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PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS 'IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE'



By: Sue Knapp

Practice, practice, practice: that's what the kids are doing now. They are learning their lines, songs and dances. They are getting their costumes ready and picking out their favorite hats. They are getting into their characters and making them their own. It's a lot of

work, but the kids are having fun and they are accomplishing all that needs to be done. The outcome will be very entertaining and the kids will come out of it with a lot of positive attributes from being in the musical.

Ruby Crossland, who teaches third grade, is Head Director; Sandy Dobbelaere,

Art Teacher is the Technical Director and Jayne Smiley, Art Education, is the Musical Director.

There is the Stage Craft Class who built and painted all the sets. The sets are fantastic and very well done. The class will also help as the stage crew during the play.

The kids give all the emotions the musical needs. There is comedy, intensity, even romance. Spencer Wilhelm, who plays the part of George, gives us all the feelings of the unfortunate life of George Bailey, who ends up saving the town and realizing that what he has is more important than what he thinks he needs.

James Hayner plays the not-so-bright, Uncle Billy, Lizz Bredford plays Milly Bailey, Issac Porter plays Tom Bailey and two other main characters, and Alex Kindel plays the selfish Harry Bailey.

See George and Mary go through their first kiss, the tension between Harry and George, the agony that George puts himself through and the mean-spirited Mr. Potter. You will find out as George does that what you have is important and a blessing and you will appreciate it in the end.

Accompanists are Jared Ross, sophomore, and Jeanie LaFountain, both graduates from Paulding High School.

This performance will take place at the Paulding High School auditoria on November 21 and 22 at 8:00 p.m., and November 23 at 3:00 p.m.

Support the kids, go and be entertained and see what these kids have accomplished.

FLU SEASON

Once again, with the fall season, comes the flu season. You may be one of those very fortunate individuals who never gets sick; if you are, great, you must be doing something right. If you're not one of the fortunate few, there are precautions that you can take to decrease your chance of getting ill.

1. Take care of yourself, by getting plenty of rest, drinking plenty of water and eat a well balanced meal.

2. Always wash your hands before eating, cooking, before and after you have contact with others (children and loved one's).

3. Wash your hands after coughing, sneezing, using the restroom or after you

shake hands. Carry a small bottle of hand sanitizer with you, and use it when hand washing isn't possible.

4. Cover your sneeze or cough with a tissue, dispose of dirty tissue promptly and wash your hands.

5. Get a flu shot every year (Oct-Dec). Talk with your family doctor to see if he or she recommends one, you can receive a flu shot either at your doctor's office or the local Health Department or a hospital flu shot clinic. Flu shots are recommended for children as young as 6 months, people who live in nursing homes, people who have certain chronic medical conditions, people who have contact with persons that are high risk for complications from the flu, and all health

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THE PAYNE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SALUTES AND THANKS....

...the following members for continuing their support of the Chamber in 2008.

Please take a moment to review this list and make an effort to thank these Chamber members for the American flags and the Christmas decorations that adorn the main streets of our downtown and Community Park throughout the year.

It's also worth noting, that several of these members and organizations make significant contributions of money to the Community's annual Fall Festival/ Birthday Party/Halloween Celebration. This event wouldn't be possible without their generous, additional financial support.

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Chad Benschneider currently serves as President; Nancy Hessler is Vice President and Gene Olwin is our Secretary/Treasurer. Donations, memberships and all correspondence may be sent to P.O. Box 411, Payne, OH 45880.

Cecilia Herzig, 72, of Paulding died November 13, 2008 at the Gardens of Paulding, Paulding, Ohio.

She was born March 3, 1936 the daughter of Joseph and Maria (Radich) Ottmayer. On November 9, 1956 she married John Herzig, who survives. She was a member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding.

She is survived by her husband, John Herzig of Paulding; two sons: Richard (Dawn) Herzig of Pittsburgh, PA, and John Herzig of Chicago, IL; a brother, Stefan Ottmayer; three sisters: Maria Brill, Annaliesia Klinger, and Erika Bauer all of Germany; and seven grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Mary Elizabeth Stallkamp; and a brother, Frank Ottmayer.

A Mass of Christian Burial was conducted November 17, 2008 at Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding, with Rev. G. Allan Fillman officiating. Burial was in Paulding Memorial Cemetery, Paulding.

Donations may be made to Masses or Donor's Choice. Condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Wayne R. Carr, 74, of Antwerp, passed away Tuesday, November 11, 2008 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Wayne was born in Antwerp, on July 2, 1934, the son of the late Harry and Florence (West) Carr.

He was the supervisor of employee relations at Dana Weatherhead, Antwerp, where he retired in 1995; a member of the Antwerp United Methodist Church and 60-year member of Hicksville Masonic Lodge 478. Having participated in many community activities, such as Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, little league baseball, athletic & music boosters, he was named 1986 Antwerp Citizen of the Year.

On June 30, 1956 he married Carolyn Rowan, who survives.

He will be sadly missed by his wife, Carolyn; daughter, Elaine (Dean) Phillips of Hicksville; sons: Steven (Lisa) of Indianapolis and Kevin of Antwerp; 10 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Lee; and sister, Mary Ann.

His service was at Antwerp United Methodist Church on November 14, 2008. Rev. Michael Schneider officiated. He was laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp.

His family requests donations to the church. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com



Eugene J. Nelms, 84, of Paulding, died Saturday, November 15, 2008 at St. Rita's Medical Center, Lima, Ohio.

He was born February 21, 1924 in Omar, West Virginia the son of David and Bessie (Carroll) Nelms. On November 21, 1990 he married Frances (Stump) McGuire who preceded him in death on March 19, 1998. He was a WWII US Army veteran, and was employed by Donely Painting Company, Defiance retiring in 1979. He was a Lifemember of V.F.W. Post #587.

He is survived by three sons: Ted (Elaine) Nelms of Raleigh, NC, Charles (Kay) Nelms of Stephens City, VA, Larry Nelms of Rock Hill, SC; a daughter, Debbie (Robert) Barr of Rock Hill, SC; a step-son, Charlie McGuire of Paulding; three step-daughters: Fredia (William) Coleman of Sandusky, OH, Barbara (Michael) Betts of Defiance, and Sheila (Hacker Jr.) Combs of Paulding; nineteen grandchildren; and twenty-three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; son, Ned Nelms; step-daughter, Mary Yates; three brothers: Rocky Nelms, Earl Nelms, and Sandy Nelms; three sisters: Lucille Spitzer, Jimmie Mae Cooper, and Doris Taylor; and a step-grandson, Joshua Miller.

Funeral services will be conducted 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, November 19, 2008 at Den Herder Funeral Home, with Rev. Arnold Saylor officiating. Burial will be in Rochester Cemetery, Cecil, with military graveside services conducted by V.F.W. Post #587.

Visitation will be one hour prior to services on Wednesday at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding.

Donations may be made to V.F.W. or a charity of the donor's choice. Condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Bonnie L. Bernard, 71 of Paulding, died Saturday, November 15 at the Gardens of Paulding.

She was born August 19, 1937 in Fort Wayne, Indiana the daughter of William D. and Wanda M. (White) Walters. She married William H. Gaskill, who preceded her in death in 2003. She married Charles L. Bernard, who preceded her in death in 2008.

She is survived by five sons: Charles Bernard of Cecil, Randy Bernard of Arthur, Scott Bernard of Montpelier, Robert Bernard of Massachusetts, and Shawn Bernard of Antwerp; three daughters: Toni Bernard of Antwerp, Tina (Tim) Neer of Paulding, and Cheryl (Tim) Kelly of Fort Wayne; a sister, Sandra (Ronald) Parisot of Avilla, IN; twelve grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husbands; two sons: William D. Gaskill, and Anthony Q. Bernard; a daughter, Kathy Gravant; and a sister, Ruth Ann Walters.

Funeral services will be conducted 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 19 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Burial will be in Paulding Memorial Cemetery, Paulding.

Visitation will be one hour prior to services on Wednesday at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding.

Donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. Condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

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care workers.

Remember it is important to speak with your doctor prior to receiving the vaccine, there are some conditions that may limit your ability to receive the vaccine.

Often people are confused if they really are experiencing the flu. Influenza is a respiratory illness, not a "stomach flu". If you do get ill during this season, it may or may not be the flu. Early symptoms of the flu can be similar to a common cold. A low grade fever, cough, sneezing, chills, and body aches, can generally be treated with over the counter medications, rest and increasing your fluids. It is important that when you are ill, you stay home, limit your contact with others, don't expose yourself to those most susceptible, like the young, old, and the ill. Usually the flu is resolved within 2-3 days, whereas a cold may last up to several weeks.

If you believe that you have the flu, have a high fever, can't take fluids or feel that over the counter medications just aren't working for you, you may want to make an appointment with your family doctor. Treatment options vary according to the symptoms, Influenza is a virus, and generally isn't treated with an antibiotic.

So, remember, prevention is vital to decreasing your chances of getting or spreading the flu. The best way to deal with the flu is to never get it, so continue to do all you can do to stay healthy.

—Lisa Nicelley R.N.
Infection Control
Director
Paulding County Hospital

HANGING TOUGH

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

"Hanging tough" is an art that has gone out of "vogue." In a world of short commitments, do-your-own-thing philosophies, and instant gratification, persistence over the long haul is more often the exception than the rule.

After the tragic bombing of a marine base in Beirut in October, 1983, the steadfastness of one young soldier moved and heartened the American people back home. He had been critically wounded in the explosion of the revamped hotel where he and his fellow marines had been staying. Many of his buddies had been killed. He was covered with bandages, and a jungle of tubes was attached to his body. He could not speak. Yet when he was visited by General Paul X. Kelly, Commandant of the Marine Corps, he indicated that he wanted to write something. Painfully, he wrote the words "semper fi," a shortened form of the U.S. Marine Corps motto, "Semper Fideles." It means, "Always Faithful."

Those of us who claim to be Christians can learn from this young man's example. We, too, may have come under heavy attack. Our "wounds" may be many. Some of our beloved fellow soldiers may have fallen in battle. Even so, we are to be faithful to the end. Hanging tough. Gutting it out even in the long, dry stretches. Demonstrating an attitude of determined loyalty regardless of the circumstances, no matter what the odds.

It's the same kind of grit and strength we see in the life of the Apostle Paul in prison. The man kept plugging away, remaining faithful, and trusting God's wisdom and sovereignty even in the awfulness of his imprisonment... in the midst of a tough situation. "Semper Fideles" is a motto for more than just the marines. It was Paul's. And it should characterize our lives, as well.

THE NORTHMEN IN CONCERT AT PAYNE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

"The Northmen" will be in concert at the Payne Church of the Nazarene Sunday, November, 30 at 6:30 p.m. Invite your friends and neighbors and come join us for a great evening of uplifting, southern gospel music! The Payne Church of the Nazarene is located on Orchard St. in Payne. For more information, please call the church office at 419-263-2422.

ANNUAL BAZAAR & SUPPER AT PAULDING FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Paulding First Christian Church will hold their annual Bazaar and Chicken Pie and Steak Supper on Thursday, November 20, 2008. The bazaar will be from 8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. and the supper from 4:30-7:00 p.m.

Carryout and local delivery is available, call 419-399-4576.

PAYNE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The Payne Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on Sunday, November 23 at 7:00 p.m., at the Payne Church of the Nazarene (509 E Orchard St/ SR 500). Sponsored by the Payne Ministerial Association, all are welcome to gather as one community of faith to give thanks to the Lord.

THANKSGIVING DAY CELEBRATION AT ANTWERP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Thanksgiving Day is rapidly approaching. Do you dread it coming as you may be alone on that day? Why not come and join our family for a Thanksgiving Day celebration at the Antwerp United Methodist Church? If you have no where to go and would like to join us for a meal, come to the Antwerp United Methodist Church on US 24 on Thursday, November 27, 2008. We will be serving from 12:00 to ? Reservations are NOT required and the meal is FREE, so come and join us. You may even want to give us a call at 419-399-5604 and let us know to expect you. Hope to see you then!

—Dave and Mary Fisher

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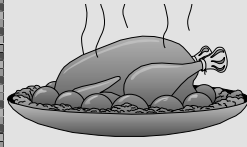
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Drop off for the First Presbyterian Church will be Monday, Dec. 1 through Thursday, Dec. 4 from 9:00-2:00, 6:00-8:00

Drop off for the Methodist Church will be at the Extension Office Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Clean, gently used clothing, household items and toys will be accepted for the give away, as well as NEW items. Please NO furniture, Encyclopedias or large items.

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM TO PROVIDE BABYSITTING

The Relay for Life team is here to help! On Friday, November 28 from 5:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the St. James Lutheran Church (located across from the Payne Elementary School), the St. James Lutheran Church Relay for Life team will be providing babysitting services for shoppers. Hourly rates per child or family will apply. The kids will enjoy games, movies, crafts, and more. Please bring any personal items the children will need (i.e. diapers, blankets, baby food, formula, etc.). Good food and snacks will also be provided—breakfast at 8:00 a.m., lunch at 12:00 p.m., and a snack at 2:00 p.m. Let the kids enjoy a fun-filled day while the adults enjoy getting the shopping done. For more information, you may call one of the following relay team members: Deb Baumert at 263-2587, Jane Collis at 263-2961 or Lyn Babich at 263-0389.

MATTHEW 24 LESSON 12

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

Last week we were looking at Matthew 24:21-22. Today let us look at Matthew 24:22—for another comment, which is this, but for the sake of the elect those days shall be cut short. Who is the elect that Jesus is talking about here? It is the Christians that Jesus is talking about. Yes, the siege against Jerusalem lasted from April to September, but

for the Christians, the elect's sake, God shortened it. Notice what is being said in Matthew 24:23. Jesus is telling the disciples, that after these things happen, there were those who would say this one or that one is Christ, and Jesus tells them do not believe them. This continues in Matthew 24:24—notice it says false Christs and false prophets would arise and show great signs and wonders, but notice the word “deceive.” Signs and wonders are the same words used to describe Jesus’ miracles in the Gospels. Jesus is saying these things will be done by false prophets but still the word we need to look at is “deceive.” The word deceive means to lead astray.

Loved ones, isn't it sad today, the people who are being lead astray by false teaching. Those preachers and teachers who are teaching part truth and then adding or subtracting from God's word—unless they come to salvation as the Bible teaches, they have their place and it won't be Heaven. Galatians 1:6-8 tells us there isn't another Gospel. Sometime when you have time study what I Corinthians 1:10-31 says. This tells us about the divisions that are amongst us today and how we can stop the division and be completely united, or be in unity.

There is one God and He has giving us one way of salvation. One church, one Bible that teaches what I am trying to tell you. Jesus loves you and so do I! Bible questions call (419) 393-4775 or (419) 399-5022.

CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE PROJECTS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 17, 2008

Defiance County
Ohio 249 from Farmer to US 127 – Sealing of pavement cracks will reduce traffic to one lane through the work zone. Work is being performed by Defiance County ODOT.

Ohio 49 – Spot berming. Traffic will be maintained through the work zone. Work is being performed by Defiance County ODOT.

Paulding County
Bridge deck cleaning will take place at the following locations during the week. Traffic will be maintained through the work zone. Work is being performed by Paulding County ODOT.

—Ohio 637 north of Ohio 613
—Ohio 613 east of US 127
—Ohio 66 various locations

US 24 Expansion and Relocation in Paulding, Defiance and Henry Counties (projects are listed in geographic order from west to east):

US 24 from the Indiana line to US 127 – Construction of a four-lane highway on a new location south of the existing two-lane highway to expand the route to four lanes began June 18, 2007. Traffic on existing US 24 is not affected at this time. The project is scheduled to be completed in fall of 2009. Work is being performed by Mosser Construction, Fremont, and Beaver Excavating, Canton.

Restrictions or closures related to the US 24 project in this segment are as follows:

—Ohio/Indiana State Line Road, between US 24 and Ohio 111 – Road is closed until late fall for construction of an overhead bridge as part of US 24 construction in Indiana.

—Ohio 49 between Township Road 162 and County Road 180 closed June 11 until late November for interchange construction. Access is maintained to local residences and businesses during construction. Traffic detoured onto US 24, US 127 and Ohio 111 back to Ohio 49.

—Ohio Road 11 between County Road 144 and existing US 24 – Route closed early April until mid-November to allow for bridge construction.

—Township Road 51 between Township Road 162 and County Road 180 – Road

is closed until late fall. —Township Road 176 between Township Road 61 and Township Road 43 – Road is closed until late fall for construction of an overhead over US 24.

US 24 from US 127 to Baltimore Street (old Ohio 424) – Construction of a four-lane highway on a new location south of the existing two-lane highway to expand the route to four lanes began June 4, 2007. Traffic on existing US 24 is not affected at this time. The project is scheduled to be completed by fall of 2009. Work is being performed by E.S. Wagner, Oregon, Ohio, and Anthony Allega Cement Contractor, Valley View, Ohio.

Restrictions of closures related to the US 24 project in this segment are as follows:

—Both eastbound and westbound traffic is now being diverted off of US 24 and onto a newly-constructed portion of Baltimore Street in front of the Ohio State Highway Patrol and Ohio Department of Transportation garage facilities at the west edge of Defiance. Traffic is being directed to a temporary signalized intersection which connects back to US 24. Traffic will remain in this pattern through this area until late 2009.

—County Road 123 between Township Road 224 and the Paulding/Defiance County line – Road closed May 6 until mid-November to allow for construction of mainline pavement of new US 24.

—County Road 133 between County Road 232 and the Paulding/Defiance County line – Road is closed until mid-November for road construction.

—Ashwood Road (Paulding County Road 153) between County Road 232 and US 24 closed May 7 until late November for construction of mainline pavement of new US 24.

US 24 from Baltimore Street (old Ohio 424) to just east of Ohio 15 – The reconstruction of the existing two lanes of US 24 and construction of two additional lanes to expand the route to a four-lane highway continues. The project is scheduled to be completed in late 2008 (weather permitting). Traffic on US 24 is maintained at all times. Work is being performed by E.S. Wagner, Oregon, Ohio.

Restrictions or closures related to the US 24 project in this segment are as follows:

—Traffic on the new eastbound lanes is open to two lanes. Occasional lane closures will occur for minor construction work.

—Traffic in the new westbound lanes is reduced to one lane for paving and related construction operations.

US 24 from Defiance to Napoleon – Construction of two additional lanes in the westbound direction and the reconstruction of portions of existing lanes to expand the route to four lanes continues. US 24 traffic is now operating in both the eastbound and westbound lanes. Occasional lane restrictions in the westbound lanes will continue for minor construction work. This project is scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2009. Work is being performed by Miller Brothers, Archbold.

SAVE OUR HOMES NOVEMBER MEETING

By: Sue Knapp

The Save Our Homes Task Force held a meeting on November 13 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's meeting room. In attendance was Karen Westrick from the USDA Rural Development; Clip Clippinger, President of the Paulding Chamber of Commerce, Abbey Mortemore, Regional Outreach Director, from Richard Cordray's office, and presiding the meeting was LouAnn Wannamacher, Paulding County Treasurer.

Abbey went over the programs the government is putting together to help people save their homes.

LouAnn remarked that most foreclosures in Paulding, County were not from locally owned banks. These banks tend to sell your loan to another bank and you end up not knowing who you owe. The locally owned bank knows you personally and more able to work with you.

LouAnn also noted that in the first quarter of 2008 there were 26 foreclosures.

Another way to receive help is from Save the Dream. Save The Dream is supported by Ohio State Government Offices, Legal Aid Originations and Housing Counselor's Agencies.

Save The Dream advises you to call your lender first. Save The Dream also gives you alternatives to foreclosure, steps in the foreclosure process, legal assistance, answers questions, alerts you to rescue scams and predatory lending, informs you about renting and foreclosure and provides informational videos.

You may contact Save The Dream by calling 1-888-404-4674.

The main thing about foreclosure is asking for help. Especially now with the way economy and job lay-offs are more and more

people are going to need help. That is what Save Our Homes is all about, to get the public educated. Save Our Homes cares about you and your family and are here to help—privacy is assured.

The next Save Our Homes meeting is on December 11 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Office.

ANTWERP GETS NEW DOWNTOWN DECORATIONS

The past couple of years the Chamber of Commerce in Antwerp has sponsored a Holiday Lighting Parade on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Due to several reasons, this will not happen this year, but the Chamber does plan to host this event in 2009. They encourage everyone in the community to participate and make this a tradition.

In the past few weeks the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce and City Administrator have been working together. One goal is to decorate Village Green Park, next to Town Hall, for the holiday season. Decorations previously used at Veterans Memorial Park and on South Main Street will be used, along with other donated items and city owned decorations.

Another goal is to spruce up the Main Street decorations. They hope to create a winter wonderland atmosphere. The theme will be snowflakes. New light pole banners are ordered and should be in place soon. This too is a joint effort of the City and Chamber.

The Chamber encourages everyone to visit the Town Hall area and enjoy the decorated park. Hopefully in the future Veterans Memorial Park will be decorated also. Being such a large area, this will take large and numerous decorations that we do not presently have.

The next Chamber of Commerce meeting will be December 9 at 12:30 p.m. at the Essen House Restaurant, all members are encouraged to attend.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

American Education Week is November 16th through November 22nd and we would like to remind you to remember all of the educators and parents in the area for all they do day in and day out to make a difference in a child's life. We would like to recognize all educators for their dedication to every child that enters their classroom. An educator, everyday inspires children to learn and grow in so many ways. We would also like to recognize the parents for providing a foundation for your child's education and also for placing value in your child's education. Parents and educators alike create the groundwork for our future. Here at Sylvan Learning Center, we all notice what educators and parents do for the children of our community, but rarely are you recognized for it. So, please take some time for appreciating all educators and parents for making a difference in a child's life.

—Jami Koenn, Sylvan Learning Center

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

November is Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month and as I am writing this, my heart is breaking. Not only for me and my family but for all of those families who have lost loved ones from this terrible disease. A lot of middle aged men have died from P.C. In just this last year alone, and quite a few in Paulding County from different kinds of cancer. It seems like an epidemic. Why here in this area and why men in their 50's? Can anyone find some answers to these questions?

Let this month of awareness be a month of research and answers.

—Coni Gaisford

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Members of the community of Oakwood, Ohio have received a letter indicating that a fundraising drive will take place this year on December 6, 2008. This letter was sent in error by the fundraising company, Colorcraft Family Portraits. While this was a successful fundraising program the last time it was done. The Oakwood Fire Department did not authorize the fundraising program for the year 2008. While the fire department may conduct this successful fundraising program again in the future, it will not be conducted in 2008 and any letters that were sent out indicating that it would be done were sent through a misunderstanding. Any donations that are received will be returned to the donors. The Oakwood Fire Department and Colorcraft Family Portraits apologize for any misunderstanding.

—The Oakwood Fire Department

Keep the news coming. News is always free. Let your friends, neighbors and community know what's going on!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

There was a song out in the '60's called the 'Peace Train' by Cat Stevens. There is another train called the Train of Destiny of the USA. This train is currently on a siding. The republican engine is being taken off and the democrat engine is being put back on after 8 years. The agenda is the same. The trains destination is the same. As George Wallace (and others) once said, "There's not a dime's worth of difference between the democrats and republicans."

—Phillip Piersma

PAULDING VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 20, 2008

Paulding Village Council met in Regular Session on October 20, 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, and Kim Sutton. Administrator Wiebe and Solicitor Jones were present. Councilman Ronnie Breedlove was absent.

Sierer motioned to approve the minutes of the October 6th meeting, seconded by Rife. Vote: all yea.

Ordinance No. 1386-08 re: An Ordinance Regulating Golf Cart Use Within the Village of Paulding, Ohio, was read for the first time. Solicitor Jones noted this piece of legislation was not passed by Council earlier this year, and requested any necessary changes be made prior to the third reading of the ordinance.

Ordinance No. 1387-08 re: An Ordinance Prohibiting Through Truck Traffic on East Jackson Street as Designated between Emerald Road and the Intersection of East Jackson Street and Flat Rock Drive in the Village of Paulding; on Klingler Road as Designated between East Wayne Street and East Jackson Street in the Village of Paulding; and on Flat Rock Drive from East Jackson Street to the Corporation Limit in the Village of Paulding, was read for the first time.

Resolution No. 1228-08 re: A Resolution Adopting an Identity Theft Policy and Declaring an Emergency, was read for the first time. Solicitor Jones noted the legislation was required to be adopted by the Fair & Accurate Credit Transaction Act, and requested the Finance Director be responsible for ensuring personnel receive the proper training regarding the act. Jeffery motioned to suspend the rules and declare an emergency, seconded by Sutton. Vote: all yea. Rife motioned to approve the legislation, seconded by Sutton. Vote: all yea.

Three ladies were present seeking the public's support in this November's election:

*Carol Temple - Paulding County Recorder candidate,

*Sue Paulus - Paulding County Treasurer candidate, and

*Lou Ann Wannamacher - Paulding County Treasurer candidate.

Jeffery presented the Grounds & Buildings Committee's October 15th report. He noted farm bids were

opened, and forwarded to Solicitor Mike Jones for review.

The Safety Committee's October 15th report was presented by Rife. The Committee discussed the following recycling program issues:

*Type, size, price, potential location, and insurance of potential trailer.

*Boys Scouts to be responsible for maintenance and cleaning of site.

*The organization responsible for profits and/or expenses.

*Village employees to transport trailer to Koharts.

Tim Santo was present at the Council Meeting to inform the Safety Committee he had contacted three companies regarding container units. He believed the Village should purchase a metal unit with the ability to separate newspaper, aluminum, plastic, and glass. Mr. Santo noted a unit can range from \$5,000 to \$18,000. Rife noted this is a large cost, and noted Council will need to discuss financing of the unit. Wiebe requested the Utilities Supervisor become more involved with this operation.

Consensus of Council approved "No Hearing" be held in regards to a liquor license request for the Corner Market located at 201 W. Perry Street.

Mayor White reminded the public Trick-or-Treat will be held in the Village on Saturday, October 25th from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Wiebe noted a Committee of the Whole meeting had been held with representatives of URS Corporation and RCap to discuss the current status and financing of the new water plant on October 8th. The Committee of the Whole met again with Julie Ward of RCap on October 14th for a construction training session.

Rife motioned for Council to move into Executive Session for legal matters, seconded by Daeger. Vote: all yea. Council returned to Regular Session.

Sutton motioned to approve Robert Noneman's bid to farm the 13.91 acres behind Memorial Cemetery at a price of \$126 per acre contingent upon Mr. Noneman signing the lease agreement and supplemental specifications document; seconded by Daeger. Vote: all yea. Daeger motioned to approve Jeremy Goyings bid to farm the 68 acres adjacent to the sewer lagoons at a price of \$133 per acre contingent upon Mr. Goyings signing the lease agreement, seconded by Sutton. Vote: all yea.

The following Committee meetings were scheduled:

*Salary & Allowance Board - Thursday, October 23 at 5:30 p.m.

*Street Committee - Wednesday, November 5 at 5:30 p.m.

*Safety Committee - Thursday, November 6 at 5:30 p.m.

*Committee of the Whole - Monday, November 10 at 5:30 p.m.

*PCFA - Wednesday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Jeffery motioned to adjourn, seconded by Sierer. Vote: all yea.

VETERANS REMEMBERED



Jake Morse standing by monument. Picture courtesy of Howard Oskey

Tuesday, November 11 was not only a week after elections, but the one day of the year the veterans are remembered, ones who served as a member of the armed forces. Many veterans who served or given their lives for this country are from Paulding County.

The Paulding VFW annually sends their Honor Guard

to watch over the Veterans Memorial at the Paulding County Courthouse starting at 1:00 p.m.

This year Jake Morse, Tom Diaz, Roger D. Henry, Matt Butler, Harry Manley, Dennis Holtberry took the time to personally stand guard. Paulding County is honored to men like this.

LAST MINUTE REMINDER: OSU VAN WERT/PAULDING ALUMNI CLUB BUCKEYE BASH

Tickets are still available through Saturday, November 15 for the Ohio State Alumni Club of Van Wert/Paulding Counties Buckeye Bash on Tuesday, November 18 at JEHMMS Banquet Facility in Van Wert. Contact Alice Schaufelberger at 419-238-2883 or JoAnne Wolford at 419-238-3525 to reserve tickets. Complete information about the banquet and the club is available at www.osuvwp.org.

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND DISMISSALS

- Admissions:
- 11/9 - Catherine Jackson, Antwerp
- 11/11 - Inez Rose, Paulding; Deborah Grubb, Paulding; Joyce Kimmel, Scott
- 11/15 - Roberta Englehart,

- Paulding Dismissals:
- 11/10 - Sarah Kupfer-smith, Paulding
- 11/12 - Catherine Jackson, Antwerp, transferred to The Gardens of Paulding
- 11/13 - Deborah Grubb, Paulding
- 11/14 - Inez Rose, Paulding

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**MR. AND MRS. DAVID HYMAN
CELEBRATES 30 YEARS OF MARRIAGE**



Mr. and Mrs. David Hyman will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary on November 22. David A. Hyman and Jacqueline S. Meeks were married on November 22, 1978 in the Oakwood Methodist Church.

The couple has five children, Rachel (Greg) Parrett of Paulding, Erin of Athens, Gretchen of Bowling Green, Harvey (who is studying Law at the University of Toledo), and James (who is in his senior year at the Ohio State University). The couple will celebrate with a combination family dinner and OSU victory party!

The deadline for ads and article submissions is Friday at 5:00 p.m.

FROM OUR STATE REPRESENTATIVE: LYNN WACHTMANN

The fall season is in full swing here in the Buckeye state, and the cooler weather means trees across the state will be changing to brilliant shades of orange, red and yellow. Although the foliage in northern Ohio typically peaks early in the month, the rich diversity of our landscape means you can watch the leaves turn colors well into November.

One of the best places to enjoy the changing colors of the trees is at one of Ohio's state parks or nature preserves. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) is once again issuing weekly fall color updates for tourists. These updates can be found online at www.dnr.state.oh.us or by calling 1-800-BUCKEYE. Here in our area, one of my favorite places to visit during the fall is Van Buren State Park, located in Hancock County. While it may be small compared to other parks in the state, the beech and sugar maple trees that make up the majority of the woodland make for a spectacular parade of colors.

Other area parks where you can enjoy the fall scenery include Harrison Lake, Independence Dam and Mary Jane Thurston state parks. These parks offer camping, canoeing and boating as well as trails for hiking and biking. Information about these or any of our state's 74 state parks can be found on ODNR's Web site using the "Parks" link.

Outdoor enthusiasts can also explore the autumn scenery in Ohio using some of the many recreational trails that traverse our state parks. Goll Woods State Nature Preserve in northwest Ohio boasts five miles of walking trails that lead visitors through a 321-

acre preserve, featuring old growth woods reminiscent of the Great Black Swamp with 200-to-400-year old oak trees. For biking enthusiasts, the Wabash Cannonball Trail stretches 34 miles through portions of Fulton, Henry and Lucas counties. The southern leg runs 17 miles from Liberty Center to Maumee and the northern leg runs 17 miles from Fulton County Road 5 to Wauseon.

In addition to the traditional camping and hiking activities, Ohio also offers a number of fall activities for the whole family. This past week an "Owl Prowl" was held at Van Buren State Park that included a live owl program as well as a hike into the woods to call some owls.

These are just a few of the many seasonal activities taking place in our area this fall. I hope you and your family are able to enjoy the beauty of Ohio's natural resources in the weeks ahead.

As always, I welcome your thoughts on any of the matters we discuss here at the Statehouse. I can be reached by phone at (614) 466-3760 or by writing me, State Representative Lynn Wachtmann, 77 South High Street, District 75, Columbus, OH 43215.

GET YOUR THANK YOU AD FOR WBN'S THANKSGIVING EDITION

Next edition of The West Bend News on November 26 is our Thanksgiving issue. If you would like to thank your patrons by putting a Thanksgiving ad in the paper, call the office and talk to Sue at 419-258-2000, she has many different ad styles, colors, and sizes to choose from. Sue Knapp, ad manager here at West Bend News, will also be in Paulding on Wednesday, November 19 and in Antwerp on Thursday, November 20 to take your thank you ad!

**MR. AND MRS. GILBERT SCHICK
CELEBRATE 60 YEARS OF MARRIAGE**



Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schick of Oakwood celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on November 7, 2008.

Gilbert Schick and Colleen (Jeffery) were married November 7, 1948 by Rev. Richard Black in the Paulding United Methodist Church.

The couple have five children: Bernard (deceased), Eugene (Gloria) Gremes, Dana (Ruth Ann) Bair, (Robert) Linda Schick, David (Lesa) Mansfield.

They have eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. The Schick's celebrated their anniversary with a family dinner.

WESTERN BUCKEYE ESC GOVERNING BOARD HOLDS NOVEMBER MEETING

The Western Buckeye Educational Service Center Governing Board held their regular monthly Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. on

Tuesday, November 11, 2008 in the Paulding ESC Board Office with all Board members present. Board President Mr. William Poe II welcomed Board members and school personnel to the meeting.

The Board members approved the agenda for the evening and reviewed and approved the September bills and expenditures. Treasurer Kristine Stuart reviewed current investments and other financial reports with the Board. Superintendent John Basinger reported on recent WBESC activities and personnel issues that were on the night's agenda. He also provided the Governing Board members with proposed revisions to the Governing Board Policies. The Board will consider the policy revisions at their December meeting.

In other business, the Board:

**Approved the minutes from the regular September 9, 2008 Governing Board meeting.

**Approved the current financial reports as presented by Treasurer Mrs. Kristine Stuart.


**Approved membership in the Ohio Association of EMIS Professional for Pat Miller and Carol Williman.

**Approved a budget revision for the FY09 Dual Credit Grant due to state budget cuts.

The Western Buckeye ESC Governing Board meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m. with no additional Board action. The next regularly scheduled Governing Board meeting of the Western Buckeye Educational Service Center is on December 9, 2008 starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Van Wert ESC Office.

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NANCY JO SUNDAY RECOGNIZED AT VETERANS' DAY PROGRAM



Those pictured include left to right, DAR member Judy Ray; Nancy Jo Sunday, DAR members, Sandi Brown, Mary Etta Horvath, Gladys Donson.

Miss Sunday was honored November 7, 2008 by the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The local chapter, Joel Frost Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters American Revolution presented this award to Miss Nancy Jo Sunday for her community service award. Miss Nancy Jo Sunday is worthy of this award based on her dedication and time spent instilling the values of patriotism in the hearts and minds of the students at Hicksville Elementary School. She also, volunteers her time and efforts to make sure that the veterans in Defiance, Williams and Paulding counties are recognized by the school for their honorable service given to our country.

Growing up at the Sunday house, Miss Sunday came to understand the importance of patriotism. Countless stories shared by her dad about his service to our nation and his love for the United States paved the way for Miss Sunday's respect for our country and the veterans who served it. It was after her father passed away that Miss Sunday got the idea that it would be nice to honor her father's memory and his service to

the country that was so precious to him. Why not show the children of Hicksville Elementary what it meant to be a veteran? In 1991 Miss Sunday approached the school administration with her idea to have a school wide assembly that would honor veterans on Veterans' Day. That year was the first Veteran's Day program, spearheaded by Miss Sunday, to be held for all students in Grades K through 6. Approximately 600 people attended that assembly. The assembly included 500 students and staff, along with about 100 veterans and community people. What a joy it was to hear the voices of all ages come together to sing the national anthem, honoring those who served our country to preserve the very freedoms that allowed them to sing that very song. The day after the first assembly, Miss Sunday was busy working on the next year's assembly. She continues this process to this day because of her vision and passion to instill patriotism in the hearts of young people.

Prior to Veterans' Day, students in each grade level complete a project that Miss Sunday organizes to go along with the theme for the program. For the younger students it includes coloring pictures and recognizing national symbols, such as our country's flag. Older students participate in writing projects and other creative projects. Miss Sunday then selects projects that best reflect patriotism to be shared at the assembly and awards are given to students for their efforts. The awards have been acquired through her efforts to obtain donations for the program or she, herself has purchased them. Miss Sunday writes and sends invitations to the veterans of Paulding, Williams, and Defiance Counties each year. Over 50 veterans attend yearly to be honored and recognized by the staff and students of Hicksville Elementary School. Each year Taps is played at the closing of the assembly and a moment of silence is observed in honor of the veterans who have served our country. Many times those who have attended receive a small flag or flag pin to remind them of the importance of patriotism.

One of the most memorable assemblies has been when the Wright Patterson Military Drill Team attended and performed one of their routines for the students and veterans. Another exciting time for the students was when the designer of the current United States flag, Robert Heff, spoke to the students. His story paralleled what many of them had been doing for this program: expressing their patriotism through focusing on national

symbols.

Miss Sunday exemplifies The Daughters of the American Revolution's beliefs of linking America's past to America's present and future through her many dedicated hours of connecting children to their country's dearest heroes, our veterans.

GOVERNOR STRICKLAND PROCLAIMS OHIO HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE MONTH

Thousands of Ohio home care and hospice workers and their patients are being recognized for their devotion and dedication as Gov. Ted Strickland declares November as Ohio Home Care and Hospice Month.

Strickland is the first Ohio governor to issue an official proclamation recognizing home health and hospice care month. November is also national hospice month.

"Home care services allow families to stay together, and provide for greater health, dignity and comfort in our communities," Strickland said in his proclamation. "Hospice fulfills the basic human needs of feeling comfortable in familiar surroundings and of attaining physical and emotional peace during the last stage of life."

In Ohio, home care allows thousands of medically fragile children, mentally handicapped patients, senior citizens and other adults to remain with their families as they receive care equal to, or better, than they would receive elsewhere, Strickland said.

Home care promotes independence and human dignity for individuals who lament the loss of freedoms, which often accompany nursing home placement. In fact, seniors prefer home care over institutional care by more than 90 percent.

"The demand for home care continues to grow," said Debbie Baxter, RN, nursing supervisor for Community Health Professionals of Paulding. "Our mission is to serve patients and families, and we're committed to making sure they receive the care they want—whether it's visiting nurses, hospice or private duty services."

Locally, Community Health Professionals provided 34,461 home health care visits to 1,539 patients throughout northwest and west central Ohio. In addition, the non-profit organization cared for 448 hospice patients.

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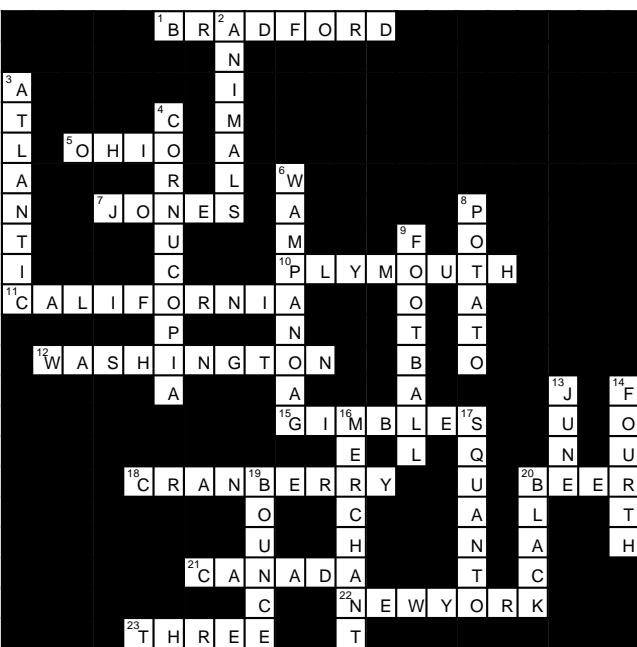
**Skilled nursing care, home health aides, therapy services, spiritual support, medical social services, trained volunteers, respite care and bereavement support

**In-home as well as inpatient hospice care facilities located in Defiance and another opening in Van Wert in 2009; offering respite for families and providing care when an able caregiver is not available or symptoms make care at home too difficult

**Summer camp for grieving children called, "Rays of Hope"

For more information about any services provided by Community Health Professionals of Paulding, call 419-399-4708.

Last Week's answers to "Of Plymouth Plantation' Thanksgiving Trivia"



"And what country can preserve its liberties, if it's rulers are not warned from time to time, that this people preserve the spirit of resistance? Let them take arms."
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BILLY THE KID

Part II

By: Stan Jordan

Governor Lew Wallace sent for Billy and offered him immunity if he would testify against Murphy and Dolan. He agreed to this but after the trial the Judge disregarded Wallace's order and ordered Billy and Tom O'Folliard to be held. But some of their friends supplied two horses and they escaped. This was in March of 1879.

For the next year and a half these men survived by rustling, stealing, gambling and other defensive actions.

In 1880, Billy was playing poker with a young fellow named Joe Grant in Fort Sumner. He was bragging how he would shoot Billy the Kid if he ever met him. He did not know he was talking with 'The Kid', he never met him.

While Billy was examining Joe's pistol, he fixed the cylinder as the hammer would fall on an empty cylinder. As most riders in those times left one chamber empty for the hammer to ride on, maybe to make it safe for them.

Then Billy told who he was and when Joe pulled and fired nothing happened, so Billy shot him dead.

A lot of people called that murder. In November of 1880, Billy and his gang were trapped in a ranch house owned by James Greathouse. There was a lot of 'hem-hawing' going on and inside the house a shot was fired accidentally. When James Carlyle jumped out of a window the posse shot him and he was a posse member. So during the excitement Billy and his men made their escape. Billy then sent a letter to

Governor Wallace that he did not kill Carlyle and didn't know who did.

During this time in November 1880, Pat Garrett was elected sheriff of Lincoln County and he swore that he would rid the county of Billy the Kid. This carried a bounty of \$500.

The sheriff and posse' caught Billy and his gang in a mid-night ambush in December of 1880. Billy escaped but his close friend, Tom O'Folliard was killed.

On December 19, Billy was traced to an abandoned building in a place called Stinking Springs.

Pat Garrett and his posse' surrounded the building and waited until sunrise. The next morning Charlie Bowdre stepped outside to feed his horse, he was mistaken for Billy and he was shot down by the posse'. Then someone tried to get the horses' halter and Garrett shot and killed the horse. It's body blocked the door open and it was cold outside. The posse' was cooking some breakfast and the outlaws and posse' carried on a conversation for most of the day. Later the outlaws surrendered if they could have some food.

This was the capture and the beginning of the end for 'Billy the Kid'. His trial was held in April of 1881 in Mesilla. The Kid wrote a letter to Governor Wallace for clemency, but he never heard from him. After two days of testimony he was found guilty of the murder of Sheriff Brady. This was the only conviction of anybody for anything in The Lincoln County War.

The Judge said that Billy would hang by the neck until

declared "dead, dead, dead." Billy told the Judge he could go to "hell, hell, hell."

Our family visited this whole area in 1958. The store, the courtroom and the jail above the courtroom. Even the outhouse where the gun was concealed above the door.

Billy waited until Bob Ollinger went to lunch and then he told the jailer, James Bell, that he needed to go to the privy. He had been told there would be a gun above the door. He concealed the gun in his clothes and then started back up the stairs. At the top of the stairs he wanted the jailer, Bell, to surrender his pistol, but he would not, so Billy shot and killed him.

He knew the shot noise would bring Bob Ollinger a running. He hated Bob because he always threatened him with the 10 gauge double barrel shotgun, even taunted him to try to make an escape so he could blow him into pieces.

Billy stood outside on the porch of the marquee and when Bob came he said, "Hey, Bob, this is your shotgun," and he touched off both barrels. Bob was dead when he hit the ground.

Billy stayed around town for over an hour getting his leg irons off. Then he mounted a horse and rode away. The horse was back in town in a couple days. This all happened on April 28, 1881.

About three months later, Garrett heard rumors that Billy was in the area again. So he went out to see and stopped at Pete Maxwell's ranch and Pete said that Billy was indeed here and going to stay in room number 3.

It was sort of like a wing of single rooms with no doors or windows, only the holes for them.

Pat Garrett knew the Kid and when he saw him down by the smokehouse with his knife to get something to eat. There was a lantern by the door and Garrett recognized the Kid.

Pat went back to the room and squatted down in the farthest corner. When Billy stepped into the room, he felt someone else was there and said, "Quienes?" That is Spanish for, "Who is it?" He said it twice and Garrett knew it was the Kid and he fired once.

Garrett was extremely frightened because if he missed he knew he would be a goner. His heart pounding like a trip hammer, he waited a couple of minutes and when Billy didn't move, he went over and checked the pulse. This was after dark and no lights around, so Pat had to be sure the Kid was dead.

Well, he was, one shot through the heart. Pat Garrett called out to anyone that he had killed Billy the Kid.

The Kid was buried the next day in one of Pete Maxwell's good shirts. He was buried on Old Fort Sumner's Military Cemetery. His long time roust-about buddies, Tom O'Folliard and Charlie Bowdre on either side of him. Later, a tombstone was added that carried the names and dates of all and a line that said 'PALS'.

The Kid had a lot of friends even among the Mexicans and the Indians. A lot of folks said he was better than some of the men he killed, maybe so.

I hope you found this interesting. It is all history, not ours, but still history of some of America's growing pains.

See Ya!



REMEMBERING

By: Sue Knapp

On November 11 the nation recognized our Veterans; also known as Armistice Day or Remembrance Day.

Armistice Day came about with the signing of the Armistice that ended WWI. The hostilities officially ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 with the German signing.

President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed Armistice Day for November 12, 1919. Seven years later on June 4, 1926 the President was requested to change the date to November 11. This was approved on May 13, 1938.

In 1953 an Emporia, Kansas shoe store owner, Al King, came up with the idea to celebrate all veterans, not just those who served in WWI. He began to campaign to turn Armistice Day into 'All Veterans Day'. The Emporia Chamber of Commerce backed the idea and with the help of U.S. Representative Ed Rees, a bill was passed and President Eisenhower signed it into law.

This act was amended by Congress on November 8, 1954 to change the day to Veterans Day. (information from Wikipedia)



NOW READ THIS

By: Stan Jordan

This story takes place in a very exquisite Men's Club in Arlington, Texas. Three rich Texans were enjoying a mint julep and some big cigars.

The one says, "I own about 50 sections of range and I clear about three million dollars a year. My ranch runs nothing but white face Hereford cattle."

The next fellow bragged about his big spread. He said, "It will take you on a good long day to ride all around the outskirts of my ranch. I guess we clear about 3½ million dollars a year."

The third fellow said, "Well, I only got about a 40 acre spread, but I clear about five million a year."

When the other men heard that he had about 40 acres, instead of thousands, they instantly looked down on him. Then one asked, "Where is this 40 acre spread that clears you five million a year?"

The third man replied, "In downtown Dallas!"

See Ya!

Antwerp Local School recognized our Veterans with a ceremony this year.

High School Principal, Mr. Steve Arnold, opened the ceremony by saluting and thanking those who serve our country. Mrs. June Smith was also recognized for her help in putting together the program.

The Color Guard entered with Jeremy Dunderman and Damien Smith carrying the guns, Michelle Litzenburg carrying the American Flag and Sue Moliter carrying the Auxiliary (VFW) Flag.

The Pledge of Allegiance was voiced and the different symbolism of folding of the flag was described. Each fold means a different thing. Pat Moliter and Jerry Van Cleve folded the flag.

Stan Jordan was then introduced. He spoke about what life was like during WWII. Everyone worked, farm wives had to run the equipment and farm, children gathered scrap metal and fat for explosives, every-

one had victory gardens and everyone worked for the war effort.

The factories switched production for the war effort, and there were jobs for rolling bandages for the wounded men.

Stan quoted, "You done the best you could with what you had" and "if life gives you lemons, make lemonade". Stan ended with "we live here in the land of the free because of the brave."

The ceremony ended with the Armed Forces Melody with the Veterans standing as their song was played. Mr. Arnold then invited the Veterans to lunch in the auditoria.

Zachary Terwilleger was present in his full dress Marine uniform. He was home after completing boot camp. After his leave, Zachary will head to Camp Geiger for military combat training. After that he will head to Camp LeJeune to train in military occupational skills as a specialty combat engineer.

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WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 11/19 THROUGH 11/21

Breakfast:
 11/19 - Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk
 11/20 - Egg/cheese omelet, toast/jelly, juice, milk
 11/21 - Waffles, sausage, juice, milk
 11/24&25 - No School, Parent-Teacher Conferences
Lunch:
 11/19 - Walking taco, meat/cheese/lettuce/salsa/sour cream, corn, applesauce, milk
 11/20 - Hot creamed chicken sandwich, green beans, rice, pears or banana, milk
 11/21 - Pizza, tossed salad, mandarin oranges, peanut butter fudge, milk
 11/24&25 - No School, Parent-Teacher Conferences
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BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS FOR THE WEEK OF 11/19 THROUGH 11/25

MS/HS - Breakfast:
 11/19 - Bacon, egg & cheese croissant, juice, milk
 11/20 - French toast stix, sausage links, juice, milk
 11/21 - Sausage gravy w/ biscuits, juice, milk
 11/24 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk
 11/25 - Tator tots & cheese, sausage links, juice, milk
MS/HS - Lunch:
 11/19 - Taco salad or sub sandwich, baby carrots w/ dip, assorted fruit, milk
 11/20 - Pizza sticks w/marinara sauce, green beans, assorted fruit, milk
 11/21 - Bar-b-que pork/bun, au gratin potatoes, assorted fruit, milk
 11/24 - Biscuits & gravy or cheeseburger/bun, tator tots, assorted fruit, milk
 11/25 - Chili soup, cheesy bread sticks, assorted fruit, milk

Paulding Elementary
- Breakfast:
 11/19 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk
 11/20 - Poptarts, fruit cup or juice, milk
 11/21 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk
 11/24 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk
 11/25 - Pancake sausage on a stick, juice, milk
Paulding Elementary
- Lunch:
 11/19 - Sloppy joe on a bun, sweet potatoes, fries, assorted fruit, milk
 11/20 - Pizza, lettuce salad, assorted fruit, milk
 11/21 - Cheeseburger on a bun, pickles, oven potatoes, assorted fruit, milk
 11/24 - French toast, hashbrowns, sausage, assorted fruit, milk
 11/25 - Turkey gravy w/ whipped potatoes, corn on the cob, dinner roll, milk
Oakwood Elementary
- Breakfast:
 11/19 - Coco roos cereal, graham crackers, fruit, milk
 11/20 - Egg & cheese burrito, fruit juice, milk
 11/21 - Assorted breakfast, fruit, milk
 11/24 - Pancake sausage wrap on a stick, fruit, milk
 11/25 - Vanilla clodhoppers, apple cinnamon snaps, fruit roll, milk
Oakwood Elementary
- Lunch:
 11/19 - Toasted cheese, green beans, assorted fruit, milk
 11/20 - Popcorn chicken, whipped potatoes w/gravy, bread, assorted fruit, milk
 11/21 - Taco in a bag, lettuce w/cheese, assorted fruit, milk
 11/24 - Corn dog, baked beans, assorted fruit, milk
 11/25 - Turkey gravy w/ whipped potatoes, bread, sherbet, milk

IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS AT THE COOPER COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Christmas festivities in Oakwood are scheduled to begin the first weekend in December and the Cooper Community Library is all decked out and ready to celebrate. Several decorated trees can be found throughout the library and snow-lined bookshelves are filled with Christmas village pieces. Many Courier and Ives pieces, a generous gift from Tim & Georgia Kohart, adorn the shelves.

On December 6 the event planners will each hostess a table in the Community Room bedecked with their Christmas finery. They have sold tickets to their friends and family for a catered dinner. On Sunday, December 7 a Christmas Brunch will be served to the first 88 people who purchase a ticket. Beginning at noon, a buffet feast of sliced ham, chicken salad croissants, egg strata, fruit, coffee cakes, and many other selections will be offered. A dulcimer group will offer entertainment during the meal. Tickets can be purchased by calling the library, a branch of the Paulding Carnegie Library, at 594-3337.

The Library will also be included in the Annual Christmas Walk sponsored by the Guiding Footsteps CCL Club on Sunday, December 7. Was-sail will be offered to guests as they stroll through the library and also peruse the eleven beautiful table settings in the Community Room.

Tuesday, December 9 the event planners will host the annual Christmas Party for the Paulding County Library Board of Trustees and library employees. Amid the hustle and bustle of the holiday season you are invited to stop by and enjoy the library Christmas atmosphere, perhaps meet an old friend, and have a cup of coffee.

BOY SCOUTS OF ANTWERP RECYCLING THIS SATURDAY

The Boy Scouts of Antwerp will be recycling at the Antwerp Fire House this Saturday, November 22 from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

They accept cardboard, glass, newspaper in brown bags, and aluminum and steel cans.

WAYNE TRACE FALL SPORTS AWARDS CEREMONY



Wayne Trace held its annual Fall Sports Award Ceremony on Monday evening, November 3, 2008. Those student-athletes receiving honors in their respective sports are pictured.

Cross Country Boys: Colin Klopfenstein - Varsity Most Improved; Karl Klopfenstein - GMC 1st Team, Regional Qualifier, MVP; Cory Irwin - GMC Honorable Mention, Coaches Award



Cross Country Girls: Front, Lindsey Matthews - GMC 2nd Team, MVP; Jenna Gordon - 4th Year Varsity; Akke Akkerman - GMC Honorable Mention, Coaches Award; Cassie

McDougle - 3rd Year Varsity. Back, Chelsea Klewer - 3rd Year Varsity, Most Improved; Amanda Hill - GMC Honorable Mention; Samantha Davis - 3rd Year Varsity.



Cheerleading: Lauren Holtsberry - Coaches Award; Emily Shuherk - Most Im-

proved; Kirsten Olwin - Most Valuable.



Football: Front, Trevor Speiser - Heavyweight Mr. Fitness; Jason Gordon - GMC 1st Team Kicker; Devin Dias - Senior Mr. Fitness; Art Stoller - Coaches Award; Tevin Hale - GMC 2nd Team Defensive Back, GMC 2nd Team Run-

ning Back; VW Area Offensive Player of the Year; Wayne Trace Offensive Player of the Year; Ethan Webster - Varsity Most Improved, GMC Honorable Mention Defensive Tackle. Back, Jacob Taylor - JV Most Improved; Der-

ek Baksa - GMC Honorable Mention Linebacker, Wayne Trace Defensive Player of the Year; Gage Critten - Sophomore Mr. Fitness; Dylan Horner - Freshman Mr. Fitness; Jarred Kimmell - Over-

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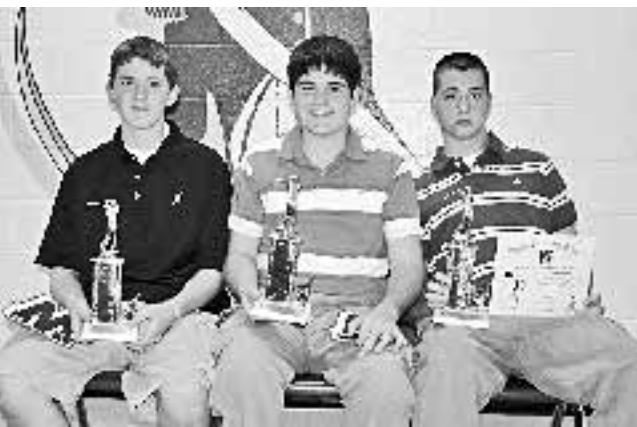
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Boys Golf: Dalton Co-burn - Coaches Award; Cody Feasby - Varsity Most Improved; Nick German - MVP. Not Pictured: Joe Morehead - JV Most Improved.



Girls Golf: Front, Shelby Critten - GMC 1st Team, Coaches Award; Elyse Myers - GMC 1st Team; Gabby Hook - GMC 1st Team; Courtney Hicks - GMC 1st Team. Back, Ashley Saylor - GMC 2nd Team, Varsity Most Improved; Aryn Denny - JV Most Improved; Kacey Hockenberry - GMC 1st Team, MVP.



Volleyball: Front, Natalie Snyder - GMC 1st Team, Honorable Mention District 7, Division 3 All-Star Game; Krista Garrison - Coaches Award; Sara Priest - GMC 1st Team, 2nd Team District 7; Division 3 All-Star Game, MVP; Kristi Wenninger - GMC Honorable Mention. Back, Kelsey Heck - JV Most Improved; Janelle Davis - GMC 2nd Team, Honorable Mention District 7; Jenna Stoller - Varsity Most Improved.

IF YOUR CHILD'S REPORT CARD DOES NOT REFLECT HIS POTENTIAL - COMMUNICATION IS KEY

It's that time of the school year again - report card time. While many students will come home with good grades, many others would rather stuff their report cards deep into their backpacks than show them to their parents. As parents, you want to see your child succeed at school and in life, so how do you help him achieve academic progress before the next report card?

- If your child...
 - *Develops low self-esteem as report card time approaches
 - *Refuses to discuss her grade expectations
 - *Receives test scores that do not reflect his daily performance
 - *Struggles to complete her daily homework
 - *Gradually begins not to show you his graded assignments and projects
 - *Loses interest in learning

Your child may be frustrated that her report cards won't reflect his full potential. "Every child learns and tests differently. And not every child will be a straight A student," explains Jami Koenn, Center Director of the Sylvan Learning located in Defiance. "Understanding your child's ability and determining if your expectations are too high will allow both you and your child to set appropriate goals for each class and begin to see academic results before the holidays. It will also help establish an environment in which your child is not apprehensive about sharing his report card with you."

Sylvan Learning, the leading provider of in-center and live, online tutoring at home to students of all ages and skill levels, offers the following tips to ensure children's report cards reflect their full potential:

1. **Set expectations.** Not every child will earn all A's, but that doesn't mean your child should strive for less. Talk with your child when report cards are distributed and explain that you won't be upset if he doesn't bring home all A's - but that you will be upset if he doesn't try his hardest or doesn't ask for help.
2. **Communicate with your child.** Don't wait until report cards are issued again to talk with your child about school and grades. Talk with her every night and every week about homework. Ask how she is doing in school and what subjects she finds challenging.
3. **Discuss your child's performance with his teacher and/or guidance counselor.** Your child's teacher and/or guidance counselor is the best source for information about your child's scholastic performance. Your child's teacher can recommend ways to help your child or point out difficulties he is having. His guidance counselor can provide progress reports between reports cards or help set up additional parent-teacher conferences when necessary.
4. **Set goals for improvement with your child.** If your child is currently a C student - then setting a goal of getting all A's may not be reasonable. However, creating an improvement goal for each subject will help her work to-

wards an attainable level for each class.

5. **Establish a study plan with your child.** Your child should keep a schedule of all classes, assignments and key dates (e.g., project deadlines, big exams, etc). As part of that schedule, she should include specific time for studying, projects and extracurricular activities. The more comprehensive the schedule, the more efficient your child will be in completing her homework and the better she'll do in school.

6. **Seek outside help.** Some children may need additional attention that can't be provided in school. Speak with your child's teacher about supplemental education providers that will help your child work towards better grades in school while establishing academic confidence.

7. **Praise your child's successes.** Praise your child for what he is doing well, whether it's a specific academic subject or an extracurricular activity. If your child is not doing well in English, but loves to read the latest Harry Potter book, show him the connection between the two.

Sylvan Learning is the leading provider of in-center and live, online tutoring at home to students of all ages, grades and skill levels. With approximately 30 years of experience and nearly 1,200 centers located throughout North America, Sylvan's proven process and personalized methods have inspired more than 2 million students to discover the joy of learning. Sylvan's trained and certified personal instructors provide individual instruction in reading, writing, mathematics, study skills and test-prep for college entrance and state exams. Sylvan helps transform unique kids into uniquely inspired learners with the skills to do better in school and the confidence to do better in everything else. For more information, call 1-800-31-SUCCESS or visit www.SylvanLearning.com.

ALA SEEKS \$100 MILLION IN STIMULUS FUNDING AS U.S. LIBRARIES FACE CRITICAL CUTBACKS, CLOSURES

The American Library Association (ALA) is asking Congress for \$100 million in stimulus funding to aid the nation's working families during the current economic crisis. Aid is sought to stem the bleeding of critical library services that help Americans with job searches, small business development, financial literacy and other essential assistance in hard economic times.

Public libraries are facing the most severe cutbacks in decades as budget shortfalls hit cities, towns and rural areas across the country, according to the association. From Los Angeles to Boston, libraries are cutting hours and services; some are even facing the threat of closure at a time when their support is needed most.

ALA's recommendation comes as Congress holds hearings this week on economic growth and job creation, including a Joint Economic Committee Hearing tomorrow.

Public libraries depend heavily on local property taxes to maintain operations. Across the country increased foreclosure rates, lower home

values and fewer sales have sharply reduced available funds, forcing libraries to cut services and hours.

"America's free public libraries provide a lifeline for citizens in need across the country," said ALA President Jim Rettig. "Ensuring Internet access, career workshops, business seminars and other economic support services are vital links in the nation's financial recovery. This is no time to cut much-needed support, reduce hours or close library doors."

Rettig pointed to a recent ALA study showing that 73 percent of all libraries nationwide provide the only free Internet access in their communities. In rural areas the rate rises to 83 percent, according to the 2007-2008 report on public library funding and technology access. Many libraries are reporting double-digit growth in computer use this year, he said.

The National League of Cities recently estimated that a 3.6 percent decline in property tax revenues is likely to affect city budgets until 2010. In response to these budget shortfalls, libraries are being forced to cut back on hours or even close neighborhood branches.

The Trenton, NJ, public library will close its four branches and lose about half of its 57 employees by November 1. The city of Milwaukee is considering closing two of its 12 branch libraries. In Newton, MA, outside of Boston, four branch libraries closed this summer; four others in nearby areas also closed or are on the chopping block.

Many cities are choosing between cutting staff and reducing hours. Others, such as Fort Worth, TX, are looking at both, with proposed cuts of more than 100 library jobs along with reduced hours. The city is facing an estimated annual shortfall of more than \$20 million. Additionally, a number of communities are also facing shorter hours and fewer days of operation in Florida.

ALA's recommendation for stimulus funding seeks support for basic library services across the country as well as specialized assistance to help Americans deal with the current economic crisis. In particular, funds are being requested to:

- Expand critical employment activities and services such as resume development, job bank web searches and career planning workshops;
- Reinstate or supplement evening and weekend hours of operation at libraries to provide the greatest possible access to services;
- Promote financial literacy, housing counseling and small business development assistance; and
- Acquire additional resources and materials to help keep up with increased demand for economic services nationwide.

Investments in libraries often yield high dividends for communities. Studies show economic returns from salaries and wages paid to staff, construction costs, employment services and library purchases. A recent Pennsylvania study points out that for every dollar invested in the public library, the community receives a return of \$5.50. A similar report from Florida shows a \$6.54 return on investment.

"Economic studies demonstrate the positive impact of spending in local communities," said Joe Matthews, an internationally recognized expert on library management with an MBA degree from the University of California, Irvine.

"Known as the multiplier effect, every dollar spent in the community will ripple through the economy with an impact ranging from 7 to 11 times the initial spending," he added. "The proposed stimulus spending for America's public libraries will have an enormous impact on local economies, helping communities across the country get back on track financially." Matthews is an acclaimed author and professor at San Jose University.

PAYNE BALL ASSOCIATION MEETING NOTICE

The Payne Ball Association will have its monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 19, at 6:30 p.m. at the Payne Elementary cafeteria. Topics of discussion will include permanent improvements/upgrades to the facilities, project initiatives for 2009 and continued planning for the 2009 season. The meeting is open to the public.

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JOHNSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY HAPPENINGS IN HICKSVILLE

National Gaming Day @ Your Library, the Friends of the Hicksville Library's Annual Scholastic Book Fair, the teen book discussion group, the adult book discussion group, Video Game Days, and the Book Brunch Discussion Group highlight the busy week of November 15-22 at the Johnson Memorial Library.

Start your Christmas shopping at the Friends of the Hicksville Library's Annual Scholastic Book Fair on November 17-22 at the Johnson Memorial Library. The book fair is open to the public during regular library hours.

All of the proceeds from the book fair go to support library programs, the scholarship fund for two Hicksville High School seniors, and to purchase new materials for the Johnson Memorial Library.

Book clubs abound next week at the Johnson Memorial Library. On Thursday, November 20 at 6:30 p.m., both the monthly Teen Book Discussion Group and the adult book discussion group will be meeting. Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the teen book discussion was moved up a week. On Saturday, November 22 at 10:00 a.m., the Book Brunch Discussion Group for fourth to seventh grade students will also hold its monthly discussion. All of the book discussion groups are free and are open to the public.

On November 20, the adults will be discussing a literary classic, *The Winter of Our Discontent*, by John Steinbeck while the teens will be sharing their impressions of *Rules* by Cynthia Lord. Lord is the mother of two children, one of whom has autism. According to the book jacket, "I wrote *Rules* to explore some of my own questions about living with someone who sees the world so differently than I do, but also to show a full experience of family life with a child with autism: the happy

moments, the heartbreaking ones, the ones that make me laugh."

Library volunteer Collette Knight will facilitate the adult book discussion while Teen Advisory Board Member Naomi Barkman will facilitate the teen's discussion. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Hicksville Library.

On November 22, the Book Brunch Discussion Group will be sharing some of their favorite mysteries. Among them are the Hardy Boys, Nancy Drew, the Boxcar Children, and *Anastasia: The Riddle of Anna*. The book discussion will be facilitated by library volunteer Jaci Underwood.

"Come on out and share your favorite mystery," invited Branch Manager Amy Murphy. "This is an opportunity to share your love of books and to get recommendations for great mysteries to read in the future."

The library has ordered copies of the books for the discussions, so each group member may have a copy. Please stop by the library and pick up your copy today.

Rather than sitting around bored, come on out and enjoy the Johnson Memorial Library's free Video Game Days on November 21-22. On November 21 from 3:00-6:00 p.m. and on November 22 from 9:00 a.m.-noon, the library will host free Nintendo Wii Days, which are open to everyone.

"We will be having video game days with our Gamecubes and our new Wii. Anyone wanting to bring in games from home must have them approved by me prior to the event. Games cannot be rated higher than T for Teen," explained Youth Services Librarian Dustin Harris.

For more information on any of the library programs, please call the Johnson Memorial Library at 419-542-6200 or email murphyam@oplin.org.

"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": 8TH GRADERS VISIT VANTAGE



These Antwerp 8th graders check out what's under the hood of a car in the Auto Tech lab during 8th grade tours.



Antwerp 8th graders try their hand at "Platescaping" in the Culinary Arts lab at Vantage during 8th grade tours.

Nearly 700 eighth graders from area schools got to take a peek at what the future might look like in several different career areas, as they visited the career technical labs at Vantage Career Center.

Each school in our district is invited to bring their 8th graders to Vantage for a career exploration activity, which involves a two-hour hands-on demonstration tour. Eighth graders receive a "mini-brochure" which describes the career-technical programs and explains what a typical day is like for students at Vantage. The eighth graders visit each lab and get to go home with a better idea of what goes on behind those big doors off the hallway.

Cody Butler, a senior in the Precision Machining Technology program from Crestview, served as one of the tour guides this year. He said, "I wanted to help the 8th graders to see all the cool things we do in lab." Cassie Martinez, a senior Culinary Arts student from Lincolnview was excited to share her Vantage experience with the 8th graders. "I'm

learning so much and preparing to further my education at the Columbus Culinary Institute. I wanted to tell the 8th graders all about it!"

This career exploration activity is especially helpful by informing the students about all the options available to them. During the visit, the 8th graders are able to see what skills are being used in different career areas and that helps them to begin thinking about developing their own skills. Students may also become more aware of how their interests and abilities can be cultivated into a rewarding career.

It's always a pleasure hosting the 8th graders and giving them a chance to see what a career technical education at Vantage Career Center is all about!

A reminder that Vantage Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on Monday, November 24 from 3:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, November 25 from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Please call 419-238-5411 ext. 126 to schedule your appointment.

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 11/19 THROUGH 11/21

11/19 - Ham on bun or tacos, corn, applesauce cups, brownie, milk; PLUS: salad bar or potato soup w/rivels

11/20 - Shredded turkey or Salisbury steak on bun, mashed potatoes, yellow cake w/cherries, milk; PLUS: salad bar or potato salad

11/21 - Pizza bagel or chicken salad sandwich, salad, vanilla wafers, pineapple, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cook's choice

11/24&25 - No School; Parent-Teacher Conferences

ASSESSING THE FINANCIAL CRISIS AND ITS IMPACT ON AGRICULTURE

By: Jim Lopshire, Exten-

and more costly than current grain prices can support. For 2009, it had been anticipated that input costs would continue to rise, so either crop prices will have to rise or some adjustments in lower input costs will have to occur for 2009 to avoid negative margins with current crop prices.

The big picture for agriculture is one of a relatively strong financial position, being pulled downward by economic ills around the world. This sudden change hasn't happened since the 1970's and 80's. But today's financial fundamentals are very much different than in the 80's. Today's interest rates for the majority of agricultural loans are at much lower levels than in the 1980's, with the prime rate now at 4.5%. Many agricultural loans were set up as variable rate back then; whereas, today's loans are more likely at a fixed rate. The agricultural debt, nationwide, is extremely low compared to assets.

The worldwide financial crisis and economic slowdown have pulled down an agricultural economy that has been fundamentally strong. Particularly troubling has been the rapid change in commodity prices that followed dramatic increases in

crop inputs. Crop producers should be in a much more favorable position to weather an economic storm than was the case in the 1980's, when higher levels of debt combined with high interest rates and default problems contributed to a downward spiral. To satisfy the needs of lenders, farmers will likely need to provide increasing amounts of evidence to show future income and risk protection through their recordkeeping and other financial management skills.

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The week of October 20th was School Bus Safety Week in Ohio. During that week, The Ohio State Patrol followed and rode school buses throughout the state of Ohio. Shown above is inspector

Tina Eley of the Van Wert Post who rode with Paulding Exempted Village Schools driver Jill Breedlove and students Kayden Baumert, Lilyann Kennedy, Brandon Brummit, and Devon Smith.

INTERNET SAFETY SEMINAR AT ANTWERP SCHOOL

Antwerp Local School PTO and Trisha Fuller, IT Trainer, will present Internet Safety Free seminar at Antwerp Local School in the Tech Lab, E7 on Monday, November 24. The seminar will be from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Please use front main entrance.

To register, email at internetsafetytraining@yahoo.com. So we have enough materials to hand out to everyone. The PTO will provide babysitters. If needed, please include the number of children in the registration email.

PAULDING COUNTY 4-H SIGNS NEED TO BE RETURNED

The Paulding County 4-H Advisory Council is asking for "We Support 4-H" signs to be returned to the Paulding County Extension Office for future use. The signs can be dropped off at the Extension office Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. For all questions please call the Extension office at 419-399-8225.

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GARAGE SALE: Nov 19, 9-4. 6384 Rd 39, corner of 500 @ new green house. 4 household sale - lots of household items, kids clothes, baby items, toys, twin bedding, lots of new items, baby bedding, car seats, too much to list. p

DEADLINE FOR THE CLASSIFIEDS IN THE WEST BEND NEWS IS MONDAYS AT 12 NOON!! "FOR SALE BY OWNERS IN THE WEST BEND NEWS" IS FRIDAYS @ 5PM!!

WT VETERANS' DAY PROGRAM



Wayne Trace Junior/Senior High observed Veterans' Day on November 11, 2008 with an assembly.

The assembly included the high school band playing the National Anthem, Salute to the Armed Forces and You're a Grand Old Flag. Junior High students shared essays; High

school students shared poems. The High School choir performed Battle Hymn of the Republic. Guest Speaker Mr. Robert Habern gave a Veterans' Day speech. The Senior class presented certificates to veterans to round out the program.

PAYNE SCOUTS UNDERGO NOVEMBER CAMP - COMPASS COURSE

November began with unseasonably mild weather, with temperatures reaching the 70's. It was not until 7 November, that the temperature began falling toward freezing. That was when Payne Boy Scout Troop 137 hit the trail for a weekend campout and outdoor adventure.

Seven scouts and seven adult leaders camped over the weekend of 8 November, at Camp Lakota, near Defiance.

After hiking into the campsite, everyone went to work setting up camp. This was a speedy process, since the troop utilized the camp's new "Adirondacks" for shelter. An Adirondack is a small bunkhouse, sleeping four, on stilts, with a roof, but no door.

Next, everyone prepared for the evening meal. The theme was "Anything You Could Cook on a Stick". The usual fare of hot dogs, brats, and other forms of skewered meats were favorites. Still, some tried a variation by using the campfire to roast pizza, and even tacos.

After the meal, the scouts found a clearing in the forest, and played football. Normally, this would be quite difficult given the darkness and late hour, but a glow-in-the-dark football made the activity possible.

After a chilly nights sleep, the troop rose early to prepare breakfast. The morning meal consisted of the troop's patented (not really) "Break-

fast Mess." The Mess is large quantities of scrambled eggs, hash browns, onions, bacon, and cheese. The scouts cook most ingredients separately, and then mix them together in a cast iron dutch oven, to finish the final simmering on the fire.

After clean-up, the scouts broke up into four teams to compete in a Five-Mile Compass Course. The course sent the teams all across the camp following compass bearings. Once at a location, the team had to answer a question about some object found there. The winning team was the one with the most correct answers.

The winning team was that of Scout Matthew Baxter and Star Scout Nick Long.

Fun was had by all, and the troop is considering their next adventure.

If you have any questions about the Payne Boy Scout Troop, contact Asst. Scoutmaster Kip Long at 419-263-3822, or Scoutmaster Angie Gordon at neilgordon@windstream.net.

SALE NOTICE

#41 Owner - Joe Jones - dresser, coffee table, nightstand, microwave cart, glider, baby changing table, boxes, etc...

#55 Owner - Tracy Keel - kitchen table & chairs, lamps, boxes, totes, chest side table, tool box, etc...

Auction to be held at storage units located next to Whispering Pines Apartments in Paulding on Thurs, Nov 20, 2008 at 1:00 pm

Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative Announces Nomination Petitions Available

Three (3) voting districts up for reelection this year are Districts 3, 7, and 8. Any member residing in one of these districts, who is interested in obtaining a petition, should pick up a nomination packet in our office at 910 N. Williams St, Paulding, OH. Petitions will require signatures from members in your district and must be completed and returned no later than December 19, 2008. District 3 includes members residing in Paulding County Townships - Carryall, Crane and Harrison; District 7 includes members residing in Putnam County Townships - Monroe, Palmer, Liberty and Greensburg; and District 8 includes members residing in Putnam County Townships - Perry, Jackson, Monterey, Jennings and Allen County Township - Marion.

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PAULDING MS/HS OBSERVE VETERANS' DAY



Paulding Middle School and High School provided many local veterans with a luncheon and program on Tuesday, November 11. Mrs. Sue Helle and her students provided the lunch and the National Honor Society and Varsity Quartet organized

and presented the program. After the program, all veterans and students were invited outside to do a balloon launch.

Shown in the photo are some of the local veterans ready to launch their balloons.

FROM OUR STATE REPRESENTATIVE: LYNN WACHTMANN

There are currently more than 23 million veterans living in the United States. These brave men and women have fought in conflicts across the globe - from World War II to Korea, from Vietnam to Iraq and Afghanistan - so that we might live in peace and freedom. We owe these individuals a tremendous debt of gratitude, and as we prepare to celebrate Veterans Day, I hope you will join me in recognizing all those who have served our country with honor and distinction.

The holiday we now know as Veterans Day was first celebrated in 1919 on the one-year anniversary of the armistice that ended World War I. During the next several years, a number of states declared November 11 to be a legal holiday, and in 1938, Congress passed legislation that officially designated the 11th of November each year as "Armistice Day."

Armistice Day was primarily dedicated to honoring veterans of WWI; however, after the massive mobilization of troops for World War II, as well as those who fought in the Korean War, Congress

changed the name in 1954 to Veterans Day as a way to recognize the efforts of all American veterans. Communities all across the nation celebrate this day with parades and other activities honoring those who have answered the call to duty.

My colleagues and I in the Legislature also recognize the many sacrifices endured by our military members, and we have passed several measures during this General Assembly that seek to ease the burden on them and their families. As you may recall from one of my columns earlier this year, we approved House Bill 372, which exempts military retirement pay from the state income tax and provides service members returning from overseas duty with a six-month window to renew any professional licenses.

I am also pleased to announce that House Bill 87 is now Ohio law. This bill designates the Maumee River bridge in Napoleon the "Henry County Veterans Bridge." I sponsored this legislation on behalf of the Henry County Veterans' Association which is comprised of the various veterans' groups and chapters throughout Henry County.

Additionally, Ohio recently became the first state to allow all veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces, along with their spouses and dependents, attending a state college or university to pay in-state tuition rates. Under the Ohio GI Promise, veterans who are eligible to receive federal GI Bill educational benefits, meet residency requirements and participate in approved community service or internship programs will qualify to receive in-state tuition.

This program will help keep and attract Ohio's talented veterans here in our state, where the knowledge and skills they acquired while serving our country can be shared with others. More information about the Ohio GI Promise can be found online at universitysystem.ohio.gov/veterans or by calling 1-877-VETS-OH-1 (1-877-838-7641).

Our country's veterans, both past and present, deserve the thanks of a grateful nation. While we will never be able to fully express our gratitude to these heroes and patriots, let us gather together this Veterans Day and remember their spirit, bravery, dedication and courage. Let us also dedicate ourselves toward making this nation better each and every day through our words, actions and deeds.

As always, I welcome your thoughts on any of the matters we discuss here at the Statehouse. I can be reached by phone at (614) 466-3760 or by writing me, State Representative Lynn Wachtmann, 77 South High Street, District 75, Columbus, OH 43215.

OAKWOOD GLEANER ARBOR #759



Community Service Recognition Awards (CSRA) to Fred and Phyllis Merritte, 600 hours; Jon Thomas, Youth ball and Scouts; Audrey Nice 4-H Jr. leaders



Members of Charloe Park receive donation from Oakwood Gleaner Arbor #759 to replace Shelter house. L-R Gerri Mobley, Cindy Fellers, Carolyn Merritt, Don Kyle, Ron Cooper, Pres. of Arbor

President Ron Cooper welcomed 27 people to our November meeting at the Twin Oaks Reception Hall. Chaplin Dick Parrish had the prayer and then we had the pledge. Roll call was answered by "Did you vote?" The minutes were read and approved. Dick Parrish reported that we have completed our 2 road pick up for this year. Jerrolyn Parrett is making plans for Christmas Party to be held here on November 24 at 6:00 p.m. We will have a white elephant exchange. Reservation need to be in by November 17.

A check was presented to four representatives of the Charloe Park (Carolyn Merritt, Don Kyle, Gerri Mobley, and Cindy Fellers). They intend to replace the fallen down shelter house when they get enough money.

Community Service Recognition Awards were given to, adult: Jon Thomas for his many hours spent with youth in ball and scouts. Gleaner gave him a pin, lifetime insurance policy and a clock with his name on it. Karen Cooper read all his activities and hon-

ored his wife for standing by him.

Youth award went to Audrey Nice, a senior at Paulding High School for her many hours with the 4-H and the community. Gleaner gave her a pin, lifetime insurance policy, and a paper weight with her name on it. Apache Etter read of her many accomplishments.

Gleaner Outstanding Volunteer award went to Fred and Phyllis Merritte for over 600 hours. Our state coordinator, Ruth Benien read of their services.

A 75 year pin is to be delivered to Robert Colwell of Defiance. He was unable to attend.

Karen Cooper had a patriotic game which was won by Bill Bidlack and Fred Merritte. They received magnetic flags. Karen decorated the hall with red, white and blue flags and hats. Bonnie Pier had refreshments of cider, grape juice and cookies.

Our next meeting will be December 4 in the Choir room of Twin Oaks Church at 7:00 p.m.

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