

## J. WYCKOFF EARNS AWARD AT USPS



Presenting John (Benny) Wyckoff with the Million Mile Award is Antwerp Postmaster, Darla Kilgore.

It's not too many people who are honored for what John Wyckoff has accomplished. This month he received the 1 Million Mile Award (or 30 years) for being a postal carrier. John has spent all of this time at the Antwerp branch of the United States Postal Service.

John started working part-time for the USPS on July 28, 1978 and when Stan Jordan retired in January of 1981, he took over full-time as the Route 1 carrier. Throughout the years his mileage has ranged from 66-104 per day depending on how the route changed. He starts at 7:15 a.m. every morning and currently travels around 70 miles a day. How many stops does

that come out to? About 440. With that many stops, you can imagine how hard that could be on a vehicle. John estimates he has gone through somewhere between 12-15 vehicles over the 30 years and now he drives an '89 Olds.

John likes what he does and doesn't have plans to retire in the near future. "My time here has been very enjoyable," said John, "we have a good time working together."

The question isn't how many years, miles, or stops that he has had. The real question is, "John, do you have as many stories collected as Stan after all those years?"

May you have many more good times in the postal service John.

## MURDER AT THE MANSION COMES TO COOPER COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Who killed Sir Roger Watersdown? Who IS Sir Roger Watersdown? The answers will unfold at the Mystery Dinner hosted by the Event Planners at Cooper Community Library in Oakwood on May 9.

Guests will be welcomed to the Watersdown Mansion by the executive supervisor where an array of elegant appetizers will be served promptly at 6:00. Shortly thereafter the mayhem will begin. Everyone present then becomes a suspect so all guests will be escorted into the dining room to continue with dinner until the crime has been solved.

Following an announcement of the evidence found by Scotland Yard, suspects will introduce themselves. Once the salad has been served there will again be dialog among the suspects as they reveal clues to the mystery. Guests are encouraged to keep notes of the clues and ask questions of the suspects throughout the evening. Dialog will continue following the main course of Baked Chicken. By the time dessert is finished, the suspects will be narrowed down and the culprit identified.

Tickets for the meal and entertainment can be purchased at the Cooper Community Library or by calling 419 594-3337. Formal dress is optional at the Mansion!

## BLACK SWAMP SCHOLARS' WORKSHOP TO BE HELD AT SAUDER VILLAGE

The Western Buckeye and Northwest Ohio Educational Service Centers, Sauder Village and the Ohio Historical Society announce a workshop opportunity for teachers of all grade levels to be held at Sauder Village's Heritage Inn in Archbold, Ohio on May 7, 2009. Teachers from all over the area (Van Wert, Paulding, Defiance, Williams, Henry and Fulton Counties) are invited to attend this workshop titled "American Industrialization and Technology". The workshop will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The presenter will be Laura Baird of the Ohio Historical Society in Columbus, Ohio.

The workshop is free and sponsored by the Western Buckeye and Northwest Ohio Educational Service Centers and the Teaching American History grant entitled Black Swamp Scholars. The grant is a three year project, funded for \$999,000 specifically for professional development for social studies teachers in the northwest Ohio region. It is designed to encourage teachers to deepen and broaden their knowledge of American history, increase the quality of instruction, increase teacher use of primary source materials and improve student achievement. Content for all of the professional development series will focus on making a connection between local and regional historical events and American historical events. Substitute teachers for the teachers attending will be paid through the grant.

For more information, contact grant director Chris Feichter at cfeichter@wb.noacsc.org. For registration, go to www.nwoesc.k12.oh.us and register online using the PD registration link by April 30, 2008.

## 31<sup>ST</sup> YEAR FOR BASKETBALL MARATHON: GREAT FUN & GIVING



Another successful Annual Paulding County Basketball Marathon has now come & gone. The Payne Elementary school is the location of this fun annual event that raises quite a bit of money for people who can't. Like other years, this event is held over a 25 hour period of continuous play. 100 teams gladly participated and the final amount earned for the Paulding County Society for Crippled Children & Adults was about \$8,000.

The winners for the Mini-Tots - 1st Middle Point Buck-

eyes, 72 points; 2nd Franky's, 69 points. Sue's Kids earned the Sportsmanship Award.

The winners for the Tots - 1st 2016 Raiders, 62 points; 2nd Divine Mercy Crusaders, 52 points; Dr. Underwood Staff earned the Sportsmanship Award.

The winners for the Mini-Youth - 1st Midwest Community Federal Credit Union, 52 points; 2nd Marco's Pizza, 48 points; Holly, Wood & Vines earned the Sportsmanship Award.

The winners for the Youth

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**OBITUARIES**

**Jerry Allen Phlipot**, 62, of Paulding died Friday, April 10, 2009 at the Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis, IN.

He was born November 1, 1946 in Paulding, Ohio the son of Raymond and Hazel (Copsey) Phlipot. On April 29, 1972 he married Margaret Gobrogge, who survives. He was employed as a supervisor by Johns Manville. He was a member of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Paulding, and was a member of the Paulding Lions Club.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Phlipot of Paulding; a daughter, Tammy (Brian) Basson of Bellville, IL; a son, Tim (Kim) Phlipot of Findlay, OH; a brother, Harold (Dorothy) Phlipot of Paulding; four sisters: Laura Pease of Paulding, Dorothy (Bill) Alt of Gahanna, OH, Christine (Rohan) Laker of Cecil, and Helen (Curt) Coil of Traverse City, MI; eight grandchildren: Tori, Melina, Chelsea, T.J., Courtney, Tyler, Grace and Hunter; and a great-grandchild, Alexandria.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers: Howard, Lawrence, and Earl "Zeb" Phlipot; and two sisters: Ruth Schneider and Mabel Phlipot.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 15 at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Paulding. Burial will be in Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Paulding.

Visitation will be one hour prior to services on Wednesday at the church.

Memorial donations may be made to Caring and Sharing Food Pantry, Paulding; Paulding County Home Health Care; or a charity of the donor's choice. Online condolences may be sent to [www.denherderfh.com](http://www.denherderfh.com)

**James Roy Leslie**, 78, of Paulding died Tuesday, April 07, 2009 at the Defiance Area Inpatient Hospice Center, Defiance, OH.

He was born September 29, 1930 in Paulding, the son of James J. "Pete" and Mary E. (Elliott) Leslie. In 1953 he married Norma Jean Gantt, who survives. He was employed at the former General Portland Cement, Paulding and was a boiler operator at BF Goodrich, Woodburn, retiring in 1994. He was a U.S. Navy Veteran, a member of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Paulding, Widow's Son Lodge, Paulding Chapter #165 Royal

Arch Masons, and V.F.W. Post #5087, Antwerp.

He is survived by his wife, Norma Jean Leslie of Paulding; two sons: James S. Leslie of Rochester, NY and Richard A. (Sondra) Leslie of Columbus, OH; two sisters: Norma Ruth Rosselet and Sharon Strahley both of Paulding; and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Rex Leslie; and a sister, Mary Hackbarth.

Funeral services was conducted April 11, 2009 at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Paulding with Rev. Stan Sneeringer officiating. Burial was in St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding, where military graveside rites were accorded by the Paulding V.F.W. Post #587.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Hospice The Caring Way, Defiance. Condolences may be sent to [www.denherderfh.com](http://www.denherderfh.com)

**Thomas E. Schmunk**, 79, of Antwerp passed away on Tuesday, April 7, 2009 at Van Wert Manor.

Tom was born in Antwerp, Ohio on July 9, 1929, the son of the late Peter E. and Lilly L. (Foster) Schmunk.

He was an electrician at BF Goodrich Woodburn, for over 13 years retiring July 31, 1991. He previously worked at Johnson Pure Oil for 13 years and CA Quisno's for 17 years.

Tom served in the U.S. Army from 1951 to 1953 and 25 years on the Antwerp Fire Dept. He was a member of the Antwerp American Legion Post 253, Masonic Lodge & Antwerp United Methodist Church.

On June 28, 1953 Tom married Jeane Engle, who survives.

Tom will be sadly missed by his wife, Jeane; brother, Jim (Jackie) of Antwerp; and many nieces & nephews. Preceding him in death are his son, Thomas; sisters: Helen Cromley and Dorothy Karageorge; and brother, Richard.

His service was at Antwerp United Methodist Church on April 11, 2009 with Rev. Michael Schneider officiating.

He will be laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery.

His family requests donations to V.E.T.S. Memorial PO Box 742 Antwerp 45813. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at [www.dooleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.dooleyfuneralhome.com)

**Edith Lucille Marsh**, 82, of Antwerp, passed away Sunday, April 5, 2009 at The

Gardens of Paulding.

Lucille was born in Woodburn, Indiana on July 15, 1926, the daughter of the late John and Hazel (Wilson) Gustin.

She was a homemaker and a member of First Presbyterian Church of Antwerp. On December 23, 1944, Lucille married Max Marsh, who died November 25, 1980.

Lucille will be sadly missed by her daughters: Lucinda (Mike) Seslar of Antwerp and Cheryl (Redge) Radke of Van Buren, OH; son, Robert (Kristine) of Auburn, IN; sister, Beverly Stout of Antwerp; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Her son, Steven; and sister, Janis Saylor preceded her in death.

Her funeral service was at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp on April 9, 2009 with Rev. Ralph Klinker officiating.

She was laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp.

Her family requests donations to the church or American Cancer Society. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at [www.dooleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.dooleyfuneralhome.com)

**DOING THE RIGHT THING AT THE RIGHT TIME**

By: **Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church**

One of the hardest aspects of decision-making isn't knowing the right thing to do—it's doing the right thing at the right time. Timing is critical no matter who you are.

In business, timing is essential to the movement of orders and the meeting with clients. In parenting, choosing the right time to speak to your child regarding an issue or dealing with them about a concern. In farming, planting at the right time, spraying at the right time, and harvesting at the right time is one of the keys to success.

The tendency that all of us have is to either jump in and do something too soon, or sit back and wait and do something too late. Either way, there are inherent risks.

This principle was illustrated in a cute story I discovered. It seemed that a man who was 82 and a widower for 20 years began to court a widow who was in her late 70's. They had been friends for years and wonderful companions together.

Yes, they were in love and had been for quite a long while. It just seemed that the old gentleman just couldn't bring himself to the place to

ask her to be married. Finally, after years of hesitation, he brought himself to the place that he was going to pop the question.

To get the procedure right he decided to read a book by Emily Post (Miss Manners). Musters up all the courage he could, he finally got down on his knees one night and said, "Dearest Lillian, I have two questions I want to ask you."

She replied, "Go ahead." He asked her, "Will you marry me?"

"Oh, yes," she replied. A long time passed and neither one said anything. Finally the woman asked, "And what is your second question, Howard?"

He said, "Will you now help me up?"

Indeed, there are risk if you wait too long, even when you've made the right decision. My encouragement to all of us is to walk in step with the Lord so much that He will sovereignly help us with issues of timing.

We're certainly not omniscient; He is. And as we pray, trust Him, and seek His will and His way, we can step out in faith and be assured that He will take care of the issues of timing.

Even when we're in our eighties.

**BAKED POTATO AND SALAD LUNCH AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, PAULDING**

The First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Paulding will be holding their annual Baked Potato and Salad Lunch on April 16 from 11:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m. All are welcome!


**V.E.T.S. "NEW TO YOU" JEWELRY SALE COMING TO THE MANOR HOUSE**

V.E.T.S. will be offering a variety of jewels, treasures and gems at Antwerp's Manor House on Friday April 17 at 5:45 p.m. Our "New to You" used jewelry sale in February was such a huge success we wanted to share the experience with the Manor House residents. They will shop with their well-earned "bingo" quarters. With much to choose from, a sparkling necklace or dazzling bracelet should not be hard to find. Families & friends of the

Manor House residents are invited to join the "shopping" experience. All proceeds will go toward the Veterans Memorial fund raising efforts.

**HAVE A WEDDING, ENGAGEMENT OR ANNIVERSARY?**

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**Location:** Paulding Senior Center  
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**Basketball Marathon trophies being prepared for presentation. Lots more pictures at www.westbendnews.net**

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 - 1st Monnier Remodeling, 106 points; Blue Ballers, 65 points; Save the Tatas earned the Sportsmanship Award.  
 The winners for the Co-Ed - 1st Hanes Lanes, 73 points; 2nd Tri-Flo Propane, 71 points; Sinns & Friends earned the Sportsmanship Award.  
 The winners for the Men's division - 1st Antwerp Exchange Bank, 120 points;

2nd Monnier Remodeling, 96 points; The Big Time Ballers won the Sportsmanship award.  
 Hormann's (aka. Antwerp Exchange Bank) took home the traveling trophy this year. The trophies for this year's event were donated by Fessel's Jewelers of Paulding. We all look forward to next year's Basketball Marathon, a fantastic event for fantastic people!

**MASONS PREPARE THE WIDOW'S NIGHT BANQUET**

Joe Stotler opened the Lodge and the pledge was given. A get well card was sent to 50-year member Calvin Cotrell. A Thank You card was sent to George Braatz who is retiring from the Grand Secretary's position after serving for 10 years.

Birthday cards were signed and sent to members Calvin Cotrell April 12, Chuck Crow April 18, Gene McClellan April 10, Dean Phillips April 17, Lowell Applegate April 15, Wilbur Wright April 22, and Raymond Bender April 15.

Fifty year members in attendance included Dick Savage, Elmer Woodcox, Derrill Kline, and Doyle Johnson. Other members on the sidelines were Joe Stotler, Walter Schilb, Alvin Copsey, Scott Ruppert, Jamie Chapman, Steve Schilb, George Underwood, Russell St. John, Dick Wann, Mike Villena, and Bill Metz.

A new petitioner was accepted and the first degree will be conferred at the next stated meeting on April 22. Committee reports were as follows: The annual Hicksville Masonic Lodge Chicken Bar-B-Q is set for June 27. All the proceeds received from this event will go towards the high school scholarships that are given each year to deserving seniors in the area. The roof committee reported that donations are still coming in. Work is scheduled to begin as soon as the weather breaks. Joe Stotler suggested that Hicksville Lodge continue the practice of opening the Lodge for another "Open House".

The main item discussed was the annual "Widow's Night" Banquet. Chairman Dick Savage has set the date for Tuesday, May 12. The dinner and entertainment will take place at the Presbyterian Church beginning at 6:30 p.m. with an I-Care presentation to follow the meal. This is an annual event that honors all the widows from Lodge #478. Invitations have been sent.

The last Inspection will be held at Liberty Center Lodge on April 20. Grand Master Charles R. Murphy will be present. It was mentioned that all should try to attend. Walter Schilb finished the meeting with a LEO Program entitled, "Rights, Privileges, and Responsibilities of a Master Mason." The next stated meeting will be April 22 at 7:30 p.m. With no further business all retired to the dining room for food and fellowship.

**ONE BAPTISM EPHESIANS 4:5**

**By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ**

As we look today at baptism, just what does the Bible say? Well, the way that we can find out is to go to the Bible and let the Bible speak. The Bible speaks of different baptisms, so let's start with John's baptism.

Matthew 3:11 and Luke 3:16 mention John's baptism. John's baptism was in water for repentance, or for forgiveness of sin, and would last until Jesus death (Mark 1:4; and Acts 19:3-5).

The next baptism we would look at is the Holy Spirit Baptism that Jesus promised to

the apostles in John 14:16, 26; John 16:13; and in Acts 2:1-4. According to the Bible, there is no record of the Holy Spirit baptism being received by members of the Lord's church in general.

The next baptism we will look at is found in the Gospel of Matthew 3:11 and Luke 3:16 and it is the baptism of fire. For those who believe that this baptism is to give them something special and wants this baptism of fire, should read what Revelation 20:11-15 has to say. The baptism of fire is the lake of fire mentioned here in Revelation.

Now for the baptism that Jesus talks about in Matthew 28:19 and Mark 16:15-16. Christ's baptism according to these verses will last until the end of the age. In Acts 2:38 we read what Peter said to those who responded to the disciples teaching for salvation. Peter said "repent and be baptized." The one baptism is not John's baptism, for it was superseded by Christ's baptism. We see also that Holy Spirit baptism was only for a few and it is not for today. It is not fire baptism because it is reserved for the wicked after this life is over. The water baptism of the great commission is the only baptism that was to be practiced till the end of the age. The 'one baptism' then is the water baptism which was commanded by Jesus to be administered to all who believe in Christ and repent of their sins, and confess Christ will be saved. What about you?

Have Bible Questions call (419) 393-4775 or (419) 399-5022. Please remember Jesus loves you and so do I!

**OAKWOOD GLEANER ARBOR #759 4/2/09 MEETING**

Vice President John Pier had the chaplain open with prayer followed by the pledge. The minutes and treasury reports were read. Kevin Hornish gave us an update on our Join Hands Day which is May 2 but may use alternate date of May 9 due to local prom. We will work with the boy scouts to get the ball park ready for the season by putting up the advertising signs, fixing the bleacher seats and spread new stone and rewarded with a pizza party. Apache Etter reported that the Right to Read date is set for Tuesday, May 5 for us to read to the students at school. Eileen Kochensparger from the Habitat for Humanity was our speaker for the evening. Our arbor voted to pay for screen doors for the house. The John Paulding Historical Antique Road Show is 9:30 a.m. Saturday, April 25. We will help with supplies and policing the event. Ruth Benien said we could use Phyllis Bidlack for fraternalist of the year. since she wasn't chosen last year. Any Gleaner scholarship applicant that is not chosen may apply next year if they are still in college. Apache had a delicious snack of homemade cookies, breads, chips, and juice.

Coming events:  
 April 25 - Antique Road Show  
 May 5 - read at school  
 May 2 or 9 - Join Hands Day, with local boy scouts, get Oakwood ball park ready for the season

Last of May - feed the 3rd graders after Memorial Day practice  
 —Bonnie Pier, reporting

**PAYNE WELCOMES M & R VARIETY**



**Bobby & his mother Maria Rivera from M&R Variety**

**By: Sue Knapp**  
 In these economic times it's nice to know that there is somewhere local you can go to find good used clothes, merchandise and furniture.

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 Maria and her husband have three children and live in Payne.  
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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

The week of April 19-25 is National Volunteer Week. We wish to acknowledge and express our appreciation to the many volunteers in the RSVP program (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program). The RSVP program is a Senior Corps Program supported by the Corporation for National and Community Service and is sponsored locally by the Area Office on Aging in Northwestern Ohio, Inc. RSVP promotes and facilitates volunteerism for older adults, ages 55 and older, by

engaging seniors in meaningful service opportunities at community organizations and agencies that meet community needs. RSVP serves Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Henry, Lucas, Ottawa, Paulding, Sandusky, Williams, and Wood Counties with over 1800 volunteers providing service to over 200 non-profit agencies and organizations.

RSVP volunteers share their experience, skills and talents. They make a commitment of service which is valuable assistance to community organizations. RSVP helps to meet community needs in a variety of areas of service such as child literacy, senior nutrition, hospice, and transportation, as well as special projects and fundraising activities. If you are interested in volunteering in your community, please contact the RSVP office in Napoleon at 419-592-0337.

—Carol Castello, RSVP Volunteer Coordinator

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Well, it happened again; I was unable to return a call or my answering machine because the person was on a cell phone and it cut out just before the phone number was given and he probably thinks I ignored him! This happens all the time on some of these cheap phones! People, if you have to have one of these miserable things at least get a good one!

I do not have or even want

one of these over abused things; and can not afford one anyway! I have quit doing a lot of bike riding because of near accidents with people talking and not paying attention to their driving! Even driving my car makes me nervous because of near accidents!

I think these things should be banned in cars or require a license to use because at least 75% of people abuse them! People become rude and oblivious to anything going on when using a cell phone! No one under 16 needs one; 16-21 should have limited use and over 21 be regulated!

I know I'm going to get a lot of flak from you cell phone addicts about this letter but I don't really care. The Japanese did a survey a while back and found people talking on cell phones were 60% more likely to have an accident. I hope if one of you cell phone addicts ever hit me while on my bike or in my car you better kill me. If you just injure me, you will be sued for everything you have! Think about it while you are talking about nothing on that phone!

—Gregg Gorman

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

On April 19, 2009 at Lexington Green in Massachusetts, members of the military, police, firemen etc. will gather to reaffirm their oaths that they swear to the constitution (www.oath-keepers.blogspot.com). Some believe

that the current economic crisis will lead to societal breakdown and civil war in this country. As a National guardsman once told me, during a civil war, some military will fight for the government while others will side with the people. Oath Keepers are those who will obey their oath to the Constitution and resist any unlawful order of the government. There is a list at their website of the actions that they will not take against the American people during martial law, civil war, etc. Lexington Green is the place where the first shots were fired that started the Revolutionary War.

—Phillip Piersma

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Isn't it interesting how in the last couple months there has been a rash of shootings nationally? Isn't it also interesting that the shooter most often conveniently kills himself afterwards? You can't question a dead man or put him on trial. Could it be that there are some anti-gun laws getting ready to pass in Congress? HR-45 is one of them (www.gunowners.org). Could it be that your readers would be interested to know that The Jews For The Preservation of Firearms Ownership (www.jpfo.org) documented that during the last century, seven times governments disarmed their people and within ten years, genocide was committed against those disarmed victims? Perhaps your readers remember the names of Adolph Hitler, Joseph Stalin, or Pol Pot. You can get a book or DVD called "Innocents Betrayed" from jpfo that is the documentation of the aforementioned genocide. He who wants you disarmed is the enemy of your country, your family and your future.

—Phillip Piersma

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

The John Paulding Historical Society has a nice ladies winter coat that we have kept this past winter for someone who visited the historical society during the Christmas Tree Festival. If it's yours please stop by and pick it up. It really isn't old enough to put in with the many treasures that we have collected over the year. We hope you had another one to keep yourself warm. Call 399-8218 Tuesdays from 10-4 or Eileen Kochensparger 399-5818.

**CALL FOR BOOK DONATIONS!**

The Friends of the Paulding County Carnegie Library have put the call out for donations of clean books for their upcoming Spring Book Sale to be held May 21-23. Clean out your closets, go through your bookshelves, hunt under your child's bed for those unwanted books and donate them to the Friends. The library staff will go through all donations and may choose some titles to be added into the library collection. The remainder will be placed in the Friend's book sale. Proceeds from the book sale will ultimately benefit the library. Drop off your boxes and bags of books at the children's desk of the library, accessible from the north door in the back of the library. For more information contact the library at 419-399-2032.

**ANTWERP EMS GIVES BASIC HEALTH CHECKS SATURDAY AM**



Each week the Antwerp EMS has been providing free basic health checks of blood pressure, heart rate and Blood O2 levels to the community on Saturday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Shown here is Randy Shaffer showing Jarrison Steiner what each of the numbers mean.

**"Those who seek to usurp our Constitutional Liberties are the rebels, rebels against the Constitution. We The People seek only to defend what is rightfully ours. However, once a government breaks its contract with the people by disobeying their law, the people are no longer bound by any law set by that government, and by virtue of having set the example, a government who has acted illegally has no right to enforce any law that the people might refuse"**

—Unknown

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**LUKE SHORT**

**By: Stan Jordan**

Luke Short was a noted gun fighter, worked as a farmer, cowboy, whiskey peddler, army scout, dispatch rider, gambler and even a saloon keeper at various times of his life.

Luke was born in Mississippi in 1854. His family moved to Texas when he was two years old.

Rumors say that he ran away from home as a teenager because he killed another boy with a pair of scissors. He then became a cowboy and worked with the herds going north to the Kansas Railheads.

He traveled to Abilene, Kansas in 1870 and tried to make a living as a gambler.

In 1876, he was in Sidney, Nebraska and working as a whiskey peddler. During this time he sold some whiskey to the Sioux Indians from a trading post north of Sidney. This was a federal offense.

Short, later admitted to killing six inebriated Sioux Indians on various occasions during this venture in 1876-77.

Even despite this record he was hired as an Army Scout in 1878 and 1879. He worked the Texas Trail into Ogalla, Nebraska. He did a lot of gambling at The Cowboy's Rest Saloon, sometimes with Bat Masterson.

James Cook, in his book called '40 Years', said he watched Luke Short practicing quick draw and firing on the banks of the South Platte and he never saw anyone faster.

Luke then went into Dodge City and became good friends with Wyatt Earp and Bat Masterson.

He then moved to Tombstone, which at that time was a bustling boomtown. He was noted as a fast gun and few words. This was late in 1878 and no big gun fights took place. I guess his reputation as a gunfighter was more hearsay than fact.

Then later in 1881, while still in Tombstone, he was involved in a famous gunfight with another gunfighter named Charlie Storms outside of the Oriental Saloon.

Short and Storms had a verbal disagreement and that was settled by Masterson, he was a good friend of both parties.



Storm met Luke and Bat out in the street, he jerked Luke Short by the arm off the boardwalk and then drew his gun. Short was the faster and he killed Storm by a shot in the chest before Storm could use his pistol. This gunfight was in such close quarters that Short's muzzle flash set Storm's shirt on fire.

Short was given a hearing and the shooting was ruled to be self-defense.

In 1883, Short settled in Dodge City, Kansas and pur-

chased a half interest in the famous Long Branch Saloon. He became partners with a friend, W.H. Harris. This action was what brought on the 'Dodge City War'. Mayor Webster thought that a gunman and gambler running a saloon was wrong because he was a friend of Masterson.

Mayor Alonzo B. Webster's men called themselves the 'Reform Committee'. The other faction was called the 'Dodge City Peace Commission.'

Dodge City, at that time in 1883, was called 'The Wickedest City in America.'

The Dodge City Peace

Commission was pretty much under Bat Masterson, W.H. Harris, Luke Short, W.F. Petillon, Charley Bassett, Wyatt Earp, Frank McClain and Meal Brown. Now these guys were all gunslingers and at one time or other, policemen and all of these guys had a divvy of the gambling money and all other side games. Mayor Webster and his men were no better. They wanted to run the gambling and drinking and take all the gravy for themselves. Each faction was only worried about their own profit rather than the good of the town.

Well, when Luke Short bought one-half interest in the Long Branch Saloon and him being a gunman and gambler, Mayor Webster thought that was against his ideals. This is not to mention that he owned two saloons himself.

Webster wanted Luke Short run out of town and out of business. He had several of the prostitutes for The Long Branch arrested. Luke Short didn't like the idea of his girls being locked up. When it came to a boil in 1883 and the Mayor saw the men backing Masterson play, the Dodge City War was over. There never was a shot fired. Webster knew his people could not handle all those fast guns, if they were right or wrong.

Anyhow, Luke Short left town in a few weeks and the tension slacked up. Short continued his life as a gambler in a number of towns in the next few years. Short died peacefully in bed in Genda Springs, Kansas on September 8, 1893. The cause of death was listed as dropsy.

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she was stopped at the Golden Gates by one of the lower-grade angels. She told the lady that St. Peter was busy and asked her if she would take care of the gate? She asked the newcomer if she wanted to get to heaven? She answered, "Of course."

"Well, if you can spell this one word you are in! Can you spell the word 'love'?"

She spelled the word correctly and was admitted to heaven right away.

After about 20 years, her husband passed away and was stopped at the Golden Gates. His ex-wife had been a top notch worker and was promoted to a lower-grade angel. Over the many years she said that St. Peter was busy and asked if she could fill in for him at the gate.

She said to her former husband, "I suppose you have been pretty lonesome during the about 20 years that I have been gone?"

"Well, not really, you see after you left I married that pretty nurse that took care of you at the hospital. We sold our place and bought a place in Ft. Myers, Florida for the winter and another place in Canada for the summer. We traveled a great deal: Australia, New Zealand, Europe and Africa. We had lots of fun together."

The ex-wife grumbled and said, "Well, you can get to heaven if you can spell this one word."

The man said, "Oh, great, what is the one word that I am to spell?"

The woman said, "Czechoslovakia!"

See Ya!



**By: Stan Jordan**

There were a couple of fellows sitting at the bar of a local tavern. The place wasn't very busy because it was getting late in the evening.

This one guy Horst, his forefathers had originated in Bavaria many generations ago.

The other fellow said his forefathers had left Poland many generations ago. His first name was Duncan. His great-grandfather's last name was 'Bulorouiczmnri', but that translated to 'Donat' in American English.

The boys talked about the 'Old Country', girls, baseball, basketball's Final Four and other topics.

It was late, and the 11:00 news weather and sports came on the bar's TV set. It showed the local police trying to talk a man down from atop a 30-story building. He was going to kill himself by jumping to his death.

Horst said to Duncan, "I will bet you five dollars he jumps off the building."

Duncan real quick said, "I'll take the bet."

Well, the poor soul did jump off the 30-story building. Duncan reached into his pocket and paid off the \$5.00 bet to Horst.

Horst wouldn't take his money. Duncan said, "Oh yes, you take it, that was a fair bet and I owe you the money."

Horst said, "Oh, no! I watched the 6:00 news and I knew he was going to jump."

Duncan Donat said, "I did too, and I didn't think he would do it again!!"

See Ya!

**DELEGATES FOR BUCKEYE GIRLS AND BOYS STATE ANNOUNCED**

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**Ali Wayne**

The Giltz-Brown American Legion Post #341 along with donations from the Ace Adams Softball Tournament,



**Carrie Brogan**

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FROM THE DOG WARDEN'S DESK

By: Mandy Lichty, Paulding County Dog Warden

This week's featured pet is Stevie. Stevie needs a very special home because he is totally blind. Thanks to the Mercy Medical Fund, Stevie was able to go to the vet after he was found and have his eyes examined. The cause of his blindness could not be determined, but Dr. Bowman thinks he should be able to live a full and happy life just the way he is.

In spite of his disability, Stevie is a very sweet, friendly affectionate little dog. He appears to be a rat terrier-jack russell mix, weighs 18 pounds, and is about five years old.

He would be best suited to a quiet, consistent household so he can adapt to his new surroundings.

Also at the shelter we have a male Rottweiler 10 months old, male chocolate lab mix 10 months old, female adult beagle, and a female adult black small mix breed dog.

Come out and see the dogs on Friday afternoons from 2:00-5:00 p.m. or call to make an appointment.

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SURVIVING A FINANCIAL CRISIS: A CHECKLIST

During the past few months, the news has been almost incomprehensible. It's hard to make sense of the failure of major Wall Street firms and large banks. And all of this makes it hard for investors to remain calm.

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V.E.T.S. ASKING FOR "GARAGE SALE" DONATIONS

V.E.T.S. will be participating in the two-day Antwerp Village-wide garage sales sponsored by the Chamber on Friday and Saturday, June 12-13 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. again this year. We will set up in Riverside Veterans Memorial Park off US 24 in Antwerp. Please go through your "stuff" and donate it toward the funding of our Veterans Memorial. Purses, scarves, belts, jewelry, knick knacks, books, dishes, tools, clothes, smaller furniture and actually anything you don't need or want anymore. Call us, we will pick it up!

The West Bend Printing & Publishing on the NW corner of SR 49 and US 24 has generously offered their facility as a drop off site and we will pick it up from there.

Like last year we will end this event by holding a Classic Car Cruise-In on Saturday, June 13 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. The Veterans Meat & More raffle winners will be drawn during the Cruise-In around 6:30 p.m. 50/50, raffles, door prizes and 50's-60's music by C&R Karaoke will be back again this year for your entertainment. This Cruise-In is open to everyone from anywhere, so come as you are and show off your car... or any vehicle of interest. All proceeds from the two-day events will go towards bringing our Civil War Soldier back his new home in the Park. Questions? Call Karen at (419) 399-5764.

CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST ELIZABETH ADAMS TO SPEAK AT NEXT NAMI MEETING

Clinical Psychologist, Elizabeth Adams, will be the speaker at the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) April 20th meeting. Doctor Adams, who is currently in practice at Van Wert Family Physicians, provides psychotherapy to families and individuals across the lifespan and psychological evaluations.

She is licensed as a Clinical Psychologist by the Ohio State Board of Psychology and is also a member of the Ohio Psychological Association and the American Psychological Association.

Doctor Adams is a Van Wert High School Alumni who received a Bachelor's of Science in Psychology from Wright State University at Dayton and a Doctorate in Clinical Psychology from Wright State University's School of Professional Psychology. In addition, she completed an internship at Shasta County Mental Health in Redding, CA and Post-Doctoral training at Northern Valley Catholic Social Services in Red Bluff, CA.

Topic of the evening will be "Womens Issues and Mental Health". All NAMI meetings and programs are open to the public and are held at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room at the Challenged Higher Club's Drop-In Center which is located at 407 N. Franklin, Van Wert. It is located several blocks South of Vantage Career Center.

The local NAMI affiliate, which is one of sixty in the State of Ohio, is an educational/support group for family

members and interested consumers and may be reached by calling 419-238-2413 or 800-541-NAMI (6264) or by e-mail to namivw@roadrunner.com.

JOHN PAULDING HISTORICAL SOCIETY HOSTING THIRD ROADSHOW OF ANTIQUES

John Paulding Historical Society is hosting its third antique appraisal event on Saturday April 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the museum on Fairground Drive in Paulding.

Last year's event had people attend from many area locations and had appraisals of items from "worthless" all the way to one item appraised at nearly \$3000.00.

After signing in and paying for their old items to be appraised, those waiting were able to watch and be entertained by Ann Stratton talking about each person's unique item. Ann Stratton, a renowned expert antiques appraiser from Lima, Ohio is a professor of antique enrichment and appreciation at Apollo. She appraises furniture, pictures, collectibles and other artifacts. Her favorite items are vintage jewelry, Civil War memorabilia and old buggies.

Ann entertained the audience with bits of information, such as its history, its use, and the proper care of the item.

Ann Stratton will be our featured appraiser for miscellaneous items (she does not appraise Bibles, flags or guns)

Also on hand to appraise jewelry, gold and silver will be Bruce Fortier of Defiance. Bruce will be buying gold and silver in addition to appraisals.

Dale Schleeter, coin collector and dealer from Delphos will be doing coin appraisals and buying and selling coins. New this year, there is no charge for coin appraisals.

A light lunch will be served of sandwiches, soup, salads and desserts. All proceeds go towards operating the museum.

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND DISMISSALS

- Admissions:
4/6 - Scott DeTray, Paulding
4/10 - Eleanor Gerber, Melrose; Patricia Pack, Paulding; Amelia Miller, Cecil
4/11 - Lorine Ross, Paulding
Dismissals:
4/7 - Donna Pieper, Paulding
4/9 - Scott DeTray, Paulding
4/11 - Amelia Miller, Cecil; Patricia Pack, Paulding

WOODBURN CHAMBER MEETING HELD ON 4/9/09

By: Sue Knapp

Woodburn citizens and business men held a Chamber Meeting April 9 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall.

Discussions were held about Spring flowers for the town planters and banners for the town, the new 24 bypass and the opportunities for Woodburn and the Woodburn garage sales. The following companies helped in the Easter decorations for the town planters: Ladybugs Floral and Gifts, Bob's Restaurant, Clip -N-Tan, Woodburn Corner Cafe, Rorick Reality, Jim's Pizza, Woodburn Diamond Die, D&B Hardware, East Allen AG and Turf, Gerber's Electric, BF Goodrich, Woodburn Lanes and Weigman Insurance.

Woodburn, being a small community, needs its residents to ban together to keep it an enjoyable community to live in and a great place to raise children.

With that thought, a summer celebration was discussed. A day that will bring the people together to fellowship, eat together and enjoy entertainment and games. It would be for young and old alike.

The Chamber needs help with this event, if you would like to help, call Lesa Meadows at 260-632-5318. The Chamber is open to all. You don't have to be a businessman to be involved.

The Chamber cares about its town and its citizens and wants to do anything it can to promote it. Woodburn is a good place to live, it's quiet and friendly. It's close to Fort Wayne and the airport. If you work in a bigger city and don't want to live there, a small town is the place to be. You can be as laid back as you want, yet Woodburn offers enough activity to please those who want it.

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They were married on April 19, 1974 by Rev. Calvin Martin at the First Presbyterian Church in Hicksville.

Charles is in maintenance at Messenger Corp. in Auburn, IN. Mary is a prep cook at Hometown Pizza in Paulding.

They have four children: April of Hicksville, Cory of Paulding, Christopher of Hicksville, and Arin of Fort Wayne. They also have four grandchildren: Chance, Chace, Tiffany, and Molly.

They plan to celebrate their special day with a quiet evening at home and having a family get-together later.

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## A.C.E. ACADEMY REACHES OUT



Pictured from left to right - Courtney Elkins, Kayla Eibling, Ms. Tami AuFrance, Joey Pease, Josh Hale, Kathy Boaz, Jordan Nieto, Darla Liatos, and Bobby Melton.

By: Sue Knapp

The A.C.E. Academy of Paulding has received a Learn and Serve Grant. The grant was submitted by the school administrator, Paul Clark of Western Buckeye ESC.

This grant is for community outreach. The students have two projects this year. They have started a recycling program, they collect, sort and make graphs of the items. They also have made kits for the Crisis Care Center for Women and Children.

Help from local business owners, Tony Burkley of NAPA and the Alco Department Store have donated items and gave discounts for these projects.

Ladies from the Crisis Care Center talked to the kids about anger, crime victims and relationships.

This has been a very positive project for the kids. They like the idea of helping others and being involved. Since everything has to be tied to state standards the kids have to follow a criteria to meet those standards.

The grant is competitive each year. The grant serves A.C.E. Academy (Western Buckeye ESC) and other alternative schools in Northwest Ohio.

Tami AuFrance (teacher) and Sherray Elliot (teacher's assistant) are the grant leaders. They assist the students and collect data from the grant.

## SCHOOLROOMS K-12 WEBSITE INTRODUCED TO OHIO STUDENTS

By: Ellen Williams, Paulding Schools

INFOhio, the Information Network for Ohio Schools, provides SchoolRooms™ online exploration, discovery and learning portal to students, parents and educators throughout the state of Ohio. SchoolRooms offers Ohio K-12 community access to educator-selected online content aligned to the state's curriculum, plus powerful search capabilities that ensure students' access to educator-selected Web sites along with books from your school library.

SchoolRooms provides a single, student-friendly interface to high-quality content from school library catalogs, online databases, 3 million "Best of Web" teacher-selected Web pages as well as statewide digital resources. Content is presented in virtual rooms that help students discover information, provide educators with access to quality materials and enable parents to find appropriate resources for improving their children's education.

"INFOhio was formed 15 years ago to bring the benefits of library automation to school libraries and students throughout Ohio," said Theresa Fredericka, executive director of INFOhio. "Now, we are undertaking another major initiative with SchoolRooms, whereby more resources will be available to more students than ever before. And we're not talking about just any resources, but high-quality content that Ohio classroom teachers and school librarians have selected to support the teaching of the state's curriculum."

You can access SchoolRooms at [www.infohio.org](http://www.infohio.org). If you need a username or password please contact your school media center or Mrs. Williams at Paulding Middle School.

## FAIRVIEW HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS "BYE, BYE BIRDIE"

The Fairview High School Chorus will present the musical "Bye, Bye Birdie" Friday and Saturday, April 17 & 18 at 7:30 p.m. on stage at the high school gymnasium.

The story is set in Sweet Apple, Ohio where teenager Kim Macafee is about to receive the one last kiss from popular rock and roll star Conrad Birdie before he is drafted into the army. Birdie's manager Albert Peterson and his secretary Rose Alvarez accompany the Elvis-like Conrad to Sweet Apple for the big event which is to be televised, live on the Ed Sullivan Show. The whole town turns out to greet them when they arrive. What follows uproariously funny, a small town humor which everyone is sure to enjoy.

"The name may have changed, but the look and sound is the same. Elvis is back! We have assembled one of the most talented casts of student perform-

ers ever at Fairview High and I know you are going to just love this show!" states Rachel McCurdy, the Vocal Music Director.

Cast members and characters they portray are: Conrad Birdie - Willy Flannery, Albert Peterson - Nathan Singer, Rose Alvarez - Mindy Gause, Kim Macafee - Kathleen Walsh, Hugo Peabody - Jay Karnes, Doris Macafee - Emily Hammon, Harry Macafee - Patrick Nusbaum, Mae Peterson - Zach Lee, Ursula Merkle - Samantha Murphy, Charles F. Maude - Travis Kempf, Randolph Macafee - Kasen Culler, Gloria Rasputin - Melissa Clark, Harvey Johnson - Kalieb Crites, Mayor Johnson - Brian Hammon, Mrs. Johnson - Sammi Rhodes, Mrs. Merkle (Nancy) - Hannah Vollmer, Suzie - Katie Jackson, Sad Girl - Logan Miller, Deborah Sue - Abbi Schwarzbek, Alice - Morgn Pendleton, Freddie - Zac Shininger, Margie - Rachel Burkhart, Penelope - Jaymi Gause, Reporters - Donnie Doan, Shawn Holley, and Chad Sanders, Nurse - Breanna Greenwalt, Patient - Kanna Byers and teens - Sarah Bishop, Chelsey Bostater, Aaron Brown, Amber Christy, Alyssa Cooper, Sara Culler, Nathan Davis, Breanne Fedderke, AJ Mavis, Jenny Otto, Michael Santos, Tori Santos, Courtney Westrick, Ashley Austin and Allison Worthington.

Tickets are available in advance from Chorus members or at the door of each performance.

## MARK HOLTSBERRY BRINGS WWI ALIVE WITH MEMORABILIA



By: Sue Knapp

Mark Holtsberry, teacher at the A.C.E. Academy is a WWI buff. He has been collecting WWI memorabilia for 20 years. Right now his students are learning about WWI, so he brought in some of his items.

One of the items, a canvas water bag, is stamped Defiance Welding Company on the bottom, there was another one stamped Toledo. On display is a gas mask, a trench periscope, grenade vests, a metal helmet, an unopened

first aid kit, a trumpet, clothing, round dog tags and dog tags for horses among other things. He has a number of saddles and saddle bags at his home. He said Sears and Montgomery Wards made clothes, saddles and saddle bags for WWI.

Because we weren't in the war very long, there is many items from that time.

Mr. Holtsberry was very interesting to talk to, he truly makes WWI hands-on for the students.

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# NINTH ANNUAL PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL FOUNDATION DINNER RECOGNIZED SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



The ninth annual Paulding County Hospital Foundation Dinner was held recently at the Paulding Eagles. \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to each of three county students who will be pursuing a health-care career. Pictured from

left to right are: Sue Derck, President of Paulding County Hospital Foundation, Sue Beck, Foundation Director of Development, Sara Priest, scholarship recipient from Wayne Trace High School, Spencer Wilhelm, scholar-

ship recipient from Paulding High School, Michele Stuart, scholarship recipient from Antwerp High School and Gary Adkins, CEO, Paulding County Hospital.

## MAY 8<sup>TH</sup> SET AS DEADLINE FOR NRCS CONSERVATION PROGRAM APPLICATIONS

Program applications for the 2009 funding cycle for the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP), the Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP), and the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) are due in to the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) by Friday, May 8, 2009. While the application period for these conservation programs is continuous, funding selections are made once or twice a year, depending on the num-

ber of applications and availability of funds.

Several new opportunities exist for addressing priority natural resource issues using EQIP, including a new Air Quality EQIP initiative, a general Forestry EQIP initiative, and an Invasives Forestry EQIP initiative. An increased focus on providing conservation support for organic and specialty crop producers was emphasized in the 2008 Farm Bill, and EQIP offers conservation practices designed to assist the unique needs of this group of growers. Limited resource producers, beginning farmers, and socially disad-

vantaged farmers will be eligible for up to 90 percent cost share and an advance of 30 percent of the cost of implementing a practice.

Over \$8 million is available for landowners interested in creating, enhancing, or restoring wetlands through WRP this year. Public entities are no longer eligible for this program, and a seven year ownership requirement is new with the 2008 Farm Bill. The actual easement payment will be the lower of a Market Survey Analysis, Geographical Area Rate Cap, or landowner offer.

Over 20 conservation practices are available to agricultural producers interested in improving wildlife habitat using WHIP. Public entities are also no longer eligible for WHIP, and landowners must be involved in agricultural production. Special consideration will be given to applications that will provide habitat for declining or endangered species.

For more information on any of these programs, you can visit us on the web at [www.oh.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.oh.nrcs.usda.gov)

## MINT STRIKES HISTORY: COINS NEW FOUNDING FATHERS

Since 1792 the US Mint has been immortalizing America's greatest patriots in precious metal. Now, after nearly four months of debate and design, a new mint is introducing to the world, the Founding Fathers of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

"We'll be releasing the New Founders line next week," said Gary Franchi founder of the Freedom Mint. When asked about who was chosen for the 2009 sets Franchi said, "That's a closely guarded secret, only our mint master, webmaster and a handful of patriots have seen the proof renderings, but they will be right at home next to our Aaron Russo and Ron Paul pieces."

On the mint's commemorative page a new Jesse Ventura piece is displayed. When asked about it, Franchi stated, "we're still in negotiation with Ventura's people, production is pending."

When asked about the new barter piece on display at <http://FreedomMint.com> Franchi stated, "In these trying economic times more and

more Americans are moving to barter as a means to secure their needs, we wanted to provide our membership and Americans all over the Republic a way to meet that need by acquiring custom silver at near spot prices."

The barter round description reads:

The front side displays a stunning 21<sup>st</sup> century update of Lady Liberty. Donning a simple ribbon emblazoned with the word "LIBERTY", she looks forward to a future in the United States where Constitutional Law is again held in high regard. The word "FREEDOM" hangs over her head as a reminder of what we fight for daily and the words "UNITED WE STAND" sit below her to remind us to remain unified in our efforts.

The American Eagle has been the symbol of the Republic since its birth and has been chosen to represent the Freedom Mint as we work to raise awareness for sound monetary policy. The backside of this piece displays an Eagle resting on a perch, its eyes focused on prey and poised to take flight. Over his head are the words "Use Silver to Restore Prosperity".

The Freedom Mint has not been taking orders since last November. Gary commented, "We open up buying windows a few times a year because we produce a monthly magazine and manage a 50,000 member activist network, with an entire volunteer staff. When the buying window opens there is a frenzy of activity and I want to give our buyers the service they deserve when placing their orders." Franchi said a short pre-order buying window would open up next week when the New Founders line is revealed.

On Ron Paul's "Audit the Fed" bill, he commented, "Auditing [the Fed] is where we need to start, Russo felt the same way. I'm glad we have a man like Dr. Paul getting these types of bills introduced, but it's up to us to provide the grassroots support to put pressure on members of congress to co-sponsor his bills, the people will ultimately determine the outcome here, I mean look at the spontaneous Tea Parties taking place nationwide, I want the Freedom Mint to work alongside Dr. Paul's efforts and the nationwide effort to end the Fed."

The Freedom Mint is the Gold and Silver custom minting arm of "Restore The Republic". Gold and silver pieces sold by the mint fund projects and support "Restore the Republic". The Freedom Mint contracts with one of America's premier coin designers to create their stunning pieces. Their gold and silver is minted off-site and in the United States to keep American jobs on American soil.

For more information on the Freedom Mint please visit their website: at <http://FreedomMint.com>

## WESTERN BUCKEYE GOVERNING BOARD ACTS ON PERSONNEL CONTRACTS

The Western Buckeye ESC Governing Board held their regular monthly Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 9, 2009 in the Van Wert ESC Board office with all Board members present. Board President Mr. William Poe II welcomed Board members and school personnel to

the meeting.

The Board members approved the agenda for the evening, which included the renewal of both certified and non-certified WBESC employment contracts, as well as personnel issues for the Northwest Ohio Area Computer Services Cooperative (NOACSC). The WBESC is the fiscal agent for the NOACSC.

Superintendent John Basinger updated the Board on the status of HBI, the biannual budget bill which includes the new school funding model, the evidence based funding model. He also discussed the legislative platform of the Ohio Educational Service Centers Association which supports much of the new funding model, but does promote some changes to the current form of HBI. Basinger also presented the Board with the latest Board policy revision recommendations, with conversation on the policy revisions scheduled for the May meeting with final approval slated for the June Governing Board meeting. Treasurer Kristine Stuart reviewed the current financial investments and monthly expenditure reports. She also commented the WBESC office staff for their support, dedication, hard work, and professionalism and is looking forward to continuing this positive relationship.

In the business portion of the meeting, the Board:

\*\*Approved the minutes from the regular March 12, 2009 Regular meeting.

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

\*\*Approved a one (1) year prorated contract for Sandy Etzler as Administrative Assistant, beginning April 20, 2009 through June 30, 2009, 5 years experience, salary per Salary Schedule.

\*\*Approved the following certified contracts:

Nicole Adams - 5-year limited; Judi

Smith - 5-year limited; Cathy Bonifas - 2-year limited; Tom Mosier - 2-year limited; Ronda Niemeyer - 2-year limited; Linda Krauskopf - 1-year limited-contingent on funding; Jeff Tomlinson - 1-year limited

\*\*Approved the following non-certified contracts:

Matt Krites - Continuing- days contingent on funding; Tamara Sharp - Continuing; Lauri Thatcher - Continuing; Jama Cline - 2-year limited; Michelle Davis - 2-year limited; Cora Flynn - 2-year limited; Lisa Knoch - 2-year limited; Heather Matthews - 2-year limited; Rebecca Mayer - 2-year limited; Cathy Ruiz - 2-year limited- contingent on funding; Amanda Vance - 2-year limited; Shelly Walters - 2-year limited; Brenda Ward - 2-year limited; Janine Warnecke - 2-year limited; Carol Williman - 2-year limited; Angela Zartman - 2-year limited; Gary Frysinger - 1-year limited; Robert Miller - 1-year limited

\*\*Approved a motion to join the Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities for 2009.

\*\*Approved approve budget revisions to the FY09 Competitive Application of the Dual Credit, Ohio CORE, and Parent Mentor grants.

\*\*Approved the Contracted Service Agreement with ACC Lawn Care/John Hurlless, Owner, for the Van Wert Western Buckeye ESC office and the Student Learning Center, as presented.

\*\*Approved a contract with Joseph Kuhn, D.O. to provide bus driver physicals for the period 5/1/09 through 4/30/11 at a rate of \$70 per physical.

\*\*Approved the week of May 3-9, 2009 as Staff Appreciation Week, in order to honor the Western Buckeye ESC staff.

\*\*Accepted the resignation of Sharon Lawley as Manager Office/Fiscal Services at NOACSC, effective March 27, 2009.

\*\*Approved a one (1) year prorated contract for Brenda Core for the position of Fiscal Liaison at NOACSC, effective March 5, 2009 through June 30, 2009, salary per Salary Schedule.

\*\*Approved a motion to accept membership of Bowling Green City Schools into NOACSC, effective July 1, 2009 and to assess the buy-in fee during the first quarter for FY10 using the following formula:

Balance as of 3/16/2009 - \$1,170,686.16


NOACSC Total ADM, \$60,623 (Used ADM from EMIS 08K Reporting)

Per ADM Charge, \$19.31

\*\*Approved a NOACSC Resume and Job Application Policy as presented.

The Board meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m. with no additional Board action.

The next regularly scheduled Governing Board meeting of the Western Buckeye Educational Service Center is on May 14, 2009 starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Paulding ESC Office.

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**VISITING NURSES & HOSPICE CELEBRATING 30 YEARS & ANNOUNCING NEW NAME**



Debbie Baxter, RN supervisor (left) and Karen Bortel, office manager for Community Health Professionals of Paulding.

Paulding Area Visiting Nurses and Hospice is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> year of services in Paulding County with a musical, raffle and dinner at the Extension Building at the Paulding County Fairgrounds on April 18 at 5:30 p.m.

The agency is also announcing its new name—Community Health Professionals of Paulding. Paulding Area Visiting Nurses and Hospice has been part of Community Health Professionals, Inc., a nonprofit home health and hospice organization, since 1979.

In 2008, Community Health Professionals decided to encompass all the services and locations it offers under the Community Health Professionals brand name.

The musical includes local talents and features Jeanene Pifer, known as “Toledo’s Other Bag Lady,” who entertains with a huge collection of tote bags coordinated with music, humor, education, anecdotes and inspiration.

Handmade Michigan and Ohio State afghans donated by Luella Thomas of Paulding will be raffled with funds going toward the Visiting Nurses patient care fund. Tickets for the buffet-style dinner and musical are also available for purchase.

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Signed April 3, 2009  
Susan K. Simpson  
Paulding County Auditor

**PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES FOR 4/6/09**

This 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 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

**Travel Request:**  
Desiree McDaniel, Quarterly Fiscal Meeting, Celina, Ohio – April 8, 2009

**In The Matter Of Amending The 2009 Annual Appropriation (Fund 001-015):**  
The Board of County Commissioners does hereby amend the 2009 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the County Auditor to appropriate unappropriated funds:  
Fund 001/015 – General Fund/Election Board, 00002/Salaries, \$3,040.08; 00003/Supplies, \$865.31; 00007/Other Expenses, \$543.70; 00010/Poll Workers, \$7,898.10

**Meeting Notes Of Appointments:**  
Stan Searing, Trustee of the Paulding County Area Foundation – Mr. Searing met with the Commissioners to inform them the Paulding County Area Foundation has established a Courthouse Heritage Fund (CHF) as a Field of Interest fund within the Foundation. The CHF’s growth and earnings are to be used to preserve the historical heritage of the Paulding County Courthouse. It will be managed by three trustees, appointed for one three year term and may be re-appointed for a second term. The CHF trustees shall serve as volunteers and without compensation. They shall consist of one County Commissioner (appointed by the Paulding County Commissioners, initial term for three years); one member of the Paulding County Area Foundation Executive Committee (appointed by the Executive Committee, initial term for two years); and one member of the John Paulding Historical Society (appointed by the Historical Society Board (initial term for one year). Funds will be distributed on approval of the CHG Trustees based on a request submitted by the Board of County Commissioners that defines a project or expense that will preserve the historical heritage of the Paulding County Courthouse. Mr. Searing reported there have already been personal donations to the CHF. Mr. Norman Cook is the attorney for the Paulding County Area Foundation and has been providing the legal paperwork. Mr. Searing stated the Paulding County Area Foundation was established in 1981.

Ann Waldman, Clerk of Courts – Ms. Waldman announced the title fee increase passed in the Senate 31-2. Effective July 1, 2009, title fees will be \$15.00. Ms. Waldman also stated the Title Office is operating smoothly after its move to the lower level of the Courthouse.

Otto Gerdeman, GNG Development Services; and Tony Langham, Paulding County Economic Development – Mr. Gerdeman presented an update on the water project for the SR 127/US 24 interchange and surrounding area. He stated there could be (unofficially) 85 potential users. The estimated cost to lay the 12” water line is \$2 million. Rural Development grants and CDBG dollars could be applied for to help fund the project.

Roy Philpot – Mr. Philpot met briefly with the Commissioners with concerns of ditch erosion. He shared digital pictures taken at the county ditch adjoining Blue Creek at CR 24. It was suggested that he inquire as to whether this ditch is on maintenance.

Marcia Yuetter, Senior Center – Ms. Yuetter met with the Commissioners to discuss the procedure she should follow to file for grants. Previous operating grants have been filed on behalf of the Paulding County Senior Center using NOCAC’s 501C3 status. The Commissioners will consult with the Prosecuting Attorney on this matter.

Lisa Nicely, Defiance Crescent – Ms. Nicely presented questions regarding water and wastewater development of the SR 127/US 24 interchange area. The Commissioners related that federal stimulus dollars had been applied for. Rural Development has also offered a combination of grants and low interest loans, with the bulk of the project being funded by loans. Commissioner Burkley commented investment/business interest could generate funding for a portion of the projects. Commissioner Zartman stated the projects are so costly that grants are necessary for them to proceed. Phase 1 of the wastewater project on the north side of the interchange is estimated to cost just over \$2 million. The Commissioners also discussed the New Rochester park area west of SR 127 on existing US 24. ODOT will no longer maintain this area. Ohio Department of Natural Resources has expressed an interest in maintaining the park, which involves moving all the buildings off the property. Commissioner Burkley also noted that application for federal stimulus money has been completed for the Auglaize Joint Sewer Project. Paulding County’s portion of this joint project with Defiance County is estimated to be \$7 million.

**PAULDING VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 3/16/09**

Paulding Village Council met in Regular Session on March 16, 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.

Sierer motioned to approve the minutes of the March 2nd meeting, seconded by Rife. Vote: all yeas.

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 third time. Breedlove motioned to approve the legislation, seconded by Rife. Vote: Rife, yeas; Breedlove, yeas; Jeffery, yeas; Sierer, no; Sutton, yeas; Daeger, no. The resolution passed by a vote of 4-2.

Ordinance No. 1393-09 re: An Ordinance Establishing a Monthly Fee for Village Sewer Users for Payment of Operation and Maintenance Expenses, was read for the third time. Rife motioned to approve the legislation, seconded by Sutton. Vote: all yeas.

Ordinance No. 1394-09 re: An Ordinance Establishing a Monthly Fee for Village Water Users for Payment of Debt Service, was read for the third time. Several citizens were present to question the need to pass this legislation at this time. Rife noted she has been in communication with Julie Ward of RCAP regarding the need and timing for this piece of legislation. Ms. Ward relayed she and Wiebe have made special provisions with the EPA funding coordinator allowing the Village to be eligible for the Disadvantaged Programs funding contingent upon the legislation being passed by this meeting. Ms. Ward has stressed to Council several times that the only way the Village may be eligible for 0% or low interest loans is to raise rates to meet certain lending criteria. Ms. Ward is also confident that entities that meet the Disadvantaged Programs criteria will be the first to receive stimulus monies. She anticipates stimulus will be made within the first week of April. This legislation, although not guaranteeing monies will be received, does better position the Village to be eligible to receive stimulus monies and/or better lending rates. Ms. Ward has advised the Village to schedule a public meeting in mid-April (after stimulus monies have been awarded) to not only educate it’s citizens about the new water plant, but to also inform them of the amount of money the Village will need to borrow and the financial impact on it’s residents. Rife motioned to approve the legislation, seconded by Daeger. Vote: Rife, yeas; Breedlove, yeas; Jeffery, no; Sierer, no; Sutton, yeas; Daeger, yeas. The ordinance passed by a vote of 4-2.

Breedlove presented the Safety Committee’s report from their March 11th meeting. The Committee decided not to institute a curb-side recycling program at this time. There were no objections to Mr. Gerken advertising and providing service to willing residents.

Russ Herman, a Village resident, was present to thank all safety personnel for their services on February 8, 2009. Mr. Herman had fallen from his roof and suffered a severe concussion. He noted that without the help of the EMS, Fire Department and Police Department his accident may have proven to be more tragic.

Sierer presented the Utility Committee’s minutes from their March 9th meeting with Phil Maag and Eric Roughton of SAA Bright.net. SAA Bright.net representatives met with the Committee to discuss the possibility of providing the school with wireless internet, and to request approval to install a fiber-optic cable from CR 162 south on Emerald Road to the school. Mr. Maag stated the trench will be filled, leveled, and seeded back to (or near) its original condition. The Committee requested Solicitor Jones draft a contract agreement for the project. Approval of the project will be granted upon SAA Bright.net signing the document. Daeger motioned to approve the Utility Committee’s report, seconded by Sutton. Vote: all yeas.

Sutton presented the Recreation Committee’s minutes from their March 14th meeting. The following items were discussed:  
The Park Board approved the Paulding Reservoir Ball Association’s scheduled tournaments along with the Paulding Jr. High Girls’ Softball schedule for Reservoir Park. Ron Riggenbach will schedule all field use, and contact the appropriate parties shall a conflict exist.  
Janie Dunmire, Pool Manager, presented her 2009 Employee Roster for consideration. Sutton noted the Pool Manager will be required to work the pool deck, front desk, and concession areas as needed.  
The Board recommends the Pool Manager be reimbursed for any training expenses.  
Mayor White relayed Mayor’s Court collected \$643 for the month of February 2009. The Mayor also noted he and Wiebe will be attending a meeting with the State Director of the EPA on Tuesday, March 17th to discuss unfunded EPA mandates.  
Wiebe presented Council with several pieces of correspondence:  
Time Warner Cable Inc. noted that as of March 12, 2009, it is now considered a publicly traded company. This change shall not affect the identity, policies, operations, or services of the organization.  
A letter from the Ohio EPA approving the new water plant’s pilot study, and granting the membranes credit for 2.0 log removal of Cryptosporidium and 2.5 log removal of Giardia lamblia.  
A request from the Paulding County Carnegie Library to remove a dead tree in the Village right-of-way at the corner of South Main and Harrison Streets.  
Wiebe presented the Administrator’s Agenda. The agenda requested approval of the following items:  
Change Order #1 & 2 for the Wastewater Lift Station Replacement project.  
A procedural change to assessing delinquent utility bills.  
Renewal of the liability insurance premium.  
Participation with the MRBPLG organization. Wiebe noted MRBPLG has received a grant of approximately \$250,000 from Wal-mart, and Paulding may be eligible to receive a portion of this grant by being considered a “core community”.  
Daeger motioned to approve the Administrator’s Agenda, seconded by Sutton. Vote: all yeas.  
Jeffery motioned to move Council into Executive Session for legal matters, seconded by Rife. Vote: all yeas. Council returned to Regular Session.  
The following Committee meetings were scheduled:  
PCFA – Wednesday, March 18th at 7:00 p.m.  
Safety Committee – Monday, March 23rd at 5:30 p.m.  
Street Committee – Thursday, March 26th at 5:30 p.m.  
Sutton motioned to pay the bills, seconded by Rife. Vote: all yeas.  
Daeger motioned to adjourn, seconded by Rife. Vote: all yeas.

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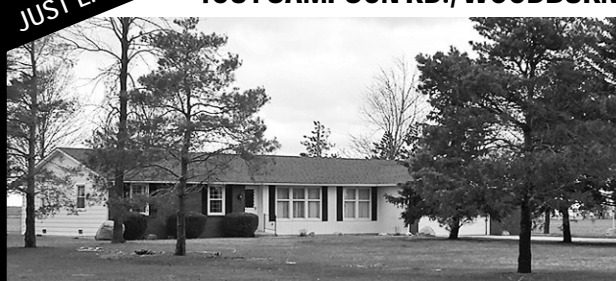
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# "FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": SENIOR CAPSTONE PROJECTS 2009



Vantage senior Audra Woodcox, a Medical Office Management student from Antwerp, during her senior project presentation on breast cancer.

On Friday, April 3, the hallways at Vantage were filled with anticipation as the Vantage seniors presented their Senior Capstone Projects to teachers, staff and community members. The Senior Capstone Project is a part of the student's final year at Vantage. The project incorporates the skills, concepts, and data from the student's career technical program into one culminating project. This is a three-part process: a written research paper, a project or product created outside of the normal school day, and a formal oral presentation using PowerPoint technology on a Smart Board in front of a panel of adult judges and Vantage juniors. Each student had the opportunity to demonstrate a significant personal and academic growth throughout the course of the project.

Emotions were running high—anxiety, excitement and doubt—as the students reviewed their notes in the hallway just before the pre-

sentations began. Beth Evans, senior English teacher said, "The Senior Capstone project provides an opportunity for making the last two years of high school meaningful and practical. The Senior Capstone Presentation Day is filled with much excitement and anticipation. For most of our seniors, this day is a positive and memorable experience... one they will never forget."

It was obvious that many students had devoted a great deal of time to their projects and were very proud of them. Here are just a few examples of the projects that were presented.

Matt Erhart, an Industrial Mechanics student from Kalida designed and built a metal Ohio State table for use in his screened-in porch. Cory Talbot, a Continental senior in the Auto Body program restored his 1993 Dodge Dakota for his senior project.

Cassie Martinez, a Lincolnview senior in the Culinary Arts program went with a

decorative theme and presented ice sculpting and garde manger. Crestview Interactive Media senior Kayla Biberstine used her skills to prepare a "digital poem" using Adobe Premiere Pro software. Kayla said that her senior project "was a good way to combine all the things I enjoy doing - writing poetry, taking pictures and listening to music."

Bekah Dull, a Van Wert Cosmetology senior created and designed her own hair salon, "Radical Concepts". Cody Butler, a Precision Machining student from Crestview designed and engineered a front end for a TRX 90 four-wheeler. Cody's words of wisdom to the juniors were "pick something you enjoy doing, make up your mind about your project and start early."

John Chavarria, a Van Wert Auto Tech senior rebuilt the engine in his 1988 Dodge Ram 50. Tyler Johnson, a Health Careers senior from Crestview organized a "Walk for Stroke Victims" and collected \$212 for activities at Van Crest.

Justin Wilson, a Network Systems senior from Continental built a computer inside a small refrigerator! Thomas Cook, an Auto Body student from Van Wert created and painted a unique helmet. Chris Cunningham, a senior Health Careers student from Crestview, presented his project on congestive heart failure. Through his project, Chris had the opportunity to be in the operating room at St. Rita's for several different surgeries, including open heart surgery. Shawna Armstrong, a Paulding senior in the Cosmetology program presented her findings of a three-week

long experiment comparing the fade factor of two different brands of boxed red hair color. Samantha Wiswell, a Wayne Trace senior in Network Systems rebuilt a computer using "liquid cool" instead of a traditional fan. She explained that "when you overclock a computer (push it to the limits) especially when gaming, liquid cool is more effective in cooling down the computer than a fan." Another Network Systems senior, John Rohlf from Continental, demonstrated "Motion Capture" - a new camera system software for creating video games. It is used with software like 3DS Max to make 3D models. Medical Office Management senior Stacey Benien from Continental, did her senior project on HIPPA laws.

During their formal oral presentation, all the seniors explained the processes they went through in developing their project, the expectations they had, problems or challenges that they encountered along the way, how long it took them to complete the project and what they really learned from the project.

Juniors were able to observe the seniors during their presentations this year. All the seniors had the same piece of advice to the juniors, "Start early, don't procrastinate and choose a topic that interests you."

In addition to Vantage staff members, nearly eighty business and industry partners, community members and advisory committee members took the time to observe and evaluate these seniors. Several home school principals and guidance counselors were also in attendance this year. The Vantage Senior Capstone Projects were unique, distinctive and interesting.

# PAULDING LIBRARY STAFF RECEIVES CPR/AED TRAINING



Con Shuherk, Payne EMS, shows Teresa Reel, a member of the library's youth services team, how to operate the Automatic External Defibrillator.

The entire Paulding County Carnegie Library staff has completed training in basic CPR and instruction in the operation of an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED). Randy Shaffer, Paulding County Homeland Security coordinator made it possible for each library location to receive an AED. Con Shuherk, Payne EMS provided training for 20 staff members over a one-month period. Now, branches in Antwerp, Oakwood and Payne; as well as the main library in Paulding have

these portable units available and a staff ready with the skills needed to use them.

"We hope we never have to utilize our training, or the library's AED units," shares Susan Pieper, library director. "But it is really good to know that we are prepared for emergency situations." For more information about CPR training, contact the Paulding County Hospital. For more information about the Paulding County Carnegie Library and services, call 419-399-2032.

in our state should not be a determining factor. As with any prediction, this prediction could be wrong, but our state specialists have called it correctly for the past 6 out of 7 years! On the plus side, if the prediction is wrong, it will be to the growers' benefit.

The recommended practice to manage aphid populations is an Integrated Pest Management approach. While seed treatments will control early season aphid populations, they will not have any impact in mid-summer when aphids arrive in large numbers from areas to our north. Thus, seed treatment insecticides are not recommended for aphid con-

trol. What is recommended is scouting your soybeans fields from early July through August, and using the 250 aphids per plant threshold with a rising population density to determine the need for treatment.

To keep abreast of updates on the soybean aphid, follow the Crop Observation and Recommendation Newsletter for updates on the soybean aphid situation throughout the summer.

A reminder for the 2009 fair: Animal Weigh-In and Tagging is scheduled for this Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

## SOYBEAN APHIDS IN 2009?

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Educator

As the planting season nears, farmers begin thinking of concerns or problems they may need to address for the coming growing season. One concern is whether the soybean aphid will continue its two-year cycle in Ohio, thus becoming a problem this year, following an extremely low aphid year in 2008. Based on information collected during the fall of 2008, Extension specialists indicate the chances are good that the two-year cycle will continue, and thus, are predicting the soybean aphid to become a significant problem in Ohio in 2009.

The main criteria for this hypothesis are based on the fall collections of winged aphids in suction traps in neighboring states to our west and north. In a number of these traps, fall collections were high. These numbers had followed a summer when suction trap collections in these same sites were very low. This scenario, low summer captures followed by high fall collection, has usually been the determining factor when making an aphid prediction. See <http://www.ncpmc.org/traps/index.cfm> for a list of sites and the numbers.

A qualification to this prediction is that no aphid colonies or eggs were found on the few buckthorn plants sampled in Ohio last fall. However, because most aphid problems migrate from the north, the lack of overwintering aphids

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