

MAYBERRY, BLUEGRASS AND BOBBING FOR APPLES AT FLAT ROCK CREEK FESTIVAL



Jonnathan Krouse bobbin' for apples

By: Sue Knapp

The Flat Rock Creek Festival has successfully ushered in Fall again. The aromas of popcorn, cotton candy, and BBQ were in the air to remind us that there were not too many more opportunities to partake of the must have festival food this year.

There were lots of vendors to help us with our wants along with pumpkins, gourds and cornstalks for our Fall decorating. There were also plenty of Christmas decorations and gifts we could purchase for the upcoming holiday.

All the entertainment was

excellent. There was something for everyone. The Wesley Linenkugel Band featured the dulcimer and banjo along with their other instruments blessing us with good down home blue grass. There was always something going on and we could count on the Mayberry Patrol to keep a handle on things.

Kids were running around enjoying everything and people were relaxing and watching the activity.

What a weekend—you hate to see it end. The good thing about that is that it will be back next year and we'll be looking forward to and will be ready for it.

BOY SCOUT RECYCLING THIS SATURDAY

The Antwerp Boy Scouts will provide recycling on Saturday, September 27. They will be collecting from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. at the Antwerp Fire Hall. Accepted recyclables cardboard, glass, newspaper in brown bags, and aluminum and steel cans.

STATE LAUNCHES NEXT OF KIN DATABASE

Capitol Letters Weekly
Column by: State Senator
Steve Buehrer

One of the worst fears of any parent is getting a phone call that their son or daughter was in a serious car accident. However, imagine if this call came several hours after the crash occurred, with the news that your child was critically injured or had been killed.

This happened to Champlain County resident, Carmela Wiant, who lost her son, David Money, in a car crash on a Columbus highway in August 2006, but wasn't notified until she received a phone call from her son's girlfriend that he had been taken to the hospital. When Ms. Wiant called to see how David was doing, she was told by a hospital chaplain that he was dead.

Unfortunately, Ms. Wiant's situation is not unique. In many cases, accident victims are unable to communicate with law enforcement or other emergency response personnel at the scene of a crash, so there is little way to contact a family member or friend until it is too late.

Last year, Ms. Wiant joined forces with Columbus resident, Linda Wuestenberg—who also lost her son, Steve Burge, in a car crash but was not immediately contacted by authorities—to urge members of the General Assembly to pass legislation that would give emergency responders greater tools to contact a victim's relatives during an emergency.

In April, the Legislature approved House Bill 392, leg-

islation which I cosponsored that creates a next of kin database through the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles. This voluntary program allows anyone with a valid Ohio driver license, commercial driver license, temporary permit or identification card to submit two contacts to the BMV to be used by law enforcement to notify a person's next of kin in an emergency situation. On September 8, the BMV announced that the next of kin registration system is now up and running.

If you are interested in taking advantage of the program, you can submit your emergency contact information online at www.bmv.ohio.gov or pick up a next of kin registration form at your local Deputy Registrar's office. This form should be mailed to Bureau of Motor Vehicles, P.O. Box 16520, Columbus, Ohio 43216-6520. For more information, you can also call (614) 752-7600.

It is important to note that only authorized law enforcement and BMV personnel have access to this information, and it can only be used to contact your next of kin in an emergency. Also, if you are under the age of 18, you can still sign up for the next of kin program; however, one of your emergency contacts must be a parent or guardian.

I strongly encourage all Ohioans to take advantage of the state's next of kin registration system. This program will not only help law enforcement better contact next of kin during an emergency, but will give anyone with family and friends the peace of mind that they are only a phone call away if something happens to the person they love.

I encourage all residents of the 1st Senate District to contact me with any questions, thoughts or concerns, or if you need assistance working with a state government agency. You can write me, Senator Steve Buehrer, Ohio Senate, Statehouse, Columbus, Ohio, 43215, or contact me by phone at (614) 466-8150. In addition, I can be reached by email at SD01@mailr.sen.state.oh.us.

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VILLAGE OF PAULDING COUNCIL MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 2, 2008

Paulding Village Council met in Regular Session on September 2, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. Mayor Greg White called the meeting to order.

Finance Director Tope called roll call with the following members present: Barb Rife, Roger Sierer, Sam Jeffery, and Ronnie Breedlove. Administrator Wiebe and Solicitor Jones were present. Council members Randy Daeger and Kim Sutton were absent.

Sierer motioned to approve the minutes of the August 18 meeting, seconded by Rife. Vote: all yea.

Ordinance 1383-08 re: An Ordinance Amending Section 2 of Ordinance No. 1380-08, and Declaring an Emergency was read for the first time. The legislation could not be adopted due to a lack of a quorum.

Resolution 1224-08 re: A Resolution Adopting a Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual for Employees of the Village of Paulding, Ohio, was read for the second time.

Chip Hampel of Hilliard Lyons was present to discuss the upcoming swimming pool note. Mr. Hampel noted he had met with Administrator Wiebe, Finance Director Tope, and Councilman Sierer to discuss possibly issuing a multiple year note to save the Village a few years of issuance costs, and to also lock in a fixed rate for the remaining years of the note. Mr. Hampel relayed the new note will carry a rate of 4.55%, and will be due September 1st each year. Sierer noted the Village will be paying the note off early; therefore, saving money for the Village and its residents.

Sierer presented the Util- ity Committee's report. He noted the Committee had met on August 26 and discussed the following issues:

—Completion of the Raw Water Valve Project

—Garfield Water Line Project:

The water line has been completed. Rick Weaver of Poggemeyer Design Group presented an estimate of \$19,982.50 for the installation of 325 linear feet of curbs. This would include the installation of a catch basin to eliminate the ponding of water where the alley exits onto Garfield Avenue.

—Flat Rock Drive Water Line:

The waterline has been installed, and seeding needs to be completed. Nate Inkrott of Poggemeyer's presented an estimate of \$4,712.50 to replace 410 linear feet of drain tile for surface water drainage.

—Emerald Road Lift Station Carport:

Council previously approved the purchase of a carport to cover the control panel and generator at the new lift station. A 10% deposit (\$215.40) is required to hold the price until Spring 2009.

Mayor White announced the Paulding County Economic Development dinner is to be held September 25 at 5:30 p.m. at the fairgrounds. He requested Council members contact Finance Director Tope to schedule reservations.

Wiebe noted the Street Committee had met on August 27 to discuss the following:

—The Committee will recommend truck traffic be prohibited from traveling Flat Rock Drive.

—Resurfacing and curb work on Cherry Street and North Drive. Poggemeyer Design Group will be preparing the Issue 2 application, seeking 50% funding for the project. The estimated cost of the project is \$644,000. The project is estimated to begin in 2009 if grant monies are awarded.

Wiebe noted he had requested Jan Commers of the Paulding County Election Board be present to discuss designating a handicap parking space near the Election Board's office. Ms. Commers noted the Election Board is required, by the State, to have a handicap space in close proximity to a polling location one month prior to an election. Mayor White requested designating a permanent handicap space on Williams Street next to

the Economic Development office. Wiebe requested legislation be prepared by September 9 for passage.

Members of the Paulding Youth Ball Association were present to discuss their progress on the new ball complex. Susan Farr noted Solicitor Jones has been working with the property owner regarding details of the sale. She also noted that committee members have met with various neighbors of the ball complex, and have received positive feedback. The Ball Association is currently seeking donations, and scheduling various fundraisers (ie. golf outing September 14, and apple dumplings at the Flat Rock Festival) to generate the funding needed to purchase the property.

Georgia Nickols was present to make a complaint to Council regarding Police Chief Randy Crawford's recent actions when she inquired of her minor son's arrest. Mayor White noted he and Council have been made aware of the situation, have been in contact with the County Prosecutor, and are currently awaiting word from him.

Wiebe noted that Greg Otey has prepared the Issue 2 grant application to be submitted September 5 for the new water plant. He noted the Village is still in need of approximately 47 more responses to validate the income survey. Wiebe also noted the sidewalk in front of the license bureau needs to be repaired. The property owner has made no attempt to repair the sidewalk; therefore, the village will need to contract out the repairs. Wiebe noted he will be in contact with the affected agencies regarding closing their offices during repairs.

Jeffery inquired when the Village plans on bidding out its farm ground. Solicitor Jones noted he has prepared the forms, and will be published as soon as he and Wiebe can review the information together.

Sierer noted the sidewalks on Cherry Street need to be reviewed, and second notices sent out.

Breedlove motioned for Council to move into Executive Session, seconded by Jeffery. Vote: all yea. Council returned to Regular Session.

Sierer noted Council

needs to make village residents aware of the levies to be on this November's ballot: Current Expenses (primarily for street lighting), Fire, and Recreation (pool & operation maintenance).

The following Committee meetings were scheduled:

Special Council Meeting – Tuesday, September 9 at 5:30 p.m.

Utility Committee – Tuesday, September 9 at 6:00 p.m.

Rife motioned to pay the bills, seconded by Breedlove. Vote: all yea.

Breedlove motioned to adjourn, seconded by Rife. Vote: all yea.

A MAN WITHOUT A COUNTRY TO BE PERFORMED AT WALLEN BAPTIST CHURCH

A Man Without a Country is the title of the Patriotic Drama to be presented by high school students of the Fort Wayne Area Home Schools, which includes several local homeschooled children. The play is about a man named Philip Nolan who never wished to hear of the United States again. His military judge granted his thoughtless request, and he was placed on board a ship to be taken from America's shores. He was transferred from ship to ship, never to see or hear of the United States again. At the end of his life, his friend grants him his last request and tells him everything he can about the fifty-year history that Nolan has missed.

This program is the culmination of a week-long Drama seminar which has been conducted by The Academy of Arts of Greenville, South Carolina. The students have received instruction in stage lighting, stage make-up and acting. The play will employ full costume, make-up and professional lighting.

The play will be presented on Saturday, October 4 at 3:00 p.m. at the Wallen Baptist Church, 1001 Wallen Rd, Fort Wayne. No tickets will be required. A freewill offering will be taken.

The elementary students will be presenting a musical, *Finding God's Will*. The play is about two school children who find themselves discouraged and unable to learn what God wants them to do with their lives. Many characters come to life to help show them the answers. Join area homeschooled children in this delightful musical as they teach us all about finding God's will. This play will also be held at the Wallen Baptist Church on Friday, October 3, at 7:00 p.m. For more information visit www.fwahsdrama.org

SAFETY SHOULD BE TOP PRIORITY ON OHIO FARMS

Capitol Letters Weekly
Column by: Senator Steve Buehrer

The agriculture industry has always played an integral role in Ohio's economic success and remains an important part of our future. However, to ensure its long-term health and stability, we must not only work to support growth and production at local farms, but help protect the safety and well-being of all the hard-working men and women, who plow our fields, plant crops, and manage livestock for a living.

For 65 years, in an effort to promote safety and health among the nation's agricultural workers, the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety (NECAS) has recognized National Farm Safety and Health Week. Demonstrating the need for a stronger focus on safety on America's farms, the NECAS notes that in 2007, there were 715 deaths and 80,000 disabling injuries attributed to agricultural work.

The theme for this year's Farm Safety Week, which runs from September 21-27, is "Farm Safety—Protect YOUR Investment." The goal is to raise awareness among America's farmers and ranchers about the importance of protecting several key parts of their body, including hearing, lung function, vision, skin and muscle function.

For more information on the NECAS and National Farm Safety Week, please visit <http://www.nsc.org/necas/>.

There have also been efforts in the General Assembly to make Ohio's farmers and farm communities safer, including legislation I introduced as a member of the House, in response to a tragic automobile-tractor collision in northwest Ohio. House Bill 484, which was approved by the 123rd General Assembly in 2000, requires multi-wheeled tractors traveling on a street at night to display reflectors and lamps that notify drivers of their position on the road. In addition, the bill provided tax credits to help farmers retrofit older tractors to comply with the new

lighting standards.

Since its passage, HB 484 has helped improve safety for Ohio farmers and motorists, while saving lives on our rural highways.

Ohio's agricultural workers help grow the food we eat and are part of the fabric of our state. Their health and safety impacts us all. Moving forward, I will continue to focus on the long-term success of our agriculture industry and the well-being of all the men and women who help keep it prosperous. As we head in to the harvest season, I hope all of us keep the farm community in mind and practice safe driving skills as we travel Ohio's rural roadways.

I encourage all residents of the 1st Senate District to contact me with any questions, thoughts or concerns, or if you need assistance working with a state government agency. You can write me, Senator Steve Buehrer, Ohio Senate, Statehouse, Columbus, Ohio, 43215, or contact me by phone at (614) 466-8150. In addition, I can be reached by email at SD01@mailr.sen.state.oh.us.

CODY A. THOMPSON MAKES DEAN'S LIST AT UNIVERSITY OF NORTH- WESTERN OHIO

The University of Northwestern Ohio is proud to acknowledge that Cody A. Thompson of Paulding Ohio has made the Dean's List for Summer Quarter 2008 in the College of Business. Cody is the son of Tim and Sue Thompson of Paulding, Ohio.

CORRECTION

In all of our comings and goings, we here at West Bend News, try our best to acknowledge people for their hard work and time spent in the various community happenings that we are able to cover.

As we are all humans, every now and then someone instrumental is left out in our attempts at recognitions. A name was left out of the cast of the Church Rummage Sale skit at the JPHS Dinner Theatre, Florence Fisher.

We apologize for this oversight.

—WBN editors

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LLOY BALL AND A TRIP TO THE ZOO FOR W.L.S.



Tori Moore, a student at Woodburn Lutheran School and a member of the girls' JV volleyball team, gets a signature from Lloy Ball during his recent visit to Woodburn.



Woodburn Lutheran School, grades 3 and 4 recently took a class trip to the zoo. Joshua Gerig (L) and Cameron Christen (R) get up close and personal with the goats.

WHEN WE FORGET WHO IS REALLY GOD

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

Franklin D. Roosevelt, when President of the United States, used to have a little ritual with the naturalist William Beebe. After dinner together, the two men would go outside and look up into the starry sky. They would find the lower left-hand corner of the great square Pegasus. One of them would then recite these words: "That is the spiral galaxy of Andromeda. It is as large as our Milky Way. It is one of the hundred million galaxies. It is 750,000 light years away. It consists of a hundred billion suns, each one larger than our sun." They would then pause for a few moments, and Roosevelt would finally say, "Now I think we feel small enough! Let's go to bed!"

That's not a bad ritual. For in our natural self-centeredness we can easily think that we are at the center of the universe and that God is simply there to meet our needs.

Too often we regard Him as a servant Whom we call in from time to time to clean up the mess we are in, or to ease some frustration or to provide more comfort. But God is not a genie in a lamp. He's not a heavenly bell-hop, ready to respond to our every whim and demand. In fact, He's not particularly interested in our being comfortable. On the contrary, His primary agenda involves our being conformable to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Let's remember Who is God, shall we? We are not at the center of the universe. All does not revolve around our ease or convenience. He is Lord. We are the servants... saved to do His will... set apart to serve His purposes.

Although we have great dignity, being made in the image of God, let us also appreciate our smallness in the vast outworkings of His eternal plan and realize our total inability to grasp more than a tiny fraction of the big picture. Maybe then we will, in the midst of trials and tests, understand His perspective and our position.

MATTHEW 24 LESSON 7

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

In our last study, I was discussing Matthew 24:14 and the end it was talking about and this was different from Matthew 24:13. The end would come when the people would see the false Christs, wars, rumors of war, the famines, earthquakes, the persecution and death of apostles, apostasy of some, rise of false prophets, etc. come to pass, then the end would come. Jesus tells the disciples in Matthew 24:34 that this generation shall not pass until all these things are fulfilled. Jesus is talking about the generation that is living in the time of the disciples or apostles or I might say from 33 AD until the destruction of the temple in 70 AD.

The end that Jesus is talking about here is the end of the temple, the end of formal Judaism, the end of the Old Testament economy would occur, yes, this includes the Law of Moses, no longer would God show favor to the Jews, When Jesus died on the cross, this ended the law of Moses, no longer do we live under the laws of the Old Testament: Colossians 3:14-17, Ephesians 2:14-16. You and I live under the New Testament Law and according to Romans 3:22-23, please read it, will tell us that our faith must be in Christ. Paul is telling us that the only way one can be right with God is through Jesus Christ.

It is for all who believe, there is no difference, this includes Jew and Gentile. Also Romans 3:23 tells us that we all sin, this means everybody except Christ—who was sinless. Also read Romans 10:16.

Jesus loves you and so do I. Any Bible questions call (419) 399-5022 or (419) 393-4775.

JOHNSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY HAPPENINGS IN HICKSVILLE

The Farmer's Market, Moose Story Times, the Knitting & Crocheting Group, and staff inservice highlight the week of September 29 through October 4 at the Johnson Memorial Library.

The Defiance County Extension Office and the Hicksville Beautification Committee will be hosting their weekly Farmer's Market on Tuesday, September 30 from 7:00-11:00 a.m. in the Johnson Memorial Library parking lot. Come on out for fresh produce, baked goods fresh from the oven, and hand-made craft items.

Make "M" your letter of the month at the Johnson Memorial Library's Fall Story Times. Moose is the first marvelous mammal to kick off the fall children's programs on Tuesday, September 30 at 6:30 p.m. and on Wednesday, October 1 at 10:00 a.m.

Fall story times are free and are open to children, three and over. Each week on Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning beginning September 30 and running through October 29, story time will highlight a different animal that begins with the letter "M." Besides moose, other marvelous mammals we'll explore include mice, manatees, monkeys, and mountain lions.

There will be "M" stories, movies, songs, and crafts.

"We'll kick off the story time reading *If You Give a Moose a Muffin*, follow moose tracks around the library, and discover what life would be like If I Were a Moose," shared Branch Manager Amy Murphy. "And we may even try a muffin ourselves, just to see what will happen."

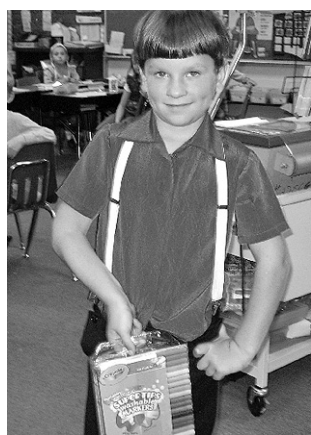
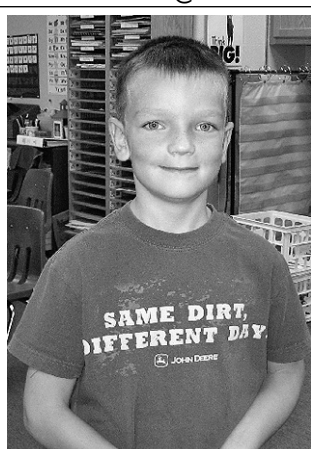
Registration is not needed for any of the story times. Everyone is always welcome!

Also on Tuesday, September 30 at 6:30 p.m., the Johnson Memorial Library will be hosting its monthly Knitting & Crocheting Group. The group is free and is open to everyone interested in knitting or crocheting or anyone who is interested in learning the two crafts.

Group members are encouraged to bring along the knitting or crocheting project that they are currently working on or a project that they would like to begin. The group will be facilitated by Teen Advisory Group Members and library volunteers Naomi Barkman and Natasha Tonneas.

Due to a staff inservice, the Johnson Memorial Library, along with the Defiance Public Library and the Sherwood Branch Library, will be closed on Friday, October 3. The Johnson Memorial Library will reopen at its regular time of 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 4.

For more information on any of the library programs, please call the Johnson Memorial Library at 419-542-6200.



WOODBURN ELEMENTARY STUDENTS WIN COW COLORING CONTEST

Woodburn Elementary first grade students enjoyed a special treat to culminate our unit on "Color and Farm". Students sequenced a recipe and then made and enjoyed eating purple cows. Maude the cow from ACPL visited to tell cow stories. Students were invited to participate in a cow coloring contest. The community and students were invited to vote at ACPL for their favorite picture. Luke Spangler (above) and Thomas Graber (below) received the most votes and were given prizes for their efforts.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In response to a letter to the editor that I read last week regarding pride in Paulding County - right next to this letter as to why we should be proud of Paulding was a letter stating the lack of accessibility to the courthouse! Should I be proud that Paulding County feels it's above the Federal ADA law (Americans' with Disabilities Act) passed in the 1990's which requires all government buildings to be accessible to person's with disabilities. Yes, Paulding County looks beautiful with it's well-manicured lawns and well-cared for homes, new expensive school building and numerous churches to choose from. Paulding is just that, superficial. I grew up

here and moved when I was in my teens. I recently made a poor decision to move back here with my youngest child who was in High School. After a week or so of moving here, I asked my child how things were going in school, friends, etc. The response was a laugh from my child stating the things they were teaching in high school here, were things they had been taught in elementary at the previous school. If my child had come from a private school to a public school this would not have been such a shock to me but we were living in a run down neighborhood with one of the worst and poorest school districts of that state! If you tell someone you are from Paulding County, the response is almost always the same, they feel sorry for you or you make them laugh! Maybe instead of spending so much money on a good-looking building, some money was spend on a quality education, qualified teachers and pay increases for the few good teachers we do have, I'd have more pride in Paulding County! The educational philosophy here seems to be let's keep our children ignorant while drug and alcohol abuse run rapid as well as STDs. And why is fighting okay on school grounds, it seems it's almost encouraged. I've even heard that boys are beating up girls! Should we be proud of this?

Now, on security - HA! What planet are you on sir? I have been permanently laid-off from two jobs in the past few years! I have been forced to take part-time, low-paying, entry-level jobs that should be for students or retirees because basically that's all there is!

Now, let's not forget to stimulate our local economy. Okay, I guess I could go into town and purchase a new car, possibly some new furniture or perhaps a diamond ring with my minimum wage jobs, take my pick of insurance companies to insure my new purchases and then visit one of the local pizza establishments, get my hair done, go tanning and maybe even rent a movie or pick up some prescriptions. Oh yes, now I need to support some of the numerous law offices. I could sue the pizza place - I think they made me sick, I hate that new gas guzzler, my hairdresser screwed up my hair and why did they let me do so much tanning, I'm not pretty for Paulding County anymore, I'm old, fat, tired, and wrinkled and just want to get out of here! Thank God I am able to walk or I wouldn't be able to get into the courthouse with my lawyers! And by the way, even though I am a religious person, I don't need a church to worship in. Looks can be deceiving but after a few drinks at one of the many drinking establishments, it's all good, right?

—Sue Metcalf

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The question of do those with physical disabilities have access to services provided in the courthouse is not a new issue. Several years ago estimates were sought on the cost of installing an elevator in the courthouse. The cost well exceeded \$100,000.00. Not only was the elevator expense an obstacle, but also, once inside, small doorways and other barriers would have needed to be redesigned to accommodate someone in a wheelchair.

The decision was made at that time to invest in the old Chief Supermarket building and make it ADA compliant so that we could accommodate anyone requiring access to the court system. The Law Library has also been used in this capacity.

The elected officials located in the courthouse are more than willing to accommodate those with disabilities. That may mean accumulating information they need and meeting in a place that is more accessible or accommodating their needs on an individual basis. Please call if you have those needs.

—Tony Burkley, Ed Straley, and Martin Harmon, Paulding County Commissioners

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Again I, Dawn Smith, come to you with a tale of some of my journeys. I believe that in my last article I left off with the Grover Hill Summer Fest. Speaking of being left off in Grover Hill, this wouldn't be a bad place to hang your hat. The Methodist Church had their Ice Cream Social and we were entertained by Harmonica John and the Bottom of the Barrel Boys. We were either tapping our toes to the Bluegrass tunes or breaking into laughter. It started to rain, but the spirits were not dampened one bit.

The Day in the Park at Antwerp turned out to be a beautiful one. Classic cars, cotton candy, great food, and music along with some very talented folks selling their hand made arts and crafts. It was a pleasure to visit with my husband's Aunt Jenny Smith. An upcoming singer you need to keep your eyes and ears on is one of George and Diane Clemens' granddaughters. She entertained us with her beautiful voice and smile. I believe that this one may have taken after Grandma.

Several events have happened in Paulding starting with the John Paulding Historical Society. It's hard to turn down their Port-A-Pit chicken dinners that they have. It was real nice seeing Bill and Phyllis Bidlack along with many others. Romaine Boundy was also selling tickets for their Dinner Theater that was held later in the month. Now if you missed that, you missed a show. Max and Eileen Kochensparger were a few of the cast that kept us in stitches.

The Paulding Methodist Church had their Ice Cream Social with all the trimmings. We had the pleasure of sitting with Lowell and Ann Trausch's daughter Michal. She is now a registered nurse and was on her way back to Paraguay to work with a mission. She's a very lovely young lady.

The Youth for Christ auction was held at the Paulding County Fair Grounds and our very own Maury Wannemacher did a fine job as lead auctioneer. The crowd was very generous and we all had a ball with our efforts going to a good cause.

The folks over in Scott held a Hog Roast that was great! Memories of being involved with Civil Air Patrol came to mind when we were greeted by the Explorers of the Paulding County Sheriff's Department which is lead by Brian Grant. These are a couple of super leadership programs for pre-teens and young adults. The ProMedica helicopters were interesting but the showcase had to be the Lawn Mower Drag Races. They had the flags, the lights, the wheelie bars, and the loud engine noise to top it off. My husband was in a little bit of Heaven, I do believe.

The Festirama at the Divine Mercy Church in Payne was held with many games along with the "Home Style" ham and chicken dinner. We were so fortunate to have the company of Fr. Bonifas. He was so interesting to talk to and made sure I didn't seek any of his pie. The food was fantastic along with the service. The whole parish as well as the community showed immeasurable support.

Melrose Methodist

Church held their Ice Cream Social on the same evening as the Bethel United Methodist Church had their Fish Fry. At one point we were trying to figure out if we could get two suppers in. We had made plans of going to Melrose and we sure weren't let down. As always I get to see Matt Roughton's kind smile while serving. I'll work that fish fry in next time.

Kathy Sanderson along with many, many other people who volunteered countless hours to put the Broughton Redneck Jamboree on, my hat goes off to you. The day could not have been finer. The food just kept multiplying and the festivities were filled with so many smiling faces. We had music entertainment from Mr. Sanderson, Harmonica John, and The Bottom of the Barrel Boys during the heat of the day. Then when the evening came The Melrose House Band was on stage. I had the benefit of having, not one but two dancing partners. Of course, my husband danced the nice slow dances with me and then I got the opportunity to dance with a lady that is described by her very own name, Rose Sweet. What a fun lady and a super dancer. At one point, after dancing with my husband, we looked over the crowd on that clear night and saw all the colored lights strung across the grounds, a silhouette of a tent in the distance, the sounds from the band on stage, the smell of popcorn in the air with kids running about. It captured the setting of the perfect hometown fest.

Speaking of perfect hometown fests: the Oakwood Homecoming sure fills the bill. This year they had the Wheel of Fortune along with many other activities and great food. The day warmed up nicely for us during the parade. Fred and Phyllis Merritt were driving a peddle car in the parade. This was a

project that Fred constructed himself. Now if you didn't get a chance to look it over at Oakwood you may have seen it at the Flat Rock Creek Fall Festival. Now this festival I call the "Big Daddy". I can't tell you what ya'll don't already know. John and Patty Vance are hopefully taking a well deserved rest after buzzing for months to coordinate this wonderful event in our county.

After reading this over I don't wonder why I am maybe a little tired. All the people are great as well as the food and the causes that these events stand for; communities coming together and making a difference. Again, all these events happened in our "backyard" of Paulding County. You don't have to drive far to have all your needs met and more. There's still more to come and I hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

—Dawn L. Smith,

Republican Candidate for Paulding County Recorder

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

McCain vows a third term for the misguided Bush tax policies. The Republican Party's economic theory has proven to be the most fiscally irresponsible in history. We went from a projected four trillion dollar surplus to an eight trillion dollar deficit in seven short years. This Katrina of red ink reveals the same dysfunctional leadership the hurricane did. Republicans either don't know what's going on or are too incompetent to deal with it. Where is our President? Seen any White House leadership

lately? Clueless again?! The great difference between the hurricane and the red ink is that Republicans created the flood of debt. They squandered the Social Security surplus; borrowed trillions from foreigners, and indebted multiple future generations by continuing gargantuan tax cuts (the McCain plan) for the incredibly wealthy in the relentless pursuit of their bankrupt "trickle down" economic theory. They borrow money; give it to the rich supposing prosperity will magically "trickle down" to the rest of us.

If massive tax cuts for the

super rich are such a great idea, why the economic mess? The only thing "trickling down" is a tsunami of debt. Unless we make fundamental changes we are sunk. The people who supported Bush now want us to vote for McCain. Sorry, no third term if you please.

—Rolland Myers

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Mr. Dysinger is to be congratulated for his most recent campaign letter. He has avoided personal attacks and innuendo. His proposals for Fairground restrooms and Courthouse accessibility are valid ideas for discussion. Courthouse maintenance and a modern accounting system are also items for consideration.

I am aware that our back and forth letters are considered as entertainment by some and as a waste by others. Mr. Dysinger has changed the tone of his letters and so will I. It would be nice if the campaigns for the Presidency could do the same.

The remaining question for county government, for us as citizens and taxpayers, is how to pay for the services and projects we value. We know that most of the county general fund is spent on mandatory expenses that pay for basic county services. Only a small fraction of the available dollars can actually be distributed by the Commissioners to other activities we

value. We often hope for help from the state or even grants. In my experience, the only reliable source of help is ourselves.

I encourage the incumbent Commissioners and the candidates to discuss important services and projects, how we can plan to accomplish them and how to pay for them.

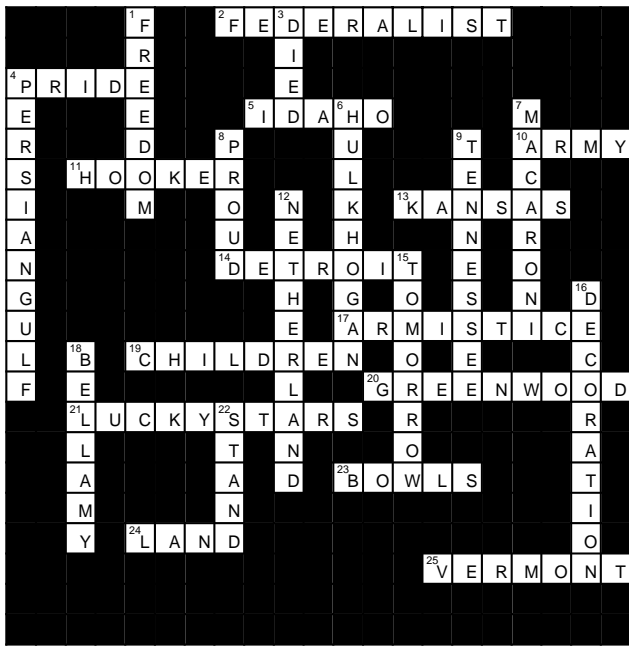
—Stan Searing

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Kole Isaac Elston was born to Robert and Melissa Elston on September 4, 2008. He weighed 7lb. and was 19½ in.

He was welcomed home by big brother, Devon. Proud grandparents are Kim and Mike Resendez of Payne and great-grandparents are Sharon Meine of Antwerp.

Last Week's answers to "God Bless the USA" Lyrics and other patriotic trivia"



MOTORCYCLE MANIA IN ANTWERP



Submitted by: Leesa Hahn

On August 27-31, Jeff and Leesa Hahn and Dale and Anita McDorman, of Antwerp, Ohio, traveled to Milwaukee, Wisconsin to attend Harley Davidson's 105th Anniversary Celebration and the 20th Anniversary of Harley Owners Group (HOG). There were approximately 130,000 Harley owners in attendance from all over the world. While attending concerts at Miller Park in Milwaukee they met Berre DeCuijper, his wife and young daughter from Antwerp, Belgium. The DeCuijpers were happy (and

amazed) to actually meet someone from Antwerp, Ohio. Their travel plans in the USA included a trip to Antwerp, Ohio on September 13, 2008. They took cell phone numbers from the Hahns and McDormans and said they would call. Due to Hurricane Ike they arrived a little later on September 15, 2008, with many bikers in their group. They left their HOG Chapter flag from the Antwerp Diamond Port Chapter in Antwerp, Belgium to be shared with the Hahn and McDorman 3 Rivers HOG Chapter sponsored by Jim Bailey's in Fort

Wayne, IN and chapter t-shirts for Jeff and Dale. The riders enjoyed lunch at the Oasis Bar and Grill, received patches from the Antwerp Police Department and a flag from the Antwerp Rotary Club. The Hahns and McDormans presented the men with t-shirts compliments of Kemerer American Cycle in Antwerp, Ohio. The group also included some riders from the country of Holland. When the Harley drivers left Antwerp they were traveling north to visit Holland, Michigan... "You meet the nicest people on a Harley!"

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FROM THE DOG WARDEN'S DESK

By: Mandy Lichty, Paulding County Dog Warden

This week's featured pet is Brady. Brady is a one year old Collie-German Shepherd mix. He is a very nice quiet boy who needs a family of his own.

Also at the shelter we have two beagles and a tiny Chihuahua-Jack Russell terrier mix.

Please be sure to always keep identification on your pets at all times. Many pet owners now have micro-chips implanted in their pets to provide identification should their pets get lost. A micro-chip is a tiny computer chip-type device that is injected under the animals skin much like a vaccine is administered. Animal shelters across the country have special handheld devices used to scan pets to check for micro-chips. If a pet has a chip the device dis-

plays the pet's identification number. The shelter then calls the micro-chip company with the number, and the shelter is able to obtain the necessary information to get that pet safely back home.

It is always wonderful to see the great joy and relief of the dogs in the shelter when their owner walks through the door to take them home. Unfortunately, those reunions

are in very short supply when the dogs come in with no license or identification. Funny thing about dogs, you can teach them how to sit, and shake, and roll over, but no matter how hard you try you can never teach them their phone number!

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NOW READ THIS

By: Stan Jordan

I walked into a bar, a sort of a Mom and Pop bar. It was clean, well-lit, and not very busy. There was a wooden table in the middle of the floor with three kitchen type chairs at the table. In the middle of the table was an empty Tequila bottle and on the chairs was three older women who were drunk and passed out.

Now beings this was a sports bar, in baseball jargon, what was the time of the game, and the activities, according to this scene in front of me: Well, it was the last of the fifth and the 'bags' were loaded.

I wonder why the women got soused? They were sort of the type that didn't get prettier at closing time.

Maybe they had already read the column and figured 'what the heck'.

When I was in high school in '39-'42 our government teacher had a obsession with the National Debt. He reminded us nearly every day that each man, woman, and child owed \$1,343.00 toward the national debt.

He talked about the big money people on Wall Street, Merrill Lynch, Peirce, Fenner, Bean and Smith.

Now the U.S. has twice as much population so what each individual owes should only be half as much. Big hairy deal, each person now owes \$39,000! Our leaders call that progress—no problem, we will just print more money.

I know people will say,

"Stan, you're talking gloom and doom." Well, maybe so, but just look around and see for yourself.

Our government is going to take taxpayers money who earn about \$30,000 a year to bail some C.E.O.'s who earn twenty million dollars a year. Where is the justice and reasoning for this.

Maybe this is why those old ladies got drunk. The numbers for our national debt are astronomical and would drive anyone to drink.

When you buy a bottle of Mexican Tequila there is always a worm in the bottle. It might be that after the fifth was empty they discovered the worm and said, "What the heck?, let's have another round."

Who knows?
See Ya!

ATTENTION HISTORY LOVERS

By: Stan Jordan

I will have a table set up at the Community Health Fair hosted by the United Methodist Church in Antwerp on October 4, 2008 from 7:30-10:30 a.m.

I will have pictures of old historic Antwerp for your viewing pleasure. You can have your blood drawn, get your flu shot, visit the many tables set up for your information and talk to me about Antwerp 'back in the day'.

A reminder, if you have blood drawn you need to fast and if you have a Social Security Health Insurance card you need to bring it.

See you there!

WARRIORS PULL AWAY A ACAC VICTORY AGAINST PATRIOTS

After the team' offensive show in the first half, Woodlan's defense held the Heritage Patriots to 0 points and the Woodlan offense continued to put points on the scoreboard to pull away from the Patriots for a 34-16 win to open conference play in the ACAC.

Eleven possessions in the first half yielded only 1 punt and the team offenses traded running down the field and scoring.

Woodlan opened the game, scoring on their first possession, going 37 yards in 6 plays following a recovery of the opening kick by the Warriors. Cade Hetrick, Woodlanquarterback, scored from the 1 yard line and then followed with the PAT for a 7-0 less than 2 minutes into the game. Heritage marched down the field on their first possession before settling on a Nathan Keen 32-yard field goal. The Patriots intercepted a Woodlan pass on the next possession and took the lead on a Robbie Merz 44 yard run. Woodlan regained the lead when Jayme Schwartz scored on a 6 yard run on the next Woodlan possession. Heritage scored early in the second quarter on a Reid Yoder run of 39 yards, before Woodlan regrabbed the lead for good late in the quarter when Cade Hetrick connected with Dreyer Wentz on a 27 yard pass play for a touchdown. Hetrick added a 29 yard field goal on the Warriors' first possession of the second half to extend their lead to 22-16. Ben Schlie picked off a Patriot pass, his third interception of the season, to kill a Heritage drive on their next possession. Woodlan used just 3 plays following the turnover to score, getting a touchdown pass from Hetrick to Michael Lortie for 15 yards. Woodlan iced the game in the fourth period, using almost 5 minutes of game clock to take the ball 47 yards and getting a touchdown run of 7 yards from Aury Keller to seal the game.

Aury Keller had 148 yards on the ground for Woodlan and Luke Schwartz had 66 yards. Cade Hetrick was 6 of 11 for 65 yards in the air and 2 touchdown passes. Five different players scored for Woodlan. The Woodlan defense forced a pair on interceptions on the Heritage quarterback and Woodlan beat the Patriots for the first time in 11 years.

Player stats:

W - Cade Hetrick, 1yd run (Cade Hetrick kick)

H - Nathan Keen, 32yd field goal

H - Robbie Merz, 44yd run (Nathan Keen kick)

W - Jayme Schwartz, 6yd run (kick failed)

H - Reid Yoder, 39yd run (kick failed)

W - Dryer Wentz, 27yd pass from Cade Hetrick (kick failed)

W - Cade Hetrick, 29yd field goal

W - Michael Lortie, 15yd pass from Cade Hetrick (pass failed)

W - Aury Keller, 7yd run (kick failed)



This fast-pitch softball team represented the Woodburn Community in the early 1950's and played against Antwerp and other surrounding teams.

Front Row: Kenneth Fiedler, Bill Shanebrook, Bob Buuck, Monty Schmidt, Virgil Hirsch, John Hetrick, Unknown, Wyburn Baker
Back Row: Ray Disher, coach and Woodburn barber, Don Hoepfner, Howard Hoepfner, Melvin Gerbers, Bob Weber, Paul Weber, (both Weber brothers are now Lutheran ministers), Norville Messman, Jim Kees, and coach Erwin Waltke.

WOODBURN HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

This picture of the Woodburn Softball Team was loaned to me by Mrs. Pauline Zirkelbach. I was really glad to get it. I knew a lot of these boys, but I played in the late 1940's. I knew all of the Schmidt boys and their father. Woodburn would come to Antwerp and play and that helped to pay for the lights for the ball field.

I remember, Rev. Schmidt was the coach at that time along with Jim Gerbers as well as some other boys.

I remember that Ray Disher was a barber and we went to his shop. Later on he had Morris Reeb and we took our son, Gale, to him for hair cuts

in the middle 50's. Then later Floyd Franklin was also a barber there. After a few years Floyd moved to Texas.

Morris restored a couple old Model T's. One of them won National Honors in a Detroit show. After Morris passed away, Marilyn donated them to the Sauder's Museum. They are still on display there.

Jim Kees went on to be a very good fast pitch pitcher. He made it to the Major Leagues.

About this time, Woodburn was getting their ball diamond fixed up with lights and all. Shilb's Red's played there the night of the dedication of Woodburn Field. I can remember a Mr. Mosier ran the P.A. System.

My brother, Jim, hit the first home run in the park and Mr. Mosier would mention that over air once in a while.

Mrs. Zirkelbach, I really want to thank you for loaning us that picture. By golly, I'm sitting here at the kitchen table with my mind wondering back 60 years to those ball games. I can smell the dust, the popcorn, the yelling and, occasionally an automobile horn would blow where the driver would express his approval of a play.

Friends, it was a different time, a slower time, but we were just happy, maybe a little more so. You could travel from Antwerp to Woodburn for less than 15 cents.

See Ya!

SAVE OUR HOMES

By: Sue Knapp

September 18 at 9:30 a.m. at the Paulding County Hospital Education Room, Save Our Homes Task Force met. Lou Ann Wannamacher called the meeting to order and ideas were discussed on how to further help those in need. An exhibition is being planned for next spring to give different options to those who need help financially.

Comparing January 2007-September 2007 to the same time this year foreclosures have went up 13% and are still climbing. Depending on your circumstances there is different options you can take now. You may call Paulding County Treasurer, Lou Ann Wannamacher, for information.

Meetings will be held every other month and is open to the public. The next meeting is November 20, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. in the Paulding County Hospital Education Room.

Help for those in the Service Tammy Kinkade, from NOCAC, brought information for service men pertaining to foreclosures, loans, credit cards, etc. The information is as follows:

The Servicemembers Civil Relief Act of 2003 (SCRA), formerly known as the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940, is a federal law that provides protections for military members in active duty. It covers issues such as rental agreements, security deposits, prepaid rent, eviction, installment contracts, credit card interest rates, mortgage interest rates, mortgage foreclosure, civil judicial

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All active personnel (and dependents and Co-obligors) in all branches of the service are covered. It is applicable not just during time of war and begins on the date of active duty; whether enlistment or when the reserve soldier is called up. It ends at the end of active duty plus 90 days.

The Act reduces interest rates to a maximum of 6%, including charges, fees, and the like, but applies only to a pre-active duty debt. The reduction is automatic-there are no special qualifications. The creditor must be informed no later than 180 days after active duty has ended to be applied retroactively. The interest above 6% must be forgiven, not just deferred, and the new

monthly payment must reflect the reduced rate. SCRA does not apply to guaranteed student loans.

No sale, foreclosure or seizure of property for non-payment or other breach is valid during the period of military service or within 90 days thereafter, except pursuant to an order of the court.

SCRA also provides for stays from legal action against the service person. Any suit involving a service person can be temporarily stopped execution of judgments against a service person can be halted, and attachments and garnishments can be vacated or postponed. This extends to all persons who may be secondarily liable. You may contact Randy Brooks at the VA office at 419-399-8285 or go to ohio.gov for information and help with this.

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SEPTEMBER YARD AND GARDEN TIPS

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Agent

Listed below are some September yard and garden tips from Rosie Lerner, Purdue Extension Consumer Horticulturalist.

Lawns, Woody Ornamentals and Fruits:

Fall is a good time to plant several container-grown or balled-and-bur-lapped nursery stock. Prepare a good-sized hole, plant at the same depth it grew in the nursery and water thoroughly. Mulching will help protect against large fluctuations in soil temperature and moisture. Be sure to stake or guy-wire tall plants to protect them from strong winds. Wrap tree trunks to protect against frost cracks or animal damage.

Do not be alarmed if your evergreens, particularly white pine and arborvitae, drop some older needles. All evergreens shed needles at some time, but not all at once as deciduous plants do.

For most fruits, flavor is the best indicator of ripeness, although color change also can be a good indicator.

However, pears are best ripened off the tree, and grapes change color long before they are fully flavored, so sample the fruit to be sure.

Clean up fallen fruits, twigs and leaves around apple (including crabapple) and other fruit trees to reduce disease and insect carryover.

Flowers, Vegetables and

Small Fruits:

Plant radishes, green onion sets, lettuce and spinach for fall harvest. Thin fall crops such as lettuce and carrots that were planted earlier.

Harvest crops such as tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, melons and sweet potatoes before frost, or cover plants with blankets, newspaper, etc., (but not plastic) to protect them from light frost.

Mature green tomatoes can be ripened indoors. Individually wrap fruits in newspaper, or leave them on the vine, pulling the entire plant out of the garden. Store in a cool location—about 55F to 60F.

Harvest winter squash when mature (skin is tough) with deep, solid color, but before hard frost. Some cultivars will show an orange blush when mature.

Plant, transplant or divide peonies, daylilies, iris and phlox.

Plant spring-flowering bulbs beginning in late September. Planting too early can cause bulbs to sprout top growth before winter. However, allow at least four to six weeks before the ground freezes for good root formation.

Dig tender bulbs, such as cannas, caladiums, tuberous begonias and gladiolus, before frost. Allow to air dry, and store in dry peat moss or vermiculite.

Cut flowers, such as strawflower, statice, baby's breath and celosia, for drying, and hang upside down in a dry, well-ventilated area.

"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": GIVING BACK... IT'S WHAT MATTERS



Vantage Student Ambassadors help construct a storage shed for Habitat for Humanity on the 2008 Day of Caring.

The 10th Annual Van Wert County United Way "Day of Caring" was held on Friday, September 12, 2008 and Vantage Career Center is proud to have been a part of such a successful day. More than 120 students pitched in to help make a difference by volunteering.

Beginning on September 4, Medical Office Management students and their teacher, Mrs. Linda Bales, coordinated the Vantage food drive. Each morning, food donations or

work at the Salvation Army Food Drive to sort, count, box and store donated food items from around the county.

Mrs. Shirley Jarvis, and her senior Health Careers students, along with junior Early Childhood Education students, volunteered their expertise at the bloodmobile held at Trinity Friends Church Family Life Center. Using what they've learned from class, and their practical experiences, they performed duties on the bloodmobile



Junior Industrial Mechanic students gather the canned food they retrieved from a shopping cart during the Day of Caring Food Drive at the Salvation Army.

monetary contributions were collected. This year, they also shouldered the responsibility of shopping for food using the money that was donated. Vantage students and staff contributed over 3,000 non-perishable food items to the Salvation Army this year.

Providing some much-needed muscle to load and unload the donated food on and off the collection trucks were the seniors from the Vantage Electricity program and their teacher, Mr. Mel White.

Junior and senior Industrial Mechanics classes and senior Early Childhood Education, along with their teachers Mr. Mike Klutka, Mr. Kevin Van Oss and Mrs. Marcia Osega, volunteered a few hours of their lab time to

floor and in the kitchen and canteen to assist the American Red Cross and insure that things went as smoothly as possible. Although the Culinary Arts class stayed at school, they participated by preparing a delicious chicken noodle soup that fed 100 volunteers at the bloodmobile.

Vantage Student Ambassadors also participated by working on two Day of Caring projects – one for Habitat for Humanity and one at the Van Wert YMCA.

Community service projects provide a real opportunity for students to learn how to work well with others and critical communication skills. Being able to give help without expecting anything back in return, is an important lesson in life.

WAYNE TRACE VOLLEYBALL DIGS A WIN IN THREE SETS

On September 16 it was Wayne Trace over Tinora 25-8, 25-10, 25-17.

Wayne Trace is now 7-2 overall, 2-1 GMC

WT individual stats:
Kristi Wenninger – 13-14 serving, 4 aces

Janelle Davis – 11-11 serving, 2 aces, 72-73 setting, 27 assists

Natalie Snyder – 19-19 hitting, 12 kills
Maria Schaefer – 26-30 hitting, 7 kills
Jenna Stoller – 7-8 hitting,

5 kills

Krista Germann – 19-20 passing, 5 digs

Sara Priest – 13-14 passing
Marla Sinn – 3 digs

Junior Varsity – Tinora over Wayne Trace 25-20, 19-25, 27-25

Wayne Trace is now 3-4 overall and 0-3 in the GMC

Varsity coach Doug Coplin had these comments, "Good effort by the team as a whole... got great play from Krista Germann, Maria Schaefer, Jenna Stoller, Marla Sinn... just a very solid team effort tonight."

PAULDING COUNTY CARNEGIE LIBRARY GOES TO VOTERS WITH FIRST LEVY

The Paulding County Carnegie Library Board of Trustees will be asking voters to help the library for the first time in over 90 years. The library will put a levy on the ballot on the November 4th General Election.

According to Sue Derck, Board President, "We have done all we can to tighten our belts and try to keep afloat for the past seven years, since our state funding was frozen. But we cannot continue to operate by using our dwindling savings for operations." According to library statistics, over 1 million people have used the library in the past ten years, and the amount of items borrowed has more than doubled.

"Every day we see new families come into the library," states Susan Pieper, library director. "They are realizing that the library can save them money. They can use their hard-earned dollars for other necessities. As library patrons they can borrow books, music and movies for free. They can read any of the local, regional, state and national newspapers and save on magazine subscriptions by borrowing from the library. The library truly provides terrific value and is without a doubt the best deal in Paulding County."


"I find it very rewarding to be a member of the Paulding County Library Board," adds Derck. "Before my appointment to the Board, I was unaware of the many valuable resources that our library system offered to our County residents. I feel that without these services, many of our patrons would not have access to the Internet, nor would our area school students have access to research tools 24/7 – available from the library website. Our genealogy department is unique not only to our library, but to the entire northwest section of Ohio. Many rural public libraries do not choose to partner with their local genealogy societies. We have a great relationship with ours. More and more Paulding County residents are discovering and utilizing library services. We are also fortunate to have branches in Antwerp, Oakwood and Payne so that our patrons have shorter driving times to reach their public library."

The Board of Trustees is placing a levy on the ballot that will generate the bare minimum they need to bring services to a point they were prior to 2001. For an owner of a \$100,000 home, the tax will be less than \$23 a year, or 7¢ a day. The .65 mil will generate about \$184,000 a year for a continuous period of time.

"The ballot language for the library levy reads that this is an 'additional tax,' states Pieper. "This is the first time a tax levy for the library has been brought to the voters. The word 'additional' means that this will be an additional tax on your property tax statement."

Public libraries in Ohio are state funded, and up until this year received 5.7% of the personal income tax. That fund was called the Local Library Government Support Fund (LLGSF). Governor Strickland redesigned the funding formula so that Ohio's public libraries would receive 2.2% of the general revenue tax beginning in 2008. This new Public Library Fund was to provide for modest growth; but unfortunately, Ohio's economy has not recovered as quickly as was hoped, and revenue is down. The Paulding County Carnegie Library has had to cut this year's budget by an additional \$15,000. The County does not fund the county library. There is not a line-item in the County budget for the library.

The Paulding County Carnegie Library has served Paulding County since 1916 and is the first "county library" in the United States funded by Andrew Carnegie. The library is governed by a Board of Trustees appointed by the judge of Common Pleas Court. By law, the makeup of the Board consists of three Democrats and three Republicans. Current board members are: Sue Derck, Board President; Terry Wehrkamp, Vice-President; Michelle Stahl, Secretary; Leah Smith, Susie Thrasher and Corey Walker. The library employs a staff of 20 who work at the main library in Paulding and branches in Antwerp, Oakwood and Payne. The library holds over 70,000 items system-wide and over 60% of Paulding County residents own library cards. For more information about the library or the levy, call 419-399-2032 or visit the library's website at www.pauldingcountylibrary.org.




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TIGERS FALL TO THE WARRIORS IN VARSITY FOOTBALL

Bluffton used big plays to take an early lead over Woodlan in ACAC football, fell behind, used another big play to retake the lead, before falling to the Warriors 34-21 at Bluffton.

The Tigers' Tyler Holmes galloped 64 yards on his first carry and the Tiger's first offensive play to score the opening touchdown just 18 seconds into the game and with the PAT, Bluffton led 7-0. Bluffton intercepted a Woodlan pass late in the first quarter and Matt Morrissey returned it 60 yards for a Tiger score and a 14-0 led at the end of the first period.

Woodlan ground out a pair of touchdowns in the second period to tie the game at 14-14 at the half. The Warriors used nine plays, all on the ground, and 42 yards to get on the scoreboard with Aury Keller carrying the ball into the endzone on a two yard run. On their next possession, Woodlan used nine plays, eight on the ground, to drive 50 yards and Cade Hetrick went into the endzone on a one yard run. Hetrick hit Chris Malfait on a 22 yard pass play on third down to keep the drive alive for the Warriors. Ben Schlie added the 2-point conversion to tie the game at 14-14 at halftime.

Woodlan took their first lead of the game on their first possession of the second half, going 61 yards in 11 plays with 10 running plays and Aury Keller punching the ball in from the 1 yard line and the Warriors led 20-14 early in the second half. Tyler Hol-

mes used 13 seconds to go 71 yards for Bluffton on the next possession for the Tigers and with the PAT, Bluffton regained the lead 21-20. Dreyer Wentz helped the Woodlan offense, returning the Tiger kick to the Bluffton 47 yard line to give Woodlan excellent field position and the Warrior offense responded, going 47 yards and capped with a Luke Schwartz to Taylor Gorrell 20 yard touchdown pass on the halfback option play and Woodlan took the lead for good in the game at 28-21 following the Luke Schwartz run for a 2-point conversion. Jayme Schwartz added a 34 yard touchdown run on Woodlan's next possession to boost the lead to 34-21. Bluffton, needing to score, went to air attack and with the rainy conditions and Woodlan's defense tightening against the Bluffton offense, the Tigers were unable to come back against the Warriors.

Woodlan had 310 yards on the ground in the game with Luke Schwartz picking 79 yards, Aury Keller with 77 yards, and Jayme Schwartz added 63 yards. Cade Hetrick passed for 101 yards in the game and one touchdown with Dreyer Wentz getting 52 yards on pass receptions.

Individual stats:

B - Tyler Holmes, 64yd run (David Johnston kick)

B - Matt Morrissey, 60 yd interception return (David Johnston kick)

W - Aury Keller, 4yd run (kick failed)

W - Cade Hetrick, 1yd run (Ben Schlie run)

W - Aury Keller, 1yd run (kick failed)

B - Tyler Holmes, 71yd run (David Johnston kick)

W - Taylor Gorrell, 20yd pass from Luke Schwartz (Luke Schwartz run)

W - Jayme Schwartz, 34yd run (kick failed)

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COOPERATIVE BREAKS GROUND FOR NEW SUBSTATION



Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative, Inc., Paulding, Ohio broke ground today on its new, state of the art substation in New Haven, Indiana. The new substation will be named after long-time General Manager, Herbert K. Monroe. Mr. Monroe served as the cooperative's chief executive officer for 37 years,



l-r - Rex Feasby and Karl (Bud) Koenig, board members; Herbert K. Monroe; George Carter, CEO/General Manager; Alan Kohart, Engineering and Operations Manager; Doug Johanns, Operations Supervisor

from 1941 until 1978.

The new substation is part of an investment in the New Haven area of over \$2 million. The station will incorporate the new Smart Meter Technology that will allow all electric meters to be read remotely from the cooperative's home office. New tie-lines will also be built from this facility to existing facilities in the area to improve service, to increase capacity, and to assist in economic development throughout the area. The new substation is scheduled to be energized by March 1, 2009.

Current Paulding Putnam CEO, George Carter, stated, "It is an honor to be able to name this facility after someone who has meant so much to this cooperative and the cooperative commu-

nity. This new substation will provide improved service, enhance our electrical capacity throughout the area, and allow for economic development in the industrial park areas around New Haven."

Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative, Inc. serves 12,800 member/consumers in Ohio and Indiana. Paulding

Putnam Electric Cooperative, Inc. is a Touchstone Energy Cooperative.

VANTAGE TAKES RESPONSIBILITY FOR OFFERING QUALITY EDUCATION WITH RENOVATION/EXPANSION PROJECT

Why is the renovation and expansion of Vantage Career Center necessary?

Workforce demand has shifted toward the healthcare industry. Numerous jobs are available in all levels of healthcare such as STNA's (State-Tested Nurse Assistants), phlebotomy, medical assisting, LPNs and RNs. Vantage Career Center is proud to have partnered with Northwest State Community College to offer an LPN program. Wright State University also offers college general degree courses on the Vantage campus. Vantage Career Center continues to assist adults who are changing careers at age 40 or beginning their first career at age 20. Vantage offers national certification in medical assisting and phlebotomy. During 2007-2008, these combined efforts resulted in 20 adults earning their LPN and associate degree from Northwest State Community College on the Vantage campus. Almost 170 adults trained or re-trained for employment in the healthcare field last year, with a total of approximately 1300 adults receiving specialized training in all adult education programs.

Since adequate science labs are not available at Vantage, adult learners take the required science courses for Northwest State's programs in the new science classrooms at Van Wert City Schools. While this helps the adult training population, some Vantage high school students do not have access to science labs with running water. Up-to-date facilities are required for each of the four science classrooms.

Due to the passage of Sen-

ate Bill 55 several years ago, high schools were required to provide additional math and science credits to meet the new Ohio high school graduation requirement. Until that time, career centers only offered English, math, and social studies credit. Science courses and additional math courses were added to the Vantage curriculum so students could attend Vantage and graduate. Smaller classrooms were created from parts of existing career-technical labs as well as the commons area/cafeteria to house the additional classes. The OSFC (Ohio School Facility Commission) considers an average-sized classroom to be 900 square feet. Many classrooms at Vantage house 25 or more students in a 600 square foot space or smaller.

The manufacturing industry requires more specialized technical training than ever before.

Trade and industry students study theory and measurement in classrooms housed upstairs in the mezzanine loft area of labs for welding, ag diesel mechanics, precision machining, electricity, and auto body. These classrooms are not handicap-accessible.

As companies downsize or utilize labor in other countries, jobs are eliminated. Vantage programs offer the new skills and re-training necessary for adults to continue to make a living in tough economic times. Currently, 10 Kongsberg employees are re-training in health care professions and the Vantage truck driving academy.

Over \$16 million dollars of the state's fund for school construction would be returned to the state if Vantage does not accept the offer of state assistance. Without the partnership of the OSFC, Vantage cannot renovate the building to the extent necessary using only local funds.

How much will this Bond levy cost??

If your home is valued at \$100,000, your cost will be \$37.80 per year or 10 cents a day.

If your home is valued at \$50,000, your cost will be \$18.90 per year or 5 cents a day.

Come to Vantage and see for yourself why the building must be renovated. Tours will be held on: September 30, October 1, October 28, and November 3 between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Please contact the Vantage superintendent, Staci Kaufman, at kaufman.s@vantagecareercenter.com or call 419-238-5411, ext. 102, for more information.

GIRLS GOLF AT THE OAKS GOLF COURSE

The Lady Raiders golf team traveled to Lima on September 16 to tee up with Lima Bath and Lima Central Catholic.

Wayne Trace pulled out a slim victory on the green. Team scores: Wayne Trace 195, Lima Bath 196, Lima Central Catholic 199

Wayne Trace - Gabrielle Hook 50, Kacee Hockenberry 45, Shelby Critten 48, Ashley Saylor 52, Courtney Hicks 54, Elyse Myers 59, Jordin Jackson 67, Olivia Hook 57, Aryn Denny 58, Brittany Wilcox 56

Lima Bath - Morgan Sexton 54, Ashley Swartz 39, Kaitlyn Dugan 41, Emily Mauk 62

Lima Central Catholic - Erin Huffman 39, Lidya Stolly 51, Jamie Boots 48, Kristy Shanahan 57

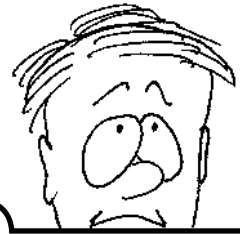
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WAYNE TRACE FALL ACADEMIC AWARDS CEREMONY



1st Honors – Gold Medal – 3.67-4.0 GPA – Front: Seniors Whitney Mullins, Kristy House, Elyse Myers, Sara Priest, Marla Sinn, Angelo Harris, Jeremy Zartman. Row 2: Juniors Simon Hessler, Dylan Flint, Brock Delong, Molly Long, Chelsey Shuherk, Kelsey Gerber, Jenna Stoller, Sarah Lantow,

Jazmine Smith, Brenna Dunham.

Back: Sophomores Jacob Ecklund, Nathan Tumblin, Nick LaBounty, Taylor Baumle, Abbey Linder, Jessica Wenninger, Erika Langmeyer.

Not pictured: Evan Klopfenstein, Rick Van Den Hengel



2nd Honors – Silver Medals – 3.30 - 3.66 GPA – Front: Seniors Paul Kipfer, Lynn Bidlack, Krista Germann, Kristi Wenninger, Jenna Stoller, Chelsea Williamson, Shelby Critten, Renee Bidlack.

Row 2: Juniors Miranda Dobbelaere, Caleb Davis,

Vivian Baker, Derrick Baksa, Henk Akkerman, Marcie McDougale, Erin Bowersox.

Row 3: Sophomores Josiah Gordon, Colin Klopfenstein, Dylan Jewell, Kacey Hockenberry, Kelsey Heck.

Back: Sophomores Joe Sponseller, Dylan Worden.



3rd Honors – Bronze Medal – 3.0 - 3.29 GPA – Front: Seniors Cody Feasby, Natalie Gordon, Karl Klopfenstein, Ashley Litzenberg, Akke Akkerman, Cassie McDougale, Cory Irwin.

Row 2: Juniors Megan Adkins, Meagan Kuhn, Jessyca Holmes, Maria Schaefer, Parker Martin.

Row 3: Juniors Jason

Miller, Russel Fulk, Trevor Speiser, Kyle Wobler, Chelsea Miller, Heather Bidlack.

Back: Sophomores Tim Wilborn, Amanda Hill, Alesha Mobley, Haley Fisher, Anna Morehead, Aryn Denny, Katie King.

Not Pictured: JoEllen Fickel, Eric Priest, Travis Zartman

PANTHERS CRUSH DELTA IN VARSITY FOOTBALL

On September 19th, the Panther football team traveled to Delta for varsity football. Final scores were Paulding 41, Delta 21

Records – Paulding 3-2, Delta 1-4

Score by Quarters:

Paulding – 14 15 6 6 = 41

Delta – 0 0 7 14 = 21

Scoring Summary:

P – Haden Sholl, 25 yd pass to Andrew Mott (Derek Schlatter kick)

P – Haden Sholl, 11 yd pass to Andrew Mott (Derek Schlatter kick)

P – Mark Wolfle, 3 yd run (Vince Ross run)

P – Haden Sholl, 53 yd pass to Andrew Mott (Derek Schlatter kick)

P – Andrew Mott, 80 yd punt return (kick failed)

D – Reid Rayfield, 1 yd run (Korbin Smith kick)

D – Reid Rayfield, 3 yd run (Korbin Smith kick)

P – Haden Sholl, 4 yd run (kick blocked)

D – Reid Rayfield, 65 yd pass to Korbin Smith (Korbin Smith kick)

Statistics:

P – First Downs 18; Rushing Attempts-Yards 32-113; Passing Yards 130; Total Offense 243; Pass Completions-Attempts 5-12

D – First Downs 13; Rushing Attempts-Yards 52-137; Passing Yards 113; Total Offense 250; Pass Completions-Attempts 3-8

DID YOU KNOW...

Paulding Exempted Village Schools will have a renewal levy on the November ballot. This tax was first passed as an emergency levy in 1981 and has been renewed six times since it was originally approved by the voters. The levy has provided \$418,250 each year for operating expenses of the school district. The levy that taxpayers will be voting on in the November election is still listed as an Emergency Levy. Since this is a renewal, we are required to use the same language on the ballot as was used with the original levy in 1981. This renewal levy is estimated at 2.71 mills, which is down from the 1981 rate of 8.0 mills.

CURVES SMART

By: Sue Knapp

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Heather Chaney and Stacy Shawver have been going to Curves for over a year. This mother (Stacy) and daughter (Heather) also brings Stacy's mother-in-law along with them.

When asked, Stacy and Heather commented that Curves Smart helps you to focus more on your workout and helps it to be more productive. The computers monitor repetition, range of motion and lets you know if your using enough or to much energy.

Stacy and her mother-in-law's blood test readings have went down and the exercise has helped them to prevent the onset of diabetes and other things.

Heather is in college, so she eats a lot of take out in her car. She has been able to keep the infamous "freshman fifteen" off.

Besides helping with test results the exercise also helps with balance, keeps you limber, helps arthritis, and strengthens muscles. There is always a staff member there to help and encourage you along. Curves also offers more of a one on one. If you are traveling and not near your location you can visit another Curves, you may get information from a staff member about this.

Glenda Ferris, from the Paulding Curves, is very enthusiastic about the Curves Smart. She along with her staff are ready and willing to help, encourage or just talk to you.

Kristin Schang (in the picture) works at Curves. She suffers from Fibromyalgia of which there is no cure. Her doctor advised her to go to Curves and exercise. Even though she still has bad days the exercise has helped her tremendously.

In this day and age of weight and health issues, don't you think it's time to take control of our bodies and take care of ourselves. It's never to late.

THANK YOU

We would like to extend our thanks to everyone who sent cards, flowers, food and condolences during the passing of our mother and sister, Carole Dunderman. Special thanks go to the Antwerp High School Classes of 1980 and 1985, and to Tim and Brenda Copsey. We are humbled by your generosity and thoughtfulness.

—The children of Carole Dunderman, Richard and Barbara Brown and family, Peggy Savage and family, Lynn and Ruth Savage and family

THANK YOU

The families of Ursula Hoste would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, food and memorials. A special thanks go to Dr. Gray, Father Fillman, Mr. Dooley and the staff at Paulding County Hospital. Your kindness was appreciated.

—Bill Tope & family, Beverly Bercaw & family, Leann Moser and Angie, Linda Rhoad & family, Nancy Patterson & family

THANK YOU

To all of my clients! I can not express how much I appreciate you. All of you have been so understanding in this time of sorrow.

Thanks again for understanding with the shop being closed those few days. Also, I want to thank you for all of your kind words and cards you have sent.

—Donna Miller, Tips-n-Tan



1st Year Academic Letter – Front: Senior Jenna Gordon.

Row 1: Juniors Sarah Lantow, Brock Delong, Simon Hessler, Henk Akkerman, Vivian Baker, Jazmine Smith. Row 2: Sophomores Abbey Linder, Erika Langmeyer,

Jessica Wenninger, Taylor Baumle.

Back: Sophomores Nathan Tumblin, Jacob Ecklund, Nick LaBounty

Not Pictured: Evan Klopfenstein



2nd Year Academic Letter – Front: Seniors Elyse Myers, Lynn Bidlack, Krista Germann, Kristi Wenninger, Renee Bidlack.

Row 2: Juniors Kelsey Ger-

ber, Jenna Stoller, Dylan Flint, Brenna Dunham.

Row 3: Juniors Molly Long, Caleb Davis, Chelsey Shuherk.



3rd Year Academic Letter – Seniors Whitney Mullins, Kristy House, Sara Priest,

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AREA STUDENTS PLAYING COLLEGE SPORTS



Zach Gerber, a Wayne Trace Raider graduate, is a freshman on the Mount Union College Purple Raider football team. Gerber #18 and two pass receptions for 32 yards in a junior varsity victory against John Carroll University. The Purple Raiders won the contest by a score

of 7-3 to preserve their 15 year junior varsity winning streak.

Mount Union College is located in Alliance, Ohio which is 30 minutes east of Canton, Ohio. Mount Union has won the Division III National Championship nine times in the last 14 years.



Woodlan played Adams Central at home Thursday night against the Jets. Shown here are Seniors Sarah Koeneman and Lindsay Wheeler blocking the ball. The Warriors got off to a rough start and couldn't recover - 25-10, 24-26, 25-22, 25-14. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

ANNUAL FISH FRY BEFORE WOODLAN HOMECOMING

Prior to the Woodlan High School homecoming against the Leo Lions on October 3, the Lions Club will be holding its annual fish fry in the Warrior auditoria from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

WARRIORS OVER WAYNE IN VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Sarah Koeneman had 10 kills and Haley Emehiser put in four serve aces to lead Woodlan to a three game match over the Lady Wayne Generals at Woodlan, 25-13, 25-18, and 25-21. Woodlan took the reserve match in two straight games, 25-24 and 25-15.

Scores - 13-25, 18-25, 21-25

VARSIY VOLLEYBALL: FAIRVIEW VS. ANTWERP

On September 16, Archers traveled to Apache country to outspike the varsity volleyball team. In three sets, the Archers reigned supreme: 25-18, 25-12, 25-15. Archer overall record now stands at 5-4, GMC 2-1; Fairview GMC 2-1.

Archer individual stats: Mickae Schlatter - serving 15/15, passing 14/14, hitting 12/15, kills 7, aces 2, digs 9, blocks 2

Kole Schlatter - serves 11/13, passing 9/11, hitting 18/18, kills 6, aces 1, digs 4, blocks 3

Kelsey Bashore - serving 9/11, setting 36/37 (9 assists), passing 11/11, hitting 18/20, kills 8, aces 3, digs 7, blocks 3

Loni Walk - serving 10/11, setting 32/32 (13 assists), passing 6/6, aces 4, digs 4

Taylor Vail - setting 6/6, passing 3/3, hitting 12/15, kills 6, blocks 5

NFL PEPSI PUNT, PASS & KICK COMPETITION

The Payne Ball Association will host a NFL Punt, Pass & Kick Competition on Saturday, September 27, across from Payne Elementary School.

The competition will take place from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. and is free to boys or girls ages 8-15 as of December 31, 2008.

Entry forms will be available at Payne Elementary or Divine Mercy Catholic School as well as online at www.payneball.com.

Top finishers from each age group advance to sectional competition.

For more information, please contact Al Saylor at (419) 263-2541 or online at www.payneball.com.

WOODLAN VOLLEYBALL PREVAILS OVER SOUTH SIDE

Woodlan struggled against South Side, but prevailed to take their volleyball match in straight games over the Lady Archers. Lindsey Wheeler, Mariah Bontrager, and Haley Emehiser each had seven kills for the Warrior and Emehiser added three serve aces. Woodlan took the reserve match 25-10 and 25-15.

Scores - 25-23, 25-19, 25-20

LADY WARRIORS SWEEP PAST LADY RAILROADERS IN VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Haley Emehiser and Sarah Koeneman combined for 19 kills and the Woodlan Warriors swept past Garrett in straight games to win their girls' volleyball match with the Lady Railroaders. Lindsay Wheeler and Sarah Koeneman each had 4 serve aces in the conference win for Woodlan

Scores - 25-14, 25-19, 25-18

BOYS GOLF AT PIKE RUN GOLF COURSE

On September 18, the boys' golf teams of Ottawa Glandorf, Wayne Trace, and Miller City met at Pike Run Golf Course for a match.

Team scores: Ottawa Glandorf 176, Wayne Trace 184, Miller City 202

Individual scores: Ottawa Glandorf - Alex Shoemaker 46, Kevin Hoersten 49, Trent Hahn 45, Michael Hanneman 46, Jacob Hermiller 44, Marcus Von Lehmden 41

Wayne Trace (5-7) - Nick Germann 41, Andrew Horner 40, Devon Snyder 50, Henk Akkerman 54, Cody Feasby 53, Joe Morehead 53

Miller City - Tim Inkrott 51, Derek Griggs 48, Kevin Kaufman 62, David Rippetoe 57, Ben Rippetoe 52, Matt Westrick 51

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL: WAYNE TRACE VS. CONTINENTAL

On September 18 it was Wayne Trace over Continental 25-5, 25-9, 25-10. Wayne Trace is now 8-2 on the year.

Top Players for the evening:

Maria Schaefer (15-16 serving, four aces, 14-15 hitting, six kills)

Krista Germann (13-14 serving, five aces)

Kristi Wenninger (8-8 serving, three aces)

Natalie Snyder (8-8 passing, three blocks)

Sara Priest (15-16 hitting, 11 kills, 11-11 passing, four digs)

Jenna Stoller (10-10 hitting, four kills)

Janelle Davis (44-44 setting, 21 assists)

Marla Sinn (5-5 passing)

Junior Varsity - Wayne Trace over Continental 25-6, 25-15

Wayne Trace is now 4-4 on the year.

LADY RAIDERS GOLF TEAM GRAB GMC CHAMPIONSHIP

The Wayne Trace girls golf team nabbed the Green Meadows Conference championship on September 17. The match took place at Ironwood Golf Course.

Team scores: Wayne Trace 391, Fairview 465, Antwerp 520, Hicksville 552, Ayersville 604

First Team All GMC - Kacee Hockenberry (Wayne Trace) 93, Gabrielle Hook (Wayne Trace) 97, Alex Keesbury (Fairview) 99, Courtney Hicks (Wayne Trace) 100, Shelby Critten (Wayne Trace) 101, Elyse Myers (Wayne Trace) 110

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ACES SLAP DOWN RAIDERS IN VARSITY FOOTBALL



Wayne Trace went to the Aces field for Hicksville's homecoming game. Wayne Trace didn't do all that bad the first half, but the second half was nothing to write home about. The final score was 60-13. Hicksville's record is now 5-0. More pics at www.westbendnews.net

Antwerp didn't do so well against Tinora this weekend either. The score for that game was 10-56.

Paulding was a different story. They beat Delta 41-21.

On September 19th, Wayne Trace traveled to Hicksville territory for high school football. Final scores were Hicksville 60, Wayne Trace 13.

Records - Hicksville (5-0 overall, 2-0 GMC); Wayne Trace (2-3 overall, 1-1 GMC)

Score by Quarters:

Wayne Trace - 7 0 6 0 = 13

Hicksville - 7 20 12 21 = 60

Scoring Summary:

WT - Derrick Baksa, 1 yd run (Jason Gordon kick), 4:57, 1st

H - Logan Battershell, 92 yd run (Taylor Klepper kick), 4:35, 1st

H - Zac Slattery, 21 yd run (Taylor Klepper kick), 9:59, 2nd

H - Logan Battershell, 20 yd run (pass failed), 5:47, 2nd

H - Logan Battershell, 11 yd run (Taylor Klepper kick), 3:32, 2nd

WT - Tevin Hale, 2 yd run (run failed), 8:56, 3rd

H - Logan Battershell, 44

yd run (kick failed), 6:36, 3rd

H - Alex Ayers, 20 yd run (kick failed), 2:30, 3rd

H - Logan Battershell, 53 yd run (Taylor Klepper kick), 11:51, 4th

H - Eric Cover, 38 yd run (Taylor Klepper kick), 8:05, 4th

H - Charlie Emehiser, 17 yd run (Taylor Klepper kick), 4:05, 4th

Statistics:

H - First Downs 12; Rushing Attempts-Yards 43-464;

Passing Yards 41; Total Offense 505; Pass Completions-Attempts 3-10; Had Intercepted 0; Fumbles-Lost 3-0;

Penalties-Yards 4-29

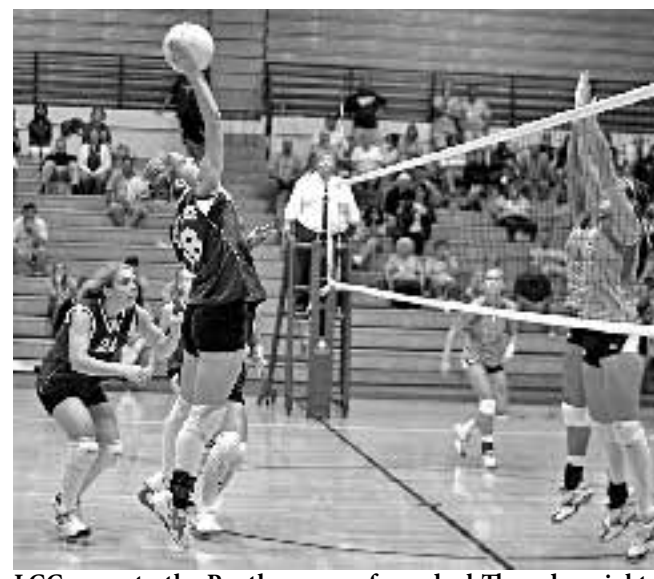
WT - First Downs 8; Rushing Attempts-Yards 40-69; Passing Yards 67; Total Offense 136; Pass Completions-Attempts 4-9; Had Intercepted 3; Fumbles-Lost 1-1;

Penalties-Yards 5-49

Logan Battershell of Hicksville, set a new school record with 325 yards rushing on 24 carries.



The Warriors fought Southern Wells at home, in what was supposed to be a tough conference game, ended up being a runaway victory for SW. The final score was 3-35. More pics at www.westbendnews.net



LCC came to the Panther arena for a duel Thursday night. The Panthers ended up losing 6-25, 13-25, 13-25. Shown here are Juniors Stephanie Donaldson & Maycee Adams hitting the ball back to the T-Birds. More pics at www.westbendnews.net

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MISS GORDON'S CLASS AT PAYNE ELEMENTARY "POPPING" IN CLASS



The students in Miss Gordon's room at WT Payne Elementary school "popped" into class this year by studying a unit on popcorn. Their first activity was to make a picture about popcorn. Next, they compared sweet corn, field corn and popcorn. They made a Venn diagram for this exercise.

They also compared several different varieties of popcorn: Black Jewel, Premium Yellow, Premium White, Burgundy Maize, and Native

Pop. They made an informational chart about the kinds of popcorn. The next activity was to pop the corn, compare the kernels before popping, after popping and the length of time they took to pop. The final activity was to eat the popcorn. All the students had a "poppin" good time.

The Wildcat Creek Farms Popcorn Company provided the information and the different types of popcorn for the class.

WINTER BLAHS!

By: Rose Kever

What a day! The sun was out, melted all the snow, the river swelled beyond its banks. Other than a lot of water, I thought the groundhog was dead wrong! It sure started to look a little like spring was going to peek her little head out. WRONG!!

It happened again - more snow - and sleet and gray skies. Very drab and bleak. Where's the sun?! It was out the other day (for about ten minutes).

I don't think I have talked to anyone who hasn't said they are extremely tired of winter. Most of us just want to stay in the house because of all the slop outside, but, then again, we'd like to get outside for a short walk and a breath of fresh air.

Of course, we, (of the older generation) can't go out, or, if we do, walk very carefully, if we fall and break a hip. Well, I don't really need to go there! We all know, old people, broken bones, then pneumonia and your pushing up daisies!

I want to enjoy the outdoors! I want to sit on the porch swing, listen to the birds chirp and be warm for a change. I want to watch my flowers grow, and plant the

garden!

Remember the walk we went on, last fall? Won't it be fun to do it this spring, when everything starts to bloom?!

I have plenty to do to keep myself busy, but you can only embroider so much stuff or crochet so many hats, afghans, doilies and slippers. I'm tired of cleaning and cooking and baking. I know it sounds like I need to get a job, but I retired last year, my health is rotten and so is my attitude, and when spring gets here, I'll be the happiest ol' lady in the whole county!

P.S. As you have probably guessed by now, I wrote this story while it was still icky outside. Just to update you - guess what?! I think spring has sprung and all is right in the world! (If you live in a cave in some remote country nobody has ever heard of and you have no idea what is going on in the real world.)

Put your problems on a back burner, go outside, sit down and enjoy the warmth and just listen to the birds chirping. I can practically guarantee you'll feel better, at least for a little while.

editorial note: Ms. Kever submitted this article in early summer. It's content is off season. Hope we didn't cause any confusion.

ANTWERP COUNCIL MEETING

By: Sue Knapp

Antwerp met for the regular Council Meeting on September 15 at 6:30. All present, excused was Jan Reeb.

Visitors: Joe Burkard, Prosecutor, commended the Village on the excellent job being done. He also announced his attentions to run as incumbent for the Prosecutor position and asked for support.

Jim Pendergrast of the ACDC was there to give support to the Council on the decisions made regarding the Depot.

Chief Clemens reported 82 offenses and 150 calls for service.

Administrators Report: Sarah Keeran informed the Council that she is getting estimates for curbs on the south end of 49, where there are none. Monies for this project will come from the State Highway Fund.

There have been ten residences on North Main not heard from on the sidewalk project and two on South Main. These residents will receive letters informing them that if the town replaces the sidewalks the bill would be added onto the resident's Real Estate Taxes plus a 3% Auditor's Fee.

How to use the Depot was discussed. Council member, Larry Ryan, attended an ACDC meeting for their input. Larry wanted to make sure the use of the Depot would be adhered to as was stated in the grant. ACDC is supportive of the decisions made by the Village concerning this project. The town of Ada has a similar building and visiting the building was discussed.

A guard rail is to be put up on the corner of E. Canal and N. Main.

Street lights have been put up on Sycamore Street in Dutchman's Cove and at the new water tower. A "do not enter" sign has also been put up at the new water tower.

The Ohio Public Utilities will come and inspect the railroad crossings in town. The R.R. will be provided with the recommendations and hopefully will correct the problem. The R.R. has said that if it fixes one crossing another one has to be closed.

The State Auditor has informed the Council that unless the water and sewer rates be raised the town will remain in Fiscal Watch. It was proposed that 8½% increased in water and 6½% increase in sewer be raised in January of 2009. The Auditor wanted the rates to be increased yearly through the year 2012 but Council decided to go year by year. The last increase for water was in April of 2005 and sewer was 1982. Discussion was made for increasing bulk water by 8½%, increases for water line taps, sewer taps and water disconnect fee. An Ordinance will be ready for the October meeting.

Karen Lee announced that the residents on Washington Street were having trouble with their addresses being mixed up with residents on E. Washington causing problems. A new street sign will be ordered.

Mayor DeLong reported \$15,668 was collected from Mayor's Court, of that \$1,766 was sent to State, \$13, 217 was

sent to the Village with \$466 going each into the Police and Mayor's Court Fund. Court costs will increase from \$50 to \$60 with the increase going to the State.

Trick or Treating is scheduled for Saturday, October 25 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Ordinance # 2008-34: An Ordinance authorizing the Chief of the Antwerp Police Department to reside outside the Village of Antwerp, Ohio corporation limits - 3rd reading

Ordinance # 2008 - 45: An Ordinance establishing rules and guidelines for the confinement of animals within the Village of Antwerp, Ohio - 2nd reading

Ordinance # 2008 - 47: An Ordinance repealing Ordinance # 94-07 clarifying certain conditions of the zoning code regarding sidewalks in the Village of Antwerp, Ohio - 2nd reading

Ordinance # 2008 - 48: An Ordinance repealing Ordinance # 94-12 to establish a policy for the installation and replacement of sidewalks in the Village of Antwerp, Ohio - 2nd reading

Ordinance # 2008 - 49: An Ordinance establishing policies and procedures for the construction, reconstruction, repair, replacement and maintenance of the sidewalks in the Village of Antwerp, Ohio - 2nd reading

Ordinance # 2008 - 52: An Ordinance authorizing the Village Fiscal Officer to transfer funds to the Police Fund in the amount of \$8,000 and declare the same to be an emergency. Accepted

Ordinance # 2008 - 53: An Ordinance to provide for the issuance of a note in anticipation of the issuance of bond to pay a portion of the cost of constructing, furnishing and equipping an emergency medical service building and improving it's site and declaring the same an emergency. Accepted

Ordinance # 2008-54: An Ordinance authorizing the Fiscal Officer to amend appropriations and declaring it an emergency. Accepted

Ordinance # 2008-55: An Ordinance authorizing the Village Fiscal Officer to transfer funds to the Street Fund in the amount of \$13,000 and declaring the same to be an emergency. Accepted

PAULDING HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND DISMISSALS

Admissions:
9/15 - Jennetta Husted, Sherwood
9/16 - Ruth Hartsock, Paulding
9/20 - Donna Wilkerson, Paulding
Dismissals:
9/15 - Jesus Moreno, Paulding (Parkview, Fort Wayne)
9/16 - Jennetta Husted, Sherwood; Richard Gunderman, Paulding
9/18 - Phyllis Hayner, Oakwood

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Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschoolers recently had an entire "green" day - we did science with yellow and blue paint mixed together, we sang about green frogs and we made nifty green noodle necklaces proudly displayed by our preschoolers in this picture! These proud faces belong to - from left: Evan

Daniels, Keersten Peters, Cameron Laker, Nash Saylor, Oliver Zamarripa, Charlotte Vogel song, Paige Hull, J.B. Rickels and Ashlyn Eaton.

These children are in the morning class of three and young four year olds with Mrs. Carrie Myers and Mrs. Ann Miller.

GOLD STAR POST 5087 ANTWERP AUXILIARY VOICE OF DEMOCRACY AND PATRIOT'S PEN CONTEST BEGINS

This year's Voice of Democracy theme is "Service and Sacrifice by America's Veterans Benefits Today's Youth by..."

All students enrolled in public, private parochial high school or home-schooled in the United States, its territories and possessions, or in an overseas U.S. military/civilian dependent school in grades 9-12 are eligible to participate.

All you need to do to enter is record a 3-5 minute essay on a cassette or CD on this year's theme and label the cassette or CD with their name. Type a copy of the essay. Complete the entry form.

National 1st place winners will receive \$30,000 and department 1st place winners receive \$7,000.

This year's Patriot's Pen theme is "Why America's Veterans Should Be Honored".

All students enrolled in public, private, parochial school or home-schooled in the United States, its territories and possessions, or in an overseas U.S. military/civilian dependent school in grades 6-8.

To enter write and type a 300-400 word essay on the theme in English, and with no color or graphics. Complete the entry form.

National 1st place winner receive a \$10,000 U.S. Savings Bond and department 1st place winners receive \$1,500.

If you are interested, forms are available as you walk in the VFW on the bulletin board. Our VFW Auxiliary also gives out local prizes (savings bonds, etc.)

Any questions, contact Sue Molitor at 419-506-0390 or Angie Hudson at 419-506-0736 (after 5:00 p.m.).

TOUR OF HOMES ANTWERP

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH

1 - 1:45 P.M. - 2240 RD 144 1.5 mile south of Antwerp on SR 49 to CR 144 then west 3 miles on 144. Near IN State Line. Newer Country Home on 3 Acres with large pond. Geothermal Heat, Full Basement, 3 Bdrm, 2.5 Baths, Dramatic 2 story entry & Great room with fireplace, Formal dining & all the extras you'd expect. \$206,000.

2 - 2:45 P.M. - 15990 Rd 69 -3.5 mile east of Antwerp on US24 where it intersects Rds 206 & 69. Watch for yellow sign! 3 Bdrm, 1.5 Baths - newly remodeled, Attached 2 car garage plus detached 24x32 garge. Nearly 1 Acre with pond! \$85,900.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH

1- 2:00 P.M. - 517 W. Canal - Just west of A&W Root Beer on US 24, turn south over the RR on Wentworth to the 3rd block. Corner Wentworth & Canal. 3 Bdrms, 1.5 Baths, CA, All appliances, oversized heated garage! \$93,000.

1 - 2:00 pm...403 Wentworth - See directions above (These are across from each other). 3 Bdrms, 2.5 Baths, warm woodwork & 6 panel wood doors, slider door in the dining area opens to the vinyl fenced backyard, cathedral ceiling & fireplace in the living room, nice master suite with adjoining bath, oak kitchen w/bar, CA! \$149,900.

2:15 P.M. - 3:00 P.M. 104 Archer Dr. - At the intersection of US24 & SR49 go north 1 block on N. Main St (49) to Archer Dr., The screened porch & family room with gas fireplace add to the enjoyment of this 3 Bdrm, 2 Bath Home. Clean usable basement, CA. This home sits high on the hill shrouded with lush shade trees!..... \$105,000.

3:15 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. - 116 Woodland - From the center of town go north on Main St. 3 blks to Park, follow Park to Woodland. 3 Bdrm, white brick fireplace in the living room, efficient kitchen with corner window, large utility, hardwood floors, covered rear patio. Nicely shaded 100' lot in a quiet neighborhood. \$69,900.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5TH

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Fridays, October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 10:30 a.m. - Each program features finger plays, songs, stories of various lengths and crafts.

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There will be games, Girl Scout songs and games, listen to story from a former Girl Scout leader, and snacks. This event is being organized by Danielle Smith who is working on her Girl Scout Silver Award, which is the second highest award a Girl Scout can get. Danielle has been in Girl Scouts for ten years and is currently starting her eleventh year. Any questions contact 1-800-96APPLE.

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MR. AND MRS. EDWARD ETTER CELEBRATE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY



Mr. and Mrs. Edward Etter of Oakwood will be celebrating their golden wedding anniversary on October 4.

Edward Etter and Apache Specht were married October 4, 1958 in the Oakwood E.E.U.B. church by Rev. Bevin Kimmel.

The couple has three children: Jill (Jeff) Erford, Kelly

(Mel) Snyder, and Chip Etter all of Oakwood. They have five grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

The Etters celebrated the special occasion with their family by going up to Mackinaw City, MI and walking the five mile Mackinaw Bridge on Labor Day, September 1, 2008.

THE BASICS OF PROPERTY TAX RATES AND LEVIES

By: Susan K. Simpson,
Paulding County Auditor

One of my main goals, if I became County Auditor, was to keep the public informed, the people I serve. Well, it is that time of year to once again try and explain property tax rates and levies. These topics are complicated and can be difficult to explain and no one really likes to discuss taxes. However, taxes are necessary to provide services to our community, so my philosophy is to try and provide information to the public to help them better understand how they work. Being an informed voter is very important when exercising your right to vote. There are three different tax rates for each levy that is in effect:

There are two types of property subject to taxation:

—Real property which includes residential and agricultural (Class 1) and Other (commercial, industrial, mineral or Class 2)

—Personal Property which includes general business and public utility

The voted rate at which the levy was originally enacted. This is the rate always used for tangible property (personal or public utility).

1. The effective rate for Class 1 real property (agricultural/residential property), which is the rate calculated after applying reduction factors the State applies.

2. The effective rate for Class 2 real property (commercial/industrial property), which is the rate calculated after applying reduction factors the State applies.

There are two different ways tax levies can be implemented:

1. Unvoted millage (inside millage) is approved by the county budget commission, but cannot exceed 10 mills for any taxpayer

2. Voted millage (outside millage) is approved by popular vote

All levies in excess of the 10-mill limitation are outside levies and can only be enacted by popular vote. There are many different allowable purposes for voted tax levies. For voted levies, the purpose of the levy determines whether a tax reduction factor applies or not. Inside millage is not subject to reduction factors. Generally, there are four purposes for voted tax levies:

1. Current Expense, for the general operations of a jurisdiction

2. Emergency, for the general operations of a school district

3. Special purpose, which must be used for the specified purpose (i.e. permanent improvement, fire equipment, EMS, etc.)

4. Bond, for land acquisition and building construction costs

There are a few different voted levy types:

1. Additional levies are new. They result in an increase in tax.

2. Renewal levies continue taxation at the same rate that is already being paid.

3. Replacement levies sound like renewal levies, but provide additional revenue under reduction factor law. The additional revenue comes only from real property.

There are limitations as to when a renewal or replacement levy can be used. The levy purpose for both must be

exactly the same as the original levy. The levy can, generally, only be renewed or replaced during the November election. Levies may generally be renewed or replaced with an increase or decrease in the rate but must be clearly stated as such.

In Ohio, real property tax is calculated:

(Property Value X 35% Assessment Rate) X (Tax Rate X Reduction Factors) = Gross Real Property Taxes - Tax Credits (paid by the State) = Net Real Property Tax Due

Tangible and public utility personal property tax uses a different formula to calculate taxes due. I hope I have provided a good overview of tax rates and levies. Specific questions about the election process or specific levies should be directed to the local board of election. If you would like more information concerning tax rates or levies, please contact the County Auditor's office at 419-399-8205.

VILLAGE OF PAULDING SPECIAL MEETING MIN- UTES FOR SEPTEMBER 9

Paulding Village Council met in Special Session on September 9, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. Mayor Greg White called the meeting to order.

Finance Director Tope called roll call with the following members present: Barb Rife, Roger Sierer, Sam Jeffery, Ronnie Breedlove, and Kim Sutton. Administrator Wiebe and Solicitor Jones were present. Council member Randy Daeger was absent.

Finance Director Tope presented the Supplemental Fiscal Officer's Certificate. Jeffery motioned to accept the Fiscal Officer's Certificate, seconded by Breedlove. Vote: all yea.

Ordinance 1384-08 re: An Ordinance to Provide for the Issuance of Notes in Anticipation of the Issuance of Bonds for the Purpose of Renovating, Improving and Equipping the Paulding Swimming Pool and Improving its Site, and Declaring an Emergency was read for the first time. Sierer motioned to suspend the rules and declare an emergency, seconded by Breedlove. Vote: all yea. Breedlove motioned to approve the legislation, seconded by Jeffery. Vote: all yea.

Ordinance 1385-08 re: An Ordinance to Designate a Certain Parking Space to be Reserved for the use by Handicapped People only, and Declaring an Emergency was read for the first time. Sutton motioned to suspend the rules and declare an emergency, seconded by Breedlove. Vote: all yea. Jeffery motioned to approve the legislation, seconded by Sutton. Vote: all yea. Breedlove requested utility workers repaint the adjacent parking spaces when painting the reserved handicap space.

Ordinance 1383-08 re: An Ordinance Amending Section 2 of Ordinance No. 1380-08, and Declaring an Emergency was read for the second time. Breedlove motioned to suspend the rules and declare an emergency, seconded by Jeffery. Vote: all yea. Sierer motioned to approve the legislation, seconded by Breedlove. Vote: all yea.

Sutton motioned to adjourn, seconded by Rife. Vote: all yea.

MILLER – HONIGFORD



A celebration of love and marriage took place Saturday, June 21, 2008 uniting Carly Miller and Alex Honigford. The ceremony took place at the Lakeside Rose Gardens with family and celebrant Fr. Tom Gorman. Honor attendants were Lindsey Rohrs and Jay Wenger. Attendants

were Niki Carnahan and Clinton Miller, Lindsay Honigford and Tony Falls. A reception followed at the Fort Wayne Womens Club. The Honigfords enjoyed a honeymoon in California and Los Vegas and now reside in New Haven, IN.

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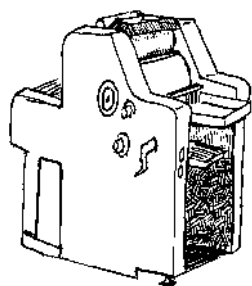
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