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WOODBURN BRANCH LIBRARY'S SCARY STORY WRITING CONTEST WINNERS



Kelli Collins, Kira Tucker and Lindsey Castle

Every fall the Allen County Library, Woodburn Branch, puts on a Scary Story Writing Contest. Each year all of Woodburn Elementary fifth grade students participate with their creative thoughts and hard work. Students spend time working through the writing process in order to obtain a final product. All the stories were well-written

and suspenseful! The three students that were chosen as winners were Kelly Collins, Kira Tucker and Lindsey Castle. They, along with other Woodburn Elementary students, were able to share their stories at 'Open Mic Night', which was held on Thursday, October 30 at the Woodburn Branch.

VETERANS' DAY DINNER AT GROVER HILL VFW

The Grover Hill area will be recognizing and remembering their veterans of all wars and conflicts on Tuesday, November 11, Veterans Day. The VFW Ladies Auxiliary to Post 2873 on South Main Street, Grover Hill, will be holding a dinner beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Auxiliary President, Chris Taylor says that all veterans, family members and friends are invited to attend. This

will be a casual affair with the auxiliary providing ham and bean soup, and hamburgers. Attendees are asked to bring along their favorite side dish or dessert to share.

Throughout the years so many of our citizens in Grover Hill and the surrounding area have unselfishly left their homes and loved ones to serve our nation, be it stateside or on foreign soil. They deserve our thanks and appreciation and this is our chance to join with them to say "thank you for serving".

HABITAT HAPPENING IN PAULDING COUNTY

Exciting things are happening at Habitat for Humanity of Paulding County. At the October meeting the committee was invited to the new home of Marla Hershberger and her family. The Hershbergers have been waiting several months to move into the home on West Jackson St. in Paulding just two blocks west of the post office. You can't miss it. We have a large Habitat sign out front.

This is the fourth home built by Paulding County volunteers and the Habitat Committee.

The first home was built right next door to the Hershberger house, the second is in Antwerp and the third house is in Melrose.

An open house has been set for November 8, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. for the public to come and see this new home. We will be turning over the key to Marla and her family.

Many volunteer hours were put into the building of the house. Two gentlemen were instrumental in getting the house completed.

We are excited that as of October 28 Habitat for Humanity of Paulding County will be on the web. We hope you will go in and check us out. We will do our best to keep it updated with new information and pictures.

We are always looking for new applicants and also any one who would like to volunteer to be on the Habitat for Humanity board or just to be a committee person. Meetings are held the fourth Monday of the month at the Presbyterian church at 7:00 p.m. Visitors

are always welcome.

You can contact Habitat by calling 419-399-5818 for more information or questions you might have. You can also call for an application if you have someone who is in need of a new home or if you would personally like to fill one out.

—Eileen Kochensparger, secretary of Habitat for Humanity of Paulding County

ODOT CREWS LAUNCH SMART SALT STRATEGY IN STATE'S FIRST SNOW EVENT

With the state's first winter weather event just past in Northeast Ohio—where up to four inches of snow have fallen in Portage County alone—crews with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) launched a Smart Salt Strategy for keeping highways safe, by using the right amounts of salt, materials and manpower at the right times and right locations.

And motorists across the state are reminded that in "Ice and Snow... Take it Slow."

ODOT weather sensors in Portage County reported as much as four inches of snow on October 29. Crews were dispatched to use snow-melting brine and salt along the highways where snow accumulated most. Crews pre-treated bridge decks in Delaware and Crawford counties, where the forecast called for the possibility of frost or icing on bridges.

Earlier last week, ODOT crews in the Cleveland-area were dispatched to pre-treat ramps and bridges, after reports of sleet and freezing rain. And in Medina County, crews were able to maintain safety and remove snow by plowing only, allowing the warm temperature of the road to keep ice away—without the need of salt.

ODOT's Smart Salt Strategy was developed to help the state be 30 percent more efficient with salt use and still ensure continued safe and passable conditions.

Like most Midwest states, Ohio has seen a dramatic increase in the price of salt needed to treat roadways and bridges.

This Smart Salt Strategy includes the use of infrared temperature sensors which allow crews to see the exact surface temperature of the roadways and apply materials only where needed; calibrated salt spreaders, found on every ODOT snow plow, to allow crews to adjust the application of ice-melting materials; and road-gripping additives (sand or grit) mixed with salt and brine to provide more traction for vehicles, especially on less-travelled roadways.

Beyond the plows and salt this winter season, ODOT encourages 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. ODOT's best advice: in "Ice and Snow... Take it Slow."

Up-to-the-minute road conditions are always available by logging onto BuckeyeTraffic.org. Last winter, ODOT's premiere website received more than 117 million hits during the winter driving season.

PAULDING COUNTY LIBRARY HOLDS FALL BOOK SALE

The Paulding County Carnegie Library will be hosting their fall book sale from November 3 through November 10 in the meeting room at the main library in Paulding. A variety of donations for all ages are available for a donation. Hours for the sale are: Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.; Friday 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and Saturdays 9:00 a.m.-noon. For more information contact the library at 419-399-2032.



"A SEASON TO SPARKLE" AT THE JPHS FESTIVAL OF TREES

By: Sue Knapp

The John Paulding Historical Society and Museum is hosting its 30th annual Festival of Trees. The theme this year is "A Season to Sparkle."

The festivities are November 13, 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.; November 14, 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.; November 15, 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. and November 16, 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Some of the entertainment this year will include the Oakwood Elementary Kids, The Oakwood Alumni Band, Divine Mercy Choir, Barry DeLong, Color for Tunes Women's Quartet, Rick Williamson on piano and the PHS Choir directed by Dave Clapsaddle.

The committee members have been working very hard on this event and are hoping for a complete success. The members are Luella Thomas, Anna Kauser, Dianne Stouffer, Rose Munger and Eileen Kochensparger. There is no charge for this event, but the Society appreciates donations.



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DISCOVERING OIL AND SALVATION

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

Zig Ziglar, in this book 'Raising Positive Kids In A Negative World', relates a story about a Texas farmer who was having difficulty surviving around the turn of the century. Although the man owned a large amount of land, recession and drought were depleting his financial reserves.

One day an oil company executive told him he thought there might be oil on his property and offered to pay him royalties for drilling rights. Having nothing to lose, the farmer agreed.

In those days the oil derricks were made of wood, and when oil was discovered in any significant amount, the explosive force of the on-rushing oil often destroyed the derrick. The greater the destruction, the greater the excitement. That was a sure indication of the size of the oil field.

On this particular occasion, the derrick was totally obliterated. On the very first drill, the company hit a real gusher. As a matter of fact, over a hundred thousand barrels of oil flowed before they were able to cap and control it. The particular well became known as "Spindletop," the most famous well in history.

That farmer became an instant millionaire. Or did he?

Actually the man had been a millionaire ever since he had acquired the property. But until they discovered the oil, brought it to the surface, and took it to the marketplace to cash it in, he never realized its value.

Salvation is so much like that. A treasure can be ours that is priceless in value. God's gift of mercy, love, grace and eternal life is available. Yet, unless we seek it out and discover it by faith, it lies buried, unable to be tapped for its value and worth.

But once a person recognizes the richness of what is

available in Christ, and once a person turns by faith to Jesus, there can be a realization of blessing and bounty beyond imagination.

And that's something to get excited about! For it involves something far more wonderful than discovering oil on your property: it involves discovering a purpose for living.

MATTHEW 24 LESSON 10

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

In our last lesson I was telling about the appointed sign in Luke 21:20-22, telling the Christians to flee Jerusalem, for the destruction of the temple was at hand.

In our last lesson we were looking at Matthew 24:16-18 and today let us look at Matthew 24:19-20. Looking back at verse 18, this verse tells us that those who are in the fields, not to turn back and get his cloak; and then in verse 19 about those who are with child and those who are nursing their babies. Also, in verse 20, this verse tells us that they are to pray that their flight be neither in the winter nor on the Sabbath. Why would Jesus tell them to pray? One is that women who are pregnant or have small children that travel in the winter time would become incredibly difficult when fleeing from the Roman army. Cold and hunger would constitute hardship on children, as well as the adults. Two, what we see about this verse is the Sabbath. Even though Christ's church is in existence, there were those Jews who still participated in the Sabbath and the offering of or sacrificing of animals. They were still holding on to the Old Testament law. You and I can read in Nehemiah 13:9 that the Jewish authorities would close the city gates at evening time the day before the Sabbath and not opened until after the Sabbath. The reason I bring this out is what Josephus said in his book WARS: according to his writing he describes the blood thirstiness of the Roman soldiers. He says the blood was

so thick that it ran down the steps of the temple. Remember Jesus loves you and so do I. If you have any Bible questions please call (419) 399-5022 or (419) 393-4775.

PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL FIRST 9 WEEKS ENDING 10/17/08

SENIORS:

4.00 - Peter Brown, Katie Harmon, Audrey Nice, Eric Ross, Haden Sholl, Spencer Wilhelm

3.5-3.9 - Kelsie Carnahan, Allie Clevenger, Josh Duslak, Kari Gibson, Staci Gunderman, Morgan Hammon, Heather Hemker, Rachel Hemker, Amber Jones, Courtney Kelley, Mara Kessler, Britney King, Eve Kohart, Amanda Korney, Brenda Manz, Lillian Manz, Andrew Mott, Isaac Porter, Zak Shafer, Melinda Slattman, Dalton Stallkamp, Logan Steele, Ashley Switzer, Selena Switzer, Remy Tope, Franziska Wagner, Tisha West, Breanna Wilder, Ashley Yant

3.0-3.49 - Tyler Arend, Caitlin Blair, Eathon Coughlin, Sara English, Levi Farley, Tara Fraley, Jessica Goodwin, James Kayner, Cassie Kauser, Katie Keeran, Jen Nafziger, Michael Reinhart, Corbin Rhonehouse, Briana Ripke, Chris Rohrs, Jacob Rough-ton, Brady Schroeder, Justin Sheaks, Garrett Stoller, Shurae Thomas, Bryant Troyer, Corbin Vance, Tess VanVlerah, Brandi Yoh

JUNIORS:

4.0 - Bryant Sheppard, Dakota Vogel

3.5-3.9 - Maycee Adams, Jessica Adkins, Elizabeth Bradford, Jamie Buchman, Chase Burnett, Jaclyn Carr, Katrina Caryer, Gary DeVault, Stephanie Donaldson, Ashley Fisher, Danielle Grindstaff, Samantha Habern, Nathan Hancock, Staci Manz, Jordan Monnier, Mareike Naumann, Derek Schlatter, Audrey Smiley, Ali Wayne, Ben Wiswell, Rachelle Woodring, Stephanie Yates

3.0-3.49 - Carrie Brogan, Alicia Carnahan, Jarrett Carr, Cody Clark, Jared Deatrick, Kelsie Deel, Haley Early, Aaron Gross, Taylor Hatcher, Jordan Johnson, Brandi Kline, Trisha Manson, Tyler Mason, Erika Miller, Zachary Miller, Shabrie Moyer, Darlene Overmyer, Amanda Porter, Kurtis Ringler, Billy Rios, Josh Sharp, Ariel Speelman, Felix Waltzenberger, William Wilhelm

SOPHOMORES:

4.0 - Hayley Clellan, Shau-na Darrigo, Nicolas Flint, Kassandra Hammon, Elise Hartzell, April Manz, Jack Meriwether, Alex Mott, Jared Ross, Alex Snyder

3.5-3.9 - Cameron Aldrich, Trenton Bradford, Joey Buchman, Ryan Doan, Jacob Farr, Andy Favorito, Nicole Gebers, Jacob Gideon, Jesse Glass, Spencer Gross, Grant Harder, Sam Heilshorn, Alex Knodel, Treslynn Laney, Ashley Myers, Derrick Pease, Danielle Smith, Brendon Schlosser, Alyssa St John, Jeremiah Theis, Wesley Zeller

3.0-3.49 - Olivia Arend, Crismen Back, Ashlee Beck, Adi Bergalowski, Dilon Bevins, Kim Black, Alissa Bok, Jackson Carter, Taylor Dotson, Sara Gardner, Stephanie Gerschutz, Jami Good, Shelby Hagaman, Nicholas Hanenkratt, Sarah Koenig, Corey Miller, Emily Nardone, Brooke Otto, Amber Plotts, Rachel Razo, Breck

Ripke, Patty Shaffer, Aubrey Sierer, Danielle Stokes, Logan Stoller, Charles Thompson, Jessica Vance, Levi VanVlerah, Stephen Wagner

FRESHMAN:

4.0 - Kristen Beck, Drew Burnett, Austin Land, Kyle Mohr, Mesa Pracht, Kelli Schlatter

3.5-3.9 - Jill Busch, Derrick Echols, Logan Englehart, Jessica Farr, Jenna Gasser, Tiffany Hahn, Jessica Harpel, Lindsey Hitchcock, Katie Kohart, Taylor Mock, Alyson Munger, Ian Munger, Audra Phlipot, Derek Shrider, Amber Simpson

3.0-3.49 - Dylan Ankney, Anthony Arellano, Brandy Beard, Cody Bradford, Justin Burkhart, Wade Carnahan, Joanna Carpenter, Cody Crumrine, Jaime Deatrick, Stephanie Edwards, Chase Fry, Drey Gamble, Spencer Hatcher, Jason Koenn, Allissa LaFontain, Paige Meyer, Ian Moore, Kayla Owens, Anna Rickels, Marissa Thomas, Jade Vogel

ANTWERP JUNIOR HIGH/ HIGH SCHOOL FIRST NINE WEEKS 2008-2009

**Denotes 4.0*

SENIORS:

4.0-3.67 (with no grade less than a "B-") - Justin Donat, *Christopher Henry, Joshua Laney, Derek Reid, Mickae Schlatter

3.66-3.33 (with no grade less than a "C+") - Katelyn Feichter, Alexis Godeke, Andrew Jones, Kole Schlatter, Michele Stuart, Quinn Tempel, Victoria Zuber

3.32-3.0 (with no grade less than a "C") - James Betzer, Michael Girlie, Misty Gordon, Lawerance Gross, Katie McCague, Paige Shook, Zackery Walk

JUNIORS:

4.0-3.67 (with no grade less than a "B-") - Tyler Gaisford, Christen Goudy, Justin Johnson, Darcie Reinhart, Alyssa Skeens, Jessica Smith, Elizabeth Vachon

3.66-3.33 (with no grade less than a "C+") - Kelsey Bashore, Brock Bell, Aaron Hughes, Kucera Hull, Megan Koppenhofer, Bryson North, Sara Trauterman

3.32-3.0 (with no grade less than a "C") - Delaine Adams Brennan Huss, Jacob Reinhart

SOPHOMORES:

4.0-3.67 (with no grade less than a "B-") - Jessie Arnold, Rachel Banks, Andrew Ehlinger, *Kaleb O'Donnell, Anthony Reid, Sierra Short, Alaine Wetli

3.66-3.33 (with no grade less than a "C+") - Brandi Aldrich, Nicholas Berry, Tyler Bok, John Brown, Shaile Chamberlain, Vanessa Gordon, Zachary Kimmel, Jordan Koppenhofer, Logan Lucas, Cody Mabis, Taylor Vail

3.32-3.0 (with no grade less than a "C") - Mitchel Buchan, Tanner Copsey, Desiree Delgado, Brandon Dix, Joshua Hilton, Breanne Murlin, Bethany Polter, Bethany Reinhart, Loni Walk, Audrey Winhover, Toni Winslow

FRESHMAN:

4.0-3.67 (with no grade less than a "B-") - Jayla Chamberlain, Ty Lee, Jessica Marlin, Ann Reinhart, Alysha Stuck, Thomas Taylor, Ellise Wetli

3.66-3.33 (with no grade less than a "C+") - Kelsea Burns, Morgan Cramer, Brandon Dunderman, Zachary Dunlap, Hayley Feichter, (Continued on Page 4)

BOWLING GREEN UNIVERSITY'S MEN CHOIR SERENADES PAULDING



Manor House residents visit the Bowling Green Men's Choir at Paulding High School.

by: Sue Knapp

If you didn't take advantage of going to this concert of the Bowling Green University Men's Choir at Paulding High School on Thursday, October 30 you really missed out.

There were over 100 young men performing. They chimed out all kinds of songs from inspirational to, well, just plain fun.

The choir does two concerts a year. A two-day one in the fall and a ten-day one in the spring. We were blessed that Paulding was one of their stops.

Directed by Dr. William Skoog, Associate Professor and Director of Choral Activities, and his assistant, Andrew Schultz (graduate assistant conductor), these young men have been trained and disciplined with enough finesse to perform on any stage.

We were treated with songs in Latin and other languages, fun songs and Sarah Palin, Barack Obama, and even a ghost showed up for Halloween.

This choir didn't need any instruments although some numbers had them. An added bonus was a cello player, Christian Michael

Krebs, from Switzerland, who was traveling with the group.

Next spring the chorus will travel to Denver and Breckenridge, Colorado to perform. The young men will enjoy snowboarding and skiing while out there.

To defray cost, the choir sells different items and accepted donations. It took two huge charter buses to get the choir where they needed to go.

A special part of the program included Mr. Clapsaddle, who was in the choir when he went to BGU, performing with and doing the motions to Johnny Schumacher.

What a wonderful way to spend the evening. I, for one, hope they come back.

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Cassandra Harter, Nicholas Herndon, Jessica Langham, Bryant Miesle, Alex North, Jacob Shook, Dalton Skeens, Tricia Smalley, Rachel Vachon

3.32-3.0 (with no grade less than a "C") - Hayleigh Gremling, Jessica McCreery, Kyle Reinhart, Taylor Shaffer, Drew Taylor, Hannah Tempel, Josephine Wage, Troy Womack

GRADE EIGHT:

4.0-3.67 (with no grade less than a "B-") - Katlyn Bissell, Nicholas Bragg, Kacy Brummett, Shawn Dooley, Noah Ganger, Ryan Girardot, Braeden Hormann, Cameron Huss, Marissa Kitzmiller, Colin Krick, Kyle Ryan, Rachel Stewart, Morgan Williamson, Jesse Wilson

3.66-3.33 (with no grade less than a "C+") - David Altic, Justin Bute, Danielle Daugherty, Chelsea Grimes, Alexis Jones, Taylor Jones, Tyler Murlin, Edward Reinhart, Isaac Reinhart, Justina Sanders, Avrial Sawyer, Colby Schaefer, Austin Stout, Lydia Yenser

3.32-3.0 (with no grade less than a "C") - Kayla Agness, Dakota Hart, Ryan Hatlevig, Darrien Reeb Megan Smith

GRADE SEVEN:

4.0-3.67 (with no grade less than a "B-") - Dalton Gremling, *Nathanael Hawley, Katie Hunt, Kyle Recker, Matthew Reinhart, Derek Smalley, Kirsi Smith, Brock Taylor, *Nathan Zuber

3.66-3.33 (with no grade less than a "C+") - Madison DeLong, Bethany Dunderman, Jenna Hankinson, Justin Langham, Erik Miesle, Lakota Price, Madeline Reinhardt, Megan Slattman

3.32-3.0 (with no grade less than a "C") - Christopher Edgar, Austin Laney, Megan Leinard, Alyssa Romero, Colton Stout, Rosa Vachon

WAYNE TRACE JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL FIRST NINE WEEKS 2008-09

GRADE 7:

All A's - Madeline Baumle, Matthew Klopfenstein, Libby Stabler, Sylvia Young

A/B Honor Roll - Austin Conlon, Jordan Elick, Logan Fast, Saxon Fisher, Jacob Gerber, Kendall Germann, Wesley Goings, Mackenzie Haney, Emilie Linder, Janey Janka, Matthew Lambert, Haley Linder, Andrew Ludwig, Madison McClure, Danielle Miles, Madison Poling, Yessica Prieto, Zachary Ramsey, Devin Shaffer-Wenzlick, Abigail Shepherd, Jared Sherry, Colby Speice, Lauren Speice, Arlen Stoller, Alexandra Winebrenner, Brock Worden

GRADE 8:

All A's - Sytse Akkerman, Graden Gudakunst, Sarah Nickols, Emma Schmidt

A/B Honor Roll - Mackenzie Campbell, Taylor Campbell, Lyndsay Combs, Chelsea Critchfield, Danielle Hofmann, Marisa Jones, Kaitlin Lantow, Andrew Moore, Brian Myers, Rebecca Reed, Adrean Ross, Tyler Ruiz, Andrea Scharf, Courtney Sefrenick, Natalie Sinn, Tanya Sinn, Krystal Wannemacher, Kyle Wenninger, Staci Wenninger, Emily Whitman, Dale Young, Kaleigh Young, Rylee Zartman

GRADE 9:

All A's - Rachel Long, Megan Pierce, Kelly Zartman

A/B Honor Roll - Tyler Arnett, Rebecca Eberly, Sarah Feasby, Jiawen Feng, Ryan Jewell, Gary Klopfenstein, Emily Molitor, Kari Myers, Christian Raab, Austin Scheiner, Peter Sinn, Reuben Stoller, Sadie Wassermann

GRADE 10:

All A's - Taylor Baumle, Erika Langmeyer, Nathan Tumblin, Jessica Wenninger

A/B Honor Roll - Aryn Denny, Jacob Eklund, JoEllen Fickel, Kelsey Heck, Kacey Hockenberry, Ryne Jerome, Dylan Jewell, Colin Klopfenstein, Nicholas LaBounty, Abbey Linder

GRADE 11:

All A's - Brock DeLong,

RANDI JONES NAMED FORT WAYNE WALMART'S "TEACHER OF THE YEAR"



Randi Jones (left), a teacher at Paulding Elementary School, is shown presenting a check for \$1,000 to Paulding Exempted Village Schools Board of Education president, Tamera Stoller. Mrs. Jones was selected as "Teacher of the Year" through the Ft. Wayne Walmart store. The money will be used for student incentives and reward programs.

Kelsey Gerber, Simon Hessler, Molly Long, Jenna Stoller

A/B Honor Roll - Hendrik Akkerman, Derrick Baksa, Shelby Carlisle, Patrick Comer, Caleb Davis, Miranda Dobbelaere, Brenna Dunham, Russel Fulk, Nathan Harris, Evan Klopfenstein, Sarah Lantow, Chelsy Shuherk, Rick Van Den Hengel

GRADE 12:

All A's - Angelo Harris, Cory Irwin, Karl Klopfenstein, Elyse Myers, Rebecca Scott, Marla Sinn, Jeremy Zartman

A/B Honor Roll - Akke Akkerman, Lynn Bidlack, Renee Bidlack, Justin Davis, Krista Germann, Jenna Gordon, Natalie Gordon, Kristy House, Parker Martin, Whitney Mullins, Nathan Plummer, Sara Priest, Maria Schaefer, Natalie Snyder, Arthur Stoller, Kristi Wenninger, Chelsea Williamson, Travis Zartman

FERTILIZER PRICES: HOW DID WE GET HERE, WHERE ARE WE GOING, AND WHAT YOU AS A PRODUCER CAN DO ABOUT IT?

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Agent

Sources: Robert Mullen and Keith Diedrick, State Extension Specialists

Input costs, specifically fertilizer costs for grain production, have increased from 50% to as much as 100% over the past year. Fertilizer prices have improved slightly over the past few months but are significantly above fertilizer prices in recent years. Instead of looking into the crystal ball and trying to forecast future fertilizer prices, let's first understand what has happened during in the last two years.

What is responsible for the current price situation? There were several factors that affected fertilizer prices over past two years. For phosphorus and potassium, these factors include increased grain prices in the fall of 2006 and the increase of phosphorus and potassium imports to South America and eastern Asia. These events put severe pressure on fertilizer supplies.

For nitrogen products, natural gas, which makes up 80% of the cost of anhydrous ammonia, was increasing in

price. Ethanol demand also had an impact on fertilizer nitrogen prices as more acreage was planted to corn. In the fall of 2007, the dollar was weakening substantially in the world financial market, making other countries more attractive for global phosphorus and potassium producers. Fuel price for material transport also increased rapidly. The convergence of these factors caused fertilizer prices to increase rapidly to the levels we have seen this past summer.

Let us fast-forward to October 2008, and what is happening now? First, grain prices have fallen considerably from where they were at this time last year. Thus, many growers are far less interested in buying fertilizer and the demand is slightly lower. The dollar has also strengthened. So, in the last few months, nitrogen and phosphorus prices have fallen some and any amount helps. This is especially true for urea. Potassium prices have and are predicted to remain steady due to tight supplies. Will prices fall more dramatically this fall? Good question, and unfortunately, we do not have a solid answer.

So, what are the long-term forecasts? It appears as if nitrogen and phosphorus prices will decrease some, but expect potassium prices to remain up until additional supplies becomes available in the next few years.

The real question is: what does this mean for you as a producer? For phosphorus and potassium management - soil test, soil test, soil test. This can save you a tremendous amount of money in fertilizer cost this year if your soil test levels allow. The Ohio State University provides recommendations for both phosphorus and potassium in our Tri-State Fertilizer Recommendations guide. If you are above the maintenance range with regard to soil test levels, you do not have to supply phosphorus or potassium this year. Rely on what you have supplied historically to get you through the next crop rotation.

Some additional resources to help with those fertilizer recommendations include an article published

by Purdue University recently that discusses draw-down levels for soils, and it is a good educational tool for those who do not understand soil phosphorus and potassium buffering. Farmers can utilize the Ohio State University's Nitrogen Rate Calculator for making nitrogen decisions for corn production. Remember, even though the economic climate has changed dramatically, sound agronomics have not.

WOODLAN SENIOR FALL RECOGNITION

By: Jeff Abbott

FOOTBALL

Cade Hetrick (#13), son of Mary Condra and Mark Hetrick

Michael Lortie (#21), son of Mike Lortie and April Henry

Christian White (#22), son of Kenneth & Ann White

Aury Keller (#33), son of Tom & Bambi Keller

Ben Schlie (#35), son of Sam & Linda Schlie

Jayne Schwartz (#42), son of Ed & Rebecca Schwartz

Cameron Ruckman (#43), son of Kerry & Tammy Ruckman

Austin Lebamoff (#50), son of Jim & Julie Lebamoff

Zach Lothamer (#53), son of Lonnie & Pam Lothamer

Derek Fritz (#62), son of Mark & Mary Fritz

Aaron Mayes (#63), son of Kermit & Shelly Mayes

Joe Grueb (#65), son of Chuck & Pam Grueb

Jacob Coomer (#66), son of Rex & Kelly Coomer

Cody Linn (#72), son of Jeff & Chris Linn

Ryan Bridge (#78), son of Randy & Carolyn Bridge

Chris Malfait (#80), son of Steve & Brenda Malfait

Nick Dietering (#81), son of Holly Rosswurm and Robert Dietering

Dreyer Wentz (#84), son of Mark & Renee Wentz

Taylor Gorrell (#86), son of Dave & Lorrie Gorrell

Rachel Hathaway (Manger), daughter of Steve & Linda Hathaway

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Nicole Beck, daughter of

Michelle Beck

Kelly Dykes, daughter of Sue Dykes

Kali Fournier, daughter of Melody March and Shaun Fournier

Michelle Hoepfner, daughter of Mark & Kim Hoepfner

Jordan James, daughter of Judy Peters

Lauren McKinley, daughter of Eric & Rebecca McKinley

Taylor Schnebelt, daughter of Jason & Tina Linker

Rachel Strautman, daughter of Rodney & Cindy Strautman

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Recently in the editorials in the Paulding Progress and West Bend News, Erica Sanders wrote to Joe Burkard addressing the issue of is he really there for victims' rights? She made a very good point and is totally right. Is Joe Burkard there for our victims' rights? You be the judge.

In my opinion, he is not. On July 3, 2007 my husband, Chad Long, was involved in a physical altercation—one that he did not start. In this physical altercation my husband was struck on the back of his head with a metal baseball bat. The man that did this has a very long felony and misdemeanor rap sheet. All police reports go through Paulding County Prosecutor's Office of which Joe Burkard is the head. This man was only charged with a minor misdemeanor and was basically slapped on the hand and told not to do it again (and served no jail time). The charge should have been a felony assault with a weapon, especially given the fact there were several eye witnesses and the metal ball bat was recovered from the defendant's home. With all that evidence it would have been a homerun felony prosecution. What does this situation tell our community? Like I said, you

be the judge. Where were you, Joe Burkard, when my husband, Chad Long, was a victim and needed you? You weren't there. We need someone in the Paulding County Prosecutor's Office that is there for our victims' rights. So help make that change.
—Holly May-Long

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In the response to Mrs. Sharp's letter, I would like to say I applaud Paulding County's Juvenile system, the prosecutor, Social Services, the police department and Paulding County school district for their approach to her grandson. I have been working with all the agencies for years to get help for her grandson's problems. Finally he is in a place he can get help for his anger. In a treatment program. Sometimes as a parent you can't get the help you need because of financial reasons. The social service worker did a thorough evaluation of our family and found nothing to be wrong. As far as the ex-felon, problems were present before he entered the home. That's the appropriate word—ex-felon. Mrs. Sharp has made many allegations that have been unfounded. And it appears she's upset because she is misinformed. He wouldn't have the help he needed without Paulding County Juvenile system. If you work with them they will work with you. These kids are our future. If anyone needs more information on this issue feel free to talk to me.
—Billie Jo Johnson

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

By the time this is published the election will be over. Regardless of who won the election, there are a few discrepancies in Mr. Burkard's rebuttal letter to me published in last week's papers that need to be addressed. First, if Mr. Burkard had properly checked his facts, I called his office on September 30, 2008 to find out the status of some bad checks that had been in his office since JUNE. One of his assistants took my call, and after a few moments he announced that, "uh, we will be issuing the warrants

today." I also thanked him for his assistance in collecting returned checks in the past but could not understand why there was a delay this time. That being said, I had bad checks that were turned over to the prosecutor's office in November and December of 2007 that were never prosecuted until May of this year. Mr. Burkard can probably tell anyone that asks him why that was the case. I certainly can't.

Over the years of dealing with the prosecutor's office I have never met any of the people personally. I have repeatedly stated that if I get the chance to be in the Village of Paulding during their business hours I would enjoy bringing chili dogs and french fries to have lunch and get acquainted. This has always been met with laughter and thanks, but has not happened. Mr. Burkard has twisted a courteous statement out of proportion.

It doesn't matter where I live, Mr. Burkard. My family has done business in Paulding County since 1958, my family has owned property in Paulding County since before my father was born and we certainly are concerned tax payers, contrary to your opinion. I would love to "call and make an appointment with you," but since you could not or would not contact me regarding the dismissal of a felony case (without our knowledge), I doubt you would accept my call, let alone talk with me. Oh, forgive me, you sent correspondence to our Defiance County attorney and asked HIM to call US. And this is what our tax money is paying for? Regardless of the outcome of the election, I will always stand by how I was raised - right is right and wrong is wrong.
—Ricki Slattery Starrett



FROM THE DOG WARDEN'S DESK

By: Mandy Lichty, Paulding County Dog Warden

This week's featured pet is Gypsy. Gypsy is a three month old Gordon Setter mix with a beautiful black and tan soft, fluffy coat.

The Paulding County Dog Warden Office is teaming up with Sylvia's Country Portraits to raise funds for medical care for the shelter dogs. Sylvia's will be having a special Holiday portrait day on November 8th to benefit the dogs in the shelter. The session fee is any pet product donation (collars, leashes, pet food, etc). Santa will arrive at 9:00 a.m. so call Sylvia's at 419-258-2207 to make your appointment. Bring your pets, bring your kids, or bring the whole family.

We still have many dogs at the shelter that need homes so stop in on Friday from 2:00-5:00 p.m. and add a new family member. October is national adopt a dog month. In celebration of adopt a dog month every dog adopted will get a special goody bag packed full of toys and treats.

Call the shelter at 419-399-9728 or visit the website at www.petfinder.org/shelters/OH709.html

SANTA GRADUATES FROM SCHOOL

Santa Claus isn't coming to town. He's already here according to Tom Valent, Dean of the Charles W. Howard Santa Claus School. Valent heads the Worlds Oldest Santa Claus School, which was established in 1937. Often described as the "Harvard" of Santa Schools, it just graduated the class of 2008. Among the 80 students was Woodburn resident Don Rekeweg, who graduated Magna Cum Santa.

Rekeweg earned his red suspenders and keys to the reindeer barn during the 40 hour curriculum.

Class lessons included Santa facts and legends, radio and television interviews, and proper use of stomach muscles to say "Ho - ho - ho".

"Among all the things we did in class, I enjoyed the 'reindeer flight lessons' the most. I was a little rusty in guiding Rudolph," said Rekeweg.

"It's astonishing," exclaimed Rekeweg, "the number of things I learned about Santa that I didn't know." As examples, Rekeweg pointed out that Santa is the worlds largest employer of elves. Further, he learned the best candy canes are made from reindeer milk.

As a result of his new diploma he was elected head of the local chapter of the Amalgamated Santa Helpers Union, Local 12-25.

The Santa Claus School is a nonprofit organization with students from Germany, Ireland, England, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Greenland, South Africa, and Switzerland as well as the United States.

Rekeweg is currently polishing his boots and sleigh bells as he gets ready to visit children and adults throughout the tri-state area this Christmas season. No doubt you'll see him or one of fellow 'white-beards' as they help spread the holiday giving spirit.

WOODBURN BRANCH LIBRARY NEWS

Family Night at the Library

Tuesdays, November 4, 11, 18, 25, 2008, 6:30 p.m. - Bring the family and join us at the library for stories, games, and crafts.

Smart Start Storytime
Fridays, November 7, 14, 21, 28, 10:30 a.m. - Each program features finger plays, songs, stories of various lengths and crafts.

Yarn Lover's Gathering
Thursdays, November 6, 13, 20, 7:00 p.m. - If you already know how to knit or crochet or if you want to learn how to knit or crochet join us at Woodburn. We have people that can help you get started or teach you new techniques. Join us for a creative evening.

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PAYNE'S FALL FESTIVAL 2008



By: Sue Knapp
Payne's Fall Festival this year had something for everyone. There were several choices of entertainment, food and things for kids. Port-A-Pit was offered along with Bob Slade from Barney's grilling B.B.Q. baby back ribs. Food was also offered from different organizations.

In the Main Street tent snacks, and worship bands were enjoyed. In the Good-

time Saloon tent, a corn hole tournament was held. Chad Hook and Marion Saylor took second place while Randall Slattman and Kenny Allen won first place with a prize of \$130. Josh Denning, from Payne, and Mudbone entertained on Saturday afternoon and Saturday evening.

The kids then came out for trick or treating and they had a wonderful day full of fun and activity.

PUBLIC NOTICE:
The Village of Antwerp will hold a Special Council Meeting on Thurs. Nov 6th at 6 p.m. at Town Hall. Topics for discussion are: 2nd reading of Ord. 2008-58 regarding water/sewer rate increases, approval of new utility worker, leasing of parking lot at Oasis with the railroad, contract with Anthem Blue Cross for EMS runs, and emergency reading of Ordinance for Safe Routes to School.

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STAN'S HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

If you are a red-blooded American, I'm sure that there has been a time that you wished you hadn't done something. Has there ever been a time that you didn't do something and regretted it later and then always wished you had done it?

Well, I did, and I will tell you about it. Back in 1958, Pauline, Gale and I went on vacation out west. That was in the summer of 1958 and Gale would have been eight years old that coming December 31.

We stopped in Springfield, Illinois and paid homage to Abe Lincoln. Then stopped and looked around in Springfield, Missouri and journeyed on to Hot Springs, Arkansas.

As we drove down the street there were people standing on both sides of the thoroughfare and a lot of girls in swim suits and antebellum dresses. The street was full of excitement and expectation. It appeared that there was going to be a doin's or a goin's on.

We drove on down the street for two or three blocks and a big city policeman stopped us and said, "We were going to have a big parade right here on this street, so why don't you park your car and enjoy the parade."

I said, "Sure, where will I park." He said, "Right here in this room for one car." It was a city parking lot and had one place left. After I parked he put a traffic barricade behind our car and said, "Now when you want to leave, you see me and I will help you get out."

We got out and stood by the curb and there were a few other folks in the area also. But there was a couple there that I still always remember. The gentleman had on a light summer suit and it was easy to see that he was used to being dressed with a suit and tie. His wife was also dressed very well, but not overly dressed as this was August and fairly warm.

They started talking to us and were most cordial when they found out we were strangers passing through. Gale was 7½ years old and had a flat top haircut that was a little stiff. The gentleman called him 'burrhead Gale' and then rubbed his head a little.

He was the dean of the local college. I think he had just retired and was known and loved by everybody in the area.

When the parade started, the men on the two leading motorcycles both waved at our man and his wife. Then the leader of the State Police and his buddy went by and waved.

When the Parade Marshall passed, he waved and called them by name. This went on down through most of the dignitaries. Even the beauty queen, Miss Arkansas, smiled and waved with vigor at our new friends. I think these folks were leaders in the community.

After the parade was over we stood and talked a bit and then the lady invited us out to their place. She called it by name, so I assume it was sort of a huge estate. Then they both asked us out to their place to sit in the shade and

have a cool drink. I told them each time that we were on our way to California and should be moving along and we were strangers and in a strange town, but we could have stayed a couple of hours, but I wanted to move along. There were genuinely disappointed as we left.

That was 50 years ago and I'm still upset with myself for not visiting their estate. I'm sure it was huge with servants and all, as that was part of the south.

All of my life I have wondered how it would have been and I still think about it.

Well, we went on to New Mexico, Arizona and down to Tijuana and then on into northern California.

We traveled for \$30.00 per day. That paid for our gas, room, food and the admission into some of the places of interest. We were gone for three weeks and it was a good vacation.

But, hmmm, I still wonder... See Ya!



NOW READ THIS

By: Stan Jordan

This is Zeke, the newest member of the WBN family. You might have seen him or a member of his family before because back in WWII; he was quite a symbol. He appeared about everywhere that there was American soldiers. He is as American as baseball and apple pie. He sometimes appeared with Kilroy.

Now he is not to be mixed up with Kilroy because he had a habit of appearing in hard to get areas.

Time and place was London's Square. In 1942 some one had to climb one of those statues to make repairs. After he got up at the top there was a sign there, 'Kilroy was here'. After this episode the name Kilroy showed up all over. Even when Doolittle bombed Tokyo, some of the bombs carried the message, Kilroy was here. That was over 60 years ago and I don't remember all of Kilroy's antics.

The Army had a newspaper called The Army Times and another publication called The Yank. The Yank carried a cartoon every week about a hapless recruit called 'Sad Sack'. Everything that he done was wrong or turned out bad. But everybody liked to see that cartoon and would usually see a little of themselves in Ole' Sad Sack.

Over in the Italian Theater of war, there was a cartoonist named Bill Mauldin. He named his characters Willie and Joe. They showed the infantry soldier about like he was, but maybe to a little of the extreme.

They were always muddy, unshaven, out of uniform and unhappy. They usually ran the officers down a little, but every other enlisted man loved them.

General Patton hated those cartoons because they seldom looked like soldiers were supposed to look, according to General Patton. He tried his best to get that cartoon strip stopped, but he didn't succeed.

I think Mr. Mauldin, after the war, was a cartoonist for a big newspaper. Anyhow, all GI's liked his work. Willie

and Joe were just a figment of his imagination. See Ya!

ZEKE

By: Stan Jordan

When we visited New Mexico, we went to Lincoln County. The area of the Lincoln County War of about 1878 to 1880.

That was the place that brought out the legends of William Bonney, aka Billy the Kid. It is not Antwerp History but it certainly was a wild and bloody time in Lincoln's history.

I pursued the history of Billy the Kid and in a couple of weeks I will do a story on his life and death.

I hope it will be interesting to you. See Ya!

ANTWERP CELEBRATES HALLOWEEN

By: Sue Knapp and Sandra Wann

On Saturday afternoon, October 25 the community turned-out in force with kids of all ages dressed for the Halloween Parade and costume judging. There was a distinct chill in the air as everyone, including the Antwerp High School Band, lined up on Archer Drive in front of the Manor House. The weather did not hamper the enthusiasm.

The parade concluded at the Antwerp Firehouse where the Fireman and Auxiliary were host to the community. The building was decorated for the holiday and refreshments were available. This made for a wonderful atmosphere.

The costume judging of the categories commenced with Gale Jordan performing the duties of master of ceremonies. There were five persons performing the difficult duty of deciding the winners, and they are as follows:

Little Treats, (3 years and younger) - 1st Jade Lichty, 2nd Jackson Jones & Mekinzie Mason, 3rd Alwyn McMichael

Monsters & Hairy Scaries 1st Haley Greene, 2nd Nathan Lee, 3rd Jimmy Greene
Animals - 1st Alison Banks, 2nd Morgan Boesch, 3rd Madison Boesch

Cartoon, Movie, TV Characters - 1st Sydney Sheedy, 2nd Holly Sanders, 3rd Nathan Hawley
Disney & Story Book Characters - 1st Laura Miller, 2nd Lacie Rode, 3rd Makayla Boesch & Audrie Longardner

Pirates - 1st Jasi & Javen Crawfis, 2nd Carmen Crvc, 3rd Landon Lee

Witches, Ghosts & Devils - 1st Rebecca Major, 2nd Makenna Jones, 3rd Mary Cate Panico

Angels & Princesses - 1st Alexia Mattox, 2nd Allison Reinhart, 3rd Hailey Clevenger

Cowgirls, Cowboys & Indians - 1st Ross Lee, 2nd Fernando Gonzales, 3rd Israel Gonzales

Miscellaneous, boys - 1st George Clemens, 2nd Tyler Roby, 3rd Alex Hicton

Miscellaneous, girls - 1st Beth Hawley, 2nd Kenzie Clemens, 3rd Lyndy Clinton & Maria Bradley
Grand Prize Winner,



first place winners of above groups were judged - Laura Miller

Best Handmade Costume Allyson Swoeland, honorable mention Aaron Hawley

We apologize for the misspelling of any names, it is difficult to hear the children with their masks and the party atmosphere.

This annual event is sponsored by the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce and is always held the last Saturday of October. Others helping to fund the prizes were Antwerp Rotary Club and Antwerp Pharmacy/Village Hardware.

The children then went trick or treating in which

they encountered a surprise. A house on main street hosted Santa and Mrs. Claus and two of Santa's elves were there to help pass out candy. Santa and Mrs. Claus received a lot of baffled looks like, "What are you doing here?" looks and some scared looks. Some of the kids took advantage of the situation and sat on Santa's lap.

Sandy Wann, President of Antwerp Chamber, commented that it was getting harder each year to judge the contest because of all the unique costumes.

The EMS auxiliary served sandwiches and soup during the festivities and a ghoulish good time was had by all.

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PAULDING IS GREAT SO FAR

By: Tommie Stahl

So far this year Paulding has had its ups and downs and it has only been nine weeks since I started here. One of the best times I've had was when my homeroom class played volleyball against all the other classes in Jr. High. My homeroom teacher is Mrs. Moore—we were so close to winning but in the end we lost. It was lots of fun.

The worst time that I have had was when I heard that a friend said some mean things about me, so we did not talk for two days. When I confronted her about what had happened or what I'd been told, she said that it was not true. I did not know who to believe so I went to the Guidance Counselor and she helped me a lot. I apologized to my friend and she forgave me, but she shouldn't have.

The funniest time at Paulding was when I went to go to ask Mrs. Moore a question and by accident I said Mr. Moore. She laughed and said, "Last time I looked in the mirror my face still looked like a woman's."

So, as you can see, I have had my ups and downs, but at the end of the day, it all seems to work out after all. Paulding, all in all, has been great.

FYI, if you are having trouble, go to the guidance counselor.

LATTA RECEIVES AWARD FROM NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MANUFACTURERS

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) received the National Association of Manufacturers award for Manufacturing Legislative Excellence today during a ceremony at the Eaton Corporation in Van Wert, Ohio.

The Manufacturing Legislative Excellence award is given to members of Congress who score a 70 percent or higher score on key manufacturing votes as determined by the National Association of Manufacturers. Congressman Latta scored a 90 percent, reflecting consistent support for pro-growth, pro-jobs policy agendas.

"It is an honor to receive this award from the National Association of Manufacturers. Ohio's Fifth District is one of the top manufacturing congressional districts in the country, and I am proud to support policies that promote economic growth and job creation which benefits manufacturers not only in my district, but across the United States. These policies are especially important to keep the United States competitive in the global economy as we continue to improve our technology, infrastructure, and workforce," Latta said today during the award ceremony.

"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": WORKFORCE SKILLS SUPPORT OHIO'S FUTURE



Eric Beck, a Vantage Electricity senior from Paulding, programs a servo-robot during lab.

By: Staci A. Kaufman, Ed.S., Superintendent

Vantage Career Center provides essential workforce training for local communities. Eleven school districts from Paulding, Van Wert, Putnam and Mercer counties pay property taxes to the district. Juniors and seniors from area high schools choose to attend Vantage to learn a skilled trade. Combined with academic courses needed for graduation, students are prepared to enter the workforce or attend a college of their choice.

Annually, about 40% of Vantage students attend area colleges to receive additional specialized training in their career-technical field or to pursue another college major. Some students utilize their Vantage training to pay for expenses while attending college. This fall semester shows 2008 graduates enrolled at International Business College, Ivy Technical College, Rhodes State, University of Northwestern Ohio, Hocking College, Eastern Michigan University, and Kentucky State University to name a few places where students further their learning.

High Schools That Work (HSTW) is a national school improvement model that emphasizes high quality career-technical education combined with rigorous academics. Vantage has been a HSTW site since 2001. The 2008 assessment data shows Vantage students performing above

the national average in reading, math, and science when compared to other schools in the HSTW network.

Adult education programs exceeded both state and federal high performance targets in 2007—95.5% positive post-program placement, 98.9% program completion, and 86.3% academic skill attainment, along with 95.6% technical skill attainment, are proof that Vantage delivers quality training for the adult workforce.

Secondary Workforce Development Performance Reports show that career-technical students in the Vantage district exceed U.S. Department of Education high performance targets in academic achievement, technical skill attainment, and positive post-program placement.

Vantage is proud to partner with Northwest State Community College as well as Wright State University Lake Campus to bring college courses to area adults. More than 1300 adults enrolled in adult education training programs in the past year.

By improving the workforce training facilities, Vantage will continue to provide quality career technical education for the local communities.

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CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS CAMPAIGN HOPE TO BRING HOLIDAY CHEER TO STRUGGLING FAMILIES IN PAULDING COUNTY!

Christmas for Kids has once again partnered with The Herman Hessel-schardt Detachment of the Marine Corps League. The goal is to make sure no child in Northwest Ohio goes without this Christmas season. Christmas for Kids also works directly with non-profit and state agencies to make sure the donations collected go to those in definite need. Paulding County Job & Family Services and The Christmas Elf in Oakwood are the Paulding county groups we are directly working with.

"We need sponsors. I currently have 95 families signed up already this year and we have only been taking names for 2½ weeks. Last year we had a total of 271 families which consisted of approximately 400 kids." ~Judi Short, Paulding County Job & Family Services

"Christmas for Kids campaign is such a wonderful outreach for our community. We are a small community with big hearts and we always come together as family in times of need. The Christmas for Kids has helped our towns of Oakwood and Melrose to make a better Christmas season for so many children and families. With so many people being out of work, high heating costs, gas prices and so many other things to worry about, its nice to know that there are people and organizations that jump in and help out those in need. Everyone that donates a gift or money to the Paulding County Christmas for Kids/Elf Project Campaign helps those children and families in our community. What is given in our community, stays in our community. For those who can give this year, please do so from your heart. You are making a dif-

ference in someone's life." ~Jan Lowe, Chairperson for the Christmas for Kids/Elf Project

Toy Drive Dates:
November 12, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.: Oakwood Community Day of Giving at Cooper Community Library; Main sponsor is Cooper Farms, Co-sponsor Brett Electric
November 15, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.: Paulding Chief's Supermarket
November 19, 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.: St. John's School in Payne
November 20, 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.: Paulding Mar-a-Mart Gas Station; Morning Show Host, Rick Small will broadcast his morning show live.
November 21, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.: Paulding Subway
November 25, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.: Paulding Community Day of Giving; Paulding Co. Courthouse in the gazebo. Main Sponsor - Stahl Stoller Meyer Insurance Center, Co-Sponsors: Schweller Electric, Paulding Dairy Queen, and St. John's Tire Service
December 2, School Drives. Begins at Payne Elementary from 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. then goes to Antwerp, Paulding, and Oakwood; Main Sponsor for Payne Elementary—Krouse Chiropractic
December 10, First Federal Bank, Paulding 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Those unable to make it to one of the live drives, donations of canned food and new toys are being accepted at the Paulding Co. Department of Job & Family Services located at 303 West Harrison Street, Paulding, OH. Sponsor forms can also be picked up at the agency.

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OSU VAN WERT/PAULDING ALUMNI CLUB BUCKEYE BASH

The annual Buckeye Bash of the Ohio State Alumni Club of Van Wert/Paulding Counties will be held Tuesday, November 18 at JEHM-MS Banquet Facility in Van Wert. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., with tailgate dinner at 6:00 p.m. The bash is to prepare all faithful Buckeye fans for "The Big Game".

The speaker for the evening will be R.J. Coleman, former Ohio State Buckeye Football Player from 2002 to 2006, member of the 2002 Ohio State National Championship team, member of 2 Big Ten Championship Teams (2002 & 2006), Letter Winner, 3-Time OSU Scholar Athlete, and an Academic All Big Ten 2005. R.J. will speak on his experiences as a Buckeye. R.J. now resides in Van Wert and is employed at Central Mutual Insurance Company.

The event will also include an auction, silent auction, raffle, door prizes, and games of "Buckeye Bingo".

The club is seeking Ohio State items for the auction. Anyone within the community who would like to donate Ohio State items may contact Alice Schaufelberger at 419.238.2883 or Jerry Koenig at 419.238.1233.

Tickets can be purchased in Van Wert by contacting any board member; at The Spelling Bee, Mengerink's

Source for Sports, I Don't Care Grille, Drs Jeffery & Jeffery-Mohr Dental Office, or Flat Lands Supply or by calling Alice Schaufelberger at 419.238.2883 or JoAnne Wolford at 419.238.3525.

In Paulding, tickets are available at the Animal Clinic of Paulding, 419-399-2871 or by calling Burl & Ellie Barnes at 419-399-5855.

In Antwerp, tickets can be purchased by calling Emily Tempel at 419-258-2837 or in Oakwood at Cooper Country Store.

Pre-paid tickets can be picked up at the door the evening of the banquet. No tickets will be sold at the door. The last day to order or purchase tickets is Friday, November 14.

The club will also be collecting non-perishable food items for distribution to Van Wert and Paulding county food banks. Those attending are asked to bring along a couple of non-perishable food items to donate.

Proceeds from the banquet will go to aid students from Van Wert and Paulding counties who attend The Ohio State University or any of the OSU branches.

All OSU fans are welcome! Please come and support our local Ohio State students!

Complete information about the banquet and the club is available at www.osu-vwp.org.

"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": LOCKED OUT KONGSBERG EMPLOYEES TURN TO VANTAGE ADULT EDUCATION



Learning new skills in Medical Office Support through Vantage Adult Education are (clockwise) Nichole Harris, Sandra Lane, Annette Klinger, Kathleen Baldauf and Sherrie Friedrich.

September 15, 2008 marked a new beginning for several locked-out Kongsberg employees. That was the day they started classes in the Adult Education department at Vantage Career Center.

Deb Thatcher, Kathy Baldauf, Sherrie Friedrich, Sandra Lane and Annette Klinger enrolled in the Certified Computer/Medical Office Support program. Nichole Harris began the Medical Assistant/Health Careers program. These students will receive specialized training in Medical Coding and Insurance Billing, Medical Transcription, Microsoft Office 2007, medical filing and job search. Graduates of this year-long program work as medical records technicians, emergency room registration clerks, administrative assistants and transcriptionists.

Kay Carter, Adult Education Coordinator says, "These six students come to class with excellent attitudes and the motivation to better themselves. They are bright, funny, hardworking and a joy to have in class!"

"As a locked out Kongsberg person, I was undecided about

my future, especially with the way the economy is. Retraining was the best option for me. Vantage Career Center offered a program with the possibility of being qualified for a diverse number of jobs. I have more options and I will have the training I need for a brighter future," says Sandra Lane. Her classmate, Deb Thatcher said, "After Kongsberg decided to lock the workers out, I was unsure of what the future would bring. After a lot of thought, I decided if I was ever to get a meaningful job, I needed more education. Vantage Career Center offered me the opportunity. I'm taking classes that will provide me with a number of job opportunities."

Vantage Career Center serves people of all ages - from preschoolers and high school students to the Adult Education workforce and those pursuing higher education through college classes offered by Wright State Lake campus and Northwest State Community College. For more information, please visit www.vantagecareercenter.com.

5TH DISTRICT DEPUTY INSTALLATION & ANNUAL MASON MEETING PLANNED

Jim Kline opened the Lodge and the Pledge was given. Get well cards were signed and sent to members Larry Payton and Garold Cook. Birthday cards were sent to Dick Gordon October 27, Max Kemerer October 27, John Skinner October 30, Darren Brown November 4, Bruce Guilford November 4, Lyle Kaiser November 3, Ken Kinzer November 2, Bob Marsh November 1, Walter Schilb November 7, Robert Stotler Sr. November 12.

There were three 50-year members in attendance along with 12 Past Masters: Tim Betts, Ron Farnsworth, Byron Rasey, Dick Savage, Gerry Shidler, Randy Brooks, Lee Kallsen, Estell Cottrell, Elmer Woodcox, George Underwood, Walter Schilb, Steve Schilb, Dick Wann, Joe Stotler, Scott Ruppert, Jim Kline, Alvin Copey, and Bill Metz.

The annual stated meeting will be Wednesday November 12. Election of officers for the coming year and "Open Installation" will also take place on this date. Members are encouraged to make plans to attend.

Charles Murphy will be in attendance on Saturday November 15 to install William Metz as the new DDGM of the Fifth District. Trent Dominique, Cecil Rasey, and Calvin Worden will assist. There will be a light lunch served after the installation in the dining room. This is an "Open Installation" and members are encouraged to bring their wives.

The 61st Annual Thanksgiving breakfast is also being planned for November 27th. Degree work will begin at 6:00 a.m. sharp with the traditional "Pancake & Sausage" breakfast to be served following. Whole hog sausage will once again be available.

Hicksville's annual inspection will be Friday, January 16, 7:00 p.m. Cecil Rasey from Bryan Lodge #215 will be in attendance.

PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL FIRST NINE WEEKS 2008-09

GRADE 6:
All A's - Kathryn Clapsadle, Ellie Miller, Ashlyn Strahler, Laurel Wehrkamp
All A's and B's - Taylor Ankney, Christian Burtch, Katie Carnahan, Jarrod Clark, Rachel Dooley, Jacob Dy, Hannah English, Alexis Howell, Erin Johanns, Abbi Miller, Isaac Nice, Emily Pastor, Haley Schlegel, Jessica Schroeder, Shayla Shepherd

GRADE 7:
All A's - Katelynn Back, Andrew Layman, Sierra McCullough, Rachael Mourey, Sydney Provines, Kaitlyn Roughton, Alesha Simon, Tiffany Spangler, Kaley Varner, Meagan Weller

All A's and B's - Emily Albert, Stephanie Baldwin, John Banet, Jerika Bland, Eric Busch, Timothy Bush, Taylor Dangler, Taylor Deatricks, Melissa Durham, Emily Farr, Taylor Farr, Tyler Fry, Chase Gideon, Chazz Hahn, Guy Harder, Ashley Johanns, Joseph Kauser, Rachael Kesler, Mallory Laney, Kandee Manson, Kelsi Manz, Georgina Martinecz, Brad Matson, Seth Mattocks, Janey McCourt, Michael Mott, Rachel Nicelley, Devin Otto, Abby Pease, Austin Puckett, Kaylyn Rager, Jaclyn Schlatter, Kayla Shaffer, Austin Stafford, Shelly Stafford, Logan Stahl, Jennifer Switzer, Dustin Taylor, Cecilia Weidenhamer

GRADE 8:
All A's - Austin Miller, Sarah Nardone, Marlee Pease, Savannah Roughton, Trey Schroeder, Steven Strayer, Zane Wilhelm

All A's and B's - D'Angelo Bevely, Kara Burak, Tana Caryer, Kelly Colley, Abby Edwards, Matthew Merlywether, Sarah Myers, Catlyn Pavel, Mikayla Pieper, Cory Rager, Alexis Rue, Breana Schmidt, Dalton Sholl, Denise Smith, Elaine Smith, Destiny Starry, Courtney St. John, Emily Thielbar, Patrick Troyer, Kayla Warnimont, Maggie Wilhelm

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JOHNSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY HAPPENINGS IN HICKSVILLE

Thanksgiving Movie Night and Soap & Lotion Making highlight the week of November 3-8 at the Johnson Memorial Library.

Kick off the Thanksgiving season with a movie at the Johnson Memorial Library on Monday, November 3 at 6:30 p.m.

The Thanksgiving Movie Night is free and is open to everyone. The Friends of the Hicksville Library will be providing popcorn and drinks to round out the evening.

"Celebrate the Thanksgiving Season with Garfield at the Johnson Memorial Library," invited Branch Manager Amy Manager. "When

Garfield and Jon create a Thanksgiving dinner disaster, it's up to Grandma to save the holiday."

The Friends of the Hicksville Library are sponsoring a Soap & Lotion Making Night on Thursday, November 6 at 6:30 p.m. The Soap & Lotion Making is free and is open to everyone. Soap making supplies will be provided by the Friends of the Hicksville Library, but all participants are asked to bring small glass jars or baby food jars for the soap and lotion.

"Get a jump on Christmas gifts," shared Youth Services Librarian Dustin Harris. "Come on out and make your own soaps and lotions. They'll make great Christmas presents for friends and family."

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ANTWERP HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION



The Antwerp chapter of the National Honor Society held its annual induction ceremony at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 26, 2008, in the

school auditoria. New members inducted in this special ceremony were seniors Michele Stuart, and Derek Reid; and juniors Kelsey Bashore,

Tyler Gaisford, Christy Goudy, Aaron Hughes, Justin Johnson, Darcie Reinhart, Aly Skeens, Jessica Smith, Elizabeth Vachon.



The following officers were installed at the beginning of the ceremony: Alexis Godeke, President; Chris Henry, Vice President; Kole Schlatter Secretary; Mickae Schlatter Recorder, and Justin Donat, Treasurer. The NHS is an organization which is founded on the principles of scholarship, leadership, character, and service. To fulfill the service requirement, the organization sponsored a blood drive on Wednesday, October

29 at Antwerp High School. The Antwerp NHS organization participates in several other projects each year, including a weekly doughnut bar, ringing the bell for the Salvation Army, a spring Red Cross blood drive, collecting donations for Christmas for Kids, and serving at the annual Paulding County Senior Citizens Spring luncheon. Congratulations to the new members for achieving this prestigious honor.

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INTERNET SAFETY SEMINAR AT ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL

The Internet contains an infinite number of high-quality, interesting, intriguing, and well-designed sites. However, because there is no supervision in this environment, it is sometimes difficult to recognize the dangers lurking on the Internet for your children. With the holidays just around the corner, that means children will be spending more time online, and some of that time may be unsupervised while parents are at work. The elderly and adolescents are most often victims of online predators.

Did you know?

Law enforcement officials estimate that as many as 50,000 sexual predators are online at any given moment (Dateline, 2006).

75% of children are willing to share personal information online about themselves and their family in exchange for goods and services (eMarketer) while 45% have been asked for personal information.

40% of all youth Internet users said online solicitors asked them for nude or sexually explicit photographs of themselves (The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children).

In 2006, Dateline "To Catch a Predator" was in Greenville, OH (less than 2 hours from Antwerp). Within three days 18 men showed up to meet, what they believed to be, children under the age of 15 that they met online.

The Student Technology Services (STS) team members at Antwerp Local School will be partnering with the PTO and Trish Fuller, Information Technology Trainer, to provide a free Internet Safety seminar. This seminar is one of many service learning projects in which STS students provide technology mentoring and support for district students, staff, and community members.

The seminar will be held at Antwerp Local School, room E7, Monday, November 24 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Please register by emailing internetsafetytraining@yahoo.com to ensure enough materials are available to hand out to all attendees. The PTO will provide babysitters. Please include the number of children needing babysitting in the registration email.

This project is funded through a Learn and Serve America Grant.

ANTWERP COUNCIL MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 27, 2008

All members were present and last months minutes were accepted.

Visitors: Darlene Merriman, EMS billing clerk, stated the reason Anthem was not paying the Village for the runs was due to the fact the Village doesn't have a signed contract with them and they are paying the patient instead. Solicitor Farr will review the contract and e-mail Randy Shaffer so the contract can be signed. Councilman, Larry Ryan, asked Darlene to prepare a report showing what we receive from patients/insurance companies vs. what we have billed, also showing what we write off. She also passed out information showing \$20,0935.69 collected from EMS runs. Mayor Delong request a total each month of the runs.

Bryce Steiner stated Sarah Keeran helped him with his CCA question. Bryce asked if companies such as the Concrete Guy also pay the 1% Village tax when they work in the Village. Sarah commented that she notifies anyone who works in the Village for 12 or more days must register with CCA. Bryce also asked why the Village purchased a truck from Integrity Ford instead from someone in the Village. Sarah stated that Dennis Recker, who lives in the Village, works at Integrity Ford.

Sue Paulus gave reasons why she should be voted Treasurer and asked for support.

Carol Temple also gave reasons why she should be voted Recorder and asked for support.

Ann Waldman who is running unopposed as Clerk of Courts urged us to vote.

Russel Herman is running for Prosecutor and encouraged us to vote.

Ray Johanns, running for Commissioner, asked for our support.

Chief George Clemens stated there were 146 calls for service and 77 offenses for September. Chief Clemens reported a problem he was having with CCA. Sarah will contact Bob Meeker from CCA with the problem. Discussion was held on what to do with the old cruiser.

Administrator's Report: The depot was broken into with several large windows being broken and a glass show case being damaged. A temporary electric service will be installed on the property.

Poggemeyer Design Group was notified that they would be completing the engineering plans for the depot. The contract is being reviewed by the Village Solicitor.

The Village is completing an application to ODOT for sidewalks to the school.

The new bus garage will be completed shortly. The school will transfer the land the old bus garage is on to the Village and the land the new bus garage is on will be transferred to the school.

All but three homes on North and South Main have completed the sidewalk project. Bratdmueller's have not responded, Leinard's are waiting for a drainage issue to be fixed, one house is going back to the bank and new owners of 418 N. Main; and that sidewalk will be completed in the Spring of 2009.

The restrooms at Riverside Park will be closed on Octo-

ber 31 for the winter.

The Utility Dept. has been busy with broken meters, repairing waterlines, etc.

Karen Lee asked what the Village could do to promote the industrial park. Tony Langham was contacted and will come to the November meeting to discuss this.

Trees will be replaced on N. Main Street. The 14 trees will include, Lilac, Red Bud and Amur Maple.

West Daggett and Stone Street will receive water line replacement. The project will be funded by Small Government dollars.

The problem with fixing the railroad crossings in town is being discussed. Different options are being considered.

The State Auditor has said unless the water and sewer rates are raised the Village will remain in Fiscal Watch. The rates would raise water and sewer 8½% for the years 2009-2011.

Health Insurance Renewals were discussed and different companies will be researched.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Delong reported a total of \$5,589.61 was collected for September. \$576.00 goes to the State, \$165.00 goes to the Mayor's Court Computer Fund, \$165.00 goes to the Police Computer Fund, leaving \$5,003.61 for the General Fund.

Mediacom will increase the basic cable rate by \$3.00 on 11/15/08.

Ordinance 2008-45 - An ordinance establishing rules and guidelines for the confinement of animals within the Village of Antwerp. The vote was tied, Mayor Delong had to break it with a yea for the ordinance. 3rd reading

Ordinance 2008-47 - An ordinance repealing ordinance 94-70 clarifying certain conditions of the zoning code regarding sidewalks in the Village of Antwerp. 3rd reading

Ordinance 2008-48 - An ordinance repealing ordinance # 94-12 to establish a policy for the installation replacement of sidewalks in the Village. 3rd reading

Ordinance 2008-49 - An ordinance establishing policies and procedures for the construction, repair, replacement and maintenance of sidewalks in the Village of Antwerp. 3rd reading

Ordinance 2008-56 - an ordinance authorizing the Village Fiscal Officer to transfer funds to the Police fund in the amount of \$29,000 and declare the same to be an emergency.

Ordinance 2008-57 - An ordinance authorizing Fiscal Officer to amend appropriations and declaring it an emergency.

Ordinance 2008-58 - an ordinance authorizing the change of water and sewer rates, tap fees and re-connect fees for the Village of Antwerp, county of Paulding, Ohio. 1st reading

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND DISMISSALS

Admissions:

10/28 - Catherine Shaner, Antwerp

10/29 - Timothy Coombs, Latty

10/31 - George Bright, Defiance; Catherine Shaner, Antwerp

11/1 - Donna Densmore, Paulding; Barbara Woodcox, Antwerp

Dismissals:

10/27 - Alice Crutchfield, Latty

10/29 - Gerald Williamson, Paulding

11/1 - Timothy Coombs, Latty

WBESC NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING

The Western Buckeye Educational Service Center Governing Board Regular November Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 11, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Paulding ESC Office located at 202 N. Cherry St., Paulding, OH.

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

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UPDATE FOR HEYMAN JEFF ROBISON OF ANTWERP

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God knows what will happen tomorrow, next week, next year and the next decade. He knows what will happen in the world. More importantly He knows what will occur in our lives and He can be there for us, if we've chosen to include Him in our life. He is our refuge and strength and an ever present help in times of trouble. The Lord is good. He cares for those who trust in Him. And the Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth. God is reaching down towards Jeff to call him home. There will be no more suffering, a better place to live, free from heart-wrenching difficulties and pain. Jeff will be with those that have passed before him, he will be reunited with family and friends.

I wonder who will walk with him through the arches of heaven, as he enters his eternal life with Jesus Christ? The day that God calls him home; naturally, we will cry from the depths of our souls and mourn in our own ways.

But we must remember that Jeff will not be leaving us, he will only be waiting for us, he will be watching down on us from heaven, living within us and helping us each day. Let us all remember the good that Jeff has given us in our lives, how he has touched so many of us while he was here on this earth with us. He is in the hands of our Lord.

At this time we must reach out to friends, family and the communities and ask for assistance. Jeff has no life insurance and no money to cover the funeral cost. If you are capable of making a contribution to this need you may send it to either: Dooley Funeral Home at 202 W. River St., Antwerp, OH 45813 or to Jeff Robison/Terri Thomas at 6516 Rd. 176, Antwerp, OH 45813. You may also submit memories and thoughts to either address. You may also contact Jeff at 419-258-7605 or you may visit him in his home.

A friend of Jeff's has offered to donate 50% of all sales to this cause. Kelly Walters sells Mary Kay products and you may contact her at 419-542-5126. Please leave your name and number and she will call you back or you may place an order at her website at www.marykay.com/k.walters.

Happy moments, praise God. Difficult moments, seek God. Quiet moments, worship God. Painful moments, trust God. Every moment, thank God... and God smiles.

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AP SCHOLAR AWARD AT PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL

One student from Paulding High School has earned an AP Scholar Award in recognition of his exceptional achievement on AP Exams.

The College Board's Advanced Placement Program provides motivated and academically prepared students with the opportunity to take rigorous college-level courses while still in high school, and to earn college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on the AP Exams. About 18 percent of the 1.6 million students worldwide who took AP Exams performed at a sufficiently high level to also earn an AP Scholar Award.

The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on students' performances on AP Exams.

At Paulding High School, one student qualified for the National AP Scholar Award by earning an average grade of 4 or higher on a five-point scale on all AP Exams taken. The student is Jonathan Ross, son of Carolyn and the late James Ross.

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Jonathan Ross, a 2008 graduate of Paulding High School, is currently a freshman at The Ohio State University majoring in Engineering.

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JUNCTION CANAL MARKER DEDICATED

By: Sue Knapp

What started out as a dream became a reality as beautiful weather was enjoyed by those who attended the dedication of the Junction Canal Marker on Saturday, Oct. 28. The event started off with the canal marker being uncovered by the great-great-great-grandchildren of Patrick and Nancy Tuohy, early settlers.

Victor Tuohy expressed his dream of a canal marker to his daughter Mary and her husband Jerry Price.

Jerry and Mary started a campaign to raise money for the project and along with the help of Les Weidenhamer of the John Paulding Historical Society, enough money was raised for the \$2,100 memorial and enough for landscaping, lighting and a post with signs indicating the various distances between different cities and towns.

Paulding County has a wealth of history behind it and this canal marker is just one way of keeping it alive. Junction was platted in 1892 and became a thriving town.

Jerry Price introduced the first speaker starting with Les Wiednhamer who thanked all who donated and helped

to make this day possible. He also thanked Mrs. Gordon's class from Payne Elementary who donated money for the project.

Tony Burkley, Commissioner, on behalf of Paulding County, expressed how proud he was of the marker, he thanked the historical society and those involved in getting the marker.

Mr. J.D. Britton of the Ohio Historical Society, talked about the marker program that started in 1953. It will provide historical information about the canal.

Dr. Randy Buchman of Defiance College and is on the board of the Ohio Historical Society, commended the John Paulding Historical Society for spreading the history of the canal and gave a citation offering congratulations.

Niel Brady, Executive Director of the Miami Erie Canal Corridor Association, calls the marker a "celebration of history" as many descendants of the canal days still live in the area. Mr. Brady works to restore the canal trail providing the different ideas, stories and knowledge of what it was like during the canal days. The marker has "brought recognition to this community," he commented.

Dick Kunder, of the Maumee Valley Heritage Corridor Association, has a mission to raise public awareness of the history of the canals and towpaths. The Junction Canal was one link to connect the Gulf to the Atlantic Ocean.

Steve Dorsten, ODNR Canal Lands Manager, spoke about how the canal connected the Ohio River to Lake Erie and how canals brought communities and people together besides carrying goods, it

also shortened travel time. He congratulated all people involved.

Greg Wisniewski of the Buckeye Trails Association talked about the trail. It celebrates 50 years next year and the trail along the tow path is 1,440 miles covering 46 of the 88 Ohio counties. The goal of the association is to keep on building and maintaining the trail. He also talked about how the trail in northwest Ohio is coming right along with a lot of progress being made.

Georgia Kohart, author, from Oakwood, commented on the day to "remember it with pride." Her dream is to see a restored canal village in the area and sharing the history with future generations. Mrs. Kohart has authored three books, two of which are historical books of life on the canal.

Les Weidenhammer ended the ceremony thanking all for the overwhelming support and to all who attended the ceremony.

There were refreshments and a reception at the Junction Fox Club after the ceremony.

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1B - Mason Elliott, Zoey Harp, Corbin Maroney, Reid Miller, Andrew Sinn

2A - Noah Hasch, Noah Kline, Keagann Parrish, Austin Reed, Ayana Rowe

2B - Kaitlyn Doster, Olivia Egnor, Bryan Hofmann, Sadie Sinn, Trae Sinn, Ellie Stoller, Adia Welch

3A - Aden Baker, Taylor Carnahan, Leah Maassel, Madison Chastain, Kimberly Puckett

3B - Celia Baker, Connor Bauble, Gracie Gudakunst, Megan Moore, Eli Sinn, Lily Sinn, Sara Sinn, Kylee Varner

4A - Emil Stoller

5A - Luke Miller, Brianna Sinn, Sydney Critten

6A - Isaiah Ross

6B - Blair Bauble

A'S & B'S:

1B - Reagan Akom, Nick Bostelman, Hannah Pirani, Lily Reynolds, Claire Sinn

2A - Sara Edwards, Haley Pastor, Preston Thomas

2B - Jacob Keysor, Derek Myers, Justin Roberts, Maddy Varner, Emily Williams

3A - Clayton Brown, Kylar Sherry, Lucio Flores, Dylan Kline, Jordan Offerle, Hunter Showalter, Austin Young, Owen Denny, Kaitlyn Harris, Bailey Maroney, Anissia Rodriguez, Haley Schaffer

3B - Alisa Elliott, Jacque LeMieux, Gabe Sinn, Adam Stoller, Gilly Wiseman

4A - Chance Elliott, Gabby Gudakunst, Brandon Laney, Danae Myers, Korene Shelton, Daniel Sinn, Jon Sinn, Sean Stuckey

5A - Christopher Davis, Austin Fast, Kelsey Fleagle, Sydney Hofmann, Emilee Myers-Colgan, Jayson Nowak, Shad Ream, Clint Sinn, Zach Sinn, Edwin van den Hengel

6A - Kierstan Baldwin, Emily Beech, Carl Elliott, Jehane Hoagland

6B - Erin Jewell, Leah Sinn, Lynn Wells

PAULDING VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 6

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

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

Sierer motioned to approve the minutes of the September 15th meeting, seconded by Daeger. Vote: all yea.

No legislation was presented.

Joseph Burkard was present seeking public support in the November election as he runs for Paulding County Prosecutor.

Larry Finnegan was present to request Council reconsider the golf cart ordinance. He provided Council with a newspaper clipping proving "street legal" golf carts are allowed to operating in other entities. Mayor White noted there has been increased interest in operating golf carts in town, and requested the Ordinance Committee meet to discuss the issue further. Solicitor Jones requested an ordinance be approved before allowing golf carts on the street; therefore, providing the Village with a little more control over the operations and regulations of such vehicles.

Pat Ross, Superintendent of Paulding Exempted Village Schools, was present seeking Council's support for a "Safe Routes to School" program. Mrs. Ross noted she had received calls from a parent concerning elementary children crossing Williams Street on their way to and from school. She noted the School Board has approved submitting a grant application that would help fund the engineering and plan writing costs of the program (approximately \$6,000). Mrs. Ross noted the program would be a joint-venture between the school and the Village, and there is a possibility that this program could open up other grant opportunities for the Village to improve for traffic/crossing signals, sidewalks, and infrastructure. Consensus of Council was taken to approve the Village's support of the school's "Safe Routes to School" project. Vote: all yea.

Lee Bakle was present to discuss the farm bid. Mr. Bakle noted the 20-acre parcel located behind Memorial Cemetery is landlocked, and inquired Council's thoughts on accessing the property. He inquired if Council would consider installing an access path, or allowing farmers access to the ground by driving across the cemetery grounds between Road 162 and the row of trees on the north side

of the property. Breedlove noted he will contact Paulding County Soil & Water for their recommended culvert size at the location, and also gather a few quotes for the installation of a new culvert and drive.

Sutton presented the Recreation Committee's September 22nd report. The Committee met with representatives of the Paulding Youth Ball Association to discuss how the management, maintenance, and operation of the new ball complex would be handled. It was decided that a Memorandum of Understanding would be signed by both organizations, whereby the Ball Association will manage, maintain, and operate the ball park and receive a yearly stipend from the Village. The stipend will be generated from the interest earned from the monies remaining in the Lela Jeffery trust.

Tope noted the Pool levy verbiage has been change per the Attorney General's office.

Mayor White relayed Mayor's Court collected \$515 for the month of September 2008. He also noted Trick-or-Treat has been scheduled for Saturday, October 25th from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Wiebe noted the income survey is in need of another 17 responses to validate the results.

Sierer noted Travis McGarvey, Paulding County Engineer, informed him Issue 2 had approved the Village's grant application to pave and improve Cherry Street and North Drive. The Village had submitted a grant application for a 50% match (total project cost \$644,037).

Jeffery motioned for Council to move into Executive

Session for legal matters, seconded by Rife. Vote: all yea. Council returned to Regular Session.

Daeger inquired of a gas line being extended to Emerald Acres. Wiebe noted, from previous experience, that a majority of neighbors would need to request the line and also provide the gas company with a deposit before the gas company would be willing to install that line.

The following Committee meetings were scheduled:

Committee of the Whole - Wednesday, October 8th at 5:30 p.m.

Ordinance Committee - Tuesday, October 14th at 5:00 p.m.

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Grounds & Buildings Committee - Wednesday, October 15th at 12:00 p.m.

Safety Committee - Wednesday, October 15th at 5:30 p.m.

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

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

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