

JOHN & RUTH KENNEDY CELEBRATE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY



John and Ruth (Hormann) Kennedy recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on November 30.

The couple has two daughters: Janeesa (Don) Sarrazin of Fort Wayne, IN, Joni Harrington of Fort Wayne, IN and son, Jared (Wendy) Kennedy of Lexington, KY. They also have eight grandchildren.

John retired from Rea Magnet Wire Co. with 40 years of service and Ruth retired from Antwerp Local School with 21 years of service.

A surprise part was given by their children in honor of their anniversary at the Woodburn Community fire hall.

HOLIDAY SEASON TOP TEN SHOPPING TIPS - The BBB warns consumers to understand store policies!

1. Exclusions and limitations: Conditions to an offer must be listed in the ad or the coupon. See a manager if you feel a misrepresentation has drawn you to the store.

2. Cancellation and returns: Have these explained for an item or service before purchasing it. For instance, did you know that some stores charge restocking fees on returns? And that you have three days to back out of a credit/debt counseling transaction?

3. Credit/debit card use: With credit card charges, consumers are only held liable for \$50 in unauthorized charges. Debit cards may not provide such protection.

4. Gift cards: Be careful purchasing gift cards from a retailer that may be closing or that has filed for bankruptcy because you may not be able to redeem the gift card if this occurs.

5. Layaways: Additional fees may be charged. To avoid problems, get the store's layaway policy in writing including its terms and refund policy.

6. Online shopping: Take time to read through the Web site to find the cost of shipping and handling fees, and whether they provide a free shipping label for returns.

7. Rain checks: If your item is sold out, you have the right

to a rain check unless the ad mentions the number of goods available, or if the store is selling seasonal or clearance items. But remember that the next shipment may not arrive until after Christmas.

8. Keep important information: When ordering by phone or computer, record the seller's name, phone number, confirmation number, terms and policies.

9. The point of "No Return": Be clear on how long you have to make an exchange or return. Don't assume you have 30 days and be stuck giving a Christmas gift that can't be returned if it is unsatisfactory.

10. Billing errors: Beware of unauthorized purchases and fees. Notify your financial institution immediately if your credit/debit card or checking account has charges that you didn't make.

*** Never, never, never throw away receipts until you have disposed of the purchase. Write the identity of the purchase on the receipt and keep them all in a big envelope for the year, such as "2008". Even years later, if a problem develops, you may need the receipt for an insurance claim or warranty problem. Go through the past year's envelopes once a year and clean out the obsolete receipts.

SR 49 OPEN TO THRU TRAFFIC & U.S. 24 EXPANSION AND RELOCATION IN PAULDING, DEFIANCE AND HENRY COUNTIES

US 24 from the Indiana state 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 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:

-Township Road 150 between the state line and County Road 11 - Road is now permanently closed.

-Ohio/Indiana State Line Road, between US 24 and Ohio 111 - Road is now open.

-Ohio 49 between Township Road 162 and County Road 180 - Ohio 49 is now open.

-County Road 11 between County Road 144 and existing US 24 - Road is now open.

-Township Road 51 between Township Road 162 and County Road 180 - Road is now open.

-Township Road 176 between Township Road 61 and Township Road 43 - Road is now open.

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 Allegra Cement Contractor, Valley View, Ohio.

Restrictions or closures related to the U.S. 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.

The following local roads in the area of the new U.S. 24 alignment will remain closed throughout the winter:

-County Road 123
-County Road 139
-County Road 153

The following local roads in the area of the new U.S. 24 alignment will remain open throughout the winter:

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OBITUARIES

Cheryl King-Wilhelm, 56, of Antwerp, passed away Wednesday, December 3, 2008 at Community Memorial Hospital, Hickville. She was born in Fort Wayne October 20, 1952, the daughter of Herman and Christine (Peffley) Rickard. Cheryl previously worked at the Park Station, Antwerp, for 17 years, then at Fountain Manor, Hicksville. She was also a member of the Antwerp VFW and American Legion Posts.

She will be sadly missed by her daughters: Amy King and Lacey Sanders both of Antwerp, and Kristy Funes of Ney; sons: Robert King of Edgerton and Michael Wilhelm of Antwerp; sisters: Pennie Young of Defiance and Pamela Jacobs of Fort Wayne; brother, Richard Rickard of Bryan; 12 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Her parents preceded her in death.

Services were December 8, 2008 at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp. Rev. Jim Edwards officiated. She was laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp.

Memorials should be directed to Dooley Funeral Home, PO Box 452, Antwerp, Ohio 45813. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

John W. "Jack" Colley, 72, of Paulding died Monday, December 1, 2008 at his residence.

He was born April 25, 1936 in Paulding County, Ohio, the son of John Robert and Naomi Mae (Bercaw) Colley. On September 14, 1957 he married Mary Lou Helle who survives. He was a self-employed farmer, a former Paulding County Trustee for 33 years, and a member of the Paulding County Township Trustees Association.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Lou Colley of Paulding; his mother, Naomi Colley of Paulding; a son, John (Wava) Colley of Paulding; a daughter, Sandra (Doug) Par-

rish of Paulding; a brother, Richard Colley of Paulding; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his father, John R. Colley; and a brother, Robert Colley.

Funeral services were December 5 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with Rev. Ben Lowell and Dr. Max Miller officiating. Burial was in St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding.

Donations may be made to Paulding Area Visiting Nurses & Hospice. Condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Elaina Lynn Stoller, 8 weeks, of Haviland, died Saturday, November 29, 2008 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

She was born October 4, 2008 in Fort Wayne, Indiana, the daughter of Ross A. and Joy L. (Bahler) Stoller.

She is survived by her parents, Ross and Joy (Bahler) Stoller of Haviland; a brother, Blake Stoller; a sister, Ava Stoller both of Haviland; grandparents: Craig and Ruth (Klopfenstein) Stoller of Haviland, and Mark and Benita (Schlatter) Bahler of Wolcott, IN; great-grandparents: Russell and Melvne (Zimmerman) Stoller of Paulding, Ellen (Martin) Klopfenstein of Paulding, and Elmer and Marilyn (Getz) Bahler of Wolcott, IN.

She is preceded in death by her great-grandparents: Ben and Esther (Dotterer) Schlatter, and Alvin Klopfenstein.

Funeral services were December 3 at Latty Apostolic Christian Church, Latty, OH. Burial was in the Latty Apostolic Christian Church Cemetery, Latty.

Donations may be made to Riley Children's Hospital, Indianapolis; or the Ronald McDonald House. Condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, is handling arrangements.

Pamela Sue Knepper, 40, of Antwerp, passed away Sunday, November 30, 2008 at her residence.

Pam was born in Muncie, Indiana, on February 14, 1968, the daughter of the late Mary (Parton) Leas and George Kinsey. She previously worked at Bohn Aluminum, Butler, was a member of Antwerp American Legion Post 253. She enjoyed crafting pillows and blankets for her family & friends.

Pam will be sadly missed by her father, George Kinsey of Cecil; step-mother, Jan Kinsey of Plymouth, OH; daughter, Karian and son, Colton both of Payne; fiancé, Zachary Art of Antwerp; brothers: George "Butch" (Trish) of Auburn, IN and Don Horner of Colorado; sisters: Tina Northam of Oklahoma, Chris Massey of Texas, Barbara Jean Kinsey of Muncie, IN, Karen (Glen) Miller of Colorado, Cindy (Ron) Perkins of Williard, Debbie (Jim) Holloman of Plymouth and Bridgett (Ed) Ball of Delaware, Ohio.

Her funeral service was at First Baptist Church of Antwerp December 5, 2008 with Rev. Jim Edwards officiating. She was laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp.

Her family requests donations to V.E.T.S. Memorial. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

ANTWERP COMMUNITY BAND TO PERFORM IN HICKVILLE FOR FOUNTAIN OF FAITH AND CHRIST CUPBOARD

An essential part of the true Christmas spirit is giving to others. In that wonderful tradition, this year, in partnership with the Huber Opera House, the Antwerp Community Band will present a Christmas concert for the benefit of two very worthy area organizations: the Fountain of Faith Free Clinic at Community Memorial Hospital and the Christ Cupboard Ministry. As always, there is no charge for admissions to the concert, but free will offerings will go to the Clinic and Ministry. On the program: a mix of traditional and modern holiday favorites, including Mannheim Steamroller's "The Holly and the Ivy" and "Sleigh Ride". This annual Christmas concert will take place at the Huber Opera House in Hicksville on Sunday, December 14, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

REMEMBERING JFK AT CHRISTMAS

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

It hits me toward the end of November every year—I reflect back upon the Kennedy assassination. November 22, 1963. Who of us over the age of 45 or so could not remember where we were when we heard the news?

The nation was brought to a standstill. The medium of television came into its own. And the course of history was changed.

Being a Kennedy Assassination buff, I had the privilege several years ago of being in Dallas for a conference. Of course, I squeezed into my schedule a visit to Dealey Plaza and the Texas School Book Depository.

There it was. Just like I'd seen it scores of times on TV. The grassy knoll. The hairpin curve of Elm Street where the motorcade traveled. The underpass that led to the freeway where the limousine sped toward Parkland Memorial Hospital. It was all there.

Today they have developed a national museum in the School Book Depository building. It is appropriately named, "The Sixth Floor." What a moving experience for me to be able to stand where the alleged assassin pulled the trigger and altered the events of history.

But what I wasn't prepared for was the attitude of the people on the streets outside the book depository building. When we came back out of the museum and onto Elm Street, folks were simply moving and walking about as if nothing had happened. They weren't particularly impressed like I was that day.

How can that location in Dallas NOT move people or cause them to reflect? Easy. The answer, as obvious as it was, finally dawned on me. Familiarity. The people of Dallas were so familiar with what had happened there that they were now bored with it all.

No big deal. Though the course of this nation was literally changed in a matter of seconds on the fateful day in Dallas those many years ago, for the people on Elm Street today there are taxis to catch, appointments to run to, and other things to think about.

The more I reflected on that, the more I realized how it's part of human nature. Familiarity clouds memory. The impact lessens. The remembrance fades. The recollection dulls.

Maybe that's why it's so important that every year we remember the birth of the Savior during the Christmas season. The events of 2000 years ago cannot be forgotten.

We need to remember them. Sure, I enjoy the celebration and festivity of Christmas as much as the next guy. I guess I'm still a kid at heart. I love the music, the family gatherings, and opening up of presents.

But what I want to remember the most is the birth of the Savior; the story of Mary and Joseph; bowing shepherds; traveling wise men; proclaiming angels; and a baby lying in a manger.

The birth of the Savior is still vivid. It's always fresh. I never tire of it. May we not become so familiar with the Christmas story that we lose its significance. May we not yawn through the old recounting of how Mary gave birth to a baby who was Christ the Lord.

For it was the events of a quiet stable in Bethlehem that had a greater impact on human history than a busy street in Dallas on a chilly day in November. The events of that first Christmas truly changed the course of history... and the course of my life as well.

THIS HAS BEEN AN ADVENT WARNING...

As of 30 November, we have entered the Season of Advent. *Advent* is from the Latin for "to come" or "arrival." It is during this time that most Christians prepare for the Celebration of Christmas - the arrival of Christ.

This season brings mixed emotions to Church-goers, so I wanted to share this warning with everyone about a happening, that commonly occurs this time of year. The Invitation to Christmas Services!

You see, Church-goers spend the four Sundays of Advent in great suspense and anticipation of Christmas. They often have great trouble containing their excitement, even in public. When this happens, it is common for them to begin inviting people to join them at their church's Christmas Service.

I humbly ask your forbearance and tolerance if a Church-goer invites you to their church's Christmas Service. They really cannot help themselves.

Just put yourselves in their shoes. They are spending an entire month in suspense

and anticipation of one of the most joyous celebrations of the year. During the month of preparation, the Church-goer experiences great sadness as they examine their lives and remember they sin. Then, the next moment, they experience great joy, as they remember that Jesus came to take away that sin—it is the First Coming of that same Jesus, they are preparing to celebrate.

Again, I ask your forbearance and tolerance, if you are approached by one of these people. They can't help it! They are not entirely in control of themselves, and they believe if you come to their church's Christmas Service, you will experience the same joy.

So, here is to hoping you can tolerate this Season of Advent.

Bye and God Bless,
—Pastor Ray Long

MATTHEW 24 LESSON 14

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

In our last lesson we stopped with Matthew 24:27 and this was continuing to talk about the destruction of Jerusalem. Today, as you and I look at Matthew 24:28, what is Jesus talking about here? As I have noted before, Jesus is still talking about the destruction of Jerusalem. The word *eagle*, in classical Greek and also in Koine Greek, has the meaning of a military standard for both. The Persians and Romans, the eagle was the symbol of Roman power. It was carried by the different units of the Roman army, wherever they exerted their authority. Thus, in 70 A.D. the Roman eagles swarmed over Jerusalem, to devour apostate Judaism. Yes, the Roman eagle banner had been raised over Jerusalem and it was utterly destroyed. So far, what Jesus is telling the disciples is about Jerusalem, and the temple, with Jesus bringing Judgment on an apostate nation. The Judgment that Jesus brought on the Jews in 70 A.D. was an escapable Judgment, especially for the elect, which was Christians. The Judgment coming at the end of time no one will be able to escape this one. Yes, loved ones, there is coming a worldwide, ines-

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capable Judgment at the second coming of Christ. Paul and Peter taught Christians throughout their ministry about Judgment coming. For scripture verses, they are: I Thessalonians 5:1-3; II Thessalonians 1:7-10; II Peter 3:10-12.

Loved ones, we likewise must heed the words of Jesus, and not be misled by false prophets, false christ, and you and I are not to be troubled by wars, famines, pestilence, earthquakes, or even persecution. What you and I need to do is be faithful and obedient to what God's word teaches. Then when the end comes, you and I can hear those beautiful words: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the Joy of the lord."

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

HOLIDAY DINNER AT PAYNE ST. PAUL UMC

The Payne St. Paul United Methodist Church is holding their annual Holiday Dinner on Saturday, December 13 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Door prizes will be given throughout the evening. Christmas music and singing of favorite carols will be from 7:00-7:30 p.m.

A home-cooked swiss steak dinner, fellowship and music will be enjoyed during this busy holiday season. The church is located at S. Main and Townline in Payne.

T.G.I.F. — THANK GOD IT'S FREE! GIVE AWAY

The annual T.G.I.F. give away will be held on Saturday, December 13, 2008 at the Cecel Presbyterian Church from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.

CEREMONY OF LESSONS AND CAROLS IN ANTWERP

The Divine Mercy Parish (Antwerp location) choir will present "A Ceremony of Nine Lessons and Carols" on Sunday, December 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church of Divine Mercy (Antwerp location). The church is located at 303 S. Monroe Street in Antwerp. The service is non-denominational and is free and open to the public.

This service is based on the traditional Festival of Lessons and Carols made popular by the Kings College Chapel of Cambridge University in England.

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols is a format for a service of Christian worship celebrating the birth of Jesus which is traditionally followed at Christmas. The story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus is told in nine short Bible readings, interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols and hymns. These carols and hymns are sung by the choir and the congregation.

The Antwerp Divine Mercy choir consists of about 24 voices from the parishes Antwerp location under the direction of David Jones. The group's keyboardist is his wife, Sally Gillette-Jones. The Ceremony of Nine Lessons and Carols is presented for the first time at the Antwerp location. The Very Reverend Alan Fillman, pastor of Divine Mercy Parish, will preside over the service. He will be assisted by Deacon Steve Drennan.

There will be fellowship and refreshments following the service in the parish hall next to the church.

For further information contact: David Jones, 419-258-2351 dasajones@mchsi.com or the Divine Mercy Parish office 419-399-2576.



PAULDING COUNTY AUDITOR RECEIVES CONTINUING EDUCATION AWARD

Paulding County Auditor Susan K. Simpson is a recipient of the "Distinguished County Auditor" award, presented by the County Auditors' Association of Ohio (CAAO). The award recognizes County Auditors who have completed 100 or more hours of continuing education during their term of office. Ms. Simpson was recognized and received the award from outgoing CAAO President Nancy Yackee, Fulton County Auditor, during the CAAO Winter Conference on November 20th. The CAAO notes, in recognizing this achievement, that when you consider the time commitments on County Auditors in general, it is truly an accomplishment for a County Auditor to have over 100 hours of continuing education credits.

Section 319.04 of the Ohio Revised Code requires County Auditors to complete at least 24 hours of continuing education during their term of office. Ms. Simpson obtained her training in topics such as Tax Policy, Planning and Technical Issues in County Audits, Debt Issuance Procedures, CAUV Formula Changes, Budget Issues, Payroll and Accounts Payable, Weights and Measures, Special Assessments, Certified Public Records Training, and two mandatory classes in ethics and substance abuse.

HOLIDAY EATING TIPS

Submitted by: Jennifer Bassett

1. Avoid carrot sticks. Anyone who puts carrots on a holiday buffet table knows nothing of the Christmas spirit. In fact, if you see carrots, leave immediately. Go next door, where they're serving rum balls.

2. Drink as much eggnog as you can—and quickly. It's rare. You cannot find it any other time of year but now. So drink up! Who cares that it has 10,000 calories in every sip! It's not as if you're going to turn into an eggnog alcoholic or something. It's a treat. Enjoy it. Have one for me. Have two. It's later than you think. It's Christmas!

3. If something comes with gravy, use it. That's the whole point of gravy. Gravy does not stand alone. Pour it on. Make a volcano out of your mashed potatoes. Fill it with gravy. Eat the volcano. Repeat.

4. As for mashed potatoes, always ask if they're made with skim milk or whole milk. If it's skim, pass. Why bother? It's like buying a sports car with an automatic transmission.

5. Do not have a snack before going to a party in an effort to control your eating. The whole point of going to a Christmas party is to eat other people's food for free. Lots of it. Hello?

6. Under no circumstances

should you exercise between now and New Year's. You can do that in January when you have nothing else to do. This is the time for long naps, which you'll need after circling the buffet table while carrying a 10-pound plate of food and that vat of eggnog.

7. If you come across something really good at a buffet table, like frosted Christmas cookies in the shape and size of Santa, position yourself near them and don't budge. Have as many as you can before becoming the center of attention. They're like a beautiful pair of shoes. If you leave them behind, you're never going to see them again.

8. Same for pies. Apple, Pumpkin, Mincemeat. Have a slice of each. Or if you don't like mincemeat, have two apples and one pumpkin. Always have three. When else do you get to have more than one dessert? Labor day?

9. Did someone mention fruitcake? Granted, it's loaded with the mandatory celebratory calories, but avoid it at all cost. I mean, have some standards.

10. One final tip: If you don't feel terrible when you leave the party or get up from the table, you haven't been paying attention. Re-read tips; start over, but hurry, January is just around the corner. Remember this motto to live by: "Life should NOT be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive and well preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways, chocolate in one hand, body thoroughly used up, totally worn out and screaming "WOO HOO what a ride!"

Have a great holiday season!

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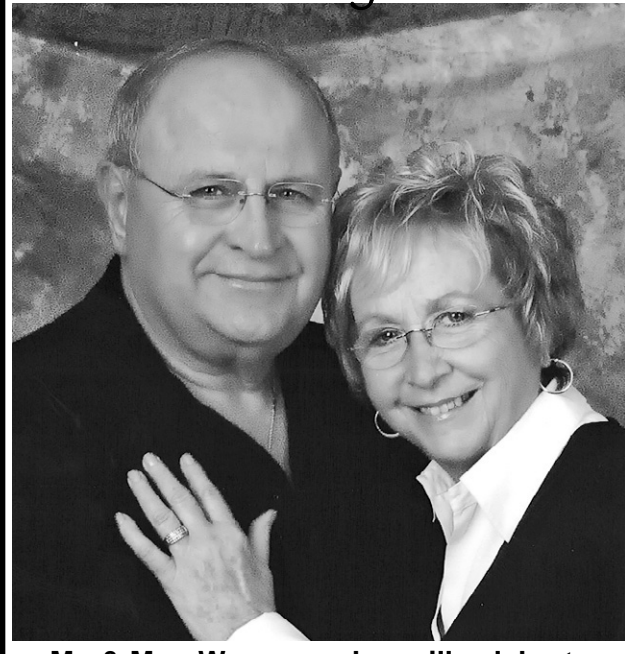
Paulding-Putnam Electric announced today that its wholesale power supplier, Wabash Valley Power (WVP) will participate in a wind project located in Story County, Iowa.

Wabash Valley Power worked with five other generation and transmission (G&T) organizations to take advantage of this large-scale renewable resource, the Story County Wind Energy Center. Comprised of 100 General Electric 1.5 MW turbines, at its maximum capacity, Story County Wind Energy Center will be able to generate enough electricity to power approximately 37,500 homes of average size. The six G&Ts will purchase, under a joint agreement, the entire output of the project. Wabash Valley Power's share will be 21 MW.

"Iowa has proven to be a great source for wind energy, and by adding this purchase to our overall power supply portfolio we continue to show our commitment to renewable resources," said Rick Coons, CEO of WVP. "We are proud of this joint effort, with G&Ts from diverse areas of the country, as we work together to make this project successful for everyone involved."

The other participating G&Ts are located in Alabama, Iowa, North Carolina and Ohio. Hoosier Energy,

50th Anniversary Celebration



Mr. & Mrs. Wannemacher will celebrate their Golden Wedding anniversary.

Maurie Wannemacher and Elaine Mollet were married Dec. 6, 1958 at St. John's Church in Payne. They both are realtors, and Maurie is an auctioneer. They have three children, Jo Ellen (Brad) Sisson, Lori (Tom) Clounie and Karen (Dan) Hahn. They also have six grandchildren.

We would be delighted if you would join us in celebration of our parent's 50th Golden Wedding anniversary

Honoring Maurie & Elaine Wannemacher
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Open House at the Woodburn Missionary Church
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located in Bloomington, Ind. is also involved. The Story County Wind Energy Center is located in northern Iowa, about 40 miles north of Des Moines.

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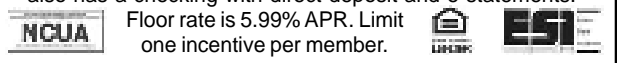
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

On Ethics Violations

A beaten candidate in politics never knows whether he has a defeat to live down or a moral victory to live up to. In my opinion, such is the case of Mr. Herman losing the Prosecutor race against Joe Burkard by a mere 16 votes. Lately, a lot of Paulding County residents have been coming forward against Joe and his "questionable" practices in both the press and the local coffee shops with one another. However, "truths" would probably be told more often if they were as safe to tell as they are to hide.

It's a truism that another place where the truth is stranger than fiction is at a court trial. Luckily, there are systems in place to ensure that lawyers and judges throughout all of our great state remain ethical. It's called the Supreme Court of Ohio's Disciplinary Council. While they do not handle appeals, they do handle the documentation, investigation, and discipline of ETHICAL VIOLATIONS.

They can be contacted at 1(800)589-5256 or (614)461-0256 or by snail mail at, 250 Civic Council Center Drive, Suite 325, Columbus Ohio 43215-7411. They are there to ensure that citizens are not abused by those in power within the legal community where ethics are concerned.

As for as the other problems of Paulding County go, talk is cheap, but not when tax payer's money is involved. The art of tact for officials is the ability to make a point without making enemies of the voter. It is easy for residents within our County to see which elected officials are lacking in the execution of tact and which have their finger on the pulse of the community. What we need now are more good listeners

—Cara Lou Strahley

and less poor speakers. "For a fools tongue is always just long enough to cut his own throat."

—Nikia Vogel

WAR OF 1812 BICENTEN- NIAL BOOK AVAILABLE FROM DEFIANCE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Defiance County Chapter of The Ohio Genealogical Society is preparing for the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 as it pertains to Defiance County, Ohio. They recently printed a booklet titled: "Campaigns of the Army of the Northwest 1812-1813, A Brief History & Tour Guide for 2012-2013 Bicentennial War of 1812". It is hoped that this booklet will tell the story of Defiance County's role in the War of 1812 and honor those men who volunteered to serve in the Militias/Armies of the states of Ohio and Kentucky during the War of 1812 against the British and their Indian Allies.

The booklet contains maps of routes taken during the various campaigns. On the reverse side of each map are the current day highways that can be driven to trace the War of 1812 routes traveled by the soldiers. There are numerous War of 1812 sites within Defiance County, many unmarked. Only a few historians are aware of these sites and their contributions to the victory of the USA over the Indians and their British Allies. This War of 1812 bicentennial booklet shares much of the little known information.

The money raised by the sale of the book will be used to fund historical markers to be placed within Defiance County. The Society has chosen three sites at which to place historical markers. The markers will honor those soldiers that gave their lives in service to the United States of America during that period.

The first historical marker was dedicated October 25, 2008. It honors Johnny Logan, Indian Scout. Johnny Logan was the only Indian to be buried with full military honors during the War of 1812 in the State of Ohio. This marker is on the grounds of Fort Defiance located just east of the Defiance Public Library.

The second marker will be placed in Delaware Township and will honor Ensign James Liggett and his group of four soldiers. They were killed while on a scouting mission for General James Winchester. Most of the actual combat of the War of 1812 within Defiance County took place within the present boundaries of Delaware Township.

The third marker will honor soldiers that died at Winchester's Camp #3. Their gravesite was discovered during the construction of the Miami & Erie Canal in the late 1830's and early 1840's. The Militia soldiers came to Camp #3 on the first of November 1812 and did not leave the camp until January 1, 1813. There maybe literally hundreds of soldiers buried in unmarked graves within Defiance County. This marker will be placed at Independence Dam State Park.

It is the intent of the Defiance County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society, along with the Defiance County Veterans Office, to honor the War of 1812 Veterans. It is hoped the infor-

mation shared in the booklet will help the residents of Defiance County and others understand Defiance County's involvement in the War of 1812.

The booklet is available by mail from the D.C.G.S, P.O. Box 7006, Defiance, OH 43512 or can be purchased at the Defiance Development and Visitors Bureau, 301 Clinton Street, Defiance, OH. For more information about the historic marker project or the book, please call 419-784-5730. Or visit this free website: www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohdcgs, Click on the War of 1812 parts 1, 2, & 3.

COOPERATIVE'S BOARD APPROVES 2009 BUDGET

The Board of Trustees of the Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative, Inc. approved the operating and capital budgets for 2009 at the board's regular meeting in November. Cooperative President, Dr. John Saxton (Oakwood), stated: "This was a very difficult process. Due to changes in economics we had to make several difficult decisions. I want to thank my board colleagues and the management for their hard work throughout the budget process."

The cooperative's operating budget is nearly \$25 million for 2009. Operating margins (gross profit) are projected to be \$700,000 or about 2.9% of total revenues. Purchased power costs remain the cooperatives highest expense, exceeding 70% of all revenues. Both the cooperative's power suppliers (Buckeye Power in Ohio and Wabash Valley Power in Indiana) have announced rate increases to the cooperative for 2009. The focus of the operating budget was to meet the long-term goals without having a rate increase. "With power costs increasing we did not feel it was right to add any more to our rate," stated President Saxton.

The cooperative continues to invest heavily in its local infrastructure. Proposed expenditures for 2009 will exceed \$7.2 million. President Saxton explained, "Safety and electric reliability are the board's top concern. We scrutinized every area and felt that we were addressing critical needs. These investments, all in our local service area, will provide safe, reliable service for many years to come." The cooperative projects its local investment will exceed \$54 million in 2009 after the proposed capital improvements are made.

Due to the uncertain economic times the cooperative was forced to review all its areas of operation to insure funds were being spent according to the cooperative's long-range plans. CEO, George Carter, commented that over \$1.2 million in expenses were identified and reviewed for possible removal from the budget. Mr. Carter remarked, "The board was very concerned about the lower margins and the increase in purchased power cost. They wanted to review all levels of expenses and cut out any expenses that did not specifically fit into their long-range plans." One item identified was employee salaries. "Everyone identifies with payroll costs, salary increases have been limited for the coming year to help insure we meet our budget goals" stated

Mr. Carter. "There will be no general rate increase in 2009" Mr. Carter stated. However, members will see higher bills due to the increased purchased power costs.

Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative is a Touchstone Energy Cooperative. Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative serves nearly 13,000 member/consumers in Northwest Ohio and part of Indiana.

CITY OF WOODBURN MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 17, 2008

Mayor Hoepfner received a call concerning the posters being put up around town about cats. After discussion Mayor and Council feel this is an animal control issue. The Mayor's Christmas party will be held on December 11th in Kendallville; any Council Members, Clerk Treasurer, Deputy Clerk and spouses are welcome to come. The City receives 4 tickets; additional tickets are \$25.00. Mayor received a call from Kimberly Parker; she needs a letter stating the \$13,119.00 has been set aside for moving the water line on Woodburn Road when the new 24 crosses. Mayor has a bid of \$200.00 to patch, mud and paint both bathrooms and the kitchen area at City Hall with the City providing the paint. Councilmen made motions to approve the work to be done, all agreed, motion passed. Mayor stated the old UAW building would be demolished. Resident will dig a pit, haul material and burn; they will contact the Fire Department to do a controlled burn. Council would like an announcement of the dog graduating training put in the courier.

Ryan Walls stated Trece electric would bring a truck on November 21st to help put up Christmas decorations. Leaf season will be ending the first week of December; they will be able to get the new sidewalks backfilled. There is one person left in Platter Parkway that has not paid their tap fee.

Mayor suspended reading of the minutes, Councilmen made motions to approve minutes, all agreed, motion passed. Warrants were presented, Councilmen made motions to approve, all agreed, motion passed. T & C Concrete bill came in higher than the bid; they bid for 616 feet and completed 712 feet with Councils approval. Councilman Zimmerman reported T & C took out the

slab of concrete out by the elevator at no charge to the City. Councilman Reichhart stated that T & C would be billing the elevator for the work done. Chief Carpenter would like to use \$100.00 of his promotional fund to purchase two gift cards for the New Haven officers who instructed the dog training. New Haven preformed the instruction at no cost to the City and also gave Chief Carpenter a police car to use while his new car was being fitted with equipment. Councilmen made motions to approve the use of the promotional fund, all agreed, motion passed.

Mayor contacted Michelle Woods at the Planning and Zoning board concerning the water retention around the new UAW Hall. A meeting will be scheduled to discuss this and the pond behind Dollar General. Councilman Zimmerman reported a large hole by the pond. Councilman Mason feels it should be repaired, Mayor stated we couldn't do anything with this because it is personal property.

Councilman Reichhart reported attending the Bridge Task Force meeting. There are 351 bridges in Allen County; 2 that Woodburn would be responsible for. Fort Wayne does not want to contribute any funds for bridge repairs at this time. The committee would like communities to contact their legislatures. If an agreement can't be reached the state will push something through.

Councilman Zimmerman reported on a 1999 report done by Michael McConnell on the sewer issues of the City. The report explains photos and video already done. The key areas that we already know about should be done. Mayor stated in spring we will do repairs in segments. He will try to get Jim Lauer at the next council meeting. Jim Norden stated sewer rates need to be raised to be able to help pay for sewer repairs in the future. Mayor will purchase a deck box to store the scarecrows in; they will be stored at the maintenance building.

Councilman Norden reported on the new Highway 24 project. Highway 101 and Webster Road will go over the new Highway 24, and Highway 24 will go over Woodburn Road.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30

Minutes submitted by Lesa Meadows

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LADY WARRIORS ZOOM OVER JETS IN GIRLS BASKETBALL



The Lady Warriors took on Adams Central Saturday evening. The game started off very close with both teams nearly even at the end of the first quarter, by the end of the game Woodlan had shot down the Jets with a final score of 37-49. Shown here is Senior Cassie Kayser scoring from just inside the 3 point line. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

On Saturday, December 6 the Warriors were the ladies of the court with a victory over the Adams Central Jets, 49-37.
Score by the quarter:
Adams Central - 12 7 8 10=37

Woodlan - 11 12 10 16=49
Top scorers:
Jets - Harvey 12, Ripley 8, Lehman 7
Warriors - Carver 19, Kirkwood 17, Hogue 6



The big game between Antwerp & Paulding took place on Saturday, Dec 6 at the Archer's gymnasium. The Archers took home the win in a final score of 51-39. Shown here is Sophomore Shaile Chamberlain making the basket even with Paulding's Senior Brady Schroeder blocking his view. Shaile goes on to score his free-throw. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

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LADY RAILROADERS STEAMROLL OVER WARRIORS IN ACAC OPENER

By: Jeff Abbott
Madison Diederich had 8 of her game high 17 points and the Garrett Railroaders hit 7 first quarter free-throws to build a 14-4 over Woodlan in girls basketball and Garrett went to score a 74-42 win in the ACAC opener for both schools. The Railroaders broke the game open in the third period, outscoring the Warriors 25-12. Cassie Kayser and Taylor Carver were high scorers for Woodlan with 11 points each.

Score by the quarter:
Garrett - 14 18 25 17=74
Woodlan - 4 15 12 11=42
Individual stats:
Garrett - Diederich 16, Wisel 10, Yarde 9, House 8, Getts 8, Overbay 7, Watwood 6, LaTurner 4, Crawford 2, Kelham 2, Hahn 1, Singleton 1

Woodlan - Kayser 11, Carver 11, Koeneman 10, Yoder 3, Hogue 3, Emehiser 2, Keller 1, Kirkwood 1

Garrett rolled to a 53-15 win over Woodlan in the reserve game. Chelsea Girardor was high scorer for Woodlan with 4 points.

LADY WARRIORS GET INTO WIN COLUMN

By: Jeff Abbott
Woodlan got into the win column with a 56-53 victory over Lakewood Park in girls' basketball. Bethany Hogue led the Warriors in scoring with 14 points and Megan Kirkwood had 12 points for the Warriors. Woodlan had the led after the first quarter at 12-11, but the home team regained the lead in the second period and held onto the lead until the fourth period. Woodlan outscored Lakewood Park in the final period 13-9 to come from behind and get their first win of the season.

Score by the quarter:
Woodlan - 12 21 10 13=56
Lakewood Park - 11 23 10 9=53
Individual stats:
Woodlan - Hogue 14, Kirkwood 12, Knoblauch 10, Carver 8, Koeneman 6, Yoder 4, Keller 2
Lakewood Park - Youpin 15, Delagrange 12, Heibel 9, Placncia 9, Kruse 4, Grayless 2, Koorsen 2

CLOSE SNAG BY CRESTVIEW KNIGHTS AGAINST RAIDERS

Saturday, December 6, saw a close match between Crestview and Wayne Trace boys basketball. Final score was a Knights' victory - 49-46.

Score by the quarter:
Wayne Trace - 13 8 25 0=46
Crestview - 13 14 22 0=49
Top Players:
Raiders - Hale 22, Davis 13, Gordon 4
Knights - Sringer 22, Miller 9, Gibson 7, Cook 7

KNIGHTS THRASH WARRIORS 100-52

By: Jeff Abbott
The defending 2A State Champion Bishop Luers 2009 basketball season with a 100-52 thrashing of Woodlan at the Warriors' gym. Deshaun Thomas led the Knights with 38 points in the game, including 12 in the first

quarter. Bishop Luers scored at least 25 points in the first 3 quarters, including 33 points in the third quarter to break the game open and pull away from the Warriors. Corbin Bell was high scorer for Woodlan with 16 points.

Scores by the quarter:
Bishop Luers - 25 26 33 16=100
Woodlan - 12 14 14 12=52
Individual stats:
Bishop Luers 38, Blackmon 19, Mullen 10, K Sorg 9, E Sorg 6, Mack 6, Knapke 5, Gholston 4, Vachon 3
Woodlan - Bell 16, Romines 10, Malfait 7, Rydell 5, Lortie 4, Mumma 4, Evans 3, Patterson 3
Bishop Luers led 19-3 over Woodlan after the first period and posted a 55-26 loss on the Warriors. Brandon Lortie was high scorer for Woodlan with 7 points.

LADY RAIDERS WIN BIG AGAINST PARKWAY PANTHERS

On Tuesday night, December 2 the Wayne Trace girls kept a victory at home against the Parkway Lady Panthers. Final score of the night was 67-23.

Score by the quarter:
Panthers - 6 4 3 10=23
Raiders - 19 16 16 16=67
Individual stats:
Parkway - J. Thomas 6, J. Guggenbiller 4, L. Shellabarger 4
Wayne Trace - J. Stoller 12, J.E. Fickel 10, R. Bidlack 9, K. Hockenberry 9, E. Myers 9
JV score: Wayne Trace 44, Parkway 37

WARRIORS CRUISE TO VICTORY OVER BLAZERS

By: Jeff Abbott
Woodlan dominated Eastside in the first half, rolling to a 42-21 lead at halftime and the Warriors cruised in the second half to get a 64-46 win over the Blazers at Eastside. Woodlan built a 23-12 lead after the first quarter and then outscored the home team 19-9 in the second period. Jerrid Rydell led all scorers, getting 18 points in the first win of the season for the Warriors.

Score by the quarter:
Woodlan - 23 19 16 6=64
Eastside - 12 9 10 15= 46
Individual stats:
Woodlan - Rydell 18, Bell 13, Lortie 9, Mumma 7, Hines 5, Malfait 5, Patterson 3, Evans 2
Eastside - Frazier 15, Hardin 8, Ward 8, Johnson 8, Brow 4, Mack 2, Stephens 1

SANTA CLAUS COMING TO ANTWERP FIRE DEPT.

Santa Claus will be visiting at the Antwerp Fire Department on December 13 from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Feel free to bring the children to visit Santa Claus and they will receive a prize, and there will also be refreshments for the adults.

SANTA CLAUS TO BE AT BOB'S RESTAURANT IN WOODBURN

Santa Claus is making his rounds this holiday season. One of his stops will be at Bob's Restaurant in Woodburn on December 16, 2008, 5:00-7:00 p.m. There will be pictures taken and refreshments available.


LOCAL SPORTS ROUNDUP


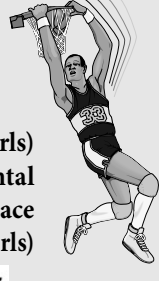


Wayne Trace hosted Parkway on Tuesday, Dec. 2. The Lady Raiders took an early lead with 19-6 for the first quarter and never looked back with a final score of 23-67. Shown here is Senior Elise Myers scoring with a Panther Tara Luth trying to block the shot. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

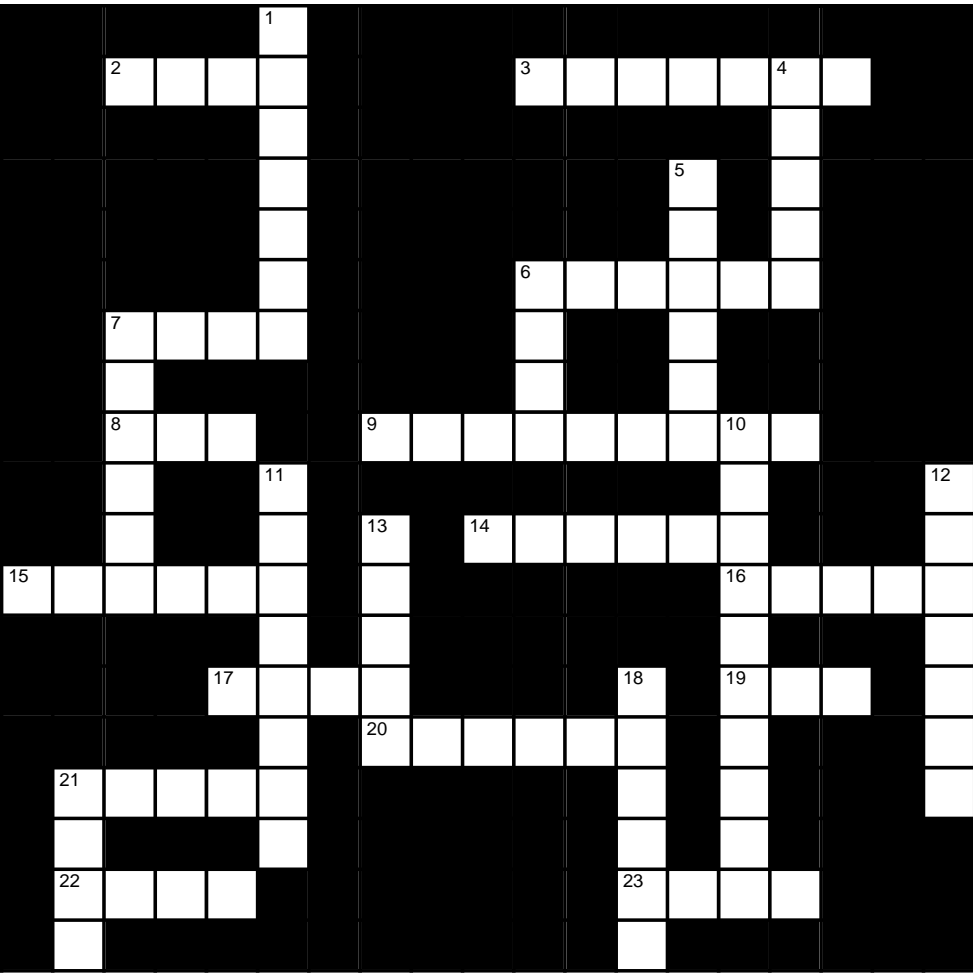


Antwerp invited the Lady Panthers to play on Dec. 2. The Lady Archers controlled the court with another win and the final score 38-25. Shown here is Junior Kelsey Bashore taking a shot for the Archers. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

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2. The more you take away from it, the larger it becomes.
3. It stands on one leg with its heart in its head.
6. I have holes on my left, right and middle but I still hold water -- What am I?
7. What eats rocks, levels mountains, rusts metals, pushes the clouds across the sky and can make a young man old?
8. What goes round the house and in the house, but never touches the house?
9. The more you take, the more you leave behind. (2 words)
14. A word I know, six letters it contains, subtract just one and twelve is WHAT remains.
15. Squeeze it and it cries tears as red as its flesh, but it's heart is made of stone.
16. What gets wet while drying?
17. What is it that you can keep after giving it to someone else?
19. What spends the day in the window, goes to the table for meals and hides at night?
20. I move without wings, between silken strings. I leave as you find, my substance behind. What am I?
21. What can run but never walks, has a mouth but never eats, has a head but never weeps, has a bed but never sleeps?
22. What belongs to you but others use it more than you?
23. I reach for the sky, but clutch to the ground; sometimes I leave, but I'm always around. What am I?

Down

1. What goes through a door but never goes in and never comes out?
4. What has four fingers, one thumb and is not flesh, blood or bone?
5. I was carried into a dark room, and set on fire, I wept, then my head was cut off. What am I?
6. What can burn the eyes, sting the mouth, yet be eaten?
7. What won't break if you throw it off the highest building, but will break if placed in the ocean?
10. What two words have the most letters in it?
11. What has keys but no locks, space but no room and you can enter but not go in?
12. No sooner spoken than broken. What is it?
13. What is put on a table, cut, but never eaten?
18. Light as a feather, there's nothing in it; the strongest man in the world can't hold it for much more than a minute.
21. It has no top or bottom but can hold flesh, bones and blood all at the same time.

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CHRISTMAS – JUST AROUND THE CORNER ALREADY?

By: Tommi Stahl

Christmas is only 20 days away. For some parents it's okay, but for others it is a terrible time. I understand what it is like to not have much money, so I don't expect much. For lots of families, it is just the same. There are others that have to work long extra hours at work or pull a double shift so their kids can have a good Christmas.

Last year at Christmas my little brother woke me up at 4:30 a.m. and told me to come out and look under the tree. We stayed up until 8:00 a.m. waiting for our mom, dad, and brother to wake up so we could open up the presents. After the presents were opened and the shredded wrappings were thrown away, I went to sleep because I was tired. The point I am trying to make is that being with friends and family on Christmas is the best present to get. All the love and joy being spread is also the best.



FROM THE DOG WARDEN'S DESK

By: Mandy Lichty, Paulding County Dog Warden

This week's featured pet is Brownie. Brownie is a male two year old collie mix. He came from a neglect situation and was extremely underfed. He is feeling much better now and is steadily putting on weight. Brownie is very sweet and friendly and would love a nice cozy indoor home for the holidays.

Dog licenses are currently on sale now until January 31. Licenses purchased after January 31 are subject to a penalty fee and a possible citation.

Also at the shelter we have a Shilee-female Daschund/Schnauzer mix, Penny-female Beagle, Nugget-female Rat Terrier, Windsor-male German Shepherd.

Come out and see the dogs on Friday from 2:00-5:00 p.m. or on the web at www.petfinder.org/shelters/OH709.html

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND DISMISSALS

- Admissions:*
12/2 - Nancy Reeb, Antwerp
12/4 - Merle Jeffery, Paulding
12/5 - Nahelma Schlegel, Defiance
Dismissals:
12/3 - Joseph Lyvers, Payne
12/4 - Nancy Reeb, Antwerp

Answers to "Sudoku puzzle 12/3/08"

9	8	5	1	3	2	7	4	6
2	1	6	9	7	4	5	3	8
4	7	3	6	5	8	1	9	2
8	5	4	3	6	1	2	7	9
3	9	2	4	8	7	6	5	1
1	6	7	2	9	5	4	8	3
7	4	1	8	2	9	3	6	5
5	3	9	7	1	6	8	2	4
6	2	8	5	4	3	9	1	7



Woodlan played against Garrett Friday, Dec.5 at home. Senior Michael Lortie is fowled going for the layup. Woodlan lost control early and couldn't pull out of their deficit. The final score was 78-56. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

WARRIORS FALL SHORT IN SEASON OPENER OF VARSITY BASKETBALL

By: Jeff Abbott

New Haven built an 8-0 lead early against Woodlan in the traditional opener for the boys' basketball season and the Bulldogs went on to win 74-49 over the Warriors. Woodlan got its first field goal at the 5:11 mark of the first period. The Bulldogs lead 17-11 after the first period and then extended its lead with a 7-0 run to start the second quarter. New Haven lead 35-26 at the half. The Bulldogs outscored the visiting Warriors 24-14 in the third period to seal the game for the Bulldogs. Joe Zumwalt led 4 New Haven players in double figures

in scoring with 18 points. Justin Miller sank 3 three-pointers for the Bulldogs. Jerrid Rydell was high scorer for the Warriors with 11 points.

Score by the quarter:
Woodlan - 11 15 14 9=49
New Haven - 17 18 24 15=74

Individual stats:
Woodlan - Rydell 11, Bell 9, Hines 9, Lortie 8, Patterson 4, Romines 4, Evans 2, Malfait 2

New Haven - Zumwalt 18, Sovine 13, L Blair 12, Miller 10, Clendenen 8, C Blair 7, Barfell 4, Pease 2

Payton Spencer had 10 points in the Woodlan 42-33 loss to New Haven in the reserve game.

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AREA HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

This column today is about John Dillinger, bank robber, killer, hoodlum and gangster, and believe it or not, he was a small part of the area's history all the way from Lima, Ohio to Crown Point, IN. Let me tell you about it.

He was born in Indianapolis, IN in 1903. His mother died when he was four years old and he was raised primarily by his older sister. His father was a grocer, but never spent any time with his children. When his father remarried, he hated his step-mother and was also jealous of her, but eventually he began to love her as his own mother. When she died later he was in prison, but he was allowed to go to the funeral.

When Dillinger quit school to go to work in a machine shop, he would stay out all night. So his father moved to Mooresville, IN. His wild and rebellious ways continued despite his rural life. After trouble with his father, and the law, he enlisted in the Navy, but deserted in a few months and was dishonorably discharged.

After his discharge he returned to Mooresville where he married Beryl Hovious. He attempted to settle down, but had difficulty holding down a job and preserving the marriage, so they got a divorce after about five years.

While he and his wife lived in Indianapolis, he enjoyed the bright lights and easy living. So he robbed a grocery store and got caught. I think they beat up the manager in the attempt to rob him.

Most of the gang was captured by the end of the year in Tucson, Arizona due to a fire at the Old Historic Hotel Congress.

Dillinger alone was sent to the Lake County Jail in Crown Point, IN. He was to face trial for the suspected killing of Officer William O'Malley during a bank heist in East Chicago, IN.

Let me add here that some people likened the robbers to the old Robin Hood kind. Lots of people hated banks because when the banks folded up in the depression, they lost all their money, homes or farms.

On March 3, 1934, Dillinger escaped from the "escape proof" Crown Point, Indiana County Jail. This place was guarded by National Guard and local police. John escaped by using a hand gun carved from a piece of wood and the barrel was blackened with shoe polish. There were lots of stories about this escape.

The County Sheriff, at that time, was Lillian Holley. When Dillinger escaped he stole her brand new 1934 Ford V-8. She was very mad about the escape and car theft and the true facts of the whole deal were questioned by lots of people. She claimed if she ever saw him, she would kill him herself.

After his escape from prison, Dillinger continued to rob banks. He also drove a stolen auto across the Indiana and Illinois state lines and that brought in the F.B.I. Dillinger was now in the Chicago area and that is where the Feds were located.

The gang had moved to northern Wisconsin to a place called The Little Bohemian Lodge. The robbers paid them well and promised no trouble. But the manager's wife managed to get a letter off to the Attorney's Office in Chicago and he gave it to the FBI.

They and Melvin Purvis set up a raid early one morning. The barking dogs set off an alarm and bullets started to fly. A civilian and two C.C.C. Workers were killed and all of the hoodlums escaped. By now, J. Edgar Hoover has everyone on his neck because he has spent all the FBI funds and still had not caught Dillinger.

By the summer of 1934, I was ten years old and I remember all the news in the paper and on the radio with Lowell Thomas. It was all you heard about, the killers and robbers.

In 1934, John had moved into Chicago and used the

name of Jimmy Lawrence and practically dropped out of sight. He took a job as a clerk and a new girl friend named Polly Hamilton who wasn't aware of his true identity.

Dillinger's last day alive was July 22, 1934. His new girlfriend, Polly, had a friend named Anna Sage, whose real name was Anna Cumpans, a brothel madam from Gary, IN.

Sage made a deal with the F.B.I. to turn Dillinger in if they would not deport her back to 'the old country'. Dillinger, Polly Hamilton and Anna Sage would attend the Biograph Theater at 8:00 P.M. and she (Anna) would be wearing a red dress.

There were 20 policemen in the area for the take down. As they came out of the theater, Sage, used her handkerchief as a signal and things started to happen. Dillinger knew something was up and he started to run down an alley. He was hit four times. The killing round went in the back of his neck and exited through his right eye.

This ended the John Dillinger escapades. After the official autopsy, Dillinger was buried in the Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis.

Anna Sage was deported to Romania anyhow. She lived there eleven years and then committed suicide. From her assistance in getting Dillinger, she was dubbed 'The Lady in Red'.

In the Dillinger escapades I know they robbed the police station in Auburn and Warsaw for guns and bullet proof vests and ammo. I can't find anywhere about them being in or around Ashley or Hudson, IN, I know those areas claim that he was. I know the Dillinger family had a lawsuit against the Dillinger Restaurant there. I guess it was settled to suit both sides.

Dillinger was believed to have been associated with gangs who robbed dozens of banks of a total of more than \$300,000. Banks allegedly robbed by John Dillinger and his associates included the Commercial Bank, Daleville, Indiana of \$3,500 on July 17, 1933; Montpelier National Bank, Montpelier, Indiana of \$6,700 on August 4, 1933; Bluffton Bank, Bluffton, Ohio, of \$6,000 on August 14, 1933; Massachusetts Avenue State Bank, Indianapolis, Indiana, of \$21,000 on September 6, 1933; Central Nation Bank and Trust Co., Greencastle, Indiana of \$76,000 on October, 23, 1933; American Bank and Trust Co., Racine, Wisconsin of \$28,000 on November 20, 1933; Unity Trust and Savings Bank, Chicago, Illinois of \$8,700 on December 13, 1933; First National Bank, East Chicago, Indiana of \$20,000 on January, 15, 1934; Securities National Bank and Trust Co., Sioux Falls, South Dakota of \$49,500 on March 6, 1934; First National Bank, Mason City, Iowa of \$52,000 on March 13, 1934; and Merchants National Bank, South Bend, Indiana of \$29,890 on June 30, 1934.

See Ya!

ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

Over the past three years I have been trying to find out how Antwerp acquired "The Grove" or the Veteran's Memorial Park. I have heard that it was given to Antwerp, I have heard that we purchased

it and I wanted to set the record straight.

This is what we do know. On January 5, 1886, on motion of Councilman, P.P. Doering, Mayor Long appointed P.P. Doering, Henry Harris and Jacob Saylor as a committee to negotiate with Judge O.S. Latty for the purchase of "The Grove" east of town.

This is taken from O.E. Ehrhart's 'Century of Progress' printed in 1941. It is too bad, but there is no more mention of this in any records that we can find.

Loretta Baker, the Fiscal Officer, has made a diligent search of the Town Hall for any records of around that time, but to no avail. For over 100 years, I guess they got lost or destroyed.

I, along with Bryce Steiner (the K.P. Pusher) from the WBN, went to the Recorder's Office in Paulding and those girls there helped us for all they could. But there is no record of any deed or claim about "The Grove" or park in their books. The one lady said that it is almost a crime to have a transaction and no deed recorded about it. But I think, and to the best of my ability, think that it was purchased at that time for cash, even though I can't prove it.

On February 7, 1936, the Village acquired the addition to Riverside Park or "The Grove", also known as "The Island." That purchase acquired a splendid northern entrance to the park and also a large tract of land laying along the Maumee River. This purchase constituted the only addition to Riverside Park since the original purchase back in 1888.

When we went to the Recorder's Office we got a copy of the will of Clara Latty. She had no children and passed away. At that time she lived in Defiance.

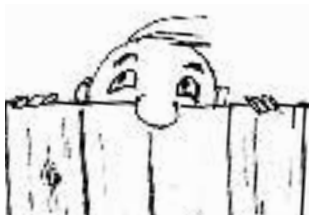
As I understand, in her will and testament, she willed to Antwerp that land that is north of the railroad and south of US 24 except a small lot sold to A.S. Johnson for a filling station. That lot is now known as the Park Station. I think that is what some

people think that was willed to Antwerp as a park when in fact, Antwerp had already owned what we call the park. What she gave us is the land south of US 24 and ends at the railroad and that land still belongs to the town.

We never found out what they paid for the park. We did find out what part Clara Latty willed to Antwerp. I guess I better tell you she was Judge Latty's daughter.

Anyhow, I'm going to call it a day.

See Ya!



By: Stan Jordan

This story takes place in the 16th century in Liverpool, England.

This place was called "George and the Dragon." In England, at that time, lots of inns, taverns, pubs and road-houses had names like that. Remember the one called "The Cock & Bull Tavern?"

Well, this vagabond had walked many miles that day and was dead tired and he stopped and knocked at the door of the George and the Dragon Inn. The door was opened by a big, fairly ugly, matronly woman who was in a bad mood. The man said, "Can I get a room for the night?"

She said, "We don't harbor your kind," and she slammed the door.

He knocked again and said, "Well, can I have some soup?"

She ruffled up and said, "We don't serve your kind," and slammed the door in his face again. She was really in a bad manner.

The poor fellow was tired and hungry and thirsty and knocked on the door again. He said, as she stood their huffing and puffing, "Could I speak to George?"

See ya!

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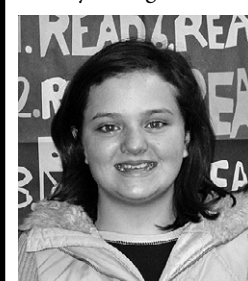
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Paulding County's Students of the Month

NOVEMBER 2008

Paulding County has great students and we want to recognize them and their achievements. Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative, Inc. has teamed up with the West Bend News to bring you this information. We will be delivering different schools' students each month from OUR county. Congratulations to these young people!



Student of the Month for Antwerp Local School - Elementary is Ashley Pratt. Ashley is in the 4th grade and is in Mrs. Tempel's class. Ashley's parents are Tracy and Jason Pratt, and she has two siblings, Kylee and Chelsea. She also has a dog named Mugsy. Her favorite class is math and her favorite school lunch is Goulash. She loves to make candles, play basketball and sing! Mrs. Tempel says, "Ashley is a kind, conscientious student that is always pleasant to be around in school. She is liked by all because of her actions. She is a dependable student that pays attention during class, has a good sense of humor, and chooses to be a good kid!" Congratulations Ashley!

Taylor Manz is Student of the Month for Paulding Elementary. Taylor is in 5th Grade. Taylor was selected for this award because she received the most PAW Awards (13) in our building during the month of November.

Taylor's parents are Mark and Cathy Manz. Taylor has three brothers and two sisters. She likes to read, play basketball and swim. She likes to help others and has helped at the local food pantry. Her favorite subject is History and she likes all her teachers and especially Mrs. Troyer who teaches her history class. Great job Taylor!



Alex Arellano is our Oakwood Elementary Student-of-the-Month! Alex is a student leader in Mrs. Pier's and Miss Brimmer's fifth grade classrooms. He is the son of Matt and Santina Arellano. He has an older brother, Anthony (9th grade), and a younger sister, Asia (2nd grade). Alex lives in rural Oakwood with his family.

Alex works very hard at Oakwood Elementary and he encourages his classmates to do the same. His favorite subject is math. Alex sings in the 5th/6th grade choir, is studying for the Spelling Bee, and was selected as November Student-Of-The-Month from his classroom.

Outside of school, Alex plays basketball (point guard), football (running back), and baseball (pitcher). He is currently the manager for the PHS freshman basketball team. He cheers for the LA Lakers, the Minnesota Vikings, and the New York Yankees; and he hopes to play in the NBA someday. Congratulations to Alex!

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Green firewood should be air-dried for one year prior to burning. One can increase the rate of drying by splitting oversize pieces and cutting the firewood to shorter lengths. Firewood more than 6 to 8 inches in diameter should be split to help increase the drying rate.

Firewood is usually sold as a standard cord. A standard cord is a stack of wood that measures 8 feet long, by 4 feet high, and 4 feet wide that equates to 128 cubic feet of space. The weight of air-dry hardwoods varies

from 2,000 to 5,000 pounds per cord depending on the species. It is illegal to sell firewood by any other unit of measurement such as a rick, rack, face cord, or truckload. The only way to compare such units is to stack the wood in a neat pile, measure the height, width and length of the pile in feet and divide by 128 to determine the amount of firewood as a cord value. If a consumer believes that a seller did not comply with these rules and regulations, the person should immediately contact the seller.

If non-packaged firewood is purchased, the seller must present the consumer with a delivery ticket or sales invoice that includes contact information and the terms and conditions of the sale.

If a problem occurs with a firewood sale, and the seller will not correct the problem, consumers should contact the Ohio Department of Agriculture Division of Weights and Measures at 1-800-282-1955 or contact their local weights and measures inspector located in their county's auditor's office.

Consumers should also be aware that firewood is often home to invasive insects, and when moved, contributes to the spread of these pests. As a result, 44 infested counties in the state have been placed under Emerald Ash Borer quarantine. Firewood cannot be moved out of this quarantine area, and according to law, violators face fines up to \$4,000. For a map of Ohio's quarantined counties as well as a detailed explanation of the quarantine, visit www.ohio-agriculture.gov/eab or call 1-888-OHIO-EAB.



Vantage Blue Chippers - Pictured are Vantage students who received a 4.0 and had perfect attendance for the first nine weeks of the 2008-2009 school year.

Front row: Bekah Dull, Sr. Cosmetology (Van Wert) and Kristina Nidiffer, Sr. Health Careers (Crestview). Row 2: April Clark, Jr. Health Careers (Wayne Trace), Lindsey Ross, Jr. Network Systems (Wayne Trace), Shiyanne Hook, Sr. Medical Office Management (Crestview) and Erica Herron, Sr. Cosmetology (Ft. Jennings). Back row: Michael Niemeyer, Jr. Precision Machining (Kalida), David Schneider, Jr. Ag Diesel Mechanics (Antwerp), Ross Kiracofe, Jr. Ag Diesel Mechanics (Crestview) and Joshua Dealy, Jr. Industrial Mechanics (Crestview). Unavailable for the picture was Brandy Goodwin, Sr. Cosmetology (Van Wert). Congratulations!!

"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": HOW ONE MAN APPLIES HIS SKILLED TRADE TO SAVE LIVES

By: Pete Prichard, ABLE/GED Coordinator

A few weeks ago I came across an online article from the Naples Daily News by Matt Clark that was about two things; a man by the name of John Kanzuis (last name pronounced like the state of Kansas) and what he invented. I don't know if many are familiar with the name of John Kanzuis but if things turn out well, his name will be revered by millions throughout the world.

When reading about John Kanzuis's invention and the catalyst behind it, I thought for sure that he had an extensive education in engineering or bio-medical research. However, I was surprised to find that he did not hold a college degree, yet his invention will assist doctors in the destruction of cancer cells without damaging human tissue. It appears that Mr. Kanzuis was trained in electronics and was a radio technician. He did receive recognition for solving a problem with a picture tube when working for RCA and had a prosperous career which included owning a local broadcasting company.

After learning about the steps John Kanzuis took in developing his invention through trial and error, I was reminded of the Senior Capstone Projects that I have had the privilege of judging at Vantage. It also reminded me how sometimes we overlook the skilled trades profession that we depend so heavily on to make our lives easier.

Forty plus years of working with and around radio waves helped Mr. Kanzuis come up with an idea that would force a high concentration of radio waves through the human body. Radio waves do not harm the human body, but when the waves come in contact with metal, the metal heats up. Knowing that cancer tumors are susceptible to heat and can be destroyed by a concentration of heat, Kanzuis set his sights on finding out how metal particles can be inserted in cancer tumors. He knew that if he could heat up metal particles in cancerous tumors by using radio waves that the tumors would

be destroyed from within.

All of John Kanzuis's work paid off when his invention and his idea on how to use it caught the attention of two leading oncologists. One from the University of Pittsburg and one from the University of Texas and a Noble Prize Laureate who introduced the use of "nano-particles", which are tiny metal structures that can be carried in drugs that are chemically targeted for cancer tumors.

The animal trial results this past spring netted a 100% success, totally destroying liver and pancreatic cancer in rabbits. Human trials will take place as soon as the FDA approves them, in three to five years.

With all of this promising news the story is not over. John Kanzuis is battling cancer himself. However, the motivation behind his idea is to stop the suffering of all of those who live with this devastating diagnosis, particularly children.

The ideas for this invention stemmed from what John Kanzuis knew through his trade. He attacked the prob-

lem through practical steps that he found to be successful in the past, like most journeymen do in a skilled trade profession. So the next time you speak to someone about being a machinist, welder, electronics technician or any other skilled trades profession, remember John Kanzuis and encourage them to move forward with their ideas and apply what they learn to other areas. Who knows what problems they might solve for the rest of us.

PUBLIC NOTICE

A meeting will be held at the OSUE building at the Paulding County Fairgrounds, Tuesday, January 6, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. regarding development of water and sewer infrastructure for the Vagabond Restaurant, Brentwood Trailer Park, Cecil Village and the 24/127 area in Paulding County.

Poggemeyer Design Group and GNG Development Services will be giving a presentation regarding this project.

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ANTWERP'S DIVINE MERCY CHRISTMAS DINNER BEDAZZLE GUESTS



By: Sue Knapp

The ladies from Antwerp's Divine Mercy hosted their yearly Christmas dinner for the area ladies on December 2.

After the excellent food, the crowd was entertained by the Antwerp High School's Show Choir under the direction of Mary Smith.

The attending Churches

were recognized afterwards and then Bob Nighswander read a poem.

Closing the evening, Michelle Dooley handed out door prizes.

The Show Choir will be performing again in the Antwerp School Auditoria on December 15 at 7:30 p.m. for the High School Band and Choir Winter Concert.

WINTER WONDERLAND PARTY AT PAULDING COUNTY CARNEGIE LIBRARY

The Paulding County Carnegie Library will be hosting its second annual Winter Wonderland Party December 15 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Santa will be visiting the library again this year and while we are waiting for his arrival there will be activity stations. These include letters to Santa, ornament craft, coloring and door prizes will also be given out.

Please join us for this magical fun filled evening! Any questions please contact the children's department at 399-2032.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Jackson Daniel Layton was born on November 14, 2008, 8:14 p.m. at the Portsmouth Naval Hospital in Portsmouth, VA. He weighed 6lb. 6oz. and was 19 3/4 inches long.

Proud parents are Tammy and Daniel Layton. Proud grandparents are Kim and Gerry Shidler, and Dennis and Linda Layton of North Carolina.

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—John and Ruth Kennedy

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Even though the typical colors of the holiday season are red and green, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is adding a touch of orange, by teaming up with Wal-Mart - the nation's largest retailer and Ohio's largest employer - to keep millions of Ohio's holiday shoppers safe.

Through a unique public-private partnership, ODOT's winter driving safety message of "Ice and Snow... Take it Slow" will greet customers at each of the 150 Wal-Mart and Sam's Club stores across the state.

This is the first time ODOT has partnered with a national retailer to promote a safety message like this.

The posters at the entrances and exits will encourage Wal-Mart shoppers to log on to ODOT's premiere website BuckeyeTraffic.org for up-to-the-minute highway information on weather and road conditions, Highway Patrol accident updates and traffic congestion alerts; all available 24-hours a day, seven days a week.

"By partnering with Wal-Mart, we will be reaching millions of Ohioans with this important message of safety," said ODOT Director James Beasley. "Conditions on the road can change mile by mile, minute by minute. Knowing that winter weather can arrive at any time, we all need to practice safe driving skills; share the road responsibly; respect snowplows on the highways, and remember, in Ice and Snow... Take it Slow."

In addition to sharing the message with shoppers, every Wal-Mart employee in Ohio will also receive information about safe winter driving in their paycheck Christmas Eve. With nearly 18,000 employees, Wal-Mart is the largest employer in Ohio.

"Safety is top priority at Walmart, and we welcome the opportunity to get this important message out to our associates and customers," said Wal-Mart Safety Fleet Manager Jim Murphy. "It's a good time of year to remind all drivers to mind the rules of the road."

Finally, ODOT will work with Wal-Mart's distribution centers in Ohio to promote safe driving for truckers.

For a third year in a row, Wal-Mart's truck drivers have been recognized with the safest fleet award by the Ohio Trucking Association, a group of more than 1,000 trucking companies in the state.

Some of the safe driving tips shared with Ohio truckers this winter include a reminder to have braking systems and tires inspected before each run; checking fuel supplies to make sure there's at least half-a-tank; and reviewing routes ahead of a trip.

Whether your vehicle has 18 wheels or four, ODOT reminds you that excessive speed continues to be one of the biggest factors for crashes in ice and snow. Drivers who don't remember to take it slow in ice and snow are six times more likely to get into a crash, compared to non-winter weather driving.

PROMAPALOOZA 2009 UNDERWAY

The 2008 Promapalooza succeeded in helping foster teens to achieve their dreams of attending their high school proms in style. With fifty volunteers standing by, gorgeous dresses, shoes in every size, perfect little purses, shawls in almost every shade, and classy jewelry; each girl had a pleasant (free) "shopping" experience. In addition each girl had hair and make up consultations.

We have the opportunity to help with Promapalooza 2009. A car loaded with dresses, shoes, jewelry and wraps will be going to Atlanta this winter to prepare for the spring prom season. The sizes that they are always lacking are from 11-12 to 24, so please realize that no matter what your shape, someone needs and can use what you have worn to your own prom.

If you have items that you can donate, please call Susan Paulus, 419-399-5533, who will be driving to Atlanta in late January and will take any items that are donated. Her sister, Carol (Gillett) Strange, a former Paulding resident, is a volunteer with the Foster Care Support Foundation.

Foster Care Support Foundation is an all volunteer, non-profit, 501(c)3 organization. They collect new and like new clothing, toys and infant equipment to give free to Georgia's lowest per-diem foster children. Out of an average of 15,000 children, 6,000 to 10,000 are raised on \$12.75 to \$16.25 per day, half of what it cost for a child's daily care. The rest must come from the foster parents own finances or the child may go without. We are here to change the face of the forgotten child.

Foster Care Support Foundation is not Government funded and relies solely on donations from businesses, churches, private citizens and civic organizations for their support. It is very unique since there are no paid staff, board members or employees so all donations go directly to the children. The distribution center is located at 1240 B Alpharetta Street, Roswell GA and serves foster children throughout the state of Georgia.

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EMBASSY THEATER WELCOMES THE DANCE DOLLS TO THE FESTIVAL OF TREES



By: Sue Knapp

What a treat! If you haven't ever been up to the Embassy Theater in Fort Wayne for the Festival of Trees, then you are missing out. Not only are you missing a winter wonderland, but also the original organ being used. Paulding County's Dance Dolls were invited back this year to perform. This is a great honor. Under the tutelage of Julie Hall, the performances were excellent. The kids knew their routines well, and they worked wonders in connecting with the

audience. "When Christmas Comes to Town" from *Polar Express* was sung by little Julie Clinton and signed by Katie Feichter. There was total silence as all eyes were on this touching performance.

Julie Hall opened the Dance Dolls studio in 2000. There are 58 students in ages ranging from 9 to about 20 with 4 full-time instructors.

Dance Dolls' instructor, Julie Hall, will perform at Antwerp's "Dancing with the Stars" in the Antwerp School Auditoria on January 18.

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New Day Foster Home in Beijing, China is a happy place because of the generosity from our Woodburn Students! Our student council, under the direction of Roxanne Tuesley, decided to conduct a sock project for the children at New Day Foster Home after being given information of their need by one of our Woodburn parents, Apryl Hoot. Woodburn Elementary students that brought in a pair of socks or a pair of mittens got to wear socks on our sock hop day that took place in November. It is so encour-

aging to see our students getting involved in helping those less fortunate. New Day Foster Home is so happy to receive all that was collected. All of their children are special needs orphans who need surgery of some type. We collected 317 pairs of socks and gloves. The smaller sizes went to China and the larger sizes to the Prince Chapman clothing bank. Apryl Hoot, Woodburn parent, mailed the mittens and socks to the foster home and once they arrived we were sent a huge thank you for giving the orphans warm feet and hands! If you would like to see more of what we do you can check out their website. www.new-daycharities.com

VANTAGE BOARD OF ED SEES NO TURNOVER FOR 2009

The Vantage Board of Education met for their regular December meeting held on Thursday, December 4, 2008. All Board of Education members will continue service at Vantage Career Center in 2009. Board members beginning new two-year terms are: Dana Smith, Parkway; Lonnie Nedderman, Crestview; Bob Herber, Antwerp; Brian Laudick, Kalida and Les Hockenberry, Wayne Trace.

The treasurer's report included the approval of the November 6, 2008 regular board meeting minutes and the November 18, 2008 special board meeting minutes

and the financial statements for the month of October, 2008. The board approved a Specimen Resolution to adopt a written plan for public school 403(b) Tax Deferred Annuity Programs.

Superintendent Staci Kaufman provided information on the upcoming campaign for the 1.2 mill bond issue for the renovation and expansion of the current Vantage building. She noted the interest by Northwest State Community College to seek more adequate classroom space for the nursing program and other educational training provided at Vantage until the building can be renovated. She also discussed the appointment of President Pro-Tem for the January organizational meeting. Direc-

tor Bob Vennekotter recognized the 11 students who attained Blue Chippers status for the first grading period and announced that Family & Consumer Science teachers held a curriculum meeting at Vantage on December 3. He also reported on the new file server backup services with NOACSC and the continuing problems with the uneven building heat. Principal Keith Rydell reported on successful parent/teacher conferences in late November, the first annual Numeracy competition and the Thanksgiving Lunch Buffet. He announced that 19 students will be inducted into the National Technical Honor Society on December 9th. Adult Director Jim Grant reported on the Fire and EMT Advisory Committee meeting, the expansion and renewal of a grant for industrial maintenance skill training and the Ohio Skills Bank meeting that Vantage hosted on November 20, 2008.

In new business, the board:

****Approved supplemental contracts as needed, as scheduled for Jo Mohr, Fruit Coordinator;**

****Resolution to appoint Donna Myers as Preschool Head Teacher/Early Childhood and to place her appropriately on the Preschool Head Teacher/Early Childhood salary schedule effective the first day of her 2008-2009 school year;**

****Employed the following Adult Education instructors, as needed, as scheduled: Jeffrey Hammons, Police Academy, Theodore Daniels, Health Careers, Pat Vogel, Welding, Pat Vogel and Brent Wright, AWS Testing, and Brian Ankney, Fire Protection;**

****Approved a resolution to hire youth as needed for the Paulding County Youth Employment program at the state minimum hourly rate for the 2008-2009 school year;**

****Approved a resolution to appoint Brian Laudick as President Pro-Tem for the January, 2009 Organizational Meeting;**

****Approved a resolution retaining construction counsel for Ohio School Facilities Commission Vocational Facilities Assistance Program project and related locally funded initiatives**

****Approved new job description for Preschool Head Teacher/Early Childhood;**

****Approved salary schedule for Preschool Head Teacher/Early Childhood.**

The Superintendent requested an Executive session for the purpose of discussion of the Superintendent and Treasurer evaluations. No action was taken.

The next regular board meeting will be held on Thursday, January 8, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Vantage Cup and Saucer restaurant following the Tax Budget Hearing and the Organizational Meeting.

JOHNSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY HAPPENINGS IN HICKSVILLE

The Knitting & Crocheting Group, the adult book discussion group, the monthly teen book discussion group, and two Video Gaming Days highlight the busy week of December 15-20 at the Johnson Memorial Library.

The Johnson Memorial Library will be hosting its monthly Knitting & Crocheting Group on Tuesday, December 16 at 6:30 p.m.

The Knitting & Crocheting Group is free and is open to everyone interested in knitting or crocheting or anyone who is interested in learning the two crafts.

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

Celebrate Christmas wonders at the Johnson Memorial Library's adult and teen book discussion groups on Thursday, December 18 at 6:30 p.m. Both book discussion groups are free and are open to the public.

The adults will discover what Christmas is really about with Lori Copeland's Unwrapping Christmas. According to the book, "It's that time of year again, and with excitement and high expectations, Rose has planned the perfect Christmas for her family and friends. But when she feels them drifting away during a time that should celebrate togetherness, Rose is forced to slow down in the most unexpected way. In this whimsical, uplifting story, she discovers the true meaning of giving."

The book discussion is open to everyone and will be facilitated by library volunteer Collette Knight. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Hicksville Library.

Also on December 18 at 6:30 p.m., the teen book discussion group will be sharing their favorite Christmas stories and memories, so come on out for free cookies, hot cocoa, and Christmas Tales. The sharing will be facilitated by library volunteer and Teen Advisory Board Member Naomi Barkman.

Rather than sitting around bored, come on out and enjoy the Johnson Memorial Library's free Video Game Days on December 19-20. On December 19 from 3:00-6:00 p.m. and on December 20 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.

LOCAL STUDENTS GET INVOLVED WITH CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS



Colton Hower, Mac Lockhart, Joey Munger and Kiana Recker from Divine Mercy School are helping Rick Small from 98.1 with Christmas for Kids Campaign.

ANTWERP VFW AUXILIARY ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FRUIT BASKETS DELIVERY TO LOCAL RESIDENTS

The Antwerp VFW Post #5087 Auxiliary will be fixing and delivering the Annual Christmas Fruit Baskets to local residents who are home bound ill, seniors and veterans on December 13. We could use outside help with this. Please volunteer if you are able. For more information please call Nila Dunderman at 419-258-3675.

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 12/10 THROUGH 12/16

12/10 - Chicken fajitas or sausage sandwich, rosey applesauce, brownie, milk; PLUS: hot dog bar

12/11 - Grilled chicken patty on bun or deli wrap, yellow cake w/cherries, green beans, milk; PLUS: salad bar or veggie basket

12/12 - Chicken quesadilla or chicken salad sandwich, cole slaw, applesauce cup, cheese curls, milk; PLUS: salad bar or pudding cup

12/15 - Goulash or spicy chicken strips, apple crisp, peas, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cook's choice

12/16 - Chicken strips or BBQ ribs on bun, curly fries, pears, milk; PLUS: salad bar or fruit cup

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PAULDING VILLAGE MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 17, 2008

Paulding Village Council met in Regular Session on November 17, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. Mayor Greg White called the meeting to order.

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

Rife motioned to approve the minutes of the November 3rd meeting, seconded by Breedlove. Vote: Rife, yea; Sierer, yea; Daeger, yea; Jeffery, yea; Breedlove, yea; Sutton, abstain.

Resolution No. 1230-08 re: Authorizing the Purchase of Supplies for the Year 2009, was read for the first time.

Ordinance No. 1389-08 re: An Ordinance Amending and Increasing Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the Village of Paulding, Ohio, during the Year Ending December 31, 2008, was read for the first time.

Ordinance No. 1390-08 re: An Ordinance to make Permanent Appropriations for Current Expenses and other Expenditures of the Village of Paulding, Ohio, during the Year Ending December 31, 2009, was read for the first time.

Resolution No. 1229-08 re: A Resolution Clarifying the Financial Compensation to be Paid to Village Water Treatment Plant Employees, was read for the second time.

Ordinance No. 1388-08 re: Ordinance for the Employment of Michael C. Jones as Solicitor for the Village of Paulding, Paulding County, Ohio, was read for the second time.

Ordinance No. 1386-08 re: An Ordinance Regulating Golf Cart Use Within the Village of Paulding, Ohio, was read for the third time.

Sierer inquired if the legislation should include a clause prohibiting golf carts on interstate routes for safety reasons. Mayor White requested the legislation be approved, and inquire of the Solicitor if the Village has the authority to make such restrictions on state approved vehicles.

Jeffery motioned to approve the legislation, seconded by Breedlove. Vote: Rife, yea; Sierer, abstain; Daeger, yea; Jeffery, yea; Breedlove, yea; Sutton, yea.

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 third time. Daeger motioned to approve the legislation, seconded by Sutton. Vote: all yea.

Breedlove noted the Safety Committee had met on November 6th to continue discussions regarding a Village recycling program. The Committee will meet November 20th at 5:30 p.m. with Ken Kohart of Kohart Salvage regarding the issue.

Mayor White noted he and Wiebe attending a meeting with Ohio Gas on Friday, November 7th. Ohio Gas discussed several issues including pricing and gas storage.

Wiebe noted the Street Committee had met on November 5th and discussed various issues including the Cherry Street resurface and curb replacement project, tree removal, snow routes, salt prices, and Countryside Estates planters.

Wiebe also noted he and the Mayor had met with officials from the Village of Ottawa regarding their bulk water contracts and billing structure to supply water to outlying entities.

Council thanked the public for their support in passing the three levies the Village had on the ballot earlier this month.

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

The following Committee meetings were scheduled:

Committee of the Whole - Monday, November 24th at 5:30 p.m.

Utility Committee - Tuesday, November 25th at 5:30 p.m.

Street Committee - Tuesday, December 2nd at 5:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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FOR SALE: 1999 Fairmont 16x80 mobile home, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, skylight, kitchen island, large deck, C/A. Beautiful decor. Land contract available. Leasing Mobile Home. Not available until first of December. 419-399-0613. tf

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LICENSED MESSAGE Therapist, Julie Nickerson, now accepting appointments @ Community Memorial Hospital, Call 419-542-5678 for an appointment. Gift certificates also available. 49-52p

CHRISTMAS SALE: Nov. 26 - Dec. 23, closed Thanksgiving Day, 10am-6pm. Decorations, dishes, books, pictures, antiques, and more. 8068 CR 230, corner of CR73, Forders' Bridge. 48-51p

BASHORE OPEN HOUSE: Carved fish, ducks, snowmen, angels, wild life prints, wreaths, bird trees. Dec 10,11,12 - 12-5pm. 214 Emerald Rd., Paulding. 49-51p

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MAKING LIQUID FERTILIZER COMPARISONS BASED UPON PRICE

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Educator

Source: C.O.R.N. Newsletter 2008-37

Liquid fertilizers add to the complexity of comparisons because not all fertilizer materials are marketed on a weight basis, some are sold by volume. This can lead to confusion when attempting to determine the price per pound of a nutrient when the price is in price per volume, such as, dollars per gallon. Each material that is sold should have a value known as specific gravity. This is the weight in pounds for each gallon of the material.

The method to calculate the nutrient cost for liquid fertilizers will be determined by how the product is priced. The first set of calculations below will be used to determine the price per pound of a nutrient for liquid fertilizers when the cost per gallon is known.

Step 1: Divide the price per gallon of material by the specific gravity

Step 2: Divide the answer in Step 1 by the material nutrient analysis in decimal form.

Example 1: Using this equation, knowing that liquid 10-34-0 costs \$6.56/gallon and has a specific gravity of 11.67 lbs/gallon, each pound of P₂O₅ costs \$1.65.

Step 1: 6.56 ÷ 11.67 = \$0.5621 per pound

Step 2: 0.5621 ÷ .34 = \$1.65 per pound of P₂O₅

Use the steps below to determine the price per pound of a nutrient for liquid fertilizers when the cost per ton is

known.

Step 1: Divide the price per ton by 2,000

Step 2: Multiply the answer from Step 1 by the material nutrient analysis in decimal form.

Example 2: Liquid 10-34-0 at \$1,125 per ton:

Step 1: 1125 ÷ 2,000 = \$0.5625 per pound

Step 2: \$0.5625 ÷ .34 = \$1.65 per pound

Remember, for all commercially marketed fertilizer materials the analysis of the product is guaranteed by the Ohio Department of Agriculture. And as has been stated in previous C.O.R.N. articles, whatever the analysis says the material contains is what is in it. Just because someone claims their material is more "available" to the plant does not necessarily make it true, especially for the macronutrients - nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, calcium, magnesium, and sulfur. Some products are marketed with claims of increased availability that could save you the producer some money, and from the economic perspective you may be saving money in the short term. However, if you do the calculations you are buying a fraction of the total nutrient amount at a substantially higher cost. Even though you are paying less total, you are receiving far less total nutrient at a higher cost of pound of nutrient input. This is why these calculations are important. It is a good idea to run through these calculations when approached by someone making you an offer you cannot refuse. Some simple math can reveal that in the end you are not getting that good of a deal for what you are buying.

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**TOUGH ECONOMIC TIMES
MAGNIFY NEED FOR
TRANSPARENCY IN GOV-
ERNMENT SPENDING**

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

Confirming what many hard-working Ohio families were already feeling, the National Bureau of Economic Research recently announced that our nation's economy has been in a recession since December 2007. This economic slowdown has hurt businesses' bottom line, led to job losses in communities across the country, battered the stock market and forced many state and local governments to reduce spending to balance their budgets.

In February, the Strickland Administration asked state agencies to make cuts in an effort to plug an estimated \$733 million shortfall in Ohio's budget. This move was followed by another \$500 million in budget reductions in September. As part of the effort to reduce state spending, the General Assembly also returned more than \$2.7 billion of its budget to Ohio's General Revenue Fund.

Then, at a Statehouse press conference on December 1, the Governor and Office of Budget and Management Director, Pari Sabety, announced that Ohio may have to cut an additional \$640 million from its budget ending June 30th and could

have millions of dollars less to work with when it comes time to draft the state's fiscal year 2010-2011 budget next spring.

While it is always important for government to be fiscally-responsible and open with how it spends taxpayer dollars, Ohio's current budget situation only magnifies this need for transparency in government spending. This past week, the Ohio Senate took an important step toward this goal by approving House Bill 420, legislation that I cosponsored, which establishes a free, searchable website with information about state contracts, grants and other government spending in an easily-accessible, readable format.

HB 420 is part of an effort in several states to make government more accessible and accountable, while allowing taxpayers to get their questions answered about where their dollars are going and what the process is in spending that money across the state.

Unfortunately, we are going through a difficult time right now with many Ohio families and businesses struggling to make ends meet. Despite the state's bleak budget outlook, my colleagues and I continue to do everything we can to help attract development, create jobs and get our economy moving again. With passage of HB 420, Ohio taxpayers will have the opportunity to monitor these and other state government efforts to ensure their dollars are being invested in the most efficient and effective way possible.

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

**HECKLEY AUTO AND DIESEL
SERVICE ON THE MOVE**



By: Sue Knapp

If you have seen things moving around the SR 101 area of Woodburn it's Heckley Auto and Diesel. Heckley has moved across the road to Woodburn Outdoor Power. They had everything moved to the new location by the 1st of December and they are having an Open House on December 17-19 from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. with door prizes and refreshments.

Owners, Kevin and Tiffany, have three children and live in the area and have operated Heckley Auto and Diesel for 15 years. Around five years ago they opened Heckley Outdoor Power, but changed the name to Wood-

burn Outdoor Power three years ago. Their move will make business more convenient with a better location and better parking.

Larry Mansfield is Kevin's right hand man in fixing up your auto or truck and Emily Bowser will answer the phone and do some bookwork part time. When they are not doing taxes, Kevin's parents, DeWayne and Sandy Heckley are also helping.

Kevin and Tiffany look forward to showing you their newly remodeled showroom and to let you know that they are continuing to look after your vehicle and your outdoor equipment needs.

**PAULDING EXEMPTED
VILLAGE SCHOOLS BREAK-
FAST AND LUNCH MENUS
FOR THE WEEK OF 12/10
THROUGH 12/16**

MS/HS - Breakfast:
12/10 - Bacon, egg & cheese croissant, juice, milk
12/11 - Sausage, egg burrito, juice, milk
12/12 - Sausage gravy w/ biscuits, juice, milk
12/15 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk
12/16 - Cinnamon roll or cherry turnover, juice, milk

MS/HS - Lunch:
12/10 - Pepperoni pizza or breaded pork w/bun, corn, assorted fruit, milk
12/11 - Italian dunkers, green beans, assorted fruit, milk
12/12 - Cheeseburger w/ bun, panther wedges, assorted fruit, milk
12/15 - Chicken tender wrap or sub sandwich, baby carrots w/dip, chips, assorted fruit, milk
12/16 - Cheese pizza, lettuce salad, assorted fruit, milk

Paulding Elementary - Breakfast:
12/10-12/16 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk
Paulding Elementary - Lunch:
12/10 - French toast, sausage, hashbrowns, assorted fruit, milk
12/11 - Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes w/gravy & bread, assorted fruit, milk
12/12 - Meat 'n cheese taco, lettuce/salsa, cheese, assorted fruit, milk
12/15 - Breaded chicken on bun, broccoli w/cheese, assorted fruit, milk
12/16 - Beef & noodles, whipped potatoes, bread w/ margarine, assorted fruit, milk

Oakwood Elementary - Breakfast:
12/10 - Coco roos cereal, graham crackers, fruit, milk
12/11 - Strawberry pop-tart, assorted fruit, milk
12/12 - Assorted breakfast, fruit, milk
12/15 - Breakfast pizza w/eggs, bacon & cheese, assorted fruit, milk
12/16 - Assorted cereal,

Paulding Elementary - Lunch:
12/10 - Bread sticks/cheese, broccoli/cheese, cookie, applesauce, milk
12/11 - Hot dog/bun, chips/pretzels, grapes or trail mix, milk
12/12 - Walking taco, meat/cheese, lettuce/salsa, sour cream, corn, mixed fruit, milk
12/15 - Rotini/meat, cheese stick, bread stick, green beans, mandarin oranges, milk
12/16 - Nacho chips, meat/cheese/salsa/sour cream, corn sherbet, milk

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12/11 - Ham & cheese wrap w/lettuce, carrots w/dip, doritos, fruit, milk
12/12 - Taco in a bag, lettuce w/cheese, assorted fruit, milk
12/15 - Mini pancakes, mini sausages, assorted juice, fruit, milk
12/16 - Curly spaghetti w/sauce, lettuce salad, bread, assorted fruit, milk

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12/16**

Breakfast:
12/10 - Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk
12/11 - Egg/cheese omelet, toast/jelly, juice, milk
12/12 - Waffles, sausage, juice, milk
12/15 - Pizza, juice, milk
12/16 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, juice, milk

Lunch:
12/10 - Bread sticks/cheese, broccoli/cheese, cookie, applesauce, milk
12/11 - Hot dog/bun, chips/pretzels, grapes or trail mix, milk
12/12 - Walking taco, meat/cheese, lettuce/salsa, sour cream, corn, mixed fruit, milk
12/15 - Rotini/meat, cheese stick, bread stick, green beans, mandarin oranges, milk
12/16 - Nacho chips, meat/cheese/salsa/sour cream, corn sherbet, milk

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