

ACCESSING ICE DAMAGED TREES

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Agent

The recent ice storm has caused extensive damage to many of our trees. The winter storm left some trees looking like there's no tomorrow. Major limbs have been broken or damaged, or the bark has been torn or gouged. But what at first glance may look like mortal wounds are not necessarily fatal to a tree. Trees have an amazing ability to recover from storm damage.

The following information by the Texas Forest Service suggests the first step is to assess tree damage. You can assess your trees by asking the following questions:

—Other than the storm damage, is the tree basically healthy and vigorous? If the tree is basically healthy, is not creating a hazard, and did not suffer major structural damage, it will generally recover if first aid measures are applied immediately after the storm.

—Are major limbs broken? The larger a broken limb is, the harder it will be for the tree to recover from the damage. If a majority of the main branches are gone, the tree may have little chance of surviving.

—Has the leader (the main upward-trending branch on most trees) been lost? In species where a leader is important to upward growth or desirable to appearance, it may have to be a judgment call. The tree may live without its leader, but at best would be a stunted or deformed version of the original.

—Is at least 50 percent of the tree's crown (branches and leaves) still intact? This is a good rule of thumb on tree survivability. A tree with less than half of its branches remaining may not be able to produce enough foliage to nourish the tree through another season.

—How big are the wounds where branches have been broken or bark has been damaged? The larger the wound is in relation to the size of the limb, the less likely it is to heal, leaving the tree vulnerable to disease and pests. A two- to three-inch wound on a 12-inch diameter limb will seal over with new bark within a few years.

—Are there remaining branches that can form a new branch structure? The remaining limbs will grow more vigorously as the tree tries to replace its missing foliage. Look to see if branches are in place that can eventually fill out the tree's appearance.

—Is the tree of a desirable species for its location? If the tree is in the wrong location (such as a potentially tall tree beneath a power line), or an undesirable species for the property (messy fruit, etc.), it may be best to remove it if it has serious damage.

The questions listed above are intended to help you make informed decisions about your trees. In general, the answer as to what to do about a particular tree will fall into one of the following three categories:

It's a "keeper." If dam-

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John (Jack) and Juanita (Smitley) Carr, lifelong residents of Antwerp, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. They were married on December 29, 1943 in Boston, Massachusetts.

They are the parents of Lyle (deceased) and Kathy (Bob) Myers of Antwerp.

They have four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

age is relatively slight, prune any broken branches, repair torn bark or rough edges around wounds, and let the tree begin the process of wound repair.

Wait and See. If a valuable tree appears to be a borderline case, resist the temptation to simply cut the tree down and be done with it. In such cases, it may be best to stand back for a while and think it over. Remember that time is on your side. After careful pruning of broken branches, give the tree some time to recover. A final decision can be made later. The majority of trees may be classified into this category.

Say Goodbye. Some trees simply cannot be saved or are not worth saving. If the tree already has been weakened by disease, if the trunk is split, or more than 50 percent of the crown is gone, the tree has lost its survival edge. Remember, photosynthesis is the process by which plants grow. Photosynthesis requires sufficient leaves (or needles) to capture sunlight and feed the tree. Significant loss of limbs and leaf sites will drastically reduce the tree's photosynthesis capacity and ultimately, its ability to recover and survive.

Next week, we will look at repairing ice damaged trees.

THE NEXT STEP TOWARD RESTORATION

The Civil War Memorial that stands in Antwerp's Riverside Memorial Park will soon be taking a step toward its total restoration and relocation. The V.E.T.S. Committee, (Veterans Equally Recognized for Time Served), has raised enough money toward the total cost of the project, \$100,000, to feel comfortable in planning for the removal, and for the restoration process to begin.

"The winter weather is playing a role in the planning. The ground will need to be firm for the heavy equipment to go into the park and remove the statue," says V.E.T.S. chairman Karen Sanders. Due to unpredictable winter weather, the committee cannot say for sure when the statue will leave the park, but on January 17, 2009 they have planned a 10:00 a.m. reception with a brief ceremony following at the park.

The V.F.W. on Railroad Street has offered their facility as a gathering place for the reception that will last about one hour. Mr. Homier of Homier Monumental will be at this program to answer any questions regarding the restoration and tentative removal date. Those who wish may then go to the park, along with a Color Guard, to view and pay respect to the Civil War Memorial in its place before the statue takes leave for a time of restoration.

When the project is completed, after the statue is returned to the park, there

will eventually be several granite tablets with the engraved names of veterans from the Antwerp school district who have served, either past present or future. Almost a thousand names have already been submitted. The tablets will be an additional cost of another \$50,000.

The V.E.T.S. committee has already held several fund raising projects. If you would like more information concerning having a name engraved on the memorial, how to make a donation, or participate in a fund raiser, attend the ceremony on January 17, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the V.F.W. in Antwerp or you may call Karen Sanders at 419-399-5764. Donations or inquiries may be sent to V.E.T.S., PO Box 742, Antwerp, OH, 45813

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When: Sunday, January 11, 2009

Where: Paulding Exempted Village School's Wellness Center Building (Emerald Road)

Time: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE TO ANTWERP VILLAGE RESIDENTS CURB SIDE BRANCH PICK-UP

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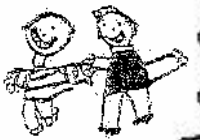
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OBITUARIES

Richard E. Wallace, 78, of Paulding died Thursday, January 1, 2009 at the Gardens of Paulding, Ohio.

He was born September 30, 1930 in Antwerp, OH, the son of Walter and Mary (Wyman) Wallace. In 1968 he married Grace E. Reynolds who preceded him in death in 1975. He was previously employed by the former Grizzley Manufacturing of Paulding, Ohio. He was a member of Paulding VFW Post #587 and the Fraternal Order of Eagles #2405.

He is survived by a sister, Maxine Helstad of Van Wert; two nephews: Robert Helstad of San Marcos, TX and Rodney R. Helstad Jr. of Spencer-ville, OH.

He is preceded in death by his parents; wife; two brothers: Clair and Robert; and two sisters: Violet and Helen.

Funeral services were conducted January 6, 2009 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Burial was at Wiltsie Cemetery.

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



Eilene Rose Crisp, 72, of Haviland died Wednesday morning, December 31, 2008 at her residence.

She was born in Paulding County Ohio on November 8, 1936 the daughter of Charles and Beulah (Breining) Weber. In 1955 she married McKenley Crisp, who died in 1993. She was a homemaker and attended the Bible Baptist Church of Grover Hill, Ohio.

Surviving are two daughters: Wanda (Don) Sprow of Sherwood and Tammy (Robert) Thomas of Cecil; two sons: Douglas (Virginia) Crisp of Paulding and Duane Crisp of Haviland; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; three sisters: Ruth Brickel of Hicksville, Donna (Earl) Baldwin of

Cecil, Linda Barham of Defiance; one brother, Edward (Dorothy) Bostelman of Haviland; and one step-brother, Paul Bostelman of Defiance.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one son, Randy Crisp in 1965; one sister, Mary Woodring; one step-sister, Dorothy Simpson; and one step-brother, John Bostelman.

Funeral services were conducted January 5, 2009 at the DenHerder Funeral Home Paulding, Ohio. Pastor Pat Holt officiated. Burial was in Sherwood Cemetery, Sherwood Ohio.

Memorials to: the Eilene Rose Crisp Family. Condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Harry L. Harrmann, 57, of Antwerp, passed away Tuesday, December 30, 2008 at his residence.

Harry was born in Hicksville, Ohio on April 29, 1951, the son of the late Henry and Catherine (Dunderman) Harrmann.

Harry was a 1969 graduate of Antwerp High School, served in the U.S. Navy from 1969 to 1971.

He was the owner of Harrmann's Trucking & Excavating and a member of the Paulding Eagles and Divine Mercy Catholic Parish of Paulding County.

On June 27, 1980 he married Deborah Kitson, who survives.

Harry will be sadly missed by his wife, Deb; daughters: Laural (Corey) Sargent and Nicole Harrmann both of Antwerp; sons: Wyatt (Michelle) Young of Van Wert and Kyle Harrmann of Antwerp; brother, Robert of Antwerp; and seven grandchildren: Olivia & Keylei Young; Kristen, Keira, Corbin & Colton Sargent, and Emma-leigh Helton.

His memorial service was at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, on January 5, 2009 with Deacon Robert Nighswander officiating.

His family requests donations to Dooley Funeral Home, PO Box 452, Antwerp, Ohio 45813. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Leola Thelma Barnes, 73, of Hicksville died on Monday, December 29, 2008 at Hickory Creek at Hicksville.

She was born on January 25, 1935 in Rosehill, Virginia the daughter of Harvey & Stella Lee.

She was united in marriage to Bidwell "Bill" Barnes on January 27, 1953. He preceded in death on March 1, 1998.

She was a member of Hicksville Assembly of God and retired in 1997 as a dispatcher for the Hicksville Police Department after 27 years of employment.

She is survived by a daughter, Debbie (Sid) Flanary of Coeburn, VA; three sons: David of Hicksville, Billy of Fort Wayne, IN and Bob of Columbus, OH; seven grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; a sister, Rita Quillen of Louisville, KY; and a brother Virgil Lee of Crown Point, IN.

She was preceded in death by her husband; three brothers: Alfred, Carl, and Kurt; two sisters: Norma Pennington and Alberta Hopkins.

Funeral services were January 1, 2009 at Smith & Brown Funeral Home - Hicksville with Steve Stark officiating. Burial was at Forest Home Cemetery - Hicksville.

Memorials may be made to Hickory Creek or American Cancer Society. Guestbook available at www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com

Norma F. Butyok, 78, of Antwerp, Ohio passed away Sunday, December 28, 2008 at her daughter's residence in Antwerp.

Norma was born in Diana, West Virginia on May 4, 1930, the daughter of the late George Thomas and Ida Blanche (Carpenter) Cutlip.

She worked at Dana Weatherhead, Antwerp and was a member of Antwerp United Methodist Church.

On April 20, 1957, she married Richard Butyok, who passed away March 3, 2005.

Norma will be sadly missed by her daughter, Lisa (Jim) Mortorff and son, Thomas, both of Antwerp; sister, Virginia "Kitty" Polen of Fairmont, WV; granddaughter, Jessie (Brian) Gaisford; great grandsons: Clayton Phipps and Julian Gaisford.

She is preceded in death by her sisters, Melba Fox, Ellen Riffle, Martha Bennett and Betty Jo McSwain; and brothers: Lonnie, Boyd, Aaron Jimmy, Cornelius and David Cutlip.

Her funeral service was January 2, 2009 at Dorsey Funeral Home, 701 S. Pike Street, Shinnston, WV 26431.

She was laid to rest at Shinnston Masonic Cemetery, Shinnston.

Her family requests donations to Paulding Hospice, 250 Dooley Drive, Paulding, Ohio 45879. Arrangements entrusted to Dooley Funeral Homes of Antwerp & Payne, Ohio. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Evelyn L. Jackson, 84, of Payne died Saturday, December 27, 2008 at the Paulding County Hospital.

She was born May 23, 1924 River Rouge, Michigan the daughter of James and Catherine (Scarlet) Jackson. She worked at numerous restaurants in Michigan and Ohio as a waitress.

She is survived by three nieces: Alice Pacitti and Nina Gonzales both of Paul-

ding and Denise Tromblay of Cecil; five nephews: Leonard and John Coble both of Hughton, Tim Tromblay of Hicksville, Ohio, and Kyle and Ryan Tromblay both of Van Wert, Ohio.

Funeral services was December 31, 2008 at the Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Burial was in St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Dallas Lamb Foundation Home Activity Fund. Condolences may be left at www.denherderfh.com

Paul E. White, 90, of Grover Hill died Saturday, December 27, 2008 at the Country Inn Enhanced Living Center, Paulding.

He was born June 10, 1918 in Van Wert, Ohio the son of Robert and Iva White. On January 29, 1943, he married Annie Rose Bolenbaugh who preceded him in death in 2001. In 1982, he retired after 25 years of employment at Aero-Equip in Van Wert. He was a U.S. Army veteran during World War II serving in the European Theater and the Battle of the Bulge.

He is survived by two sons: Alan (Tonda) White of Van Wert and Kevin (Pat) White of Antwerp, Ohio; two daughters: Iris White of Grover Hill and Colleen (Randy) Green of Hicksville; four grandchildren; and two great-grandsons.

He is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Annie Rose; a daughter, Teresa Waskelo; three brothers: Lawrence, Ernest, and John; and three sisters: Grace, Nellie, and Mellie.

Funeral services were December 31, 2008 at the Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Burial was in Middle Creek Cemetery, Grover Hill where Paulding V.F.W. Post #587 will accord military graveside rites.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Paulding County Hospital Phone-A-Ride, Paulding County Meals on Wheels, or the Grover Hill EMS. Condolences may be left at www.denherderfh.com

Robert James Gibbs, 35, of Paulding died Sunday, December 21, 2008 in Paulding Township, Paulding, Ohio.

He was born August 20, 1973 in Columbus, Ohio. He attended Defiance High School. He was a master carpenter in Arizona, Colorado, and Ohio.

He is survived by his mother, Roberta A. (Paul) Perl of Paulding; his father, Jimmie (Diane) Rigsby of Springfield, OH; three children: Allan Gibbs of Ayresville, Priscilla Gibbs, and Jacob Gibbs both of Phoenix, AZ; three brothers: Jimmie K. Rigsby of Springfield, Jason B. Rigsby of Springfield, and Jacob Perl of Paulding; a sister, Kimberly Gibbs of Louisville, KY; and companion, Sonya Barajas of Paulding; and aunts and uncles.

He is preceded in death by his adoptive parents: Harold and Lenore (Livingston) Gibbs.

Services will be held at a later date. Donations in memory of Robert James Gibbs may be made to Roberta and Paul Perl. Condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Leland M. Carr, 84, of

Paulding, died Thursday, December 25, 2008 at the Gardens of Paulding, Paulding, Ohio.

He was born in Willshire, Ohio on January 14, 1924 the son of J. Homer and Leona (Baker) Carr. On January 29, 1953 he married R. Colleen (Moore) Carr, who survives. He was the owner operator of the former Carr Tractor Sales Inc. of Paulding, Ohio. He was a member of the First Christian Church of Paulding, where he served as an elder. He was a Mason of the former Paulding Widows Son's Lodge #571 F&AM and served on the Paulding County Foundation.

Surviving is his wife, Colleen Carr of Paulding; one daughter, Mary Sue (Terry) Dohoney of Bowling Green, OH; one son, Rev. Dave (Leigh) Carr of Lexington, KY; five grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; and one sister, Dorothy Humbert.

Funeral services were conducted on December 29, 2008 at the First Christian Church, Paulding. Burial was in Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding, Ohio.

Memorials to First Christian Church, 1233 Emerald Road, Paulding, Ohio 45879.

Glenn E. Rager, 85, of Paulding died Thursday, December 25, 2008 at the Paulding County Hospital, Paulding, Ohio.

He was born in Paulding County, Ohio on June 23, 1923 the son of Edward G. and Laura (Geyer) Rager. On October 4, 1944 he married Alice (Wilhelm) Rager, who survives. He was a life time farmer, retiring in 1987. He was a U.S. Army Veteran serving during WWII. He was a member of the Paulding Church of the Nazarene, Paulding, Ohio.

Surviving are his wife, Alice of Paulding; three daughters: Janet (Don) Terry of Roscommon, MI, Laura (Jim) Durre of Paulding, Nancy (Brooks) Myers of Tuscaloosa, AL; two sons: Mark (Amy) Rager and David Rager both of Paulding;

one brother, Russell (Betty) Rager of Paulding; and one sister, Isabelle Ringler of Paulding; eight grandchildren; and two great-granddaughters. He is preceded in death by his parents; and one brother, Kenneth L. Rager.

Funeral services were conducted December 30, 2008 at the Paulding Church of the Nazarene, Paulding. Rev. Kim Semran and Rev. Jim Edwards officiated. Burial was in Paulding Memorial Cemetery, Paulding.

Memorials to Paulding Church of the Nazarene, Paulding.



Benjamin Oberlin, 36, of Payne, passed away early Saturday January 3rd, 2009 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana after his battle with cancer. Ben was born at the Paulding Hospital on March 26th 1972.

He is survived by and sadly missed by his girlfriend Billie Boroff of Payne, his Parents Don and Marsha (Gerencser) Oberlin of Antwerp, brothers Gabriel of Hicksville and Matthew of Antwerp, nieces, Heather and Katie Oberlin, and grandparents Charles and Donna (Shough) Oberlin of Bryan and Paul Gerencser of Antwerp. He was preceded in death by his grandmother Dorothy (Strubing) Gerencser and by uncles Larry Gerencser and Timothy Oberlin. Ben was a 1990 graduate of Antwerp High School and graduated from the Ohio State University with a BA degree in Fine Art with a major in Computer Animation. He was employed at Tri-State Solarcrete, Payne.

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Ben enjoyed video games, motorcycles, computers and playing horseshoes. Ben was a good cook and was especially good at preparing Cajun food.

You are invited to attend a memorial service and to celebrate Ben's life with his family at Grant's Reception Hall, Antwerp at 2 pm on Saturday January 17th. Arrangements by Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, Ohio.

ANTWERP V.E.T.S. MEMORIAL UPDATE

Since our group was established a year ago we have raised over \$25,000.00 towards refurbishing the old Civil War statue and making the new granite name tablets. Our last fundraiser of making and selling cookbooks sold out in 8 weeks. We are now able to retire the old statue for refurbishment. A ceremony will be held at the VFW hall on January 17, 2009. We are also in the process of sending out letters to area businesses and organizations asking for donations or pledges (monetary or materials). Knowing economic times are difficult we will appreciate any help they can give.

We are grateful for the people in our community for stepping forward with offers to help. Plans are underway for a gently used jewelry re-sale. Andy Hahn and Dave are heading up a golf outing for early spring. Rex and Cathy Shaner are planning a Cruise-In at the park for June, and a Poker Run is being planned for July. Jerry Dowding is getting his plans set for another great concert to be held in August.

Do we have your name on the monument? Here are 12 more names of Veterans that have been submitted: Paul E. Daeger, Charles Hisson, Matthew Rhoades, Jack M. Overmyer, Calvin B. Johnson, Robert B. Rice, William J. Jackson, Tedd W. Humbarger, Jerald A. Overmyer, Ralph R. Laisure, Richard R. Crosby, Percy P. Smith

A CONTRASTING VIEW

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

Phil Donahue tells of a time when he was starting out as a young television reporter and was sent to cover a mine disaster.

It was late at night. Snow was on the ground. It was freezing cold. The rescue team was down the mine shaft. Worried relatives and friends were gathered at the opening to the mine, waiting anxiously for some word of hope.

Someone began to sing, "What a friend we have in Jesus..." Other people joined in the singing, "all our sins and griefs to bear..." Still more voices joined in, "What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer." Then it was quiet. A minister stepped out of the crowd and said, "Let us pray." It was a brief, moving prayer. Donahue said it was such a moving scene that he got goose bumps. The only problem was it was so cold that the television camera froze up and didn't catch the scene. Donahue held the camera against his body, rubbed it to get it functioning. When he got it working, he went to the minister, and asked him to repeat the prayer. The minister said, "No."

Donahue said, "I'm a TV reporter. I represent 260 stations. Millions of people will be able to see you and to hear that beautiful prayer." The minister said, "No."

Donahue said, "Maybe you didn't understand. I'm not representing some local TV station. I'm with CBS; the whole nation will be able to see this." The old country preacher said, "sorry," turned his back and walked away.

Donahue was dumbfounded and furious! He couldn't understand it. But about a year later he said it hit him. He wrote that he realized that he was witnessing something called *integrity*. He wrote, "The man wouldn't 'show biz' for Jesus. He wouldn't sell his soul, not for TV—not even for CBS."

There's something about that account that sits right with me. Integrity is a commodity that is in short supply these days. We live in an age where most people are out for themselves, out for a buck, and out for it all. Isn't it refreshing to know that humility, conviction, and integrity are still alive? The tough question is, are they values that are alive in *you*? Or in *me*?

GENESIS 12:3

By: James Wright, Junction Christian Bible Church

And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

There is much controversy over this one little verse. The Zionist movement says that, "God promises to bless the man or nation that blesses the chosen people." They say that any nation that blesses the Jewish people that God's blessings are upon them. And those that curses the Jewish people that the curse of God is upon them.

The key words I would like to point out to you are, "all families of the earth be blessed." All families points to the New Covenant people. Those of this gospel dispensation, all families are Jew and Gentile alike who have received Christ by faith; it is not referring to Israel, after the flesh, but rather the true Israel of God. The redeemed in Christ Jesus remember, that it was through Abraham that the Messiah was promised.

What determines the True Israel of God?

At the death of Christ on the cross, God no longer recognized Israel as a nation or people. I know that's hard to swallow for many, but read the Book, its in there. Old Testament Israel was only a type, or a shadow. What is a shadow? It is something that prefigures something in the New Testament. It points to the spiritual realities of this gospel dispensation. So what did Old Israel prefigure? God's Church—we who are redeemed are the spiritual Israel today. Salvation came by way of Christ's blood on the cross, not by way of animal sacrifices (Heb. 10:4,5). The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is a separating, a dividing point from the Old Testament which was the "natural," and the New Testament which is "spiritual," Romans 2:28,29. For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly, (natural) neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh. But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly (spiritual) and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

God does not recognize the person's nationality. He is not a respecter of persons. He only sees the heart where the blood, has been applied.

Who are blessed in the verse that we are speaking of in Genesis?

They are those who received the spiritual inheritance through Jesus Christ by faith. Galatians 3:29, and if ye be Christ's then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. Gal. 3:22, But the scriptures hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of

Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.

Galatians 3:7, Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.

These, dear reader, make up the whole household of God, the true Israel, (spiritual). The blessings that are spoken of are the spiritual blessings that we receive through faith in Christ.

Who are the cursed?

The curse spoken of is the curse of sin. The sin of "unbelief." In Israel's case, we read in Romans 9:31,32: But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness. Wherefore? Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. For they stumbled at the stumbling stone.

Romans 9:6-8: Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect, For they are not all Israel, (spiritual) which are of Israel, (natural). Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children; but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called.

That is, they which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.

The parentheses are mine, showing you the difference between the old Israel, which is of the flesh, or natural. And the new, which is spiritual. It is not to add to the scriptures by any means.

Understand, dear reader, that only a remnant believed in Christ at that time. The rest were blinded because of unbelief. This is the whole reason why they crucified Him; yes, it was God's plan. But understand that Israel was looking for an earthly king, to set up an earthly kingdom. They wanted a king like David, Solomon, etc. They wanted a king to overthrow the Romans. Jesus was not that type of king. He came to deliver man from the bondage of sin, a spiritual deliverance, not an earthly one. And this is the reason he was crucified, he was not what they were looking for. Only a few recognized Jesus as the true deliverer. Is Jesus saving Jews today? Yes, absolutely he is. He will never refuse anyone who will receive Him as Lord and Savior. What is this curse again? It is the curse of sin, the sin of unbelief. Those who do not have Christ in their heart, have not repented of their sins, the curse is upon them, whether they are Jew or Gentile. But those who have repented, those blessings of God are upon them.

Let me ask you a question. Are you blessed or cursed? Only you and God know that. May the Lord guide you in your search. Until next time. Any questions feel free to call. 419-594-2232.

MATTHEW 24 LESSON 16

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

In our last lesson I was showing you in the Bible some scripture verses about apocalyptic language and will continue that study in this lesson. Last lesson I was looking at the sun will be darkened, the stars falling referring to the fall of Babylon, Isaiah 13:10; and the fall of Edom Isaiah 34:4. There are other scripture verses such as Tyre, Isaiah 23:1, 24:21-23; Ninevah, Nahum 1:1-5; Israel, Amos 8:9; this is just a few, there are others I haven't listed. Like other Jewish prophets, Jesus is also using figurative language to tell about the destruction of Jerusalem. These descriptions that are given about the sun, moon, the stars and so forth, doesn't mean that this will literally happen. This is language commonly used to describe God's awful judgment on a fallen world.

For the judgment that is coming look at II Peter 3, this will literally take place, the earth, the universe—all else will burn with intense heat.

Loved ones, you and I need to see the power of God, how that when spoken—the earth, universe, everything came into existence. Also the power of God's word brought judgment on a sinful earth through a world-wide flood. When I read God's word, I can see how it has the power to change people's lives when given the opportunity. Yes, when God tells me he will destroy the earth with fire, I'll believe it.

Now, let us look at the words 'coming on the clouds', Matthew 24:30. This is also talking about apocalyptic language being used and is referring to the Lord coming in judgment; Read Isaiah chapter 19:1 about the Lord riding on a swift cloud to bring judgment on Egypt. Also there is Lamentations 2:1; and Ezekiel 30:18. I will continue this study in our next lesson.

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

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND DISMISSALS

Admissions:
12/23 - Merle Jeffery, Paulding; Ernest Gonzales, Paulding
12/25 - Monica Heck, Paulding; Elizabeth Lust, Antwerp
12/31 - Eileen Jeffery, Paulding
1/3 - Ursie Hemenover, Antwerp
1/4 - Richard McDougall, Paulding
Dismissals:
12/25 - Olive Johnston, Cecil
12/27 - Monica Heck, Paulding
12/29 - Merle Jeffery, Paulding; Ernest Gonzalez, Paulding
12/31 - Elizabeth Lust, Antwerp, transferred to Lutheran

PAULDING COUNTY BUDGET RELEASED FOR 2009

The Paulding County Commissioners have released their budget for 2009. Below is a summary of the budget per department. If you wish to see the in-depth edition, please contact the commissioners' office.

Commissioners: \$146,939
County Auditor: \$133,729
County Treasurer: \$73,036
County Prosecutor: \$164,639
Bureau of Inspection: \$51,000
Court of Common Pleas: \$122,211
Juvenile Court: \$96,426
Probate Court: \$35,518
Clerk of Courts: \$91,232
Coroner: \$34,237
County Court: \$207,932
Election Board: \$138,006
Commissioners' Building & Grounds: \$286,611.25
Sheriff: \$1,485,930.75
County Recorder: \$102,482
Health & Welfare: \$13,000
Insurance: \$245,000
Soldier's Relief: \$151,030
Engineer: \$14,878
Commissioners' - Law Library \$3,374
Insurance/Loss Control \$198,349
Commissioners' - Misc.: \$88,569
Court of Appeals: \$6,500
General Fund Transfers: \$174,621
Totals General Fund Appropriations for 2009: \$4,065,250

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am starting the year with a letter to make a statement for self-employed people such as myself and to wake up a few people who don't take us seriously! Whether your business in mechanics, electrical, plumbing, construction—we all have a similar problem!

Getting paid on time or when you promise to pay! In my case 90-95% of you can disregard this. It's just the 5-10% who think it's okay to take 3-4 weeks or longer to pay! You need to remember: the only paycheck we receive is when you pay us! If your employer held your paycheck for this long you would raise a ruckus with them! We have to pay for our parts and our bills on time just like anyone else.

Of course, we always get the same excuse, "We forgot," or "We got busy," "We haven't been able to find you to pay you." And my favorite that I have heard is "The Lord will pay my bills!" Yes, I've been told that!

How can you forget? You have no trouble calling me or finding me when you have a problem! I don't move away after I fix your problem. Re-

member you may need us more than we need you. We sometimes work for you when others are closed and in weather that I'd hate to see an animal out in!

You 5-10% need to take you business to the dealer or big shops for a few times. You will get at least four surprises: 1) They will not pick up and deliver! 2) You will pay full price for your parts! 3) You will pay twice the labor rates! and 4) You will pay your bill before you get your vehicle! These things might make you appreciate us small self-employed people!

Yes, the economy is lousy! Don't blame us—it's our last eight years of poor government that caused this mess! I also blame those reality shows that see how bad people will treat other people to get money. If you want reality, try to beat us out of our pay completely. The letter from our lawyer or court will be real!

So, let's make a New Year's Resolution to pay our self-employed business persons promptly. In a couple months, the golf courses will be open, you may need work done, but I may feel the need for a round of golf is more important at that same moment.

—Gregg Gorman, owner Gorman's Fix-It Shop

CURVES OF PAULDING OFFERS FREE WEIGHT MANAGEMENT CLASSES

Curves of Paulding is offering free weight management classes to teach its proven method for losing weight and raising metabolism. More studied than any other program, Curves' classes are based on the groundbreaking new research findings of the Exercise & Sport Nutrition Laboratory at Texas A&M University. Now, the women of Paulding can learn the powerful secret that has helped millions of women lose millions of pounds and keep them off for good. Classes are open to members and non-members.

Classes include:
—Start-Up Class (90 min-

utes) for first-time participants.

—Phase 3 (30 minutes) to teach the last and most important stage of the Curves Weight management Plan and the secret that makes the plan work.

—Special Topics Classes (30 minutes) will cover a different topic each month, including Smart Grocery Shopping, Choosing the Right Carbohydrates, Eating Out, Emotional Eating and more.

Classes will be taught by Curves' Registered Dietitian, Nadia Rodman, and facilitated by weight management coaches from Curves of Paulding, through a series of DVDs that will alternate teaching with hands-on activities. Participants will be encouraged to make a weekly appointment to weigh in with their weight management coach, who will provide accountability.

All classes are free to members and non-members, but participants will be able to take advantage of special pricing on essential tools that will enhance their success. The Paulding club will offer Curves supplements including calcium, bio-multi vitamins, the Curves protein shake and a copy of the new book "The Curves Fitness & Weight Management Plan." Products are available for purchase separately and no purchase is required to attend classes.

"We're excited to be offering free weight management classes," said Glenda Ferris, owner of Curves of Paulding. "This dynamic program and the book are brand-new, and packed with cutting-edge information and lots of practical advice that women can use immediately. Every woman who is even thinking about losing weight should definitely check out the free classes."

Curves of Paulding will be offering classes January 5, 12, & 19, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Glenda Ferris at 419-399-9229 or pauldingcurves@hotmail.com.

PAULDING-PUTNAM ELECTRIC POWER PROVIDER CHARTERS NATIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY EFFORT

The National Renewables Cooperative Organization (NRCO) held its first annual meeting in November in Indianapolis. Paulding-Putnam Electric wholesale electric provider, Wabash Valley Power is one of the organization's 24 power supply cooperative members. Several actions taken during the annual meeting hold great significance for the organization.

After the organization's 24 directors were elected, a service agreement was approved that establishes Carmel, Ind.-based ACES Power Marketing (APM) as NRCO's Energy Management Company (EMC).

In addition, Amadou Fall, Vice President of Transmission for APM, will become the General Manager and Chief Executive Officer of NRCO, handling day-to-day business and coordinating project negotiations. Fall brings 18 years of experience and holds degrees in electrical engineering and engineering management from the New York Institute of Technology and Drexel University, respectively.

The National Renewables Cooperative Organization was organized in April 2008 as a way for electric co-ops to participate nationally in diversified alternative energy projects. Members of NRCO that do not have the opportunity locally to develop green energy through wind, solar or biomass will be able to participate in renewable energy projects elsewhere through the organization.

"Our power supplier has worked hard to diversify our power supply portfolio," said Paulding-Putnam Electric CEO George Carter. By joining NRCO, Wabash Valley Power is able to take advantage of more plentiful renewable sources in other parts of the country."

To qualify for NRCO membership, entities must be generation and transmission cooperatives, unaffiliated distribution cooperatives or partial requirement cooperatives that have the legal right to participate in wholesale electric markets.

Paulding-Putnam Electric has a diverse mix of power supply sources, including several that are renewable and environment-friendly. Landfill gas, wind and an anaerobic process contribute almost 4 percent of Wabash Valley Power's overall power supply portfolio. Another process converts petroleum coke, which is a waste material from refineries, into clean synthetic gas that can then be used to generate electricity.

Wabash Valley Power, Paulding-Putnam Electric's Indianapolis-based electric provider, owns 10 renewable energy power plants, in addition to coal, petroleum coke and natural gas facilities. The generation and transmission cooperative provides wholesale electricity to 28 distribution systems located in Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Missouri and Ohio.

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Hoosier Energy Rural Electric Co-op, Indiana
North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation, North Carolina
Oglethorpe Power Corporation, Georgia
Old Dominion Electric Cooperative, Virginia
PowerSouth Energy Cooperative (formerly Alabama Electric Cooperative, Alabama)
Rayburn Country Electric Cooperative, Inc., Texas
Seminole Electric Cooperative, Florida
South Mississippi Electric Power Association, Mississippi
Southern Illinois Power Cooperative, Illinois
Sunflower Electric Power Corporation, Kansas
Tri-State G & T, Colorado
Wabash Valley Power Association, Indiana
Distribution cooperatives:
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Jo-Carroll Energy, Illinois

New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, New Hampshire
Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative, Maryland

CODY A. THOMPSON MAKES DEAN'S LIST

The University of Northwestern Ohio is proud to acknowledge that Cody A. Thompson of Paulding Ohio has made the Dean's List for Fall Quarter 2008 in the College of Business. Full and part-time students must receive a grade point average of 3.5 or better to be named to the Dean's List. Cody is the son of Tim and Sue Thompson of Paulding, Ohio.

WESTERN BUCKEYE EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER GOVERNING BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED

The Western Buckeye Educational Service Center Governing Board Organizational and Regular January Meeting will take place on Thursday, January 15, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting will take place at the Paulding ESC Office located at 202 N. Cherry St., Paulding, OH.

FIRST EAGLE SCOUT FROM PAYNE IN 20 YEARS TO BE RECOGNIZED

Payne Boy Scout Troop 137 is trying to contact adult Eagle Scouts of Payne and the surrounding areas. The Troop is putting out a call, because they need your help.

Payne Troop 137 is holding the first Eagle Court of Honor in Payne in over 20 years. The Court of Honor will include the Eagle Challenge Ceremony. If done properly, we need at least four Eagle Scouts.

The Eagle Court of Honor takes place 10 February, starting at 7:00 p.m., at Saint James Lutheran Church, in Payne right across from the elementary school.

If you can help, please contact Asst. Scoutmaster Kip Long as soon as possible, so we can continue to develop our first Eagle Court of Honor. You can reach Kip at 419-263-3822, or Email rev.long@yahoo.com

THANK YOU

The family of Lois I. Young would like to thank all those who touched Lois' life with many acts of kindness throughout her 98 years. Special thanks to the staff at Dallas Lamb, Paulding Hospital, and Parkview Hospital for your care and concern for her when needed. Sincere appreciation to Dooley Funeral Home for their professional guidance, Pastor Joe Allen and organist Carole Overmyer for providing us with a comforting service, and to the church ladies for the delicious dinner. We would also like to acknowledge each of you for your many kind expressions of sympathy at the time of our loss.

—The children and families of Lois I. Young, DeLean Dotterer and families

CURVES® OF PAULDING ROLLS OUT RED CARPET TO SILVERSNEAKERS® MEMBERS!

Curves of Paulding is rolling out the red carpet to members of the award-winning Healthways SilverSneakers Fitness Program, the nation's leading exercise program designed for older adults. Beginning January 1, 2009, SilverSneakers members are eligible to join Curves of Paulding at no cost.

"We are so pleased to welcome local SilverSneakers members to Curves of Paulding," said club owner Glenda Ferris. "As you age, your risks for debilitating disease increase, and being overweight or obese significantly adds to that risk. At Curves of Paulding, we have programs that help women of all ages do the three most significant things they can do to decrease their risks—manage their weight, exercise regularly, and eat healthfully."

Call or stop by our club which is located at 101 W. Perry St. in Paulding.

There are 6,500 Curves locations and more than 2.5 million women in the U.S. who are eligible for the SilverSneakers program.

For more information about Curves of Paulding, please contact Glenda Ferris at 419-399-9229.

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ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

I just finished a very enjoyable hour interviewing Scott Moorhead, the retiring manager of the Antwerp Equity Exchange. To me that will always be the West Elevator and now it has affiliated with Mercer Landmark.

We started with a little background on Scott's life. He was born in Findlay on June 11, 1940. There were four in his family (one other boy). He went to school in Leipsic, Ohio. His father operated the local elevator and he worked part time for his father. He has been in the grain and farming business all his life.

He graduated from Leipsic High School in 1958 and then from Miami of Ohio in 1962.

After graduation he and his father owned and operated the elevator in Leipsic. They sold out in 1981.

In the meantime he married a fine lady, Barbara Uten-dorf and they had two boys.

After they sold their elevator, Scott managed a number of them in this part of the country. He was at Payne, Ohio twice. He sold grain and bought grain for our company throughout this area and Michigan. He knows the farming business from top to bottom and really never farmed.

He tells me that all his life he liked to meet people. That was easy for him as he is a good conversationalist. He is a very out-going man and in his retirement he looks forward to helping his friends.

When Steve Fast left the Antwerp Elevator, Scott told Mercer Landmark that he would fill in there as an interim manager as Antwerp is part of Mercer Landmark since August of '08.

We talked about the 2008 crop for this area. He said that the wheat crop was excellent.

The corn and beans both were down a little in the yield, due to the dry weather. He said that the new metal round tanks doubled their storage capacity and they were never in trouble for lack of space.

I told him that last year, Steve Fast told me that for the '07 year the elevator sold 15 million dollars in grain. He said this past year of 2008, they said 25 million dollars in grain. That is a real boost for this area. Part of that increase was due to the higher price per bushel paid to the farmer. The weather had a lot to do with the yield this year. The lack of rain hit a number of farmers pretty hard.

We discussed "The Risk Factor" of farming and he named about a dozen risks that a farmer takes during the year. Farming is the biggest gamble that I can think of.

Scott and his wife live in Columbus Grove, Ohio. They have two boys and two grandchildren. Scott is looking forward to his retirement on January 1, 2009.

I asked what he looked forward to in his retirement. He said he and his wife like to travel and he planned on doing some church work and maybe help some one that needs it. He likes to help people and all his life he's liked to meet and talk with folks.

He said he really liked the people in Antwerp and he is going to miss the new friends that he made here.

I liked his outlook on life. He said his idea was to try to leave the country in a little better shape than he found it. After talking with him for awhile, I know he will do it.

I, and all the people here at West Bend News, wish him the very best in his retirement.

See Ya!

CORRECTION

By: Stan Jordan

Mrs. Eula Howard called me the other day and said in the Schilb Reds ball picture, from the middle December, had an error in it.

The player that I called "Dutch" Kauser was really her husband, Johnny Howard. He was a pitcher for the team.

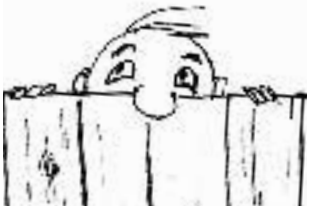
I know she is right. I think that picture was taken in 1945 and I didn't get home from the Army until November

of that year. Glenn "Dutch" Kauser must have come along a little later.

Johnny Howard was a younger brother of Dennis and Dale Howard. The 'old timers' will remember them. All that team is gone now except Mel Gerbers.

Johnny and Eula soon moved to Fort Wayne and raised three children: Jerry, Linda and Jim.

It was nice talking to Eula. See Ya!



By: Stan Jordan

The following poem, sonnet, ditty or piece of junk is an excerpt from the 1935 issue of Capt. Billie's Whizz Bang. Maybe it will help answer the age old question:

*The doggies had a meeting,
they came from near and far,
some came by automobile,
and others came by car.*

*Before they were allowed in-
side,
each one, to have a look,
they had to take their woof,
woof off,
and hang it on a woof woof
hook.*

*Before they all were seated,
each mother, son and sire,
some dirty yellow cur,
began to holler, 'fire'!*

*They all rushed out, in a
bunch,
they didn't have time to look,
each one grabbed a woof,
woof,
from all the woof, woof, hook.*

*They got their woof-woofs, all
mixed up,
it made them very sore,
to have to wear a woof, woof
home,
they never wore before.*

*So, that is why, you see,
as you go down the street, a
dog,
will stop and swap a sniff,
with every dog he meets.*

*Why, a dog will even,
leave a big fat juicy bone,
to swap a sniff, with another
dog,
in hopes he'll find his own.*

See Ya!

JOHNSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY HAPPENINGS IN HICKSVILLE

The Back-to-School Movie Day, Lego & Block Building Day, the Teen Music Night, the Video Game Discussion Groups highlight the week of January 5-10 at the Johnson Memorial Library.

Celebrate back-to-school with a Scooby-Doo Movie Day at the Johnson Memorial Library on Monday, January 5 at 2:00 p.m. The Back-to-School Movie Day is free and is open to everyone. The movie will follow Scooby-Doo as he visits the Ghoul School with the Friends of the Hicksville Library providing popcorn and drinks to round out the afternoon.

Get in out of the snow and come spend Tuesday, January 6 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. playing with Legos and building blocks at the Johnson Memorial Library.

The Lego & Block Building Day is free and is open to everyone. Come put your creativity to work with Legos, blocks, electronic Lego games, pattern books, and other parents and children. Feel free to bring along your own Legos and blocks.

Kick off the New Year with a Teen Music Night on Thursday, January 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the Johnson Memorial Library. The Teen Music Night is free and is open to all middle school to high school students. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Hicksville Library.

"Come on out and share your favorite music," invites Branch Manager Amy Murphy. "Not only will we be listening to music, but we'll also be discussing the lyrics, singers, and song writers."

Rather than sitting around bored, come on out and enjoy the Johnson Memorial Library's free Video Game Days on January 9-10. On January 9 from 3:00-6:00 p.m. and on January 10 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.

Solve the mystery of *The Chocolate Snowman Murder* by Joanna Carl on Saturday, January 10 at 10:00 a.m. at the Johnson Memorial Library's Upper Elementary Book Brunch Discussion Group. The Book Brunch Discussion Group is free and is open to fourth through seventh grade students. The book discussion is facilitated by library volunteer Jaci Underwood. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Hicksville Library.

According to *Publishers Weekly*, "In Carl's eighth chocoholic mystery, Lee McKinney Woodyard, the business manager of Ten-Huis Chocolate, has agreed to serve as the treasurer for the annual Warner Pier, Mich., WinterFest. After a juror for the festival's art show cancels, Lee goes to the airport to pick up the replacement, Fletcher Mendenhall, who arrives obnoxiously drunk. When Mendenhall turns up the next morning in his motel with his head bashed in, incriminating clues point to both Lee and her husband, Joe, as suspects... When confronted with a shovel-wielding snowman, the spunky, near six-foot amateur sleuth can throw 20 pounds of chocolates at her attacker with deadly accuracy."

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

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



NOW READ THIS

By: Stan Jordan

This picture of the Elevator in the background was taken by Bryce Steiner in the summer of 2008 from down by the bakery at Kammeyer's IGA. My picture is in color and shows a prosperous part of town.

This big parking lot, years ago, was occupied by three houses. The first house was over by the Marathon Station. Some people named Jump lived there and they moved away in the mid 1930's. The next big house sat in the middle and the Pococks' and Doerings' lived there. They were very big business people and helped Antwerp grow from the 1890's on into the 1940's. Then the last house to the left end of the parking lot was the John Foster Clothing Store, and after they went out of business Van Horn's lived there. It was later moved and now sits south of the railroad on Kroos Drive and the Chris Banks family live in it.

You look across the street and you see the tall three story building. It was finished in 1880 and has been a very important part of Antwerp's growing stores, lodges, meeting places, auditorium, stage, rooms, apartments and it's always busy. Very soon Knajo's will have their store there.

Then it shows the big new grain storage tanks and the silos. The silos were started in 1952 and some were added every few years. In 2007 and 2008 the new tanks were added. Those two tanks equal the storage of all the other silos. Each metal tank holds about 345,000 bushels. That is equivalent to 100 railroad cars. So all together they have room for 1 1/2 million bushels and in the summer the super structure is a resting place for half a hundred buzzards.

My copy of this picture is in color and is very eye catching. I'm glad that I was around and witnessed all that part of Antwerp's history.

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Dick and Kathy Fry and two of their granddaughters show their support of the Vantage Scholarship fund and enjoy a BBQ chicken dinner at last year's Open House.

Bring your family and friends to Vantage Career Center's Open House and Scholarship Dinner on Monday, January 12th from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. Vantage is celebrating Career Technical Education!

Tour the Vantage building - meet teachers and students and see the special displays, demonstrations and activities in all 17 programs. Check out the computer labs and Media Center. Want to find out about an Adult Education class or Wright State University course? Adult Education staff members will also be available to answer your questions. Don't feel like cooking? Support the Vantage Scholarship fund and enjoy a chicken dinner from Romer's Catering from 4:30 until 7:00 p.m.

Vantage Career Center is a public school open to any 11th or 12th grade student living in the participating districts (Antwerp, Conti-

mental, Crestview, Delphos Jefferson, Delphos St. Johns, Ft. Jennings, Kalida, Lincolnview, Ottoville, Parkway, Paulding, Van Wert, Wayne Trace). Find out how Vantage students explore, experience and excel in high school while preparing for immediate employment and further education.

Vantage Adult Workforce Education provides development for business and industry by assessing the needs of existing businesses, developing customized training courses to meet specific needs for individual businesses and by offering programs designed to enhance the quality of work life for employees. Vantage also is a satellite campus of Wright State University Lake Campus and offers college courses.

For more information, call 419-238-5411 ext. 169 or visit our website at www.vantagecareercenter.com

WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 1/7/09 THROUGH 1/13/09

Breakfast:

- 1/7 - Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk
- 1/8 - Egg/cheese omelet, toast/jelly, juice, milk
- 1/9 - Waffles, sausage, juice, milk
- 1/12 - Pizza, juice, milk
- 1/13 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, juice, milk

Lunch:

- 1/7 - Fried chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, yum yum cake, whipped topping, milk
- 1/8 - Chicken nuggets, Raider tators, pineapple, milk
- 1/9 - French toast sticks, hash browns, sausage links, 100% juice, milk
- 1/12 - Hot dog/bun, potato wedges, trail mix, milk; WT: stir fry
- 1/13 - Chicken noodle soup/crackers, toasted cheese sandwich, sherbet, milk

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS FOR THE WEEK OF 1/7 THROUGH 1/13

MS/HS - Breakfast:

- 1/7 - Ham, egg & cheese croissant, juice, milk
- 1/8 - Cinnamon pancakes, sausage, juice, milk
- 1/9 - Sausage gravy w/biscuits, juice, milk
- 1/12 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk
- 1/13 - Sausage biscuit, tator tots, juice, milk

MS/HS - Lunch:

- 1/7 - Pepperoni pizza or breaded pork w/bun, corn, assorted fruit, milk
- 1/8 - Creamed chicken w/bun, broccoli cheese soup, assorted fruit, milk
- 1/9 - Corn dog, oven potatoes, assorted fruit, milk
- 1/12 - Idaho nachos, bread stick or grilled chicken w/bun, oven potatoes, assorted fruit, milk
- 1/13 - Southwest chicken salad, churro, assorted fruit, milk

Paulding Elementary - Breakfast:

- 1/7 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk
- 1/8 - Poptarts, juice, milk
- 1/9 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk
- 1/12 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk
- 1/13 - Pancake wrap, juice, milk

Paulding Elementary - Lunch:

- 1/7 - Cheese pizza, mixed vegetables, assorted fruit, milk
- 1/8 - Toasted cheese, tomato soup w/crackers, assorted fruit, milk
- 1/9 - Hot dog on bun, baked beans, assorted fruit, milk
- 1/12 - Beefaroni, green beans, bread, assorted fruit, milk
- 1/13 - Chicken strips, whipped potatoes w/gravy, bread, assorted fruit, milk

Oakwood Elementary - Breakfast:

- 1/7 - Coco roos cereal, juice, milk
- 1/8 - Rainbow yogurt, string cheese, fruit juice, milk
- 1/9 - Assorted cereal packs, fruit, milk

- 1/12 - Sausage-pancake on a stick, juice, milk
- 1/13 - Assorted breakfast bars, fruit, milk

Oakwood Elementary - Lunch:

- 1/7 - Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes w/gravy, bread, fruit choice, milk
- 1/8 - Chips w/cheese sauce, green beans, assorted fruit, milk
- 1/9 - Cheese pizza, lettuce salad, assorted fruit, milk
- 1/12 - Chicken strips, peas, bread, assorted fruit, milk
- 1/13 - BBQ pork on bun, corn, assorted fruit, milk

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOLS LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 1/7 THROUGH 1/13

- 1/7 - Cheese burger on bun or spicy chicken, french fries, pears, pickle, milk; PLUS: salad bar or PB bar
- 1/8 - Spaghetti with meat sauce or corn dogs on bun, pineapple, cheese jammers, peas, milk; PLUS: salad bar or pudding cup
- 1/9 - Pepperoni pizza or chicken salad, carrots/celery, brownie, mixed fruit w/marshmallows, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cook's choice
- 1/12 - Ham or salisbury steak on bun, baked beans, pineapple, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cook's choice
- 1/13 - Chicken fajita or cook's choice, diced potatoes, pears, milk; PLUS: salad bar or pudding cup



FIRST SEMESTER OVER AT PJHS

By: Tommi Stahl

School is already halfway over and it has been great. I've made tons of new friends and some of them are ones that I've had for a long time, but the others are ones I made at the beginning of the school year.

Some of the ones that were not the best to me at first, but later on they began to like me and I did not hold a grudge against them, so we became best friends.

I cannot believe that the year is half over! It feels like it just began. It has been an awesome experience so far. I am so glad that I got to spend it at PJHS (Paulding Jr. High School). I have learned tons! My teachers are the best 7th grade teachers a student could have.

I'm not looking forward to 12th grade. I don't want to leave. I wish that when you hit 12th grade you went backwards. This would be cool if you went backwards then forward then backward again. But I know it would be weird if you were 40 and in preschool! So, I guess I'm glad that I got to have a first great half of the year at PJHS.

P.S. Love you, all my friends and teachers! You guys have made my year awesome!

20TH ANNUAL FORT WAYNE FARM SHOW AT WAR MEMORIAL COLISEUM

The Fort Wayne Farm Show will be held on January 13 from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., January 14 from 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. and January 15 from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at the War Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne, IN. This will be the 20th anniversary for the show.

The Fort Wayne Farm Show has established itself as one of the most respected farm shows in the upper Midwest. Over 35,000 farmers attend the show annually to view the latest farm technology the industry has to offer along with the area's largest variety of farm machinery and equipment. Educational seminars are presented daily by the Northeastern Indiana Soil and Water Conservation District and Purdue Cooperative Extension Service. The wheels of yesteryear collection of antique tractors will again be displayed. This year's grand prize drawing will be for a Kawasaki 600 Mule® courtesy of Woodson Motorsports located at 436 East Washington Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN.

In support of Indiana's FFA Scholarship Foundation, a fund raising auction will be held at 1:00 PM both Tuesday and Wednesday featuring a variety of donated items.

For more information on the Fort Wayne Farm Show contact Tradexpos, Inc., P.O. Box 1067 Austin, MN 55912 or call Fred Cline at 1-800-347-5225.

OSU EXTENSION TO HOST AGRONOMY DAY

The Ohio State University Extension of Paulding County will be hosting an Agronomy Day Program at 8:00 a.m., Friday, January 23, 2009 at the Paulding Extension Center located on the Paulding County Fairgrounds.

The 2009 Agronomy Day promises to be an informative day with updates from local agencies and key note speakers such as Gary Prill discussing his Farm Focus Research, Carl Zulauf with a Farm Bill Update, Robert Mullen will present on "The Challenges of High Fertilizer Prices," and Matt Roberts will talk on the Grain Market Outlook. Private and C.C.A. credits are available.

Registration will be at 8:00 a.m. Friday, January 23, 2009 and the program will conclude in the afternoon. Lunch will be provided. Anyone interested in attending or sponsoring the 2009 Agronomy Day should contact the Paulding County Extension office at <http://paulding.osu.edu/agriculture-natural-resources/aghome>

The Paulding Wrestling Club
Boys and Girls ages 5-14
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JANUARY 2009 NEWSLETTER



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of the Paulding Exempted Village Schools,

December was a busy month with Christmas programs, the Senior Citizen Breakfast, concerts, and numerous extracurricular events. The support you have shown our students with your attendance is greatly appreciated.

The decision to delay or cancel school is always difficult, but the determining factor will always be the safety of our students. With many more cold and snowy days before us, I would like to remind parents to have students dress warmly when waiting for the bus. If roads are in good condition, we will be having school, even with very cold temperatures. Student drivers should be reminded that road conditions change throughout the day and caution should always be used when driving in the winter. Delays and closings are on our website, the school telephone recording, and also on various television and radio stations. When school is not in session, cancellations for evening events will always be on our telephone recording.

January brings a new year and a renewed opportunity to work together for the benefit of our students. Community support is necessary for our district to continue to improve. Together we can make a difference in the lives of the children in our district.

Pat Ross
Superintendent

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPALS

Paulding Elementary-Martin Miller

Congratulations to the following students for their selection as PAWS winners during the month of December: Kindergarten-Morgan Iler, Maggie Manz, Isabella Lantz, Haley Burtin; Grade 1-Madison Thompson, Jay'R Torres, Ann Adkins, Jaden Verfaillie; Grade 2-Alex Cardin, Rachel Walker, Chad Carper, Brock Schooley; Grade 3-Cade McGarvey, Casey Posey, Autumn Stahl, Kaitlyn Helms; Grade 4-Brittany Brown, Allison Kutzli, Ty Lewis, Preston Ingol; Grade 5-Jordan Shull, Kristen Schilt, Taylor Kochenour, Sabrinah Leaman.

Orange PAWS Card winners for the final quarter of the semester are: Kindergarten-Kaeli Bustos, Grade 1-Katelynn Strayer, Grade 2-Cory Adams, Grade 3-Caitlyn Myers, Grade 4-Sara Gebhart, Grade 5-Damon Egnor. Orange PAWS Card winners get to go to lunch at Dairy Queen with the elementary principal.

Paulding Elementary "December Student of the Month" is Bailey Manz. Bailey received 26 PAWS Cards from staff members during the month of December.

During the past month, the following staff members were nominated by students for their efforts toward making Paulding Elementary an excellent educational environment: Grade 5 teacher Mrs. Troyer nominated by Matthew Martinez; Special Needs teacher Ms. Williams nominated by Austin Gambler.

The character trait word for the first week of January is Pride. During the following three weeks, the character trait words of Fairness, Truthfulness, and Citizenship will be featured.

Several important events are coming up in the month of January. 2nd nine week grade cards will be sent home with students Wednesday, January 7. Our school district Geography Bee will be held Thursday, January 8 at 12:30 p.m. in the administrative building. Paulding Elementary will be represented in the Geography Bee by Grade 4 winner Chantal Monnier and Grade 5 winner Samuel Ladd. Our 5th Grade Spelling Bee will take place Tuesday, January 13th at 2:30 p.m. in the elementary gym. The winner will represent our school at the county Spelling Bee Monday, February 9th at Antwerp High School. The 2nd nine week Positive Behavior Incentive Program will take place Friday, January 16th. The Ft. Wayne Zoo will have two performances during the day for students who qualify for the incentive.

Oakwood Elementary-Jennifer Manz

Happy New Year from Oakwood Elementary!! With the beginning of 2009, we are starting our 3rd quarter and 2nd semester of the 2008-2009 school year. As many of you set New Year's resolutions at home, it is a great time for our students to review the progress they have made so far this year and to set new academic goals for the remainder of the school year. Even our youngest students can and need to have goals so they can see the progress they are making as they learn new material every day!

On January 8, Molly Meeker (gr. 4), Haley Porter (gr. 5), and Jacob Dingus (gr. 6) will travel to Paulding to participate in the PEVS district Geography Bee. These three students each received the highest score at their grade level on the Geography Bee preliminary test. We wish each of them the best as they continue to the next round of this contest!!

On January 13, thirty-three fifth and sixth graders will participate in our Oakwood Elementary Spelling Bee. They will compete for the right to represent Oakwood at the Paulding County Spelling Bee to be held in February. Good luck to each contestant! It is no easy thing to stand in front a crowd and spell random words out loud!!

Congratulations are in order for a number of people:

*Our fifth graders, under the direction of Mrs. Nancy Wehrkamp, Ms. Sue Crossland, Mrs. Sarah Pier, and Ms. AmyJo Brimmer put on a great Christmas program on December 16. Thank you to all who attended "The Mystery of Simon Shepherd." It was a fantastic production!!

*Our 5th/₆th grade choir and 6th grade band (and celebrity guests) performed their Christmas concert on December 18 under the direction of Mrs. Wehrkamp and accompanied by Ms. Crossland. Both groups sounded excellent!!

*Our 4th graders participated in a poster contest promoting recycling. Kourtney Thomas's design was selected as a billboard winner. You can see her poster on the billboard on SR613 west of Oakwood. Kristi Fenter's design was chosen as the Oakwood Elementary winning poster. Both students received gift certificates for their great advertisements for recycling! Thank you to Becky Suvar for bringing this program to our school.

Thank you for your continued support of our children's education. May you enjoy a safe and blessed New Year!

Middle School-David Stallkamp

Hello from the Middle School:

The holidays have come and gone and we are looking forward to getting started on the second half of the year. Things are moving quickly and we have much to do.

Grade cards will be coming home today. Please look over your child's report card and make sure to stay on top of their academics. May will be here before we know it.

Our annual Spelling Bee was held yesterday. I will let you know our school winner in next month's letter. The winner will advance to the Paulding County Spelling Bee to be held at Antwerp on Monday, February 9 at 7:00 p.m.

Our school Geography Bee winners were: Morgan Riley, Kaitlyn Roughton, Austin Miller and Savannah Roughton. The finals will be tomorrow at 12:30 in the administration conference room. Good luck to all participants.

I have selected 7th grader, Tiffany Spangler, as our West Bend News Student of the Month for January. Tiffany is a 4.0 student and is involved in basketball and choir at school. Her favorite activities include dance, reading books, watching movies, and hanging out with her friends. Tiffany is an excellent student and a very positive role model for all. We are very proud of her.

The week of January 26-30, our 8th graders will be taking the NAEP, (National Assessment of Educational Progress) Test. They will be tested in the areas of Reading, Math, and Science. Please try very hard to be in attendance this week for all tests.

We will soon be getting out order forms for

the annual yearbook. This is a great way to have a memento of your middle school years. I have also selected Tuesday, June 9, 2009, as the date for our annual 8th grade class trip to Cedar Point. Cost for each student will be \$20. More on this later this month.

Please remember to take care of all outstanding workbook fees. Students **MAY NOT** participate in any extracurricular activity or attend the 8th grade graduation ceremony if these fees are not paid. This is a responsibility we all share. Your help in clearing up the books is fully appreciated.

I thank you for your support of Paulding Middle School and I look forward to a very successful 2009.

High School-Todd Harmon

I would like to thank Ruby Crossland, Sandy Dobbelaere, Jayne Smiley and Jen Manz for their directing skills that helped our students put on a "Wonderful" musical. I would also like to thank Jonathan Chesman for a good presentation of our students' band talent. David Clapsaddle's choir students sang some excellent Christmas themed songs.

Parents are encouraged to contact teachers once grade cards are received if you have any concerns. We are here to serve you. Grade cards will have been sent out later due to exam schedule shifts resulting from the inclement weather.

We hope all students are ready to make a new year's resolution to improve their efforts, attitude and daily habits in order to get the most out of their education and open their future doors of opportunity.

Special Education Office-Tillman Karl

The Paulding Early Learning and School Readiness Program will be holding a screening for children between the ages of 0 and 5 years of age. This screening consists of cognitive, motor, vision, hearing, and social observations of your child too see if there is a possible delay in their development. The date for this screening is Friday, January 16, 2009. The screenings will be held in two locations for your convenience. Oakwood Elementary Program will be holding the screening from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. The Paulding Elementary Program will be holding the screening from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. In the event of school closings due to bad weather the snow date has been set for January 23, 2009. To sign up for this screening please call **1-800-686-2964** Extension **1115** for an appointment. This screening is part of the Paulding County Early Learning Initiative and is sponsored by Paulding Exempted Village Schools, Help Me Grow, and NOCAC.

The Paulding School System had two teachers and an administrator participate in the Second Annual International Autism Conference in November. Mrs. Patricia Stevenson, classroom teacher, and Ms. Tracy Gunderman, speech and language therapist, attended sessions which advanced their individual skills in supporting students with autism in the school environment. Mr. Tillman Karl, administrator, attended sessions dealing with behavior, curriculum, and courses explaining some of the proposed new classifications for autism as given by the medical profession. All three attendees attended additional classes before and during the evenings of the conference to advance their skills in a new method of service delivery called Ziggurat. Ashland University provided the graduate credits for this advance studies program. This conference is the biggest conference on Autism in the world and is attended by persons from all over the world. Parents, care givers, educators, and persons from the medical field join forces to discuss, explore, and share curriculums and methods of working with the vast range of the disability known as Autism.

Paulding's new Early Learning and School Readiness Program started in September has been very successful for 42 children 3, 4, and now 5 years of age. Paulding School District entered into a competitive grants program by the Ohio Department of Education last May and was selected to receive federal funds to start this program for children meeting all the economic requirements associated with a

federal program. Paulding was provided funding for 40 children. The program has given these children who perhaps would not have had a learning experience with daily activities in readiness, social, motor, and behavior activities to broaden their experiences and better prepare for kindergarten. Ms. Carrie Cleland and Mrs. Joy Manz were selected as the teachers for this new program for their educational knowledge of early childhood development, demonstrated curriculum skills, and personal abilities to work with these children. Paulding Exempted Village Schools now provides over 120 preschool children with a high quality educational program.

GIVE KIDS A SMILE DAY

The Henry County Health Department in Napoleon, Ohio will host "Give Kids A Smile Day" on February 6, 2009. Kids (18 years and younger) that are uninsured and can not afford the dental care they need can receive FREE dental care on that day. Services offered are cleanings, exams, fluoride, x-rays, restorations and extractions. Please call 419-591-3060 after January 1, 2009 and ask the receptionist to schedule your child for "Give Kids A Smile Day".

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION

January is "School Board Recognition Month". The school board works closely with parents, education professionals and other community members to create the educational vision we want for our students. It then formulates goals, defines results and sets the course for an adequate and equitable education program for all our students. This is a time to show our appreciation for the leadership provided for our schools.

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

JH Wrestling

Jan. 13	Lima North-H	5:15
Jan. 15	Defiance-T	4:30
Jan. 17	Ayersville Invitational-T	9:30
Jan. 19	Van Wert-T	5:00
Jan. 24	NWC @ Delphos Jefferson-T	10:00

Varsity Wrestling

Jan. 10	Coldwater Duals-T	10:00
Jan. 13	Fairview @ Hicksville-T	6:00
Jan. 17	Lima Senior Invitational-T	9:00
Jan. 22	Defiance-H	6:00
Jan. 30	Sandusky Duals-T	2:00
Jan. 31	Sandusky Duals-T	10:00

JH Boys Basketball

Jan. 13	Lincolnview-T	5:00
Jan. 20	Crestview-H	5:00
Jan. 27	Spencerville-T	5:00
Jan. 29	Antwerp-T	5:00

Freshman Basketball

Jan. 8	Crestview-H	5:00
Jan. 12	Antwerp-T	5:00
Jan. 15	Delphos Jefferson-T	5:00
Jan. 19	Fairview-T	4:30
Jan. 22	LCC-H	5:00
Jan. 29	Lincolnview-T	5:00

Boys JV/Varsity Basketball

Jan. 9	Crestview-H	6:30
Jan. 16	Delphos Jefferson-T	6:30
Jan. 17	Fairview-H	6:30
Jan. 23	LCC-H	6:30
Jan. 24	Ayersville-H	6:00
Jan. 30	Lincolnview-T	6:30
Jan. 31	Ottoville-T	6:00

JH Girls Basketball

Jan. 13	Lincolnview-H	5:00
Jan. 19	Napoleon-T	4:30
Jan. 20	Crestview-T	5:00
Jan. 27	Spencerville-H	5:00

Girls JV/Varsity Basketball

Jan. 8	Crestview-T	6:00
Jan. 15	Delphos Jefferson-H	6:00
Jan. 17	Van Wert-H	12:30
Jan. 22	LCC-T	6:00
Jan. 27	Tinora-H	6:00
Jan. 29	Lincolnview-H	6:00

DISTRICT CALENDAR EVENTS

Jan. 7	Athletic Booster Meeting	7:00p
Jan. 8	Dist. Geography Bee-Adm. Bldg.	12:30
Jan. 9	Sophomores Visit Vantage	9:15a
Jan. 10	Science Olympiad Northmont Inv.	
Jan. 10-11	FFA MFE/ADL Conf-Columbus	9:00a
Jan. 12	FFA Chapter Mtg-Ag Room	6:00p
Jan. 13	Oak. El. Spelling Bee	9:30a
Jan. 13	P.E. Spelling Bee-P.E. Gym	2:30
Jan. 13	Board Meeting-Adm. Bldg.	7:00p
Jan. 16	Early Learning/School Readiness Prog. Screening-9-11:30 @ O.E. & 1-3:30 @ P.E.	
Jan. 16	P.E. Ft. Wayne Zoo Perf-Incentive Prog	
Jan. 19	NO SCHOOL-Martin Luther King Day	
Jan. 24	HS Band/Choir Solo/Ensemble Contest-St. Mary's	
Jan. 24-25	FFA MFE Conf-Delphos	
Jan. 26-30	8th gr. NAEP Tests	
Jan. 26	Band Bstr Mtg-Band Room	7:00p
Jan. 28	FFA State Landscape CDE-Columbus	
Jan. 29	FFA Alumni Pancake/Sausage Supper-Auditeria	4:30-6:30
Jan. 30	O.E. Kdg. Family Reading Day	3:00

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL RALLIES THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS



Woodlan varsity boys went to Wayne Trace Saturday night. The Raiders earned their first win of the season with a score of 36-54. Shown here is Senior Tevin Hale getting fouled while scoring. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



The quick thinking goes to Sophomore Devan Bermejo as he outsmarts his opponent by smoothly moving under him for a shot. Paulding started off with an excellent first quarter but lost the lead thereafter. The varsity Panthers lost to Parkway 62-41. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



Paulding varsity may have lost, but the JV won in a very close match 39-32 against the Parkway Panthers. Shown here is Sophomore Derrick Pease taking a side shot, but the ball is blocked. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

ANTWERP BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAMS' STATS FOR 2008

- #3 Bryson North - 3 FT, 0 2PT, 1 3PT, 6 Pts
- #5 Quinn Tempel - 3 FT, 2 2PT, 0 3PT, 7 Pts
- #10 Logan Lucas - 3 FT, 1 2PT, 2 3PT, 11 Pts
- #11 Isaac Yenser - 0 FT, 0 2PT, 0 3PT, 0 Pts
- #12 Justin Johnson - 2 FT, 0 2PT, 0 3PT, 2 Pts
- #15 Adam Taylor - 10 FT, 27 2PT, 2 3PT, 70 Pts
- #21 Jordan Koppenhofer - 7 FT, 7 2PT, 5 3PT, 36 Pts
- #22 Travis Woodard - 6 FT, 6 2PT, 0 3PT, 18 Pts
- #30 Beau Kober - 0 FT, 0 2PT, 0 3PT, 0 Pts
- #32 TJ Short - 21 FT, 31 2PT, 3 3PT, 92 Pts
- #42 John Rindahl - 4 FT, 9 2PT, 0 3PT, 22 Pts
- #50 Shaile Chamberlain - 3 FT, 5 2PT, 0 3PT, 13 Pts

HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING: WOODLAN VS. HERITAGE

Team scores:
Wrestling - Heritage 37
Woodlan 32

Individual results:
103 Logan Buuck (W) dec Brandon Bennett (H) 7-3, 3-0;
112 Alex Richman (H) major dec Austin Hammond (W) 17-5, 3-4;
119 Heritage by forfeit 3-10;
125 Heritage by forfeit 3-16;
130 Cody Zink (W) major dec Brian Shuler (H) 11-3, 7-16;
135 Jordan Buuck (W) pin David Berning (H) 3:59, 13-16;
140 Chris White (W) major dec Nick McClure (H) 9-0, 17-16;
145 Dreyer Wentz (W) pin Sam Reyna (H) 1:52 23-16;
152 Jamie Schwartz (W) pin Cory Conrad (H) 1:46 29-16;
160 Ben Sowles (W) dec Dan Gibson (H) 6-0 32-16;
171 Tyler Unskiler (H) pin Jordan Salamon (W) 3:06 32-22;
189 Taylor Scott (H) dec Ethan Hirschy (W) 4-1 32-25;
215 Brad Shuler (H) pin Ethan Gessner (W) :49 32-31;
275 Josh Mitchell (H) pin Kory Keever (W) 1:04 32-37

7TH GRADE PANTHERS LOSE ONE, WIN ONE IN BOYS' BASKETBALL

This past week, the 7th grade Panthers boys basketball team traveled to Bryan Monday night, December 16 to take on the 7th grade Golden Bears, then had a home contest Tuesday night against the 7th grade Bearcats of Spencerville.

In the Monday night game, the Panther had some struggles on offense and weren't able to bring home the victory. The contest ended in a 46-21 defeat. Leading the maroon and white in scoring was Chase Stoller with nine points, Kyle Kauser scored 6 and 3 other Panthers scored 2 a piece.

In the Tuesday night game, the 7th grade Panthers earned

their first victory of the season by defeating the visiting Bearcats 44-10. Chase Stoller lead the scoring with 8 points. Five other Panther scored 6 a piece.

LADY ARCHERS LOSE TO ACES

On a pre-Christmas match up the Antwerp Lady Archers went against the Hicksville Aces in Varsity basketball. The Aces came out on top with a final score of 26-28.

Score by the quarter:
Hicksville - 8 6 2 12=28
Antwerp - 2 5 10 9=26
Archer top scorers:
Winslow 8, Bashore 5, Arnold 8

5TH AND 6TH GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT AT WAYNE TRACE HIGH SCHOOL

Wayne Trace High School will be hosting its annual 5th and 6th grade boys basketball tournament on March 14-15, 2009.

Teams are guaranteed three games with trophies to the champions and runners up. Junior High rules will be followed for the tournament.

If interested or have any questions, please contact the tournament manager, Craig Miller, at 419-587-3452 or email at millerc@wt.k12.oh.us

VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL HEATS UP IN BUCKEYE LAND: ANTWERP VS. EDON

On December 23, 2008 the Lady Archers arrived in Bomber territory and claimed victory. The final score was 35-23.

Score by the quarter:
Edon - 11 0 6 6=23
Antwerp - 12 8 9 6=35
Archer top scorers:
Bashore 13, Arnold 6, M Schlatter 6

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WAYNE TRACE FROSH BB TAKE A LOSS TO VAN WERT



Wayne Trace took on Van Wert in a freshman game at home on December 30th. The WT boys took a loss on this one 21-41. Shown here is Pete Sinn looking for an open player to pass to. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

8TH GRADE WARRIORS TAKE ON THE RAIDERS



Woodlan 8th grade played at Wayne Trace December 30th. Shown here is Colby Kirkwood from Woodlan going for the lay up. The Raiders won against the Warriors in a tight match 52-51. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

Be sure to tell the businesses you patronize, that you saw their ad in the West Bend News.

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Sat, Jan 10 Stryker at Antwerp
Mon, Jan 12 Continental at Crestview (girls)

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PAULDING - VAN WERT

Wayne Trace Wrestling Club

will be starting its 8th season this year. The club is open to all students from Kindergarten to the Eighth Grade.

When: January 7th, 5:00 pm
Why: Signup & First Practice
Where: W.T. H.S. Gymnasium - South balcony

All participants should wear proper clothing (Sweat pants or shorts and tee shirt)

If you have any Questions, Please contact Coach George Clemens at 419-258-1522, or Coach Dennis Stabler at 419-487-3147

CITY OF WOODBURN MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 1, 2008

Dennis Wiesehan was present to ask Council to adopt the Ordinance proposed from the Homeland Security. Standardizing control and procedures for emergency responders need to be put in place. Woodburn needs to adopt the ordinance in order for the Fire department to receive federal funding. Mayor Hoepfner read the ordinance. Councilmen made motions to adopt, Councilman Mason, Norden, Reichhart, and Clegg voted yes, Councilman Zimmerman voted no.

Mayor Hoepfner spoke with Jeff Rowe with Umbaugh; he is working on water/sewer rate changes. Nelson Peters will be meeting with the Mayor concerning the Planning Dept. decision for the ditch around the new UAW building. Mayor reported Chief Carpenter was finished with dog training; a thank you letter was sent to New Haven for their help. Mayor read the State Audit report. The auditor reported in June and September 2007 a tax was paid late which resulted in a total penalty of \$168.78. A list of employees was not filed with the County Treasurer and State Board of Accounts. There were some delinquent utility accounts. The Auditor suggested that the council read through the water Ordinance, decide how the section on delinquent accounts reads and if it needs to be amended. Ryan Walls stated the Ordinance is being followed except for making customers pay delinquent amounts in full. Lesa stated trying to work with customers created some high bills, monies have always been recovered, never has the Council been ask to approve writing off a customer's bill. Council will read through the ordinance and decide what changes need to be made; Lesa will bring water shut off list to Council's attention.

Chief Carpenter thanked Councilmen Mason and Zimmerman for attending the police dog graduation ceremony; the dog will need to be sworn in. He will get a copy of the paperwork from New Haven. The new police car is finished; the old car will be sold at the auto auction. Chief Carpenter would like a thank you sent to County officers for their extra help while he's been in training. Councilman Zimmerman ask if a bulletproof vest for the dog is needed; Chief Carpenter didn't feel it was necessary at this time.

Lesa stated Reichhart Builders submitted a bill for the insulation work being done at the maintenance building. Ryan Walls stated there would be an additional charge of \$75.00 from the electrician for putting in light switches. Councilmen made motions to add Reichhart's bill to tonight's warrants, all agreed, motion passed. An invoice was received from T & C Concrete for removing the concrete pad by the elevator; Councilman Reichhart stated this should be forwarded to the elevator. An invoice was received from Trece Electric for repairing the lights on the basketball court in the park; Councilman Reichhart stated this should be forwarded to Bryan Hoepfner. Minutes from September 22, 2008 contain salary information for 2009. The percentages presented by Councilman Reichhart did not match the dollar amounts. Council decided to use the dollar amount and take the percentages out. Councilmen made motion to amend minutes for 9-22-08, all agreed, motion passed. Salary Ordinance G-08-1181 was presented; Mayor read 1st reading in full, Councilman Mason made 1st motion to accept, 2nd by Councilman Reichhart, all agreed, motion passed. Mayor read 2nd reading by title only, Councilman Mason made 1st motion to accept, 2nd by Councilman Reichhart, all agreed, motion passed. Mayor read 3rd reading by title only, Councilman Mason made 1st motion to accept, 2nd by Councilman Reichhart, all agreed, motion passed. Mayor read 3rd reading by title only, Councilman Mason made 1st motion to accept, 2nd by Councilman Reichhart, all agreed, motion passed. Mayor read 3rd reading by title only, Councilman Mason made 1st motion to accept, 2nd by Councilman Reichhart, all agreed, motion passed.

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Ryan Walls stated Friday would be the last days for leaf pick up, they are getting sidewalks backfilled and Christmas lights will be taken down on January 5th.

Councilman Reichhart presented a letter from the County Commissioners asking for the Cities support in using the Surtax/Wheel tax for bridge repairs. Councilmen made motions to support the Commissioners, all agreed, motion passed. Mayor ask that all Councilman sign the letter to show support; Lesa will send with a letter of support.

Councilman Zimmerman feels the City should start doing small projects to correct the inflow problems in the sewer system. He and Ryan agree that the worst area is Park Lane; construction should be done behind the homes to keep costs down. This area was looked at in the reports done in 1999. Raising utility rates will build funds for repair work and in the event of an emergency. Councilman Norden feels utility rates should be raised to pay for sewer repairs instead of doing a bond. Mayor will get Jim Lauer here for the next meeting to decide on a project to do.

Councilman Clegg would like and article put in the paper reminding citizens they are responsible for clearing snow from the sidewalks in front of their homes. Mayor would like Councilman to police their districts and approach citizens and ask them to clear the sidewalk if they are not.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05
Minutes submitted by Lesa Meadows.

GRANDPARENT SCAM GOING STRONG BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU ALERT

First: Criminals don't care about the holiday season. They only want to cheat the innocent. The Grandparent Scheme is stealing thousands of dollars from seniors all over the country. Michigan Attorney, General Cox, notes it is hitting Michigan hard. A grandparent receives a frantic call from someone they believe to be their grandchild. The supposed grandchild sounds distressed and may be calling from a noisy location. The supposed grandchild claims to be involved in some kind of trouble while traveling in Canada (yes, Canada!) such as being arrested or in a car accident or needing emergency car repairs, and asks the grandparent to immediately wire money to post bail or pay for medical treatment or car repairs. The scammer typically asks for several thousand dollars and may even call back again several hours or days later asking for more money. He or she may claim embarrassment about the alleged trouble and ask the grandparent to keep it a secret. One Michigan grandfather wire transferred \$3,000 to someone he thought was his grandson after he called and claimed he was caught fishing without a license in Canada and needed to pay a \$3,000 fine. He was taken for an additional \$30,000 after the supposed grandson called again to say that alcohol and drugs were found when his boat was searched and he needed \$30,000 to post bond to get out of a Canadian jail. Warn your families!

Next: "Buddy can you spare a dime?" Panhandler appeals are making a comeback. Pam at Piasecki Towing and Auto Service (Toledo) reports that, over the past few weeks, many consumers in the area of their shop have been approached by people who claim they are "waiting for a tow" from Piasecki and need \$20.00. They may be going door to door or approach businesses. A complete scam, of course. This is just the latest "panhandler" pitch; we've seen these scammers ask for money because their car broke down, or they are stranded in your town and have no place to stay - all kinds of stories. We are absolutely NOT opposed to helping folks in need... but believe these knuckleheads are organized and make significant cash with their fake sympathy stories. Don't be fooled. If someone truly needs help, offer to take them to a local social agency or police. They'll probably disappear fast.

Next: Government agencies have announced "Operation Clean Sweep" in response to thousands of complaints from consumers throughout the nation about credit repair businesses. In participation with the sweep, the Ohio Attorney General

filed a lawsuit against two credit repair businesses alleging violations of the Ohio Consumer Sales Practices Act. One lawsuit was against Dwelling Assurance (Lima) for alleged violations of numerous consumer protection laws. Another action was filed against "The Credit Physician" (Centerville) for claims that they could improve consumers' credit ratings. The company solicited consumers through their Web site www.creditphysician.net. We are watching all the companies that make outrageous promises about repairing credit; some are complete scams.

ANALYSIS TARGETS HISTORIC USE AND QUESTIONABLE BIDDING TACTICS BEHIND HIGH SALT PRICES

Calling for more coordination among agencies responsible for keeping roads safe and passable during winter months, an analysis of the road salt market by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) points to a combination of historically bad weather, inflexible contract specifications, and questionable bidding tactics as driving forces behind an unprecedented increase in salt prices.

At the request of Governor Ted Strickland, ODOT experts examined the salt market after the state and its local transportation partners experienced dramatic spikes in the price of rock salt, with cost increases ranging from 50%-300% above last year's prices.

The report, delivered to the Governor's Office this week, details how the salt market significantly departed from the state's historical experiences in terms of lower competition and higher prices. Among the findings:

—Bad weather led to historic consumption: More than 20.3 million tons of salt was used nationally during the 2007-2008 snow season, the second prolonged winter season in three years. Not only did ODOT use a record 906,623 tons of salt, other Midwest states consumed significantly more: Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Illinois collectively consumed 700,000 tons extra of salt. These states then placed early salt orders to replenish their stockpiles, which depleted reserve supplies and drove up prices.

—Contract specifications led to artificial shortages:

Ohio uses contracts that set a minimum amount of salt the state guarantees to purchase and a maximum amount the contractor must make available. Typically, the min-max contracts are set at 50-150; the state agrees to buy 50 percent, but may purchase 150 percent of the contract's volume. As a result, for every one ton a salt supplier is assured to sell, it is legally obligated to stockpile two extra tons of salt. The need for suppliers to maintain such large inventories of salt due to these contracts results in a considerable portion of available materials being taken off the market. In practice, however, it's unclear whether Ohio's salt vendors are even able to deliver the full 150 percent of any particular contract.

—Domestic preferences led to reduced competition: Of the five Midwest salt-producing firms, only Cargill and Morton Salt operate mines in Ohio. Under the state's domestic preference statutes, these two firms are guaranteed to win contracts when competing against each other. During this year's state bidding process, however, ODOT received only one bid in many counties from either firm; Morton and Cargill never competed head-to-head. Revising the current domestic preference rules could encourage more competition and eliminate the type of county-by-county monopolization behavior experienced across the state.

The analysis also offers recommendations for future salt contracts which should reduce the likelihood of a repeated spike next season. Most notable is a recommendation to encourage more local governments to work closely with ODOT to purchase salt.

The report suggests that Ohio agencies work together to develop an information network to buy and sell salt between one another, thereby allowing agencies with too much and those with too little to share their pre-existing salt inventories before purchasing more salt from the mines.

To read the complete Analysis of Ohio's Road Salt Market and 2008-2009 Price Increase, log on to ODOT's website at <http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Services/Pages/IceandSnowInformation.aspx> and visit the Smart Salt Strategy Section.

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BEING A SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER: A NOBLE TASK OFTEN OVERLOOKED

School board members exemplify local citizen control and decision-making in education. They volunteer hundreds of hours and an immeasurable amount of energy to assure that our schools are providing the best education possible for the children of our community. Here are some reasons we are taking this opportunity to show them our appreciation during School Board Recognition Month in January.

School board members are citizens whose decisions affect our children - what they learn, who will teach them and what kinds of facilities house their classrooms.

These are men and women elected to establish the policies that provide the framework for our public schools. They represent you, and they take this responsibility seriously by attending lengthy - sometimes challenging - meetings, conferences and institutes where they broaden their knowledge about education; during numerous conversations about the schools; and sessions before the Ohio General Assembly.

Antwerp's school board is one of 721 such boards across the state. These boards enable us to have local control of public schools, meaning that decisions on school programming are made by local, elected representatives who understand the community's unique problems, values, culture, and circumstances.

It's a tradition that began nearly 300 years ago. With the advice and counsel of

the educational professionals they hire, our school board has an impact of virtually every aspect of our schools. It's a huge responsibility and one that should not be taken lightly.

Too often we neglect the dedication and hard work of these men and women who represent us. The staff and students of our school district are asking all local citizens to take a moment to tell a school board member how much they are appreciated.

So, hats off to the dedicated men and women who make it possible for local citizens to have a say about education in our communities. We salute the public servants of Antwerp Local Schools whose dedication and civic responsibility make local control of public schools in our community possible. We applaud them for their vision and voice to help shape a better tomorrow.

Antwerp's current board of education members are as follows:

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PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 15, 2008

This 15th day of December, 2008, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Tony Burkley, Edward Straley, Martin Harmon, and Nola Ginter, Clerk.

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS

Warrants docketed as 153695 through 153944 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF RE-APPOINTMENT TO THE PAULDING COUNTY MR/DD BOARD

Mr. Martin Harmon moved to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby re-appoint the following to serve as board members of the Paulding County MR/DD Board for a four (4) year term, beginning January 1, 2009, and ending December 31, 2012; to-wit:

Ms. Jane Gochenour, 10671 Rd 87, Paulding, OH 45879

Mr. Jim Henriott, P O Box 185, Payne, OH 45880

Mr. William Priest, 18194 Rd 24, Grover Hill, OH 45849

The motion was seconded by Mr. Edward Straley.

IN THE MATTER OF

AMENDING THE 2008 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 020)

Mr. Martin Harmon moved to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby amend the 2008 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the County Auditor to appropriate unappropriated funds in Fund 020, to-wit:

Fund 020 - Children's Service - 020-001-00001/ Children Service Expenses, \$35,000.00

The motion was seconded by Mr. Edward Straley.

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2008 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 158)

Mr. Martin Harmon moved to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby amend the 2008 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the County Auditor to appropriate unappropriated funds in Fund 158, to-wit:

Fund 158 - WIA Area 7 - 158-001-00001/Contracts, \$10,000.00

The motion was seconded by Mr. Edward Straley.

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2008 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-015)

Mr. Martin Harmon moved to adopt the following

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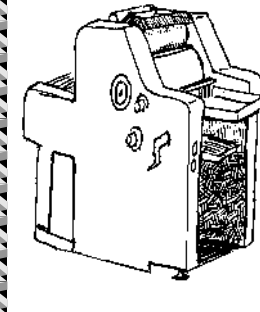
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PAULDING VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 1, 2008

Paulding Village Council met in Regular Session on December 1, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. Mayor Greg White called the meeting to order.

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

Breedlove motioned to approve the minutes of the November 17th meeting, seconded by Rife. Vote: all yea.

Resolution No. 1230-08 re: Authorizing the Purchase of Supplies for the Year 2009, was read for the second 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 second 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 second 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 third time. Daeger motioned to approve the legislation, seconded by Breedlove. Vote: all yea.

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 third time. Sierer motioned to approve the legislation, seconded by Breedlove. Vote: all yea.

Breedlove noted the Safety Committee met with Ken Ko-

hart to discuss a potential recycling program for the Village. Daeger made mention that recycling is not profitable at this time.

Sierer presented the Utility Committee's report. The Committee met with Joe Hotz of Jones & Henry Engineers to discuss problems the wastewater lagoons are having meeting discharge permit requirements. The Committee recommends Jones & Henry prepare a scope of services and cost analysis to address the issue. Daeger approved the Utility Committee's report, seconded by Breedlove. Vote: all yea.

Mayor White relayed Mayor's Court had collected \$500 for the month of November 2008. He also noted that he had received Harold Gottke's letter of resignation from the Zoning Board; and effective January 14, 2009, Time Warner Cable will no longer be airing NBC-Lima. Mayor White informed the public that snow removal signs have been posted around the square, and requested residents of the area utilize the public parking lot during large snowfalls to allow Village trucks to remove snow. Violators will have their vehicles towed.

Wiebe noted Jones & Henry had provided him with an updated sewer separation cost of \$7.5-8 million with the cost continuing to escalate. He also noted that he and the Mayor had attended a TMA-COG meeting in Toledo to discuss EPA mandates. Wiebe noted this group believes the next step in seeking assistance is contacting legislators.

Solicitor Jones relayed Poggemeyer Design Group has sent a letter to Maguire Iron regarding warranty work on the Elevated Tank, and that Maguire Iron has agreed to make the necessary repairs next spring. Jones noted that if Maguire Iron fails to perform

the warranty work the Village does have other recourse to rectify the situation.

Solicitor Jones also noted the Ball Association has been selected to receive a \$50,000 grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Final approval of the funds rests with the National Park Service and the Ohio Historical Preservation Office. Solicitor Jones also noted an ad will need to be placed in the newspaper requesting Statements of Qualifications on the project. Statements of Qualification will be received until December 29th, and will be reviewed January 20th at 5:30 p.m. Rife motioned to approve proceeding with requesting Statements of Qualifications, seconded by Sutton. Vote: all yea.

Breedlove noted he has invited Susan Crossland, EMS Coordinator, to the next Village Council meeting to discuss a recent donation.

Sutton relayed she had spoken with Duane Bailey of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. He informed her he has been posting fishing limit and park rules signs at the Stokley Ponds.

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

The following Committee meetings were scheduled:

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

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

Recreation Committee - Tuesday, January 20th at 5:30 p.m.

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

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

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resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2008 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds to-wit:

FROM: 001-015-00004/General Fund/Election Board/Equipment

TO: 001-015-00002/General Fund/Election Board/Salaries-Employees. AMOUNT: \$400.00

FROM: 001-015-00004/General Fund/Election Board/Equipment

TO: 001-015-00005/General Fund/Election Board/ContractServices. AMOUNT: \$369.00

FROM: 001-015-00004/General Fund/Election Board/Equipment

TO: 001-015-00008/General Fund/Election Board/PERS. AMOUNT: \$1,737.00

FROM: 001-015-00004/General Fund/Election Board/Equipment

TO: 001-015-00012/General Fund/Election Board/Medicare. AMOUNT: \$60.00

FROM: 001-015-00003/General Fund/Election Board/Supplies

TO: 001-015-00005/General Fund/Election Board/ContractServices. AMOUNT: \$974.00

FROM: 001-015-00006/General Fund/Election Board/Advertising

TO: 001-015-00005/General Fund/Election Board/ContractServices. AMOUNT: \$1,294.00

FROM: 001-015-00007/General Fund/Election Board/Other Expenses

TO: 001-015-00005/General Fund/Election Board/ContractServices. AMOUNT: \$2,294.00

FROM: 001-015-00010/General Fund/Election Board/Precinct Workers

TO: 001-015-00005/General Fund/Election Board/ContractServices. AMOUNT: \$460.00

The motion was seconded by Mr. Edward Straley.

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2008 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-024)

Mr. Martin Harmon moved to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2008 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds to-wit:

FROM: 001-024-00009/General Fund/Soldiers' Relief

TO: 001-024-00004/General Fund/Soldiers' Relief/Relief Services. AMOUNT: \$3,000.00

The motion was seconded by Mr. Edward Straley.

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS

Lou Ann Wannemacher, County Treasurer - Ms. Wannemacher presented the December 12, 2008, Paulding County Treasury Investment Report and Investment Interest report. She also distributed copies of the Consolidated

Investment Portfolio report prepared by Productive Portfolios. She reported she is currently investing \$8,323,678.88 for the county. Ms. Wannemacher reported the 2009 tax bills will be mailed December 29, 2008. First half total billed is \$6,539,000. Ms. Wannemacher also reported \$684,533.72 in total delinquencies, which includes prior years. She stated she has been successful in securing contracts with individuals in an effort to help them pay delinquent taxes.

Doug McVey, MR/DD - Mr. McVey presented three MR/DD board members for re-appointment. He reported four of the seven board members have family members receiving MR/DD services. Mr. McVey also announced he has agreed to remain as director for an additional year. He reported that recent negotiations went well. Salaries will be frozen for 2009. A health savings account and spousal insurance agreement will be implemented in 2009. Health insurance premiums increased by 14%. Mr. McVey reported Paulding County MR/DD currently has 28 staff members.

Dave Harrow, Sheriff - Sheriff Harrow met with the Commissioners to discuss leasing a cruiser through Ford Municipal Leasing and possibly purchasing an additional vehicle. Two vehicles currently in use have over 200,000 miles.

We hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the proceedings of the Board under the date of December 15, 2008.

—Tony Burkley, President

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