

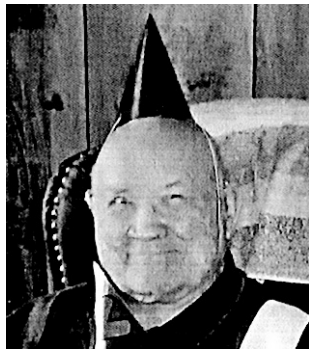
WOODBURN CHAMBER BEGINS

Several business owners have met over the last year to organize a new Chamber of Commerce for the city of Woodburn. The meetings take place at City Hall on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend, individuals as well as business owners. The next meeting will be on April 9, 2009. Plan to attend and bring all your ideas of how this organization can further the growth of the 'Smallest City in Indiana'.

KEERAN ACCEPTED TO BLUFFTON U.



Katie Keeran, daughter of Don & Sara Keeran and a senior at Paulding High School, has been accepted at Bluffton University to major in Physical Education and Health in the Fall of 2009. Katie recently tried out for and made the Cheerleading Squad for the 2009 Football Season.



KARL WERLING CELEBRATE 90 YEARS

Karl Werling of Paulding, will be celebrating his 90th birthday at the end of this month! He would love to celebrate with all of his family, friends, acquaintances, and past customers! His children will be hosting an open house for him at the Divine Mercy Education Center, 417 North Main Street, Paulding on March 29 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Punch and cake will be served. Karl has six children: Kathy (Owen) Hane of Springfield; Janice (Gary) Lipp of Paulding; David (Brenda) Werling of Albuquerque, NM; Ellen (Arvin) Grimm of Fort Wayne; Lisa Werling of Convoy; and Ann (Brian) Miller of Paulding. There are 14 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and three more on the way! Please come and celebrate with Karl. He would love to see you and reminisce about old times! The family requests no gifts please.

PATTY RICKELS RETIRES FROM VAGABOND RESTAURANT

By: Sue Knapp

Patty Rickels has accomplished something not many people can claim. She is retiring after working 51 years at the Vagabond Restaurant on US 24 between Antwerp and Defiance. Another event for Patty is that her 70th birthday was on March 24. Her official retiring date is March 27.

Patty and her husband, Don, is looking forward to camping this summer.

Patty and Don have two sons and a daughter, grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

If you have visited Patty at the Vagabond you have heard about her much-loved dog, Lucky, and cat, Cindy Ann. She has a passion for animals.

Patty will be missed by the Vagabond staff and they all wish her well.

WWII LISTING FOR V.E.T.S. MEMORIAL

This is the first list of names that we have for the memorial. We will be publishing them weekly (alphabetically) beginning with the World War II Veterans. If you see any names that are not correct please notify us so we can correct our records.

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Our mailing address is: Antwerp V.E.T.S., PO BOX 742, Antwerp, OH 45813.

ACAC GIRLS ALL CONFERENCE TEAM MEMBERS ANNOUNCED

These are the Woodlan girls selected to play on the ACAC Girls Basketball All-Conference teams for the 2008-09 season:

1st Team All-Conference: Taylor Carver, Sophomore

2nd Team All-Conference: Bethanny Hogue, Senior; Cassie Kayser, Senior

LOS GALLITOS CLOSING FOR RENOVATION

Los Gallitos in Paulding is under new ownership and will be closed for renovations starting at 2:00 p.m. on March 27 and will reopen on April 2 at 10:30 a.m.

PC FARM BUREAU & PC EXT. OFFICE HOSTS INFORMATIONAL MEETING CONCERNING THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES

The Paulding County Farm Bureau and The Paulding County Extension Office will be hosting a meeting to help educate the public about the Humane Society of the United States, sometimes referred to as HSUS. This organization was responsible for the passing of Proposition 2 in California which will prohibit cages for laying hens, gestation crates for sows, and veal crates. They have now approached Ohio as one of their next target states. This can severely impact Ohio Agriculture due to the fact that Ohio currently ranks 2nd nationally in egg production and 10th in pork production.

Join Dave White, Senior Director for Policy Research and Development for the Ohio Farm Bureau to learn more about who this organization is, what they have done in other states, and how to fight against what they want to do to Ohio Agriculture on March 24 from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Paulding County Extension Office. Lunch will be provided by Coopers.

Please RSVP by Friday March 20th to the Paulding County Farm Bureau Office 800-260-3499 or farmbu@embarqmail.com

PAULDING PUTNAM ELECTRIC ANNOUNCES THIS SEASON'S PLAYERS OF THE GAME!



WT Players of the Game - Pictured (l-r) Tevin Hale, Sara Priest, Arthur Stoller, Renee Bidlack, Derrick Baksa, Kacey Hockenberry, Caleb Davis. Not pictured: Justin Davis.



AHS Players of the Game - Pictured (l-r) Megan Koppenhofer, Adam Taylor, Kelsey Bashore, TJ Short, Jessier Arnold



PHS Players of the Game - Pictured (l-r) Devan Bermejo, Brady Schroeder and Bryant Troyer

Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative and WKSD 99.7 recently recognized members of the Wayne Trace High School, Paulding High School, and Antwerp High School basketball teams for outstanding performance. The players are chosen by

the WKSD announcers during their radio broadcast. Paulding-Putnam appreciates the sacrifices that our local athletes make in order to excel in their sport.

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Rita Marie Shiningher, 88, of Cecil, died Sunday morning March 22, 2009 at Hickory Creek of Hicksville.

She was born March 3, 1921 the daughter of Anthony and Rose (Burns) Willitzer in Defiance County Ohio.

She was united in marriage to Paul Shiningher on April 28, 1945. He preceded her in death in 1990.

She was a homemaker, mother and farmer's wife. She enjoyed genealogy, crocheting, noodle making, cryptograms, word puzzles and spending time at the Paulding Senior Center.

She was a member of St. Isadore Parrish-The Bend where she participated in the Rosary Altar Society.

She is survived by three daughters: Rose Rodney of Van Wert, Connie (Joe) Adams and Roxie (Bob) Timbrook both of Hicksville; four sons: Tony (Beth) of Sherwood, Dick (Barb) of Defiance, Bill (Carolyn) of Fort Wayne, and Allen of Cecil; 21 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by twin brothers Virgil and Victor Willitzer.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at St. Isadore-The Bend, Thursday, March 26, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. with Father David Tscherne officiating.

Visitation will be at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville on Wednesday, March 25, 2009 from 2:00-5:00 and 6:00-8:00 p.m. with a prayer service at 8:00 p.m. Burial will be at St. Isadore Cemetery, Delaware Bend.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Donor's Choice. Online condolences may be made at www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone who came to the viewing and funeral for my wife, Lisa.

Words cannot explain how much my family and I welcomed every person, card and gift. You'll never know how much that means until your standing in that position with your wife and mother.

Anyone who knew Lisa also knows she stepped into heaven on February 26. Our greatest peace is knowing we will see her again.

I want to thank Shawn and Michelle Dooley. I have known them both for a long time and I can tell you the care and the love they show is real.

Thank you all for everything,

—Jerry Morrow and Family

YOUTH GROUP WILL HOST FUNDRAISER LUNCH

The Middle Creek United Methodist Church would like to invite everyone for a Sunday lunch at the Middle Creek United Methodist Church on March 29, 2009. The Grover Hill, Roselms and Melrose Youth Fellowship Group will be serving a wonderful All You Can Eat lunch from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come for a wonderful lunch!

The menu consists of a variety of homemade soups with hot dogs, hot chicken sandwiches, sloppy joes, chips, dessert and a variety of beverages. There will be a free will offering to help the youth fund camps and mission trips this summer. The Middle Creek United Methodist Church is located one mile south and one mile east of Grover Hill on CR 24.

WHEN YOU FEEL LIKE FLYING THE COOP

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

Arctic explorer Bob Bartlett shares an interesting story in the book, Horns and Halos. It seems that he and his fellow explorers were on a summer expedition where they had gathered a selection of native birds.

The birds were kept caged but were well cared for during the long voyage across the ocean. One day a particularly restless bird escaped from its cage and took off in flight over the ocean.

"Well, that bird is lost," thought the crew. But before the end of the day, much to their surprise, they saw that same bird flying back toward the ship at a rapid pace.

Looking spent and breathless, the little bird dropped upon the deck of the ship and surrendered itself. It had realized that the ship was the only way to get across the deep wide ocean. It no longer saw the ship as a prison but as a refuge.

Interesting story. Like that bird, it seems there comes times in life when we want to throw off the chains that have so long "bound" us and be free.

Young people long to be freed of the chains of parental supervision or chains of religious upbringing. Adults desire to be freed from conventional moral behavior or long to be freed from a difficult marriage.

Isn't it interesting, though, how we often discover over time that we are drawn back to those foundational values that we so desperately tried to let go?

It's the same principle seen in the parable of the Prodigal Son. Here was a young man who, after chucking his father's authority, his family's values, and his godly upbringing, got involved in all kinds of evil and waste. He basically trashed his life and hit rock bottom.

It was at that point that the prodigal finally realized that stability and fulfillment would only be found in what he had known all along to be true—a proper relationship with his father, with his family, and with the values that he had held so dear for most of his life.

It was at that point that the prodigal son exercised his greatest act of freedom—the freedom to go home. Like the bird on the ship, he returned home to the "ship." For the prodigal, the home that at one time had seemed like his prison was now his refuge.

I wonder what "ship" you are considering abandoning right now. Perhaps you are restless and feel constrained by your marriage. Perhaps you feel like throwing in the towel on your job. Maybe you are tempted to abandon your ethics, morals, and integrity and go off half-cocked on some lark.

One word of caution: don't. For like the prodigal and the bird on the ocean, you'll discover that fulfillment is not found in running away, but in returning "home" to that which you know to be true.

ONE LORD EPHESIANS 4:5
By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

Today, let each of us look into the Bible to see what is being said about one Lord. Today the world worships and recognizes many lords. Buddha has influenced millions of people; Mohammed (Islam) also has many followers. Just about any number of worshippers today are involved in some type of movement such as Judaism, Bahaism, Confucianism, Shintoism, and the list goes on and on. But the Bible teaches of only one Lord; read I Timothy 6:15.

Read in Luke 1:30-33 about the angel appearing to Mary and telling her she would be the mother of Jesus, the one and true Lord. Then in Luke 2:1-21—this tells the birth of Jesus, notice especially verse 11. Jesus is the Christ, the Lord, the son of God, he is eternal, not a created being, Colossians 1:15-17. As you read these verses—Matthew 4:16-17; Matthew 28:19; and Ephesians 4:4-6, so we see that Jesus is identified with the Father and the Holy Spirit making Him one of the three in the godhead. In Philippians chapter 2:10-11, we see that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow—things in heaven, earth and under the

earth. But notice in verse 11, it says every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. Jesus is Lord of all, there is no room for anyone else.

Also read Matthew 28:18, Acts 2:36 and I Peter 3:22, in each of these books of the Bible we read that Jesus as Lord has all rule and authority, there is none left for someone else. You may ask why was Jesus born? Answer: to save people throughout the world, people of all nations, Matthew 1:21. Acts 3:22-23, Hebrews 5:8-9; these two scripture verses tells us that all mankind is to hear His voice and obey His will. Acts 4:12 tells us, that the only way we can have salvation is through Jesus and being obedient to what He tells us to do; also read John 14:6.

There is so much more that can be said about the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords, for surely as I have shown you He is the one, the only one. Yes, He is my savior, is he yours? Jesus loves you and so do I. For Bible questions call (419) 399-5022 or (419) 393-4775.

"HOW TO START A GARDEN" PRESENTED BY MASTER GARDENERS AT COOPER COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Master Gardeners, Phil and Diane Sherry, will be presenting a class on "How to Start a Garden" at the Cooper Community Library, branch of Paulding County Library on Tuesday, March 31 at 6:00 in the Community Room.

Topics will include location, equipment, composting and amendments, seed starting, cultivating and harvest. Please contact the library for more information 419-594-3337.

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND DISMISSALS

Admissions:
3/16 - Inez Rose, Paulding
3/17 - Richard King, Oakwood
3/19 - Ralph Long, Antwerp
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3/16 - Marilyn Gribble, Grover Hill
3/20 - Richard King, Oakwood; Inez Rose, Paulding
3/21 - Ralph Long, Antwerp

BOY SCOUTS OF ANTWERP RECYCLING THIS SATURDAY

The Boy Scouts of Antwerp will be hosting a recycling day on Saturday, March 28, 2009. They will be at the Antwerp Fire Hall from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

The recyclables that the Boy Scouts accept are: cardboard, glass, newspaper in brown bags, and aluminum and steel cans.

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Brien McElhatten congratulates (Jared) Ray Long IV for earning Eagle Scout status at the recent Eagle Scout Ceremony.

BECOMING AN EAGLE SCOUT

By: Sue Knapp
On March 14, 2009 Jared Long IV received his Eagle Scout Badge. Becoming an Eagle Scout comes with responsibilities. There are 12 points of Scout Law and they are all biblically based. The Eagle Scout is the highest rank in the Boy Scouts of America.

One of the requirements that Jared had to meet were to earn at least 21 merit badges, demonstrating Scout Spirit, service and leadership.

Jared was born in 1990 in Delaware. His father served in the Air Force and his mom was a school teacher there. He has a sister, Rayna. Jared's dad is now a Pastor and Jared attends Wayne Trace. His interests are Scouting, comput-

ers, video games, his truck and his pets. Jared plans to attend Toledo University to study computer programing and networking.

The Master of Ceremony for Jared's ceremony was Brien McElhatten from Indiana News Center from Fort Wayne.

The ceremony included an overview of the Boy Scouts, overview of the Eagle Scouts and the 12 points of an Eagle Scout. Jared's parents received special Eagle pins while the mentor pin went to Joe Long. Eric Hyman presented the Eagle Badge to Jared's mom and dad and Jared's mom (Harla) pinned it on Jared.

Jared said the encouragement from his parents and the fact that not many young men make it to Eagle Scouts gave him the motivation to succeed in this endeavor.

FIRST ANNUAL STAG NIGHT FOR NORTHWEST OHIO BASKETBALL CLUB

The Northwest Ohio Basketball Club of Van Wert will be hosting its first annual Stag Night on Saturday, April 4, at the Jehmms Banquet Center.

Each ticket includes one entry in the reverse drawing along with a buffet dinner. Special presentations and autograph sessions by former Ohio State athletes as well as other Ohio athletes will be a highlight of the evening as well.

A high definition big screen television also will show the NCAA Final Four games throughout the evening.

The evening begins with appetizers at 5:00 p.m. followed by the buffet dinner at 6:00 p.m. and the reverse

raffle starts at 7:00 p.m. Top prize on the reverse raffle will be up to \$4,000.

All proceeds from the evening will go towards expenses incurred by members of the Northwest Ohio Basketball Club.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Al Welch or Rob Welch at (419) 238-3620.

ROUND ROBIN SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT AT PAULDING RESERVOIR PARK

Paulding Reservoir Park will host men's round robin softball tournaments on April 11 and April 18, 2009.

The first 12 teams registered will play in the tournaments. To enter or more information, please contact Ron at 419-399-2981.

SPRING INTO GARDENING

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Educator

Onion 'Red Candy Apple' is said to be sweet enough to eat like an apple! The 4-inch-diameter bulbs are wrapped in deep magenta-purple wrappers around alternating maroon and white rings of crisp flesh. This intermediate day-length variety should perform well in the Midwest. Sold as plants. 95 days. (P)

Squash 'Bush Baby' is a mini zucchini-type summer squash, ready to pick when 4-6 inches long. Skin is glossy green with pale green stripes. 49 days. (Jo)

Squash 'Buckingham' is a bright golden zucchini-type summer squash, best picked when small, 6-7 inches. Plants are compact, bush types, perfect for container and small space gardens. 70 days. (P)

Squash 'Honey Bear' is an acorn-type winter squash, so named for its sweet-as-honey flavor when cooked. Compact, bush-type plants, reaching only 2-3 feet tall and 4-5 feet in spread, yield loads of fruit. Plants have good tolerance to powdery mildew. 100 days. All-America Selections 2009 (Jo, Ju, P, S)

Sweet Corn 'Revelation' is an early, bi-color that promises good germination in cool spring soils, allowing for earlier planting. Since it matures quickly, you can plant a second crop for later harvest as well. Ears are 7 inches long and offer some resistance to corn smut. Must be isolated from other sweet corn types. 66 days. (P)

Sweet Pepper 'Merlot' yields large, thick-walled bells on compact disease-resistant plants. The fruits begin green in color, changing to white and finally a smoky purple. 65-70 days. (P)

Sweet Pepper 'Pinot Noir' boasts large, blocky sweet bell peppers in a range of colors, beginning as light green and morphing to shades of yellow, red and purple as they ripen. 'Pinot Noir' is said to have good ability to set in both cool and hot, muggy weather. 70 days. (B)

Tomato 'Chocolate Cherry' is an indeterminate plant bearing one-inch cherry-type globes ripening to a dark burgundy red. 70 days. (P)

Tomato 'Sweet Seedless'—You've heard of seedless watermelon and grapes, but new this year is the first seedless tomato. Burpee says that these fruits are extra sweet, because all of the carbohydrates made by the plant go into flavor rather than seed production.

'Sweet Seedless' produces medium-sized 8-10-ounce fruits on indeterminate plants, so they should continue producing until frost. 68 days (B)

Tomato 'Black Truffle' is a hybrid "upgrade" from the heirloom 'Black Peter,' with deep burgundy-colored flesh and rich flavor high in both sugars and acid. The medium-sized fruit (6-8 ounces) can be sliced for sandwiches and salads. 75 days. (B)

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BUEHRER URGES SENATE COMMITTEE TO SUPPORT IMPORTANT PRO-LIFE RESOLUTION

During sponsor testimony in the Senate Health, Human Services & Aging Committee yesterday, State Senator Steve Buehrer (R-Delta) urged his fellow legislators to support Senate Concurrent Resolution 6, which calls on members of the U.S. House and Senate to oppose the Freedom of Choice Act, a radical pro-choice plan that would undermine popular pro-life efforts at the state and local level. Sen. Buehrer cosponsored the proposal with State Senator Tim Grendell (R-Chesterland).

"In recent years, pro-life advocates have worked successfully to pass laws in Ohio and several other states to help protect the unborn," said Buehrer. "FOCA is a dangerous and misguided attempt to undermine these widely-supported efforts and prevent the General Assembly from taking steps in the future to regulate in the area of abortion."

The Freedom of Choice Act, which has been around in some form since 1989, would establish a national abortion policy that would eliminate key regulations designed to protect women from unsafe abortion clinics, direct taxpayer dollars to fund abortions, reverse the partial-birth abortion ban in Ohio and all other states and restrict the right of parents to be involved in their child's abortion decision. FOCA would also require the government to fund and promote this program.

"This Act is not only morally and ethically appalling, but proposes an additional unfunded mandate on U.S. taxpayers during a time of tremendous economic hardship in many parts of this country," said Buehrer. "With each additional mandate, the federal government continues to take important power away from the states."

"We must send a strong message to our leaders in Washington not to act in such a careless manner and to respect the right of the states to set up reasonable regulations on abortions," Buehrer added.

SCR 6 is expected to have further hearings in the Senate Health, Human Services & Aging Committee in the coming weeks.



PAULDING COUNTY CARNEGIE LIBRARY INTRODUCES KAREN BOWDEN-COX

By: Sue Knapp
Oakwood's Karen Bowden-Cox's life has been quite a journey. She taught English, French and journalism in public school for 25 years and was named Teacher of the Year in 1992. She directed class plays and one-act plays. She taught two summers in the People's Republic of China teaching English to Chinese english teachers. She's been involved in the newspaper business and have been a Freshmen Dorm Counselor, Girl Scout camp counselor and Secretary to a vice president of a bank among other things. Karen has authored two unpublished books and a play. She has been an avid volunteer, loves to travel and has many hobbies.

Honorable Deception is the first of four historical fiction novels written by Bowden-Cox. This story

is based on the lives of her paternal grandparents. The story begins with George bound in an arranged betrothal. His father, Lord Johann Hempleman, wants to use George to expand the family fortune, but George is in love with a commoner. To rid himself of the beautiful Margarett on his household staff, the powerful lord George's father falsely accuses her of theft. The story continues with the star-crossed lovers fleeing for their lives into an unknown future.

The novel deals with issues of today: alcoholism, child incest, betrayal, identity theft, fear of abandonment, family strife and reconciliation.

Honorable Deception's cover was designed by Bowden-Cox's granddaughter, Beth Cox, a graduate of Paulding High School in 2004. Beth is also the 'Margarette' look alike on the website.

Karen will be at the Paulding County Carnegie Library on Thursday, April 2 from 3:30 - 7:30 for a book signing.

You can view the book at karenbowdencox@hotmail.com

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The traditional half-day preschool sessions continue to be a popular choice. The

morning preschool session meets Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. until 10:50 a.m. and is taught by Mrs. Marcia Osenga, Mrs. Donna Myers and the senior Early Childhood students. This session is for 3 year-old children and young 4 year-olds.

The afternoon session also meets Monday through Thursday from 12:15 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. and is taught by Mrs. Linda Morris, Mrs. Donna Myers and the junior Early Childhood students. This is a pre-kindergarten class for 4 year-olds and young 5 year-olds.

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Vantage Preschool provides developmentally appropriate activities for the total development of children ages three through five years old.

The children experience many hands on activities in language arts, science, math, kindergarten readiness, and literature. High school juniors and seniors who are preparing for a career in early childhood education work directly with the preschoolers by planning and conducting the lessons. A major benefit for the children who attend the Vantage Preschool is the very low staff-child ratio. There is usually one teacher to every one or two preschoolers. The high school students also receive additional training in first aid, CPR and common childhood illnesses.

The Early Childhood Education program uses the Early Learning Content Standards to meet the guidelines for preschool education as determined by the Ohio Department of Education. These early learning standards serve as a framework for designing and implementing meaningful lessons and intentional learning experiences within the preschool.

For more information about the Vantage preschool, please contact Donna Myers, Marcia Osenga or Linda Morris at 419-238-5411 ext. 137.

ANTWERP JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA DEPARTMENT PRESENTS "BYE, BYE BIRDIE"

Antwerp Jr/Sr High School will be presenting the musical "Bye, Bye Birdie" on Friday, March 27 and Saturday, March 28, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Antwerp Auditoria. Tickets may be purchased in the Antwerp High School office between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. "Bye Bye Birdie" is directed by Mary Smith and Chris Feichter. Choreography by Julie Hall.

"Bye, Bye Birdie" tells the story of a rock and roll singer, Conrad Birdie, who is about to be inducted into the army. Albert Peterson, his agent, is a very pleasant mild mannered young man. Albert's faithful secretary, Rose Alvarez, keeps Albert and Conrad Birdie moving forward in the world. Rosie concocts one final national publicity plan before Conrad's induction.

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The cast of "Bye, Bye Birdie" is comprised of the following students: Albert Peterson - Mark Parisot; Rose Alvarez - Christy Goudy; Mr. Harry

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Doris MacAfee - Hayley Feichter; Conrad Birdie - Steve Ankney; Ursula Merkle - Erin Hughes; Maude - Bo Hawley; Randolph MacAfee - Cameron Huss; Mrs. Merkle - Jayla Chamberlain; Gloria Rasputin - Erin Hughes; Mayor - Ty Lee; Deborah Sue - Rose Doctor; 1st Reporter - Michele Stuart; Alice - Lauren Cline; 3rd Reporter - Hannah Tempel; 2nd Reporter - Jayla Chamberlain; Helen - Beth Reinhart; Margie - Alex North; Phyllis - Ann Reinhart; Penelope - Kelsea Burns; Lee - Ed Reinhart; Fred - Joe Maggart; Policeman - Bo Hawley; Ed Sullivan - Caleb Lee; Nancy - Amanda Zielke; Harvey Johnson - Jake Neace; Mary Jane - Beth Dunderman; Tiffany - Kirsie Smith; Judy - Elizabeth Rister; Conrad's Guitar man - Joe Maggart; Teen chorus - Bailey Jones, Rachel Colley, Stormie Friend, Emily Dolinski, Amber Greenwood, Jake Reinhart, Dillon Sensabaugh; Stage crew - Hannah Butcher, Sara Trauterman, Sabryna Allen, Skylar Howell, Dillon Sensabaugh

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Erin Johanns, Abbi Miller, Ellie Miller, Isaac Nice, Emily Pastor, Lorenzo Salinas, Jessica Schroeder, Shayla Shepherd

Grade 7:

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All A's and B's - Emily Albert, Katelynn Back, Stephanie Baldwin, Jerika Bland, Timothy Bush, Taylor Dangler, Melissa Durham, Emily Farr, Tyler Fry, Javier Gonzales, Cody Jarrell, Ashley Johanns, Rachael Kesler, Kenneth King, Ashlyn Laney, Mallory Lane, Kadee Manson, Kelsi Manz, Samuel Manz, Georgina Martinez, Sierra McCullough, Michael Mott, Rachael Mourey, Rachel Nicelley, Devin Otto, Abby Pease, Sydney Provines, Kaylyn Rager, Kayla Shaffer, Allison Singer, Andrea Singer, Tiffany Spangler, Austin Stafford, Shelly Stafford, Jenifer Switzer, Kaley Varner, Meagan Weller, Mindy Yates, Bailey Zeller

Grade 8:

All A's - Benecia Barnett, Sarah Nardone, Marlee Pease, Alexis Rue, Steven Strayer, Zane Wilhelm

All A's and B's - Jackson Adkins, Martina Alvarado, Kara Burak, Cain Deming, Logan Doster, Sydney Early, Abbey Edwards, Ashley Justinger, Austin Miller, Sarah Myers, Mikayla Pieper, Neil Roehrig, Savannah Roughton, Jacey Schroeder, Trey Schroeder, Dalton Sholl, Denise Smith, Elaine Smith, Destiny Starry, Courtney St. John, Julia Stuck, Patrick Troyer, Maggie Wilhelm, Alan Zimmer



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CLAY ALLISON

By: Stan Jordan

Clay Allison was born Robert Clayton Allison, September 2, 1840. He was the fourth of nine children to Jeremiah Allison and Martha R. Brown Allison. His father was a Presbyterian minister and also worked the cattle and sheep business around Waynesboro, Tennessee. Jeremiah died when Clay was only five years old. Clay was said to be restless from birth and was always feared for his mood swings and quick temper.

When the Civil War broke out, Clay was 21 years old and he joined the Confederate States' Army. In about a year he was given a medical discharge because an old injury to the head caused him to have mood swings. That same year his brother, Monroe, was reported as a deserter.

However, Clay re-enlisted in September 1862 in the 9th Tennessee Calvary and served under General Forest until the war ended on May 10, 1865.

After the war, he became a member of the Ku Klux Klan. He was into a number of incidents. It was said a Union Officer came to the farm with the intention of seizing it. Clay killed the officer and soon they all moved across the Brazos River into Texas and settled there.

In the towns of Cimarron, NM and Elizabethton, NM Allison began getting a bad reputation as a dangerous man. He and his brothers, John and Monroe, began running with a bad crowd with hard drinking and shooting up the town while on horseback; he was also a sicko-physco!

Now Read This: In the fall of 1870 a man was being held in the local jail suspected of murder and robbery. Allison and others broke into the jail and pulled him from the cell, tied a rope around his neck and pulled him around town behind a horse until he was dead. Allison cut off the man's head and carried it in a sack for 29 miles back to Cimarron and put it on display at the local hotel.

Allison was involved in a lot of scuffles in this time of the early 1870's. He used a knife in some of his scrapes. He also considered himself a fast gun, but he really wasn't. In a friendly showdown, Mace Brown outdrew him and then later taught Allison how to be a fast gun. By 1873, he was considered fast and also to be feared because of his mood swings.

In 1874, Clay killed a man named Colbert in a saloon fight. They were friends for awhile, but as the night drew on and the rot gut whiskey took its toll, they became enemies. Colbert tried to pull his six gun, but it caught on the table, and Allison put a ball in his head and killed him.

On October 10, 1875, Allison was alleged of leading a gang to capture Cruz Vega, who was suspected of murdering a Methodist Circuit Rider. They changed him from a telegraph pole near Cimarron. Then in November, family members of

Vega came to town wanting to know about the lynching.

Cruz Vega's uncle, named Griego, went into the Lambert Hotel and ran into Allison and accused him of involvement in the lynching. After a few words Griego pulled his iron and Allison pulled his hog leg and shot Griego twice, killing him.

Allison was charged with murder, but at the trial he was acquitted as the shooting was justified. After this, Allison's reputation soared and he really became a 'fast gun'.

In December of 1876, Allison and his brother, John, rode into Los Animas, Colorado. They were accused of bearing arms and the town had an ordinance against that. The Allison's would not turn in their weapons so the sheriff went and got two deputies. When they returned the shooting started, John Allison was hit three times. Clay Allison spun around and fired four times, killing the sheriff. The two deputies fled out the door with Allison in pursuit, but they got away. Both Allison's were charged with manslaughter, but the charges were dropped.

John survived his wounds, but after this Clay Allison was at the top of the bad gun list.

In March of 1877, Clay sold his ranch to his brother John. Then Clay went to Sedalia, MO, the birth place of his wife and sister-in-law. He then moved to Hayes City, Kansas and became a cattle broker. He also claimed his hired men were picked on by the police in Dodge City, a bustling cattle town. The Marshall there was the famed Wyatt Earp.

There are some wild tales between Earp and Allison, but most historians claim this stand off never happened and credit these rumors to the dime novel writers.

From 1880 to 1883, Allison ranched with his brothers, John and Jeremiah, east of Mobeetie, Texas at the junction of Washita River and Gageby Creek that is now called Hempill County, Texas. One day Clay rode through town drunk and naked.

Clay Allison married America Medoia McCulloch in Mobeetie in 1881.

In 1883, he sold his ranch in Wheeler County and moved to Pope's Wells, now the Pecos River crossing the Texas/New Mexico line, that is about 50 miles northwest of Pecos, Texas. He bought a ranch there where he and his wife had two daughters.

On July 3, 1887, Clay was hauling supplies to his house when the load shifted. He tried to catch a sack of grain that was falling from the wagon. He slipped and fell under the heavy wheels and his neck was broken and he died. They claim that hundreds attended his funeral.

History shows that he was a moody, quick to fire killer. He was 47 years old. It would be hard to forgive some of his actions and killings. One of his biographers wrote, "He never killed a man that didn't need killing." I don't agree with all of that.

See Ya!



By: Stan Jordan

The other night we had an electrical power outage here in our neck of the woods. No one seemed to know what caused this power failure, but this is the explanation that I received from the Card Room in Antwerp.

A man was fishing in the Maumee River just east of the Power Dam. He landed a 57 pound yellow tail catfish. He had to run home and get his camera and take a couple of pictures of this wall hanger and then turn him back into the water.

He tied the catfish to a power pole that was nearby. He secured it with a good strong lanyard. While he was gone the big fish started thrashing around and jerked the light pole and trans-

former and all into the river. Well, it got water into the transformer and shorted it out and blew eleven hundred breakers in the area.

If it came from the 'Card Room' it has to be true.

See Ya!

NOW READ THIS

By: Stan Jordan

On Wednesday night I attended a meeting of the Antwerp Alumni Reunion of 2009. Tony Langham was the chairman for the evening and done a fine job of explaining what has been done and yet to be done. Again this year the A.C.D.C. is sponsoring the affair.

Christy Williamson is the treasurer and reported that it will pretty much follow the same outline as three years ago.

On Friday night, an informal reunion will be held at the V.F.W. On Saturday night, the

dinner and dance will be held at the old gym with music by Spike and the Bulldogs.

On Sunday morning, a breakfast buffet at the Essen House will be held. Like before, all these things are by reservation only.

Kirk Hopkins of the A.C.D.C. has asked me to ask you folks, my friends and readers, if anyone has an old picture of the Ice Cream Depot

from many years ago. When I was a boy, in the early 1930's, that was an egg and cream station operated by Bill and Dema Miller. I know there has been a half dozen renters since then.

If you have any old pictures of that building, Kirk would like to use them. You can drop it off at The West Bend News.

The next meeting will be April 15, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the Essen House.

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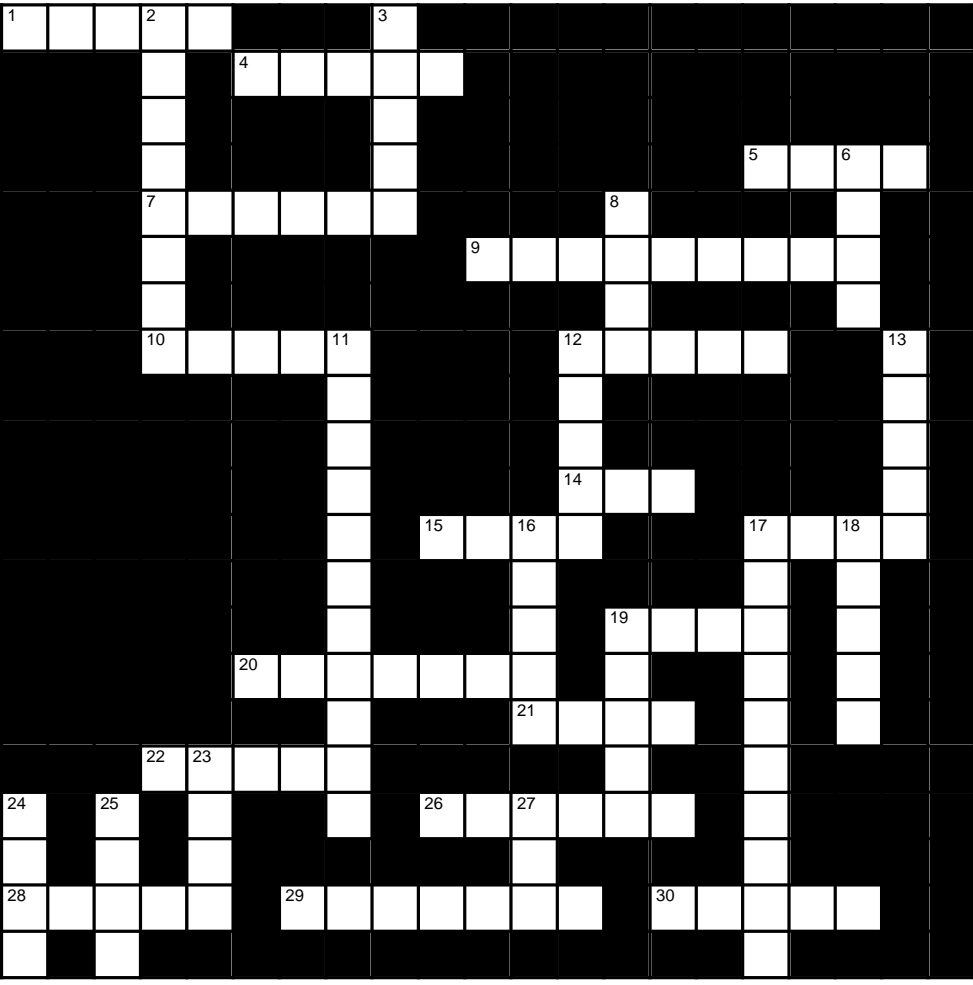
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- 4. Out of _____, out of mind.
- 5. It's no skin off my _____.
- 7. I'm up the river with no _____.
- 9. _____ killed the cat.
- 10. Do not rejoice at my _____, for when mine is old, yours will be new.
- 12. Good luck _____ early rising.
- 14. Don't _____ over spilt milk.
- 15. Pass the _____.
- 17. If _____ comes to shove.
- 19. A jack of all trades is a master of _____.
- 20. A new broom sweeps clean, but the old brush knows all the _____.
- 21. Don't put all your _____ in the same basket.
- 22. You don't have a _____ of a chance.
- 26. He who has _____, has hope; and he who has hope has everything.
- 28. The pen is mightier than the _____.
- 29. The man who _____ first admits that his ideas have given out.
- 30. I will fight it _____ and nail.

Down

- 2. Let _____ dogs lie.
- 3. Let's _____ a leg.
- 6. The _____ the limit.
- 8. Better to _____ a penny than to spend twenty.
- 11. _____ breeds contempt.
- 12. You're a chip off the old _____.
- 13. Don't look a gift horse in the _____.
- 16. Better to light a candle than to _____ the darkness.
- 17. An ounce of _____ is worth a pound of cure.
- 18. Keep a _____ upper lip.
- 19. It was a fly by _____ operation.
- 23. He's making money _____ over fist.
- 24. Stop beating around the _____.
- 25. Pull yourself up by the _____ straps.
- 27. _____ in the hole.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Maybe the wake up call has sounded its horn in the village of Paulding. Hopefully everybody within the county heard it. What wake up call? The one to open your eyes and educate yourself on what really is going on in this county. Last Monday night

the Paulding Village council voted to pass a tax hike on the water bills of the village citizens. This problem was addressed years ago and they have avoided it until the EPA supposedly forced them to make necessary changes. Now the economy is going down the tubes and they are forcing the tax payers to fund this project. If the EPA mandated it and is forcing the issue, make them pay for it!

Unfortunately, Paulding Village isn't the only metropolitan in the county to force a tax on it's citizens. Antwerp Village (along with Paulding) has done the sidewalk restoration project at the expense of the tax payer. A forced tax.

How do we stop it? Very simple. Stop voting for these people when their terms are up. Too many of these people that are elected within the villages and the county are elected for the wrong reasons. They have the right last names, the right amount of money or they own a good chunk of a certain area. Power. They have the power to get elected through a name. Plain and simple. Now then, I am not saying all elected officials fit this criteria. But a good chunk of them do and we all know who they are. Stop re-electing them. Vote for the average Joe that is running. Look at Tom Diaz. Tom is a very nice man. He has run for Paulding council ever since I have lived in the area. He never gets elected. I think Tom Diaz would do a great job as a councilman. And Tom is an average guy that treats everybody with respect. If Tom runs again I think every person in the village of Paulding should give him a shot.

Lastly, Sam Jeffery and Roger Sierer voted 'no' on the tax hike in Paulding village. What are you people going to do when these two guys call it quits and hang up their hats for retirement? They seem to be the only two voting 'no' on forced tax hikes.

—Tim Dauten

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

We have arrived at a point in our country when the average citizen is angered by some of our elected and appointed leaders in Washington. I wonder if this country will ever recover. Will it ever again be the land of the free and the home of the brave? It has been said, "good men need only to stay silent for evil men to prosper." The new Obama administration seems to be filled with corruption, deceit, scandals and power-grabbing hypocrites. The administration has done and is doing so much damage to this country and making efforts to deprive us of our freedoms: life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Barack Hussein Obama made many campaign promises that he has already broken. One promise was to not include former lobbyists in his administration. In reality, there are a number of former lobbyists on his team. Candidate Obama said he would not sign any bill until the public had five days to review it on the Internet. Yet it took all of ninety minutes for the democrats to ram through and Obama to sign the stimulus bill after the final version was written!

No new taxes on the poor - another broken promise. He signed the State Chil-

Answers to "Sudoku puzzle 3/18/09"

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

dren's Health Insurance Plan (SCHIP) which raises taxes on cigarettes sixty-one cents. He also supports what appears to be a giant "Ponzi" scheme called "cap and trade" in which almost every single business in the United States that produces a product will be taxed for contributing to "global warming" (another democrat scare tactic hoax). President Obama's new budget raises forty-five percent of its revenue from energy taxes. These energy taxes will be paid by anyone who fills a gas tank, pays an electric bill, or buys anything that was grown, shipped, or manufactured.

Pork barrel earmark reform - another broken promise. The Omnibus Appropriations Bill contains 8,570 earmarks totaling \$7.7 billion, including dozens of wasteful pork-barrel projects.


What happened to the promise of bringing honor and integrity to the White house? It has already been shown that the administration tried to form a team of individuals who were found to have "cheated" on their taxes. Timothy Geithner, Bill Richardson, Nancy Killefer, Tom Daschle, Hilda Solis, William Lynn, are just a few. I wonder if a stimulus bailout would have been needed if politicians would pay their

taxes?
I am angered that many politicians and their appointees seemingly cheat and getting away without getting caught - or if they are caught, there seems to be no repercussions. It angers me that while our leaders can get away with not paying what they owe, or when they "push the envelope" and get away with breaking laws - normal, everyday, hardworking Americans are held accountable for any honest mistake they may make.

The Democrats wrote the bailout bill after refusing to allow any Republican input - adding a tremendous amount of pork - and then passed it to the new President who signed it within two hours. This one thousand-page bill was not read by any senator or representative, yet was pushed through like a greased pig at a child's fair. So much for transparency.

I find the AIG situation so frustrating. Democrat Chris Dodd introduced an amendment to the stimulus bill that would protect the AIG bonuses. He justified his actions by stating, "the administration asked me to put it in". The Democrats protected, authorized and approved this Dodd amendment. Dodd has received over \$280,238 from AIG. AIG gave over \$854,905

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to politicians in 2008. Why aren't we, the American people, demanding the congressmen give this money back? To add insult to injury, our congressmen and women received a pay-raise in January of \$4,700, bringing their salaries to \$174,000. Does this seem fair when the unemployment rate has reached record highs in many areas of the country? Many hard-working Americans are accepting pay-cuts and cuts in benefits just so they can keep their jobs. Our leaders in Washington act as though they are exempt from any sacrifice.

It is time for some serious changes in Washington. It is time for bold ideas and drastic action. Consider the following: 1. The I.R.S. should audit every elected official in Washington. 2. We should give serious consideration to term limits. We have too many "career" politicians in Washington. Our forefathers envisioned average Americans from all walks of life, going to Washington for a limited number of years, representing their home area and then going back home and allowing another to govern. (That is why there are a set number of years for a senator and representative to serve.) 3. The amount of contributions a candidate is allowed to receive from corporations and political action committees should be greatly reduced. 4. Congress should be required to follow the Germane Rule. The principle of "germaneness" was adopted as a rule of the House in 1789. (Rule XVI, cl.7) This rule prohibits the addition to any amendments to a bill unless they are germane (relevant) to the bill. By following this existing rule, our congressmen would be prohibited from adding on hidden "pork". Any special projects would be transparent to the public and have to be related to the original bill. Even though the principle of "germaneness" was adopted as a rule of the House over 200 years ago, (Rule XVI, cl.7) it seems that it is ignored with a wink and a nod. After all, everyone does it, right?

These four ideas could be the beginning of weeding out the Washington politicians who have failed to represent us, but have had their own agenda for years and who have failed the country. The tide can be turned in Washington, but it will involve a grassroots effort from each citizen, no matter what party they support. We need to constantly contact our employees (our congressmen) and stay connected to those who keep an eye on Washington. I recommend the following websites for more information: www.foxnews.com; www.opensecrets.org; www.washingtonwatch.com.

—Fred Pieper Paulding, Ohio

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I have just heard of the coming increase in water rates to double what they are now! Just great, Paulding! In a time of people losing jobs, homes and unable to find work, you are going to make it harder to live! You people who are supposed to be running this town; what book are you getting your rules from? It must be "Mein Kampf", the book written by Adolph Hitler on how to tell people how to live!

You are determined to get back at us for voting down your levies, aren't you? We vote against these levies because we can't afford them, but you don't understand it, do you? How much more of our blood do you want? We are running out and we need a little in us to live. Maybe it's time to sell out and move from this over-taxed backward town!

—Gregg Gorman

WAYNE TRACE PERFORMING ARTS ASSOCIATION AND WAYNE TRACE JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS LIL' ABNER

The Wayne Trace Jr/Sr High School along with the Wayne Trace Performing Arts Association would like to announce the production of their Spring musical on April 2, 3, and 4. This year's musical is the old classic, Lil' Abner, which is based on Al Capp's cartoon characters of the 1940's from which we get the terms: Dogpatch (a backwoods hillbilly community), Sadie Hawkins Day (when the women chase the men), Kickapoo Joy Juice (cheap moonshine whiskey), and Yokum-berry Tonic (a bodybuilding Adonis elixir).

Arthur Stoller leads the cast as Lil' Abner with Brenna Dunham as his adorable, well-put-together Daisy May who's still trying to catch him. Vivian Baker and Paul Kipfer are Abner's parents, Mammy and Pappy Yokum. Newcomer Patrick Comer gives a great portrayal as Earthquake McGoon, Abner's arch-rival for the affections of Daisy May. Adam Lassiter does a super job as the traveling troubador, Marryin' Sam. The leads for the Dogpatch citizens include Simon Hessler as Available Jones, Natalie Snyder as Moonbeam McSwine, Dustin Taylor as Mayor Dawgmeat, Tim Wolford as the notorious Romeo Scragg, Renee Bidlack as "Stupefying" Jones, Andre Burkey as Lonesome Polecat, and Eric Maasel as Hairless Joe. Brandon Shurerk portrays the most unbeloved senator, Jack S. Phogbound, and Brock Delong is the Washington business tycoon, General Bullmouse, who's trying to steal Abner's secret formula for Yokum-berry tonic. Amanda Miller portrays Bullmouse's "live-in" secretary, Appassionata, and Kyle Wobler is the spell-binding "Whammy-throwing" weasel, Evil Eye Fleagle.

"Y'all" join us at the Payne Elementary Auditorium on Thursday, Friday or Saturday (April 2, 3, or 4) at 7:30 p.m. for a rip-snorting evening of toe-tappin', knee-slappin', hand-clappin' music and dancing as Abner and his friends try to save their no-count, unnecessary community of Dogpatch from Government annihilation. Tickets can be purchased at the doors beginning at 6:30 on performance nights. There is an elevator to the second floor of the Payne Elementary available for the elderly or handicapped. To use the elevator, enter at the cafeteria door below the auditorium off the east parking area. Hope to see "y'all" there!

Lil' Abner is produced in cooperation with Tams-Witmark, Inc., 560 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10022.

—David S. Snyder, Director

LATTA, OHIO DELEGATION CALLS ON EPA FOR WATER INFRASTRUCTURE VARIANCES FOR OHIO COMMUNITIES

In response to the ongoing water infrastructure upgrade requirements from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency being placed on rural communities throughout Ohio, Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) along with seven members of the

Ohio Congressional delegation today sent a letter to EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson asking her to direct the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to grant variances for communities so that needed improvements can be completed as the necessary funds become available.

Current estimates from the Congressional Budget Office, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Water Infrastructure Network state that the total cost of all clean water infrastructure needs nationwide to be between \$300 and \$400 billion, with \$21 billion in Ohio projects alone.

"Ohio communities are in a very tough situation right now as they face declining local tax revenue and increased mandates with sky-high price tags from the Ohio EPA. Local community leaders have made it clear to me and our delegation that they simply cannot afford these mandates right now. The variances we are asking for will assist these communities as they work to find the revenue necessary to complete these projects," Latta said today after sending the letter. "With an estimated \$21 billion needed to meet these requirements in Ohio, in addition to the ongoing cost of proceedings with the Ohio EPA, our communities need immediate relief during this process," Latta added.

WAYNE TRACE PLACES 32 WRESTLERS AT AYERSVILLE

Thirty-two wrestlers from Wayne Trace competed in the Ayersville Wrestling Tournament on 03/14/09. All 32 placed.

Placing 1st: Hunter Long, Worth Clark, Nate Showalter, Brandon Laney, Anthony Rooks, Brendan Dings, George Clemens IV, Zaine Cotterman, Tyler Showalter, Justin Pierce, Aamon Miller, James Steele, Kameron Clemens, and Tyler Arnett

Placing 2nd: Gage Tinlin, Dominic Wesley, Kameron Bevis, Austin Smith, Arin Canfield, Jacob Dings, Zach Wesley, and Zach Cotterman

Placing 3rd: Ty Tinlin, Dylan Laney, Adison Wesley, Hunter Showalter, Trevor Domina, Jarod Galloway, Caleb Schultz, James Coyne

Three other wrestlers participated in other Tournaments. Max Rassman and Grant Baumle wrestled at the Edgerton tournament and placed first. Robbie Bowers wrestled at a national Tournament in West Virginia and Placed fifth.

HOOPS FOR HEART HOSTED BY ANTWERP JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL



Antwerp Jr./Sr. High School hosted its annual Hoops for Heart basketball tournament on Wednesday, March 18. Students in grades 6-12 played three-on-three games, participated in three point and free throw shooting contests, or simply enjoyed the action from the sidelines in this once-a-year fundraiser. The total money raised this year was nearly \$3,500 with all this money being do-

nated toward the continued research of heart-related diseases.

Shown in the picture above is sophomore Jordan Koppenhofer watching as his free throw heads through the hoop, while other players in the game prepare to rebound a missed shot. Mr. Bill Hammond and Mr. Drew Altimus were in charge of this annual event.

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CITY OF WOODBURN MINUTES FOR MARCH 2, 2009

Mayor Hoepfner informed Council that the High School has not been being billed for water. When this was discovered in 2006, Lesa was told they had their own well. They did have a well, but should have been switched to City water in August of 2004. Attorney Pat Proctor will check into the statute of limitations but stated according to state statute we have to bill back to the date of connection. Mayor Hoepfner reported that bids were opened for the Main St. water line replacement. Low bid was All Star at \$81,778.60, for directional boring. They put 1 cent in for different items in their bid and it was reported to the engineer that their bid did not include any cost for spot asphalt repairs in Main Street. Second lowest bid was Underground at \$83,235.02, for directional boring. They submitted both a base bid and a voluntary alternate directional drilling. Some Councilmen felt that All Star was not responsive, because they did not include a base bid as required and bid very low cost for asphalt or concrete repairs. If the cost for asphalt replacement is taken out of Underground's bid, they become the lowest. In order to save the water account funds, Council approved deleting the asphalt repairs of existing trench from the bid and paying for these repairs out of the street funds. Councilmen made motions to use Underground for the water line repairs, and pay for street and concrete repairs out of the street fund, all agreed. Mayor reported four projects for the stimulus money have been submitted. We were approved to receive \$10,493.76 from the solid Waste Department for the ice storm clean up. The City was approached by Kokosing to ask if we could provide them with 80-100 thousand gallons of water daily for 3-4 months. They would need it if they get the bid for the next phase of the Fort to Port project. This would bring in around \$9,000.00 a month in revenue. After discussing this with Ryan Walls and Jim Lauer, Mayor reported a fax was sent responding we could supply the water. Mayor reported meeting with township trustee's concerning the possibility of the City taking over the fire department and parks in the event Bill 512 passes; it has been taken off the board for now, but they will meet again next month to prepare for the future. A business submitted two bills to the City; \$50.12 for water purchased and \$100.00 for inconvenience and loss of revenue due to the water main breaks. Councilmen made motions to only pay the \$50.12 for the water purchased, all agreed. Lesa stated after checking with the State Board of Accounts, we are only allowed to credit their utility account. Police Chief Carpenter is checking into grant money available to pay for our additional officer. Minutes were submitted for approval; Councilmen made motions to approve minutes, all agreed. The new Christmas decorations were discussed, Councilmen made motions to purchase the Christmas trees, all agreed. Warrants were submitted for approval; Councilmen made motions to approve, all agreed. The Legion had a leak due to the water main break and is asking for an adjustment. Councilmen made motions to approve an adjustment to sewer, all agreed. Spring Garage Sales will be May 9th. Lesa will contact waste management to confirm the following weekend for citywide cleanup. Ryan stated March 4th the maintenance department will clean up the remaining limbs from the storm. The sewer jetter is stuck in the line on Woodburn Rd.; they may need to cut the concrete approach to retrieve it. The lane going back to the

compost site off Tile Mill Road and after the burn pile is tore up from the trucks. Some gravel will be brought in to repair. Pfister's will be contacted to take dead trees down on Carl St and College St. and trim some trees. Councilmen made motions to hire Pfister, all agreed. Councilman Clegg reported the fire hydrant north of the railroad tracks on Front St is not working; it cannot be replaced until the line is replaced. Councilman Clegg got a price of \$798.00 for a shed to be placed at the recycling center for the kids to be able to get out of the weather. Council will continue looking at prices. A decision was not made on paving the alley between the National City Bank parking lot and Stenger St., Councilmen made motions to pave the alley, Mayor stated the property lines are defined now, putting in an approach is a good ideal, when we have a company here doing paving we will get an estimate, motions are tabled. Meeting adjourned 9:40. Minutes submitted by Lesa Meadows.

ANTWERP VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 3/20/09

By: Sue Knapp
Antwerp's Town Council met in regular meeting on March 20, 2009 at 5:30 p.m., with Karen Lee absent and all others present.
Fiscal Clerk Baker announced that the Village would soon be in the process of getting off of Fiscal Watch.
Officer Bill Fyval reported 109 calls for service and 5 offenses for Mayor's Court.
Administer Keeran reported that Federal Stimulus money could be available for a water line project.
Estimates were being collected for patching and paving the Village streets.
Work on West River Street is being done, it is felt that a plugged storm line is the problem. A company has been hired to come in to unplug the line.
Zoning requirements for home businesses will be reviewed by the zoning board concerning home businesses.
Storm water in the sanitary sewer lines causing overflow was discussed. Overflow from gutters, drains, sump pumps, etc. is causing the sewer lines to overflow.
A marketing meeting with Defiance, Paulding, and Henry counties will be held to promote tourism.
EMS announced 10 runs in February.
Mayor DeLong reported for the Month of February \$5,945.00 was brought into the Mayor's Court. \$739.50 was sent to the state. \$4,965.50 was given to the Village of Antwerp, of this amount \$145.00 will go to the Police Computer fund and \$145.00 will go to the Mayor's Court Computer Fund. \$240.00 is outstanding in fees.
Resolution #2009-03: A resolution amending Resolution #2006-01 to appoint the Village Administrator as the purchasing agent for the department of purchase, construction and repair; and declaring the same an emergency. Accepted
Resolution #2009-02: A resolution authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into the letter contract agreement between Poggemeyer Design Group, Inc. and the Village of Antwerp for professional services; and declaring the same an emergency. Accepted
Ordinance #2009-12: An Ordinance to retain the services of Melanie L. Farr as Solicitor for the Village of Antwerp, Paulding County, Ohio and declaring the same an emergency. Accepted
Ordinance #2009-11: An Ordinance repealing Ordinance #2008-60, said Or-

Ordinance #2009-10: An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer to enter into a contract with Harrison Township for providing fire protection services for the years 2009, 2010 and 2011. 2nd reading
Ordinance #2009-09: An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer to enter into a contract with Carryall Township for providing fire protection services for the years 2009, 2010 and 2011. 2nd reading.

PAULDING VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR 3/2/09

Paulding Village Council met in Regular Session on March 2, 2009, 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, Ronnie Breedlove, Sam Jeffery, Roger Sierer, Kim Sutton, and Randy Daeger. Administrator Wiebe and Solicitor Jones were also present.
Sutton motioned to approve the minutes of the February 17th meeting, seconded by Rife. Vote: all yea. Jeffery motioned to approve the minutes of the February 23rd Special meeting, seconded by Breedlove. Vote: all yea.
Resolution No. 1232-09 re: A Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Solid Waste Contract with Porter Sanitation, LTD and Approving an Increased Charge for Solid Waste Removal Services, was read for the second time.
Ordinance No. 1393-09 re: An Ordinance Establishing a Monthly Fee for Village Sewer Users for Payment of Debt Service, was read for the second time. Mayor White requested effective dates be inserted into the document. Ronnie Breedlove motioned to table the second reading with no one seconding. Wiebe noted Julie Ward of RCap has submitted a funding application to Stacy Barma of the Water and Sewer Revolving Loan Fund. Ms. Barma has advised Ms. Ward that the Village will remain eligible for potential funding as long as Council stays on schedule with the three readings. Rife motioned to insert May 1, 2009; 2010; and 2011 as the effective dates of sewer increases, seconded by Daeger. Vote: Rife, yea; Breedlove, no; Jeffery, no; Sierer, no; Sutton, yea; Daeger, yea; Mayor White, yea.
Ordinance No. 1394-09 re: An Ordinance Establishing a Monthly Fee for Village Water Users for Payment of Debt Service, was read for the second time.
Jim Durre, Zoning Inspector, noted 42 permits and 6 occupancy certificates were issued in 2008. These permits generated \$1,615. This is about half of what was generated in 2007, and Mr. Durre expects the same this year due to the state of the economy.
Robb Gerken of Erie Recycling and Services was present regarding the proposed curb-side recycling program. He provided a sample of the 22-gallon tote to be used to store plastics, cans, cardboard, and newspapers. He also provided Council with a second proposal that would provide bi-weekly pickup and decrease the cost from \$2.50 to \$2.00 per month. Finance Director Tope noted the office has received approximately 50 responses to a recent survey with about a 50/50 split of those for and opposed to the program.
Sutton presented the Recreation Committee's report from their February 26th meeting. The following issues were discussed:
-Changes to the Pool Employee Manual.
-Hiring of Janie Dunmire as Pool Manager.
-Changes to the Reservoir Park Concession Stand contract.
Sierer motioned to approve the hiring of the Janie Dunmire as Pool Manager, seconded by Jeffery. Vote: Rife, no; Breedlove, yea; Jeffery, yea; Sierer, yea; Sutton, yea; Daeger, yea.
Mayor White proclaimed the week of March 8th to be "National Girl Scout" week, and recognizing their 50 years of service.
Breedlove noted several EMS employees were recently presented with service awards, and has invited the EMS Coordinator to the April 6th Council meeting to discuss departmental updates.
Sutton motioned for Council to move into Executive Session for legal and personnel matters, seconded by Daeger. Vote: all yea. Council returned to Regular Session.
Rife motioned to approve the Reservoir Park Concession Stand agreement and affidavit, seconded by Breedlove. Vote: all yea.
The following Committee meetings were scheduled:
-Utility Committee - Wednesday, March 4th at 5:30 p.m.
-Finance Committee - Monday, March 9th at 5:30 p.m.
Rife motioned to pay the bills, seconded by Breedlove. Vote: all yea.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES FROM 3/4/09

This 4th day of March, 2009, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:
Tony Burkley, Edward Straley, Tony Zartman, and Nola Ginter, Clerk
Allowance Of Claims:
Warrants docketed as 156089 through 156100 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.
In The Matter Of Approving 'Then And Now' Purchase Orders And Payments:
The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on February 23, 2009, to-wit:
County Treasurers' Association, \$843.44
Dollar General, \$113.50
Shisler Insurance Agency, \$340.00
Job & Family Services, \$25,000.00
Manatron, \$49,749.00, \$1,229.00
Detroit Salt, \$6,960.26
Porter's BP, \$8,507.61
Hanson, \$2,175.84
Lifeline Y & F Srvcs, \$1,147.00
Paulding Co. Agricultural Society, \$185.88
Defiance Co. Juvenile Probation, \$510.00
Recovery Services of NW Ohio, \$909.45
Proclaim Plus Inc., \$3,298.94
In The Matter Of Approving 'Then And Now' Purchase Orders And Payments:
The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on February 25, 2009, to-wit:
Animal Clinic of Paulding, \$342.28
Paws & Remember, \$281.10
Doster Building Supplies, \$250.00
Brune Printing, \$349.18
State of Ohio Treasurer, \$436.00
In The Matter Of Modifying The 2009 Annual Appropriation (Fund 032):
The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2009 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds to-wit:
FROM: 032-001-00004/Certificate of Title/Contracts/Services
TO: 032-001-00005/Certificate of Title/Maintenance & Equipment
AMOUNT: \$300.00
Resolution Of Intent To Conduct An Internet Auction For The Sale Of Unneeded, Obsolete Or Unfit County Personal Property In Calendar Year 2009:
WHEREAS, House Bill 226 of the 124th General Assembly, which became effective on January 26, 2002, authorizes a Board of County Commissioners to dispose of unneeded, obsolete or unfit personal property through the use of Internet auctions; and Section 307.12(C) of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC), as amended by House Bill 226, requires a Board of County Commissioners to adopt, during each calendar year, a resolution expressing its intent to sell, personally by Internet auction; and that the personal property disposed of through the Internet auction may include, as specified in ORS 307.12(C), motor vehicles acquired for the use of county officers and departments, road machinery, equipment, tools or supplies, any of which is either unneeded, obsolete, or unfit for the use for which it was acquired; and the Paulding County Commissioners have contracted with GovDeals to provide the Internet-based auction system to conduct the Internet auction in the following manner under the general terms and conditions as listed in the Seller's Agreement, Exhibit A and Exhibit B, said auctions to be conducted as follows: After a department head determines that certain county owned property is either unneeded, obsolete, or unfit for the use for which it was acquired they may list such equipment at GovDeals internet auction site for a minimum of 15 days and dispose of said equipment to the highest bidder; now, therefore
That the Paulding County Board of Commissioners hereby express its intent to dispose of unneeded, obsolete or unfit personal property by Internet auction during the calendar year 2009.
Meeting Notes Of Appointments:
Amanda Lichty, Dog Warden - Ms. Lichty met briefly with the Commissioners to finalize the purchase of a vehicle. She presented the bill of sale and all other necessary paperwork. The license plates will be transferred from the old vehicle. The old truck will be listed for sale on GovDeals.com. Randy Shaffer and Ms. Lichty will be responsible for listing it on the website. Ms. Lichty also presented a copy of the Notice of Violation she issues to dog owners who do not have a valid registration recorded in the County Auditor's Office for the current year. She also had a copy of the door hanger notice which is used when the home owner is not home at the time of the Dog Warden's Office stop.
Lou Ann Wannemacher, County Treasurer - Ms. Wannemacher presented the February investment report for the Commissioners' review. She also had copies of the reports prepared by Productive Portfolios, Inc. for January, 2009. Ms. Wannemacher reported increased work load due to coordinating the self-funded health insurance plans and also handling the county notes. The Commissioners commended Ms. Wannemacher for her willingness to absorb these additional duties. Ms. Wannemacher also reported the checks for schools and townships should go out this week.
Travis McGarvey, County Engineer - Mr. McGarvey updated the Commissioners on the Worthington area draining problems. He has been working closely with the railroad to install a new draining pipe, which will hopefully help with flooding issues. There are also flooding issues in Jackson and Latty townships at Road 123. Mr. McGarvey will be assessing that situation and report to the Commissioners at a later date. Mr. McGarvey also reported contacting Otto Gerdeman re-

garding clarification of the proposed US 24/SR 127 wastewater project.
Les Weidenhamer and Richard Adamson - Mr. Weidenhamer, representing the Paulding County Historical Society, and Mr. Adamson, representing The Buckeye Trail, met with the Commissioners to update them on status of The Buckeye Trail. Mr. Adamson stated The Buckeye Trail is a 100% volunteer organization that has been active in Paulding County for fifty years. Mr. Adamson reported that the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) has requested that a portion of The Buckeye Trail be moved to the abandoned towpath of the Miami-Erie Canal, which is part of the Miami-Erie Canal Heritage Corridor running through Paulding County. Mr. Adamson was also excited to announce plans for constructing a swinging bridge over Blue Creek along The Buckeye Trail. When the project is complete, it will be the longest swinging bridge in Ohio at 145 feet. The engineering plans were done by OSU Senior Civil Engineering class. Mr. Adamson shared letters of support for the project from LaFarge (who will be donating the cement for the project), North County Trail Association, Miami-Erie Canal Corridor Association, and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. The cost of the project is estimated to be \$175,000, funded by The Buckeye Trail and grants. Mr. Adamson reported that Baughman Tile has agreed to donate drainage tile for the project. The Buckeye Trail forms a loop through 44 of Ohio's counties. It was completed in 1996 and connects the four corners of Ohio with 1,444 miles of hiking, available in a continuous loop encircling the state.
Joe Burkard, County Prosecutor; Tony Langham, Economic Development; Gene Sheets, Mayor of Cecil - During this meeting with the Commissioners, the US 24/SR 127 area wastewater project was discussed. The project is estimated to cost \$2.7 million dollars. The Commissioners stated concern that, though the project is in its early stages, expenses are already mounting with no revenue source to recoup. Although all agreed the majority of the residents in the area appear anxious for the wastewater services, funding remains the stumbling block. Mr. Langham pointed out expenses totaling \$50,000 have already been paid through the Revolving Loan Fund. According to Mayor Sheets, The Village of Cecil also has invested \$60,000 for the sleeve that was constructed under the new US 24 during construction. It was suggested that the county be ready to set up the district so that when the opportunity arises it won't take long to accomplish. Mr. Langham commented that, although he feels it would be very good for Paulding County's economic development, he appreciated the Commissioners' position in protecting the county taxpayers from possibly being liable for the cost of the project.
Jim Lopshire, OSU Extension - Mr. Lopshire met with the Commissioners to review the Executive Summary from the OSU Extension Restructuring Model: 2009 report. The summary outlines OSU Extension's response to the economic constraints and its plan to continue delivering educational programs in each of Ohio's 88 counties. Nine multi-county Extension Education and Research Areas (EERA) have been identified in alignment with the Natural Resources Conservation Service's conservation and Development Areas. This will allow extension educators to share their specialized knowledge across a broader geographic area by crossing county lines within the EERA. OSU Extension's goal is to have an office in each county staffed by a minimum of one full time Extension educator and one full time support staff. The educator will serve as the county coordinator and duties will include supervision of county support staff and county program support staff, fiscal management, and serve as the initial county commissioner contact. The plan for transition will reduce the number of full time educators from the present number of 239 to 180. These reductions must be made to remain fiscally solvent. The restructuring model assumes a continued 60% state funding and 40% county commissioner funding for the Extension educators. A map with the Extension Education and Research Areas is also included in the Executive Summary report.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES FOR 3/11/09

This 11th day of March, 2009, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:
Tony Burkley, Edward Straley, Tony Zartman, and Nola Ginter, Clerk
Allowance Of Claims:
Warrants docketed as 156455 through 156456 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.
In The Matter Of Approving 'Then And Now' Purchase Orders And Payments:
The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on March 2, 2009, to-wit:
Smart Bill, \$1,586.03; Office Equipment Finance Service, \$211.12; Vern Killion, \$160.00; American Electric Power, \$5,035.25; Ohio Gas Company, \$3,261.54, \$664.49; American Electric Power, \$1,796.16 ; American Electric Power, \$1,154.03; Ohio Dept Job & Family Services, \$7,081.07; Dooley's Funeral Home, \$1,000.00; Paulding County EMA, \$5,000.00; Brown Supply, \$234.22; Detroit Salt Co., \$3,618.92; Brown Township, \$5,000.00; Stonoco Inc, \$555.77; Anthem BC BS, \$16,804.96; Proclaim Plus, \$15,275.92; Proclaim Plus, \$4,346.44
In The Matter Of Approving 'Then And Now' Purchase Orders And Payments:
Wells Fargo, \$873.04; USDA & FSA, \$21,497.00; Vern Killion, \$100.00; American Electric Power, \$265.29; Ohio Gas Company, \$172.92; Village of Cecil, \$6,000.00
In The Matter Of Creating A New Expense Line Item For Medicaid Reserve Fund 144:
Mr. Tony Zartman moved to adopt the following resolution;
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to create a new expense line item 144-001-00002/Medicaid Reserve/Medicaid Match.
In The Matter Of Amending The 2009 Annual Appropriation (Fund 144):
Fund 144 - Medicaid Reserve, 144-001-00002/Medicaid Match, \$32,000.00
In The Matter Of Amending The 2009 Annual Appropriation (Fund 014):
Fund 014 - Board of MR/DD/Parcel Lane - 014-001-00020/Miscellaneous, \$521,065.00, \$450,000.00; 014-001-00002/Supplies, \$55,650.00, \$58,000.00; 014-001-00035/Unemployment, \$5,000.00, \$10,000.00; 014-001-00006/Travel, \$7,000.00, \$10,000.00; 014-001-00025/Family Resources, \$13,371.00, \$9,451.00
In The Matter Of Amending The 2009 Annual Appropriation (Fund 252):
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby amend the 2009 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the County Auditor to appropriate unappropriated funds in Fund 252, to-wit:
Fund 252 - Jail Commissary - 252-001-00001/Inventory, \$1,889.00
In The Matter Of Modifying The 2009 Annual Appropriation (Fund 252):
FROM: 252-001-00002/Jail Commissary/Other Inmate Expense
TO: 252-001-00001/Jail Commissary/Inventory
AMOUNT: \$3,500.00
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The Paulding County Hospital Board Of Trustees:

A motion was made by Judge J. David Webb to reappoint Tommy Litzenburg (Democrat) to the Paulding County Hospital Board of Trustees for a six (6) year term expiring March 1, 2015. The motion was seconded by Judge John DeMuth. Upon the call of the roll, the following vote resulted: Judge J. David Webb, yea; Mr. Tony Burkley, yea; Mr. Edward Straley, yea; Mr. Tony Zartman, yea; and Judge John DeMuth, yea. Motion carried.

In The Matter Of Authorizing The Director Of Paulding County Department Of Job & Family Services To Sign Purchase Orders, Vouchers, Payroll, Change Of Appropriations Form, And Change Of Estimated Revenue Form:

The Director of the Paulding County Department of Job & Family Services is appointed by the Board of Paulding County Commissioners; and the Paulding County Auditor's Office performs accounting functions for the Department of Job & Family Services, as may directed by the Director of the Paulding County Department of Job & Family Services; and the Paulding County Auditor's Office requires the Paulding County Board of Commissioners' authorize the Director of the Paulding County Department of Job & Family Services to sign purchase orders, vouchers, payroll, Change of Appropriations form, and Change of Estimated Revenue form to accomplish accounting tasks.

Meeting Notes Of Appointments:

Judge J. David Webb, Common Pleas; and Judge John DeMuth, Probate/Juvenile Division - Judges Webb and DeMuth met with the Commissioners to appoint a Paulding County Hospital Board of Trustee for an expired term. (see resolution above)

Dave Harrow, Paulding County Sheriff - Sheriff Harrow presented monthly financial reports. Also included was the monthly statement inmates. Fifty-four inmates served a total of 382 days at the Van Wert County facility. Sheriff Harrow reported a decrease in reported thefts; however, domestic violence and passing bad checks have increased. Sheriff Harrow also reminded the Commissioners a staff member will be retiring March 25.

Lou Ann Wannemacher, Paulding County Treasurer - Ms. Wannemacher presented a four-year Interest Income Comparison report, showing percent of change in banks and cusps. The Commissioners also reviewed other reports, bar-charting interest income earned. \$350,000 had been the projected interest income; however, given the current economic conditions, the revised projected interest income for 2009 is now \$230,000. This reflects a 30% shortfall in projected income earned from interest on investments.

Susan Simpson, Paulding County Auditor - Ms. Simpson met briefly with the Commissioners to secure authorization for the Director of the Paulding County Department of Job & Family Services to sign directives for accounting functions. (see resolution above)

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES FOR 3/9/09

This 9th day of March, 2009, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

Tony Burkley, Edward Straley, Tony Zartman, and Nola Ginter, Clerk
Allowance Of Claims:
Warrants docketed as 156162 through 156386 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment. Adopted on March 9, 2009.

Travel Requests:
Judge John DeMuth, Juvenile Residential Center Meeting - Governance Board, Bowling Green, OH - April 17, 2009

Judge Tiffany Beckman, 2009 Court Technology Conference, Columbus, OH - May 29, 2009

In The Matter Of Creating New Revenue And Expense Line Items For County Court Special Projects Fund 134:

Mr. Tony Zartman moved to adopt the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to create a new revenue line item 134-001-10002/County Court Special Projects/Indigent Driver Interlock/Alcohol Monitoring Fund (IDIAM) to track a \$50.00 increase in OVI fines, as required by the State; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to create a new expense line item 134-001-00003/County Court Special Projects/Indigent Driver Interlock/Alcohol Monitoring Fund (IDIAM) to allow monies to be spent as deemed necessary. Adopted on March 9, 2009.

In The Matter Of A Supplemental Appropriation:

Mr. Edward Straley moved to adopt the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize and direct the Paulding County Auditor to make a Supplemental Appropriation for the following:
FROM: Auditor's Pay-In #82163
TO: 002-001-00011/Dog & Kennel/Equipment

AMOUNT: \$3,604.17
Adopted on March 9, 2009.

In The Matter Of Amending The 2009 Annual Appropriation (Fund 251):

Mr. Tony Zartman moved to adopt the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby amend the 2009 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the County Auditor to appropriate unappropriated funds in Fund 251, to-wit:

CCW License, \$1,150.00
Adopted on March 9, 2009

In The Matter Of Amending The 2009 Annual Appropriation (Fund 251):

Mr. Tony Zartman moved to adopt the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby amend the 2009 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the County Auditor to appropriate unappropriated funds in Fund 251, to-wit:

Fund 251 - CCW License, \$1,364.00
Adopted on March 9, 2009.

In The Matter Of Amending The 2009 Annual Appropriation (Fund 002):

Mr. Tony Zartman moved to adopt the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby amend the 2009 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the County Auditor to appropriate unappropriated funds in Fund 002, to-wit:

Fund 002 - Dog & Kennel, \$7,873.47
Adopted on March 9, 2009.

In The Matter Of Modifying The 2009 Annual Appropriation (Fund 002):

Mr. Tony Zartman moved to adopt the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby amend the 2009 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the County Auditor to appropriate unappropriated funds in Fund 002, to-wit:

Fund 002 - Dog & Kennel, \$7,873.47
Adopted on March 9, 2009.

002):

Mr. Tony Zartman moved to adopt the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2009 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds to-wit:

FROM: 002-001-00007/Dog & Kennel/Other Expenses
TO: 002-001-00011/Dog & Kennel/Equipment,
AMOUNT: \$627.36
Adopted on March 9, 2009.

In The Matter Of Permit Application From Arend Brothers, Inc.:

Mr. Tony Zartman moved to adopt the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby approve permit application from Arend Brothers, Inc. to replace a broken down pipe for a field access. The pipe will be replaced 1320' west of SR 637 on the south side of CR 126. This will occur in Section 23 of Jackson Township. Adopted on March 9, 2009.

Meeting Notes Of Appointments:

Joe Sukup, Charlie Simpson, Crane Township Trustees; and Joe Burkard, County Prosecutor - The US 24/SR 127 wastewater project was discussed. Phase 1 of the project is estimated to cost \$2.7 million. The Commissioners indicated the driving force would be any potential development in the area. Their plans include being ready to establish a water and wastewater district when the timing is right and the funding becomes available.

Melinda Krick and Nancy Whitaker, Paulding Progress - Ms. Krick and Ms. Whitaker scheduled a meeting with the Commissioners to discuss the future of the Paulding County Senior Center. Since its inception, the Paulding County Senior Center has been managed by NOCAC through grants awarded by the Area Office on Aging and the revenue generated from levy dollars. In lieu of Charlotte Price's announcement she plans to retire from NOCAC this fall, it is the intent of the Commissioners to determine if it is feasible for the county to assume the operation of the Senior Center and become self-supporting. It is the objective of the Commissioners that current programs will not change as long as grant and levy dollars are sufficient to fund the Senior Center. They pointed out that currently no general fund dollars are used to operate the Senior Center. The Senior Center has applied for CDBG dollars for various projects in years past. The Commissioners are pleased they have been able to award some of Paulding County's CDBG dollars for these projects. The Jacob Eaton Children's Home was briefly discussed. The Commissioners stated that the county is currently searching for qualified house parents.

Susan Simpson, County Auditor - Ms. Simpson met briefly with the Commissioners to discuss the direction of the Paulding County Senior Center.

LATTA CO-SPONSORS VETERANS BENEFITS RESOLUTION

Today, Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) signed on as a co-sponsor to H.Res. 249, a resolution sponsored by Congresswoman Cynthia Lummis (R-WY).

H.Res. 249 "Expresses the sense of the United States House of Representatives that the Department of Veterans Affairs should take full responsibility for financing the health care benefits earned by veterans with service-connected disabilities."

Earlier this week, President Obama suggested, then backtracked on a proposed policy that would require some disabled veterans to pay for medical treatments as a result of service-connected injuries through their private insurance.

"I am proud to co-sponsor H.Res. 249 to ensure that the VA continues to cover medical costs for our veterans who have service-related injuries. Our wounded heroes have already made sacrifices for our Nation and it is unthinkable to ask them to pay for medical costs associated with their brave service. I ask that this resolution be brought to the House floor for immediate consideration and passage."

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By: Ellen Williams, PEVS
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ANTWERP ELEMENTARY STUDENTS VISITED BY SERGEANT RANDY AVERESCH



Sergeant Randy Aversch of the Van Wert County Sheriff Department (he is the father of Mrs. Kammeyer's student teacher, Mindy Aversch) recently visited Antwerp Elementary School. Sergeant Aversch brought with him, Rufus, his K9 companion. Rufus is a nine year old German Shepherd, and

an officer of the sheriff's department. The pair put on a demonstration which included Rufus running down the bad guy (also known as Mr. Lichty, elementary principal). The students enjoyed having Rufus visit and really appreciate Sergeant Aversch and Rufus' time.

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Mrs. Becky Suvar, otherwise known as Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Rebecca, came to visit us at preschool and talk with us about recycling. The children all wanted to help save our trees and to learn to use things again so we don't have so much waste in our landfills. After discussing this

topic, we all made a bunny out of all recycled materials!

Shown here working on their craft are from left: Brianna Minck, Rebecca, and Evelyn LeMieux. These children are in the afternoon class of four and young five year olds with Mrs. Chris Adams and Mrs. Ann Miller.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY DEBATES OHIO'S TRANSPORTATION FUTURE

Capitol Letters Weekly
Column by: Senator Steve Buehrer

In recent weeks, Ohio lawmakers have been debating an important bill that could have a tremendous impact on the well-being of Ohio motorists and the future direction of our state's transportation system.

House Bill 2, the Strickland Administration's \$7.6 billion transportation budget for fiscal years 2010 and 2011, was approved 53-45 by the Democrat-controlled Ohio House on March 5th, after the House Finance & Appropriations Committee made some changes to the Governor's original proposal. Concurrently, the Senate Highways & Transportation Committee held hearings on HB 2 over the past few weeks, listening to testimony from Ohio

Department of Transportation Director Jolene Molitoris, as well as representatives from several other key state agencies. The bill must be approved by the full General Assembly and signed by the Governor by March 31st.

Like past transportation budgets, HB 2 provides funding for highway construction projects, the State Highway Patrol and operations at the Ohio Department of Transportation and the Ohio Department of Public Safety. However, the Administration's spending plan also calls for millions of dollars in fee increases on Ohio motorists to help offset decreases in state revenue, money for new passenger rail service, primary enforcement of Ohio's seat belt law and the installation of cameras in construction zones, as well as several other reforms that are a source of serious concern for many of my colleagues and I.

HB 2 includes \$106 million

in motor vehicle fee increases recommended by the Governor, as well as an increase in vehicle title fees from \$5 to \$15 to raise nearly \$26 million annually, a provision that was inserted in the House version of the bill. These fee increases amount to no less than a tax increase on Ohio motorists at a time when many Ohioans can barely afford to drive themselves to work, take their kids to school or go to the grocery store.

The Administration's transportation spending plan would also allow for the creation of Transportation Innovation Authorities, local entities that would have the power to use local taxes, special assessments and fees, including toll increases on Ohio highways, to help fund public improvements. Like increases in vehicle fees, allowing TIAs to raise toll prices and other assessments would increase the financial burden on Ohio taxpayers at a time when they can least afford it.

I also have reservations about the Governor's proposal to expand passenger rail service between Cincinnati, Columbus, and Cleveland. Currently, Amtrak is studying the feasibility of the plan and is expected to report its findings to the state in the coming months. However, the Governor and some Democrats in the Legislature want to move forward with the plan now, so they can compete for \$8 billion in one-time federal stimulus funds earmarked for rail development across the country.

I believe it is irresponsible to move forward with an expansion of rail service in the state without first knowing the full impact of the proposal on Ohio taxpayers. While much of the infrastructure could be built using federal dollars, it is likely that the state would have to spend millions of dollars to subsidize rail service in the future.

In addition, HB 2 would establish a pilot program to install cameras along Ohio's highways to nab drivers who speed through construction zones. While we should urge drivers to exercise caution in construction zones, I believe cameras are an unnecessary government intrusion. In fact, according to the Ohio Traffic Crash Facts report, of the nearly 330,000 accidents on Ohio's roadways in 2007, only 1.78 percent occurred in construction zones.

Also, cameras could actually be a detriment to public safety as some cars traveling at high speeds slam on their brakes to slow down through construction zones, while other drivers ignore the change in speed limit entirely. Not to mention, drivers are forced to slow down through construction zones that may be marked with speed limit signs and orange barrels, but there is no work going on at the site. I have long advocated for signage before work zones that would allow construction crews to turn flashing lights on or off to notify drivers if work is being done at the site.

The Governor is also pushing for the primary enforcement of Ohio's seat belt law in HB 2, which would give law enforcement the authority to stop drivers simply for not buckling up. Currently, Ohio police can only ticket a driver for not wearing their seatbelt if they are pulled-over for another offense.

While seat belts can help protect drivers from injury in a crash, police officers should not be able to stop motorists simply on the suspicion that they may not be buckled up. Law enforcement resources can be put to a much better use. There is also no proof that changing the law would do much to improve seat belt usage in the state. In fact, nearly 82 percent of Ohio drivers wore their seatbelts in 2007, according to statistics from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

In the coming days the Senate Transportation Committee will resume hearings on HB 2. In addition, the Senate will unveil its own version of the transportation budget, taking into account testimony from interested parties and hopefully working to address some of the concerns that I just discussed. As HB 2 continues through the legislative process, I will work to build consensus on the bill in the General Assembly that has the future of Ohio's transportation system and the well-being of Ohio taxpayers in mind.

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

LATTA STATEMENT REGARDING AIG BONUSES

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) made the following statement in light of the recent AIG bonus legislation.

"I have voted against giving big bonuses to employees of companies who received taxpayer money by opposing the Financial Market Rescue legislation and the 'stimulus' bill twice. Now, Democrats in the House and Senate want to provide cover for themselves by passing flawed legislation.

The blame for these AIG bonuses falls squarely on the shoulders of President Obama, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, and Senator Chris Dodd. Under their watch and support, the language that allowed these bonuses to be paid to AIG employees was able to make it into the 'stimulus' bill and become law.

From the start of the

'stimulus' debate, Republicans in the House and Senate were shutout of the legislative process. When the 'stimulus' package was brought to the House floor for final passage, not one Member of Congress had read this bill. Later, under the darkness of night in the Conference Committee, Democrats were able to add these bonuses. President Obama then broke his own promise and did not allow five days of review before signing the 'stimulus' package into law. If this legislation was not rushed through Congress, and legislative due process was allowed, the light of day would have revealed the language that allowed for these bonuses to be paid.

I opposed both the Financial Market Rescue Legislation from the 110th Congress and the stimulus Package passed earlier this year, and, unfortunately, this exact situation is one of the primary reasons for my firm opposition to both pieces of legislation. Both bills lacked the accountability, transparency, and oversight needed to prevent situations like this from happening. Because these bills were rammed through Congress for reasons still unbeknownst to the American people, problems are now surfacing that raise serious questions about who will be held accountable for the billions of dollars in taxpayer money the Democrat majority authorized to be spent.



3RD ANNUAL ANTWERP ATHLETIC BOOSTER'S REVERSE RAFFLE SUPPORTS ALL-WEATHER TRACK

The 3rd Annual Reverse Raffle was hosted by the Antwerp Athletic Booster Club on Saturday, March 14, 2009 at the Antwerp School. The raffle is a great fund-raiser to support the All-Weather Track which is being constructed at the Archer Field.

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NOTICE FOR BIDS
 The Paulding Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors will be accepting quotes for summer mowing, trimming and weed control at the Black Swamp Nature Center. For more detailed information on the areas to be maintained please contact the Paulding S.W.C.D at (419) 399-4771. The District will be accepting quotes until 4:00 April 6, 2008 at the Paulding S.W.C.D office located at 260 B Dooley Drive, Paulding, Ohio

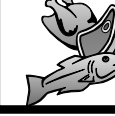
NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 1783.11, The Price Limited Partnership created by Georgia B. Price on February 17, 1998 hereby gives notice that it has dissolved and has ceased to carry on its business except as may be required for its beneficial winding up.

Dated: 3-12-2009
 Danny G. Price
 Marlene S. Smazenko

* NOTICE *

Paulding County Township Association fish and chicken dinner to be held at the Extension Building at the fairgrounds on August 2, 2007. Serving from 5-7 pm. Carry outs available.



Bill Strahley,
 Secretary, Paulding County Twp. Assn.

PUBLIC NOTICE

VILLAGE OF ANTWERP

PROPERTY OWNERS

ZONING PERMITS REQUIRED IN THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP

Residents in the Village of Antwerp must secure a zoning permit from the Village Administrator's Office located at 109 Water Plant Drive for new construction of homes, garages, out buildings, fencing, etc. Improvements to existing homes, business or garages will be needed if the improvement enlarges the original footprint of the building. Examples would be: adding a porch, deck, sun room, anything which extends the original roof line or square footage of the building.

Zoning Permits are reported on an annual basis to the Paulding County Auditor's Office. If a zoning permit is not acquired at the time of the improvement, the improvement can be stopped until a permit is acquired and/or back real property taxes generated from the increased value of the improvement would have to be paid to the County Auditor's Office when reassessments are done.

Questions on how to obtain a permit or what type of improvement requires a village permit can be answered by contacting the Village Administrator at 419-258-2371. Please note the permit process can take several weeks and anyone planning an improvement should contact the Administrator's office during the planning process.

Elaine's Thought for the week:

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LITTLE HARVEST DAYCARE RECEIVES VISIT FROM LOCAL SOLDIER



Alivya Bakle, a student of Little Harvest Daycare/Preschool is shown here with her brother, Derek Bakle. He recently returned from his second tour of duty in Iraq and stopped in to have lunch with

Alivya and visit the center. We are looking forward to the next time he is back in Ohio to hear more about life in the military and what it is like to live in another country!

WOODLAN JR/SR HIGH HONOR ROLL FOR THE SECOND TRIMESTER 2008-09

Woodlan Scholars: A average with no below a B-

Grade 7 - Austin Baum, Mikeila Boroff, Ashley Brooks, Jaclyn Delagrange, Rashel Dial, Tyler Eich, Jared Emehiser, Spencer Faull, Morgan Franklin, Kadin Gerig, Haley Hostetler, Tyler Kern, Kenneth Knepp, Keri Koenig, Joshua Raber, Connor Troyer, Garrett VanBrocklin, Emily Wagoner, Rikkilee West

Grade 8 - Lauren Braaten, Kelsey Brown, Edward Cook, Carissa Eisenmann, Justin Fuelling, Clayton Graber, Kimberly Graber, Austin Grubaugh, Gabriel Helmke, Joshua Hettinger, Katie Hormann, Carly Huth, Jaryn Malfait, Misty McSorley, Blake Miller, Timothy Nahrwold, Caleb Raber, Lori Renner, Hannah Robbins, Olivia Schultz, Logan Smead, Rachel Sowles

Grade 9 - Rachel Biddle, Nolan Bigelow, Logan Buuck, Alyssa Chandler, David Chlebek, Caleb Clevenger, Edgar Delagrange, Taylor Edgar, Alex Emehiser, Rebecca Estell, Evan Friz, Lindsey Good, Brandon Hathaway, Caleb Hathaway, Brock Hines, Madelynn Hostetler, Tessa Kayser, Lily Keller, Katie Knoblauch, Ashley Koomler, Austin Jakob Mendenhall, Alyssa Miller, Corrine Neal, Emily Potter, Sarah Pringle, Lexie Schmidtke, Logan VanHorn, Courtney Widdifield, Courtney Ziko, Cody Zink

Grade 10 - Alexander Brenneke, Cody Cashman, Josiah Clark, Kasey Dimke, Nicolas Drewry, Kristen Gerig, Ethan Gessner, Dakota Gideon, Laura Good, Emily Gruber, Grant Hall, Audrey James, Grace Keller, Denise Kinney, Alexandria Kizer, Alyson Knoblauch, Bethany Lawrence, Shannah Markley, Rachel Miller, Stephanie Oberlin, Amy Potter, Evan Powell, Garrett Renbarger, Ryan Rickert, Clint Romines, Jesse Schlie, Joseph Schlie, Patricia Sieger, Payton Spencer, Ryan Spieth, Anthony Stites, Daniel Wickey, Nathan Wiedemann, Werner Wolff, Lydia Yoder

Grade 11 - Benjamin Dehr, Elizabeth Dempsey, Serena Fuelling, Celeste Grubaugh, Erin Gruber, Miranda Haifley, Alycia Herndon, Rebekah Jacobs, Brittney Kees, Michelle Kruse, Matthew Kurtz, Adrienne Lawson, Amanda Lawson, Kaley Lengacher, Korey Lininger, Danielle Meyer, Brandon Moses, Cassandra Schlie, Luke Schwartz, Brittany Shinn, Alexandra Spindler, Christopher Sprinkle, Blake Weil

Grade 12 - Alexandra Baumert, Nichole Beck, Richard Biddle II, Cassandra Cashman, Jacob Coomer, Jessica Copeland, Tiffany Dimke, Kayla Dykes, Kelly Dykes, Haley Emehiser, Jazmyn Gideon, Taylor Gorrell, Rachel Hathaway, Cade Hetrick, Aury Keller, Kearstyn Keller, Joshua Kinsey, Cheri Knoblauch, Nicholas Lawrence, Cody Linn, Christopher Malfait, Rebekah Meyer, Lauren Nieuwlandt, Ashley Pierce, Elizabeth Pollos, Tamara Robinson, Jerrid Rydell, Benjamin Schlie, Shelby Spangler, Laura Spieth, Tianna Stieglitz, Rachel Strautman, Dietrick Thomas, Kristen Unsicker,

Zachary Werling, Danielle Wert, Lindsay Wheeler

Woodlan High Honors: B+ average with no grades below a B-

Grade 7 - Michelle Aguilar, Stefani Curtin, Spencer Garstka, Brooke Gerbers, Dakota Gerig, Tara Gerig, Tyler Gerig, Benjamin Gruber, Joachima Hoot, Danielle Johnson, Erika Kreilach, David Kurtz, Darlene Lengacher, Cassandra Lomont, Alyson Miller, Sidney Mumma, Gena Oberlin, Burgundy Price, Katelyn Ramer, Malinda Schmucker, Melissa Shain, Morgan Spencer, Caleb Stieglitz, Kelsey Szajna, Cathy VanAlstine, Sarah Voors, Raquel Wolff

Grade 8 - Brittany Bleeke, Logan Braaten, Jason Carlson, Andrea Emehiser, David Foss, Alex Geiger, Caleb Hall, Chelsy Hoersten, Cory Hoersten, Joseph Lortie, Ayrika Pier, Justice Williams

Grade 9 - Cody Daraban, Adelina Gomez, Erik Hockemeyer, Payton Hunt, Alyssa Knoblauch, Ryan Lengacher, Kyle Lininger, Morgan Marshaus, Kyle Nieuwlandt, Nicholas Patterson, Lindsey Pettyjohn, Jason Price, Shelby Reeb, Cameron Senters, Kayla Stoll, Leah Stutzman, Austin Szilagyi, Cody Waterman, Anne Wendel, Mariah Wynn, Jared Yagodinski

Grade 10 - Mason Bergman, Jeb Berning, James Brames, Bethany Carter, Jenna Delagrange, Bridget Hamilton, Zachary Helmke, Jared Huth, Zachary Kashner, Cynthia Kreienbrink, Lauren Lockridge, Kyllian Martin, Asley Neuenschwander, Sara Ries, Jonathan Rogers, Jeremy Salmon, Emily Thomas, Michael Whitcombe

Grade 11 - Winston Armbruster, Cortney Baker, Corbin Bell, Stephanie Byers, Jenna Delagrange, Trevor Faull, Michael Gerbers, Caleb Hazelett, Anthony Hess, Brittney Hetrick, Kimberly Jackson, Chloe James, Kristina Schaeffer, Tyler Schmidtke, Jordan Sheely, Brenda VanAlstine, Dustin Vetter, Devon Waterman, Brandon Woodcock, Nathan Yagodinski

Grade 12 - Abbey Alvarez, Drake Best, Rayn Bridge, Jordan Buuck, Megan Chase, Nicholas Deitering, Derek Fritz, Matthew Gerbers, Karla Graber, Cassandra Kayser, Austin Lebamoff, Autumn Lehman, Zachary Lothamer, Steven Loyall Jr., Kalib Mace, Chelsea Masel, Lauren McKinley, Sara Randall, Jayme Schwartz, Garrett Sell, Kellee Shanayda, Zachary Sorg, Megan Stites, Kelly Wells

Woodlan Honors: B or a B- average with no grade below a B-

Grade 7 - Reece Biddle, Mallori Bigelow, Michael Mendenhall, Shaun Snyder, Wade Weiks, Sara Woodcock, Tabitha Young

Grade 8 - Jaime Curtin, Trey Delagrange, Robert Goldin III, Jordan Hall, Haydan Parisot, Daniel Roller

Grade 9 - Dakota Bowser, Jared Delagrange, Austin Hammon, Trinity Meadows, Zachary Schwartz

Grade 10 - Dale Leach, Cameron Stieglitz, Gabe Vondran

Grade 11 - David Amstutz, Anthony Brenneke

Grade 12 - Joshua Adams, Kali Fournier, Jennifer Smead, Chad Zurbrugg

MENUS FOR WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS THE WEEK OF 3/25 THROUGH 3/31

Breakfast:
 3/25 - Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk
 3/26 - Egg/cheese omelet, toast/jelly, juice, milk
 3/27 - Waffles, sausage, juice, milk
 3/30 - Pizza, juice, milk
 3/31 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, juice, milk
Lunch:
 3/25 - Cheese or pepperoni pizza, carrot sticks w/dip, pineapple, milk
 3/26 - Hot dog/bun, corn, fruit crisp, milk; WT: Fajitas
 3/27 - Cheese or chicken quesadilla, corn, sherbet, milk
 3/30 - Chicken noodle soup, peanut butter sandwich, crackers, cheese stick, mandarin oranges, milk
 3/31 - Sloppy joe sandwich, smashed potatoes, rice, pears, milk

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL LUNCH MENU FOR THE WEEK OF 3/25 THROUGH 3/31

3/25 - Taco or spicy chicken on bun, corn, pineapple, milk; PLUS: salad bar or brownie
 3/26 - Ham on bun or chicken strips, apple crisp, green bean casserole, milk; PLUS: salad bar or pudding cup
 3/27 - Cheese pizza or chicken salad sandwich, gogurt, cole slaw, mixed fruit w/mellows, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cook's choice
 3/30 - Hot dog or BBQ rib on bun, peas, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cottage cheese
 3/31 - Grilled cheese or sloppy joe on bun, noodle soup w/crackers, peaches, celery & carrots, milk; PLUS: salad bar or pickled eggs

PEVS MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 3/25 THROUGH 3/31

MS/HS - Breakfast:
 3/25 - No school, in-service day
 3/26 - Sausage, egg burrito, juice, milk
 3/27 - Sausage gravy w/biscuits, juice, milk
 3/30 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk
 3/31 - Scrambled eggs &

ham, waffle, juice, milk
MS/HS - Lunch:
 3/25 - No school, in-service day
 3/26 - Bar-b-que pork w/bun, au gratin potatoes, assorted fruit, milk
 3/27 - Chicken fajita, cheddar munchers, assorted fruit, milk
 3/30 - Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes w/gravy & bread or cheeseburger /bun, oven potatoes, assorted fruit, milk
 3/31 - Ham & cheese croissant, potato soup, assorted fruit, milk
Paulding Elementary
Breakfast:
 3/25 - No school, in-service day
 3/26 - Poptart, juice, milk
 3/27 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk
 3/30 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk
 3/31 - Pancake wrap, juice, milk
Paulding Elementary

Paulding Elementary
Lunch:
 3/25 - No school, in-service day
 3/26 - Taco salad w/lettuce, cheese & salsa, crackers, assorted fruit, milk
 3/27 - Cheese bread stick w/marinara sauce, green beans, assorted fruit, milk
 3/30 - Pepperoni pizza, corn, assorted fruit, milk
 3/31 - Vegetable beef soup w/crackers, bread w/margarine or peanut butter, assorted fruit, milk
Oakwood Elementary

Oakwood Elementary
Breakfast:
 3/25 - No school, in-service day
 3/26 - Rainbow yogurt, goldfish, cinnamon graham crackers, juice, milk
 3/27 - Assorted breakfast, fruit, milk
 3/30 - Waffle, mini sausage, juice, milk
 3/31 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk
Oakwood Elementary

Oakwood Elementary
Lunch:
 3/25 - No school, in-service day
 3/26 - Breaded chicken w/bun, green beans, assorted fruit, milk
 3/27 - Macaroni & cheese, peas, bread, assorted fruit, milk
 3/30 - Corn dog, baked beans, assorted fruit, milk
 3/31 - Taco in a bag w/lettuce & cheese, assorted fruit, milk

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