil particles. About 50-75% of the soluble phosphorous is attached to soil organic matter. Unfortunately, soil organic levels have decreased 50% to 70% over the last 100+ years due to soil tillage, so the soil has less organic matter to tie up phosphorous.

Soil organic matter also helps to slow down water infiltration so that the phosphorous can be filtered and attached to the soil particles. In addition, about 80% of the phosphorous in surface water is coming from only 20% of the land according to Andrew Sharply. Conservation practices that protect the soil from soil erosion and phosphorous runoff may greatly decrease dissolved reactive phosphorous in surface water.

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#### PUBLIC NOTICE

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## REINDEER & CHRISTMAS

By: **Jim Lopshire, PC Extension Educator**

Although reindeer and caribou share the same genus and species name, their differences are enough to be classified as different two subspecies. Reindeer are the domesticated sub-species that are herded by humans and pull sleighs. Reindeer were first domesticated approximately 2000 years ago in the Arctic Circle by the Lapps as they would herd them in much the same way as other countries herd cattle.

Such reindeer live mostly in Scandinavia and Siberia and are typically smaller with shorter legs than their wild caribou relatives. The largest reindeer can reach up to four feet high at the shoulder and weigh as much as 250 pounds. Each reindeer can pull up to twice its own weight, making it an ideal animal for pulling a sleigh loaded down with any amount of cargo.

Reindeer are well-adapted to living in cold regions and under rugged conditions. They can smell-out food even when it is buried under deep snow and have large broad hooves which act like snowshoes to support them over snowy and boggy ground. These hooves emit a "clicking" sound as the animal walks, caused by a tendon in the foot rubbing against a bone.

Reindeer possess a fur coat of hollow hairs that allows for their survival in the cold Arctic. These hollow hairs taper down tight against the body to trap heat and cover the short, curly underfur, and their fur coat also enhances their ability to swim by keeping them afloat. Their fur is able to insulate so well that falling snow does not melt on their backs.

Reindeer driven by Santa Claus are the only known flying reindeer in existence, believed to have been endowed with the power of flight by virtue of magic corn given to Kris Kringle by a great and wonderful wizard. Through this magic corn, the strength of the reindeer is increased threefold, their stamina increased to infinity and their hooves can manipulate the air as though it were solid ground. Thus, a complement of nine reindeer would be able to pull a sleigh brimming with toys for an unlimited amount of time.

So, if you hear the clicky, click, click of tiny hooves, you may want to ask yourself if you have been naughty or nice. And don't forget the cookies and milk for the jolly old elf with the red suit and rosy red cheeks.

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By: Beth Stauffer

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America..."

For many of us, this simple recitation brings back happy childhood memories. For me, I remember being a child in grade school standing behind a little desk, a hand over my little heart, starting every school day with a simple salute to the flag.

For others, thinking about the American flag may bring up different memories, perhaps of New York City fire-



Walter Martin on his 80th birthday

fighters hoisting the stars and stripes above the wreckage of the fallen Twin Towers in the days following 9/11.

Yet for others, they might remember instead the pride associated with the American flag during World War II, or how the flag was treated by protestors during the Vietnam War era.

For all the thoughts the American flag brings to mind, I'm willing to bet most people haven't spent much time wondering, "Where do the flags on display come from?"

One of the answers, you might be surprised to learn, is from a little house on a quiet

street in New Haven's Tanglewood Addition.

From this inconspicuous location, a man by the name of Walter Martin started Martin's Flag Shop in 1987 as a retirement business. Walter, the father of seven and husband to wife Jean, was a long time salesman prior to his retirement. Although he had previously sold a myriad of products and services, in the midst of his retirement Walter was about to discover his true calling: repairing, selling, and installing flags. According to his daughter Julie Martin Holle, "Nothing really captured him until he started the flag business. He had such passion for it."

Working from a single bedroom in his Tanglewood home, Walter began going door to door making cold calls at area businesses in order to drum up business. To get his foot in the door Walter, started offering repairs to local businesses, using the relationships he built with customers as a segue into the sales of new products and services.

Walter, who was the son of Polish immigrants and a United States Army veteran, was very passionate about his love of country. He served in the Army during both World War II and the Korean War, earning multiple medals of valor for his service. "His love of country was that strong, passionate aspect driving him. His purpose was to not just sell flags, but to educate," said Julie.

In his quest to learn the flag business from the ground up, said Julie, Walter started offering flag pole installations to the general public in 1989. Julie and her husband, Kevin, joined the family business during this time period, assisting with installations. "Some of our first flag poles were installed using manual augers, post hole diggers," reminisced Julie, adding with

a laugh, "Good Indiana clay!" Before long, Walter's entourage of helpers tripled in size as Julie and Kevin added to their own family, first with a set of triplets and eventually with another son. Julie, who freely admits that her first and most important job was always being a mother to her four children, says "We'd take the kids with us on installations. When they would play, they would put their concrete boots on and make concrete. They were installing flag poles!"

Then, on a picture perfect September morning in 2001, something happened that no one, not even Walter Martin, saw coming. Terrorists hijacked multiple plans on the morning of September 11th, 2001 and used the planes to destroy lives, buildings, and property. As it turns out, what they couldn't destroy was the American spirit and the country's deep sense of pride and patriotism.

While other companies struggled to get stock to sell the American flag during this time of explosive sales, once again Martin's Flag Shop already had its foot in the door by being an already established, well regarded business. It was during this time, recalls Julie, that she began spending a lot more time at her father's house in Tanglewood, helping out with the family business. "This is when I learned a lot more about the different types of flag poles and all the jargon that goes along with the business," recalls Julie.

For nearly seven years, Julie worked side by side with her father, learning the business from the ground up. Julie encouraged her father to learn and grow during these years as well, insisting he upgrade some of the inner workings of the business from templates he had created on a late issue 1980's word processor to more modern programs on the computer.

Julie remembers, "I said, 'Dad, please, if this thing (the word processor) crashes or has problems, we're up a creek. So, I got him on the computer; and he flourished. At 80 years old, he was more well-versed in the computer than I was. He created programs in Excel that I have no idea how he created them.' With her voice filled with laughter, Julie adds, "He used e-mail, word, and if they'd had Facebook on here back then, he would have loved it."

To this day, Julie admits, she's still using the invoice system Walter created on the computer.

In May of 2008, Walter went in to have some x-rays at the hospital because he had been experiencing some difficulties with his rotator cuff. One of the x-rays revealed that Walter had lung cancer.

In just six short weeks, the man who had fought in two wars was gone. He left behind his wife, Jean, six of his seven children, 17 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Certainly, Walter left behind special memories to every single one of his children and grandchildren; to Julie, however, he left behind a very special legacy in Martin's Flag Shop.

In the interim between learning that Walter had cancer and his eventual passing, Julie set about the task of videotaping her father talking about the business. Julie says she still had a lot to learn about the business, but she was also in denial about her father's illness. "I thought if I still had a lot to learn, I could keep him here," says Julie, overcome with emotion.

Almost five years later, she has yet to watch the videotapes. With Julie at the helm of Martin's Flag Shop, business has succeeded anyway, with Julie giving much credit to Walter for laying the foundation for the business's continued growth. "He made it so very easy for me to follow along his footsteps," says Julie of her father, mentor, and teacher.

Looking towards the future, Julie says of her four children, she sees the most similarity between her and her father's relationship in her relationship with her youngest son, Jordan. "Jordan is a lot like I was with my Dad," says Julie, adding "He has a lot of common sense and instinct. He's able to anticipate what I am going to need when we're out on a job. He's a lot like I was with my Dad when I was the student and he was the teacher."

"You know, I still get calls even now from people who dealt with my Dad," Julie says softly as she sits behind the desk that no doubt once belonged to her father, a desk that is still in the same house and on the same street in Tanglewood where Walter first started Martin's Flag Shop. "When they call, they say, 'That's why I came back... Because I remember him,'" she says of the calls she receives in reference to her father.

At Martin's Flag Shop, Walter's legacy lives on just as proudly as the American flags that his business has sold fly in this great country of ours.

This is the second of four stories on Legacy Businesses located in New Haven, Indiana. Do you have a story you'd like to be told? E-mail us at newhavenbulletin@gmail.com

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BIG WIN FOR PANTHERS!



Paulding boys took on Montpelier at home Monday, December 10. The Panthers scored first and by the end of the first quarter Paulding was ahead by fifteen points. The boys were scoring one basket after another. The Panthers took the win with a 80-31 victory. Shown above is Paulding senior Trey Schroeder scoring. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

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