

## ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL "EXCELLENT SCHOOL" BANNER PRESENTATION



Antwerp Local School has another reason to celebrate. For the fifth time in seven years, the Antwerp Schools have earned an "Excellent School" rating from the State Board of Education. This rating is determined by high state-mandated test scores, a high graduation rate, a high attendance rate, and adequate yearly progress (AYP). To help acknowledge this great achievement, students, teachers, and staff recently gathered in the school gym-

nasium for a pep rally and to receive the banner from state board member Ms. Sue Westendorf. Shown in the picture above/below are several students representing the Antwerp student-body, including (front row l to r) Avery Braaten, Tayton Hathaway, Emma Butzin, Brooke Hatlevig, and Callie Perry. In the back row are (l to r) Annie Miesle, Michele Stuart, Victoria Zuber, Emily Dolinski, Brittany Black, and Ms. Westendorf.

## WOODBURN HALLOWEEN FESTIVITIES ON OCTOBER 31

Woodburn's Halloween festivities will be held on October 31st. Trick or Treating will be from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. The Annual Halloween Party hosted by the Lions Club will be held at the Community Center beginning at 7:00 p.m.

## POLITICAL SIGNS, OBJECTS FORBIDDEN IN STATE RIGHT OF WAY

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) District 1 is advising that the placement of signs or objects within state right of way is prohibited.

The placement of objects is not permitted on state highway right of way under Section 5515.02 of the Ohio Revised Code said Tim Burkepile, ODOT District 1 deputy director.

"Each year at this time we see numerous violations of the code. We are especially seeing a number of political signs and real estate signs being placed within the highway right of way outside of municipal corporation limits," said Burkepile.

The code states that any individual, firm or corporation that uses or occupies any part of a road or highway on the state highway system with lines, pipes or any object or structure, without legal permit, shall remove same from the bounds of the highway.

In accordance with Ohio Revised Code, Burkepile said highway personnel have been instructed to remove any such signs and objects discovered within the right of way of any state highway. The items will be stored at the local state highway garage for a short time where they may be claimed during normal working hours which are 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY IS NOVEMBER 1

Make a Difference Day is November 1 and the Antwerp VFW Auxiliary will honor this day by getting your clock's ready for the time change. They will be coming to your house, and also checking the batteries in your smoke detectors.

## IT'S TIME TO FALL BACK AGAIN!

Remember to change your clocks back on November 2. Daylight Savings Time ends for another season.

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## GET OUT AND VOTE!

The election season is nearly completed for 2008. A few more days left to see if important issues will be passed or put down by the people.

Ohio is special in this sense! We can vote on issues, such as taxes, that directly effect us where people in other states don't have that choice.

In the area newspapers, including the West Bend and Paulding Progress, you have read many opinions lately that will tell you who you should elect or why you shouldn't pass such-n-such. Keep in mind that you are the one who will ultimately decide your vote! No one else.

Some recent information that was supposed to be published in October 22<sup>nd</sup>'s newspaper with the 4H article on page 16 is now included this week. It is a non-partisan chart showing general fund expenditures for 1996 and 2008 for

Paulding County. This was brought forth by the group of 4H'ers who care for their program.

Another piece of useful information which we are publishing this week is what Paulding County property owners pay vs. three other counties including Putnam, Defiance and Van Wert based on their property values. Most of this info is very new, released in September from the Ohio State Auditor. You'll have to read it over to find very interesting information (Pages 4 & 5).

One last part we are including is from the Board of Elections. We believe that informed voters make better decisions! Each issue, in it's own ballot language, is included along with the candidates running for what office. You will notice that we haven't included a biography or picture of the candidates because that has been included throughout this year.

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**REGARDING PRAYER AND CHICKEN SOUP**

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

Every once in awhile when I happen to have my radio turned on, I hear a brief spot by Charles Osgood that's filled with home-spun common sense. Osgood, a veteran CBS reporter and commentator, on his program, the "Osgood File," once told about an experiment involving prayer that was reported in the Journal of the American Medical Association. The study was done with 393 heart patients at the San Francisco General Medical Center's Coronary Care Unit. What they tried to test was the power of prayer! Does it do sick people any good for other people to pray for them?

Here is how the study was conducted. The patients were divided into two groups. None of the patients knew whether they were in the group being prayed for or not. This was necessary to rule out

psychological factors. Patients in both groups were equally sick when they entered the hospital. But here is what occurred while they were being studied.

NONE of the patients who were prayed for needed tubes inserted for breathing or feeding. Twelve patients NOT prayed for, needed such tubes.

Two in the "prayer group" needed antibiotics, while nine in the NOT PRAYED FOR group needed that intervention. Patients prayed for had fewer episodes of congestive heart failure, pneumonia and cardiac arrest than in the group not prayed for. In other words, it appears that, according to scientific observation, prayer did make a difference. Charles Osgood put it this way: "As we used to say about chicken soup— 'it couldn't hurt.'"

I found it interesting that members of the American Medical Association came to their conclusion after this scientific study. They discovered what believers have known all along, God answers prayer. My belief is that truth is not based upon the AMA's conclusion, but upon the promise in the scripture. The AMA could have saved a lot of time, money and energy if they would have simply believed what the Bible teaches about prayer. But you know how it is. We humans tend to put a lot of credibility in scientific studies and the research findings of respected organizations. After all, we reason, if the AMA says that prayer works, then it must really work.

Why not commit yourself afresh to taking your concerns to the Lord? The Bible says, "Cast your cares upon Him, for He cares about you." God is still in the business of responding to the prayers of believers who come to Him in simple faith. And in my book, His promises are absolutely reliable. Believe Him, as we used to say about chicken soup: it couldn't hurt.

**CHRIST'S CUPBOARD MINISTRIES PREPARES FOR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROJECT & MOVE**

Christ's Cupboard Ministries and the Hicksville Churches are now busy making plans to foster a spirit of giving with our annual Christmas project. With the condition of the economy recently, there are a lot more in need this year, we estimate at least 140 families or more will receive the sacks of food,

a gift to show that the people in Hicksville care for the less fortunate in our community. This year the distribution of food will be on Friday, December 19 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at the Hicksville Menonite Church located across from the Elementary School on Arthur Street.

In order to provide the food for the families in need this Christmas and throughout the year, your donations of food and financial support are needed. Again this year Christ's Cupboard has set a goal to raise \$40,000. This amount will not only provide the Christmas Baskets, but will also purchase food for the pantry throughout 2009 as well. Monetary donations can be sent to Christ's Cupboard Ministries at our new address 129 E High St, Hicksville, OH 43526. Additionally, informational brochures explaining our fundraising needs and ways that you can get involved, including sponsoring a family for Christmas will be available at several local businesses, or by contacting us at 419-487-0442 or 419-487-1347.

Christ's Cupboard Ministries greatly appreciates the generous support of the community each year in making the Christmas project and all our ministries not only possible, but also a huge success. Your donations allow us to truly reach out a helping hand to those in need in our community. Christ's Cupboard Ministries provides throughout the year not only food, but also referral/resource information for clients in need of other services. CCM welcomes donations of Christian materials and literature for our clients, any church or person wanting to donate materials should stop by or contact us at 419-487-0442.

Names are now being taken for individuals and families who are in need this year. Families, who have received food from the food pantry since September 1st of this year, may call in to have their names put on the list. Families in need, that have not received from the pantry since September 1st, must make their request in person at Christ's Cupboard during our operating hours on Tuesdays from 12:00-3:00 p.m. or Fridays from 2:00-5:00 p.m. CCM is located in the old wing of Community Memorial Hospital, and will be taking names there until Friday, October 31st.

CCM will then move into the storefront previously occupied by the Treasure Chest bookstore. Due to this move there will be no services available the week of November 3rd. CCM needs volunteers and vehicles to help with the move this week,

anyone available should call 419-487-0442 or 419-487-1347 to find out days and times of moving. The food pantry will reopen on Tuesday, November 11th at the new location.

CCM will be taking names for Christmas at this new location in November on Tuesdays 11th and 18th from 12:00-3:00 p.m., and Fridays 14th and 21st from 2:00-5:00 p.m. All requests to receive the Christmas food must be made no later than Friday, November 21st to be considered for inclusion in this year's Christmas project. Families selected to receive from the Christmas Project will receive notice of this in the mail along with instructions on how to obtain their food.

To be sure that families requesting food assistance from

the pantry or for Christmas, meet the program guidelines to receive, all families must bring a photo id, proof of address (rent receipt or utility bill, PO Boxes do not count), proof of income (all sources) for everyone living in the home, and a statement of the amount of food stamp benefits received, if you receive food stamps. For additional information please call 419-487-0442.

*It's been a year  
Ottie D. Dunderman  
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Wife & Grandmother  
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Our hearts touched by your  
loving ways  
And the kindness that you  
showed.  
The days we shared were much  
too few  
As your path took a different  
turn  
And our hearts ache with  
sadness...  
For your presence, we still yearn.  
In a while our paths will rejoin  
For Heaven waits at journeys  
end.  
It comforts us to know you're  
there  
Our loving mother and our  
friend.  
We'll miss you and  
Love you forever.  
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**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH HOLIDAY BAZAAR AND BAKE SALE**

The annual Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale of Christ Lutheran Church is scheduled for Saturday, November 1, 2008, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The bazaar features a continental breakfast and a lunch full of homemade soups, sandwiches and pies.

The bazaar, which is being sponsored by Christ Lutheran Women with Thrivent matching funds, includes a "Cookie Cottage" filled with Grandma's best homemade Christmas cookies, lots of free door prizes, and a variety of handmade items.

Christ Lutheran Church is located on Main Street, Woodburn, Indiana. Come and join us, and stock up your pantry with holiday goodies.

**MATTHEW 24 LESSON 9**

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

In our last study I was explaining to you about the abomination of desolation that is spoken of in verse 15. I left off talking about the first abomination of desolation which happened in 167 BC. Now let us see when the second desolation will take place.

Matthew 24:15 - (let the reader understand). Jesus is telling the disciples to understand that this is going to happen again. The temple will

be desecrated again and the Jewish people will witness it. When the Jews see this happening they need to flee.

Luke 21:20 warns that the desolation of desecration will be preceded by the coming of the Roman army. When those in Jerusalem look and see the armies of Rome coming, they need to run for their lives.

The siege began on the 14th of nisan, which is April the fourteenth by our calendar, and ended on the eighth of Elul, which is the eighth of September by our calendar. The siege lasted for one hundred and thirty four days. This information comes from the international Standard Bible Encyclopedia and the months from the new Harper's Bible Dictionary.

Matthew 24:16-18 = History records for us a remarkable factor concerning the fall of Jerusalem. Christians took the invasion of the Roman armies as the appointed sign which Christ had given (Luke 21:20-22). Thus God was bringing due wrath upon unbelieving Jews, He made provisions for those who had become Christians to escape.

For Bible Salvation HEAR the word - Romans 10<sup>th</sup> 17; Matthew 7:24-27. BELIEVE that what Christ has given to us in the New Testament is true. (Hebrews 11:6; Mark 16:15-16) Not faith only - James 2:24; John 12:42. REPENT Acts 2:38; Matthew 10:32-33; Acts 8:36-37. Then BE BAPTIZED Acts

2:38; Matthew 28:19-20; after this live faithfully unto death. Revelation 2:10. Remember that If Jesus loves you and so do I! If you have any Bible questions feel free to call (419) 399-5022 or (419) 393-4775.

**LEARN MORE ABOUT PLATELETS, PHERESIS, THE RED CROSS & HOW TO SAVE LIVES**

Learn more about platelets, pheresis, the American Red Cross, and how to save lives on Thursday, November 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hicksville Community Service Center. The program is free and is open to everyone.

Learn more about saving lives by donating platelet pheresis; which helps patients with cancer, leukemia, surgeries, bone marrow transplants, chemotherapy, and radiation. Hicksville pheresis nurse Carl Sabo and a representative from the Fort Wayne Red Cross will share how desperately blood platelets are needed in Northwest Ohio, how they may be donated, how it helps others, and how it can save lives.

For more information on the Platelet Pheresis Program or to register for it, please call the Hicksville Community Service Center at 419-542-7173.

**PAYNE MANNA FOOD PROGRAM**

I am excited by the way the program is growing. For November and December you may purchase any or all of the seven specials without buying the regular box.

I really like the Special 4, Thanksgiving box. A complete meal for 6-8 people includes a 7-9 lb. Turkey breast, stuffing, casserole, vegetable, mashed potatoes, gravy mix, dinner rolls and dessert.

I will have extra order taking hours on Friday, October 31 at St. Jacobs Fellowship Hall from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. This is one time only because of the short time between orders.

This is people helping people. If you would like to volunteer on the distribution day, call Ralph Williams at 419-263-2083 for details.

Pray for good weather on November 15.

**VETERANS REVIEW FROM V.E.T.S.**

This week the Antwerp V.E.T.S. Memorial committee would like to recognize the following veterans for their military service; each name will be inscribed on granite tablets. The list is in no particular order: Robert Leo Phillips, Russell Fitzgerald Goudy, Tammy Sue Shidler, Con William Shuherk, Martha Rosa Canfield, Carl Anthony Kortokrax, Neil Clair Hughes, Raymond Bender, Jack Clair Laney, Orville E. Copsey, David J. Daeger, Kevin B. Sosbe, Melvin Boyd Billman, Ralph R. Laisure, Ralph N. Whitehouse, Harry L. Getts, Frank Wilson, Percy P. Smith, Victor E. Cromley, Harmon S. Van Horn.

Perhaps one of these people is a friend, neighbor, relative, or yourself. There are numerous veterans to be

honored; this is but a small listing. These veterans, in addition to current service men and women, offer up a portion of their lives in defense of country and comrades. Their sacrifice enables our country to be the greatest nation on the face of the earth.

Please support the efforts to create a lasting tribute to these generous and courageous persons by attending the V.E.T.S. Beef, Brew, Band Bash on Saturday, November 1. Many people have freely contributed time, talents, and resources to enable the All-Veterans Memorial become a reality. Please attend and help the V.E.T.S. committee honor your veteran. Donations can also be mailed to V.E.T.S. P.O. Box 742, Antwerp, OH. 45813.

**PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL REVAMPS EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT SERVICES**

Emergency department services are taking on a new look at Paulding County Hospital. Urgent Care will be the new name of the emergency service formerly known as PrimeCare. The main advantage to the new program will be that it is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. No appointments will be necessary, just walk in and be assessed by a caring, professional nurse. Everyone will be seen on a first come, first served basis. The only exception to that rule would be if a critical patient would need to be seen immediately. Everyone can understand that life or death takes precedence. Paulding County Hospital will still maintain a fully functioning emergency room at all times.

The purpose for the updated program was to better serve the community. The Urgent Care setting is perfect for when a patient's family doctor is out of town, a high fever develops at 7:00 p.m. or maybe a visitor from out of town suddenly gets ill. The welcoming environment includes multiple treatment and exam rooms offering privacy, cleanliness, and comfort. There is always a physician on site.

The way the system works is very simple. When a patient presents to the emergency room, one of the nurses on duty will assess you. After consulting a detailed set of criteria, the nurse will determine what level of care will be assigned, from urgent care up to the highest emergency room level. The lowest fee will be similar to a physician's office visit fee. A professional fee from the emergency room physician will also apply to any visit to the emergency room. Illnesses that are commonly seen in the urgent care setting are: earache, sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea, strains and sprains, painful or burning urination, flu-like symptoms, simple wounds, rashes or allergic reactions. All diagnostic services such as lab or x-ray will be available.

These changes will all become effective on November 1, 2008. If there are any questions, please call 419-399-1141 for more information.

**"Always vote for principle, though you may vote alone, and you may cherish the sweetest reflection that your vote is never lost."**  
—John Quincy Adams  
Presented by Phillip Piersma



# Turkey Supper

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X	Ohio Supreme Court Justice <b>Evelyn L Stratton</b>
X	Judge of Court of Appeals <b>Vern Preston</b>
X	Paulding County Commissioner Term starting January 2, 2009 <b>Tony Burkley</b>
X	Paulding County Commissioner Term starting January 3, 2009 <b>Tony Zartman</b>
X	Paulding County Prosecutor <b>Joseph R Burkard</b>
X	Paulding County Recorder <b>Dawn L Smith</b>
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**General Election - November 4, 2008**  
**Paulding County Board of Elections**  
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## MORE NUMBERS!

**By Bryce Steiner**  
 The chart below explains what the letters to the editor have been written about when claiming that Paulding County's tax rate is higher/lower than other counties. After hearing so many different "facts" I decided to check with the Ohio State Auditor and was provided with the numbers below.  
 The Auditor's figures clearly show that Paulding County pays a higher tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed property values than other area counties, but that doesn't tell the entire story. As you well know Paulding County was rated as the "most affordable" county in 2007 and you can see that in the third & fifth columns. The property doesn't cost and isn't worth as much as in the other areas. So, to help correct for the lack of tax income, the county has higher rates per \$1,000 of assessed value to bring in more to fund county expenditures.  
 An owner of a \$100,000

house in Paulding County would pay \$394.10, but in Putnam would pay only \$267.75 (assessed valuation is 35% of market/appraisal value). This should show that buying a house for the same amount of money in Paulding County vs. Putnam would give you much more of a house if the assessed values are correct.  
 The per person tax is also included but the last census is 8 years old and so may not be as accurate.  
 You can also see that in total amounts Paulding brings in less property tax revenue. Again, that is due to land & property values being much less than our neighboring counties even though the rates are higher.  
 Please keep in mind, these numbers do not count village, school, township, and other misc taxes.  
 This is not written to sway any voters to one opinion or the other. It is only said to give the readers the best information possible. County

officials have stated that some county programs may/will be cut if they do not receive the additional funding they have asked for.  
 Much of the property tax you pay, you decide on November 4th. The levys aren't free and neither are county services. If you want services and don't mind paying for them, then voting yes will be just fine. If you don't like your taxes and don't think we need the different services then you know what to do. But don't complain to the county auditor or treasurer about your taxes being "high", while you vote for the levys. You see, one can't be had without the other.  
 The amounts of tax per \$1,000 assessed value and the county assessed values were provided by the Ohio State Auditor. The census information is from the US Census Bureau. The county square mileage is provided by Wikipedia.

Paulding County's property tax compared to neighboring counties

County	Tax rate for County operations per \$1000 of assessed valuations**	County Total Assessed Valuations	Total County Square Miles	Assessed valuations per square mile	Amount of Property tax based on assessed valuations
Defiance	\$8.91	\$701,997,654	414	\$1,695,647	\$6,254,799
Putnam	\$7.65	\$590,466,620	484	\$1,219,972	\$4,517,070
Van Wert***	\$7.90	\$445,869,883	410	\$1,087,488	\$3,522,372
Paulding*	\$11.26	\$296,729,186	419	\$708,184	\$3,341,171

\*The report actually stated that Paulding's tax rate per \$1000 of assessed value was \$12.76 but was altered due to "adjustment of the rate for inflationary increases"  
 \*\*Amounts may be different for certain people due to various exemptions & abatements received. Assessed Valuation = 35% of market/appraised value.  
 \*\*\*Van Wert's report for 2007 is not complete. Therefore the latest numbers available (2006) are used.

County	Population*	Per person tax based on assessed valuations
Paulding	20,293	\$164.65
Defiance	39,500	\$158.35
Putnam	39,188	\$115.27
Van Wert	34,726	\$101.43

\*Census data is over 8 years old and has certainly changed since.



### QUESTIONS AND ISSUES

ANTWERP VILLAGE	Renewal, 2 mills, 5 years, 2009-2013, POLICE DEPARTMENT
GROVER HILL VILLAGE	Renewal, 7 mills, 5 years, 2008-2012, CURRENT EXPENSES
LATTY VILLAGE	Renewal, 2 mills, 5 years, 2009-2013, CURRENT EXPENSES
MELROSE VILLAGE	Renewal, 2 mills, 5 years, 2008-2012, CURRENT EXPENSES
OAKWOOD VILLAGE	Additional, 0.5 mill, 5 years, 2008-2012, CURRENT EXPENSES
PAULDING VILLAGE	Replacement with a Decrease = 2 mills, 5 years, 2009-2013, CURRENT EXPENSES
PAULDING VILLAGE	Renewal, 1 mill, 5 years, 2009-2013, FIRE PROTECTION
PAULDING VILLAGE	Renewal, 1 mill, 5 years, 2009-2013, PAULDING VILLAGE POOL
PAYNE VILLAGE	Replacement, 1.7 mills, 5 years, 2009-2013, FIRE PROTECTION
PAYNE VILLAGE	Additional, 1 mill, 5 years, 2008-2012, POLICE DEPARTMENT
SCOTT VILLAGE (Van Wert Co most populous)	Replacement, 2 mills, 5 years, 2009-2013, FIRE PROTECTION
HARRISON TOWNSHIP	Replacement, 1 mill, 5 years, 2009-2013, FIRE PROTECTION
JACKSON TOWNSHIP	Renewal, 0.5 mill, 5 years, 2009-2013, EMS
PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SD (Paulding & Putnam Co)	Renewal, 2.71 mills, 5 years, 2009-2013, EMERGENCY REQUIREMENTS
VANTAGE CAREER CENTER JVSD (Van Wert Co most populous)	Replacement, 0.8 mill, 5 years, 2008-2012, CURRENT OPERATING EXPENSES
VANTAGE CAREER CENTER JVSD (Van Wert Co most populous)	Bonds in the amount \$17,869,000, 1.2 mills, 28 years, 2008-2035, PAYING THE LOCAL SHARE OF SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION UNDER THE STATE OF OHIO VOCATIONAL FACILITIES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM,
OTTOVILLE LSD	Income tax of 0.75%, CPT, beginning January 1, 2009, current expenses
BLUE CREEK TWP	Local Option - The Station - C-1 Liquor Permit
LATTY TOWNSHIP & GROVER HILL VILLAGE	Local Option - N&N Quick Stop Carryout, LLC - C-1 Liquor Permit
PAULDING VILLAGE 2	Local Option - Chief Super Market Inc. - D-6 Liquor Permit
PAULDING COUNTY	Renewal, 1.2 mills, 5 years, 2009-2013, ENHANCED 9-1-1 SYSTEM
PAULDING COUNTY CARNEGIE LIBRARY	Additional, 0.65 mill, CPT, commencing in 2008, CURRENT OPERATING EXPENSES
PAULDING COUNTY	Additional, 2.5 mills, 5 years, 2008-2012, CURRENT EXPENSES

### Official Questions and Issues Ballot

#### 1 Proposed Constitutional Amendment

To provide for earlier filing deadlines for statewide ballot issues (Proposed by Joint Regulation of the General Assembly of Ohio) To amend Sections 1a, 1b, 1c, and 1g of Article 11 of the Constitution of the State of Ohio The proposed amendment would:  
 1. Require that a citizen-initiated statewide ballot issue be considered at the next general election if petitions are filed 125 days before the election.  
 2. Establish deadlines for boards of elections to determine the validity of citizen-initiated petitions.  
 3. Standardize the process for legal challenges to citizen-initiated petitions by giving the Ohio Supreme Court jurisdiction to consider these cases and establishing expedited deadlines for the Court to make decisions.  
 A "yes" vote means approval of the amendment  
 A "no" vote means disapproval of the amendment.  
 A majority "yes" vote is required for the amendment to be adopted.

#### 2 Proposed Constitutional Amendment

To authorize the State to issue bonds to continue the clean Ohio program for environmental revitalization and conservation (Proposed by joint Resolution of the General Assembly of Ohio) To adopt Section 2q of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Ohio This proposed amendment would:  
 1. Authorize the state to issue up to two hundred million dollars (\$200,000,000) of bonds for conservation and preservation of natural areas, open spaces and farmlands and other lands devoted to agriculture, including by acquiring land or interests in land; provision of state and local park and recreation facilities and other actions that permit and enhance the availability, public use and enjoyment of natural areas in the state; and land, forest, water and other natural resource management projects.  
 2. Authorize the state to issue bonds up to two hundred million dollars (\$200,000,000) for environmental revitalization and re-development of publicly and privately owned lands, including environmental remediation, assessment or clean up of contamination or pollution.  
 3. Limit the amount that could be borrowed in any one fiscal year for either conservation or re-

talization purposes to more than fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) plus the principal amount of those obligations that in any prior fiscal year could have been but were not issued.  
 If adopted, this amendment shall take effect immediately.  
 A "yes" vote means approval of the amendment.  
 A "no" vote means disapproval of the amendment.  
 A majority yes vote is required for the amendment to be adopted.

#### 3 Proposed Constitutional Amendment

To amend the Constitution to protect private property rights in ground water, lakes, and other watercourses (Proposed by Joint Resolution of the General Assembly of Ohio) To adopt Section 19b of Article 1 of the Constitution of the State of Ohio This proposed Amendment would:  
 1. Make explicit that a private property owner has a right to make reasonable use of the ground water that lies beneath the owner's land, although this right is subordinate to the public welfare.  
 2. Make explicit that a private property owner who owns land on the border of a lake or other watercourse has a right to make reasonable use of the water is such lake or watercourse located on or flowing through the owner's land, although this right is subordinate to the public welfare.  
 3. Not affect the public use of Lake Erie and other navigable waters of the State.  
 4. Prevent the rights confirmed under this proposed amendment to the Ohio Constitution from being impaired or limited by the operation of other sections of the Ohio Constitutions  
 If approved, this amendment shall take effect December 1, 2008.  
 A "yes" vote means approval of the amendment.  
 A "no" vote means disapproval of the amendment.  
 A majority yes vote is required for the amendment to be adopted.

#### 5 Referendum

Referendum on legislation making changes to check cashing lending, sometimes known as "payday lending", fees, interest rates and practices Substitute House Bill 545 (H.B. 545) which was passed by the Ohio legislature and signed into law by the Governor, substantially changed the law regulating how certain lenders in Ohio operate. Under the referendum, voters

must decide whether Section 3 of H.B. 545 should go into effect. Section 3 of H.B. 545 deletes the old provisions of the law regulating check cashing lenders, sometimes known as "payday lenders," in favor of the new provisions.  
 1.If a majority of Ohio voters approve Section 3 of H.B. 545, all short term lenders, including check cashing lenders, would be subject the following limitations:  
 \*The maximum loan amount would be \$500.  
 \*Borrowers would have at least 30 days to repay the loan; and  
 \*The maximum interest rate would be 28% annual percentage rate (APR) on all loans.  
 2.If a majority of Ohio voters reject Section 3 of H.B. 545, check cashing lenders would be allowed to continue under previous law as follows:  
 \*The maximum loan amount would continue to be \$800;  
 \*There would continue to be no minimum repayment period; and  
 \*Check cashing lenders could continue to charge rates and fees, resulting in a total charge for a loan that substantially exceeds an equivalent APR 28%  
 A "yes" vote means you approve of Section 3 of H.B. 545, and want to limit the interest rate for short term loans to 28% APR and change short term lending laws.  
 A "no" vote means you disapprove of Section 3 of H.B. 545, and want to permit check cashing lenders to continue to be able to offer short term loans as currently permitted.  
 A majority "yes" vote is required for Section 3 of H.B. 545 to be approved.

#### 6 Proposed Constitutional Amendment

To amend the Constitution by initiative petition for a casino near Wilmington in Southwest Ohio and distribute to all Ohio Counties a tax on the casino (Proposed by initiative petition) To adopt Section 6a to Article XV of the Ohio Constitution:  
 This proposed amendment to the Ohio Constitution would:  
 1. Authorize one privately owned casino with a required minimum initial investment of \$600 million dollars on a 94-acre site located near the northwest corner of State Route 73 and Interstate 71 in southwest Ohio in Chester Township near Wilmington, Clinton County, Ohio.  
 2. Require the casino to pay a tax of up to 30% on its gross receipts for gaming less payouts. The taxes

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are to be used first to pay expenses of regulating and collecting taxes from the casino, then for funding of gambling prevention and treatment programs, and the remainder to be distributed in the amount of 10% to Clinton County and 90% to the remaining counties based on population and to be used at each county's discretion.

3. Reduce the tax paid by the casino authorized by this amendment to the lesser of the rate taxed on another casino or 25%, in the event another casino is permitted in Ohio in the future.

4. Require that the casino be subject to all other applicable types of taxes that are currently in effect in Ohio.

5. Authorize the casino to conduct any game permitted in the State of Nevada, or any state adjacent to Ohio, including any type of card or table games, slot machines, and electronic gaming devices, except bets on races or sporting events. Only persons age 21 and over would be permitted to place bets. Amounts of bets would not be subject to any limits now or

in the future. Days and hours of operation would not be subject to limits.

6. Set aside the application to the casino for all local and state laws and any constitutional provisions that would prohibit the operation of this privately owned casino, including any local zoning law that would prohibit or place restrictions on a casino from operating on the property in question.

If approved, this proposed amendment shall take effect 30 days after the election.

A "yes" vote means you approve of amending the Ohio Constitution to permit one casino near Wilmington, in southwest Ohio.

A "no" vote means you disapprove of amending the Ohio Constitution to permit one casino near Wilmington in southwest, Ohio. A majority yes vote is required for the amendment to be adopted.

## 21 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal)

### Paulding Exempted Village School District

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall a levy renewing an existing

levy be imposed by the Paulding Exempted Village School District for the purpose of providing for the emergency requirements of the school district in the sum of \$418,250 and a levy of taxes to be made outside of the ten-mill limitation estimated by the County Auditor to average 2.71 mills for each one dollar of valuation which amounts to \$0.271 for each one hundred dollars of valuation for 5 years, commencing in 2009, first due in calendar year 2010?

## 22 Proposed Tax Levy (Replacement)

### Vantage Career Center Joint Vocational School District

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A replacement of a tax for the benefit of Vantage Career Center Joint Vocational School District for the purpose of current expenses at a rate not exceeding eight-tenths (0.8) mill for each one dollar of valuation which amounts to eight cents (\$0.08) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five years. Commencing in 2008, first due in calendar year 2009.

are not ready it is not possible to be prepared by the date the first round of grant applications are due. Matt warned council the Uniform Relocation Act has specific procedures to go through and if these are not followed we run the risk of not receiving any federal funds. Mayor or stated we would put the grant application process on hold for now; this will continue when the engineering portion of the project is finalized. We should be prepared by the time the second round of grant applications are due.

Mayor received a complaint of Midge flies from a resident. Jim Lauer stated there are chemicals that can be put on the ponds to help. Mayor will have Ryan check on chemicals and inform resident.

2009 Budget was read by title, Councilmen made motions to accept, all agreed, motion passed. Warrants were presented for approval totaling \$13,004.55, Councilmen made motions to pay warrants, all agreed, motion passed. Mayor Hoepfner suspended reading of the minutes, Councilmen made motions to approve, all agreed, motion passed.

Councilman Reichhart spoke with a resident concerning a trailer and items he has laying on property behind the gas station; he will have the trailer moved and the items cleaned up within a month. He also reported T & C Concrete will be taking out the piece of concrete across from the elevator on Front St. while they are here doing the sidewalk repairs. This is not part of the bids; they will be billing separately when the work is completed. Councilman Reichhart would like a letter sent to Mr. Deice with the Railroad for his help in getting the tracks cleaned up.

Councilman Zimmerman reported T & C should begin sidewalk repairs this week and have guaranteed to be completed by Halloween for added safety.

Lesa Meadows reported repair work to the air conditioning was not covered under warranty. Resident is requesting a discount to his mother's utility bill at 4610 State Road 101 N. They were watering newly planted grass where trees were taken out.

## Accounting of 1996 & 2008 provided at the 4H meeting October 14

General Fund 1996 Ending December 31st, 1996	General Fund 2008	Percent Increase
Board of County Commissioners	\$156,004.00	28.84%
County Auditor	\$128,214.00	31.79%
County Treasurer	\$76,760.00	14.71%
County Prosecutor	\$119,799.00	75.45%
Board of Revision	\$120.00	
Bureau of Inspection	\$50,000.00	2.00%
Automatic Data Processing Board	\$40,000.00	
Court of Appeals	\$7,900.00	-17.72%
Common Pleas Court	\$80,983.84	76.67%
Juvenile Court	\$41,267.00	215.21%
Probate Court	\$30,416.00	26.61%
Clerk of Courts	\$110,280.68	1.84%
Coroner	\$26,804.00	70.31%
County Court	\$158,832.00	48.25%
Election Board	\$110,355.00	75.40%
Commissioners Buildings and Grounds	\$314,684.81	-6.02%
Maintenance and Operations	\$260,726.00	
Sheriff	\$831,840.67	64.84%
Recorder	\$102,695.00	33.05%
Humane Society	\$300.00	
Agriculture	\$109,118.00	
Tuberculosis Clinic and Care	\$2,000.00	
Registration of Vital Statistics	\$400.00	
Other Health(Handicap Children)	\$17,910.00	-44.17%
County Home	\$5,000.00	
Childrens Service Board	\$123,607.00	
Veterans Relief	\$71,083.00	105.73%
Veterans Service	\$5,100.00	
Public Assistance Grant	\$74,828.00	
Law Library	\$513.00	886.16%
<b>Not Sure where the following Matched up:</b>		
Historical Society	\$1,000.00	Engineer \$56,955.00
Insurance/Pensions/Taxes	\$187,000.00	Insurance \$100,000.00
Lost Control Coordinator	\$43,343.00	Insurance/Loss Control \$91,405.00
Miscellaneous	\$263,116.00	General Fund Transfers \$388,827.00
Contingencies	\$15,000.00	Commissioners Misc. \$58,000.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$3,567,000.00</b>	<b>Our Grand Total 4284479.00</b>
		<b>County Grand Total 4284426.00</b>
		<b>?? Difference of \$53.00</b>

## CITY OF WOODBURN MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 6, 2008

Jim Lauer, the City Engineer, presented a map of the City and discussed the options of repairing the inflow problems within the sewer system. Jim will look at the areas discussed and decide which lines need to be replaced and which ones are in good enough condition to be lined. Some lateral lines will have to be replaced; Mayor suggests including this ex-

pense in the cost of the project. Putting a new lift station in at Tile Mill Road and 101 and taking the lift station out of service at Woodburn Road and Hetric Road was discussed. The benefits of adding another sewer pond were discussed. There were no decisions made; Jim Lauer will wrap up the engineering within the next 30 days. Matt Vondran with the NIRCC stated in order to proceed he needs a defined project by Friday; due to the fact the engineering reports

Councilmen made motions to approve a sewer discount, all agreed, motion passed. Resident at 5207 State Road 101 N is requesting a discount to his utility bill for watering newly planted grass, Councilmen made motions to approve a sewer discount, all agreed, motion passed. Resident at 4724 Homestead Trail is requesting a discount to his utility bill; someone turned on his hose and ran a large amount of water before discovered. Councilmen made motions to approve sewer discount, all agreed, motion passed.

Councilman Norden asked if there was any new information on the Highway 24 project; Mayor reported the bid was let and Primco got the bid on the interchange.

Councilman Clegg would like to go back to printing in the paper how Councilman vote, Councilman Norden agrees. He feels citizens have a right to know how their Councilman is voting. When all Councilmen don't agree he would like to have a roll call vote printed in the paper; Mayor approved.

Councilman Mason stated the new police car is in and should be ready in a few weeks. The dog is doing very well and dog training should last through Thanksgiving.

Council meetings for November will be the 3rd and 17th at City Hall starting at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Lesa Meadows.

## ST. JACOBS SOUP SUPPER

St. Jacobs UCC of Payne is holding its annual election day soup sale. Serving is at 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

The menu consists of vegetable beef soup, chicken noodle soup, chili, hot chicken and BBQ pork sandwiches,

pies, salads and beverages.

A free will offering will be appreciated and proceeds go to Youth for Christ.

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## Huber Opera House

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~Don't Miss these upcoming Events!~

**Sun, Nov. 2nd** – 6:30 pm - AUSTIN'S BRIDGE – Gospel Music Sponsored by Church of Christ.

**Sun, Nov. 9th** – 2:00 pm - HELP CLAIM A PEACE Defiance College, Ministerial Association, Hicksville Schools, Kids from the Alley. Free Adm, Prizes, Refreshments,

**Friday & Saturday** – 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm; Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm School House Rock – H.E. School. Directed by Keith Countryman.

**Sat, Nov. 22nd** – 7:30 pm & Sun 23rd at 2pm - MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC (Show tunes from Rogers & Hammerstein) Plus The Gemm - Dandies– (Barbershop Quartet)

## St. James Lutheran Church

Payne, Ohio

# Fish & Chicken Strip DINNER

**When: Thursday, Nov 6**  
**Time: 4:30 – 7:00 PM**  
**Where: St. James Church - 511 West Townline Rd. (Across from school)**  
**Cost: \$8.00 adults/ \$4.00 children (3-12)**


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## HOLIDAY BAZAAR AND LUNCHEON

**Saturday, Nov. 1**  
**Woodburn Community Center**  
**9:00 - 2:00**

Sponsored by  
**Woodburn United Methodist Women to benefit missions projects**

**Homemade Baked Goods**  
**Crafts from Area Vendors New &**  
**Nearly New Items Raffle & Lunch**

**CLOTHING GIVEAWAY AT MELROSE CHURCH**

Melrose United Methodist Church in Melrose is having a clothing giveaway on Saturday, November 8, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Good, clean clothes will be available free for all ages to whoever needs it. Those who come can get items for themselves and also for friends and family. For more information, call 419-594-3411.

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Last week I wrote a letter asking Paulding Village voters to support the upcoming Recreation Levy for pool maintenance. I was approached shortly thereafter and asked if I would write a letter to explain the Village's Current Expense levy that will also be on the ballot November 4th.

This is not a new tax on your tax bill. However, it is a replacement with a reduction in millage. The original levy was passed in 1984 at the rate of 2.4 mils and was calculated on 1984 property values. Since 1984, the current expense levy has been renewed each time it came up at 2.4 mils based on 1984 property values. The levy is used to pay for our Village's streetlights.

Costs have risen dramatically and now for the first time in 25 years, this levy will not generate enough funds to pay the light bill.

The replacement levy means that the millage will be figured on current property values, not the 1984 value. We, as village council members, wish we did not have to ask for a replacement.

We wish we could go on as usual, but we must face reality. Council agreed that if we based the levy on current property values we could reduce the amount of millage from 2.4 to 2. So that is where the replacement with reduction comes into play.

We have to pay the light bill. In 2007 the current expense levy brought in \$60,505.80. The streetlight bill totaled \$54,686.95. In addition, we had to pay for repairs, maintenance, auditor's fees, etc. (yes, we have to pay an auditing firm to have our books audited - most people don't know that) for a total expenditure of \$62,850.86. As you can see, we ran in the red for 2007.

The Paulding County Auditor's website (www.pauldingcountyauditor.com) allows you to see how much this will increase your taxes. On my home, I currently pay \$28.18 per year for this levy - with the replacement and reduction I will pay \$53.04 per year. That breaks down to an additional \$12.43 per half.

I believe our village officials have done a great job in keeping the village operating on the limited funds we receive in spite of the escalating increases we face.

—Kim K. Sutton

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Being a child is a full-time job, shouldn't the position of prosecutor, the children's last defense, be a full-time job too?

Time after time the incumbent, Joe Burkard has plea bargained with convicted felons. We do not negotiate with terrorists nationally because we know that it will ultimately harm our country. It is my opinion that when we "negotiate" or "plea bargain" with local criminals we will ultimately harm our county! This is our backyard, these are our children, our grandchildren. Voters shouldn't have to worry that the prosecutor won't have the time to protect their loved ones.

Think about it... going to trial costs something a part-time prosecutor with his own private firm agenda cannot afford... time. Burkard is paid the same regardless if he puts in two hours or 92 hours a week as the current prosecutor. Operating a private practice is all gravy into his pocketbook. What about us, your voters? What about our children? Where do we get sandwiched into your schedule Joe? Check out MY story in the guestbook at www.hermanforprosecutor.com

—Nikia Vogel

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

In response to Ricki Slattery Starrett's (of Defiance County, Ohio) letter to the editor in the October 22, 2008, issue of the West Bend News. If you have concerns about a particular case in our court system why have you not contacted me or the Victims' Advocate? You state that you are in business, would you not want a customer to contact you if he or she had a concern?

I discussed your letter with my staff who you have had contact with. Within the last two weeks you offered to buy my staff, "Coney dogs and Root-beers" for the great job that they were doing, collecting checks for your business and answering your questions. My staff respectfully declined your offer.

I am not a part-time prosecutor as you state in your letter. I am a prosecutor with a private practice and I am available to law enforcement 24 hours, seven days a week and others daily from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

I share your concerns about how tax dollars are spent as my family and I are residents of Paulding County. I am concerned that electing my opponent who will have a salary and benefits in excess of \$120,000 per year will not benefit my county. I am also concerned that my opponent's lack of experience will negatively impact the progress made over the past 12 years that I have been Prosecuting Attorney.

Ms. Slattery Starrett please make an appointment or call me so that we can discuss what is best for Paulding County.

—Joseph R. Burkard, Prosecuting Attorney

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

In Response to Nikia Vogel:

Over the past 12 years as Paulding County Prosecutor my position has never been part-time. I am available seven days a week, 24 hours a day to deal with incidents in Paulding County. I have served as a prosecutor electing to have a private practice. I have proudly and successfully served as the County Prosecutor at a salary nearly half of that proposed by my opponent who states that he will not have a private practice. His salary with benefits, if elected, will exceed \$120,000 per year. Do the tax payers want to increase the cost of operating the County Prosecutor's Office?

My plea agreement negotiations in criminal cases have never harmed our county. The cases that are negotiated are always done with great concern for the victim and careful consideration to sentencing guidelines for criminals. All prosecutors negotiate plea agreements based upon the facts and circumstances of each case. My opponent is no exception and has stated that plea bargaining is part of dealing with criminal cases.

Please contact me if you have questions about my office or schedule an appointment.

—Joseph R. Burkard, Prosecuting Attorney

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

November 4<sup>th</sup> is quickly approaching us and I would like to say a few things I think people need to know. If you are a registered voter, please take the time to vote. Voting is not an option, but a responsibility as a taxpayer. Our county and country deserve our votes.

I have heard a common statement from a few of the public officials and a few candidates that really bothers me. This comment is, "What we need to do is educate the public on why the levy needs to pass." For those that already hold public office, educate us. When was the last time Ed Straley or Marty Harmon explained what exactly this levy will do and won't do? I would have appreciated an explanation of the levy in the paper, or maybe a document that was made public and was available at every public office for the viewing of every citizen of Paulding County. Where is that document and where are our commissioners?! And for those running for commissioner, what is your detailed plan? Have any of you even looked at our current budget? Where can the cuts be made? Do any of you have a plan of action for handling this crisis? This is the most important position in the county and it would be irresponsible to not look at the budget and understand where the money is or isn't. This position requires a go-getter, someone who can assess the counties

strengths and weaknesses. It will require someone to put forth the time and effort to study and research information and "think outside the box" for the answers. It is irresponsible to think we will achieve a different outcome by doing the same things. Just making a forced budget cut is not the answer, what are your ideas for really making a difference? Have you put in any time prior to this point in the election to research or study the current situation? If not, how do you think you can step into this position and make good sound decisions for the county?

With the economy in a tailspin, I believe people are more concerned than ever with spending money. If we must fund such a levy we want to know we have the most qualified people managing the money. After studying all of the candidates running, I have come to the conclusion that Brad Dysinger and Tony Zartman will give 100% in managing the county. Whether you like these two or not, you have to look at the whole picture to understand they will do what it takes to make this county a better place. They both have similar ideas in managing the county and how to fix the problems. One person can't do it alone, it will take a group effort which includes all elected officials and the citizens. Tony and Brad have what it takes to lead us in the right direction.

—Tim Dauten

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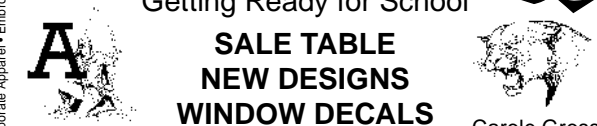
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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

To the Citizens of Paulding County:

I urge you to support, along with me, the County General tax levy. In June we had an old pickup stolen from our farm driveway. Deputy Gary Dietrich helped in the recovery of this pickup, plus finding the individuals thought to be responsible for the theft.

What impressed me was the time Deputy Dietrich spent on this case. This pickup was not worth much, yet the Deputy spent time in finding our truck. If this levy fails, the Sheriff's Department may not have the manpower needed to work on a small case such as ours.

The money collected from this important levy will help area farmers and landowners with the continued operation of the Soil and Water Conservation Service. All of us will benefit from the OSU Extension and our children from the continued presence of the 4-H Program. It will also help keep deputies out protecting us.

—Jim Stoller

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Cicero wrote "If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need." I don't have a garden but there is always a library nearby. The library is one of my favorite places. If I have a project I'm working on, the library is the first place I go. Lots of times the librarian gets me started with ideas or suggestions. All I have to do is ask. It's a comfortable, friendly atmosphere to research a book or project, read the latest magazine or local newspapers and I don't have to buy them. I always enjoy the different activities the library has to offer, book club, story time with my grandson, learning classes, craft classes and always a good book! I especially enjoy the library in Oakwood when they have the coffee on! A cup of coffee, visiting with other patrons, it doesn't get much better, unless maybe, I had a garden. That's a good idea, I'll research how to plant the perfect garden for next spring, but maybe not! I'd rather have a good book!

—Anada Cooper

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

I am writing in response to the Lewis-Lehman engagement in the October 22nd edition of The West Bend News. I can't tell for certain whether he is wearing a neck chain or she is wearing a bracelet. Either way, the medal on a chain is a WWII German Iron Cross. It was awarded to German soldiers for killing their enemies including Americans. Why anybody would wear that in an engagement picture is beyond me. Many German soldiers had them. If an American soldier found a dead German soldier with one on the battle field he would "liberate" them of the medal figuring the German wouldn't need it anymore. It ranked right up there with the German Lugar pistol as a souvenir.

The Nazis also awarded a similar medal to a German mother on the birth of her 13th child.

I brought one each of these medals home when I returned in August 1945. They are worth some money from a military collector. I long ago gave them to my children.

I have no idea where Mr. Lehman acquired the medal. It might have been passed down from a relative who was in WWII. He can wear it in an engagement picture if he likes but knowing why it was awarded I wouldn't wear it down to the VFW hall. There might be somebody there that was shot at by the Germans.

—Robert A. Hedrick

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

It is so important for everyone to stand up and show their support for the candidates or issues they support. For all the McCain-Palin supporters, the Paulding County Republican Headquarters has received an additional 250 yard signs that are ready to be distributed. To pick up your sign, visit the headquarters on West Perry Street, next to Bubba J's. Or, call 419-399-9021. No matter which candidate or issue you support, it has never been more important for you to get out and vote. Remember, you can vote absentee by visiting the Board of Elections on the south side of the square.

—Fred Pieper, Chairman Paulding County Republican Party

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

I am a first time voter of Paulding County. I address this letter to all young voters in our area.

Remember this: we are the new voice of our nation, let's be a voice that awakens our country to what truly matters.

It is sad to think that our voice has already been weakened because one third of our generation never had a voice, never had a choice; they were silenced before they were even born. These people could have been friends, co-workers, great political leaders, scientists, doctors, emergency workers, or a future spouse. In this world we'll never know just how much we lost when we lost them.

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the expense of my grandson. I feel that to save a grandson is worth more than an ex-sex offender. My grandson deserves more than he has been getting from the system. The system has failed to truly investigate all allegations. It is easier to brush it under the rug. I am here to tell you, my grandson is worth saving, but if the system doesn't do its job thoroughly then the guilt falls back to them. Paulding County has a chance on election day to make choices of change. Isn't it time to elect people who can make a difference in the whole county?

—Wendolyn Sharp

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

If you haven't already voted as an early voter, I really hope you will be going to the polls on November 4th. Would you like to have more information on the property tax levies that will be on your ballot? If so, visit the county auditor's real estate website at [www.pauldingcounty-auditor.com](http://www.pauldingcounty-auditor.com) and you will be able to view information that relates directly to your property. On our web site you will be able to search, by parcel number, owner name, or address, to bring up parcel information. Then select 'Levy' info to the left of the page, and finally click on levy information. Then next screen will reveal all the levies current and proposed attached to that parcel. The levy information includes the levy name, type, millage, estimated tax, and expiration date. To view the proposed levy ballot language, click on any highlighted proposed levy. This will bring up the ballot language which

enables you to read the levy wording before you go to the polls. I recognize the complexity of property tax levies, this is another step in the direction of providing the public with the information they want. I will continue adding features that we believe will benefit the residents, if funding is available. Presently, our web site also includes Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) which is very helpful to residents. Our web site is funded from revenue that is generated from State mandated fees. These fees are to be used for real estate related costs only; no funding comes from the county's general fund. If you do not have access to a computer or the internet, the Paulding County Carnegie Library and branch libraries will be glad to help you access this information free of charge. You may also access our real estate website on public computer terminals provided by the Auditor's office located in the courthouse. If you have any questions, please contact the County Auditor's office at 419-399-8205.

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**Where Do the Candidates Stand on Abortion?**

**John McCain**      **Barack Obama**

**Abortion on Demand**

- Voted to oppose *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court decision that allows abortion for any reason.
- "I have stated time after time after time that *Roe v. Wade* was a bad decision, that I support... the rights of the unborn. I have fought for human rights and human dignity throughout my entire political career. To me it is an issue of human rights and human dignity."
- Co-sponsor of the "Freedom of Choice Act," (S.1173) which would make partial-birth abortion legal again, require taxpayer funding of abortion, and invalidate virtually all state and federal limitations on abortion, such as parental notification laws.
- "I have consistently advocated for reproductive choice and will make preserving women's rights under *Roe v. Wade* a priority as President."

**Partial-Birth Abortion Ban**

*The partial-birth abortion procedure — used from the fifth month on — involves pulling a living baby feet-first out of the womb, performed for the head, puncturing the skull and suctioning out the brain. The great majority of partial-birth abortions are performed on healthy babies of healthy mothers.*

- Voted for the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act.
- Did not vote for the Illinois Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act when it came before the Illinois State Senate.

**Protecting Abortion Survivors**

- Voted for legislation that provides care and protection for babies who are born alive after an abortion.
- Voted four times against legislation in the Illinois State Senate that would have provided care and protection for babies who are born alive after an abortion.

**Taxpayer Funding of Abortion**

- Voted in favor of the Hyde Amendment, which prohibits taxpayer funding of abortion through Medicaid.
- Voted consistently against federal funding of abortion.
- Voted against legislation in the Illinois State Senate that prohibited taxpayer dollars from being used to pay for abortion.
- His campaign has stated that he "does not support" the Hyde Amendment, which prohibits taxpayer funding of abortion through Medicaid.

**Parental Notification Law**



- Voted to support a bill that would have required an abortionist to notify at least one parent before performing an abortion on a minor girl from another state.
- Voted to block a bill that would have required an abortionist to notify at least one parent before performing an abortion on a minor girl from another state.

**Sarah Palin**

- Opposes abortion and believes unborn children should be protected. As Governor of Alaska, supported pro-life legislation.
- "...I am pro-life and have never wavered in my belief in the sanctity of every human life."

**Joseph Biden**

- Voted to endorse *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court decision that allows abortion for any reason.
- "I strongly support *Roe v. Wade*... That's why I led the fight to defeat Bork. Thank God he is not in the Court or *Roe v. Wade* would be gone by now."

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

I am truly disappointed in the choice the democrats have made for President. Obama has one part-term in the senate.

You could say that he is not dry behind the ears, pro-abortionist, opposes concealed weapons carry, wants to increase tax on rifles at 300%, hunting ammunition at 500%. Besides this, he wants to ban all handguns. Are you a Christian? Are you a hunter? Would you like a President on this belief? Not me.

—Ralph Williams

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

There were hundreds of people who took time to stop and sign my petition, called and gave me advice on where to call. I was amazed at the response. The only pitfall was in contacting the Job and Family Service Director for an update. Needless to say, I was not even given the courtesy of a call back. It makes me wonder where the money my business pays into this agency is being used that they cannot return a call. The petition will be available to sign until Thursday, October 23 then it is being sent to government offices. The County Prosecutor cannot justify to me why no action has been taken. In my opinion, it is time on election day to put someone in the office that will investigate every situation to the fullest of their ability. I feel right now I am being shortchanged at

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

What does the local library mean to me? This was a question that I was asked not too long ago and I really had never thought about it. I am sad to say, the library is just one of those things that I took for granted all these years. Not until the last year or so, when my children were old enough to start participating in the activities that the library provides year around, have I come to realize just how wonderful the library really is.

One of the many things that I love about the library is that it gives people access to tools that they may not have in their home, or just don't understand how to use. The library is a place where everyone can go to get access to the computer or other tools that are available. The staff is always more than willing to help, whether it is to track down a book or search on the web. The library is also a great gathering place where the WHOLE family can come with a wonderful children's area, adult section not to mention the teen area. No matter who you are, or where you live and work, you are just as important as the next person that walks through the door because everyone has the same benefits once they become a member of the library.

There is no better way to

educate your children than to read to them. The earlier they are introduced to books the better. In this fast-paced world we live in today, so many families are being overwhelmed with financial burdens, hectic schedules, demanding jobs etc. People may overlook all the benefits of the library. Knowing that the library is a place for your child to go to do homework or get information on that research paper, with the benefit of a willing staff to assist if needed. What the library gives back to the community is so much greater than I could have ever imaged. I am so thankful to have such a great library in our community for myself and for my children. The children are the future and the future is what is important. We need to continue to give our children every opportunity that is available.

—Abby Hornish

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

I would like to respond to Mr. Burkard's reply to my daughter-in-law's letter to the editor. The fact that my grandson "the child" did recover isn't the point! Had he (Mr. Burkard) been standing with me beside my grandson as he shook uncontrollably, was unable to focus and barely knew anyone around him, he might have taken this case more seriously! Any amount of cocaine in a two year old

child is too much! To plea bargain with a repeat felon who jeopardized his own son's life by not telling the truth is unacceptable!

—Sandy Sanders

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

In the October 8 issue of West Bend News was an editorial telling us we should vote for John McCain because of his military experience. This whole editorial was about "war". I can't believe someone likes this so-called "war" so much that he wants to elect a person who will continue it. This travesty of a war is a waste of time, money and our troops lives. America is in the worst shape that most of us can ever remember!

He doesn't want to put a "rookie" in the White House! I hate to tell him that we've had a "rookie" in office for eight years. We have been in this so-called war for over seven years and what has it gained us? More enemies, record high gas prices, failing economy, and over 4,000 of our brave troops lives wasted. Why do you think so many of them speak out against Bush after they leave the service? They know the truth!

He also want us to be prepared to face a long tough time because of this useless war! He needs to wake up. We have been having long hard times for several years. Why do you think Bush's ratings is so low (even he admits it)? I am sick

of living on nothing and trying to stretch a little money a long way! So are most other people. Ask the person who has lost their jobs or homes what their opinion of King George's war and economy is. You probably wouldn't be able to print it though! People are sick and tired of our incompetent government acting like things are good.

John McCain served our country in the military and I respect that as I respect anyone who has served even if they didn't feel the cause was just. He also spent many years in captivity as a prisoner of war in another useless war. That should have made him realize you cannot defeat an enemy that looks forward to dying if they can take an American with them. They can't defeat us in a normal war and we can't beat them by killing one terrorist per week! If King George would quit waving his war sword and stop trying to be the world's policeman we wouldn't have these problems. No wonder these countries hate us; if someone came into my house and tried to tell me how to live, and believe I'd fight them too.

If you want to vote for McCain, do it because you feel he is the right person; not for his military record. America can't afford a continued war and a failing economy. Military leaders don't always make good leaders of a country!

—Gregg Gorman



**ROCKIN' & ROLLIN' AT THE PAYNE CRUISE IN**

**By: Sue Knapp**

Last Saturday in Payne was where the action was. The Payne Elementary School parking lot held all makes and models of classic cars and trucks.

DJ Chad Hook from Payne was on hand crankin' out the oldies but goodies. The BBQ was going and for those who like to shop there was a craft show in the school.

There was an old taxi cab (Austin) that was quite interesting. It had a lot of leg room in the back and a glass sliding window between the two seats.

Dennis Bush from Tekonsha, MI had most original item. A modified shopping cart, "The Super Shopper", for those serious shoppers. It had wheels for rough terrain, a horn and lights. This bad boy means business.

It was a great way to spend a beautiful day.

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

No New Taxes: To the Voters of the Paulding Exempted Village School District:

I am writing this letter asking for your support of a RENEWAL Levy the Paulding Exempted Village Board of Education has placed on this November ballot. I can't state enough times this is a RENEWAL. We are not requesting any new money from our district, but we are asking for a Yes Vote on a RENEWAL Levy that has been collected from the people of our District since 1981. For almost 30 years we have collected about \$418,000 from this levy. This money is very important to our district; it was needed in 1981 and even more so in 2008.

PEVS has a very dedicated, hard-working staff. Over the years quite a few of our administrators and teachers have taken the time to apply for grant money bringing in additional supplies and programs that we would not have been able to afford. Some of this grant money has been used for; supplemental materials in Reading, Math and Science programs, provided money for after school tutoring, money for summer camp for our students in the Oakwood and Paulding Elementary buildings, new technology called "Smart Boards" which aide in classroom instruction. This year alone we received a large grant that allowed us to hire a new preschool teacher and aide for each elementary building. This money comes from the state and we would not have received it if not for the foresight and diligence of our administrators and teachers.

Our teaching staff is working very hard to provide the children of our district with a good education. Many of our teachers have received awards for outstanding achievement in the classroom. Most recently Randi Jones, a Paulding Elementary teacher, was nominated by a student and won the Fort Wayne WalMart Teacher of the Year. She presented a check to the school board in the sum of \$1,000 to be used for student incentives and reward programs. Also recently, Cheryl Schier, Paulding Middle School, was nominated 98.1 "Teacher of the Week."

Our support staff takes pride in keeping our buildings clean and in good working order, aiding the classroom

teacher, supplying the lunches, manning our offices and bringing your children safely to school and back home.

Our children receive a quality education whether in the classroom, on the athletic field, theatrical stage, Science Olympiad, vocational training, band/choir and many other activities available.

I ask no more of you than of myself. I can think of no better place to put my tax dollars than into the education of the future caretakers of this community. Outside our board room is a statement: "Out students may be 20% of our population, but they are 100% of our future." We will continue to work hard to be good stewards of your tax dollars.

Respectfully,  
—Tam Stoller, President,  
Paulding Exempted School Board

**TASTERS BUFFET 2008**

The Dallas Lamb Auxiliary Taster's Buffet this year which will be featuring our famous salad and dessert bars will be held on Wednesday, November 5 from 4:30 until 6:30 p.m. We will also be serving ham and Grant's delicious chicken. We will also serve Clare Burgoon's famous homemade stuffing. It is always a delicious meal. We will hold this meal at Divine Mercy hall in Payne.

This has been a very busy year for the Dallas Lamb Auxiliary. Our big project has been decorating and furnishing the new rooms at the home. We bought two leather lounge chairs, several end tables, a coffee table and lamps for the "Great Room." We also purchased many pictures for the walls of the "Great Room" as well as the new long hall and several patient rooms.

We also added a new clock and ceramic items to add color and a homey look to the enlarged dining room. Another project we sponsored was new ceramics for the dining room. They added a nice touch to the many windows.

Other projects we completed this year were a quilt show which was well attended and providing flowers for the gazebo as well as water proofing the gazebo. We planted flowers outdoors for the enjoyment of the residents in the special unit.

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This week, I would like to introduce you to an exceptional group of Vantage students - the Ambassadors.

Last March, about 25 soon-to-be-seniors were hand-selected, at the recommendation of their teachers, to accept a leadership role and represent Vantage at different events and activities at school and in their home communities. In addition to serving the school in a student-leader role, meetings provide the students with focused leadership and organizational skills.

If you attended any local parades this summer and fall, you probably saw some Vantage Student Ambassadors riding the Vantage float. Throughout the school year, these students will serve as tour guides when there are visitors to the building. They were on hand during new stu-

dent/parent orientation at the beginning of the school year to help direct our newcomers to their labs and classrooms. In January, some of these students will share their story when we visit our participating schools and talk to sophomores about the opportunities at Vantage.

This dedicated group of students even met during the summer to plan and organize the annual Vantage Student Appreciation Day which took place earlier in the school year.

Tim Kramer, a Carpentry senior from Ottoville enjoys being a student ambassador. "It's a good experience - we have a lot of fun too." Rustin Adam, an Ag Diesel senior from Crestview thinks being an ambassador is a good learning experience. "We get to build on and use our lead-

ership skills", said Cody Butler, a senior from Crestview in the Precision Machining program. Bekah Dull, a Cosmetology senior from Van Wert thinks being a student ambassador is a good opportunity to meet people. Tyler Johnson, a Crestview senior in the Health Careers program says, "Being a student ambassador is great!" Audra Woodcox, an Antwerp senior in the Medical Office Management program said, "I'm really proud to be a student ambassador. I enjoy representing Vantage and serving as a tour guide and shadow host to guests in our building. Vantage in itself is an amazing opportunity for students. I'm glad I came to Vantage."

Currently, all ambassadors are seniors. At the end of the first semester, teachers will recommend junior students who will be invited to participate in the group. Vantage is very proud of the 2008-2009 student ambassadors. They are: Rustin Adam, Eric Beck, Jasimine Boop, Cody Butler, John Chavarria, Bekah Dull, Matt Erhart, Drew Fisher, Tyler Johnson, Isaac Kistler, Tim Kramer, Ashley Lantz, Elaine Lock, Cassie Martinez, Nick Miller, Mike Ricker, John Rohlf, Samantha Trisel, Erica Whitt, Samantha Wiswell and Audra Woodcox. Advisors for the group are Dee Howell, Adam Lee, Marcia Osenga, Ben Winans and MaryJo Wilhelm.



Kevin Dangler, retired Superintendent of the Western Buckeye ESC, shows his support for the upcoming Vantage levies by serving as the Honorary Paulding County chairperson of the "Citizens for Vantage" campaign.

## ODOT READIES EQUIPMENT TO MAINTAIN SAFETY DURING ICE AND SNOW SEASON

As the Ohio Department of Transportation gears up for the 2008-2009 winter season by readying its snow-clearing equipment, ODOT crews are fine tuning a "Smart Salt Strategy" for keeping roadways safe by using the right amounts of salt and manpower at the right times and locations.

And ODOT is reminding motorists that in Ice and Snow... Take it Slow.

Throughout October and November, ODOT's maintenance forces will hold a series of Operational Readiness Events in each of the state's 88 counties, to ensure every plow, truck, and spreader is road ready.

Locally, ODOT District 1 will conduct equipment inspections at all eight of its facilities in Allen, Defiance, Hancock, Hardin, Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert, and Wyandot counties. The inspections will take place in early November.

Across the state, ODOT will have more than 1,700 plow trucks and 3,000 drivers ready to clear ice and snow when the first storms arrive, ODOT maintains nearly 39,000 lane miles of highway, which carries approximately two-thirds of the state's average daily traffic.

"When winter weather blankets the state, Ohio's residents and businesses depend on our integrated transportation network to connect goods to markets, workers with jobs, people to health care and education, and families with loved ones and home," said ODOT Director James Beasley. "With this year's increased cost of salt, the department has devised a Smart Salt Strategy to ensure that crews are as efficient as possible with the salt on hand."

Like most Midwest states, Ohio has seen a dramatic increase in the price of rock salt. On average, salt will cost about \$62 per ton, compared

to last year's price of \$42 a ton. ODOT uses an average of 700,000 tons of salt each winter.

Some of ODOT's Smart Salt Strategy includes the use of calibrated salt spreaders, found on every ODOT snow plow, to allow crews to adjust the application of ice-melting materials; infrared temperature sensors which allow crews to see the exact surface temperature of the roadways, so salt is applied only where needed; and mixing of sand or grit materials with the salt, to provide better traction in snow on less travelled roadways.

Throughout severe winter events, crews constantly monitor pavement conditions. It's hoped this Smart Salt Strategy will help ODOT to be 30 percent more efficient with salt use and ensure continued safety.

Beyond the plows and salt this winter season, ODOT will encourage drivers to be prepared. The first snow storm usually seems to be the worst because many motorists forget the winter driving skills they developed last year. Being a careful and informed driver is the best way motorists can travel safely. ODOT's best advice: in Ice and Snow... Take It Slow.



## AUGLAIZE FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY ANNUAL SOUP SUPPER

7:00 p.m.  
The supper will take place at the Auglaize Fire Department which is located at the corner of St Rte. 637 and Rd 169 (2 miles east of Five-Span bridge).

The Auglaize Fire Department is planning their annual Soup Supper on Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> from 4:00 to

## HARVEST AND FESTIVAL AT JOHN PAULDING DAYS

Once again the John Paulding Historical Society opened its doors to the public at its annual "Harvest Festival" held Saturday, October 11, 2008. Photos were published of this event, but no mention was made of the raffle winners. \$100 went to Michele Boundy, \$50 to Ila Rush, Knott Pottery mixing bowl to Frank Tracy, Ohio State afghan (handmade by Luella Thomas) to Maxine Cluts and a paper shredder (donated by State Bank and Trust) to Terry Buehler. Congratulations to all.

In November, the Museum opens its doors to its annual Festival of Trees (Christmas Trees) beginning Thursday, November 13 from 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m., through Sunday, November 16 from noon to 4:00 p.m. The theme is "A Season to Sparkle" with the popular Talking Tree making its annual appearance. I heard a rumor that there is an upside-down tree this year as well.

A Silent Auction will be held; and as always, donations are accepted at the door to defray costs of heat, electricity, etc. Committee members

include: Luella Thomas, Anna Kausar, Dianne Stouffer, Rose Munger and Eileen Kochensparger. A luncheon will be served November 15 at noon.

This event is planned to get visitors in the holiday decorating mood as well as to showcase area talent in the are of Christmas Tree Decorating.

—Cara Lou Strahley,  
JPHS Secretary

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## Strickland & Brown campaigns for Obama in Paulding County.

Governor Ted Strickland and Ohio US Senator Sherrod Brown are planning a campaign stop for Barack Obama in Paulding County

**Wednesday, October 29 at 9:00 am**  
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For additional information contact Paulding County Democratic Chairman Ron Farnsworth at 419-258-2022

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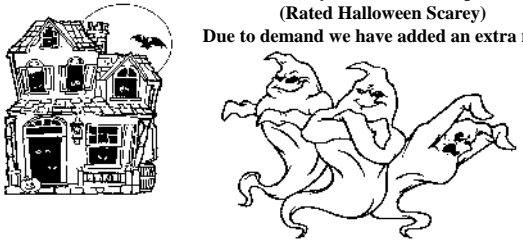
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# PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS

## NOVEMBER 2008 NEWSLETTER



### SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of the Paulding Exempted Village Schools,

The district will be asking voters to pass a renewal levy on November 4<sup>th</sup> to continue supporting the operational costs of providing a quality education. The levy is not a new tax. It was first passed in 1981 and has been renewed six times. This renewal levy is estimated at 2.71 mills, which is down from the 1981 rate of 8.0 mills. Please consider this issue carefully and feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

November 16-22 has been designated as *American Education Week*. This is the 87<sup>th</sup> observance of the event. The annual theme is "*Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility*". *American Education Week* spotlights the importance of providing every child in America with a quality public education from kindergarten through college, and the need for everyone to do his or her part in making public schools great. Research shows that parental involvement in schools improves student achievement, reduces absenteeism, and restores confidence among parents in their children's education. I am thankful for the dedicated faculty, staff, administration and parents that we have working with our children daily. Education is the key to a better future for our children.

Yours in Education,  
Pat Ross  
Superintendent

October had two other "special weeks": School Bus Safety Week brought officers from the Van Wert post of the State Highway Patrol, who reviewed bus safety with our kindergartners. Frequent reminders at home of the importance of following bus rules are much appreciated. As we all know, a moment's distraction while driving can have horrible, lasting results. Red Ribbon Week activities are planned by school outreach worker, Charity Meuleman, to reinforce and to promote the importance of living a drug-free lifestyle. Setting aside time at school and at home to address the given topics aids our children in making good, healthy choices.

Oakwood Elementary invites all Veterans to our Veterans' Day Program on Tuesday, November 11, at 9:30.

Oakwood Elementary received a Certificate of Commendation from The State Board of Education for achieving the designation of **Excellent** on our Local Report Card for 2007-2008. We are very proud of this award! As always, we need and appreciate the support of our whole community to meet goals such as this and to help our children be successful-thank you for being there for us!

**Middle School-David Stallkamp**  
Hello from Paulding Middle School  
The first nine weeks grading period ended October 17. Honor roll t-shirts and rewards will be passed out soon. Congratulations to those students that have attained this distinction. We are proud of you.

School pictures were taken on October 17, as well. Retake day is set for November 20.

Spirit Week was held Homecoming Week and what a fabulous PEP RALLY we had in the middle school. That was the loudest, most spirited rally I have ever attended. It was great to see this school spirit return to our school. Let's keep it up. Our 7th graders won the fall spirit stick for their efforts at the rally. Nice job, 7th graders.

Thank you to everyone for their generosity with this year's fund raiser. Items have been handed out to the students and the deadline for payment is Friday, October 31. Thanks to you, our school made a profit of over \$10,000 that will be put towards incentives and needed items for the students. If writing a check for your items, please make these checks out to Paulding Exempted Village Schools. Thanks again for making this a very successful sale.

Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for November 6 and November 11. It is always great to see parents interested in their children's education. Please call Marcy at the school, 419-399-4656, ext. 1212 to set up a time to meet your child's teachers.

On Friday, November 14, our 8th graders will take their annual tour of Vantage Vocational School in Van Wert. We appreciate Vantage allowing us to visit.

Our annual 6th grade HOG ROAST is scheduled for November 21. Thank you to all that make this feast a reality. Many hours of preparation go into making this day happen and we sincerely appreciate all those that volunteer their time to help that day. Thank you in advance for your kindness.

Please stay on your children to continue performing well in school. Assist with homework, studying for tests, and turning in what is asked of them. Thank you for your continued support of Paulding Schools.

**High School-Todd Harmon**  
Paulding High School has a new banner hanging above the entrance on Water Street in honor of receiving "**Excellent**" status on the state report card for the 2007-2008 school year. Thanks to the teachers for all they do to prepare the students of our school district to achieve and prepare for the challenges of the global market. Their role in shaping the character of these young people will help them make a difference in their community. Paulding High School would also like to thank all those parents and guardians who have helped these students to achieve, and encourage you to meet with their teachers during upcoming conferences on November 6 and 11. I also would like to thank senior Alex Straley for his leadership with the golf

team this fall and commend the volleyball team for their hard work. We look forward to the potential of next year's team. Thanks to the band for their tireless work at all the football games, as well as the "Sounds of the Stadium" performance on October 28.

**NOVEMBER 4 - ELECTION DAY**  
All residents are encouraged to vote Tuesday, November 4. This is a great example for the students to see their family members participate in the most basic citizen's responsibility-the right and opportunity to vote.

**PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES**  
The first parent-teacher conferences for the 2008-2009 year are scheduled for November 6 and 11 from 4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. each day. These conferences not only provide an opportunity to learn about your student's work but allow you to show your student that his/her education is important to you. Attending the conference will give you ideas on how you can help your child be more successful in school. If you are not contacted for a conference, please feel free to call the school offices to schedule an appointment.

**WAIVER DAY-NOVEMBER 12**  
There will be **NO SCHOOL** for students on Wednesday, November 12. This will be a professional development in-service day for the staff. School will resume on Thursday, November 13 at the regular time.

**WINTER SPORTS SEASON TICKETS**  
Tickets for PHS winter sports will be on sale at all the home girls and boys scrimmages at the following prices:  
SEASON TICKET: Adult/Student  
Boys' Basketball: (9 games) \$45/\$30  
Girls' Basketball: (10 games) \$50/\$35  
ALL SPORT TICKET: \$75/\$40  
Family Pass: \$200 (Includes children in grades 1-12)  
Student Athlete: \$10

- ⇒ Presale tickets for boys' basketball are \$5 for adults and \$4 for students. All tickets at the door are \$6.
- ⇒ Tickets for girls' basketball and varsity wrestling are \$5 for adults and \$4 for students at the door.
- ⇒ Tickets for Jr. High basketball and wrestling and freshman basketball are \$2 for adults and \$1 for students.

**FALL MUSICAL-A WONDERFUL LIFE**  
The Paulding High School Drama Department will be performing the musical version of "A Wonderful Life" this fall. The show will be presented Friday and Saturday nights, November 21 and 22 at 8:00 p.m. along with a matinee on Sunday, November 23 at 3:00 p.m. This adaptation of the movie that starred Jimmy Stewart will put you in the holiday mood as you watch our own students portray the various characters that made this show such an all-time favorite. There will be no assigned seating although pre-sale tickets will be available through cast members or the high school office during school hours beginning November 10. Pre-sale prices are \$4 for students (K-12) and \$5 for adults. All tickets at the door will be \$6.

**FCCLA PROJECT**  
The FCCLA (Family Career and Community Leaders of America) is participating in a state wide project titled Project Evergreen. Members from across the state will team up with the Ohio Christmas Tree Growers Association to provide decorated trees to send to our troops overseas. The Paulding chapter is sponsoring three trees by making ornaments, garland and Christmas greetings, plus paying the shipping expenses. The FCCLA will also be providing lunch for veterans from Paulding VFW and Oakwood American Legion on Veteran's Day.

**BASKETBALL PLAYERS in Grades 4-6**  
Our Youth Basketball Association league for boys in grades 4-6 begins on Saturday, December 6. The registration deadline has been extended to November 17. If you have not yet registered, forms are still available at Oakwood Elementary, Paulding Elementary and Paulding Middle School.

**SENIOR CITIZEN BREAKFAST**  
The annual Senior Citizen Breakfast will be on December 10. All district residents 60 years and older are invited to join us at 8:00 a.m. for a great breakfast, fellowship and entertainment. We will be showcasing the talents of our students in each building. Please call the administration office at 419-399-4656 to reserve a seat.

**YEARBOOK SALES NOTICE**  
Parents of high school students should have received information from the Paulding Yearbook staff in the mail recently, regarding the ordering of yearbooks for the 2008-2009 school year. If an order is not placed, another form will arrive approximately one month later with the same options available. Please contact Karen Schlatter at 419-399-4656, x 1131 if you have any questions.

**SEARCH FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES**  
Our school district is participating in an effort to identify, locate and evaluate all children from birth through 21 years of age who may have disabilities. Disability, in this instance, means such conditions as hearing impairments, visual impairment, speech or language disabilities, mental retardation or other health impairments, physical impairments, autism and traumatic brain injury. Our school has responded vigorously to federal and state mandates requiring the provision of a free and appropriate public education, regardless of a child's disability. But before we can serve children they must be found. Many children with disabilities are not visible because they cannot function in the mainstream of the community. Also, many unidentified children with disabilities are preschoolers. Parents may not be aware their child has a disability, or that there are programs and services available. Our school district is interested in meeting the needs of the children with disabilities. If you know of a child who may have a disability, contact the school for information or help.

### ATHLETIC CALENDAR

<b>JV Girls' Basketball Scrimmages</b>		
Nov. 20	Delphos St. John-A	5:00
<b>Varsity Girls' Basketball Scrimmages</b>		
Nov. 7	Ft. Recovery-H	5:30
Nov. 11	Liberty Benton @ Wapakoneta	5:00
Nov. 18	Kalida-H	5:00
Nov. 21	Owens-Tech-A	6:00
<b>JV Boys' Basketball Scrimmages</b>		
Nov. 29	Leipsic-A	10:00
<b>Varsity Boys' Basketball Scrimmages</b>		
Nov. 15	Van Buren-A	10:00
Nov. 18	Holgate-A	6:00
Nov. 21	Hilltop-H	5:00
Nov. 28	Stryker-H	12:00
<b>Varsity Wrestling Scrimmage</b>		
Nov. 28	Elida-A	6:00

### DISTRICT CALENDAR EVENTS

Nov. 2	Time Changes-Turn Clocks Back	2:00a
Nov. 3	H.S. Picture Retake Day	7:30a
Nov. 3-7	Paulding Elementary Book Fair	
Nov. 3	Sci. Olym. Bstr. Mtg.-Aud.	7:00
Nov. 4	ELECTION DAY	
Nov. 5	Athletic Booster Meeting	7:00
Nov. 6-11	Oakwood Elementary Book Fair	
Nov. 6	PLAN test/College bound Soph.	7:40-11
Nov. 6	Parent-Teacher Conferences	4:30-7:30
Nov. 11	Oak. El. Veterans' Day Assembly	9:30
Nov. 11	Manchester College Rep	10:00
Nov. 11	Veterans' Lunch-Rm A118&A119	11:30
Nov. 11	Veterans' Assembly-HS Gym	12:15
Nov. 11	2nd Gr.-JP Hist. Soc. Festival/Trees	2:45
Nov. 11	Parent-Teacher Conferences	4:30-7:30
Nov. 12	WAIVER DAY-No school for students	
Nov. 13	Kdg.-JP Hist. Soc. Festival/Trees	9:30
Nov. 13	Financial Aid Night-Paulding County Seniors and Parents-MS Gym	7:00
Nov. 14	OakEl Student/Month Lunch	1:00
Nov. 18	Board Mtg.-Admin. Bd. Room	7:00
Nov. 20	M.S. Picture Retake Day	
Nov. 20	OakEl Open Skate-Wood-U	8:00
Nov. 21	OakEl Kdg Family Reading Day	3:00
Nov. 21	Pldg. M.S. 6th Grade Hog Roast	
Nov. 21	"Wonderful Life" Musical-Aud.	8:00
Nov. 22	"Wonderful Life" Musical-Aud.	8:00
Nov. 23	"Wonderful Life" Musical-Aud.	3:00
Nov. 24	Band Booster Mtg.-Band Room	7:00
Nov. 26-28	NO SCHOOL-Thanksgiving Break	

# ARCHERS KICK EDON OUT OF THE TOURNAMENT



Antwerp played Edon at Edgerton. Shown here is Victoria Zuber spiking the ball while Mickae Schlatter prepares for the return. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)  
Antwerp vs. Pettysville District Finals were played on October 25. Pettysville triumphed over Antwerp after five sets. Scores: 23-25P, 19-25P, 25-9A, 25-14A, 11-15P.

Antwerp won against Hicksville on October 18 moving them to the District Semifinals at Edgerton playing the Edon Bombers on October 21.  
Edon started strong on Tuesday night after winning against Edgerton on Saturday. The Bombers won the first two matches of the District Semifinals looking to send Antwerp home early, but Edon tired out quickly in the third match. Antwerp, seeing this, took advantage of the opportunity and played stronger than ever winning matches 3-15; scores of matches were 21-25, 17-25, 25-16, 25-16, 15-6

Archer stats:  
Kole Schlatter - 18/18 serving, 14/14 setting, 27/30 passing, 18 kills, 2 aces, 19 digs, 10 blocks  
Mickae Schlatter - 14/14 serving, 5/5 setting, 40/44 passing, 15 kills, 1 ace, 28 digs, 3 blocks  
Kelsey Bashore - 21/22 serving, 80/81 setting, 14 assists, 36/37 passing, 9 kills, 1 ace, 26 digs, 7 blocks  
Darcie Reinhart - 21/21 serving, 3/3 setting, 25/25 passing, 3 aces, 19 digs  
Loni Walk - 7/7 serving, 63/63 setting, 22 assists, 4/5 passing, 4 digs

# PAYNE BALL ASSOCIATION SOFTBALL CLINIC NOVEMBER 1&2

The Payne Ball Association will be sponsoring a softball pitching, hitting and defensive skills clinic on Saturday, November 1, and Sunday, November 2. The clinic will be held at Wayne Trace High School and the featured clinician will be Bob Pelle of FP Softball, along with the Rowan University coaching staff.  
Early registration pricing has been extended to any registration forms received by October 29, 2008.  
For more information, please e-mail to [payneball@verizon.net](mailto:payneball@verizon.net) or check the website at [www.payneball.com](http://www.payneball.com). You can also contact Kevin Wannemacher at (419) 263-0805.

# WOODLAN WARRIORS WIN AGAINST NORWELL KNIGHTS

By: Jeff Abbott  
The Norwell Knight were no match for the Woodlan Warriors on October 10 in varsity volleyball.  
Scores: Woodlan over Norwell 25-20, 25-19, 25-16  
Individual Warrior stats:  
Emenhiser - 15 kills, 5 errors, 26 attempts, 5 aces, 2 digs  
Potter - 3 kills, 1 error, 7 attempts, 2 aces, 1 blocking solo  
Sieger - 7 kills, 8 attempts, 32 assists, 1 ace, 3 digs  
Spindler - 2 aces, 7 digs  
Wheeler - 2 aces, 4 digs  
Fuellling - 1 ace, 8 digs  
Koeneman - 3 kills, 3 errors, 13 attempts, 1 blocking solo  
Carver - 5 kills, 2 errors, 11 attempts, 2 blocking solos  
Kirkwood - 6 kills, 4 errors, 14 attempts, 2 digs, 1 blocking solo  
In the JV game, the Warriors fared just as well the

Knights. It was a Woodlan victory - 25-11, 25-17.  
The Woodlan freshman team fell to Norwell - 17-25, 20-25

# PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND DISMISSALS

Admissions:  
10/20 - Dakota Henry, Paulding  
10/23 - Alice Crutchfield, Latty  
10/25 - Mildred Hoschak, Paulding  
10/26 - Gerald Williamson, Paulding  
Dismissals:  
10/21 - Dakota Henry, Paulding  
10/25 - Mildred Hoschak, Paulding, transferred to Lutheran

# CANDIDATE FOR PAULDING COUNTY TREASURER: SUSAN A. PAULUS

My name is Susan A. Paulus and I am running for the office of Paulding County Treasurer. When asked why I am running in such a turbulent time, my response is that I care about Paulding County. I feel strongly that we deserve elected officials who are 1) proud of Paulding County, 2) strong, effective leaders, 3) knowledgeable, capable and ready to get the job done. My work history and community involvement give me the skills to serve the county I care so much about.  
Skills needed to work in the Treasurer's Office include: experience in budgeting (both writing the budget and living within it), knowledge of investments, lending (including mortgage lending), supervision, auditing, grant writing, accurate maintenance of accounts, implementation and enforcement of security procedures and customer service. I learned these skills through my 33 years working in bank-

# LOCAL VOLLEYBALL RESULTS



Woodlan pulled past Bishop Luers to advance in sectionals on Saturday morning, October 25. Scores: 25-15W, 25-27BL, 25-21W, 25-23W. Shown here is Sarah Koeneman & Taylor Carver as they setup a block. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)  
The Lady Warriors battled for dominance on the court at the volleyball sectionals with Adam Central on Saturday night. The Jets proved mightier this time after five sets. Scores were as follows: 10-25AC, 25-16W, 25-20W, 19-25AC, and 5-15AC.

ing, and the three years I spent at Paulding County Mental Health as a case manager, and three years at Paulding County Senior Center as Director. I know that I can walk in the door and do the job.  
My community involvement includes work with the Paulding Chamber of Commerce, as a board member, Vice President and President, head of the Steering Committee for Paulding County Leadership in Action, several years ago I worked with the newly formed Paulding County United Way to assist the committee in getting the program up and going. I have also spent

many hours working with my church, the First Presbyterian Church in Paulding, as a past elder and head of many committees - including the Worship Committee and Christian Education Committee - while I currently teach the High School Sunday School class, sing in the choir, work with the children's choir, and serve as the assistant secretary for the church.  
Many of you know my family. My husband is Richard. His family is one of the original first families of Paulding County, moving here in 1870. That makes me a newcomer to the community as I came here in the mid 1950's. We have three daughters: Carol Razo who has been an auditor for the State of Ohio for many years, Dianna Karlstadt who is the administrator at our family owned business Paulding Preschool/Little Blessings Daycare, and Pam Leever who works at GM and lives in Defiance County. We have nine grandchildren who are the light of my life.  
Recently I took a public stand in favor of the County Operating Levy. After sitting in on two the commissioner's budget meetings, I am compelled to ask people to support the levy. The levy will cost us personally twenty cents (.20) a day, which I can find a way to afford. In a recent sermon, our pastor used the following scripture reference: "we are hard pressed on every side but not crushed, perplexed but not in despair, persecuted but not abandoned, struck down but not destroyed" (II Corinthians 4:8 & 9). While the sermon was speaking to us within the congregation, I thought that those words were encouragement to all of us even our nation as a whole, because we are not crushed, in despair, abandoned or destroyed -yet - but we do need to work together to rebuild a financially healthy county and country again.  
-Susan A. Paulus, Candidate for Paulding County Treasurer

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Friday night, October 17th was a chilly night for high school football. Woodlan trumped Adam Central to win the game. Score in the end: 33-21. Nathan Wiedemann holds the ball as Cody Gerig attempts the field goal. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)

**VOTERS WILL ONCE AGAIN DECIDE GAMBLING IN OHIO**

**Capitol Letters Weekly Column by: Senator Steve Buehrer**

For almost two decades, Ohio has been the target of gambling advocates, who have waged several campaigns to change our state's constitution, in an effort to bring slot machines, table games and large-scale casino operations to our local communities. These proposals have been touted as a long-term solution to Ohio's economic woes or as a way to increase educational opportunities for our children, while conveniently ignoring the greed, addiction, crime and other social ills that gambling attracts.

As you may recall, in 2006, a group of horse track owners and other gambling proponents fought to pass a constitutional amendment—Issue 3—that would have allowed gambling at Ohio's seven horse race tracks, while also clearing the way for the development of additional casinos down the road. To sell the idea to Ohio voters, the campaign framed the plan as a way to help students pay the cost of college tuition.

Ohioans saw through this smokescreen voting down Issue 3. Ohio voters also overwhelmingly defeated pro-gambling measures in 1990 and 1996.

After being rejected over and over again at the polls, one would think that the gaming industry would get the message that a large majority of Ohioans oppose legalized gambling, but apparently the message has not sunk in. On November 4th, Ohio voters will be asked to vote "yes" or "no" for Issue 6, which would allow an out-of-state company to build a casino resort in southwest Ohio.

As part of the last installment of a series of columns fo-

cus on the statewide ballot issues, I will use this column to provide some background on Issue 6.

Issue 6, if passed, would amend the Ohio Constitution to allow one privately-owned casino to be built in Clinton County near Wilmington. The proposal would require the casino to pay a tax of "up to 30 percent" on gross receipts from gaming payouts. A portion of this tax would go to pay for regulating the casino, as well as fund gambling prevention and treatment programs. The remaining amount would be distributed among Ohio's 88 counties, with 10 percent going to Clinton County and 90 percent to the other 87 counties based on population.

While this may sound like a promising revenue source for county governments, the ballot language includes a provision that says if other casinos move into Ohio and are taxed at a lower rate, the Wilmington casino could reduce its tax rate to match that lesser amount. In fact, there are concerns that this tax rate could be reduced to zero.

Under federal law, once a casino opens in Ohio, American Indian tribes would be able to apply to open a casino here, if they can prove historical roots in the state. And, the law prohibits Indian casinos from being taxed. Therefore, the Wilmington casino could get out of paying taxes altogether.

As with past pro-gambling ballot measures in Ohio, supporters advertise Issue 6 as a way to boost a struggling economy. Although some jobs would be created, the reality is that the negative financial and social impact on the state and local community from crime, addiction, drugs and other issues often outweighs the economic benefits.

Unfortunately, Issue 6 is not about reviving Ohio's

**PAULDING ENDS YEAR WITH A WINNING SEASON!**



Paulding and Crestview tackled in football action on Friday night, October 24. The Panthers stomped on the Knights, 53-13. Senior Wade Bissell gets tackled by a host of Knights. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net). Summary:

- Paulding - Stallkamp fumble recovery in end zone (kick failed).
- Paulding - Rhonehouse 30-yard run (Wolfe run).
- Paulding - Wolfe 5-yard pass from Sholl (Schlatter kick).
- Paulding - Mott 34-yard pass from Sholl (kick failed).
- Paulding - Bissell 54-yard pass from Sholl (Tope kick).
- Paulding - Rohrs 2-yard run (Tope kick).
- Paulding - Stoller 1-yard run (kick failed).
- Crestview - Holden 9-yard run (Perrott kick).
- Paulding - Arellano 40-yard run (kick failed).
- Crestview - Aversch 22-yard fumble return (kick

- failed).
- Elsewhere in high school football, the WT Raiders dominated the Tigers' field when they traveled to Holgate on Friday night, October 24. Score: 27-8.
- Summary:
- Wayne Trace - Hale 8-yard run (Gordon kick).
- Holgate - Klingshirn 32-yard pass from Sehlmeier (Klingshirn pass from Sehlmeier).
- Wayne Trace - Gordon 30-yard field goal.
- Wayne Trace - Hale 55-yard run (Gordon kick).
- Wayne Trace - Hale 61-yard run (Gordon kick).
- Wayne Trace - Gordon 22-yard field goal.

economy. Instead, it is an attempt to establish a gambling monopoly in the state to make profits off hard-working Ohioans, with little concern for the damage that it will cause. Even those individuals who favor wide spread casino gaming in the state should

carefully consider whether granting one developer gaming rights on one site in the state is the best approach.

I encourage all residents of the 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:SD01@mailr.sen.state.oh.us).

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### THE TIME HAS COME

Election Day 2008 is still a week away and I imagine most voters in Paulding County have already made up their minds about how they're going to vote. Not just in my commissioner's race with Tony Burkley, but for president, for congress, and for all the different tax issues too. After spending some time at the election board office this week I was amazed at how many Paulding County residents have voted already. When I checked, it was approaching 1500, and could be a lot more by now. It looks like this election people are paying attention and want to do something about it.

Again this election on November 4th I'll be voting in Roselms at the Washington township building. Back when I was a kid—years before my sister was born—I remember Dad and Mom coming home from their jobs at the Grizzly Brake Lining factory and loading my grandma, Etta Stahl, and me into the car and then heading off to Roselms so they could vote. After they voted we'd do what we did every election day and go to the Roselms Grange to eat supper. Mom and Dad knew

all the ladies of the Grange who had fixed the food and I suspect they went as much to visit as to eat.

I don't remember much about what we ate, other than I know I liked the pie. I've long since forgotten the taste of the pie, or even if I had pie, but the memory of Election Day trips way back then are still vivid in my mind. I have no idea who Mom, Dad, or Grandma voted for, but Dad was a Republican, Mom and Grandma were Democrats. Maybe I didn't notice it then, or maybe the adults of those generations didn't talk about politics in front of their kids, but at any rate I only remember the trip and the Grange.

Three of the four memories I hold fondest from those election days are not around anymore. Grandma went first in 1990, my dad died the same week in September 2001 that the World Trade Center was attacked and destroyed by Arab terrorists, and shortly after that the big tornado wiped out the old Grange building which ironically had become the building we voted in after the old township building was deemed unus-

able. The only ones left are Mom and me, and when I read this article to Mom she laughed and told me she'd forgotten about eating at the Grange.

I've added my own family since then and Mom, Ann and I will probably all go to vote together, even though on past election days our work schedules have caused us all to make a separate four mile trip to Roselms. But whether by ourselves or together I can't ever remember not voting, because one thing my dad thought everyone should do was vote, so once again this year I'll be heading to Roselms and voting, something I've done every year since I turned 18 although not every year in Roselms.

This election I know how I'm voting for commissioner, and how I'm voting on the tax issues (it's no on the general tax/Jail levy and yes on the library.) I'm just not thrilled about either presidential candidate. I don't trust Obama. I think he's a socialist, anti-gun Chicago light-weight political hack who will make Jimmy Carter economics and the late 1970's look like the good old days. Unfortunately the

Republicans picked McCain who I have no faith in either and I don't trust him to do the right thing.

This year I'm voting for the only person that's been in the news lately that I can identify with as being like me. This year I'm voting for Joe the Plumber. His name is easy to spell and by voting for him I'm not voting for the lesser of two evils. I don't think anyone can argue that if you vote for the lesser of two evils you're still

voting for evil, and I'd hate it for my vote to be the one that elected either Obama or McCain.

Now if Sara Palin was on the top of the McCain/Palin ticket I'd have someone to vote for. Maybe in 2012 if the USA can take four years of Obama, because I think he's going to get elected, and still come out standing I'll have that chance. I'm not sure the USA that I know today will be around by then. This could be the elec-

tion that makes our country change in a way that none of us want, anymore than that old Grange hall I remember as a kid that was blown away by the winds of change, nothing left now more than a fondly remembered past, fading from my mother's memory but still vivid in mine. I hope I'm wrong.

Remember voting for evil whether the lesser or greater is wrong. Joe seems like a nice guy to me, but unfortunately nice guys finish last.

### PAULDING COUNTY DON'T GIVE IN TO POLITICAL BLACKMAIL

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in 12 years).

The reason 1996 is important is that's the year before my opponent for Commissioner took office. Sometimes you have to talk and sometimes you have to act, but it never does anyone any good to talk about acting.

To cut all agencies 25% across the board or to cut out 4H Extension, the Fair Board, SWCD, is the coward's way out. The crises Paulding County faces can't be fixed with another tax. Paulding County NEEDS commissioners who will not take the coward's way out. I'll go after waste in county government where it's at. Not after those least able to defend themselves.

On November 4th please elect candidates who will stand up for what is right. It's bad enough our federal government has given billions of dollars of our kid's future to Wall Street bankers, but they ignored what the voter's wishes were; now our county commissioners want us to bail out county government from their wasteful years of spending. The difference between what we do and what the feds did is we don't have to do it to ourselves. Join me in voting no on the tax levy and force our county government to listen.

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—Tim Dauten

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# WOODBURN CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S HOME AUCTION BRIMMING WITH SUPPORT



**By: Sue Knapp**  
 Saturday night, October 18 in Woodburn the community building was busy with people supporting the Woodburn Christian Children's Home. The children from the home began the evening in song with Congressman Mark Sauder and his wife, Dianne, in attendance.

First up was the silent auction where people put a price on an item they were interested in. A lot of nice handmade items and new items were available.

The auction came next with a lot of huge gift baskets and hand crafted items along with many gift certificates for trips and restaurants, tools sports items and many other

## DONATION TO ALL-WEATHER TRACK COMMITTEE GIVEN IN MEMORY

In support of the All-Weather Track Committee that is a branch of the Athletic Booster Club and ACDC, the family of William (Bill) Berenyi gave a donation in honor of his memory. Bill's wife, children, and grandchildren

items were sold.

There was food you could enjoy and homemade baked goods to take home with you.

The children's home operates on donations and fund raisers only, receiving no monies from the state.

Sales from the evening came to \$30,000. Lee Bracey, Executive Director, is very appreciative of the support received from churches and the community. Because of the support, the home can continue to be able to help children, bringing them the security, guidance, moral values and how to function within a family unit. Most of all the children receive unconditional love.

decided to have a memorial each year in Bill's name.

Although Bill was born in Barberton, Ohio, the family soon moved back to their native Hungary where Bill spent most of his childhood. Bill's parents, making the decision to leave their war-threatened homeland, got passage for their young sons on the last ship out of Europe before

World War II was declared. The year was 1939.

Because of his childhood circumstances, Bill was never able to participate in school sports. As an adult he supported youth sports, especially with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Therefore, Bill's family decided that the donation was very fitting.

Donations for this cause are tax-deductible. The goal is to have the blackout around the existing track by this fall and the all-weather surface by the spring of 2010. If you have any questions or would like to make a donation, please contact Steve Arnold at the Antwerp School.

## ISSUE 2 AND 3 WILL IMPACT FUTURE OF PROPERTY RIGHTS, OHIO'S ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMY

### Capitol Letters Weekly Column by: Senator Steve Buehrer

Last week's column began an overview of the five statewide ballot issues that voters will decide this November. In that column, I discussed Issue 1, which will modify the time frames for submitting questions for the ballot. Today, we turn our attention to Issues 2 and 3. If passed, Issue 2 would have a tremendous impact on the health of our environment and the ability of our local communities to attract new development and create jobs. Issue 3 would help to protect Ohioans' private property rights. Both are important measures for the future of our state.

In 2000, Ohio voters approved a ballot measure to establish the Clean Ohio Fund, a \$400 million bond

program designed to preserve and protect the state's natural resources, while helping to clean up polluted, abandoned industrial sites to attract economic development and to create jobs in our local communities. To date, the program has worked to protect 26,000 acres of natural areas, 20,000 acres of farmland and more than 200 miles of recreational trails. In addition, it has funded the clean up of more than 170 industrial areas—projects which have leveraged nearly \$2.6 billion in private investment and helped create more than 14,750 new jobs.

As part of the \$1.57 billion jobs stimulus package passed by the General Assembly in June, legislators approved House Joint Resolution 5, a constitutional amendment that would renew the Clean Ohio Fund. The amendment will appear on Ohioans' ballots as Issue 2.

Issue 2 would direct \$200 million to the preservation of greenspace including farmland, rivers, forests, wetlands and parks, and \$200 million for the revitalization of brownfield sites to help stimulate economic development and job growth in our communities. Issue 2 will not mean new taxes. Funding for the Clean Ohio program comes from the sale of bonds and will be paid for using existing state revenue.

At the same time legislators were working to pass HJR 5, they also moved to ratify House Bill 416, the Great Lakes Compact, a multi-state effort to protect the waters of the Great Lakes from being diverted out of the region to other states or countries. During debate in the Senate, concerns were raised that the Compact language could negatively impact the private water rights of Ohioans living throughout the 35 Ohio counties that are part of the Great Lakes Basin.

In dispute was a portion of the Compact that reads "The Waters of the Basin are a precious natural resource shared and held in trust by the states." While it is true that the Lakes are held in trust, that is to say, belong to the people, the term "waters of the basin" also includes streams and navigable surface waters, as well as groundwater and wells, which run under the homes of private property owners and supply many families with water to meet their needs. Several legal experts warned that passage of the Compact without language to protect private water rights could lead to costly litigation with little recourse for landowners.

To address these concerns, Senate Republicans garnered support for Senate Joint Resolution 8, a constitutional amendment designed to affirm the private water rights of all Ohioans, while carefully preserving the original intent of the Great Lakes Compact to protect the waters of the Basin from future diversion. The measure will appear on the November ballot as Issue 3.

Issue 2 and 3 are both key measures that will influence the future growth and stability of Ohio's economy and the quality of life in our communities. A "Yes" vote is required for passage. I urge the passage of each proposal on November 4<sup>th</sup>.

I encourage all residents of the 1<sup>st</sup> Senate District to con-

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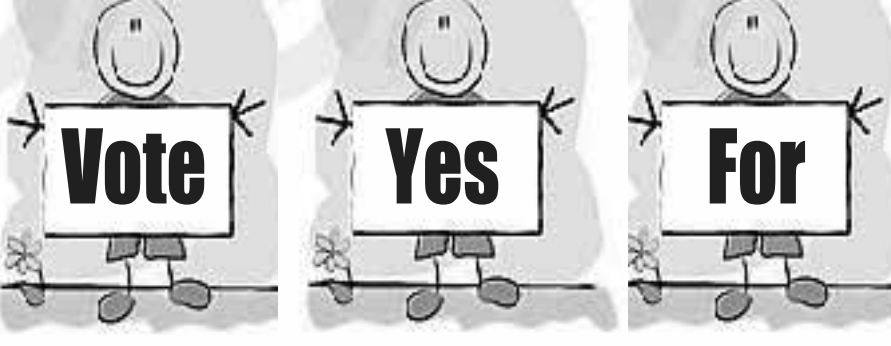
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Dick is the son of Helen and Edwin Gasser. His father is no longer living and his mother resides in Ft. Jennings, Ohio.

Dick is the father of five

children and four step-children. He is also a grandfather to many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Dick spent most of his working career at B.F. Goodrich. He built many tires while working there. He retired in 1992.

For many years, Dick spent seven days a week fishing, his favorite pastime. He fished mainly at Lake St. Mary's, Indian Lake and Hamilton Lake. Dick also enjoys NASCAR racing. His favorite racer would have to be Tony Stewart.

Even though Dick has only been at the Manor House a short time, he has enjoyed himself and the other residents certainly enjoy him.

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**ZEKE**

**By: Stan Jordan**

We live in a world of logistics, electronics, animation and some new things that I don't understand. This is prevalent all over the world.

Even the so-called third world countries are following the systems of the West. Even Borneo, Samoa, and Africa are following in our footsteps, even down to the fast food ideas. Like dried foods, frozen meals and concentrated food stuffs.

Even down in darkest Africa in the little country of Bingo-Bango the western styles are taking over.

Just picture this, two cannibals are stirring a big black pot beside a bamboo hut. A big fire has the cauldron boiling. One fellow with a big bone in his nose and a box under his arm (something like a Kellogg's Corn Flakes box) and a man with a smaller bone through his nose was stirring the vat with a canoe paddle.

The smaller man asked the bigger one, "What have you got in that box?" He replied, "Instant missionaries!"

See Ya!

**NOW READ THIS**

**By: Stan Jordan**

I attended the Holgate-Antwerp football game the other night and while I was visiting with Al Manella's food tent a young man stopped to talk. He was Kenny Stabler from

Payne and he does the Antwerp, Paulding and Wayne Trace football games over the Van Wert Radio Station.

We talked a lot about the Stabler I knew who played football for Payne back in 1938, but I don't think they were any kin.

We also talked about this column and he would like to read another fish story. Well, that will be in a few weeks.

I was really impressed by the young man's character, a real nice fellow and I was gratified that he would take time to talk to this old man. He was a good ambassador for Payne, Ohio and that is something like our column this week.

It starts back in 1989 and that fellow is an ambassador for Lake Placid, Florida, as you will see as this story unfolds.

My brother-in-law, Ray Gross, and I went bass fishing in Florida early in 1989. We did not have reservations at the fish camp so we stayed in a small motel about three miles south of Lake Placid on U.S. 27.

We had been out to the fish camp and left our boat and trailer. I knew all the folks out there and I introduced Ray to everybody.

We got up early and went to town for breakfast. There is a small restaurant there that we call 'Mom's'. A little old lady does all the cooking and another lady, around 30, handled the waitress chores.

It is made like an 'L' with the short end to the left and then right across from the counter. As you enter, there is about four tables to the right and two to the left and then two more on the short end of the 'L' down by the counter.

As we went in and turned left, there were two men at the first table and three at the table by the corner. At the last table was a big man and his two friends. As I approached him, he stuck out a big ham for a hand and said, "Hi, cousin." We never met before, but I knew I liked him right away. Of course, that was how he met all strangers. The man was big, not fat, and tall also. When he grinned half of his face disappeared. We knew right away that we had been accepted. Ray and I sat down at the far table and ordered a good breakfast.

I had been to that area in Florida a good many times and at 6:15 in the a.m. all those men there work for a living. The construction men wear a sort of army type shoes to keep the sand out and protection for varmint bites. The cowboys wear cowboy boots and range gear. That area raises a lot of cattle, mostly range cattle or 'bologna bulls,' not too many Brahmas and Whiteface.

Most of the cowboys have a pick-up truck and one horse trailer and drive out to the ranch to work. Cattle and citrus is the going economy.

After we ate, we had the waitress fill our thermos with coffee and fix us two ham sandwiches to go. We then paid our bill and went the 11 miles down C.R. 621 to The Mossy Cove Fish Camp.

I'm going to skip this days fishing for a while, to go back to the big friendly man at the restaurant.

As we walked in the restaurant the next morning, about the same time, about the same fellows were there getting ready for the work day. The big fellow who called us cousins yesterday was very cheery and said, "I see you boys are from Ohio by your license plates." I said, "Oh, yea, we are down here fishing for a few days." He asked where and I said, "Lake Istorpoga". No one said anything. The lake is 11 miles away and the city has lakes all over inside the corporation. Soon the waitress came and said, "Should I fix you coffee and sandwiches like yesterday?" That surely was a friendly bunch of people and that was because of the big fellow. He never met a stranger and he is good for a community.

Back in the early 1940's the Reader's Digest was 10 cents a copy and was about 98% reading material. It is now 51% advertisements.

Anyhow, at that time, one of the segments of the book was called 'The Most Unforgettable Character I Ever Met.' This gentleman met that criteria for me. I hope it was sort of the same for you.

Now I will go back to that day of fishing with Ray. We got on the lake about 7:30, it was now about 11 a.m. and the bass were not hitting. So the families who were fishing in the area with us, we're all friends from Mossy Cove Fish Camp, they said, "Heck, we're not having any luck so we are going in" and so they did. There was no reason for Ray and I to go in, as we had our ham sandwich and coffee with us and besides we didn't waste any fishing time.

Ray said, "Let's go back up wind and make another pass." What we did was turn into the wind, turn the boat around and let the wind move the boat and we would cast ahead of the boat each time.

We usually used plastic lizards or red shad or tequila sunrise baits.

About half way down the trip, Ray hit a small one and said, "Throw out the marker!" That is a Pennzoil Oil can with a 4-6 foot line on it. That is carried in the bottom of the boat all the time. We finished that lap without any more action, so went up wind and made another pass.

On this trip we picked up a pretty nice bass and things were looking better and we were having a little action and fun.

We made a few passes and caught a couple more about 3:30 p.m. All the other families came back out and drove up close to see how we were doing. Well, Ray's boat did not have a bait box so we had our catch on a stringer over the side.

They were certainly surprised when we lifted the stringer and there was seven lovely bass on it. "Where did you get them?" they asked. Well, we had stayed right in that same area all day. We had a few hits, but we had worked for them also.

We went about dusk and then into town to the motel and at 6:15 a.m. we were at 'Mom's' again.

See Ya!

**2008 4-H CAREER DAY IN NORTHWEST OHIO**

Career education is becoming more and more important for our youth across America. It is crucial that youth be equipped with the needed skills to not just survive, but to thrive in the workforce. With this in mind, the 4-H Programs of Defiance, Fulton, Paulding, Henry, and Williams counties held a day long Career program for seventh grade 4-H students on October 15, 2008, at Four County Career Center. Participants had the opportunity to explore careers via a computer program, learn interviewing techniques, and get tips on creating a great first impression. In addition, Dr. Kevin Miller, Superintendent of Hicksville Exempted Village Schools was the guest speaker. The afternoon activity was called "Welcome to the Real World" where students participated in decision making and how the choices they made affected a budget.

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