

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED AT PHS



The Bennett Dangler Scholarships were presented to these Paulding High School students: Cassie Kauser, Sara English, and Kelsie Carnahan presented by Joanie Goyings.



Paulding Football seniors stand behind their coach to the end! Coach Chris Etzler has his last picture with the 2009 seniors he worked hard with the past 4 years.

PRESENTATION ON "PASSPORT" AT GARDENS OF PAULDING

A free informal presentation will be held at The Gardens of Paulding on Tuesday, June 9, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. Guest speaker Nicole Estle, LSW, Care Manager from the Area Office on Aging will be speaking about PASSPORT. What is PASSPORT? Who can PASSPORT help? What are the qualifications? (PASSPORT is a program through the Area Office on Aging that assists elders at home when they are in need.)

If you could not be assisted by PASSPORT services, it is guaranteed that someone you know could be assisted by PASSPORT or other services offered through the Area Office on Aging. Come and listen, the meeting will last less than one hour and questions are welcomed. Refreshments will be provided.

The meeting will be held in the front part of the Gardens, please contact Mindy A. Edwards, LSW if you have any questions (419) 399-4940.

Coming together is the beginning, and together we can make a difference.

ANTWERP HISTORY - PEG SAVAGE RETIRES

By: Stan Jordan

I am really pleased that I get to write this column on Peg Savage's retirement. You see, she just wanted to let her contract run out on June 30th and just quietly walk out the big front entrance for the last time.

Oh, I just couldn't let that happen—she is part of Antwerp's school history and that's my bailiwick. I have been friends with Peg for over 60 years.

She was born in Antwerp in 1937. Her father was Ralph 'Bub' Warrick and her mother was Bernadette Gustin Warrick. Bernadette was one of 'Hod' Gustin's daughters and they had close ties to Woodburn as 'Hod's' other two daughters married Woodburn boys, Mel Gerber and Gerald Hoepfner.

Peg was the Warrick's only child. She attended Antwerp High School and graduated in 1955.

When the boys came home from WWII in 1945 and 1946 Peg was nine or ten years old and that is when she and I became close friends.

Peg had a lot of school chums, but she was with Marlene Coles, Helen Wiesehan and Kathleen Derck a good deal of the time. Something like the Four Musketeers.

Marlene Coles Lucas was my brother Jim's daughter and these four were there at Jim's house a lot.

Helen Wiesehan went to school at Antwerp for awhile and then moved to Woodburn. Later on she married Bill Wetli and moved back to Antwerp.

Kathleen Derck Franklin baby sat for us sometimes. These girls were always together like four peas in a pod. Peg enjoyed talking about her early days with those three compadres. I knew them all.

For some time Peg worked at Kammeyer's, Weatherhead, U.S. Rubber and started working at the Antwerp High School in 1969. She tells me she worked for six different superintendents. The first one being Mr. Dale Adams.

She married Rex 'Pete' Savage in 1958. They had three children. Kent has four children and lives in Loudenville, Ohio. Craig has two children and he lives in Antwerp. Cindy married Benny Schlatter and has three girls. Bryn is a student at the University of Toledo, and the twins, Kole and Mickae, just graduated from AHS this year. Peg has nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

I asked about her hobbies and they are: watching any sports, especially when her grandchildren are involved. She is like a walking facts and data book. She also likes crocheting, traveling and being with her family.

She says it doesn't seem like 40 years. She just wants to be remembered as a plain girl who done a good job.



"Will I miss the school, the staff, the students? My goodness Yes!"

That is about all of interview with Peg, but I would like to throw in a few lines about Peg.

At first Peg didn't want an interview about retiring, she just wanted to go home on the last day of June.

Well, I just can't let her slip away into the sunset and as usual I must put in my three cents worth.

She worked at the school for 40 years. That's 40 years of Antwerp History. She helped me a number of times with information and school history. She would help anyone who asked. Hundreds of students will always remember her. When a person sits or thinks back about his or her childhood and growing up (Continued on Page 3)

Kid's Air Rifle Shoot

Sat, June 13, 10:00 am at the Antwerp Conservation Club

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- Drs' Ahmed, Halachanova, & Spangler offices, Pldg.
- Paulding County Hospital Information Desk
- Visit our website for pre-registration forms
- Dr Gray's office, Antwerp
- Dr Kreit's office, Oakwood
- Dr. Nims' office, Continental
- Dr Hendrickson office, Pldg
- Ross' Gas Station, Grover Hill
- Dr Kuhn's office, Payne

Completed packets must be returned by June 10 to any of the above locations

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- Thyroid Screen:** TSH—Thyroid Stimulating Hormone (Blood test that may determine malfunction of thyroid gland resulting in possible weight gain or loss, fatigue, insomnia, a feeling of being too hot or too cold.) . . . \$20
- Hemoglobin A1C:** Also referred to as glycohemoglobin. Used to monitor compliance with diabetic treatment and now commonly used as a screening test for diabetes . . . \$10
- PSA—Prostatic Specific Antigen** (Blood test to aid in the detection of prostatic cancer which is the second most common cancer in males. Recommended for all males over the age of 50—even younger for males with a family history.) . . . \$20

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OBITUARIES

James J. Parker, 55, of Hicksville, died Monday, May 25, 2009 in the emergency room of Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville. Jim was born on March 20, 1954 in Defiance, Ohio, the son of Joseph and Sophia (Rosebrock) Parker. He was a 1972 graduate of Paulding High School. Jim was a machine operator and mig welder for the Epic Dana Corporation in Archbold for 20 years. He was a member of the Hicksville Assembly of God church, GWTA (Gold Wings Travelers Association), ABATE, Ohio and Michigan Chapters (American Bikers Aimed Towards Education) and the Defiance Moose Lodge. He was involved and an avid supporter of Christ Cupboard Ministries in Hicksville.

Surviving are his three brothers, Bill Parker of Defiance, Julius Parker of Sherwood and Ronald Parker of Paulding; one sister, Susie (Steven) Klein of Auburn, Indiana; his foster father, Alvin Manz; four foster brothers, Bob Manz of Cecil, Ohio, Alvin "bud" Manz, Jr., of Arthur, Ohio, John and Joe Rose, both of Oakwood, Ohio. Also surviving are three nieces and two nephews. His parents, foster mother, Betty Manz and two brothers, Perry and Charles Parker preceded him in death.

Funeral services for James J. Parker were held May 30, 2009 in the Oberlin-Turnbull Funeral Home & Crematory, 230 East Elm Street, Sherwood, Ohio with Pastors Vincent Kroterfield, David Long and Rick Scheer, officiating. Interment followed in Sherwood Cemetery.

Memorials in the name of James J. Parker may be given to the Hicksville Assembly of God Church or to Christ Cupboard Ministries in Hicksville. Condolences

may be sent to the family or the online guest book may be signed at www.oberlinterturnbull.com.

VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 4/27/09

A regular council meeting was held on 4/27/09. Those attending were Pam Erford, Bill Baker, Erica Ramsey, Vicky Long, Susan Barron, Melissa Figert, Rob Weisenburger, Brian Gerschütz, Dan Eakins, and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Akers, Jim and Jenny Varner, Mark Figert, and John Keyes.

After the pledge, the clerk took roll call. All council members were present except for Adam Baker. Mayor Henke presided.

Dan Eakins was the first guest to speak. He stated that last month he had asked for answers to one question and 2 documents and he was present asking for the answer and the documents. His documents that he was requesting was the EMS policy and the training records along with copy of minutes showing acceptance of such policy and procedure. The mayor stated that he would get the documents as requested. Dan asked council if they thought the policy was justified and the mayor replied that council thought it was justified and if not to speak up. No comment.

Danny Akers asked council if he could put stone by his house. Phil made a motion to allow Akers to put stone in on the west side, Jake seconded, Don stated that he thought it would be best if he put the stone on the east side, Jake replied by stating that him and Todd Dangler had looked at the situation and it would be okay where Danny wants the stone. Don and Carolyn abstained; Mayor said motion carried as majority carried.

The mayor was given a petition against the EMS Coordinator, and mentioned that he would take under advisement and he would schedule a meeting with EMS personnel. Bill asked if all EMS and council, Jake said no, Mayor states he will go by the statute. The mayor doesn't think council needs to discuss personnel issue at this time.

Don made a motion to accept the minutes as mailed, Phil seconded, all in favor with no opposing.

EMS gave a report - it is on file. Bill stated that he got in touch with Life star on the repairs needed on the new squad and they will be taken care of.

Jake asked Bill what the plan was with the old squad. Bill said that he would like to donate to the fire department for equipment storage and water etc. He mentioned that he had talked to Kenny and seemed to be interested. Jim Varner told Bill that the fire department had a meeting and majority voted not to accept old EMS unit. Bill said then it will be sold.

Jim Varner mentioned that the old Brush truck will be sold at auction at the Gorrell Bros. sometime in future. It was asked about selling on Ebay, and decided not to go on Ebay. Vicky asked about the dealer in Swanton that buys and sells used units. Bill stated that he will check into.

Police report was presented, it is on file.

Village Administrator did not have report but did report that they have been filling pot holes, cold patching, and putting gravel in alleys. They started

mowing and have been helping with the bathroom project. Upon discovery that there was a problem with the lines and sewer line, it was repaired and rerouted to eliminate future problems. It would add to the Adams problem explained the mayor but not entirely. We are looking for the guy that fixes the manholes but he is only available on the weekends.

Don stated that he needed the water turned on at the shelter house. A reminder that the Memorial Day program will be May 25th and would like to see all there.

Jake made a motion to accept 09-R-06 authorizing the clerk to go into contract with the State Bank concerning the ODNr monies, Phil seconded, all in favor with no opposing. Roll call was taken with all years.

Jake made a motion to accept 09-R-07 accepting the bids for the ODNr project and awarding the contract to Ward Construction for a total of \$244,000 Todd seconded, all in favor with no opposing, roll call was taken with all years.

Bud mentioned that due to the low bid, he is asking ODNr for permission to do some extra stuff to use the \$45,000 awarded. Items such as boat docking, and drainage solution. Pogge-meyer will be getting with ODNr and getting back with the Mayor. Phil asked if it would include rebuilding the street since all of the big equipment will be tearing it up. Bud didn't know.

The mayor did mentioned that they did ask for concrete in place of asphalt and the answer was no. The excess top soil will be taken down to the water plant. The date to proceed with the project will be determined at a later time.

The restroom project has been started for the park. There will be a valve put in to shut off for the flood system. It would be nice to be able to put one in the legion.

Dolly wanted to verify about the health insurance because at last meeting Jake made motion and he was confused of what was passed. The clerk stated that she wanted it clarified the council had approved not only to pay the employees health insurance but also family insurance and put remaining of money from the cap into HSA account. Bill Baker explained to council that they agreed to a cap so that when the premium rises the village will not increase any money paid out. The clerk responded by stating that she just wanted to verify that the village will be paying family insurance on John and Mark and single insurance coverage on Ronnie with extra put in savings. The amounts are about; Todd said he didn't want about figures. The clerk responded as Ronnie savings will be about \$49,00, Mark at about \$70,00 and John about \$174,00. Jake made a motion to accept as is, Todd seconded, Phil in favor with Carolyn and Don opposing. Mayor said motion carried.

-Submitted by Clerk, Dolly Shisler

CITY OF WOODBURN MINUTES FOR APRIL 6, 2009

Representatives from A & Z Engineering were present to discuss Federal stimulus money available for road resurfacing. The Cities cost would be \$12,500.00 for engineering services. If we receive the stimulus money, the State would repair Woodburn Rd from western City limits to SR 101, Woodburn Rd from SR 101 to eastern City limits, and Bull Rapids Rd from northern city limits to SR 101. There are 18.9 Million dollars available for our surrounding area. Councilman Zimmerman stated it's not a good investment to fix something that's not broken, this money could go toward the sewer lines that need replaced. Councilman Clegg made 1st motion to hire A & Z, 2nd by Councilman Norden, Councilman Mason, Reichhart and Mason, voted yes, Councilman Zimmerman voted no, motion passed. A & Z will start the process.

A resident was present to ask what our Police Departments jurisdiction is stating, Chief Carpenter was in New Haven with lights and sirens on. Mayor stated he has state jurisdiction and assists New Haven police department when necessary; they have assisted our department with many things. Lesa stated Woodburn Storage utility account has been overcharged \$552.42. When they opened the business, their account was set up being charged a flat rate of 8000 gallons and they should have been charged the metered rate. Councilman Mason made 1st motion to credit the account, 2nd by Councilman Zimmerman, all agreed, motion passed.

Mayor stated there was about a \$5.00 difference in going with a 20-year SRF Loan versus a 40-year loan for the sewer repairs. Mayor ask if Council was interested in pursuing the grant writing for the next phase of the sewer project. Councilman Zimmerman feels we should do phase 1 in 2009 and start grant-writing process for the next phase. Ryan Walls stated the City does not have to repair everything; we have to be in compliance with IDEM. He stated doing the sewer line behind the tracks on Front St would hurt the system until the rest can be repaired, right now the line going out to Maumee Center Rd and around is storage.

Batteries were ordered for the tornado sirens, costing \$748.00. Council-

man Zimmerman stated the sirens did not work during the test and volunteered to get them working again. Mayor will inform Homeland Security we will be taking over maintenance on the sirens.

Mayor stated Graber Building Systems on Cuba Road has an 8 x 10 shed for \$1000.00. He will get more details and bring back to council before a decision is made on purchasing it for the recycling center. Mayor stated the Census department needs a committee to help with the Census; Mayor would like Councilman Clegg to handle this.

Lesa presented the contract with the Indiana Department of Transportation; they pay the City \$270.00 annually for street sweeping. Councilman Reichhart, made 1st motion to approve the contract, 2nd by Councilman Norden, all agreed, motion passed. Minutes were presented for approval, Councilman Mason made 1st motion to suspend reading the minutes and approve, 2nd by Councilman Zimmerman, all agreed, motion passed. Warrants were presented for payment; two warrants were not submitted. Knoblauch construction submitted an invoice for \$310.00. Mayor stated they used their truck and an employee during the use of the chipper for storm clean up. Pfister's Tree Trimming submitted an invoice for \$8255.00. Lesa went over the invoice with them; \$3425.00 of this is the Cities responsibility. The tree-trimming budget for 2009 was overspent because trees were added to the clean up while they were here. Mayor will talk to Maumee Township Trustee's office to see if they will pay the Township's portion of the invoice. Lesa stated when a project is being done the company should give us a bid for a specific job and it can not be altered unless a special meeting is called and the change is voted on by the Council. Councilman Mason made 1st motion to approve warrants and include paying Knoblauch and Pfister, 2nd by Councilman Zimmerman; Councilman Mason, Reichhart and Zimmerman voted yes, Councilman Norden abstained, motion passed. The grant for the police department will be sent in. Mayor Hoepfner feels we should consider developing a Merit Book for the police department. Lesa reported receiving the \$30,458.47 check from East Allen County School for the utility billing error that she discovered. Ryan Walls reported the storm drain repair on Woodburn Rd is ready for topsoil, grass seed and concrete work. Councilman Zimmerman met with T & C Concrete, they will do concrete work, 6 inches thick with rebar and pinned for \$730.00. Councilman Zimmerman made 1st motion to approve the work, 2nd by Councilman Mason, all agreed, motion passed. Maintenance department will get dirt to fill in beside the new sidewalks. Lesa and Ryan are gathering information to put together a budget for the water and sewer department. Lesa and Councilman Zimmerman will be attending the Northeast Indiana Wind Energy Supply Chain Workshop held at the Grand Wayne Center on April 22, 2009. The next scheduled meeting to discuss combining Milan and Maumee Township will be May 5, at 7:00 PM at City Hall. Meeting adjourned at 9:35

-Minutes submitted by Lesa Meadows

JOHNSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY HAPPENINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 8-12

The Farmers Market, Ronald McDonald-LIVE & In-Person, Where the Wild Things Are Day, and the Role Playing Game Group highlight the week of June 8-12 at the Johnson Memorial Library.

On Tuesday, June 9, from 7:00-11:00 a.m., the Hicksville Beautification Committee and the Ohio State University Extension Office will co-sponsor a weekly Farmers Market in the library's parking lot. Among the items for sale are fresh produce, baked goods, herbs and plants, and craft items.

Kick off the Johnson Memorial Library's Summer Reading Program with Ronald McDonald-LIVE & In-Person on Wednesday, June 10 at noon.

"Come on out and meet Ronald McDonald," invited Branch Manager Amy Murphy. "This is your opportunity to meet and greet this well-known icon. Ronald will be performing magic tricks and sharing the importance of reading with our children."

In addition to Ronald McDonald-LIVE & In-Person, the library will also be hosting a Ronald McDonald coloring contest and showing Ronald's Get Up & Go McKids Adventures throughout the day.

All of the Ronald McDonald activities are free and are open to everyone. There will be prizes for the Ronald McDonald coloring contest by age levels. Ronald will also be making an appearance at the Hicksville Parks & Recreation Summer Camp on June 10 at

the Rotary Park Pavilion. "Wild Things" take over the Johnson Memorial Library on Thursday, June 11 at 2:00 p.m. Where the Wild Things Are Day will commemorate the birth of well-loved children's author, Maurice Sendak.

The Where the Wild Things Are Day program is free and open to everyone, both the young and the young at heart. As part of the celebrations, there will be stories, songs, movie, activities, and craft about "wild creatures"

"Through his book *Where the Wild Things Are*, Maurice Sendak showed us how a little bit of the "Wild Thing" lives in each and every one of us," explained Branch Manager Amy Murphy. "He also showed us that it's important to let the little child in us out to play and remember to show our love for our family every day. And we'll be doing all of that as a part of Where the Wild Things Are Day. We'll be reading, roaring, and exploring 'Wild Things.'"

The Johnson Memorial Library will be hosting its twice monthly Role Playing Game Group on Friday, June 12 at 3:00 p.m. The Role Playing Game Group is free and is open to teens and young adults, who are interested in fantasy role playing games. The group will be facilitated by Youth Services Librarian Dustin Harris.

For more information on the Johnson Memorial Library, its Summer Reading program, any of its services or programs, or to celebrate 70 years of library service, call 419-542-6200 or email murphyam@oplin.org

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**SARAH PARRISH-FINNEGAN
GRADUATES SUMMA CUM
LAUDE**

Sarah Parrish-Finnegan of Oakwood, graduated May 16, 2009, Summa Cum Laude, from Indiana Institute of Technology, with a Bachelor's of Science in Business Administration Human Resources. Sarah is employed at U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Fort Wayne as Case Administrator.

**PAULDING COUNTY COM-
MISSIONERS MINUTES FOR
5/11/09**

This 11th day of May, 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 158046 through 158193 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

In The Matter Of Revolving Loan Fund Agreement With TDM3, Ltd:

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby enter into a Revolving Loan Fund Contract and Loan Agreement with TDM3, LTD, Paulding, Ohio 45879 in the amount Eighty Thousand Dollars and 00/100 (\$80,000.00), said agreement effective April 7, 2009, being filed in the Board of County Commissioners' office.

In The Matter Of Restructuring The Paulding County Child Support Enforcement Agency:
The Paulding County Board of Commissioners are responsible for appoint-

ing the Director of the Paulding County Child Support Enforcement Agency.

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby appoint Joe Burkard, Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney, as Director of the Paulding County Child Support Enforcement Agency, effective immediately.

In The Matter Of Entering Into Subgrant Agreements With Area 7 Workforce Investment Board:

The Board of County Commissioners entered into Sub-Grant Agreement #2009-7163-2 effective February 17, 2009, for the duration of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funds are available; and Sub-Grant Agreement #2009-7163-2 between the Area 7 Board and the Area 7 CEO Consortium to become effective upon signature for the period of July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010.

In The Matter Of Paulding County Department Of Job And Family Services Staff Attending The Directors' Training:

The Board of County Commissioners approve Director Corey Walker's request for seven Paulding County Department of Job and Family Services staff members to attend the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Directors' Training in Columbus on June 1, 2, and 3, 2009.

In The Matter Of Amending The Purchase Of Social Service Contract Between Paulding County Department Of Job And Family Services And Paulding County Economic Development:

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby, at the recommendation of Corey Walker, Director of Paulding County Department of Job and Family Services, agree to amend the terms of the contract between Paulding County Department of Job and Family Services and Paulding County Economic Development for social services, a copy of which is on file at the Paulding County Department of Job and Family Services, adjusting the hourly rate to reflect the total amount of the contract of \$12,000.00.

In The Matter Of Signing The Ohio Department Of Job And Family Services Subgrant Agreement:

Amended Substitute House Bill 119 of the 127th General Assembly, the biennial budget bill, makes counties subgrantees of federal human services funding.

In order for counties to continue to receive human services funding through the state, and continue to provide the vital services needed by Ohio's most vulnerable population, the counties must sign these subgrant agreements.

The subgrant agreement includes language to help ensure counties remain in compliance with federal and state law, such as provisions that require ODJFS to provide technical assistance, training, and monitoring to counties.

The Board of County Commissioners agrees to enter into the ODJFS Subcontract Agreement G-1011-11-5094, effective July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2011, by signing the same on this date.

In The Matter Of Software Maintenance Agreement With Maximus, Inc. And Paulding County Department Of Job And Family Services:

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby enter into a Software Maintenance Agreement with Maximus, Inc.

to provide support and maintenance for Paulding County Department of Job and Family Services for the use of the Quarterly Information Consolidation System (QuIC) and Random Moment Sampling System (RMS) which both are a part of the Maximum Ledger Suite (MLS).

This agreement is in effect from July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010, at a fee of Two Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars and 00/100 (\$2,850.00) for the 12 month period beginning July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010.

In The Matter Of Creating Expense Line Items To Settle Old TIF Funds:

To settle old TIF Funds, the Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize and direct the Paulding County Auditor to create the following expense line items:

- 101-001-00003, Pharaoh, LTD. TIF/ Other Expenses
- 108-001-00003, Cooper Farms Canal TIF/Other Expenses
- 127-001-00003, White Oaks Sow Farm/Other Expenses

In The Matter Of Amending The 2009 Annual Appropriation:

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby amend the 2009 Annual Appropriation by directing the County Auditor to appropriate unappropriated funds in the following funds:

- 101-001-00003, Pharaoh, LTD. TIF/ Other Expenses, \$12,760.70
- 108-001-00003, Cooper Farms Canal TIF/Other Expenses, \$11,025.79
- 127-001-00003, White Oaks Sow Farm/Other Expenses, \$30,592.94
- 132-001-00003, West Branch TIF, \$4,397.31
- 143-001-00001, Hosler Hog Finisher TIF, \$3,424.31

In The Matter Of A Supplemental Appropriation:

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize and direct the Paulding County Auditor to make a Supplemental Appropriation for the following:

- FROM: '08 1st and 2nd half Real Estate Settlement
- TO: 146-001-00001/Akkerman Dairy TIF/Other Expenses, AMOUNT: \$60.28

Insurance Committee Meeting:

Mr. Jim Machock and Ms. Carrie Briggs from Wells Fargo Insurance Services met with the Insurance Committee to review ten months of activity as well as projected twelve month numbers. Present at the meeting were: Dave Harrow, Ann Waldman, Melissa Munger, Corey Walker, and Susan Simpson. Mr. Machock stated the trend with commercial policies is running 12-16% increases in premiums. Paulding County's self-funded policy is showing a 2% decrease. With that in mind, it was recommended that the premiums remain the same. Mr. Machock then explained the reports and the committee's reinsurance options. The committee agreed to accept Mr. Machock's recommendations for several modifications and considerations for next year's benefit plan. He reminded the committee that open enrollment is the month of May, with the new plan effective June 1, 2009.

Meeting Notes Of Appointments:

Mike Jones, CSEA - Mr. Jones met with the Commissioners at their request. Commissioner Burkley explained the decision has been made to restructure the Paulding County Child Support Enforcement Agency under the direction of the Prosecuting Attorney's office.

Corey Walker, Paulding County Department of Job and Family Services - Mr. Walker discussed the proposal of combining Putnam, Allen, and Paulding counties' WIA boards into one. The newly created board would have quarterly meetings and would have representation from all counties involved. Mr. Walker also reported a couple is interested in living at the Jacob Eaton Children's Home. He further stated some maintenance work will be done at the home. Mr. Walker commented Paulding County Department of Job and Family Services has been very busy lately processing new applicants for assistance.

Joe Burkard, Prosecuting Attorney - Mr. Burkard met with the Commissioners to discuss the status of the Auglaize Sewer Project.

**PAULDING COUNTY COM-
MISSIONERS MINUTES FOR
5/13/09**

This 13th day of May, 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 158194 through 158206 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

Travel Request:
Lynn Vance, 2009 OAMCCC Spring Meeting, Columbus, Ohio - May 20, 21, and 22, 2009.

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 May 4, 2009:

- Office Partners, \$127.10
- Joseph Burkard, Glen Troth, Brian Gorrell, \$850.00
- Van Wert Fire Equipment, \$108.00
- Ohio Gas Co., \$301.81
- Vern Killion, \$1,960.00, \$200.00
- Juan Rodriguez, \$100.00
- William Edwards, \$215.55
- Lorrie Baker, \$110.61
- Kohli Kaliber Associates, \$4,998.00
- Anthem BC BS, \$16,804.96
- Caterpillar Finan. Svcs. Corp., \$21,451.38
- Treasurer, State of Ohio, \$138,077.78
- Lifejackets Productions, \$443.54
- Positive Promotions, \$304.48
- RDJ Specialties, Inc., \$408.12
- Indiana Business College, \$764.01
- Indiana Business College, \$2,379.60
- Indiana Business College, \$1,000.00
- Secure Tech Systems, Inc., \$10,373.60

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 May 6, 2009:

- Columbus Marriot NW, \$417.00
- First Financial Bank, \$120,667.21

Receiving Bids For The Paulding County Senior Center Roof Project (CDBG):

This 13th day of May, 2009, being the day advertised in the Paulding Progress, a paper of general circulation within the County, for two consecutive weeks, as per Section 307.86 of the Ohio Revised Code, bids were received and opened for the Paulding County Senior Center Roof Project:

- Tri-County Roofing, Inc., \$26,458.00
- Duerk Construction, Inc., \$30,024.00
- Birchwood Construction & Excavating, \$21,984.00
- Richland Co. & Associates, Inc., \$27,395.00
- Bebout & Houg Roofing & Siding, Inc., \$27,793.00

Specifications will be studied with a determination to be made at a later date.

In The Matter Of Paulding County Child Support Enforcement Agency Director:

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby terminate Michael C. Jones as Director/Attorney of the Paulding County Child Support Enforcement Agency, effective May 13, 2009.

In The Matter Of Transferring County Property Responsibility:

This day the Board of County Commissioners met in special session.

Al Beemer, the Paulding County Fire Marshal, has a visa light bar on his vehicle; and The Paulding County Fire Marshal wishes to transfer the responsibility of said light bar to the Paulding County Sheriff's Office; and the Paulding County Sheriff's Office has agreed to accept the responsibility of the visa light bar; and the Paulding County Sheriff's Office shall, in exchange for the visa light bar, provide corner warning lights for the Paulding County Fire Marshal's vehicle.

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby approve the transfer of a visa light bar from the Paulding County Fire Marshal to the Paulding County Sheriff.

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize the Paulding County Sheriff to provide corner warning lights for the Paulding County Fire Marshal's vehicle.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Mr. Tony Zartman to go into executive session at 8:32 a.m. with the County Sheriff to discuss personnel matters. Motion was seconded by Mr. Edward Straley. All members present voting yea.

At 8:40 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

Meeting Notes Of Appointments:

Sheriff David Harrow - Sheriff Harrow met with the Commissioners to present his monthly budget projection and general information reports. Inmate report revealed average inmates for April was 17 per day housed at the Van Wert Correctional Facility. Outhousing costs paid to the Van Wert Correction Facility from November 20, 2008, through December 31, 2008, totaled \$27,518.05. January 1, 2009, through April 30, 2009, \$77,131.62 has been paid. Sheriff Harrow commented that the Bureau of Adult Detention (BAD) has revised their criteria for county jails. Sheriff Harrow will continue to closely monitor his budget and report to the Commissioners on a monthly basis.

Judge Tiffany Beckman, County Court - Ms. Beckman announced the Ohio Supreme Court is coming to Paulding County in October to conduct 'off-site' court. She is excited for the county to host this event. Ms. Beckman reported she and one of her staff members traveled to Columbiana County in April to observe the Supreme Court's presence. She stated the Supreme Court will hear four arguments and all seven justices will sit on each case. The justices will arrive on a Tuesday afternoon. Judge Beckman is planning a reception for the justices on Tuesday evening. Court will be held on Wednesday morning. A lunch will be served at noon before the justices depart. Ms. Beckman is hopeful this will be a learning experience for Paulding County, especially county high school government students. She will keep the Commissioners informed as plans progress. Ms. Beckman then discussed the County Court purchasing a document management and retention software product. The software would scan documents into the computer system. This would hopefully eliminate a

lot of paper and filing issues. Ms. Beckman reported she has the funding to purchase this software in the County Court technology fund.

Susan Spencer and Dennis Miller, Maumee Valley Planning Organization - Ms. Spencer and Mr. Miller were present to open bids for the CDBG Paulding County Senior Center Roof Project. (see resolution above)

Defiance County Commissioners - James Harris, Otto Nicely, and Thomas Kime; Russ Herman, Defiance County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney; Laura Howell, Defiance County Administrator; Sherry Carnahan, Defiance County Deputy Clerk; Dennis Miller and Susan Spencer, Maumee Valley Planning Organization; and Joe Burkard, Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney - The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the Agreement for Operation and Finance of the Project By and Between the County of Defiance, Ohio, and the County of Paulding, Ohio, for the joint Auglaize River Sewer Project. This document was prepared by Defiance County's Assistant Prosecuting Attorney. The starting point of the project is the shared lagoon, which will be located in Defiance County. It was agreed that Defiance County should have control of the operation of the lagoon since it will be in their county. The cost of the construction, operation, and maintenance of the lagoon was discussed. Grant dollars from Rural Development may still be available. The terms of the agreement were reviewed. It was explained that the meters would be used to determine total gallons used and would not be used for billing purposes. Based on their mandates and the current population of the area, the Ohio EPA estimates that each user will use 5,000 gallons per month, resulting in a total of 141,000 gallons being pumped per day. If the meters exceed the estimated total usage, it would be assumed there is a leak in the sewer line. If this occurs, each county would be responsible to repair their own section of the sewer line. Both counties' base rates will be the same to all users, with adjustments made depending on their county's repair needs. Billing will be the responsibility of each county for their own users. The Agreement will be reviewed by the Paulding County Prosecutor.

Joe Burkard, Paulding County Prosecutor; Susan Simpson, Paulding County Auditor; Amy Kausser, Auditor's Office; and Travis McGarvey, Paulding County Engineer - The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the status of various TIF agreements. Ms. Simpson stated that overages on five TIFs have been distributed as if the real estate taxes were collected. There was brief discussion as to four TIFs that will experience shortfalls. Mr. McGarvey noted there are restrictions on the projects the Engineer's Office can fund with gas tax revenue. Mr. McGarvey further commented that improvements will be made in the railroad crossing at Worthington to allow truck traffic. The funding for this project will come from the Stoller/Blue Creek TIF, Fund 100. Mr. McGarvey indicated the work can begin after the Railroad installs a pipe.

**PAULDING COUNTY COM-
MISSIONERS MINUTES FOR
5/22/09**

This 22nd day of May, 2009, the Board of County Commissioners met in special session with the following members present:

Tony Burkley, Edward Straley, Tony Zartman, and Nola Ginter, Clerk

Allowance Of Claims:
Warrants docketed as 158431 through 158567 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

In The Matter Of Approving Northwestern Ohio Community Action Commissioner (NOCAC) To Apply As The Administering Agency For The Ohio Homelessness Prevention And Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP):

Per a letter from the Ohio Department of Development, the region consisting of Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Paulding, and Williams counties will receive \$581,000.00 to implement the Ohio Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP); and the Northwest Ohio Housing Coalition met on May 19, 2009, and recommended that Northwestern Ohio Community Action Commission (NOCAC) apply for and administer the local funds; and it is understood that NOCAC will coordinate services and collaborate with other social service agencies and homeless service providers to assure that the needs of the homeless and under-housed in our community are met effectively and efficiently; now, therefore the Paulding County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve Northwestern Ohio Community Action Commission (NOCAC) to apply as the administering agency for the Ohio Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP). Adopted: May 22, 2009.

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years, it runs into your schooling and it's just automatic that you think of Peg Savage.

Well, Peg, when you walk out that big door for the last time on June 30th, you will be walking into a different world. From the workday world to the retirement world. After 40 years, you certainly deserve a good retirement. Walk out with your head held high for a good job well done!

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WHO IN THE HECK IS DAVE BRIMLOW?

By: Pastor Rich Phelan, Living Water Ministries

Those were the exact words I said when I received a letter in the mail from a man named Dave Brimlow. It came addressed to our ministry not our personal one. We get a lot of junk mail as I'm sure most of you do as well. I put it on the bottom of the stack of mail while I opened the really "important" stuff that also came that day, you know, bills, cards, catalogues, offers to side our church building for free no strings attached (yea right!) etc.

After I read all the other mail and filed it in the appropriate files, I returned to this harmless looking envelope. I turned it over and sliced it open quickly. I still didn't know who this guy was, but I was convinced I wouldn't want any of what he was "selling".

Quickly became intrigued. Turns out Dave is an ordained minister who lives in Connecticut with his wife Laura. It seemed that Dave had a pretty common hobby; he liked to ride his bicycle. Except now he was riding his bike across the country from Washington State, to their home in Connecticut. Well, that impressed me, I don't think I could ride my motorcycle cross country without getting winded, let alone on a bicycle. This kind of ride would be nearly impossible for a healthy person.

What impressed me more was that Dave was suffering from an incurable disease - Multiple Sclerosis. He said that he believed the Lord had prompted him to make this

trip and that along the way he would be healed. Wow! That's pretty cool, isn't it?

I know that the Lord is still in the healing business, His Word says so, and we have seen the Lord heal people in our ministry for years, but this guy was taking a huge step of faith. To start out West with all those mountains, I started praying that he heard the Lord right or else it would be a short trip!

They would be passing through our neck of the woods sometime in early July and they were looking for places to stay, and possibly a church or two they could stop at and share their story with.

I wrote him back immediately, they were more than welcome here, give us a call when they were close. Several months went by and I nearly forgot about that letter. Until one Friday afternoon, I got a phone call.

At first I couldn't hear a voice on the other end very well, it sounded like he was a million miles away with a storm raging all around him. Finally, he got a clearer signal and I could hear who it was. "This is Dave Brimlow, I sent you a letter a few months ago about riding my bike across the country." It took my razor sharp mind a minute to recall the letter. "Oh yea," I said finally. "How are things going?" I asked. "Really good," he answered. Turns out they were just across the Illinois-Indiana line and they would be in Payne late tomorrow afternoon. I scrambled to find them a hotel.

I called Dave back and told him what I found about the hotels. In the end I had them come and park their RV in our backyard. We had plenty

of room, they could have power and use our rest room.

My wife Julie and I had a wonderful time with them. They shared their story of faith, time in the ministry, and of their struggle with MS. They shared their story at our evening service that Sunday.

When they left Monday it felt like we were saying goodbye to old friends, there were hugs and more than a few tears as they rolled out of our backyard, Dave on his bike, and Laura behind the wheel of the RV.

We heard from Dave last fall after his last doctor's appointment. Julie and I knew what that report would say. He was completely healed of MS! God is faithful, even when it seems too improbable; too good to be true even.

I have kept the best stuff out of this article because I would love for you to hear their story for yourself. Dave and Laura will be back in Payne on June 7. They will be speaking at our 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. services about the love, grace, and healing atonement in Jesus. Our worship services are held at the Payne Community Center (the Rock) 104 S. Main St. in Payne. We will be praying for anyone who needs healing at both services. For more info call (419) 263-2728, or by email: livingwaterministriesohio@hotmail.com

MAN SINS

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

In our last study we saw how sin started in the Garden. Today let us look at what God told Adam would happen if he ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil (Genesis 2:16-17). God told Adam, 'thou shalt surely die.' Dying is separation from God. The day that Adam ate the forbidden fruit he died spiritually and later he would die physically. This separation occurred the moment they broke God's law. Physical death closes the experience if repentance and obedience do not come first, please read II Corinthians 7:10. This definitely teaches that man was created with free will or free moral agency.

In I Timothy 2:13-14; this is saying that Adam was not deceived, but that Eve was deceived. The serpent offered the woman the choice of disobeying God's direct command. By God telling Adam not to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, did Adam have an awareness of what was right and wrong? What I would like for us to see is this, that after Adam and Eve sinned and God told them what was going to happen to each of them, including the serpent, notice what is being said in Genesis 3:15.

This is the first messianic prophecy in the Bible. Notice in John 8:31-50, but especially John 8:44. These people believed they were God's spiritual children because they were Abraham's physical children. Christ stated that if the works that they were supposedly doing for God were genuine, they would have readily accepted Christ who was also performing God's work, look at John 8:42. The truth was that their works were done deceitfully, revealing them to be the children of the devil (John 8:44). Some other scripture verses about Jesus—Galatians 4:4, Hebrews 2:14, I John 3:8. 'Indeed hath God said,' the question and the response

changed the course of human history. Satan causing the woman to doubt God's word brought evil into the world. Here the deceiver under took to alienate man from God. In Job chapters 1 and 2, Satan, as the accuser, acted to alienate God from man; also read Zechariah 3:1.

As for Genesis 3:15 the offspring of the woman, which is Jesus, would eventually crush the serpent's head a promise fulfilled in Christ's victory over Satan, a victory which all believers will share. Read Romans 16:20.

Jesus loves you and so does the Oakwood Church of Christ. For Bible questions please call (419) 399-5022 or (419) 393-4775.

DON'T LET SUMMER BE A BUMMER

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

As we ease into June, whether consciously or not, we all make a choice concerning summer. Most of us are programmed to choose slipping into neutral or coasting for a time during the "lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer." Any optional choice must be made against the grain of established habit. But may I suggest an option? —Choose to grow!

In the natural order of things—crops, trees, flowers, animals—everything in nature grows dramatically in the summertime. Freed from the rugged demands made on them at other times of the year, the summer easing of pressure allows them the opportunity to grow, mature, and reproduce.

In the spiritual order of things, I believe it's much the same. I don't believe God minds the time of relaxation and recreation that summer brings. That's a necessary part of the rhythm of life. But I believe He wants it to be, as well, a time of re-creation. He wants us to move forward, not march in place, and certainly not to regress. I believe He wants us to choose to go against the slothful mode of passive, "no problem" attitude that the usual summertime mentality produces.

We've all heard and hummed Gershwin's "Summertime... and the livin' is easy..." The laid-back, lack-sadaisical drawl of the song's lyric and music form slides you down in your hammock, plunks a lemonade in your hand and hypnotizes you. It seems to induce a semi-comatose state, oozing with syrupy indifference. Let's wake up, Christians! I don't want to take away summer's fun, festivity, or recreation, but I do want to issue a call against spiritual drowsiness. Let's move ahead in Christ with three full months of living, as opposed to 90 days of resignation to passivity.

Start today by committing to make this a productive season of growth. Let me give you some practical suggestion:

1. Determine to make Sunday worship a priority for the Lord's Day. No debate: We are with God's people in God's House on Sundays;
2. Read one or two solid books that stretch your thinking. Refuse to let yourself become mentally lazy.
3. Make daily prayer and devotional reading a reality. The quiet yet bright early morning hours make it easier

to get up and establish a habit that can continue through the year;

4. Invite folks over to your home: whether fellowship with other Christians or possible evangelism contacts, summer lends itself to hospitality through cook-outs, homemade ice cream, etc.

5. Finally, look for the thread of the Holy Spirit's plan for you through the maze of days comprising Summer-time '09. With the growth, He has something glorious, as well; something specifically custom-made for you and your personal fruitfulness. I'm praying you'll discover that "something" as we move through June, July, and August.

SUMMER CROP TIME AT COOPER COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The Oakwood Area Scrapbookers are once again meeting at the Cooper Community Library Community Room for a crop time. The Summer Crop Time will be Friday, June 12, 5:00 p.m. till midnight and continues on Saturday, June 13 at 8:00 a.m. to midnight. A non-refundable fee is due by June 8th in order to reserve your spot at one of the tables. This will cover your meals on Saturday. Everyone is asked to bring a snack to share for Friday night and your own drink for the weekend. Space is limited. The Cricut machine will be available for your use but you must bring your own Cricut cutting mat. There will also be an AccuCut and Sizzix machine available. You may contact the library, 419-594-3337 for more details.

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On Sunday June 7th Reverend Dave & Laura Brimlow will be special speakers at Living Water Ministries in Payne.

Last summer Dave and Laura set out on a near impossible journey – to ride his bicycle across the country. They began in Washington State and finished over 2,000 miles away at their home state of Connecticut. Dave is pretty familiar with bicycle rides, but this was way beyond the norm for him. Dave had a serious obstacle to completing this journey. When he began, he was suffering from Multiple Sclerosis. By the time he completed the journey he had been completely healed!



Dave & Laura will be sharing their testimony of God's love and grace at both services – 10:00AM and 6:30PM. There will be prayer time for anyone needing healing at both services.

Living Water Ministries
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For more info call (419) 263-2728.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Maybe it's just me... I have gathered many facts, talked to a lot of people, and have a page full of signatures. I still don't understand why the speed limit was raised on West River Street in Antwerp. I invite anyone who had anything to do with that idea to sit in my front yard. I will provide comfortable chairs and refreshments. Maybe it's just me... I have tried to listen to and understand the ODOT facts, at a time when there are bigger problems in this world for us to worry about, maybe I shouldn't worry about the smaller things... like the people who live, work, and walk on West River Street. Maybe it just me...

—Coni Gaisford

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Les Weidenhamer organized a five mile walk along the Buckeye Trail beginning at Junction south on the Historic Canal to Charloe. It was well attended with more than sixty people having signed up. All were given a 50th anniversary Buckeye Trail patch.

Les spent many weeks with other volunteers clearing and preparing the Buckeye Trail path through Paulding County and beyond.

Volunteer work for the good of Paulding Countians is not new to Les, as he has worked many thousands of hours in the past and is continuing with the John Paulding Historical Society collecting and preserving machines, tools, clothing, etc. from our pioneer families, so that present and future generations can understand and appreciate what pioneer life was like in Paulding County.

To you Les, for being so generous so that we all benefit, young and old.

—Ray Keck

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Library Provides Value to Paulding County Citizens

Ouch. Touché, Tony Gray. Yes, I have to confess, I drive the little green VW Bug—a used 2000 Bug I purchased locally about four years ago from Stykemain's Chevrolet-Pontiac (hoping that benefited Paulding County residents). I paid Ohio sales tax when I purchased my Bug. And, I believe this Bug was made in Mexico, not Germany (but I digress). But, I have learned my lesson. I will do my best to only buy used American cars

made in the good 'ol U.S.A. from local residents or local dealers. Actually, all vehicles I have purchased in the last 10 years have been used from dealers in Paulding—a Pontiac from Stykemain's and a Ford Pick-Up Truck from Integrity—two American made vehicles and one, as Tony Gray pointed out, a used bug that once upon a time was built in Mexico.

Even though Mr. Gray has stated that he is not purchasing locally to benefit the library (or he more personally pointed out, the person driving the green VW Bug), I hope the majority of the readers will think of their Ohio's purchases benefiting the library system in Paulding County in general. Our county is a "library using county" (perhaps Mr. Gray does not, but 60% of our residents are library card holders). Our branch in Antwerp is the busiest with branches in Payne and Oakwood not too far behind. The library's Board of Trustees conducted strategic planning almost two years ago with an eye on the future, planning to possibly add additional branches and services to meet the growing informational needs of our county. But, none of those plans and dreams will be possible without secure funding.

None of us know what the future holds. The person driving the little green VW Bug will eventually be gone—whether tomorrow, next week, next month, next year—but gone nonetheless, and no one will remember the "little green bug". Your public library, however, will be here for generations to come. Your purchases in Ohio today will help secure funding for Paulding County's and all of Ohio's public libraries for tomorrow.

This is going to be a serious year for Ohio's and Paulding County's citizens. They will be asked to make some difficult choices come this November. I ask that all citizens do their research and decide for themselves what will provide the most bang for their buck. One visit to their local public library can save them the following: borrowing a book - \$25.00; borrowing a movie - \$2.00 rental or \$15.00 purchase; using a computer - \$1,000 or more if they had to purchase their own computer; conducting online research or sending e-mail or using other online services - \$50+ per month for Internet home connections; borrowing or reading a magazine - \$4.95 for a single issue of a magazine or up to \$20.00 for a yearly subscription; researching the Wall Street Journal and other national, regional and local newspapers—the cost of a single issue or a yearly subscription (varies); etc., etc.

Your public library provides value for your family. You will be hearing quite a bit in the next few months about the library's funding formula and financial situation. I ask all of you to visit your local library, ask questions and look for answers. The library continues to be the best place to go for all of your informational needs.

Happy Reading!
—Susan Pieper, Library Director

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In the 1960's the group Herman's Hermits, had a song called, "The Door Swings

Both Ways". This meant that if you take you should be willing to give also. It seems that the door in Paulding only swings one way; the way of taking.

Why is our new water tower being lighted all night? We have had a utility rate increase shoved down our throats which means we are going to give up more money we don't have!

I suppose it's lighted because of the Paulding Panther logo on it! It's great that we have good sports teams but really, who looks at that tower after midnight or even at all! I go by it and never notice it! It has become just another part of the landscape! If you want to pay tribute to our sports, light it during games, or homecoming but not all night at our expense. Better yet, why not put up signs on 127 honoring our teams - other towns do!

Let's put signs both entering and exiting the town so people that are moving out of Paulding (because they can't afford to live here) will at least remember our sports teams!

Also, what is going to happen if someone late at night looking at the lighted tower (and probably talking on a cell phone) has or causes an accident? Who will pay for that; probably the Paulding tax payers just like everything else! With gas prices going up again we can't afford more of Paulding's gouging that never ends! Come on; shut the lights off after midnight.

If Paulding needs more money, shut the lights off and give the money to the Police Dept. so they can ticket these idiots with loud radios or drive in reckless manner

especially in the west end of town!

Remember, the door swings both ways but the people of Paulding may shut it in your face and say, "That's enough!"

—Gregg Gorman

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES FOR 5/18/09

This 18th day of May, 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 158224 through 158369 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment. Adopted: May 18, 2009.

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 May 11, 2009, to-wit:

- Paulding Progress, \$184.00
- West Bend Printing, \$210.00
- Paulding Co. Prosecutor, \$250.00
- Office Equipment Finance, \$199.90
- Vern Killion, \$650.00
- Brown Supply, \$230.22
- Koin Laundry, \$309.96
- Chief Supermarket, \$649.17
- Sprint, \$101.46
- All Temp Refrigeration, \$428.78
- Duckwall - Alco Stores, \$505.29
- Caterpillar Finan. Svcs., \$9,687.96
- Mercer Landmark, \$1,843.25
- Baker Shindler Builders, \$1,756.73
- Pldg. Co. Commissioners, \$11,951.00
- Adriel School, Inc., \$4,742.40
- Gary & Julia Porter, \$1,136.50
- Affiliated Computer Service, \$2,045.00
- Pldg. Co. Agricultural Society, \$475.08
- Benton Township, \$5,883.34

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 May 13, 2009, to-wit:

- Jerry Stollings, \$365.00
- Gregory Hermiller, \$435.00

In The Matter Of Signing The Ohio Department Of Job And Family Services Subgrant Agreement With CSEA:

Amended Substitute House Bill 119 of the 127th General Assembly, the biennial budget bill, makes counties subgrantees of federal human services funding; and in order for counties to continue to receive human services funding through the state, and continue to provide the

vital services needed by Ohio's most vulnerable population, the counties must sign these subgrant agreements; and the subgrant agreement includes language to help ensure counties remain in compliance with federal and state law, such as provisions that require ODJFS to provide technical assistance, training, and monitoring to counties.

The Board of County Commissioners agrees to enter into the ODJFS Subcontract Agreement G-1011-11-5095, effective July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2011, by signing the same on this date.

In The Matter Of Creating Expense Line Items And Amending The 2009 Annual Appropriation (Fund 103):

To reimburse Ditch Maintenance for a tractor note, the Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize and direct the Paulding County Auditor to create the following expense line items:

103-001-00002 SWCD Tractor Debt/ Other Expenses

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to appropriate unappropriated in Fund 103; to-wit:

Fund 103 - SWCD Tractor Debt Fund, \$6,800.53

In The Matter Of Amending The 2009 Annual Appropriation (Fund 150):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to appropriate unappropriated in Fund 150; to-wit:

Fund 150 - License Bureau Fund, \$18,143.66

Meeting Notes Of Appointments:

Joe Burkard - Mr. Burkard met briefly with the Commissioners to discuss the CSEA finances. He has implemented 'cost savings' with special permission from the state. He stated the state has agreed to approve the reduction of hours from 40 a week to 30 a week for a period of six months. During this 'cost savings' period, the CSEA will be closed on Friday. Mr. Burkard also presented revenue, expenses, and payroll for the Commissioners' review.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FOR 5/8/09

This 8th day of May, 2009, the Board of County Commissioners met in special session with the following members present:

Tony Burkley, Edward Straley, Tony Zartman, and Nola Ginter, Clerk

Travel Request:

Angel Pease, 2 Days in May, Dayton, Ohio - May 7 & 8, 2009

Meeting Notes Of Appointments:

Joe Burkard, County Prosecutor; and Corey Walker, DJFS - Mr. Burkard and Mr. Walker met briefly with the Commissioners to discuss and clarify the structure of the CSEA. A meeting was scheduled on Monday with the CSEA director for further discussion.

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**APACHE KID: OUTLAW LEG-
END OF THE SOUTHWEST**

By: Stan Jordan

The Apache Kid was born in the 1860's in the San Carlos Indian Reservation. Historians figure he was a White Mountain Apache.

His Indian name was Hasday Bay Nay Natl, the tallman. Everyone referred to him as the Apache Kid in and around Globe, Arizona. He learned English at an early age and was befriended by Al Sieber, the famous Indian Scout.

There was a lot of trouble with the Apaches raiding the settlers or anyone who had anything worth stealing. After a raid, they would just disappear into the mountains.

General George Crook started in hiring Apache Scouts to tail the Apache raiders and even have Apaches fight Apaches.

In 1881 at San Carlos Reservation, the Kid enlisted into the Indian Scouts. He was so good he was made a sergeant in 1892. Then the next year, he went with General Crook on an expedition into Sierra Madras.

In 1885 and 1886 he went with Al Sieber, the Chief of Scouts into Mexico looking for Geronimo. He was the worst of the Apache outlaws. He retired to the San Carlos along with Al Sieber.

When his enlistment ran out, he joined up again with Lt. Crawford's call for 100 Scouts for Mexican duty.

In 1885 in the town of Hasasab on the Bavispe River, the Kid nearly lost his life in a riot that he was in. The Mexican authorities were going to kill him by the firing squad,

but the U.S. quickly sent him back to the San Carlos Reservation.

Then in May of 1887, all of the white officers were gone and left the Kid in charge of the Guardhouse at San Carlos. The Indians started brewing tiswin, a beverage made of corn or fruit and is illegal to brew it. The Indian Scouts decided to have a party.

The liquor was free and plentiful and a man named Gonzizzie killed the kid's father, Togo DeChuz. The Kid's friends killed Togo DeChuz's murderer in revenge. That wasn't enough for the Kid. He went to the home of Gonzizzie's brother, Rip, and murdered him.

When the Kid and the Indian Scouts returned to San Carlos, Al Sieber and Captain Pierce were already back. Captain Pierce ordered the scouts to turn in their weapons and they did. On the way to the guard house a shot was fired from the crowd and Al Sieber was wounded in the ankle, which made him a cripple for life.

During the fiasco the Kid and the other Apaches fled the scene. It was never determined who shot Al Sieber but it was none of the Indian Scouts as they had turned in their arms.

The Army sent two troops from the Fourth Cavalry to find the Kid and the other Apaches who had escaped. They spent two weeks following the Kid, along the banks of the San Carlos River and then with more scouts, they found the Kid and his followers in the Rincon Mountains.

The soldiers captured all the outlaws' horses and they fled into the mountains.

The Kid sent a message to General Miles that they would all surrender if he called in all his troops. Miles agreed and the Kid and seven members of the band surrendered on June 25th.

The Kid and four others were court-martialed and found guilty of desertion and mutiny and sentenced to death by the firing squad. General Miles didn't like

the decision and ordered the court to reconsider. In August the board reconvened and they were sentenced to life in prison. But General Miles still didn't like the results and he reduced the sentence to 10 years. Their sentence to start at the San Carlos Guardhouse and later in Alcatraz.

All of this caused a lot of trouble among the area people and other Apaches, to turn men free after committing murder. Some of these charges were drummed up.

Al Sieber was resentful about his wound in the ankle that made him a cripple for life, but it didn't slow him down. I will write some more on what a good Chief Scout Sieber was.

A lot of raids and killings were blamed on the Kid. If Indians were seen, it was always blamed on the Kid. Probably some of the problems was done by the Kid's gang. But early in his life, he was a model citizen and Apache Scout. A lot of little things got him in trouble and he ended up an outlaw and a bad one.

No one knows where or how he died. Some folks claim he was still raiding and stealing into 1920. There are many rumors about the death of the Apache Kid, but no one knows anything about his death for sure.

But a grave site memorial to the Kid can be found high up in the San Mateo Mountains in the Chola National Forest in New Mexico. The Kid had a lot of friends in that area.

See Ya!



By: Stan Jordan

A shepherd was watching his flock by a country road on a grand glorious summer day.

A biker with helmet and back pack and the usual thin tires and the turned over handle bars of a racing bike came along.

He stopped to pass the time of day with the shepherd and have a short respite.

He asked the shepherd, "How many sheep do you have in your flock?"

The man replied, "It's a pretty good sized bunch."

The biker said, "I'm a speed counter and if I can count your flock in three seconds correctly, will you give me one?"

"Oh, I don't think so. I know how many sheep I have."

"Oh, come on now, you might have lost one during the night."

"I don't think so."

"Yes sir, I will count them in three seconds and you will give me one?"

"Oh, I don't think so, I have everything to lose and nothing to gain."

The biker hounded him a few more times and the shepherd gave in. "If you can count my flock in three seconds correctly I will give you one of my sheep."

The biker said, "O.K., here we go, 338 sheep."

The shepherd says, "That's correct how did you do that so fast? I'll stick to the bargain. Pick out one of the sheep."

"I'll take that one," the biker said as he pointed to the flock.

"You can't have that one,"

the shepherd said. "Well, why not? The deal was I could have a sheep of my choice."

The shepherd asked, "Are you Polish?"

"Why, yes, I am, how can you tell that?"

"Because that is not a sheep, that is my dog." See Ya!

BITS AND PIECES

By: Stan and Sue

The other day Randy Brooks, the Veteran's Service Officer for Paulding County, informed me that The Silver Star medal is the third highest award by our government: The Congressional Medal of Honor, the Distinguished Service Cross, then the Silver Star. Randy, thanks for being a reader and for your help and input.

I was very proud of our town on Memorial Day. We had a nice parade with all of our local groups helping out. The High School Marching Band, the Fire Department, the Scouts, all the service groups and their auxiliaries.

Pudge and Hazen had the cemetery all mowed and trimmed. The Village workers had Veterans Memorial Park all neat and trimmed. They had hung bunting for the occasion on Main Street. The committees worked well together. There was also a good speaker at the park. Then there was an Army type luncheon served at the V.F.W. for everyone.

I, being an old Veteran, am very proud of our town on Memorial Day. And I would like to use this column on behalf of all Veterans, male and female, to thank everyone for our fine celebration.

On Thursday, June 18 around 11:00 a.m. a convoy of Old Army trucks driving from Washington D.C. to San Francisco will deviate from US 30, travel north on SR 49 to Auburn, IN.

They will not stop in Antwerp but will travel at a parade type speed through Antwerp. They will have lunch at Auburn and then proceed on their way west.

As you travel around Paulding County you will see that the towns and villages are sprucing up for spring. Banners and flowers have been put out along with general clean up. Watch for the summer activities as we head into summer.

See Ya!
(If you have any 'tidbit' you want to see in the paper, let Stan or Sue know, that's what this column is all about)

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES FOR 5/6/09

This 6th day of May, 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:
Lou Ann Wannemacher, CTAO Spring Conference, Dublin, Ohio - May 11-13, 2009

Judge John DeMuth, Northwest Ohio Mediation Services seminar, Napoleon, Ohio - May 8, 2009

Allowance Of Claims:
Warrants docketed as 158005 through 158010 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

Tony Burkley left the meeting.
In The Matter Of Amending The 2009 Annual Appropriation (Fund 001-002):

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 #82617 (\$950.00) and #82818 (\$5.00)
TO: 001-002-00008/General Fund/Auditor/Other Expenses, AMOUNT: \$955.00

The motion was seconded by Mr. Ed-

ward Straley. Upon the call of the roll, the following vote resulted:

In The Matter Of Signing Notes To Borrow Funds:

This 6th day of May, 2009, the Board of County Commissioners signed the combined note for the CIC Industrial Development #2 (No. 112), Zylstra TIF (No. 123), and Stoller TIF (No. 099) for \$110,721.12 with the Antwerp Exchange Bank.

Meeting Notes Of Appointments:

Mike Jones, CSEA; Joe Burkard, County Prosecutor - Mr. Jones presented his proposal for immediate budget cuts for the Commissioners' review. He stated he has requested the maximum 'draw' from the state for the current fiscal year. Draws will resume July 1, 2009, at the beginning of a new fiscal year. Mr. Jones explained county local CSEAs are reimbursed from the state 66% of allowable expenses, with 34% coming from local revenue. Mr. Jones briefly explained some of the duties of agency personnel. The Commissioners asked about the viability of combining CSEA with another county agency. Some county CSEAs are combined with the county's Department of Job & Family Services and some are under the direction of the County Prosecutor's office. Mr. Jones's opinion was that neither of those options would not be a positive move for the Paulding County CSEA. He expressed concern with additional work load, the possibility of less federal and state funding, and drop in service level. Prior to 1992, Paulding County CSEA had a director and contracted an outside attorney for legal services. The Commissioners then decided it would be advantageous to have an attorney in-house and Mr. Jones was appointed. The Commissioners requested that Mr. Jones and Mr. Burkard meet to discuss the various options of operation for Paulding County CSEA.

Lou Ann Wannemacher, County Treasurer - Ms. Wannemacher presented her monthly report for the Commissioners' review. She reported total delinquencies of \$778,009.91, with \$473,989.76 being prior to 2009. 2nd half 2009 taxes to be collected is \$5,473,963.07, making a total balance due with delinquencies of \$6,251,972.98. Ms. Wannemacher also reported on the estimated interest income on general fund investments. First quarter 2009 was \$22,884.19 below estimate due to lower interest rates. County employee health insurance renewal options were discussed. Ms. Wannemacher also presented a 2010 proposed budget at the Commissioners' request.

Susan Simpson, County Auditor - Ms. Simpson presented a 2010 proposed budget at the Commissioners' request. She also shared information regarding various TIF (tax increment financing) agreements.

Ron Weck - Mr. Weck met briefly with the Commissioners to discuss the county communications system.

May 11, 2009. Adopted: May 20, 2009.

In The Matter Of Permit Application From Don Arend:

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby approve permit application from Don Arend to install a pipe for a new driveway. The pipe will be installed 1000' south of TR 162 on the east side of CR 123. This will occur in Section 4 of Jackson Township.

Meeting Notes Of Appointments:

Joe Burkard, Prosecuting Attorney - Mr. Burkard met with the Commissioners to review the Jt. Auglaize Sewer Agreement presented by the Defiance County Commissioners. Mr. Burkard noted a few changes in the proposed agreement. He will seek approval of the changes with Defiance County Commissioners.

Tony Langham - Mr. Langham met with the Commissioners representing the Board of Elections. He noted some cosmetic changes to make the Board of Elections handicapped accessible. Mr. Langham specifically inquired about applying for CBDG dollars to help fund the project. The Commissioners encouraged the Board of Elections to pursue and suggested they contact Maumee Valley Planning Organization for application procedures.

John Guyton, Porter's Sanitation - Mr. Guyton met briefly with the Commissioners to ask permission for Porter's Sanitation to place a dumpster on the old jail property. The Commissioners didn't see a problem with it as long as it is maintained and garbage doesn't accumulate on the grounds. Mr. Guyton assured the Commissioners it would be taken care of on a regular basis.

CITY OF WOODBURN MINUTES FOR APRIL 20, 2009

Mayor Hoepfner reported he picked up the "If I were Mayor" essays from the Lutheran school. Councilmen made motions to give a \$50.00 savings bond for first place and \$25.00 for second, and all other participants receive a \$5.00 gift certificate for Woodburn Corner Cafe, all agreed, motion passed. Mayor stated Graber would build a shed for the recycling center for \$1,200.00, an 8 x 10 with benches and a shelf. Councilmen made motions to purchase, all agreed, motion passed.

Jim Lauer submitted an estimate from Schnelker engineering; the first phase of sewer repairs to be \$2.48 Million dollars. Mayor reported the City received a letter from the grant writers with NIRC requesting we pay the additional \$242.35 owed. Councilmen made motions to pay, all agreed, motion passed.

Mayor reported the grant application was sent in for the Police Department, there were 6000 position available and 30,000 applications. Mayor stated Chief Carpenter would like to get PERF, he doesn't have any type of pension. Councilman Clegg stated it was his choice to not get involved with the City 401 pension program. Mayor stated if we get the additional officer with the grant we would have to be involved with PERF. Mayor stated he wouldn't agree if we were forced by PERF to be retroactive back to his hire date. Councilman Reichhart stated he was hired knowing he would not have PERF. Chief Carpenter would like to bring out a representative from PERF to explain and answer questions.

Minutes were presented for approval. Councilmen made motions to suspend the reading and approve the minutes, all agreed, motion passed. Warrants were presented for approval. Councilmen made motions to approve, all agreed, motion passed. Lesa stated the maintenance department is requesting to purchase a roller for \$600.00. It cost \$75.00 to rent and they should roll the sewer ponds a couple times a year. Councilman Reichhart stated there is a bigger roller sitting by Knoblauch Construction, he will check into who owns it, this is tabled for now and will be brought up at the next meeting. Lesa stated the police department needs a fax machine and copier; they come to City Hall when they need to copy or fax. We can purchase a 5-in one-multi purpose machine for \$199.00. Councilmen made motions to purchase, all agreed, motion passed. Lesa will check with the phone company on operating on a single phone line.

Councilman Reichhart stated he is

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ODOT AWARDS CONTRACTS ON STIMULUS PROJECTS ALONG OHIO'S INTER-STATES, LOCAL ROADWAYS AND BRIDGES

As the first 100 days of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act conclude, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) reports it has awarded contracts for the first 17 transportation infrastructure projects in Ohio funded through the federal stimulus. This means construction companies will begin mobilizing workers for these jobs.

These first 17 projects – a combination of interstate, local roadway and bridge modernization projects – represent an estimated investment of \$16.5 million in stimulus funds. The projects are:

- Cuyahoga County – Widening of the Interstate 490/Interstate 77 ramp
 - Summit County – Interstate 271 Slope Repair and Reconstruction
 - Guernsey County – Interstate 77 Resurfacing
 - Hancock County – Interstate 75 Pavement Upgrade
 - Perry County – US Route 22 Resurfacing
 - Harrison County – US Route 22 Bridge Modernization
 - Wyandot County – US Route 23 Pavement Upgrade
 - Darke County – US Route 36 Pavement Upgrade
 - Carroll/Columbiana Counties – State Route 39 Resurfacing
 - Eric County – State Route 61 Bridge Replacement
 - Putnam County – State Routes 189/190/694 Resurfacing
 - Darke County – State Route 571 Pavement Upgrade
 - Lorain County – State Route 83 Bridge Modernization
 - Medina County – State Route 301 Bridge Modernization
 - Van Wert and Paulding Counties – State Route 49 Pavement Upgrade
 - Shelby County – State Route 47 Pavement Upgrade
 - Auglaize/Shelby Counties – State Route 362 Pavement Upgrade
- Work on these projects could begin as early as next month. ODOT contracts awarded by Recovery Act resources are required to post any new job

opportunities at www.Ohio-MeansJobs.com, an online source to match job seekers with employment openings across the state.

In addition, five airport projects in Ohio are receiving \$29.2 million in stimulus funds through the Federal Aviation Administration. These projects – at both commercial service and general aviation airports – include:

- Cuyahoga County – Cleveland Hopkins International Airport Taxiway Construction
- Cuyahoga County – Cleveland Hopkins International Airport Aircraft Apron Construction
- Montgomery County Dayton International Airport Taxiway Lighting Upgrade
- Athens County – Ohio University Airport Runway Safety Area Improvement
- Hancock County – Findlay Airport Taxiway Relocation
- ODOT and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) continue to move infrastructure projects closer to the construction phase. To date, FHWA has authorized more than \$159.8 million in stimulus investments, including strategic projects at Ohio's water port and along its railroads. An additional \$159.7 million in projects have been submitted for authorization by FHWA in the next several weeks.
- Under ARRA requirements, ODOT must have authorized approximately \$327.5 million of its \$774 million stimulus allocation by June 29, 2009. The remaining amount must be authorized by March 1, 2010. States that meet these time line requirements can compete for additional money lost by other states that fail to meet these deadlines.
- A complete list of the transportation infrastructure projects prioritized for stimulus funding – with updates on projects which have been authorized by FHWA, contracts which have been awarded, and new employment opportunities – can be found online at www.dot.state.oh.us
- ODOT also continues to work with Ohio's eight major metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) which were directly sub-allocated \$161.5 million in transportation infrastructure stimulus funds. To date, FHWA has

authorized \$16.6 million in projects sponsored by the MPOs in Akron, Canton, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Toledo, and Youngstown.

This year, ODOT embarked on the largest investment in Ohio's transportation system in state history. Since the beginning of January, ODOT has awarded more than \$711 million in construction/capital contracts. By the end of December, ODOT expects to invest a total of \$1.9 billion in transportation construction.

CAP AND TRADE POLICY WOULD KILL OHIO JOBS

Capitol Letters Weekly Column by: Senator Steve Buehrer

Our nation's economy continues to struggle and unemployment in many states, including Ohio, has reached double digits. Despite these difficult times, President Barack Obama and Democrats in Congress are championing a new "cap and trade" energy policy that could dramatically increase costs for businesses, threaten jobs and raise electricity prices for all American consumers at a time when they can least afford it.

The American Clean Energy and Security Act, which was recently approved by the U.S. House Energy and Commerce Committee, would place a cap on greenhouse gas emissions and require industries that release greenhouse gases to purchase costly government credits to offset these emissions. The more a business emits the more credits they would have to buy. The Obama Administration predicts this will cut greenhouse gas emissions 17 percent nationwide by 2020 and more in future years.

While supporters of the "cap and trade" proposal frame it as a way to slow global warming, it is nothing more than a tax hike on American industry to boost revenues for the federal government. This scheme would do little to cut global greenhouse gas emissions because it is likely that many companies will simply pack up and leave for countries with lower environmental standards.

This misguided policy would hit Ohio disproportionately hard. Not only does our state's economy rely on a strong manufacturing base, which employs thousands of Ohioans, but we generate nearly 90 percent of our electricity from coal-fired power plants, which would be forced to shut down or raise rates significantly to stay in business. In fact, the Congressional Budget Office estimates that price increases resulting from a 15 percent cut in greenhouse gas emissions would cost American households up to \$2,200 of their income every year.

Concerned about the impact of this proposal on the future of our state's economy and the financial stability of Ohio families, I joined several of my colleagues this past week in co-sponsoring Senate Concurrent Resolution 15, which urges members of Congress to reject the American Clean Energy and Security Act.

We all want clean air to breathe, but instead of pursuing an energy policy that would punish our country's manufacturers and put millions of American jobs at risk,

our leaders in Washington should work with the states to develop reasonable energy standards that balance the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and cleaning our environment, with the need to grow business, create jobs and put our economy on a path toward recovery.

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.

BUEHRER APPOINTED TO MIDWEST-CANADA RELATIONS COMMITTEE

State Senator Steve Buehrer (R-Delta) was recently appointed to the Midwest Legislative Conference (MLC) Midwest-Canada Relations Committee, a bipartisan panel of legislators from 11 states and three Canadian provinces charged with examining key trade and border security issues, while working to improve cooperation, address policy challenges and expand information-sharing between Midwest states and Canada.

"Canada is an important economic partner for Ohio and states across our region," said Buehrer. "I look forward to working with my colleagues on the committee to help strengthen this relationship and explore new ways for leaders in the Midwest states and Canada to join together to create jobs, attract business and grow our local economies."

Buehrer noted that Canada is the largest trading partner for every state in the Midwest. Specifically, more than 276,000 jobs in Ohio depend on trade with Canada, and the financial impact of this partnership is valued at \$34.5 billion.

"The Midwest-Canada Relations Committee will also provide a valuable opportunity to network and exchange public policy ideas with leaders from areas facing similar challenges as Ohio," Buehrer added.

The MLC, which is supported by the Council of State Governments (CSG), includes lawmakers from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin. In addition, members of the legislative assemblies in three Canadian provinces—Manitoba, Ontario and Saskatchewan—are MLC affiliates.

Throughout his tenure as a state legislator, Sen. Buehrer has been highly active at both the Midwest and national level of the CSG, a nonpartisan organization that has championed excellence in state government for more than 70 years by sharing innovative solutions to common problems across state borders. Most recently, he was elected by his fellow legislators to serve as vice chairman of CSG's Midwest Legislative Conference in 2009.

"I will continue to pursue opportunities through CSG and the Midwest-Canada Relations Committee to improve Ohio's already strong relationship with our friends up north," said Buehrer.

PAULDING RESERVOIR LEAGUE STANDINGS

Tuesday Night Men's League

1. On The Edge Construction 7-1
2. Anger Management 5-2
3. Buffalo Wild Wings 5-2
4. Red Owl 5-2
5. Guilford Reality 3-4
6. Hoffman Builders 4-3
7. Edward Jones/Gorrell's 4-3
8. Mad Anthony Brew 1-7
9. Cooper Farms 1-5
10. M.P.R. 1-6

Thursday Night Men's League

1. TJ's Bar 7-0
2. Larson's Body Shop/Grace 5-2
3. Chicos 5-2
4. Lafarge 4-3
5. Doghouse Diner 4-3
6. Antwerp Pharmacy 4-3
7. Taylor Brothers Roofing 3-4
8. Wolfpack 3-5
9. Poor Boys 1-6
10. Tri County Roofing 0-7

Wednesday Night Women's League

1. Carpet Wholesalers 5-0
2. Red Owl/Budweiser 5-1
3. Jay Dangler Excavating 2-3
4. Boss Sign Shoppe 2-3
5. Paulding VFW 2-3
6. On The Edge Construction 2-3
7. The Gardens 0-5

Monday Night Summer Coed League

1. Pack Rats/Red Owl 2-0
2. Eagles 2-0
3. Welch Trophy 2-0
4. Staten's Lawn Service 1-1
5. Dairy Queen 1-1
6. Boss Signs 0-2
7. Signature Embroidery 0-2
8. Ballerz/Walmart 0-2

WINNERS OF 53RD ANNUAL JUNE ART EXHIBIT ANNOUNCED

The Wassenberg Art Center, Van Wert, has announced the winners of the 53rd Annual June Art Exhibit. The show opens June 7 and will run through June 26, with exhibit hours being 1:00-5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday (closed Monday). Admission is free. This year's exhibit is sponsored by Cooper Farms and Van Wert Federal Savings Bank.

The Grand Award, Douglas Koch Memorial Award, Marguerite Fryer Award, David Humphreys Miller Award, Mary Louise Worthington Memorial Award and Marilla Connors Memorial Award are sponsored through the Van Wert County Foundation.

The award winners are:
 Van Wert County Foundation Grand Award – Allen Hutton of Toledo
 Charles F. Wassenberg Award – Allen J. Miller of Wapakoneta
 Vera Woodruff Wassenberg Award – Daniel Lerma of Findlay
 Douglas Koch Memorial Award – Judy Grone of Delphos
 Marguerite Fryer Award – Pat Rayman of Ohio City
 Marilla Connors Memorial Award – Allen Hutton
 Art-to-Art Palette Award (in memory of Gertrude Sluterbeck) – Daniel Lerma
 Lois Pieper Memorial Award – Ruth Ann Sturgill of Lima
 Wassenberg Art Center Award (three awards) – Mike Kozumplik of Sherwood,

Douglas R. Fiely of Stryker, and Joanne Von Sossan of Huber Heights

David Humphreys Miller Award – Paul Klassen of Bluffton
 Barley Charles Award – Linda Yenser of Defiance
 Mary Louise Worthington Memorial Award – Linda Yenser

The following artists received Honorable Mention:
 Jan Nagel of Auburn, IN; Collene Hitchcock of Antwerp; Ron Snyder of Hometown, IN; Daksha Patel of Fort Wayne, IN; and Larry Golba of Toledo, OH.

The awards will be presented during the opening reception on June 7. The public is invited to attend the reception and meet the artists. The Wassenberg Art Center is located at 643 S. Washington Street, Van Wert, OH 45891. For information on art center activities visit the website at www.vanwert.com/wassenberg, call 419-238-6837, toll free 1-888-238-3837, email wassenberg@embarqmail.com

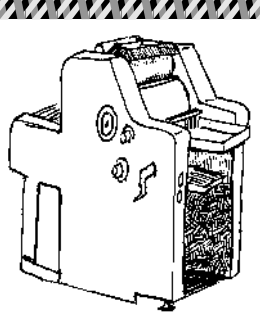
LATTA LAUNCHES UPDATED VIRTUAL OFFICE AND WEBSITE

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) is proud to announce his new virtual office and website <http://latta.house.gov>.

At the virtual office and website, constituents can contact Congressman Latta's office for information on legislation, assistance with Federal Agencies, or tour information for visits to Washington, D.C. Constituents can also subscribe to email updates from Congressman Latta's office through the website.

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 –Welcome message
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 –Links to Congressman Latta's social media websites
 –Requests for United States flags flown over the Capitol
 –Meetings with Congressman Latta

"It is important for me to be as accessible to my constituents as possible and my virtual office is just one way that I am able to serve my constituents. As society becomes more mobile and technology more advanced, I look forward to staying in touch with my constituents in real time—both from Washington and the 5th District," Latta stated after launching the new site.



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JUNE 2009 NEWSLETTER



Dear Friends of the Paulding Exempted Village Schools,

We completed our year on May 21 with a staff appreciation breakfast. The following staff members were honored for 30 years of service to our school district: Ruby Crossland, Debra Hornyak, Leigh Hutson, and Karen Schlatter. We also honored the following staff members and wished them well in retirement: Sue Crossland, Diana Doster, Roger Gasser, Mary Ellen Holbrook, Leigh Hutson, Ralph Hunt, Ben Manz, and LaDonna Miller. These employees have made a difference in the lives of our children and we appreciate the service to our district.

Thanks to the community for a great school year. Have a wonderful summer and look for our next newsletter on August 5. The first day of school for students next year is August 24.

Pat Ross

- Panther Baseball Scholarships-Garrett Stoller, Haden Sholl
- Paulding County Foundation Scholarships-Selena Switzer, Clint Vance
- Russell Bauer Scholarships-Estee Arend, Haden Sholl
- FFA Alumni Scholarships-Levi Farley, Morgan Hammon, Audrey Nice, Alex Straley, Clint Vance, John Weible, Ashley Yant
- Jacob Trust Scholarships-Katherine Harmon, Jennifer Nafziger, Garrett Stoller, Bryant Troyer
- Eagle's Student of the Year Scholarship-Ashley Yant
- Ira Hamman Scholarships-Cassandra Kauser, Jennifer Nafziger
- Lela M. Jeffery Scholarships-Staci Gunderman, Morgan Hammon, Brian Porter, Haden Sholl, Garrett Stoller, Remy Tope, Clint Vance, Allison Clevenger
- Gorman Family Trust Scholarships-Kelsie Carnahan, Sara English, Christa Gasser, Katherine Harmon, Audrey Nice, Isaac Porter, Eric Ross, Dalton Stallkamp, Logan Steele, Ashley Switzer, Selena Switzer, Spencer Wilhelm
- West Central Safety Council Scholarship - Katherine Harmon
- Johns Manville Scholarship-Logan Steele
- Nucor Scholarship-Corbin Rhonehouse
- Rosemary Young Book Scholarship-Audrey Nice
- PEVS Board/Administration Scholarships-Audrey Nice, Eve Kohart
- JP Crain Scholarships-Sara English, Levi Farley, Staci Gunderman, Cassandra Kauser, Dalton Stallkamp, Selena Switzer, Bryant Troyer, Spencer Wilhelm
- Iris Gallagher Scholarships-Audrey Nice, Christa Gasser
- Army Reserve National Scholar Athletes-Morgan Hammon, Haden Sholl
- Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence-Eric Ross
- Marine Corps Musical Excellence-Audrey Nice
- Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete-Andrew Mott, Kelsie Carnahan
- Elks National Foundation Award-Allison Clevenger
- Dr. Bruce Atkinson Scholarship-Garrett Stoller
- Robert C. Byrd Scholarship-Eric Ross
- Franklin B. Walter All-Scholastic Award-Eric Ross
- Pepsi Cola Company Scholarships-Eve Kohart, Brian Porter, Breanna Wilder
- Athletic Awards: Courageous Student-Shane Lumpkins; PHS Academic Athlete Awards-Morgan Hammon, Garrett Stoller, Haden Sholl, Andrew Mott, Kelsie Carnahan; Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Awards-Tyler Arend, Cassandra Kauser
- OHSAA Scholar Athlete Applicants-Haden Sholl, Kelsie Carnahan; OHSAA Scholar Athlete Plaques-Eric Ross, Kelsie Carnahan
- Citizenship Award-Spencer Wilhelm
- Principal's Award for Excellence-Andrew Mott
- Exchange Student Recognition-Franziska Wagner
- Other College/University Scholarships: Northwest State Community College Scholarships-Katherine Harmon, Isaac Porter, Brenda Manz, Morgan Hammon
- Defiance College Scholarships-Katherine Harmon, Morgan Hammon, Ashley Switzer, Briana Ripke
- IPFW Chancellor's Merit-Allison Clevenger
- University of St. Francis-Sara English
- Bowling Green State University ROTC-Peter Brown
- University of Notre Dame-Eric Ross
- Otterbein College-Brady Schroeder
- Ohio State University-Lima Branch Buckeye Distinction-Zak Shafer, Remy Tope, Clint Vance, Kelsie Carnahan, Britney King; OSU Rudd Scholarship-Zak Shafer
- University of Toledo-Jon Kohart, Brian Porter, Eve Kohart, Garrett Stoller, Dalton Stallkamp, Spencer Wilhelm, Mercedes Rios
- Kent State-Tyler Arend
- Taylor University-Audrey Nice
- Bluffton University-Estee Arend, Katie Keeran, Kelsea Dauten, Corbin Vance
- Hillsdale College-Andrew Mott
- Indiana Tech-Ashley Koenn
- Eastern Kentucky University Regents Scholarship-Logan Steele
- Ashland University-Corbin Rhonehouse
- OSU Maximus & Engineering Dean's Scholarship-Haden Sholl
- Rhodes State College-Staci Gunderman
- University of Akron Pres. & Honors College Scholarship-Christa Gasser
- University of NWO-Courtney Kelley
- Notre Dame College-Bryant Troyer
- Quiz Bowl Awards-Peter Brown, Allison

- Clevenger, Katherine Harmon, Spencer Wilhelm
- Office Assistants-Clint Vance, Katherine Harmon, Andrew Mott, Shurrae Thomas, Melinda Slattman, Heather Hemker, Sara English, Lillian Manz, Caitlin Blair, Christen Evans, Sarah Williams, Isaac Porter, Kelsea Dauten
- Band Director's Award-Spencer Wilhelm
- John Philip Sousa Award-Isaac Porter
- Band Booster Scholarships-Allison Clevenger, Katherine Harmon, Audrey Nice, Isaac Porter, Logan Steele, Selena Switzer, Spencer Wilhelm
- Choral Awards: Choral Director's Award-Spencer Wilhelm; Senior Leadership Award-Isaac Porter; Varsity Quartet Awards-Isaac Porter, Spencer Wilhelm
- Business Award-Staci Gunderman
- Drama Awards-Isaac Porter, Spencer Wilhelm, Audrey Nice, James Hayner, AJ Wolford, Katherine Harmon, Whitney Morhart, Clint Vance, Estee Arend
- Engineering Team Awards-Peter Brown, Eric Ross, Spencer Wilhelm, Jon Kohart, Dalton Stallkamp, Zak Shafer, Audrey Nice, Haden Sholl
- Science Olympiad Awards-Audrey Nice, Isaac Porter, Eric Ross, Zak Shafer, Logan Steele, Ashley Switzer, Spencer Wilhelm
- Spanish Awards-Allison Clevenger, Katie Harmon, Whitney Morhart, Briana Ripke
- Ashley Switzer, Tisha West, Lillian Manz
- Math Awards-Audrey Nice, Eric Ross, Haden Sholl, Dalton Stallkamp, Spencer Wilhelm, Logan Steele, Kari Gibson
- Student Council/Class Officers-Zakary Shafer, Cassandra Kauser, Kelsie Carnahan, Eve Kohart, Alex Straley, Clint Vance, Estee Arend, Audrey Nice, Morgan Hammon, Spencer Wilhelm
- Physics Awards-Eric Ross, Haden Sholl, Spencer Wilhelm
- Americanism Test Winners-Estee Arend, Logan Steele
- Yearbook Awards-Ashley Koenn, Cassandra Kauser, Kelsie Carnahan, Eve Kohart, Shurrae Thomas, Sarah Williams, Melinda Slattman, Corbin Vance
- National Honor Society Office Awards-Spencer Wilhelm, Haden Sholl, Kelsie Carnahan
- Attendance Awards-99% after 7 semesters: Nathan Edwards, Kari Gibson, Katherine Harmon, Steven Plotts, Michael Reinhart, Rachel Hemker, John Weible, Tisha West, Justin Sheaks; Perfect Attendance Grades 11 & 12-Jessica Goodwin; 1 day absent senior year: Nathan Edwards, Haden Sholl, Kari Gibson
- Van Wert Peony Pageant Representative-1st Runner Up-Melinda Slattman
- Honors Diploma-Peter Brown, Kelsie Carnahan, Allison Clevenger, Sara English, Christa Gasser, Staci Gunderman, Morgan Hammon, Katherine Harmon, Heather Hemker, Cassandra Kauser, Courtney Kelley, Ashley Koenn, Eve Kohart, Lillian Manz, Andrew Mott, Audrey Nice, Isaac Porter, Briana Ripke, Eric Ross, Haden Sholl, Logan Steele, Garrett Stoller, Ashley Switzer, Selena Switzer, Spencer Wilhelm, Ashley Yant
- Award of Merit-State of Ohio-Eric Ross, Audrey Nice, Spencer Wilhelm, Haden Sholl, Logan Steele, Katie Harmon, Lillian Manz, Staci Gunderman, Allison Clevenger, Selena Switzer, Ashley Yant, Morgan Hammon, Cassie Kauser, Andrew Mott, Briana Ripke, Heather Hemker, Garrett Stoller, Isaac Porter, Estee Arend, Eve Kohart, Dalton Stallkamp, Tyler Arend, Brian Porter, Remy Tope, Mercedes Rios, Zakary Shafer, Melinda Slattman
- President's Award for Educational Excellence-Eric Ross, Audrey Nice, Spencer Wilhelm, Haden Sholl, Logan Steele, Katherine Harmon, Christa Gasser, Staci Gunderman, Sara English, Brenda Manz, Ashley Switzer, Britney King, Cassandra Kauser, Andrew Mott, Courtney Kelley, Garrett Stoller, Isaac Porter
- VANTAGE SENIOR AWARDS:**
- National Technical Honor Society-Eric Beck; Award of Merit-Eric Beck; Perfect Attendance Grades 11 & 12-Adrian Mesker, Shelby McMichael; University of Northwest Ohio Scholarship-Britney Gribble; 1st Place Economic Research Project Team-AJ Wolford, Shelby McMichael; 1st Place Software Engineering Team-Jessica Johnson; Bronze Medal in Life Planning Event-Breanne Martinez
- ACADEMIC HONORS RECOGNITION**
- *****
- Seniors Graduating with Honors: 3.45 - 3.99 after 7 semesters-Dalton Stallkamp, Eve Ko-

hart, Estee Arend, Isaac Porter, Garrett Stoller, Ashley Koenn, Courtney Kelley, Heather Hemker, Briana Ripke, Joshua Duslak, Andrew Mott, Kari Gibson, Cassandra Kauser, Britney King, Peter Brown, Morgan Hammon, Ashley Yant, Selena Switzer, Aurelia Wolford, Brenda Manz, Sara English, Allison Clevenger, Staci Gunderman, Christa Gasser, Kelsie Carnahan, Lillian Manz, Katherine Harmon, Logan Steele

Seniors Graduating with Highest Honors: 4.0 or higher after 7 semesters-Haden Sholl, Spencer Wilhelm, Audrey Nice, Eric Ross

There will be a boys' basketball camp held from June 22-25 for students entering 3rd-8th grade. Letters were sent home the last week of school. If you didn't receive one, please contact Coach Brewer at 419-399-5289, email s_brewer@pauldingschools.org. Mr. Brewer's address is 808 Meadowbrook Drive, Paulding, OH 45879.

Physicals for athletic participants will be held on June 23, 2009 at the high school. The cost of the physicals will be \$15, payable to Dr. Kuhn. The schedule of physicals is as follows; however, if any student cannot come at the scheduled time, or would like to come with a sibling, they can come anytime from 8:00-11:00 a.m. or 12:30-3:00 p.m.

HS Boys 8-9:30am HS Girls 12:30-1:30pm
MS Boys 9:30-11am MS Girls 1:30-3pm

The eighth grade trip to Cedar Point will be June 9. Students are to meet in the parking lot on the east side of the school by 6:45 a.m.

The ACT test will be given in the high school on June 13 at 7:30 a.m.

High school tutoring for Social Studies OGT will be held from 7:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m. on June 15-18. High school tutoring for Math OGT will be held from 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on June 15-18. The tests will be given at 8:00 a.m. on June 19. If a student is taking more than one test, the second test will begin at 1:00 p.m. High school tutoring for Science OGT will be held from 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on June 22-25. The test will be given at 8:00 a.m. on June 26.

We would like to thank the parents of this year's junior class and past parents, as well, for the After Prom. You have provided an enjoyable and safe opportunity for our students. Your time and effort on behalf of the students is much appreciated.

SCRIP is fund raising for nonprofit organizations. Instead of selling frozen pizza or magazines, gift cards are sold at face value, and a percentage is given to PTO by the retailer. You pay no extra money and PTO raises money. SCRIP is an excellent idea when gift giving, shopping, traveling, buying gas or eating out.

The Paulding Elementary PTO will continue the SCRIP program during summer vacation. SCRIP Coordinator, Stacy McGarvey, will be placing orders on the 15th of every month. If you would like SCRIP cards, please contact Stacy at sjmgarvey@windstream.net or 419-399-9264. Order forms are available on the school website (under Parents tab). To view a complete list of retailers, please visit www.glscrip.com.

The Oakwood Elementary will continue their SCRIP program through the summer. Orders will be placed the 15th of each month by calling Deedi Miller. She will deliver them to you once they arrive!

Summer office hours for the administration building are 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

The next Board of Education meeting will be held on June 29 in the Administration Office Board Room at 7:00 p.m.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

MR. AND MRS. DAVID AREND CELEBRATE 30 YEARS OF MARRIAGE



Mr. and Mrs. David Arend will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary on June 8, 2009. Dave and Joanna were married at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Paulding on June 8, 1979. They have four

children and one grandchild: Scott (Lindsey & Grady) Arend of Paulding, Jackie Arend of Columbus, Shaun Arend of Paulding and Tyler Arend of Paulding.

CATERING TO SINGLES IN DEFIANCE AT THE BLACK SWAMP OPERY HOUSE

By: Sue Knapp

Marilyn Tuckosh, a single lady, wanted a place to go where she could meet and socialize with people in an un-bar like atmosphere. So 'The Black Swamp Opery House' at 1971 S. Jefferson St. in Defiance was started. This is the place to go for socializing in a good clean atmosphere.

It is open to the public for dancing and socializing on Friday nights. On the first and third Fridays a single dance is held with a DJ providing the music. On the second and fourth Fridays there is dancing with an open stage where you can play or sing with the band.

Snacks are provided and pop and water can be purchased.

The next two dances are June 5 and June 19. You can call 419-980-0307 for more information.

V.E.T.S. MEETING MINUTES FOR MAY 21, 2009

V.E.T.S. meeting was called to order with Helen Livingston, Stan and Pauline Jordan, and Larry Elliot as our guests. Following are some items of discussion.

Nancy suggested V.E.T.S. Granite Pavers would make nice Father's Day gifts. Doolley's offered to make up gift certificates. Karen contacted Tony Langham of A.C.D.C. suggesting each Alumni Class may want to honor their veterans with a memory paver and notify Alumni from out of town to bring their military documents to be included on the Memorial tablets.

Veteran Larry Elliot submitted his documentation along with generous donations from himself and his mother. Helen presented documents for two brothers and noted she is still searching Civil War Veteran, John Erter. Stan and Pauline turned in the Jordan Pauline's documentation, while also bringing along two 8x10 framed photos of the Antwerp Bald Eagles for us to approve. They are donating 10 of these Eagle photos for V.E.T.S. to sell. V.E.T.S. appreciate their attendance, donations and offers to help us reach our goal. The public is always welcome!

Lori is gathering up information about our Civil War monument to go along with a 1920 Paulding Co. Soldier's Reunion photo taken in our park. Old newspaper articles will be a part of her resources, including one listing the names of some of the men in this photo and what town they are from. Steve Barker has loaned his photo to VETS for ongoing displays.

Lori read her composition written and sent to Governor Strickland asking for Grant monies from the Ohio/Federal Stimulus funds. Karen also accepted on behalf of V.E.T.S.

to the Governor for Stimulus funds. We continue to wait for a response. A \$500 grant request presented to Defiance Wal-mart in April resulted in a denial of any funding to the Antwerp Veterans Memorial.

Due to popular demand "A Taste of Freedom" limited reorder of cookbooks just arrived. They are being offered for sale at businesses in Antwerp and may also be purchased from the V.E.T.S.

Monday night CRUISE-IN on May 11 went well. Several area towns were represented. Free will collection of \$273 came from vehicle owners and spectators. The 50/50 drawing winner, Dan Lichty, received \$54 and kindly returned it to the V.E.T.S. Everyone's generosity is much appreciated. A deposit of \$282 is going toward the memorial after expenses. Mike Girley provided D.J. music and those who volunteered to pull off this event, we owe a great deal of gratitude. We couldn't do this without our community help.

V.E.T.S. has received an abundant amount of items by soliciting folks around the area to sell at the Community garage sales coming up June 12 and 13. Karen deposited \$418.48 by offering early sales. Much more is still being donated so V.E.T.S. will have plenty of variety to offer at the Riverside Veterans Memorial Park.

Cheryl Farnsworth suggested V.E.T.S. sponsor a bus trip in early December to Chicago's Magnificent Mile, to shop and see the holiday lights. V.E.T.S. will be contacting Sue Beck for her input.

Coleen Longardner donated a Military Insignia Pin collection. V.E.T.S. agreed to accept the offer of \$150 for all 131 pins. The buyer will proudly display them as a collection.

Karen Lee has offered to provide her labor to landscape the memorial site. Later in the summer V.E.T.S. will ask the community to donate perennial spring-summer-fall flowers, along with shrubs, mulch, and decorative stone to create a beautiful full-growing season appearance. Anything not used at the memorial site will be planted throughout the park. Karen will care for these until the appropriate time to plant.

Upcoming V.E.T.S. fundraising events:

June 12 and 13 - Friday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Garage Sales at Riverside Veterans Memorial Park at the main pavilion area. All proceeds to the Antwerp Veterans Memorial.

June 13 - Saturday from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. V.E.T.S. CRUISE-IN at Riverside Veterans Memorial Park off US 24 in Antwerp. Meat & More drawing at 6:30 p.m., winners will receive Grocery gift certificates along with steak and pork loins. Door prizes, raffles and Free Will donation for eats and treats! All proceeds to the Antwerp Veterans Memorial.

June 27 - Saturday - Co-Ed Golf Outing - Tee off time is 1:30 p.m. at Pond-a-River Golf Club. V.E.T.S. will be offering food and beverages. Contact Dave Hitt or Andy Hahn to sign-up or for more information. All proceeds to the Antwerp Veterans Memorial.

V.E.T.S. continue to accept your donations. We are "Raising the Flag" one dime at a time!

ROHRS - AREND



Lindsey Rohrs and Scott Arend will be united in marriage on Saturday, June 6, 2009 at Divine Mercy Catholic Church in Paulding.

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MR. AND MRS. JACK MOORE CELEBRATE 60 YEARS OF MARRIAGE



Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moore will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on June 5, 2009. Jack and Marie were married June 5, 1949 in Winameg, OH by Rev. Ben Moore.

They have two daughters:

Gail (Jim) Sholl and Joanna (Dave) Arend; four grandchildren: Erin Sholl, Andrew Sholl, Scott (Lindsey) Arend, Jackie Arend, Shaun Arend, and Tyler Arend; and one great-grandchild, Grady Arend.

LEAD POISON - BE AWARE -KEEP OUR CHILDREN FREE OF ITS EFFECTS PREVENTION WEEK - JUNE 7-13, 2009

Childhood lead poisoning remains a health risk for Ohio children between the ages of six months and six years of age. Ohio has one of the highest numbers of lead poisoned children in the nation.

Do you live in a dwelling such as a home, apartment or trailer built prior to 1978? Is there cracked, peeling paint inside or out? If so, according to the Paulding County Health Department, you and your children may be exposing yourself to the fall out—lead dust. The older the home, the more lead paint was used.

Here, in Paulding County, we have cases of children who are lead poisoned and are working to get their lead levels down in their bodies so that damage is stopped. Because not all children are tested, there may be more unknown cases in the county.

The Paulding County Health Department has a limited amount of FREE cleaning supplies with test swabs and instructions to help families deal with this problem. If you have one of these older homes, call 1-866-399-3921 (toll free) or stop in at 800 E. Perry St. for these supplies.

Why worry about lead? Lead accumulates in the body, especially in younger children, because they are growing so fast and have faster metabolisms. They have a lot more hand to mouth activity and so easily ingest more lead if exposed. This lead poisoning can cause such symptoms as speech and hearing impairments, difficulty learning including attention deficit, slowed growth, behavior problems, digestive disorders, sleep disorders, poor muscle coordination, and fatigue to name just a few.

Where do you find this troublesome lead? It can be found in the peeling or cracking of old paint & in the dust from this both inside & out of the building. If the siding has dropped its paint, the lead stays in the ground forever unless the ground is excavated. It can be found in water running through old lead soldered pipes, leaded gasoline, lead fishing sinkers, lead soldering in electronics to name just a few. Many occupations and manufacturers deal with lead. Some folk remedies, old pottery, and even current toys are lead contaminated. Watch such internet sites as safekids.org for recalls on toys.

How do you prevent lead poisoning? Avoid exposure! The American Academy of Pediatrics Journal in 1999 reported on a study that showed effective housecleaning efforts reduced children's blood lead levels living in the home. The effective cleaning was focused on wet mopping of floors, damp sponging of walls & horizontal surfaces, and vacuuming with a high-efficiency vacuum.

So, do the cleaning with the all purpose cleaning solution at least every two weeks and use a hepa vacuum. Wash toys and pacifiers often. Create safe play areas - grassy areas - not bare dirt outside. Put the baby on a blanket inside to play instead of the bare floor. Wash children's hands frequently.

Nutritionally, feed children regularly throughout the

day as lead is absorbed more easily on an empty stomach. Give children foods rich in iron, calcium, and Vitamin C. Avoid fried and fatty foods which allow the body to absorb lead faster.

Have your child tested at your healthcare provider if there is any question of possible exposure. All children under the age of 6 years should be screened for lead poisoning. This is done by means of a simple blood test. Anemic children are also more prone to have lead poisoning if exposed.

Because lead poisoning is an ongoing danger, we must all be aware of the problem and be continuously working to prevent exposure. It is a medical problem that can be avoided.

ENATE WORKS TO HOLD GOVERNMENT MORE AC- COUNTABLE FOR USE OF TAXPAYER DOLLARS

Capitol Letters Weekly
Column by: Senator Steve Buehrer

All work in the Ohio Senate over the past few weeks has focused on House Bill 1—the state operating budget for fiscal years 2010-2011. As my colleagues and I in the Senate work to repair a House version of the spending plan that is fiscally unsustainable and seriously out of balance, much of the discussion at the Statehouse in the coming days will rightly focus on how much the state should spend over the next two years and where it should be spent. Already the Senate has also taken steps this spring to ensure that no matter what the final budget numbers contain, government is held more accountable for how it uses Ohioans' hard-earned dollars.

On May 5, the Senate approved Senate Bill 7, legislation that I co-sponsored, which seeks to hold state and local government officials more accountable for how they spend public funds. The bill would require the Ohio Auditor of State to maintain a fraud reporting system to encourage state employees and other Ohioans to report the misuse of taxpayer dollars. State Auditor Mary Taylor helped draft the proposal.

Since taking office in 2007, Auditor Taylor has voluntarily worked to establish the Ohio Fraud Reporting System, which includes an anonymous fraud hotline (1-866-FRAUD-OH), website (www.fraudohio.com) and other important tools to help stop fraud, waste and abuse in government. SB 7 would codify this service in state law and require that all state and local government employees be informed of the reporting system.

The bill would also ensure that any individual willing to come forward with information about the misuse of public funds is protected under Ohio's Whistleblower Protection Act. Research has shown that a majority of government fraud cases are identified using tips given to authorities.

In addition, I co-sponsored legislation in March, which would help Ohio taxpayers more easily track how their dollars are being spent. Senate Bill 78 would require the state to maintain a comprehensive, searchable website, where Ohioans could view state agency expenditures, monitor

the distribution of tax credits and examine state employee compensation. Currently this information is scattered throughout a number of different state government websites. SB 78 is pending in the Senate Finance & Financial Institutions Committee.

Billions of taxpayer dollars pass through the hands of government every year to help pay for everything from education to health care to highway construction. Ohioans deserve to know how this money is being spent. With this goal in mind, I will continue to support policy in the Senate that works to strengthen accountability standards and promote greater transparency in how state and local governments use public funds.

For more information on SB 7 and SB 78, please visit the Ohio General Assembly website at www.legislature.state.oh.us.

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.

FROM THE DOG WARDEN'S DESK



By: Mandy Lichty, Paulding County Dog Warden

Chipper is this week's featured pet. Chipper is a 1 to 2 year old male blue heeler mix. He is a bit shy at first but when he warms up to you he is a very loveable guy.

Great news for Brook! She finally got adopted and has a wonderful new home.

With summer time comes thunderstorms. After every thunderstorm there are always several dogs lost throughout the county. Many dogs become very frightened during storms and run away from home and become disoriented. If your dog is nervous during storms please be sure to have them safely confined somewhere where they feel safe and secure.

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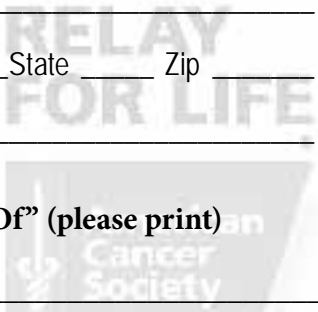
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LADY ARCHERS CLOSE SEASON AT FINDLAY



The Lady Archers took on Crestview at Findlay in the Regional tournament. Antwerp had a great 2nd inning but the Knights were too much in the rest of the game. The Archers were shot down 16-3 by the fifth inning. Shown here is sophomore Loni Walk hitting the ball, not quite making it to first base in time. Even so, the Archers had a great season. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

WARRIORS TAKE TWO IN SDH AGAINST HORNETS

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan took on Angola in a baseball doubleheader at Warrior Field and as baseball great Mel Allen used to say, "It's a beautiful day for a ballgame." And he was 100% correct when the temperature was in the 70s and 80s with little wind and plenty of sunshine. The sweep of the Hornets helped the day be that much brighter for the Warriors.

Woodlan took game one 8-1 over Angola as Jerrid Rydell limited the Hornets to just five hits in the opener while the Warriors collected 12 hits. Nick Dietering hit a solo home run for Woodlan to lead off the bottom of the second inning. Aury Keller was 3 for 4 in the game and Evan Powell was 2 for 2 in the game. Rydell struck out 7 in the game for the Warriors.

Score by the inning for game one:
Angola - 0 0 0 0 0 1=1

Woodlan - 2 1 0 0 2 3 x=8

After jumping out to a 12-3 lead in the second game, Woodlan had to hang on for a 12-11 win in the second game. The Warriors sent nine batters to the plate in the third inning and then sent 11 to the plate in the fourth as Woodlan scored 11 runs in the two innings to build their lead. Aury Keller and Corbin Bell each homered in the third inning and the Warriors got seven straight hits in the fourth inning. Trailing 12-5 heading to the seventh, the Hornets scored six runs on four hits including homeruns from Shane Crawl and Garret Keiser. Woodlan brought in game one winning pitcher Jerrid Rydell to preserve the win and get the save on the mound. Woodlan collected 22 hits in the game on offense with Nick Dietering going 3 for 4, Cody Gerig was 3 for 3, and Corbin Bell was 3 for 4.

Score by the inning for game two:
Angola - 1 0 1 1 2 0 6=11
Woodlan - 1 0 5 6 0 0 x=12

WOODLAN JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL RECOGNIZES TOP TEN IN SENIOR CLASS

Academic Top Ten Senior Class:

Aury Keller - Trine University, Chemical Engineering

Jazmyn Gideon - University of Southern Indiana, Graphic Design

Benjamin Schlie - Butler University, Pre-pharmacy

Rachel Hathaway - IUPUI, Political Science

Tianna Stieglitz - Purdue University, Pre-pharmacy

Kristen Unsicker - IPFW, Elementary Education

Alexandra Baumert - IPFW, Nursing

Cheri Knoblauch - Ball State, Architecture

Ashley Pierce - IPFW, Business

Lindsay Wheeler - IUPUI, Graphic Design

WOODLAN CLOSES OUT SEASON WITH A WIN OVER NORTHROP

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan closed out their regular season, dumping a 10-4 loss on SAC opponent Northrop at Warriors' Field. The win gave the Warriors a 20 win season, finishing at 20-5 heading into sectional play. Woodlan batted the order in each of the first two innings, scoring seven runs on the Bruins and taking a 8-1 lead after three innings. Northrop cut the lead in half at 8-4 after five complete, but Woodlan scored two in the sixth for a little more cushion. Jerrid Rydell had knocked in two runs with a double in the first and Aury Keller hit a 2-run homer for the Warriors in the second. Jason Maier was 2 for 2 in the game, scored 3 times, and reached safely 4 times for Woodlan. Ben Schlie collected a pair of hits and scored twice. Jerrid Rydell won on the mound for the Warriors.

Score by the inning:
Northrop - 0 1 0 2 1 0 0=4
Woodlan - 3 4 1 0 0 2 x=10

WARRIORS HANG ON FOR 11-8 WIN OVER PATRIOTS

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan got a lead off homer from Ben Schlie and scored four times in the first inning, then added three runs in the second inning getting a two run homer from Jason Maier, but the Warriors had to hang on for an 11-8 win over Heritage at Woodlan. The Warriors built 7-1 lead after three innings, but the Patriots sent nine batters to the

plate in the fourth and scored six runs to tie the game at 7-7. Woodlan regained the lead in the bottom of the inning, getting a RBI double from Maier. Heritage came back to tie the game at 8-8 in the top of the fifth. In the home half of the inning, the Warriors took the lead for good, scoring on back to back singles from Maier and Jerrid Rydell. A RBI single from Devon Waterman in the bottom of the sixth gave the Warriors an insurance run and pushed the final score to 11-8. Jason Maier was 4 for 4 in the game with a pair of doubles, Jerrid Rydell was 3 for 3 with a homerun and a double, and Ben Schlie was 2 for 4 with a homerun

Score by the inning:
Heritage - 0 1 0 6 1 0 0=8
Woodlan - 4 3 0 1 2 1 x=11

WOODLAN BASEBALL RECOGNIZES SENIOR PARTICIPANTS

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan baseball recognized the senior players, manager, and their parents between games of the doubleheader with the Angola Hornets under near perfect weather condition for baseball at Warriors' Field. The Class of 2009 and their parents:

Ben Schlie (#6, CF), son of Linda Schlie. Ben is a 4 year player for the Warriors, participated in football and wrestling, and is a member of the National Honor Society. He plans to attend Butler University and study pharmacy.

Aury Keller (#7, C/SS), son of Tom & Bambi Keller. Aury is a 4 year ball player for Woodlan, played football, and wrestled. He is a member of the National Honor Society and is the Woodlan Valedictorian for 2009. Aury plans to attend Trine University and major in chemical engineering.

Jerrid Rydell (#8, P/SS), son of Brenda and John Kummer and Mark Rydell. Jerrid has played baseball for 4 seasons for Woodlan and played basketball for 4 years, He works part-time at Pizza Hut and plans to major in math at college and teach at the high school level.

Nick Dietering (#14, P/1B), son of Holly Rosswurm and Bob Dietering. Nick played ball for Woodlan for 3 seasons and played football for the Warriors for 4 years. He plans to attend IUPUI and study physical therapy.

Josh Kinsey (#17, 3B/P), son of Randy & Sheila Kinsey. Josh played baseball for the Warriors for 4 years, basketball for 4 seasons, and football for 1 year. Josh plans to major in physical therapy in college.

Joe Grueb (#20, C/1B), son of Chuck & Pam Grueb. Joe played ball for 3 seasons for the Warriors, 4 years of football, and wrestled for 4 years. He will be attending Middlesex Junior College to major in Sports Medicine and wrestle.

Taylor Schnelbelt (manager), daughter of Tina and Jason Linker. This was Taylor's first year as manager. She participated as a cheerleader for 4 years and was in this year's school musical. She is active in the Woodburn Missionary Church and traveled to Jamaica this winter on her first mission trip. Taylor works part time at Parkview Hospital and at Casa's. She plans to pursue a nursing degree at Ivy Tech in Bloomington Indiana

BOWERS WINS TWO NATIONAL WRESTLING TOURNAMENTS



Robbie Bowers, age 10, has been wrestling since age 4. He wrestles with the Wayne Trace Wrestling Club.

He goes to most of the local and state tournaments throughout the year and even has been to West Virginia and Michigan.

He won first at the Tournament of Champions in Columbus a month ago. This is the largest one day tournament held in the U.S. The wrestling began at 2:00 p.m. and didn't finish for Robbie until 9:00 p.m. that evening but it was well worth it when he was declared champion of

his division. Then, in the first weekend of May he went to Baldwinsville, NY to wrestle in the Gene Mills Eastern Nationals, where he again took champion in the last ten seconds.

Bower voices giving credit to his coach George Clemens Jr. for all his coaching and encouragement and the other WT wrestlers in the club who have helped make him a better wrestler this past year.

He also attended a wrestling clinic held by former Soviet Medalist Miron Kharchilava where he trained before T.O.C.

JOHN PAULDING DAYS SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT AT PAULDING RESERVOIR PARK

The John Paulding Days Softball tournament will be held on June 13 at Reservoir Park. There will be a Men's class D and E teams. There will also be a Co-Ed tournament. The first 16 teams registered will play in tournaments. Deadline for registration is June 9. To enter call 419-399-2981.

ANTWERP HIGH SCHOOL REUNION COMMITTEE MEETING

The Antwerp High School 2009 Reunion Committee will meet at the Essen House, at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 17. Come early to eat and talk to classmates.

The time is getting closer for the big reunion event August 7, 8, 9. If you need an agenda of all the happenings or a registration form come to the meeting.

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"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": FAREWELL VANTAGE CLASS OF 2009



These Vantage seniors enjoy donuts together on their last day of school.

Hard to believe - It's already time for another senior class to graduate. Many students are torn between the comfortable environment of school and the anticipation of the future. I had a chance to talk to several seniors recently and here's what they had to say about their two years at Vantage.

Drew Fisher, a senior Culinary Arts student from Delphos St. Johns said, "I loved the Vantage experience. It was great being with a group of students who liked to cook and were as interested in it as I was. I was able to meet several chefs like Guy Fietti and Michael Symon. I even got to interview Chef Fritz from Germany." Drew will start college in July at the Art Institute of Ohio-Cincinnati, majoring in Culinary Arts.

Senior Cosmetologist Bekah Dull from Van Wert will be attending Northland Baptist College in Wisconsin, majoring in Sports Ministries. She has already passed her Ohio Cosmetology board exams. Tyler Johnson, a Health Careers senior from Crestview really enjoyed his work-based learning experience. "Vantage helped me decide that the medical field was the right choice for my career." Tyler will start classes at Rhodes State this fall majoring in Nursing.

Isaac Kistler, an Ag Diesel senior from Lincolnview will start classes at UNOH in August for Ag Mechanics. "Vantage gave me an opportunity to fulfill my expectations with the goal of a better and more plentiful life." His

Vantage classmate Rustin Adam from Crestview will join him at UNOH, also in Ag Mechanics.

Audra Woodcox, a Medical Office Management senior from Antwerp had been looking forward to attending Vantage since middle school. "I'm proud to have attended Vantage like my mother and brother did before me. Vantage is preparing us to enter the real world during one of the hardest economic times our country has ever seen. The skills that we have been taught will give us an advantage in the tough job market." Audra will be heading to Hocking College in the fall, majoring in Nursing.

Van Wert's John "Chevy" Chavarria, a senior Auto Tech student, is heading to Sinclair Community College, where he will major in High Performance Engines and Transmission. "My time at Vantage was Awesome! I give it 10 thumbs up!"

Cody Butler, a Precision Machining student from Crestview, is waiting to hear about an apprenticeship program for which he applied. He also plans on pursuing a business degree so he can one day open his own shop. "I had a really good experience at Vantage. It went a lot faster than I thought it would, though."

Wayne Trace senior Samantha Wiswell has learned a lot in her two years of Network Systems, but she'll be starting college in a whole new direction. Sami will be attending the University of Toledo, majoring in Forensic

Anthropology. She hopes to become a CSI someday. "I had a lot of fun, but it really went by fast."

"I really liked being at Vantage in Industrial Mechanics. I learned a lot", said Nick Miller, a senior from Ottoville. Nick will be attending Ohio State ATI in Wooster, majoring in Hydraulics. Samantha Trisel, a Health Careers senior from Van Wert will be attending Ivy Tech in Fort Wayne, majoring in Therapeutic Massage. She summed up her feelings about Vantage with just one word - "Unbelievable!"

Ashley Lantz and Erica Whitt, both Early Childhood Education seniors from Van Wert are headed to Wright State Lake Campus, majoring in Early Childhood. Ashley said "Vantage was a great experience for me. It helped me to prepare for my future." Erica said, "Vantage gave me a jump start in life and my career choice."

Erica Herron, a Ft. Jennings senior Cosmetology student has passed her state board exam and is applying to salons in the area. She plans to go back to school to receive certification in Massage Therapy, Tanning and Piercing so she will be able to someday open a Day Spa. Erica said, "Vantage was amazing. I learned so much. The teachers really care about our success and they are there to help out students. I'm really glad I came to Vantage."

2008 National BPA contestant Shiyane Hook, a Medical Office Management senior from Crestview said that coming to Vantage was a "life-changing experience" for her. "It gave me to opportunity to try the medical field. I plan to pursue a degree at UNOH for Health Care Administration." Shiyane will represent Vantage again this year at the BPA National Contest in Dallas, Texas.

Vantage is proud of the senior class of 2009. Whether already working, taking some time off from school, joining the military or heading off to college in the fall, Vantage congratulates the senior class of 2009. Best wishes always!

WOMEN'S PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL TEAM TO PLAY ON ETZLER FIELD THIS SUMMER

By: Jeff Abbott
Women's Professional Football will be playing their home games at Woodlan on Etzler Field this June, kicking off at 7:00 p.m. The Fort Wayne Flash are playing three straight home games in June, beginning June 6 against the West Michigan Mayhem. June 13 their opponent will be the Toledo Reign, and on June 20 the Flash take on the Dayton Diamonds. Kick-offs for all three games will be at 7:00 p.m. at Woodlan. Woodlan teacher Ms. Jennifer Hefferman is a member of the Fort Wayne Flash football team.

OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HONOR ROLL FOURTH NINE WEEKS 2008-2009

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PAYNE ELEMENTARY KIDS: SERIOUS ABOUT JOURNALISM



Kenzie Clemens, Domyynque Bielser and Levi Noggle check out the anchor desk at the news station.



George Clemens learns about editing the news with anchor Jeff Neumeyer.

Wayne Trace Payne Elementary 5th graders had a chance to tour Indiana's News Center in Fort Wayne. The students were able to meet a few of the anchors and learn

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KOENIG - GERBER



Bud and Cindy Koenig of Paulding, OH, would like to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter Kristen Koenig to Jeff Gerber, son of Tom and Laura Gerber of Sterling, OH. Kristen is a 2005 graduate of Paulding High School and is employed at The Nurtery Pre-School in Medina, OH while

attending the University of Akron. Jeff is a 2005 graduate of Norwayne High School in Creston, OH and is employed as an electrician at Johnson Electric. The couple will exchange vows Saturday, June 6, 2009 at the Hocking Hills Resort, South Bloomingville, OH.

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 4.0-3.67 - Kelsey Bashore, Tyler Gaisford, Christen Goudy, Aaron Hughes, Justin Johnson, *Darcie Reinhart, Alyssa Skeens, Jessica Smith, Elizabeth Vachon

3.66-3.33 - Erin Hughes, Bryson North, Sara Trauterman

3.32-3.0 - Brock Bell, Rose Doctor, Amber Greenwood, Botir Hawley, Brennan Huss, Megan Koppenhofer, Jacob Reinhart, Casey Schaefer, Tyler Short, Michael Stuart

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 4.0-3.67 - Jessie Arnold, *Rachel Banks, Vanessa Gordon, *Kaleb O'Donnell, Anthony Reid, Sierra Short, *Alaine Wetli

3.66-3.33 - Brandi Aldrich, Nicholas Berry, Tyler Bok, Shaile Chamberlain, Tanner Copsey, Andrew Ehlinger, Cody Mabis, Taylor Vail, Toni Winslow

3.32-3.0 - John Brown, Desiree Delgado, Joshua Hilton, Zachary Kimmel, Haili Knepper, Jordan Koppenhofer, Bethany Polter, Bethany Reinhart, Loni Walk, Audrey Winhover

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 3.66-3.33 - Kelsea Burns, Zachary Dunlap, Cassandra Harter, Jessica Langham, Bryant Miesle, Ann Reinhart, Jacob Shook, Dalton Skeens, Tricia Smalley, Rachel Vachon

3.32-3.0 - Morgan Cramer, Brandon Dunderman, Hayley Feichter, Samantha Foreman, Nicholas Herndon, Joseph Hilton, Taylor Shaffer, Alysha Stuck, Hannah Tempel, Josephine Wage

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 4.0-3.67 - Katlyn Bissell, Nicholas Bragg, Kacy Brummett, Justin Bute, *Shawn Dooley, *Ryan Girardot, Braeden Hormann, Alexis Jones, Colin Krick, Kyle Ryan, Rachel Stewart, Morgan Williamson, *Jesse Wilson, Lydia Yenser

3.66-3.33 - Noah Ganger, Chelsea Grimes, Ryan Hatlevig, Cameron Huss, Taylor Jones, Marissa Kitzmiller, Edward Reinhart, Justina Sanders, Avrial Sawyer, Colby Schaefer, Austin Stout

3.32-3.0 - Kayla Agness, Alexis Bear, Isaac Reinhart, Katherine Steel

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3.66-3.33 - Bethany Dunderman, Dalton Grembling, Jenna Hankinson, Erik Miesle, Madeline Reinhart, Derek Smalley

3.32-3.0 - Kaden Brummett, Megan Coak, Madison DeLong, Christopher Edgar, Garrett Jones, Justin Langham, Donato Manella, Lakota Price

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PAYNE BALL ASSOCIATION UPDATES WEBSITE

Just an update on our website at www.payneball.com. All information has now been updated. The website now includes: All Game Schedules; League Tournament Dates; All Star Tournament Information; League Rules; Fundraiser Information; Concession Stand Worker Schedule. Cancellations will be posted on the site as soon as that information is available!



EILEEN SHAFFER TURNS 90 YEARS YOUNG!

Eileen Shaffer has had a eventful 90 years of living. Her birthday is June 13, 2009 and a birthday party in her honor will be held at the Bethel United Methodist Church (located on Rd 192, Cecil) by her family from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Your presence will be gift enough.



HANK SINN BREAKS A.R. POINTS RECORD

Hank Sinn, a sixth grader at Wayne Trace Payne Elementary, finished the school year by earning 1001 Accelerated Reader points for the 08-09 school year! Hank is an avid reader, and he enjoys reading a wide variety of books. He is the son of Perry and Annette Sinn. This beats the record of 863 A.R. points set last year by Brock Worden.

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The fifth graders in Mrs. Stouffer's math class at Wayne Trace Payne Elementary learned about data analysis earlier this year. Students had to create a questionnaire for the entire school to complete, collect and record their data, display their findings on a double bar graph, and then present their findings to the class. The posters were also displayed in the school for the other students to look at them. In the photo is Mayah Nance, Dalton Franklin, Riley Bidlack, and Andy Hicks presenting their findings on Favorite School Subject.

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HICKSVILLE LODGE PREPARES FOR 1-DAY GRAND MASTER'S CLASS

Joe Stotler opened the Lodge and the Pledge was given. He then asked all military veterans to stand and tell what branch of service they served in and what years. These members were then given a hardy round of applause for their dedication to our country.

The 50-year members in attendance included Elmer Woodcox, Doyle Johnson, Dick Savage, and Charles Carey. Others on the sidelines were Tim Betts, Russell St. John, Scott Ruppert, Byron Rasey, Jamie Chapman, George Underwood, Will Fleitz, Walter Schilb, Randy Brooks Sr., Mike Villena, Lee Kallsen, Richard Wann, Steve Schilb, Jim Kline, Bill Metz, and Joe Stotler.

Get well cards were signed and sent to Lynn Haver, Glo Kerr, and Cora Kline. A birthday card was sent to Charles Carey. Thank you cards were read from Emma Conley and Evelyn Phillips for the wonderful Widow's Night dinner and program held on May 12

at the Presbyterian Church.

The Grand Master's 1-Day class was discussed. This year the class will be held at Bryan Lodge on June 13. Hicksville currently will have two individuals that will be attending this class.

Committees reported on the Annual Chicken Bar-B-Q, Highway Clean-up, and Local Scholarships recipients. A new committee was formed to prepare for the annual "Summer Break" cook-out.

Joe Stotler then called Lee Kallsen west of the altar and presented him his perfect attendance award for attending all inspections. A plaque was also presented to Hicksville Lodge for having the "Best Inspection" in the 5th district this year. Of all 13 Lodges in the 5th District, Hicksville Lodge was chosen as presenting the best.

Degree work was then conferred on our newest member. After the conclusion, the Lodge was closed in full form and all retired to the dining room for Suzy Kline's famous "Goulash." The next stated meeting will be June 10. The 3rd Degree will be exemplified at this meeting.

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TURNING POINT will be holding a benefit sale for Girls Spirit Camp on Wed & Thurs, June 3&4, 451 McDonald Pike Rd 107, Paulding from 9-4. TV, fish tank, toys, clothes, misc. p

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3-FAMILY GARAGE SALE: June 11 & 12, 18070 Rd. 48, Grover Hill, about 1 mile north of GH, right off 637. Toys, dollhouse, feather mattress, furniture, home decor, pool equipment, sports memorabilia, kitchen appliances, games, computer accessories/electronics, ceiling fans, clothing, shoes, boys' bedroom set. 22-23p

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The bride-elect is a 2006 graduate of Wayne Trace High School and will be graduating from The Ohio State University in 2010 majoring in Communication Technology. She is currently employed by The

Ohio State New Media Department and the U.S. Trotting Association.

Her fiancé is a 2004 graduate of Wayne Trace High School and a 2008 graduate of The Ohio State University with a degree in Real Estate. He is currently employed by the Franklin County Auditor as a real estate appraiser.

The couple will exchange vows on June 20, 2009 in an outdoor ceremony.

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OAKWOOD ARBOR #759 MAY MEETING

The Oakwood Arbor #759 of the Gleaners Life Insurance has had a very busy month of May with their volunteering.

Oakwood Elementary School had members reading to Kindergarten through Fifth Graders on May 5th during the "Educational Growth, Right to Read" week with a theme of "Track Down a Good Book." We appreciate the opportunity to read to the eager children.

Badman Ball Field on May 9th was the scene of Arbor Members, Boy Scout Troop #19, Scout Leaders and parents joining together during "Join Hands Day". We all worked to clean, rake leaves, hung banner advertisements and level new driveway stones. Everyone enjoyed lunch of pizza and pop.

President Ron Cooper called the May meeting to order at the Oakwood Park. Great job to those who helped at the John Paulding Historical Society "Antique Road Show" back in April. Heard about the "2008 Designated Beneficiary Fund" going to Charloe Park, that they would soon be starting their replacement of the shelter house.

Discussions were held on the next upcoming events: Thursday, June 4, 7:00 p.m. meeting at Twin Oaks UM Fellowship Hall. Bring those Campbell soup labels, pop tabs, and box tops for education. Times to work for Saturday, June 6th, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. only for "Oakwood Spring Clean Up Day". (Check your green flyer for more information). No tires, batteries, air conditioners, or cement. Most anything else we will take.

Oakwood Memorial Park on May 19th was the final part of our Educational Growth. The Elementary Third Graders practiced for their Annual Memorial Day Program. We provided pizza, cookie and punch for their refreshment. The students and staff have worked hard to prepare for this GREAT performance.

Come join our Arbor! Call President Ron Cooper 419-594-2119 or Vice President John Pier 419-594-2750 for more information.

SPIRIT OF A YOUNG WOMAN CAMP BENEFIT HELD BY TURNING POINT

The Turning Point is having a benefit for the girls Spirit of a Young Woman Camp on June 3-4, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at 451 McDonald Pike, Rd. 107, Paulding. Donations will be accepted up to June 3, 2009.

This camp allows an opportunity for 25 young ladies from Paulding County entering seventh through tenth grade to learn more about themselves and how to deal with issues they are currently facing.

The mission of the Spirit of a Young Woman Camp is to provide teen girls with valuable learning experiences through summer enrichment activities. By exposing them to a vast realm of knowledge and opportunities. It is our goal to encourage the girls to maintain positive life choices and develop healthy decision making skills.

By attending this residential camp, the young women will be participating in activities that will teach leadership

skills, build self-esteem and give them guidance on difficult teen issues.

The camp will take place June 8-11, at the Grainery in Paulding.

'COW TAX' WOULD HURT OHIO FARMERS

Capitol Letters Weekly Column by: Senator Steve Buehrer

The cost of a gallon of milk at the local grocery store or that cheeseburger you enjoyed at your Memorial Day picnic could go up significantly if the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is allowed to move forward with a proposed policy that would slap ridiculous and costly new permit fees on America's livestock farmers.

In 2007, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in *Massachusetts v. EPA* that greenhouse gas emissions are considered pollutants under the federal Clean Air Act, which requires that any entity with emissions in excess of 100,000 tons per year must obtain an operating permit. The law has traditionally targeted big manufacturers, but it is believed that in order to comply with the Supreme Court ruling, the EPA is considering the possibility of requiring farmers to obtain expensive permits for naturally-occurring, animal methane emissions. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, any livestock producer with more than 25 dairy cattle, 50 beef cattle, 200 hogs or 200 sheep would exceed the 100,000 ton threshold.

This absurd policy would cost our state's farmers millions of dollars a year and raise food prices for Ohio families who are already struggling to afford groceries and other basic needs. The American Farm Bureau estimates that minimum annual permitting fees under the EPA proposal could be \$175 per dairy cattle, \$87 per beef cattle, \$22 per hog and \$18 per sheep.

Earlier this month, the Ohio Senate sent a message to our leaders in Washington that this proposed fee increase on livestock farmers is bad for Ohio's economy, bad for the future of our state's agriculture industry and bad for Ohio families. Senate Concurrent Resolution 8, which my colleagues and I approved on May 7 with bipartisan support, urges the U.S. EPA to halt any effort to raise permit fees for livestock emissions. In addition, the proposal calls on members of Congress to adopt Senate Bill 527, which would prevent the government from imposing a "cow tax" on farmers, essentially exempting livestock emissions from regulation under the Clean Air Act.

We all want clean air to breathe, but efforts to curb pollution should not be so strict and costly that in the case of the EPA's proposed livestock emissions policy, they threaten to put farmers out of business and damage an entire industry. It does not make sense to tax farmers for something that is completely beyond their control. Not to mention, there is little scientific evidence that livestock emissions have a negative effect on our environment.

The Ohio Senate has voiced our concerns about this misguided proposal, and I hope the federal government listens, for the sake of Ohio's

ST. JOHN MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENT



Ryan and Ashley St. John are announcing their marriage on April 27, 2009 in Toledo, OH. Ashley works at J&R Construction Contracting Co. Ryan graduated from Owens Community College

and is currently employed at UPS as a supervisor. After the ceremony they spent a few days in Chicago. There will be a late summer reception. They reside in Toledo with their cat, Charlie.

economy, the health and financial well-being of Ohio families and all the dedicated men and women who work in our state's agriculture industry.

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.

CONGRESSMAN LATTA INTRODUCES INDIVIDUAL RECOVERY ASSISTANCE ACT OF 2009

On Friday, May 8th, Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) introduced H.R. 2331, the Individual Recovery Assistance Act of 2009.

The Individual Recovery Assistance Act of 2009 waives the 10% penalty on distributions from qualified retirement plans for the following:

—Mortgage payments on a primary residence- to include principal, interest, escrow for real estate taxes and property insurance and mortgage insurance

—Job loss- the individual must have received unemployment compensation for 12 consecutive weeks under any Federal or State unemployment law

—These two exceptions shall apply to distributions on or after the date of the enactment of the Act for a 1 year period.

H.R. 2331 also increases the age from 70 ½ to 75 for individuals to withdraw monies before they are penalized for required distributions, including distributions for charitable purposes.

"As our nation continues to struggle through this economic slowdown, people should have the option to access their retirement funds to make payments on their mortgages without penalty. By lifting the penalty and most requirements under current law, Americans will be able to continue to make their mortgage payments on time and remain in their houses. In addition, people will be able to access their hard earned money for other needed expenses because of job loss. I look forward to working with House leadership to pass this bill in a bipartisan and timely manner," Latta stated after introducing the bill.

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