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FLAT ROCK FESTIVAL GOES ON!



An emergency meeting was held Monday, August 17 because an impasse had happened between the PC fair board and the Flat Rock Creek Festival (FRCF) people. The Paulding County Commissioners scheduled the meeting to be the mediators and try to encourage communication between the two sides.

As one of the Commissioners, Tony Burkley, explained the Commissioners were mediating and trying hard to reach an agreement and how they had a proposal that may help both sides. Many people came to listen and see what would happen to their festival and to give their opinions. So many came to the meeting, in fact, that it was moved from the Commissioner's office to one of the court rooms and still there was standing room only.

The situation: the Paulding County Fair Board had a proposed fee increase for the Flat Rock Creek Festival from the previous year. The Fairboard explained they were having financial issues too, just like the rest of the country. The people representing the FRCF stated they could not afford that kind of an increase. Previously they were paying \$2000 plus all utilities for 10 days and taking care of the grounds immediately prior to the fair and cleaning up after.

The proposal presented by Mr. Burkley was: A willing donor has offered to bridge the gap for the Festival prior fees and the new fee. The previous cost was at \$2000 and the new asking price was \$5,000. The donation to cover the difference would be \$3000. "This should help a lot of non-profit

organizations who make money at the Flat Rock Festival," stated Burkley.

Speaking for Bill Vance & the festival, Glenn Elston said money issues is what they were here for. He said not only were the fees given but many items have been donated also, including the scales and other equipment, to the FairBoard by the FRCF Festival. Grounds were mowed and made to look nice by volunteer work. With the donations each year and the fees it looks like between \$3500 and \$4000 is actually given. The Festival is also working with less than before because of their own budget cuts.

At one point it appeared that the meeting was getting out of hand, but the commissioners helped bring order back. Another thing asked for was information brought out from past years on water & electric. Patty Vance, for the FRCF, stated that in previous years all utilities were paid in addition to the asking fees. Then Carina Meyer, treasurer of the Fair Board responded that the electric utilities had gone up from \$.08/kilowatt hour to \$.12/kilowatt hour and the increases needed to be paid.

Many comments were made by people in the courtroom. Some people asked what would happen next year if the donation is only for this year? It was stated this year is all that would be discussed at this point.

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PAULDING LIBRARY SYSTEM SEEKS VOTER SUPPORT

The Paulding County Carnegie Library Board of Trustees will once again ask the citizens of Paulding County to support their local libraries by approving an operations levy that will be placed on the November 3rd General Election ballot. The library has not received local funding for operations in its ninety-year history. Although an operations levy was defeated in 2008 by 600 votes, it is now more important than ever for citizens to have the facts and the information they need to make an informed decision in the voting booth.

Fact: The library currently receives over 90% of its revenue from the State of Ohio. The remainder of revenue comes from overdue fines, fees, donations, interest on investments and miscellaneous sources.

Fact: The library is NOT funded by the county commissioners. There is no line item in the county budget for the public library.

Fact: The branch libraries in the villages of Antwerp, Oakwood and Payne are a part of the Paulding County Carnegie Library system. They would not exist if the Board of Trustees of the library system had not worked with local citizens to make them possible. The Antwerp Branch Library opened in 1991. The Payne Branch Library opened in 1996. The Cooper Community Library in Oakwood opened in 2000.

Fact: The library received zero additional state funds when new branches were opened. The "pie" was just cut into more pieces - so to speak.

Fact: Library funding has been cut by over 30% in 2009 with anticipations of further cuts and reductions in the coming years.

Fact: The library provides great value to its citizens. The library can actually put money in the pockets of Paulding County families.

Fact: If a family visits any of the library locations once a

week and borrows five books, five movies, uses the computers for an hour, and borrows a magazine they have saved \$141 a week! (This figure is based on the user not having to purchase five books at \$20.00 each; not renting movies at \$2.00 each; not purchasing a home computer at \$19.00 per week; disconnecting Internet service from their home at a savings of \$12.00 per week.)

The Board of Trustees is placing a 2.17 mil levy on the ballot. This will cost a homeowner of a \$100,000 home about \$76.00 a year - or less than .21 a day! If all citizens would get in the habit of using their local library, the additional tax they have to pay on their property bill could be paid for in one visit! Imagine the savings for a family who uses the library weekly, or even once a month! This levy will generate revenue to bring the library back up to funding levels of 2000 and 2001.

With a success levy passage, patrons will see new books and materials, fees dropped for movies and inter-library loan requests, additional and upgraded computers, computer classes, more programs, additional services and more. It will be a very bleak picture if the levy fails to pass. The Board of Trustees will be faced with very difficult decisions including the possibility of greatly reducing hours or entirely closing branches; laying off staff; no purchasing of materials, and reducing hours at the main Carnegie Library.

Paulding County's citizens enjoy one of the best library systems in the country. Just ask any visitor from any other area of the United States and they will agree that the county library system is very

impressive. Our citizens use their library. Over half of our residents have library cards. Each day, more and more new families are visiting the library. The Board of Trustees is asking voters to please help them keep this library system vibrant.

A citizen levy campaign committee has been formed with volunteer representatives from throughout the county. They need additional help in the Antwerp area. This committee has already met and has agreed that the most important message will be the "value" of the library to its users. Look for them at ball games, special events and in your neighborhoods. Please help them spread the word about the value of your Paulding County library system. Their next meeting will be on September 15, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the main library in Paulding.

The Paulding County Carnegie Library has served the county since 1916 and is the first "county library" in the United States funded by Andrew Carnegie. The library is governed by a Board of Trustees appointed by the judge of the Common Pleas Court. By law, no more than three board members may be a member of any one political party - although the board operates in a total non-partisan environment. Current board members are Sue Derck, Board President; Terry Wehrkamp, Board Vice-President; Michelle Stahl, Board Secretary; Geoff Hyman; Susie Thrasher; Corey Walker. For more information about the library, the levy or library services, call 419-399-2032 or visit the library's website at www.pauldingcountylibrary.org.

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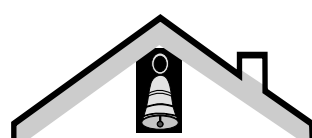
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EXODUS QUARTET TO PERFORM AT TWIN OAKS UMC

The Exodus Quartet will be in concert at the Twin Oaks United Methodist Church, Oakwood, on Saturday, August 29 at 7:00 p.m. A free will love gift will be received that evening.

LETTING KIDS BE KIDS

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

It was the first day of kindergarten and little Johnny proudly walked to school for the first time. At the end of the school day, the young boy then walked home. As this went on for a number of weeks his parents noticed that a pattern began to develop.

It seemed that each day, Johnny would take longer and longer to get home. His father became upset with him telling the boy that it was taking far too long for him to walk home. But the pattern continued. Johnny continued to come home late.

The dad decided to make the trip himself to see how long it should take to cover that distance. He concluded that 20 minutes maximum was enough; his son was taking well over an hour.

Finally the father decided to walk with the young boy. After that trip the man said, "The twenty minutes I thought reasonable was right... but I did make a miscalculation. My mistake was that I failed to consider such important things as a side trip to track down a trail of ants... or a stop to watch a man fix a flat... or the time it took to swing around a half dozen telephone poles... or how much time it took for a boy just to get acquainted with two stray dogs."

"In short," the father concluded, "I had forgotten what it is like to be six years old."

I had to re-read that last line several times before it completely sunk in. "In short, I had forgotten what

it is like to be six years old."

If you're a parent, I want you to think about that for a minute. Are you remembering what it is like to be the age of your kids? Are you considering what it is like to be an eight year old boy, an eleven year old girl, or a 15 year old adolescent?

How easy it is for us as adults to place adult expectations on our children. To expect them to think, reason, act and feel like we do. (As if WE have it all together...)

God, as our heavenly Father, deals with US as children, fully knowing OUR limited capacities. The Bible says, "He knows our frame and knows that we are but dust." The scriptures tell us that God's understanding is infinite, and that His patience is everlasting.

If we as parents are to be "God-like" (and we are), perhaps we need to give our children a little more room to be just that—children.

Let your kids be kids. Allow them the privilege of making mistakes, getting some bumps and bruises, and learning the lessons of life that they need to learn.

After all, that's how God treats us. And who are we to expect more of our children than what our heavenly Father expects of us?

SOCCER REGISTRATION BEGINS IN PAYNE

The Payne Naz Youth Soccer League registration and practice skills for kids grades 1st through high school will be held Saturday, September 5, and Saturday, September 12, from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Payne Naz Youth Soccer takes place each Saturday thereafter beginning at 9:00 a.m. through October. Time of games will vary.

The Payne Church of the Nazarene is located at 501 E. Orchard St. (State Route 500 East), Payne, Ohio. For more information, please call the church office at 419-263-2422.

THE CHURCH

By: James Potter, Oakwood church of Christ

In our last study we were talking about the kingdom of heaven and the kingdom of God and what they mean. As we studied these words, they are used interchangeably, meaning the church. As you and I study the Bible, and we know of the prophecy of Christ in Genesis 3:15, but what about the promise to Abraham in Genesis 12:1-7? The promise made to Abraham was two-fold.

1). It had a spiritual promise. This fulfillment came through Christ who was the spiritual seed of Abraham, through whom all nations would be blessed. This same promise is again revealed to Abraham, his name was Abram up to Genesis 17:5, then God changes it to Abraham, and the promise is Genesis 22:18.

2). It had a land grant promise. In Genesis 12:7 we read that his seed would receive the land. Other scripture verses to check out are Genesis 13:15; 15:18; 17:8; Exodus 6:4-6. The land grant promise was made to Abraham and to his seed after him. Under the leadership of Joshua this was fulfilled, read Joshua 21:43-45 and the other scripture verses I have written down. Sure, Israel lost a portion of the land, but in II Samuel 8:3, David defeats Hadadezer and takes the land back.

The spiritual promise that God made to Abraham, which was fulfilled in Christ, is the theme of the Gospel message. When we speak of the Virgin birth, the blood of Christ, atonement, the church, the gift of the Holy Spirit, plus all the other truths of the Bible; no one thing unites them as much as the overall scheme of redemption revealed in that one promise to Abraham, Genesis 12:1-7. This promise was renewed to Jacob, Genesis 28:3-4 13-14; the promise was renewed to Judah, Genesis 49: 8-12; the promise renewed to David, II Samuel 7:12-16; the spiritual seed promise fulfilled in Christ.

As the land-grant promise was fulfilled in Joshua, so the spiritual promise is fulfilled in Christ. Please read Galatians 3:26-27. Paul here proclaims the spiritual meaning of the promise God made to Abraham. Paul is not speaking of a temporal, earthly kingdom as he once believed. Paul was not speaking of Christ coming and reigning in a national state. To be an heir, and to be in Christ's kingdom the church, which is spiritual, we must be obedient to what Christ says. Notice in Galatians 3:27 it says for as many of you as were baptized into Christ did put on Christ.

Loved ones, I encourage you to study the Bible, if you do not have a Strong's Concordance or Strong's dictionary, purchase one, and you will be able to understand the scriptures better. Bible questions? Call James Potter 419 393- 4775 or Lonnie Lambert 419 399-5022. Jesus loves you and so does the Oakwood church of Christ.

FROM THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S DESK

Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney, Joseph R. Burkard announced that the Paulding County Grand Jury indicted 13 persons on Thursday, August 13, 2009.

Suzanne E. Coburn, passing bad checks, F-5

Robert A. Kremer, of Payne, domestic violence, F-3; felonious assault, F-2

James L. England, theft, F-5; receiving stolen property, F-5

David S. Carlisle, of Paulding, trafficking, F-2; possession of drugs, F-3

Dawn L. Carlisle, of Paulding, trafficking in drugs, F-2; possession of drugs, F-3

William A. McWhorter, passing bad checks, F-4

Joseph R. Moser, of Paulding, burglary, F-4

Thomas C. McMichael, of Oakwood, assault, F-4

Vine M. Krzesinski, of Paulding, trafficking in drugs, F-3; trafficking in drugs, F-3; trafficking in drugs, F-4; trafficking in drugs, F-2; trafficking in drugs, F-4

Matthew A. Wiswell, of Paulding, trafficking in drugs, F-5; trafficking in drugs F-4 (2 counts); theft, F-5; forgery, F-5

Port E. Miler, of Paulding, forgery, F-5; possession of drugs, F-5; possession of drugs, F-5

Charles W. Dunn, of Paulding, unlawful sexual conduct w/a minor, F-3

Tony Gray, of Latty, improperly handling firearms in a motor vehicle, F-4

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It was pointed out by Melinda Krick, she asked other counties about the fees they would charge to host the festival and found out the past years \$2000 fee was right in line. She also asked if there would be a levy on the ballot this year to help the Fair board/grounds. Yes was the answer.

The Fair Board left for a half an hour to discuss the situation and then came back. Steve Sukup, speaking for the board members present, offered \$2000 and an agreement of certain of utilities and not asking for the private donors. The Fair Board has to go back and have a majority approve this measure with the full board. The normal meetings for the Fair Board is the 2nd Wednesday of each month. They also offered to have another meeting in September after this year to try and get a contract for next year and possibly the next three years written up.

It appears that an agreement has been reached. It was nice to see the commissioners very concerned about all of this and great to see all sides come together on this important issue for the county.

MISSION AT GROVER HILL



By: Stan Jordan

Sue, Pauline and I attended the Ice Cream Social at the Grover Hill Zion United Methodist Church on Saturday, August 15. They had a good turn out of very friendly people.

We went downstairs and had plenty of good food. Then we finished with plenty of home made ice cream on top of the dessert.

We talked quite a bit with Reg Hinchcliff. He told us this was an annual affair in conjunction with the Youth for Christ Auction. The church also helps with other certain projects. The Ice Cream Social has been a project for about 20 years with a free will offering.

Reg says that the Grover Hill UMC will be 100 years old in 2012. Over the years a lot of repair work has been done.

The church is very active in community work. It is the holding place for the Area Food Pantry and assists with the Ministerial Association for the area churches.

He said Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. and church is at 10:20 a.m. and he stressed everyone is welcome. "We are just a country-type friendly church," he said.

I had a conversation with a pretty little worker named Dani Hofman. She is a cheer leader for Wayne Trace High School. I am proud of her as she already knows her future. It is in Forensic Science and she wants to attend Defiance College.

I also talked a bit with Ray Treece about some old history. Again I ran into my old friend, Don Adams and his wife from Oakwood. We met a few weeks ago at the Bethel Methodist Church Ice Cream Social, so if I meet him one more time, we will put his picture in the paper.

In the back yard of the church we had music by Harmonica John and Nancy (always a favorite) and Jim Bouelle, Linda Sidle, Harry Stephanson, Mike Semier, Lora Delong, Brock Delong, and Glen Fockler.

With the good food, ice cream, music and fellowship, it sure was a nice evening.

See Ya!

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND DISMISSALS

Admissions:

8/17 - Larry Miller, Paulding

8/19 - Wava Colley, Paulding

8/20 - E. Bernice Kochenour, Paulding

Dismissals:

8/20 - Larry Miller, Paulding

ANTWERP'S CORN HOLE CHAMPIONS

By: Sue Kanpp

Antwerp's Kenny Allen and his nephew, Aaron Gross are still competing in Corn Hole Tournaments. They won 3rd at the Putnam County Fair. Because of circumstances they were not able to compete at Woodburn's Day in the Park. At the Van Wert Rib Fest they came in first and won \$500. They competed at the Lazy River Campground Corn Hole Tournament in Pioneer. Kenny and Aaron were separated and Kenny came in first and Aaron came in fourth. Their next tournament is in Wren (by Lima). Kenny and Aaron are looking forward to the big championship in Cincinnati coming up.

Follow along with us on their progress in the popular Corn Hole Tournaments.

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Attention: Busy Women

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In order to accommodate our patients, the radiology department at Paulding County Hospital has set aside dates to schedule evening appointments for mammograms.

Evening appointments available on these 2009 dates:

- Weds, Sept. 2
- Weds, Sept. 23
- Weds, Oct. 7
- Weds, Oct. 21
- Tues, Nov. 24
- Weds, Dec. 16

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OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES FOR JULY 29, 2009

This 29th day of July, 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.

In The Matter Of Approving 'Then And Now' Purchase Orders And Payments:

The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on March 9, 2009:

- Dayton Legal Blank, \$324.75
- 001-003-00005
- John Hatcher, \$1,723.00
- Edward Hatcher, \$408.00
- John Hatcher, \$392.00
- Windstream, \$3,433.80
- American Electric Power, \$3,073.74
- Maximus, Inc., \$6,000.00
- American Electric Power, \$3,576.42
- Affiliated Computer Services, \$1,871.70
- Centec Cast Metal Products, \$492.11
- Shisler Insurance Agency, \$100.00
- CCOA Service Corp, \$1,526.00
- Brown Supply Co., \$108.95
- Paws & Remember, \$125.70
- Office Partners, \$383.16
- Certified Laboratories, \$373.61
- Zep Manufacturing, \$314.79
- California Contractors Supply, \$179.40

- Century Trading, \$273.60
- Terminal Supply, \$197.46
- Paulding Co. Engineer, \$271.73
- Lori Stanfa, \$500.00
- Marcia Pressler, \$420.00
- Private Duty Services, \$650.63
- SAFY of Ohio, \$12,638.10
- The Marsh Foundation, \$7,695.00
- Foundation for Living, \$6,150.00
- CLASS, \$3,765.00
- Adriel School, \$2,213.12
- Center for Ch & Fam Advocacy, \$2,051.80
- Brown Supply Co., \$247.95
- Integrity Ford, \$2,210.05
- Poggemeyer Design Group, \$1,642.88
- Matthew Bender & Co., \$157.20
- Menards, \$780.57
- Don & Perry's, \$200.00

The Paulding County Commissioners approved the Then and Now Purchase Orders as submitted by the Auditor.

In The Matter Of Requesting The County Auditor To Certify To The Taxing Authority The Total Current Tax/Valuation Of The Subdivision, And The Number Of Mills Required Generating A Specific Amount Of Revenue, Or The Dollar Amount Of Revenue That Would Be Generated By A Specified Number Of Mills:

The Board of County Commissioners concur that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten (10) mill limitation "for the creation and operation of an office or joint office of economic development, for any economic development purpose of the office, and to otherwise provide for the establishment and operation of a program

of economic development pursuant to sections 307.07 and 307.64 of the Revised Code, or to the extent that the expenses of a county land reutilization corporation organized under Chapter 1724, of the Revised Code are found by the board of county commissioners to constitute the promotion of economic development, for the payment of such operations and expenses" (Ohio Revised Code 5705.19(EE), and Amended Substitute House Bill 198, effective March 31, 2003, requires the County Auditor's Certification of Estimated Property Tax Revenue (DTE Form 140R, ORC §5705-03(B)) to be filed with the Board of Election with any resolution or ordinance directing the Board of submit a tax issue to the electors.

The Board of County Commissioners requests that the Paulding County Auditor issue a Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue to certify the total current valuation and the number of mills required to generate a net amount of \$49,000.00, for five (5) years commencing in 2009, first due in 2010, for the purpose of operating Paulding County Economic Development.

In The Matter Of Permissive Tax Application For Funds Available Under Section 4504.05 Of The Ohio Revised Code For The Village Of Antwerp:

Antwerp Village, a municipal corporation within the County of Paulding, hereby makes application for funds available under Section 4504.05 of the Revised Code of Ohio, to plan, construct, improve, maintain, or repair the following streets within the municipality shown on a map presented to the Paulding County Engineer.

Total amount of estimated cost of construction: \$3,180.00

Amount available according to vehicle registration: \$2,778.73

Application date: July 15, 2009, Loretta Baker, Fiscal Officer/Clerk /s/, Village of Antwerp

I, Travis McGarvey, Engineer of Paulding County, hereby grant the foregoing request of the Village of Antwerp in the amount of \$2,778.73.

Approval date: July 29, 2009, Travis McGarvey /s/, Paulding County Engineer

The Commissioners order to pay Antwerp Village. The Auditor is hereby authorized to issue a warrant to Antwerp Village in the amount of \$2,778.73 in conformance with Section 4505.05 of the Revised Code of Ohio, to be paid from the Municipal Permissive Tax Fund.

In The Matter Of Amending The 2009 Annual Appropriation (Fund 024):

The Commissioners amended the 2009 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the County Auditor to appropriate unappropriated funds in Fund 024:

Fund 024 - Permissive Tax, 024-001-00001/Permissive Tax, \$2,778.75

In The Matter Of Amending The 2009 Annual Appropriation (Fund 033):

The Commissioners amended the 2009 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the County Auditor to appropriate unappropriated funds in Fund 033:

Fund 033 - Supplemental Equipment/Recorder, 033-001-00001/Supplemental Equipment, \$15,000.00

In The Matter Of Modifying The 2009 Annual Appropriation (Fund 001-030):

The Board of County Commissioners modified the 2009 Annual Appropriation

and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:

FROM: 001-030-00001/General Fund/Insurance/Loss Control/CORSA

TO: 001-022-00011/General Fund/Insurance/Unemployment

AMOUNT: \$6,965.55

In The Matter Of Creating Expense Line Item And Amending The 2009 Annual Appropriation (Fund 096):

The Board of County Commissioners authorized and directed the Paulding County Auditor to create the following expense line item with the following appropriation:

096-001-20101/Prison Diversion/FY10 Personnel, \$25,300.50

In The Matter Of Entering Into A Memorandum Of Understanding Regarding Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS):

The Board of County Commissioners authorized the Maumee Valley Planning Organization to develop a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) on behalf of the Boards of Commissioners of Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Paulding, and Williams Counties; and the Board of County Commissioners does hereby enter into a Memorandum of Understanding regarding a process to develop and maintain a regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for said counties covering the period July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2014.

In The Matter Of Authorizing Paulding County Department Of Job And Family Services To Enter Into A Lease Agreement For Accent Paulding County Job Center:

The Commissioners does hereby authorize Corey Walker, Director of Paulding County Job and Family Services, to enter into a lease agreement with Emerald Division, LLC in the amount of \$500.00 per month for office space for ACCENT Paulding County Job Center.

In The Matter Of Authorizing Paulding County Job And Family Services To Enter Into A Telephone Rental Contract With Windstream:

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize Corey Walker, Director of Paulding County Job and Family Services, to enter into a telephone rental agreement with Windstream in the amount of \$52.00 per month.

In The Matter Of An Agreement For Funding For Paulding County Soil And Water Conservation District:

The Commissioners intend to place a levy on the November 3, 2009, ballot for county operating expenses; and in the event of the passage of the levy, it is also the intent of the Paulding County Commissioners to earmark \$80,000.00 per year for the duration of the levy to operate and maintain Paulding County Soil and Water Conservation District;

The Commissioners agreed that if the majority of the electors vote in favor of the county operation levy voted on the November 3, 2009, ballot, \$80,000.00 of the collected levy dollars will be earmarked for the operation and maintenance of Paulding County Soil and Water Conservation District.

In The Matter Of Amending And An Addendum To The Resolution Designating Loss Control Coordinators For CORSA:

Mr. Tony Zartman moved to adopt the following resolution:

On July 20, 2009, Journal 51, Page 753 and 754, a resolution was passed designating Tony Zartman and Edward Straley as the county's Loss Control Coordinators; and CORSA requires only one Loss Control Coordinator.

Tony Zartman has been designated to be the County Loss Control Coordinator and will attend to and oversee the loss control program; and shall report to the Board of County Commissioners; and be a member in good standing with the Ohio County Loss Control Coordinators Association and attend a minimum of two (2) Ohio County Loss Control Coordinators Association meetings and two (2) CORSA sponsored meetings.

The expectations for this position are as follows:

1. Perform or review annual premises/building inspections
2. Review and evaluate compliance with County's fleet policy
3. Review loss experience reports with CORSA risk control staff and with departments and offices that have had losses
4. Serve as contact person for all county property and liability claims and incidents
5. Actively participate in county sponsored safety committee
6. Determine the need for, and coordinate providing, services to county offices and departments that are available from CORSA and the county's local insurance agent.

Audit Committee:

The Board of County Commissioners; Tony Burkley, Edward Straley, and Tony Zartman met with members of the Audit Committee: Carol Temple, County Recorder; Ann Waldman, Clerk of Courts; Susan Simpson, County Auditor; Joe Burkard, County Prosecutor; and David Harrow, County Sheriff.

The Permissive Sales and Use Tax 2009 report and the Sales Tax Monthly Breakdown report were reviewed. Permissive Sales and Use Tax, which includes Motor Vehicle Tax, received in July '09 was down by \$20,550.00 from last month and 27% down from July '08. Three-year sales tax revenue average for the month of July shows '09 down about \$33,551.00. Motor vehicle tax was down \$2,479.94 from June '09; and was 9.14% below July '08. Vehicle tax collected was below the three-year average by \$7,607.85.

Susan Simpson distributed reports prepared by her office for review. She reported general fund receipts for the first six months of '09 of \$1,905,936.67, which was down from the same time frame in '08 by \$399,090.37 and below the three-year average by \$176,625.31. Six-month general fund expenses are also down from '08 by \$161,363.06 and below the three-year average by \$195,742.07. Ms. Simpson also presented a Comparison of Revenue to Expenses report. This report compared estimated revenue to actual expenses and actual revenue to actual expenses. It gave a good 'snapshot' of the county's financial status as of June 30. Ms. Simpson reminded the Treasurer, Prosecuting Attorney and the Commissioners of the budget committee meeting on August 5 @ 2:00 p.m. Ms. Simpson also reminded the elected officials that payroll due on Labor Day Monday needs to be turned in

by Tuesday morning at 8:30 a.m.

County Commissioner Zartman announced that Paulding County SWCD Board has decided to support the Commissioners' County operational levy this fall. If the levy passes, \$80,000.00 will be earmarked for SWCD.

A levy committee was then discussed. Sheriff Harrow suggested getting community leaders involved. A meeting will be held Monday, August 3, at 1:00 p.m. It was suggested that elected officials submit names to be considered as members for the committee.

Meeting Notes of Appointment:

Corey Walker, Department of Job and Family Services - Mr. Walker announced he will be attending a workshop on furloughs on August 12. He also stated 36 intakes were done last week, which is up from the average. Mr. Walker estimates there will be 600 children who will need assistance with school supplies this fall. Area churches have organized to help with this project. Mr. Walker further explained that cash donations will go toward paying school fees for those who qualify. Mr. Walker had estimates for desks and closets in the Jacob Eaton Children's Home. Carpet and bathroom improvement estimates are being collected. Decisions for all these projects will be made at a later date. Mr. Walker also reported that adoption fees on the state level have been reduced. The difference in contracts is being picked up by county Departments of Job and Family Services.

David Harrow, Paulding County Sheriff - Sheriff Harrow updated the Commissioners on Sheriff's office activities.

Bill Beckman, Charlie Simpson, Steve Sukup, SWCD - Representatives from SWCD met with the Commissioners to discuss the fall levy.

Susan Simpson, County Auditor - Ms. Simpson reports the revaluation is going well. She encouraged building permits to insure taxes are correct. Township trustees and village officials should be aware of new construction. Zoned townships can sell their own building permits. Non-zoned townships purchase building permits at the Auditor's office. Any project resulting in over \$2,000.00 in improvements needs a permit. Ms. Simpson also presented written documentation of a voluntary 8.6% reduction in her salary through 2009. She also reported encouraging offices to process bills timely to prevent finance charges and late fees. Ms. Simpson stated the budget committee is to meet on August 5. She reported actual revenue for 2009 is well below what was estimated for the first six months. This is a direct result of less local government funding, less interest income on investments, a drop in sales tax revenue, and a drop in conveyance fees collected. Ms. Simpson also announced the due date for mobile home taxes is Friday, August 7.

Tony Langham and Pam Miller, PCED - Mr. Langham and Ms. Miller presented PCED's operating budget worksheet, projecting a five-year plan. Mr. Langham explained Revolving Loan specifications and qualifications. He stated \$25,000 can be loaned for each new job created or 40% of the total project (whichever is less). For more specific information about the RLF, Mr. Langham encourages contacting PCED.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES FOR AUGUST 10, 2009

This 10th day of August, 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.

In The Matter Of Requesting The Auditor To Complete Form DTE 140R - Certificate Of Estimated Property Tax Revenue:

The Board of County Commissioners concur that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten (10) mill limitation for current expenses of Paulding County as defined in Section 5705.19(A) of the Ohio Revised Code; Amended Substitute House Bill 198, effective March 31, 2003, requires the County Auditor's Certification of Estimated Property Tax Revenue (DTE Form 140R, ORC §5705-03(B)) to be filed with the Board of Election with any resolution or ordinance directing the Board to submit a tax issue to the electors; it is necessary to place an additional county tax levy for cooperative extension service fund, ORC Section 3335.37:

This levy is to be placed on the ballot at the November 3, 2009, election for a period of five (5) years being 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012, and 2013, to be collected in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014; now, therefore the Board of County Commissioners requests the Paulding County Auditor issue a Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue to certify the millage required to generate a gross revenue amount of \$200,000.00.

Travel Request:

Susan Simpson and Real Estate Staff, Manatron MVP User Training, Columbus, Ohio - September 8 and 9, 2009.

The Commissioners appointed and reappointed the following to the Ohio Public Works Commission, Paulding County Subcommittee, in their respective classifications for a one year term effective July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010:

Health Department - Mr. Andrew Porter, 800 East Perry Street, Paulding OH 45879; Phone: 419-399-3921; Paulding County Sanitarian

County Representative - Mr. Tony Burkley, 115 N. Williams Street, Room B-1, Paulding, OH 45879; Phone: 419-399-8215; Paulding County Commissioner

Village Representative - Ms. Theresa Lehman, P O Box 114, Haviland OH 45851; Phone: 419-622-4145; Village Mayor

Township Representative - Mr. Charles Simpson, 12147 Road 216, Cecil OH 45821; Phone: 419-399-2366; Crane Township Trustee

Other Voting Representative - Mr. Travis McGarvey, 801 West Wayne Street, Paulding OH 45879; Chairman of County Subcommittee; Phone: 419-399-2366; Paulding County Engineer

In The Matter Of Requesting The County Auditor To Certify To The Taxing Authority The Total Current Tax

Valuation Of The Subdivision, And The Number Of Mills Required Generating A Specific Amount Of Revenue, Or The Dollar Amount Of Revenue That Would Be Generated By A Specified Number Of Mills:

The Commissioners concur that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten (10) mill limitation for the purpose of operating the Paulding County Economic Development office and the said levy is to be placed on the ballot at the November 3, 2009, election for a period of five (5) years being 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013; to be collected in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014 and the Commissioners requested the Paulding County Auditor issue a Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue to certify the total current valuation and the number of mills required to generate a gross amount of \$56,000.00.

In The Matter Of Modifying The 2009 Annual Appropriation (Fund 009):

The Board of County Commissioners modified the 2009 Annual Appropriation and asked the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:

FROM: 009-001-00007/Engineer/Gas Tax/Materials

TO: 009-001-00011/Engineer/Gas Tax/Contract Projects

AMOUNT: \$225,000.00

This 10th day of August, 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, no bids were received for the Crane Township Flood and Drainage Project. The project will be re-bid at a later date.

This 10th day of August, 2009, bids were received and opened for the bidding of the Melrose Street Improvement Project:

Ward Construction, 385 Oak Street, Leipsic, OH 45856, \$6,804.80

Strable Paving, Inc., 15517 Rd 139, Cecil, OH 45821, \$5,295.52

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

This 10th day of August, 2009, bids were received and opened for the bidding of the Jackson Township Street Improvement Project:

Gerken Paving, Inc., PO Box 607, 9-072 US 24, Napoleon, OH 43545, \$37,381.90

Ward Construction, 385 Oak Street, Leipsic, OH 45856, \$37,271.25

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

Meeting Notes of Appointment:

Susan Spencer, MVPO - Ms. Spencer met with the Commissioners to open bids for various CDBG projects for the 2008 formula.

Tony Langham and Susan Simpson - The Paulding County Economic Development levy was discussed. (see resolutions above)

Lee Sonnenberg, USDA/Rural Development; Ken Maag, Poggemeyer Design Group; Joe Burkard, Susan Simpson, and Lou Ann Wannemacher - Mr. Sonnenberg confirmed a \$3,406,000 grant from USDA/Rural Development and a \$2,514,000 40-year loan @ 3 1/2% interest to help fund the Auglaize River Sewer Project. The total project cost is \$7,900,000. Mr. Maag stressed the importance of following-up on the paperwork involved in such a big project and strongly suggested a project manager be designated. It is likely bids for the lagoon (which will be located in Defiance County) will go out early 2010. Paulding County has 497 potential users.

Marsha Yuetter, Senior Center - Ms. Yuetter met briefly with the Commissioners to discuss the Senior Center operations.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES FOR AUGUST 17, 2009

This 17th day of August, 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.

In The Matter Of Amending The 2009 Annual Appropriation (Fund 128):

The Board of County Commissioners amended the 2009 Annual Appropriation and directed the County Auditor to appropriate unappropriated funds in Fund 128:

Fund 128 - Defiance/Paulding Counties 128-001-00001/Expense, \$20,724.00

Joint Auglaize Sewer Project

In The Matter Of Modifying The 2009 Annual Appropriation (Fund 001-022):

The Board of County Commissioners modified the 2009 Annual Appropriation and directed the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:

FROM: 001-030-00002/General Fund/Insurance/Loss Control/Retirement Fund

TO: 001-022-00011/General Fund/Insurance/Unemployment Compensation

AMOUNT: \$2,640.43

In The Matter Of Modifying The 2009 Annual Appropriation (Fund 001-022):

The Board of Commissioners modified the 2009 Annual Appropriation and directed the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:

FROM: 001-030-00001/General Fund/Insurance/Loss Control/CORSA

TO: 001-022-00011/General Fund/Insurance/Unemployment Compensation

AMOUNT: \$2,585.90

Edward Straley left the meeting.

In The Matter Of Amending The 2009 Annual Appropriation (Fund 032):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby amend the 2009 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the County Auditor to appropriate unappropriated funds in Fund 044:

Fund 032 - Certificate of Title, 032-001-00003/Supplies, \$62.00

Meeting Notes of Appointment:

Conference Call with Steve Grassbaugh, Bond Attorney; Lou Ann Wannemacher, Paulding County Treasurer; Susan Simpson, Paulding County Auditor - A conference call was conducted to discuss the jail bond.

Susan Simpson, Paulding County Auditor - Ms. Simpson met with the Commissioners to present an estimated 2010 revenue worksheet. It is necessary to estimate the revenue so that the various county offices can then do preliminary budgets for 2010.

Marsha Yuetter, Paulding County Senior Center - Ms. Yuetter presented a completed application for PASSPORT funding to the Board Chairman signatures.

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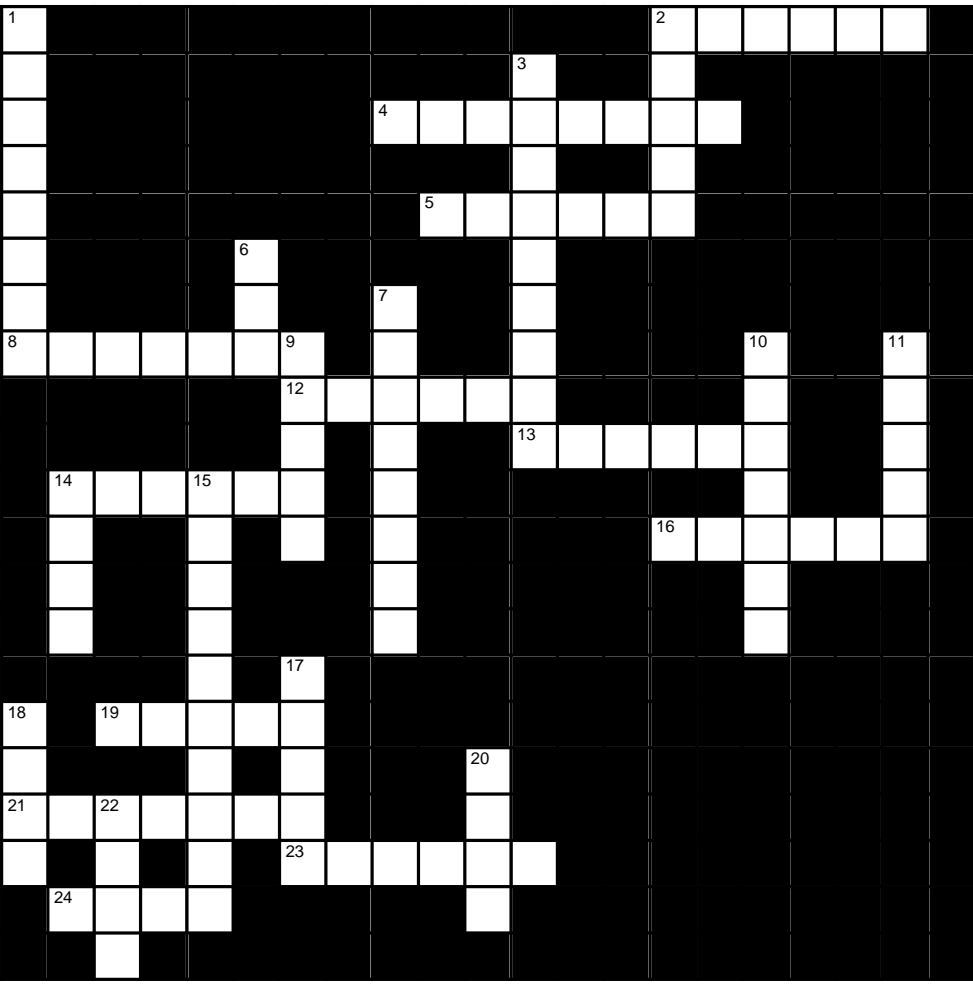
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- 14. The Cisco Kid and ...
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- 19. Dale Robertson (Tales of Wells Fargo) and ...
- 21. Michael Landon (Bonanza) and ...
- 23. Richard Boone (Paladan) and ...
- 24. James Arness (Gunsmoke) and ...

Down

- 1. Gene Barry (Bat Masterson) and ...
- 2. Tonto and ...
- 3. "Marty" (Spin & Marty) and ...
- 6. Liz Taylor (National Velvet) and ...
- 7. Gene Autry and ...
- 9. Chuck Connors (Rifleman) and ...
- 10. Zorro and ...
- 11. Sugar foot and ...
- 14. John Wayne and ...
- 15. Dale Evans and ...
- 17. Andy Devine (Wild Bill Hickok) and ...
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- 22. Dan Blocker (Bonanza) and ...

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- Yarn Lover's Gathering**
 Thursdays, September 3, 10, 17, 24, 7:00 p.m. - If you already know how to knit or crochet or if you want to learn how to knit or crochet join us at Woodburn. We have people that can help you get started or teach you new techniques. Join us for a creative evening.
- Internet, Word Processing & E-mail Help**
 By appointment. We offer computer classes. No previous computer knowledge is necessary. Each class lasts one hour. Call for an appointment.
- Young Adult Scary Story Contest**
 Beginning, Monday, September 14 - Monday, October 12, 2009, 6:00 p.m. - We are looking for creative young adult writers. Write a story about this "scary" time of year when we think about howling winds, creaking stairs, and shadows in the night. There will be first and second place winners for each grad level.

Guest Column From Representative Lynn R. Wachtmann

Everyone wants a clean Earth now and for future generations, but the question remains of how to protect the environment in a responsible, cost-effective manner. The U.S. House Democrats have received Obama's approval for their solution, though it is neither responsible nor cost-effective. In fact, the recent passage of their American Clean Energy and Security Act, commonly known as "cap-and-tax," perpetuates the Democrats' favorite pastime of prioritizing environmental agendas over the needs of Americans. This legislation will almost certainly kill jobs and raise taxes in an effort to advance Obama's extreme liberal agenda.

The goal of cap-and-tax legislation is to limit carbon dioxide emissions from power plants by placing a cap on the total amount of emissions in the U.S. All carbon-producing coal and natural gas energy companies would be given tradable emissions credits that represent the maximum amount of carbon dioxide they are allowed to release each year. The companies that give off less than their allocated amount may sell or trade their extra credits to those that exceeded their limits.

In a perfect world, cap-and-tax would spark the innovative spirit of energy companies by presenting incentives to reduce carbon emissions and create a "green energy economy." Unfortunately, a crusade against carbon dioxide will actually kill real jobs faster than "green" jobs can be created. If this system is implemented, energy manufacturers may be forced to relocate to counties where manufacturing is cheaper and less restricted, like India and China. Thus, global carbon emissions would not be reduced and our foreign competitors would thrive off their new business—at our expense.

The creators of cap-and-tax have themselves recognized that this legislation will destroy vital American jobs, yet they exalt it nonetheless. There is an unemployment provision buried within the bill that states the government will supply 70 percent of your job benefits for at least three years if your job is lost due to the effects of cap-and-tax. Here in Ohio, job losses could reach an estimated 46,000 within ten years of this bill's passage, according to a study by the Beacon Hill Institute. Cap-and-tax disproportionately hits Ohioans harder than other states due to the fact that nearly 90 percent of our electricity is generated from coal-fired power plants. As a heavy manufacturing and coal-producing state where fossil fuels provide our main power source, our energy companies would be forced to raise rates or shut down entirely.

Recklessly killing jobs during a recession is certainly not going to improve our economy. If ever America needed stable economic policies that lead to job cre-

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ation, it is now. The last kind of policy we need is one that will destroy millions of jobs across America. Yet sabotaging jobs is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to the effects of cap-and-tax. Higher taxes and bigger government are sure to follow in the aftermath of this policy's destruction of American society as we know it.

Please feel free to contact my office with any comments or concerns. You may write to me: Representative Lynn Wachtmann, Ohio House of Representatives, 77 South High Street, 10th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215, or call my office at (614) 466-3760.

LATTA TO HOST ENERGY SUMMIT

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green), a member of the House Republican Conference American Energy Solutions Group (AESG), will host an Energy Summit in Columbus, Ohio, on Wednesday, September 2, 2009. Congressman Latta will be joined by House Republican Conference Chairman Mike Pence (R-IN), Chairman of the AESG, who will chair the event. Other Members participat-

ing in the summit will be House Republican Leader John Boehner (R-OH), Rep. Pat Tiberi (R-OH), Rep. Jean Schmidt (R-OH), Rep. Steve Austria (R-OH), and a distinguished panel of witnesses.

In May, the AESG held energy summits across the country, listening to analysts, professors, business owners, manufacturers, authors, and others about their thoughts on the current energy debate. Following the completion of the tour, the group unveiled the American Energy Act (H.R. 2846), an all-of-the-above energy solution that offers energy independence, good jobs, and a cleaner environment for Americans.

This energy summit will provide an opportunity to discuss not only the American Energy Act, but also the national energy tax legislation (H.R. 2454) sponsored by Reps. Waxman and Markey, which narrowly passed the House of Representatives on June 26, 2009.

The Energy Summit will take place on the campus of Ohio State University at the Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. The Energy Summit will be open to the public and press.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

This letter to the editor is a copy of our resignation letter that was addressed to the Paulding County Agricultural Society Board of Directors. We would like the community to be aware of its contents. It is not intended as a criticism of anyone. It is a public statement of our intentions. The letter was submitted as follows:

Please accept our letter of resignation from the Board of Directors (senior fairboard) of the Paulding County Agricultural Society effective immediately. While we value and acknowledge the hard work that everyone on the senior and junior board does, we regret that we are unable to continue our service due to the continued negative attitude towards this board and the lack of support from the public and community officials. Frankly, not only do we not see the community opinion changing, we no longer see the potential for change in a community that chooses to believe the worst and accepts rumors and lies as facts. Thank you to those in the community who did take the time to ask for information and to find answers from those who are involved with the board. We took these positions to help make a difference and to improve a wonderful opportunity for the

children of this county. We had no biases or opinions regarding anyone or any groups in the county and in fact were ignorant regarding past fair board issues. We gave it our best shot and naively believed that hard work, good intentions, and honesty could make a difference. We were wrong. Once again, thank you to those people who are willing to work hard for the children of this county.

Sincerely,
—Sonya Yenser-Hammon
& Steve Hammon

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Public employees are grouped into two categories, the Unclassified Civil Service and the Classified Civil Service. Unclassified employees are appointed to their positions and may be removed or replaced as political winds change. However, Classified Civil Service employees are hired on the basis of their qualifications for the job in question including education, training, experience, and in some cases physical ability. Persons seeking employment in the Classified Civil Service must submit an application with the hiring agency and in some cases pass a knowledge test pertaining to the job in question. Additionally, classified employees must pass a background investigation regarding their personal character and criminal history. Politics may not be used to hire someone to a position in the Classified Civil Service. This is so employees can do their jobs without owing favor to any political party and none is expected in return. The majority of persons employed by the State of Ohio are in the Classified Civil Service. They are truly civil servants. It is with pride that I can say for the past 30 years I have been one.

However, I am incensed by those county democratic central committees who have recently added political cronyism into the hiring process. They have met behind closed doors to conduct "interviews" of persons seeking positions in the classified civil service. The names of those persons who receive county democratic committee recommendations are then forwarded to the agency doing the hiring. Not only is this corrupt but

it is a violation of Ohio Civil Service laws. If any criteria other than education, training, experience, and fitness for duty is used to fill a position in the Classified Civil Service the appointing authority is subject to criminal prosecution.

Such meddling and corruption in the hiring of persons to positions in the Classified Civil Service must cease immediately. All concerned should be advised that I will be filing a complaint regarding this with the Ohio Ethics Commission, the Ohio Department of Administrative Services, and the Ohio Attorney General's Office.

—Duane Bailey
Cecil, OH

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Fair board overhaul is what this county needs. I believe in the mission of our county fair board, which is to educate the county about agriculture through a yearly exhibit and this is more than I can say for our current fair board. Unfortunately our county fair has depleted over the years but the board members tend to remain quite the same. There is a small group of members that run the show, control the funds, and run new members off any time they step forward and question anything that they do. This board has made quite the reputation for themselves for being difficult to work with and lacking in their professionalism and customer service skills. I would like to personally apologize to Bill Vance for the fair board's recent decision to make a substantial increase to the ground rental for the Flat Rock Creek Festival. The fair board is supposed to represent this county and as a citizen of this county I want to voice that they have time and time again misrepresented me, as well as the majority of this county. I do know from attending some fair board meetings this past year that this was a premeditated move on the fair board's part as for some reason they wish to make things as difficult for Bill Vance as they can. This may be because he has been able to provide for this county what they have failed to do over the years and he has done it without having to run on a county levy for tax dollars. It truly is amazing what people can do when they are passionate about the cause, work together, treat others with respect and put forth effort. This county needs a fair board overhaul, but unfortunately only 1/3 of the seats expire every year which leaves new members to have to put up with being the minority and that never lasts, we tried that this past year—WHAT A NIGHTMARE!!! I would never wish for anyone to go through that—so I say we as a county need to petition that members are only allowed to serve two terms then they must move on and let others in this county serve. This would solve the whole problem and slay that beast—and that will be the only way anything will ever improve—because that small group of members that like to be difficult are not going anywhere by themselves. Some say you could not remove them with a wrecking ball but I say lets give them a wrecking ball the size of this county and they will have no choice but to move on.

—Lisa Land

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

First, I would like to thank The West Bend News for printing my letter and for the generous sharing of their paper with all our households without charge. My purpose of this letter is to share some positive support of our Paulding County Hospital Physical Therapy Department and the men and women of this department who are so supportive yet always challenging those of us who happen to need their service and expertise. Our county is fortunate to have such a fine department available to us, as well as the gym-like facility that is available to all and not just available to patients only.

During my recent rehabilitation from knee replacement surgery I was required to seek therapy. I chose our local hospital's therapy department. I was always warmly greeted by Karen or Virginia when setting appointments or upon arrival for those appointments. During each session I had the greatest of care and encouragement, and was always challenged to do just a little bit more as we worked toward the goals set for me. I experienced true interest in me as a patient and in my progress from Greg, Sarah and Allie, staff therapists. Sarah was my regular therapist and she always greeted me with a smile and concern for how I was feeling before we began each session. She was sensitive to my pain yet always encouraging me to go one step further. Greg was always checking to see how the patients were doing even though another therapist was caring for them. The men and women in this department truly care about their patients, encourage them, and cheer us on as we progress. I am grateful to them and attribute my speedy recovery to their skills, knowledge and support.

Following weeks of negative press and letters regarding men and women who serve in our communities, I just wanted to share a positive story. It did not fit the criteria for the Progress (was too ad-like they tell me, so was pushed to the back in a box which even I didn't see) but my hope is in the West Bend News as they seem willing to share positive letters and stories about good things happening in our communities.

—Mrs. Alyce Reinhart

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

First of all, I enjoy your West Bend News!

I am writing in answer to Sandra W.'s letter regarding criticism of Bill Vance. Bill and Patty, several years ago started the Festival but had people willing to help and as far as forming an association, why? As long as each person knows what he is suppose to do and gets it done, it is successful! They have an accountant and books are open—in fact, some of the good things money was spent on or donated to was listed in the paper.

Bill and Patty – we wait the whole year for this festival and it is within the county and no travelling; and visit with friends we have not seen for a long time. I vote to put these two on the fair board!

—Deloris Whirrett,
Paulding

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I would like to attempt to clear up some confusion expressed to me by some who read the Defiance Crescent News article on the Flatrock Creek Festival Committee and Fair Board meeting, held on August 17th.

From this article, some people thought I was on the Fair Board. I am not. Others thought that I wanted to rent the fairgrounds.

Still others concluded somehow that I and the other commissioners did not want the festival to take place. From the way the article was written, one could interpret the events of that evening almost any way you choose.

I attended the Fair Board meeting on August 12th at the request of Bill Vance, president of the Fall Festival Committee. Bill asked if I would meet with the Fair Board and try to obtain a contract so that the festival could go on as planned. I willingly did so.

Would he have asked someone to attend this meeting who did not want the festival to take place?

The important thing is that an agreement was reached between the Fair Board and the Festival Committee, and the two organizations will be meeting to work on a long term contract for the future.

The festival is an important event in the lives of many as it draws thousands of visitors to our county, and gives our citizens a chance to get out and not only enjoy the beautiful fall weather, but it provides a great opportunity for family fun and entertainment.

It also provides an opportunity for non-profit organizations to gain resources to give back to the community.

I am grateful to all those who work so hard all year long to bring us this event.

Sincerely,
—Tony Burkley,
Paulding County
Commissioner

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

By now most of the townsfolk has seen my sign in my front yard. If you haven't, it says, "Kiss Your Freedom Good-bye, America" on one side, and on the other side it says, "I Did Not Vote for Him or President Pelosi".

Recently during the longest yard sale on 127, it caught the attention of many, some from as far away as Cooperstown, NY. Many visitors to Paulding stopped to take pictures of the sign and either agreed with my sign while others did not, some even flipped me off as they passed. I would honestly say it was a 50/50 decision. One person from Michigan wanted to purchase my sign. But there's one cowardly person that waits until after dark and pushes my sign down.

I made the sign too heavy
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 for the wind to blow it down and to stop someone from taking it. Obviously, this person is a supporter of our present administration. I don't have a problem with that. That's American, and this person is given this right to be different by our Constitution. And by that same provision Article I, my freedom of speech, and to petition the government for redress of my grievances, cannot be infringed on by anyone. The article also states everyone is entitled to their religion. An example of that is in my own home, my pretty wife is a Jehovah's Witness, I am not. Should I tell her she cannot worship in her manner? So I'll explain (for that coward) out there my reasons behind my sign.

I consider myself a free man endowed with all my rights from my Creator God Almighty and guaranteed by our founding fathers, life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their powers from the "consent of the governed". That means the government works for me, not the other way. And lately it doesn't seem like the government is carrying out our wishes by what it feels they need. In violation of Article II of our amendments, it says I have the right to bear arms, being necessary for the security of a free state, yet in some places that right has already been infringed on by our government. How long will it take for that to happen here in Paulding. When only law enforcement and criminals have weapons will you worry about that freedom then?

I believe President Obama had good intentions, he convinced all of us, he was gonna change things. And oh boy, did he! He's been caught in so many broken campaign promises. I especially liked that one about "transparency". I think it's wrong to call anyone a liar but it's starting to show. I thought him an intelligent person, yet he allowed people like Nancy Pe-

losi to undermine all that he wants to change. I fear her more than a nuclear bomb. It's easy to see how all the special interest groups have bribed her. She cut off the water supply to California growers yet her grape vineyards are prospering to the tune of \$25 million! I think she should be tried under Article III Section III for treason for giving aid to her special interests. She is certainly giving comfort, and aid to them as opposed to helping all America. Where is that Republican form of government we're supposed to have as mentioned in Article III Section IV?

The Constitution also states that only American citizens are eligible to vote. I wonder now why is it necessary to have valid ID? Is that another freedom we're losing? Or was it Nancy Pelosi and her cronies that allowed those illegals in to vote. I smell a rat, America. when I was a young man, my grandfather said it was my duty to my country to serve in the military. I served two tours of Vietnam and was honorably discharged. I believed killing anyone was wrong but I never questioned my duty to my country. In that loss at life 58,000 soldiers fought for the freedoms we have. Although those men's loss of life meant nothing to those hippies, their rights to protest were paid for. Now as I watch my President put people into office, that didn't pay their taxes like all the rest of us have to, Czars who are answerable to no American citizen for whatever they do, it causes me wonder. I watch as politicians take my hard earned money and give it to cronies on Wall Street, who give billions of dollars away in bonuses, now that doesn't seem American—sounds like Taxation Without our Representation. We've bailed out everyone but ourselves! Now this nightmare over health care, it's not the first time, everyone in politics promised reform, they want to have everyone insured. I work every day to pay for the things I need and want, that's how it's done in free America. The

cost of my insurance is high but that's part of why I work, I wanted a new truck, I pay for it, etc.... Now the President thinks I should pay for everyone's health care?

I say do away with all these free plans and make these people buy their own health care. Make them work just as hard as I do. When my grandparents were old we didn't put them off on some government plan, we took care of them. That's responsibility good American values taught me.

If the President and Nancy Pelosi want everyone to have health insurance, then why don't they pay for it out of their pockets—because it's easier to steal ours. So to the coward who pushes my sign over now you know why I think our freedom is in jeopardy.

Instead of protesting in the cover of darkness like our government is doing, publish your comments in the paper.

When you come onto my property you're trespassing, attempting to destroy my sign is against the law as well! But more importantly, you are violating my civil rights, which is a federal offense, and I will prosecute you!

I love my country, but I fear my government.
 —James Powell,
 Paulding

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Antwerp V.E.T.S. Committee is seeking documents, personal or family stories, amusing encounters, old newspapers clippings, or other knowledge with regard to our Civil War Soldier and the monument that has been in Antwerp's Riverside Veterans Memorial Park for the last 91 years.

We are presenting the following questions, issues, and comments to the public with the hopes of resolving doubts and correcting misinformation. Many families may have letters, postcards, snapshots, or other memorabilia linked to Antwerp's Riverside Veterans Memorial Park. Anything you can share is welcomed.

**Does anyone know exactly when this monument became more than a passing thought? What group was behind the decision to erect this monument?

**When and who erected it; the overall cost? We know the local citizenry contributed money to the monument. How was the payment issue presented to the public?

**An extensive search on the Internet reveals that Paulding County, Ohio is

not included in an Ohio listing of Civil War Soldier monuments. Why is Paulding County, more specifically Antwerp, not included in Ohio's listing?

**Does proper documentation exist that ever declared this park as a cemetery?

**Why is our Civil War Monument not in the adjacent Riverside Cemetery? Many other monuments depicting the Civil War appear to be in cemeteries.

**Do you have any documented history about the creation of Riverside Park, from the beginning to present day? The actual name seems to be questionable as well. Can you help with this?

**The Paulding Republican newspaper dated August 19, 1920 carries a nice article about the 33rd Annual Reunion of Soldiers and Sailors of Paulding County, and lists by name and town, a number of veterans who were in attendance. V.E.T.S. has a photo, on loan from Steve Barker, of this very reunion. Does anyone know anything more about these annual reunions and their whereabouts? We can conclude that the first reunion was held in 1887, but where in Paulding County? When were these reunions terminated?

V.E.T.S. volunteers are considering a future dedication featuring a historical timeline, which may include handout programs containing this kind of historical and informative material. If anyone can contribute documents, new articles, or other Civil War history of Antwerp, the V.E.T.S. will copy and attempt to use your input in the making of the dedication programs.

Please contact V.E.T.S., P.O. Box 742, Antwerp, OH 45813 for questions or to make a donation. Call Karen Sanders at (419) 399-5764. The V.E.T.S. committee continues to raise funds with all donations going toward the final "Phase III" of this Antwerp All Veterans Memorial project, which will be the engraved name tablets.
 —Karen Sanders

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In Response to Several Letters to the Editor:

Christina L. West's letter to the editor on August 12, 2009 – A few observations concerning your letter. First, when trying to convince a person of something, don't use wikipedia as a reference for anything. Wikipedia was created to be and still is a shared sight, which allows any user/contributor to alter its contents. This means that if I go to wikipedia and want to add to or delete information in any area, I can; whether vetted or not. Second, touting CNN, MSNBC, and The New York Times as your sources of information is laughable. They are always so "fair-minded" with their coverage of current events, oh, I mean one-sided.

Christina, aren't you thankful for the Constitution? You were able to exercise your 1st amendment right to free speech on August 12th because of it. EVERY American has that same right, no matter how right or wrong it may be. Please remember that when you call people who are exercising their unalienable right to speak out, protest, and be heard, heckler's or rioters. Someone expressing how they

feel, whether loudly or quietly is not a heckler. Even our current Secretary of State Hillary Clinton made this statement in April of 2003 at the Jefferson Jackson Bailey Dinner speaking of the Bush Administration, "I am sick and tired of people who say that if you debate and you disagree with this administration somehow you're not patriotic. We should stand up and say, 'We are Americans and we have a right to debate and disagree with any administration.'" As far as the rioters; yes, there have been a few minor confrontations at a handful of Town Hall meetings but riots? I have yet to hear of any actual riots. In response to your question about where all the protesters were for George Bush and the Iraq war, I have only one thing to say... www.youtube.com. Go and check it out. There are over 8,000 links.

This is not a Republican v. Democrat debate. This is a matter of freedom, choice, and privacy. There are many people who disagree with the President's and Congress's Healthcare Reform, on both sides of the aisle. If we take the time to read it and listen to what Washington is saying coupled with common sense, we would see that it's not about healthcare reform, it's about control of the people of the United States.

My father-in-law, husband and I are small business owners that do not have health insurance. We do have a savings that is used for our healthcare needs. I like the choice of being in control of my healthcare. But, as I have read the bill and done some homework on this very important piece of legislation, it would be illegal for me to retain control of my own healthcare. I DO NOT feel that I should have to relinquish that responsibility to the Government. I don't trust them.

Look at Social Security, Welfare, Medicaid/Medicare, Stimulus, Bank Bailouts, Cash for Clunkers, and the Post Office. ALL Government programs, ALL failing. Common sense tells us that when the Government gets involved programs are doomed to fail.

There are some problems with our current system but I think you will agree, we do have the best healthcare system in the world and we should, we are the United States of America!

Gregg Gorman's letter to the editor on August 19, 2009 – Gregg, I read your letters all the time. Sometimes I agree, sometimes I don't. Regardless,

I enjoy hearing your opinions. Here's the "BUT", I have to wholeheartedly disagree with this one. Your opinion about the "jap" cars from the Toyota Company could not be further from the truth. First of all, every car company from Ford to Toyota has its own version of "crap" cars. I have owned several Fords, a Dodge, a Chevy, two Mazdas, a Chrysler, a Hyundai and two Toyotas in the last 21 years. My all time favorite was the two Toyotas. Any repairs that have needed done could be done as inexpensively as any of my other cars and the parts were always available.

Secondly, the Toyota Company may be owned by the Japanese but that Japanese owned company employs 35,000 Americans directly and supports another 165,000 indirectly, like my family. Toyota helped keep food on our table, and a roof over our head, because my husband worked for a company that held a contract with several car companies including Toyota. I have yet to hear any news about Toyota lay-offs or Toyota needing a Government Bailout like GM. Even after the bailout GM still filed for bankruptcy! Being American means I am free to make any choice I want regarding my welfare, desire, or need, with few exceptions. If I want to drive a "Foreign" car that is 100% made in America, by the way, I CAN!! It's called Freedom. God Bless America.

Sandra Wann's letter to the editor on August 19, 2009 – I happen to have been closely involved with the Flat Rock Creek Festival for the last three years through the Antwerp Boy Scout Troop 143. First of all, the Festival is back on!! Hooray!! I think that Bill Vance is a very unselfish man. He has coordinated this event very effectively and has donated all the proceeds to the Paulding County Community. It is for love of his community that he has selflessly handled this event. Our troop alone could not afford to send our boys to camp most years without Mr. Vance's substantial donation to us.

Paula M. Meek's letter to the editor on August 19, 2009 – Are you serious? I know Cindy Hickok and watched her cry real tears over her horse's health problems. My goodness! It amazes me all the time, energy, and gas you have spent to smear a good and caring person. Shame on you! Maybe you need to find a hobby to fill your time, Paula.

—Jenifer Manella
 Antwerp, Ohio

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CASEY JONES

By: Stan Jordan

His name was John Luther Jones, born March 14, 1863 in Southeast, MO. to Frank and Annie Jones. He was a tall fellow about 6' 4½". His dad, Frank, was a school teacher.

He liked railroads from the time he was nine years old, until the day he died in the wreck of an Express passenger train highballing south on The Illinois Central heading for New Orleans.

He was a top flight engineer, he was also a 'Hot Dog'! He was known to take chances, he would push an engine to its limits, if it meant bringing the train in on time. He was disciplined a number of times for company rule infractions.

Let me tell you about Casey Jones in my idea of things. He hung around the depot and yards in his home town. He was no dummy because he was hired as a telegrapher for the Mobile & Ohio Railroad in 1878 when he was 15 and worked in Columbus, KY.

In 1884 he worked in Jackson, Tennessee. He took a job as a flagman on the M&O. He

stayed at a boarding house there and his future wife also worked there.

At dinner one night Bose Lasaley, a brakeman for the Mobile&Ohio asked, "What's your name, son?"

"John Luther Jones." The man replied, "Where are you from?"

"Cayce, KY, sir."

"Well sit right down and make yourself at home, Casey!" and the name stuck. He was from Cayce, KY, and his wife always introduced him as Casey.

He was baptized in St. Bridgets Catholic Church in Wistler, AL on November 11, 1886. He married Mary Joanna Brady, the daughter of the man who ran the boarding house, in Jackson, TN at St. Mary's Church in November 1886. They lived there in Jackson and had three children. He was a devoted family man and a non-drinker.

He was a good worker and was promoted to brakeman and then to fireman on the Jackson to Mobile run.

In the summer of 1887, he transferred to the Illinois Central, as an epidemic of Yellow Fever hit the line, faster promotions came along.

So on March 1, 1888 he

started firing a freight for the I.C. from Jackson, TN to Water Valley, MS. Then on February 23, 1891 he was promoted to engineer, his life long goal. He reached the top of his goal as a crack engineer, a natural talent and one of the best in the business.

This run was a very important part of the I.C.'s line as both towns had very

time. It was 188 miles from Memphis to Canton, a fast engine, good fireman and a light train, that was all the ingredients for a fast run. Even though steam locomotives ran well in rain, it was rainy and foggy and this track had tricky curves.

With Sim Webb as fireman and Jones eating up the



good car shops (railroad car shops).

Casey was known all along this run by the way he blew the whistle. It started with a long drawn out note and then died away to a whisper. That was his trademark. People along the line knew when Casey Jones was in the cabin.

He was a union man and belonged to both Brotherhoods: the Firemen and the Engineers. This let his wife draw life insurance from both unions when he died.

At the Chicago World's Fair, he was involved with shuttling the people from VanBuren Ct. to Jackson Park. It was the shuttling of the people that he liked.

When he went back south he drove the big engine #638. He worked for years in the Jackson District and then transferred to Memphis in February of 1900.

The engine 'ole 382' (the one he got killed in) was a 10 wheeler with 6 big drive wheels. It had been bought from the Rogers Locomotive Works in 1898. His fireman at the time was John McKinney and they worked together for years.

Casey was an avid baseball fan and even played a lot of ball in the local ball parks.

Jones got a chance to switch to passenger service in Feb. 1900. He made the passenger run from Memphis to Canton, Miss., that was one of the very important links between I.C.'s run from Chicago to New Orleans. It was sometimes called a Cannonball Run, because of the light schedules they had to keep, but Casey Jones liked those challenges.

Later on the run became famous as it was called "The City of New Orleans" going south bound and "The New Orleans Fast Mail" going back north to Chicago. Both were expensive runs but it was still a good profitable business into the 1950's. (I rode it northbound from Jackson, MS to Chicago in 1945 after I was discharged from Camp Shelby, MS).

On the I.C. the trains going south were Number 1, the trains going north were Number 4. Those trains names were carried on until the I.C. closed.

On the night of the big wreck, Jones had returned with his own engine and assigned run. He was then asked to double back because the engineer, Mr. Tate, was sick. Jones agreed to the extra run because he liked a challenge and he guaranteed them he would be in on

steam they left Memphis with 6 cars at 12:50 a.m. and 95 minutes late. He kept picking up minutes between the stops as this was an express and Jones loved to run this engine flat out.

He made a water stop at Sardis, 50 miles south of Memphis and another 50 miles he was at Grenada, he was now only 40 minutes late and took on more water. It was only 25 miles from Grenada to Winona and he made up 15 more of the late minutes.

Casey was in a good mood because everything was going right. The engine wanted to run, he told the fireman, "She has dancing shoes on tonight."

At Durant he got orders that he was to take a siding at Goodman, MS and wait for #2 passenger train going north and then to continue on to Vaughn.

He pulled out of Goodman only 5 minutes behind schedule, but the next 27 miles was fast track and Jones probably figured he had a good chance to be in Canton at 4:05 a.m., on time.

Vaughn was 15 miles away and circumstances were falling in place that could cause a lot of trouble. There was to be 2 trains on the siding and one was too long and 4 cars hung out onto the main line. Things were being set up at the siding for the 2 trains to shift around and let Jones pass. But bad luck hit #12 and the air breaks locked up and the train could not be moved. It had 4 cars out on the main line and they know Casey Jones is coming in a hurry. Jones was doing over 75 miles miles an hour heading for Vaughn, going into a 1.5 mile left hand curve. Webb, the fireman, could see and Jones couldn't.

As Webb could see the caboose's red lights he said, "My, Lord, there is something on the main line!"

Jones said, "Jump, Sim, jump" to Webb who crouched down and jumped about 300 feet before impact. He was knocked unconscious and the last thing he heard was the piercing screams of the whistle as Casey tried to warn everyone of the impending wreck.

Jones reversed the throttle and slammed the air breaks into 'an emergency stop' but 'ole 382' plowed through a wooden caboose, a load of hay, a load of corn and half-way through a load of timber before leaving the track and into the embankment.

Casey stayed with the engine and got the speed down

to 35 mph when the train hit the caboose.

That part there, I'm sure, saved some lives and the nation also thought that he gave his life to save some others. His watch stopped at 3:52 a.m. on April 30, 1900.

Casey Jones had a black American friend named Wallace Sanders who also worked for the Illinois Central as an engine wiper, he wrote a ballad about the incident and that song helped make Casey a hero forever. That song is still sung on some country stations. Casey Jones' legend is still talked about in the round house and depots of America.

In the final Illinois Central report on the accident. It stated Engineer Jones was solely responsible for the accident. He ignored the signals given by flagman, Newberry, and the torpedoes that Newberry placed on the track plus the fact that it was foggy and raining and Jones was traveling to fast.

A lot of 'old timers' don't accept this explanation of the accident fully. A lot of men doubt that Newberry ever set off the torpedoes and walked that far to do the flagging.

Fireman, Sim Webb, stated that he never heard or saw a torpedo or fusee flash or a flagman.

Well, we know that a large corporation will put the blame on the lowest 'peon' that they have.

Well, this has been a long story that happened 109 years ago. The ballad helps keep it alive and the heroics of Casey Jones will live forever.

See Ya!



By: Stan Jordan

A fly was buzzing along one morning when he saw a lawn mower someone had left out in their front yard. He flew over and sat on the handle, watching the children going down the sidewalk on their way to school.

One little boy tripped on a crack and fell, spilling his lunch on the sidewalk. He picked himself up, put his lunch back in the bag and went on. But he missed a piece of bologna. The fly had not eaten that morning and he sure was hungry. So he flew down and started eating the bologna. In fact he ate so much that he could not fly, so he waddled across the sidewalk across the

lawn, up the wheel of the lawn mower, up the handle, and sat there resting and watching the children.

There was still some bologna laying there on the sidewalk. He was really stuffed, but that baloney sure did look good.

Finally temptation got the best of him and he jumped off the handle of the lawn mower to fly over to the baloney. But alas he was too full to fly and he went splat!, killing him instantly.

The moral of the story: Don't fly off the handle when you are full of baloney.

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- Steak dinner afterwards at WCCH
- Shotgun start
- Buy a mulligan!

Tell your friends. Get your group together, and get registered today! If you have any questions, please call Dave at 260-760-8342 or email dave@wcchonline.org. We look forward to seeing you on September 19!

CORRECTION

In the August 19th issue of the West Bend News Alumni Reunion Report, the name of Robert Hemrick was omitted. Robert was one of the Honored Guests. He was a member of the 1942 graduating class.

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MORE MAFIA: FRANK NITTI

By: Stan Jordan

Frank Nitti was a brutal gangster, robber and leader and most everything under Capone after the gang's name was changed from 'The North Side Gang' over to 'The Outfit.'

He was born in Salerno, Italy. The family moved to NY and after a lot of changes they settled down in the Brooklyn area and they were neighbors of Capone and also was in the same gang.

In 1910 at the age of 24 he left home and the area because of a falling out with his father. In 1913 he went to Chicago to work. He done a lot of small crooked stuff and also some barber work. He also became friends with Alex Gusenberg and O'Banion.

He got married in Dallas, Texas in 1917 and later moved back to Chicago and right away he was noticed by Papa Johnny Torrio and newcomer to Chicago, Alphonso Capone.

Torrio's successor, Al Capone and Nitti were soon good buddies. Nitti ran nearly all of Capone's illegal operations. Hijacking Canadian whiskey selling it through the speakeasies, Nitti had a good business head and made things run smooth.

Nitti was head of operations as well as Jake 'Greasy Thumb' Gulik along with Tony 'Joe Batters' Acardo as head enforcement. Now Nitti was called 'The Enforcer', he used the Mafia soldiers and other guys to do the dirty work. Not that Nitti was against fire arms. In his earlier days he was a trusted body guard for Al, he was one of the best.

In 1931 both Capone and Nitti were arrested for tax evasion. Capone got 11 years and Nitti 18 months. The closeness of the prison cell bothered Nitti a lot. He was a good prisoner and was released in 1932 and the media hailed him as the leader of Capone's gang or the 'Chicago Outfit.'

But I guess he was only a front man. The real top man was Ricca. When Charles 'Lucky' Luciano and Meyer Lansky dealt with Nitti they considered him a lower level. Those guys organized a 'National Crime Syndicate' in 1930, they considered Ricca as the boss of the 'Chicago Outfit.'

While Nitti was running the 'Chicago Outfit' they branched out in several directions. The mob became more knowledgeable and huge profits rolled in. They even leaned on the movie business as extortions for protection from crimes made by their own hoods. Even the newly elected Chicago Mayor, Anton Cermak, got into the fray as he wanted the crime boss to answer to him.

Nitti got wounded and a lot of people told different stories at the trial. Mayor Cermak was killed a few weeks later by Guisepe Zangra with more unanswered questions and rumors after the investigations.

In 1943 a lot of the big boys in the 'Chicago Outfit' were indicted for extortions in the film industry.

The day before Nitti was to appear before the grand jury, Nitti had the usual breakfast with his wife and she walked off to church. He told her he was going to take a walk down by the railroad. He loaded a .32 caliber pistol and put it in his pocket.

He walked 5 blocks to the railroad yard and sat down. A couple of the yard workers watched him and he shot himself twice in the head. Well, he had his hat on and it threw off his aim. The boys thought he was shooting at them. They watched him as he took his hat off and shot himself again as he sat and

leaned against a fence. I guess he had a severe case of claustrophobia and terminal cancer and knew his death was near. This ended a man's life. I'm sure there were people in Chicago that were relieved that another gangster, murderer and high ranking Mafia would have to answer for his ways.

Frank Nitti died on the Illinois Central Railroad tracks on March 19, 1943, he paid his debt to society. See Ya!

KEYSTONE SALON GRAND OPENING SEPTEMBER 1, 2009 IN ANTWERP

Paula Lichty, Deb Lucas, Audrey Bissell and Jacque (Wilhelm) Gremling would like to invite you to the grand opening of Keystone Salon. Paula, Deb, Audrey and Jacque will be renting the building from Kurt and Becky (Culler) Keys.

Paula, Deb, and Audrey are all coming to you from Shadow Box Styling Salon. Paula has been a stylist for 35 years. Deb has been a stylist for 36 years. Audrey is a 2007 graduate from Ravenscroft Beauty College and has been employed with Shadow Box since graduating. They specialize in services such as facial waxing, foiling, perms; up-do's and men, women and children haircuts. Walk-ins are welcome on Tuesdays. Keystone Salon will also be a one-stop shop for bridal parties and proms. With this new move, these ladies will be introducing a color line called Pravana with 103 exciting colors. Kenra and Aquage products will be available for retail.

Jacque brings 12 years of experience and services as a nail tech, specializing in manicures, pedicures, and artificial nails. Jacque will be available for appointments on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

There will be three tanning beds available with new bulbs and new acrylic. These tanning beds are equipped with the best quality bulbs available on the market. Experience the Keystone Salon difference with better results and a tan that looks great and lasts longer. Please stop in and see our specials. No longer do you have to drive out of town when you can get these great services locally at one location.

Please call 419-258-3183 to start booking your appointments or stop in for the grand opening. We will be offering several different giveaways during the week of September 1.

VILLAGE OF PAULDING COUNCIL MINUTES FOR AUGUST 3, 2009

Paulding Village Council met in Regular Session on August 3, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. Mayor Greg White called the meeting to order.

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

Jeffery motioned to approve the minutes of the July 20th meeting, seconded by Rife. Vote: all yeas.

Resolution 1233-09 re: A Resolution Requesting the County Auditor to Certify to the Village of Paulding the Total Current Tax Valuation of Said Village and the Dollar Amount of Revenue that would be Generated by Four-Tenths (0.4) Mill for a Renewal Levy for Emergency Medical Services Pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code (ORC 5705.19(I)), and Declaring an Emergency, was read for the first time. Daeger motioned to suspend the rules and declare an emergency, seconded by Sutton. Vote: all yeas. Daeger motioned to approve the legislation, seconded by Rife. Vote: all yeas.

Sutton presented the Recreation Committee's report from their July 27th meeting with Hoefel Engineering, the Recreation Board, and the Paulding Youth Ball Association. The Committee recommended awarding the bid for lighting of one field at the new ball complex to Stollsteimer Electric. Sierer motioned to approve the Recreation Committee's report, seconded by Rife. Vote: all yeas. Jeffery motioned to accept Stollsteimer Electric's bid to light one field at the new ball complex, seconded by Sutton. Vote: all yeas.

Daeger noted Ron Riggenbach has approached him regarding installing a wiffle ball field at Reservoir Park where the tennis courts had been. Daeger noted the field would cost the Village essentially nothing except potential labor since Mr. Riggenbach has secured various donations of material and labor. Rife requested a copy of the plans be presented to Council prior to approval, and noted she does not have objections to the project as long as it does not interfere with any current, and/or future, Village projects (ie. water and/or sewer).

Sutton noted a Buildings & Grounds Committee report from May had addressed replacing the Mausoleum roof. Wiebe had requested time to review the financial impact this project would have on the General Fund. Wiebe noted he believes the General Fund will be able to bear the expense, and requested Sierer move forward with the project.

Mayor White relayed Mayor's Court had collected \$1,990 for the month of July 2009. He also noted he and Wiebe, along with representatives of various other communities, had met with representatives of the Ohio EPA last Tuesday in Columbus to discuss sewer overflow issues and mandates. Mayor White noted the EPA is aware of the financial hardship many entities are in; and intends to meet with each entity individually within the next 3-4 months to review their mandates, and possibly, postpone compliance dates. Mayor White noted they came away with a positive outlook.

Wiebe presented his Administrator's Agenda. The Agenda noted a copy of the Engineering contract from Fanning-Howey for the Cherry Street/North Drive project was included in packets for review, and requested authorization for to sign the contract. Rife motioned to approve the Administrator's Agenda, seconded by Daeger. Vote: all yeas.

Solicitor Jones highlighted Porter Sanitation's letter regarding their recent service change. He also noted a pre-construction meeting for the new ball complex has been scheduled for August 4th at 2:00 p.m.

Sutton requested the Buildings & Grounds Committee be responsible for working with Solicitor Jones to draft a maintenance agreement with the Paulding Youth Ball Association regarding the new ball complex.

Daeger inquired the status of the recycling program. Mayor White referred anyone interested in participating in a recycling program to contact Robb Gerken of Erie Recycling from Antwerp.

The following Committee meetings were scheduled:

- Jones & Henry re: Sewage Lagoons & Wastewater - Tuesday, August 4th at 10:00 a.m.
- New Ball Complex pre-construction meeting - Tuesday, August 4th at 2:00 p.m.
- Utility Committee - Tuesday, August 4th at 5:30 p.m.
- PCFA - Wednesday, August 5th at 7:00 p.m.
- Building & Grounds Committee - Monday, August 10th at 10:00 a.m.
- Recreation Committee - Monday, August 10th at 5:30 p.m.
- Rife motioned to pay the bills, seconded by Sutton. Vote: all yeas.
- Sutton motioned to adjourn, seconded by Daeger. Vote: all yeas.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES FOR AUGUST 12, 2009

This 12th day of August, 2009, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Tony Burklew, Edward Straley, Tony Zartman, and Nola Ginter, Clerk.

Travel Request: Carol Temple, ORA Fall Continuing

REDNECKS LIVE ON



By: Sue Knapp

Things were hoppin' at Broughton on Saturday, August 15. Many people came to celebrate Broughton's Redneck Jamboree. Starting with a potluck, everyone shared food with some of Paulding

County's finest cooks. Entertainment all evening included local bands and musicians. Raffles were held and 50/50 tickets were sold. Games for the kids included a Velcro jump which was very popular. Broughton did it good, again.

Ed., Columbus, Ohio - September 1 & 2, 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 August 5, 2009:

- Floyd Ramsier, \$794.51
- Office Equipment Finance Service, \$186.78
- Ron Schmidt, \$152.25
- Ron Farnsworth, \$165.00
- Village of Paulding, \$937.25
- Treasurer of State, \$2,210.99
- Ohio Dept of JFS, \$7,972.28
- Brateman's Inc., \$103.92
- Antwerp Exchange Bank, \$3,054.44
- CHC Software, \$1,686.37
- VSP, \$384.29
- Pldg. Co. Commissioners, \$2,127.41
- Guardian, \$1,046.83
- Rose Talbott, \$2,259.68
- Bowser Morner, \$1,650.95
- Paulding Progress, \$947.00
- City Blueprint of Toledo, Inc., \$334.95
- Koester's, \$6,301.50
- J&M Excavating, Inc., \$3,699.90
- Kohli Kaler Associates LTD, \$18,900.00
- East Allen Equipment, \$849.14
- Porter's BP, \$9,542.38
- Lehigh Hanson, \$1,476.48
- Haviland Drainage, \$12,543.95
- Gerken Materials, \$33,762.80
- Fort Wayne Truck Center, \$341.90
- H & W Automotive Parts, Inc., \$350.92
- Schweller Electric, \$3,032.61
- Stoneco, Inc., \$4,470.68
- Marcia Pressler, \$540.00
- PC Wprkshop, \$8,608.06
- Denise Kinder, \$165.00
- Time Warner Cable, \$129.95
- Affiliated Computer Service, \$350.00
- Tiffany Beckman, \$187.00
- Bankcard Services, \$352.26
- Weeks, \$446.00
- Con & Ann Shuherk, \$180.46
- Con & Ann Shuherk, \$1,024.38
- Menards, \$407.48
- Menards, \$224.38
- Roberta Mosier, \$921.60
- Sonya Herber, \$1,123.20
- 158-001-00001
- In The Matter Of Modifying The 2009 Annual Appropriation (Fund 171):
- The Commissioners modified the 2009 Annual Appropriation and directed the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:
- FROM: 171-001-00004/Manatron Project/Note Principal
- TO: 171-001-00005/Manatron Project/Note Interest
- AMOUNT: \$359.99
- In The Matter Of Receiving And Awarding Quotes For General Obligation

Notes:

The Board of County Commissioners received quotes from County banking institutions to borrow funds in the amount of \$153,863.00 for Manatron No. 171:

- State Bank & Trust, 2.57%
- Antwerp Exchange, 3.01%
- First Financial, 3.47%
- First Federal, 4.25%

A motion was made by Mr. Tony Zartman to accept the quote from State Bank & Trust for a general obligation note at an interest rate of 2.57%; and does hereby authorize any two of the three Commissioners to sign the note. The note will be for one (1) year with the Prosecutor's opinion to be included.

Meeting Notes of Appointment: Mark Butler, Sheriff's Office - Mr. Butler presented the Sheriff's monthly report for the Commissioners' review. Inmate average is about 12 per day. \$16,959.77 was paid to Van Wert for outhousing in July, making 2009 paid \$137,699.28.

Lou Ann Wannemacher, County Treasurer - Ms. Wannemacher met with the Commissioners to remind them of the jail bond due in September. She made arrangements for a conference call next week to discuss the options with the bond attorney. Ms. Wannemacher then reviewed the bids submitted for a general obligation note.

Judge Tiffany Beckman, County Court - Judge Beckman reports she is busy arranging the Ohio Supreme Court visit to Paulding County later this fall. She has several meetings set up to prepare for this event. Judge Beckman stated her "pay or appeal" policy seems to be working well. She also reported low inmate population is due, in part, to alternative sentencing.

Clerk's Notes: The Commissioners attended a meeting with the Ohio Supreme Court representatives in the Paulding County Common Pleas Court.

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"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": VANTAGE STUDENTS EXCEL AT NATIONAL CONTESTS!



Vantage National BPA Contestants Shiyanne Hook Crestview) and Stacy Benien (Contintental) proudly display their winning trophy and medals.

Two Vantage Business students and an Early Childhood Education student were recognized nationally this summer for their outstanding career technical skills.

For the second year in a row, Shiyanne Hook earned the right to compete in the Business Professionals of America National Competition. Shiyanne, a 2009 graduate of Crestview and the Medical Office Management program, placed second in the nation in the Medical Office Procedures contest. This contest was designed to evaluate the contestant's knowledge of medical terminology, the skills needed to prepare medical documents and the ability to function effectively in a medical office.

The preparation and processing of medical records, using the correct format, along with maintaining accurate patient account records were also tested. Students were also required to identify ethical responsibilities of the medical profession.

Stacy Benien, a 2009 Continental graduate also in the Medical Office Management program, placed fourth in the nation in the Advanced Office Systems and Procedures contest. In this contest, students were evaluated on their advanced skills in office procedures, records and file management, and document production. They were required to apply technical

skills to manage information and produce business documents, identify functions of the office manager in coordinating administrative support staff, demonstrate knowledge of administrative procedures, records and file management, and compose business correspondence, including mail merge.

Each of the students earned the right to compete nationally by placing in the top 5 in their respective state contest. The students and their teacher, Linda Bales, Medical Office Management instructor, were joined in Dallas, Texas by over 2,000 other conference contestants.

Avery Etzler, an incoming senior from Lincolnview, participated in STAR Events (Students Taking Action with Recognition) at the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America's (FCCLA) 2009 National Leadership Conference in Nashville, Tennessee.

Avery received a Gold medal in Early Childhood, one of 22 national STAR Events available to FCCLA students. The Early Childhood contest is an individual event, and recognizes participants who demonstrate their ability to use knowledge and skills gained from their enrollment in an occupational early childhood program. Avery prepared a portfolio of her experiences, course work, lesson plans and examples of

her work. At the competition, Avery was given a specific case study. Her scenario required that she design a math activity that included 10-four year olds including a mildly autistic child. After creating the activity, she then wrote a lesson plan for the given situation and presented the activity and plan to the judges. Avery's medal was presented at a recognition session honoring all participants at the Gaylord Opryland Convention Center on Thursday, July 16. Her junior teacher, Mrs. Linda Morris, accompanied her on the trip. Avery plans to pursue a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education after completing her senior year at Vantage Career Center.



Vantage incoming senior, Avery Etzler (Lincolnview), is all smiles after receiving a gold medal in the FCCLA National STAR competition this summer.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOLS FOR THE WEEK OF 9/2 THROUGH 9/8

Breakfast:
Everyday - Cereal, graham crackers, fruit juice, milk

Lunch:
9/2 - Breaded chicken patty on bun or pretzel w/cheese, corn, jello w/fruit, milk; PLUS: salad bar or blueberry crisp

9/3 - Cheeseburger on bun or mini corn dogs, tator tots, bananas, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cucumber salad

9/4 - Pizza bagel or tuna salad sandwich, coleslaw, pears, brownies, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cook's choice

9/7 - No school, Labor Day

9/8 - Smokie or fish on bun, green bean casserole, rosey applesauce, milk; PLUS: salad bar or banana pudding

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR WAYNE TRACE LOCALS SCHOOLS FOR THE WEEK OF 9/2 THROUGH 9/8

Breakfast:
9/2 - Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk

9/3 - Egg/cheese omelet, toast/jelly, juice, milk

9/4 - Waffles, sausage, juice, milk

9/7 - No school, Labor Day

9/8 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, juice, milk

Lunch:
9/2 - Hot ham/cheese sandwich, corn, applesauce, milk; WT: chili soup, peanut butter sandwich, milk

9/3 - Corn dog, potato wedges, mandarin oranges, milk; WT: potato wedges, meat/cheese/salsa/sour cream, milk

9/4 - Chicken nuggets, tator tots, pineapple, milk

9/7 - No school, Labor Day

9/8 - Cheeseburger or bacon cheeseburger sandwich, french fries, peaches, milk

WOODLAN SLAMS IT TO ELMHURST IN VOLLEYBALL ACTION

Woodlan traveled to Elmhurst on 8/18 in varsity volleyball.

The Lady Warriors took out the Lady Trojans in three games: 25-16, 25-22, and 25-21; all Woodlan victories.

Lady Warrior Individual stats:

#3 Potter - 11 SA, 4A, 6 Pts, 7 K, 3 BS, 2 D

#4 Keller - 8 SA, 3 Pts, 1 K, 1 BA, 3 D

#5 Sieger - 19 SA, 2 A, 13 Pts, 2 K, 1 BA, 1 D

#8 Fuelling - 9 SA, 4 Pts, 6 D

#9 Robbins - 1 SA, 2 K, 2 BA

#10 Oberlin - 12 SA, 1 A, 7 Pts, 11 K, 2 BS, 1 BA

#16 Kirkwood - 16 SA, 1 A, 9 Pts, 6 K, 1 BA, 4 D

BELLMONT CRUSHES WOODLAN VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Warriors entered the domain of the Belmont Squaws for varsity volleyball on 8/20.

The Squaws socked it to the Lady Warriors in three games: 18-25, 8-25, 14-25.

Lady Warrior individual stats:

#3 Potter - 6 SA, 1 Pts, 1 K, 3 BS, 1 D

#4 Keller - 6 SA, 2 A, 2 Pts, 4 D

#5 Sieger - 4 SA, 4 K, 2 BS, 5 D

#8 Fuelling - 9 SA, 1 A, 3 Pts, 6 D

#9 Robbins - 1 K, 1 D

#10 Oberlin - 7 SA, 2 Pts, 1 K, 3 D

#14 Zehr - 2 SA, 1 Pts, 1 D

#6 Kirkwood - 6 SA, 2 K, 1 D

FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEALS INCOME ELIGIBILITY FOR STUDENTS

Antwerp Local School announced its 2009-2010 program year policy for free and reduced-price meals for students unable to pay the full price of meals or milk served under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast, After School Care Snack or Special Milk Program. Local school officials have adopted the following income eligibility scale for free or reduced-price meals.

Household of 1: free - \$14,079.00; reduced - \$20,036.00

Household of 2: free - \$18,941.00; reduced - \$26,955.00

Household of 3: free - \$23,803.00; reduced - \$33,874.00

Household of 4: free - \$28,665.00; reduced - \$40,793.00

Household of 5: free - \$33,527.00; reduced - \$47,712.00

Household of 6: free - \$38,389.00; reduced - \$54,631.00

Household of 7: free - \$43,251.00; reduced - \$61,550.00

Household of 8: free - \$48,113.00; reduced - \$68,469.00

For each additional family member, just add: free - \$4,862.00; reduced - \$6,919.00

Children from households with income at or below the levels shown may be eligible for free and reduced-price meals or free milk.

LOCAL HS FOOTBALL LAUNCHES



Paulding took on Antwerp at the Archer field Friday night. The Archers controlled the game early on, but the Panthers came back to tie the scrimmage 3-3. Shown here is Antwerp Sophomore Tom Taylor tackling Paulding Senior Vince Ross. The next play had Vince scoring a touchdown. Sept. 28 Antwerp plays at Edon and Wayne Trace plays at Paulding for the Black Swamp Trophy. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



The Belmont Braves took on the Warriors in their first home game. Sad to say it's not much to report on. The Warriors tried hard, but the Braves, 2008 first at state, stomped Woodlan 48-0. Shown here is Jr. JD Bontrager running towards the goal being stopped by So. Brooks Faurote. Woodlan's next game is against New Haven Sept. 28 at home. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

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LEARNING ABOUT POND CREATURES AT ANN'S CAMP!



Ann's Bright Beginnings Campers were recently visited by education specialist, Mr. Bill Grimes from the Defiance Soil and Water. He talked to us about all the creatures we can find in the Paulding County waters; like, river otters, muskrats, turtles, frogs, fish, etc. We even got to balance on rocks in a pretend stream! Shown here with Mr. Grimes are in back: Emma Shuherk,

and Sam Adams. In front are: Nash Saylor, Ashlyn Goings, Raelyn Schweinsberg, Colton Bashore, Lucy Shuherk, Jamy Hunt, Casey Agler, Moriah Griffiths, Ashlyn Eaton and Cameron Laker. Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschool is still accepting new students for the 2009-2010 school year! Check out the ad on the front page of THIS paper for more information.

PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 9/2 THROUGH 9/8

MS/HS - Breakfast:
 9/2 - Sausage, egg & cheese muffin, juice, milk
 9/3 - French toast sticks, sausage links, juice, milk
 9/4 - Sausage gravy w/biscuits, juice, milk
 9/7 - No school, Labor Day
 9/8 - Sausage, pancake breakfast sandwich, juice, milk

MS/HS - Lunch:
 9/2 - Chicken tender wrap or pizzaburger w/bun, baby carrots w/dip, chips, assorted fruit, milk
 9/3 - Cavatini, green beans, seasoned bread stick, assorted fruit, milk
 9/4 - Footlong chili dog, oven potatoes, assorted fruit, milk
 9/7 - No school, Labor Day
 9/8 - Southwest chicken salad, tortilla chips, assorted

fruit, milk

Paulding Elementary - Breakfast:
 9/2 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk
 9/3 - Sausage pancake wrap, juice, milk
 9/4 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk
 9/7 - No school, Labor Day
 9/8 - Poptart, juice, milk

Paulding Elementary - Lunch:
 9/2 - Pizza, corn, assorted fruit, milk
 9/3 - Tomato soup w/ crackers, toasted cheese sandwich, assorted fruit, milk
 9/4 - Salisbury steak, oven potatoes, bread, assorted fruit, milk
 9/7 - No school, Labor Day
 9/8 - Nachos w/cheese, lettuce salad, assorted fruit, milk

Oakwood Elementary - Breakfast:
 9/2 - Rainbow yogurt, gold fish, grahams, juice, milk
 9/3 - Breakfast burrito, juice, milk
 9/4 - Assorted cereal,

crackers, juice, milk
 9/7 - No school, Labor Day
 9/8 - Assorted cereal, crackers, juice, milk

Oakwood Elementary - Lunch:
 9/2 - Corn dog, baked beans, fruit choice, milk
 9/3 - Pizzaburger, corn, fruit choice, milk
 9/4 - Toasted cheese sandwich, lettuce salad, fruit choice, milk
 9/7 - No school, Labor Day
 9/8 - Chicken fajita, green beans, fruit choice, milk

WESTERN BUCKEYE GOVERNING BOARD ACTS ON PERSONNEL ISSUES

The Western Buckeye ESC Governing Board held their regular monthly Board meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 11, 2009 in the Van Wert ESC Board Office with all Board members present. Board President Mr. William Poe II welcomed Board members and school personnel to the meeting.

The Board members approved the agenda for the evening, which included several last minute personnel items to prepare for the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year. The Board also held an extensive discussion regarding the increasing cost of employee insurance benefits with an emphasis on the need to develop a long term cost saving plan. This conversation included some discussion regarding the High Deductible/Health Saving Account health insurance plan the Board is planning to offer employees this fall. The Board is planning to take formal action on employee insurance benefits in September.

Superintendent John Basinger reviewed with the Board the state biannual budget bill which was recently passed by the State Legislature, including projected state funding for the ESC and the local school districts. Treasurer Kristine Stuart reviewed the current financial investments and monthly expenditure reports with Board Members, which the Board approved by resolution.

In the business portion of the meeting, the Board:

- **Approved the minutes from the July 14, 2009 Regular meeting.
- **Approved the current financial reports as presented by Treasurer Mrs. Kristine Stuart.
- **Accepted the resignation of Lori Bittner, Preschool Coordinator at Thomas Edison, effective at the end of the 2008-2009 school year.
- **Accepted the resignation of Karen Emerine, Hearing Impaired Teacher, effective at the end of the 2008-2009 school year.
- **Accepted the resignation of Lisa Knoch, Physical Therapy Assistant, effective at the end of the 2008-2009 school year.
- **Accepted the resignation of Jody Dunham as Director of Student Services, effective August 1, 2009, and extended a two (2) year, 12 month (249 day) contract to her as Principal at Thomas Edison Early Childhood Center, effective August 1, 2009, salary as per salary schedule.
- **Extended a one (1) year (202 day) contract to Justine Curry as a Special Education Coordinator, effective at the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year, salary per salary schedule.
- **Extended a one (1) year (189 day) contract to Brett Hammons as a Collaborative Pre-School Classroom Coordinator, effective for the 2009-2010 school year, salary set by the Board.
- **Extended a one (1) year (190 day) contract to Paula Luginbuhl as a Physical Therapist, effective August 14, 2009, for the 2009-2010 school year, salary set by the Board.
- **Adjusted Janine Warnecke's 2009-2010 contract from four (4) days a week to five (5) days a week.
- **Approved supplemental contracts with Ashley Shepherd for the 21st Century After-school Co-coordinator, and for FY10 21st Century Summer Program Coordinator.
- **Approved a supplemental contract, effective July 29, 2009, for Cathy Bonifas to provide speech therapy services at summer screening at her current daily rate.
- **Approved a contracted service agreement with Dawnis Edge to provide speech therapy services at summer screening.
- **Approved a supplemental contract for Mark Holtzberry for the position of Cleaning Services at ACE Academy to be paid by timesheet, effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.
- **Advanced Michael Schweinsberg to the Bachelors plus 150 step on the salary schedule, effective for the 2009-2010 school year.
- **Entered into an agreement with Midwest Rehab, Inc. for the 2009-2010 school year, to provide a licensed speech therapist.
- **Approved the 2009-2010 substitute list and also authorize the Superintendent to approve future additions if all requirements are met.
- **Approved the following substitute rates, effective for the 2009-2010 school year:
 - Substitute Teacher: \$75.00 per day
 - Substitute Teacher @ SLC and ACE Academy: \$85.00 per day
 - Substitute Health Coordinator: \$15.50 per hour
 - Substitute Secretary/Clerical: \$70.00 per day
 - Substitute Paraprofessional: \$65.00 per day
- **Approved a revised 2009-2010 calendar for the Student Learning Center as presented.
- **Approved the FY10 BASA membership for the superintendent.
- **Approved the FY10 OTESCA (Ohio Treasurer's ESC Association) membership for the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurers.
- **Approved the FY10 ASCD Annual Membership for Chris Feichter, Jody Dunham, Laura DeLong and Peg Schilb.
- **Approved participation in the Jefferson County ESC Virtual Learning Academy for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.
- **Approved a budget revision to the FY09 JAVITS Grant.
- **Approved an agreement with SORSA for property and liability insurance for the period of July 1, 2009 to July 1, 2010.

The Board meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m. with no additional Board action. The next regularly scheduled Governing Board meeting of the Western Buckeye Educational Service Center is on September 8, 2009 starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Paulding ESC Office.

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR 2009 CARNEGIE CORPORATION OF NEW YORK/NEW YORK TIMES I LOVE MY LIBRARIAN AWARD

Nominations are open for the 2009 Carnegie Corporation of New York/New York Times I Love My Librarian Award.

The award invites library users to recognize the accomplishments of librarians in public, school, college, community college and university libraries for their efforts to improve the lives of people in their community. Nominations will run through October 9 and are being accepted online at ilovelibraries.org/ilovemylibrarian.

Up to 10 librarians will be selected. Each will receive a \$5,000 cash award, a plaque and a \$500 travel stipend to attend an awards ceremony and reception in New York, hosted by The New York Times in December. In addition, a plaque will be given to each award winner's library.

Nominees will be judged by a selection committee based on quality of service to library users, demonstrated knowledge of the library and its resources and commitment shown in helping library users.

In 2008, Carnegie Corporation of New York awarded the American Library Association (ALA) \$489,000 to support the award, which will continue annually through 2013. The award continues in the tradition of one The New York Times presented from 2001 to 2006.

Last year, more than 3,200 library users nationwide nominated a librarian, and 10 librarians received the award. For more information on last year's winners, visit ilovelibraries.org/ilovemylibrarian.

Each nominee must be a librarian with a master's degree from a program accredited by the ALA in library and information studies or a master's degree with a specialty in school library media from an educational unit accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education. Nominees must be currently working in the United States in a public library, a library at an accredited two- or four-year college or university or at an accredited K-12 school.

The award is administered by ALA's Public Information Office and Campaign for America's Libraries, ALA's public awareness campaign that promotes the value of libraries and librarians.

Carnegie Corp. of New York was created by Andrew Carnegie in 1911 to promote "the advancement and diffusion of knowledge and understanding." For more than 95 years, the foundation has carried out its founder's vision of philanthropy by building on his two major concerns: international peace and advancing education and knowledge. Each year, the private grant-

ICE CREAM DEPOT HISTORY WILL LIVE ON



The Essen House Restaurant is proud to announce the acquisition of the Ice Cream Depot. In a joint effort with Mercer Landmark and the Essen House, Antwerp's beloved Ice Cream Depot will be saved. With the need for additional parking space during the busy harvest season, the Depot needed to be moved. Every effort was made to save the building and move it to a new location, but sadly, the building did not survive transportation. Fortunately, the spirit of the Ice Cream Depot will live on at the Essen House Restaurant. The Essen House now plans to build an addition to the restaurant that will accommodate drive up as

well as walk up traffic for the Depot. "We are still hoping to utilize as much of the existing signage as possible, and build the addition in a style that honors the original Antwerp Landmark," said a spokesman for the Essen House. They also said, "We know that the Ice Cream Depot is a long standing tradition for the people of Antwerp, and we want to do everything we can to preserve that tradition for future generations." Summer evenings are just not the same without a leisurely stroll down to the Ice Cream Depot for a delicious, cool treat. Thankfully, we will all be able to stroll to the Depot again soon.

PAULDING RESERVOIR PARK COED LEAGUE STANDINGS

Tuesday Night Coed League

1. Blackies/Red Owl, 3-0
2. Bruce Kunesh Auto, 2-0
3. TJ's Bar, 2-1
4. Pack Rats Pawn Shop, 1-1
5. Nedra/Boss Signs, 2-1
6. Grace 2-0
7. Larsons Body Shop, 0-2
8. Waters M.D., 0-3
9. Tri County Roofing, 0-2
10. Lafarge, 0-2

Thursday Night Coed League

1. Red Owl, 3-0
2. Great Clips, 3-0
3. C&J Party Shop, 2-1
4. Ed's Car Care, 1-1
5. Carpet Wholesalers, 1-1
6. Hoffman Builders, 1-2
7. Grace Home Improvements, 1-1
8. A&W 0-2
9. Jones Home Improvement, 0-2
10. Tom's Karoake, 0-2

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The New York Times Company, a leading media company with 2008 revenues of \$2.9 billion, includes The New York Times, the International Herald Tribune, The Boston Globe, 15 other daily newspapers, WQXR-FM and more than 50 Web sites, including NYTimes.com, Boston.com and About.com. The Company's core purpose is to enhance society by creating, collecting and distributing high-quality news, information and entertainment.

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ANTWERP COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR AUGUST 17, 2009

By: Sue Knapp

The Antwerp Council met August 17 at 5:30 p.m. for their regular meeting, all were in attendance. No visitors were in attendance.

Chief Clemens started with the police report. 134 calls for service and 61 offenses were reported. The renewal levy was brought up. This is a renewal not a new tax.

Fiscal Officer Loretta Baker reported for the EMS Clerk, Darlene Merrimen. Merrimen has looked into different credit agencies for collection of past due invoices. She received authority to enter an agreement with Credit Adjustments (a local collection agency) to help retrieve past due monies.

The Village is very close to being off Fiscal Watch, should be around the end of August. As soon as Fiscal Watch is over the Village then can receive the grant for restoring the depot. Poggemeyer has engineered the project and has sent a bill to the Village for \$12,153. There is a little over \$4,000 in reserve to pay this bill. It was decided to wait on the grant money to pay the rest of the amount owed.

The Village received \$40,000 in an Estate Tax. The Village is to hold onto the money for two years before it can be allocated.

Village Administrator, Sara Keeran reported on the Earhart Museum. The Public Safety Committee and Randy Schaffer had a meeting and Schaffer declared that he wanted to go forward and work with the Village. Another meeting between the Public Safety Committee and Schaffer is scheduled to receive updates and consider options.

ODOT and the Village are working out the details on the US 24 E project. The W. River Street Sidewalk Project is coming along.

North Main Sidewalk Project is almost finished with Leinard's replacing theirs when the catch basin is done. There are two properties that the Village will replace and the cost will be added to the homeowners Real Estate Taxes.

W. Daggett and Stone Street Water Line Project bidding will start soon.

Keeran handed out papers to the Council Members about the Village taking over the Village Tax Billing.

There has been vandalism in River-

side Park's restrooms. The paper towel holders have been replaced with hand dryers and the restrooms are locked up earlier. Cameras for the exterior of the restrooms and the playground is an option.

There has been vandalism concerning the street signs with some being taken.

Meter replacement is still a process and algae in the lagoon is still a problem.

There's several ash trees infected with bore ash that are being taken down. Some of these will be replaced with oak saplings.

Trash and weeds around private property was discussed. Options are being considered in cleaning up these places.

Keeran commended the Village workers for all the hard work in getting the park and town in shape for The Day in the Park.

Mayor's Report: \$1,002.00 was sent to the Secretary of State and \$3,741.45 was put into the general fund. \$170.00 each was put into the Police and Mayor's computer fund.

Resolution 2009-07 A Resolution declaring it necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation. (this is a renewal). 3rd reading

Resolution 2009-08 A Resolution declaring the necessity of repairing and/or constructing the sidewalk on the west side of Lot 16 PT, Block C in the Village of Antwerp, Ohio (Tax Parcel ID #1204S00700); and declaring the same an emergency. 5 accepted 1 refusal (Karen Lee)

Ordinance 2009-21 An Ordinance to provide for the issuance of a note to pay a portion of the cost of installing the lift station in the Colony subdivision in the Village of Antwerp, County of Paulding, Ohio, and declaring the same an emergency. All accepted

Ordinance 2009-22 An Ordinance to provide for the issuance of a note in anticipation of the issuance of bond for the purpose of water repairs and capital improvements and declaring the same an emergency. All accepted

Ordinance 2009-23 An Ordinance authorizing the Village Fiscal Officer to transfer funds to the Street Fund in the amount of \$15,000 and declare the same to be an emergency. All accepted

Resolution 2009-09 A Resolution authorizing the Mayor of the Village of Antwerp, Ohio to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program and to executive contracts as required and declaring the same an emergency. All accepted

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ODOT's expert analysis of statewide traffic data shows that 1,828 crashes on Ohio roadways last year involved schools buses, including nine fatalities.

In addition to school buses returning to the roads, more parents will be back in route to school. In Ohio, it's estimated that only half of school-aged children ride a bus to school, but a growing number of students are often driven to school in a private vehicle.

Number from the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration show that as much as 25 percent of typical morning rush hour traffic is school-related. That's one out of every four cars on the road each weekday morning heading to school or day care.

For the upcoming back to school season, ODOT will feature its Take Care, Be Aware safety message at several locations across the state, including some of the state's 110 rest areas and travel information centers.

ODOT is also partnering with the nation's largest retailer Walmart, which has posted the Take Care, Be Aware safety message at ten of its largest stores in Ohio and at its four Ohio distribution centers.

Walmart's truck drivers have been routinely recognized with a safest fleet award by the Ohio Trucking Association, a group of more than 1,100 trucking companies in the state.

Safer routes to school lead to fewer accidents. Over the past two years, ODOT's Safe Routes to School program has awarded nearly \$8 million to communities across the state for school crossing signals, sidewalks, educational materials and school travel plans.

Safety is most important to designated school zones, where traffic speeds are reduced to protect all students arriving at school. However, school zones have been the site of more than 1,300 crashes over the past three years. Two people have been killed in school zone accidents - one of them a crossing guard. In all, more than 500 students and adults have been injured in accidents in school zones from 2005 through 2008.

For more information on how to keep children safe on their way to school, check out ODOT's Safe Routes to School program online at www.dot.state.oh.us. The updated website offers safety messages for students and drivers, as well as information for local communities on receiving state grants.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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By: Mandy Lichty, Paulding County Chief Dog Warden

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If your dog becomes lost please call the shelter right away. Dogs coming into the shelter without a valid license on their collar can be released for adoption after three days.

Come out and see the dogs on Thursday from 3:00-5:00 p.m. or on the web at www.petfinder.org/shelters/OH709.html

ESTIMATING CORN YIELDS

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Agent

The United States Department of Agriculture is predicting a record corn yield for Ohio of 165 bushels per acre. However, some areas of the state have received timely and ample rain fall, other areas have received little or no rain or only trace amounts of rain in recent weeks. To help with marketing and harvest plans, corn growers may want to predict grain yields prior to harvest.

Two procedures that are widely used for estimating

corn grain yields prior to harvest are the Yield Component Method or Corn Yield Calculator and the Ear Weight Method. Each method will often produce yield estimates that are within 20 bushels per acre of actual yield. However, when below normal rainfall occurs during grain fill, resulting in low kernel weights, the yield component method will overestimate yields. In a year with good grain fill conditions, resulting in high kernel weights, the method will underestimate grain yields.

The Yield Component Method was originally described by the University of Illinois and is based on the premise that one can estimate grain yield from estimates of the yield components that constitute grain yield. These yield components include number of ears per acre, number of kernel rows per ear, number of kernels per row, and weight per kernel.

The first three yield components are easily measured in the field. Final weight per kernel obviously cannot be measured until the grain is mature, and realistically, at harvest moisture. Consequently, an average value for kernel weight, expressed as 90,000 kernels per 56 lb bushel, is used as a proverbial constant in the yield estimation equation.

The steps to estimate corn yield are as follows: Step 1. Count the number of harvestable ears in a length of row equivalent to 1/1000th acre. For 30 inch rows, this would be 17 feet 5 inches. Step 2. On every fifth ear, count the number of kernel rows per ear and determine the average. Step 3. On the same fifth ear, count the number of kernels per row and determine the average. Do not count kernels on either the butt or tip of the ear that are less than half the size of normal size kernels. Step 4. Calculate the estimated yield in bushels per acre by multiplying the number of ears times the average number of rows times the average number of kernels. Divide that total by 90. Step 5. Repeat the procedure for at least four additional sites across the field.

An example for a field with 30 inch rows: You have counted 24 ears in a row that measured 17'5" in length. Sampling every fifth ear resulted in an average number of rows of 16 and an average number of kernels per row at 30. The estimated yield for that site in the field would be (24 x 16 x 30) divided by 90, which equals 128 bushels per acre.

There are a number of calculators on various web sites to assist with the estimate or contact the Extension office for more details.

CONGRESS ASSISTS MORAL DEGENERATION

Guest Column From Representative Lynn R. Wachtmann

The Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives recently passed a bill that will have major repercussions on the citizens of Washington, D.C. The spending bill allocates \$768 million in federal money to the D.C. government, allowing it to use tax revenues to fund abortions for the poor, begin the process of legalizing marijuana for medicinal purposes, and establish a needle exchange program for drug addicts.

If this kind of legislation is accepted in D.C., where will government-sanctioned tolerance spread to next? The House Democrats have misused the authority of Congress to impose socially liberal policies on D.C., but they will likely attempt to implement these policies elsewhere. The Obama administration and the federal government continue to seize power wherever they can find it, and passing bills of this nature will only fuel their incentive to seek more control and impose controversial bills regardless of citizens' input.

Unwanted pregnancies and the spread of HIV among drug users are not problems unique to D.C. These problems occur in nearly every city across America and the Democrats' proposed solutions do little to actually remedy the situation. By providing abortions and needle exchange, the House Democrats have essentially condoned these lifestyle choices and perpetuated a vicious cycle that will abuse taxpayer money and cost us more in the long run. They have erased our nation's moral standard and resorted to a weak theology of behavioral tolerance, which provides a temporary and irresistibly convenient Band-Aid to cover a much deeper problem.

The passage of this bill is the equivalent of giving Tylenol to someone with a brain tumor—the congressional Democrats are trying to get rid of the headache instead of tackling the more difficult, but more effective, surgical procedure to remove the true cause of the pain. It is a sad day in America when we justify the government-sponsored abortion and look the other way while drug users spend their lives captive to addiction. Instead of using taxpayer dollars to treat mere symptoms of America's moral disease, we should address the problem's root cause. A

suitable alternative would provide the necessary tools of education, discipline and self-respect to promote change for a productive life. Providing opportunities for lasting self-improvement may bring about the necessary changes in our society.

America is a nation of good, charitable citizens, and I firmly believe that enabling vices will only make a growing problem worse. Preemptively educating the public will not only save considerable tax dollars but also encourage our neighbors to make good life choices.

I value your input on the issues that affect our state, so please feel free to contact my office with any comments or concerns. You may write to me: Representative Lynn Wachtmann, Ohio House of Representatives, 77 South High Street, 10th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215, or call my office at (614) 466-3760.

DISCOVER THE GODS IN ALABAMA AT THE JOHNSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY'S AUGUST 31 BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Discover the *Gods in Alabama* by Joshilyn Jackson at the Johnson Memorial Library's monthly adult book discussion group on Monday, August 31 at 6:30 p.m. The monthly book discussion group is free and is open to everyone. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Hicksville Library.

According to the book jacket, "When Arlene Fleet heads up north for college, she makes three promises to God: She will stop fornicating; never tell another lie; and never, ever go back to the 'fourth rack of hell,' her hometown of Possett, Alabama. All He has to do in exchange is just to make sure that the body is never found... Ten years later, God has broken His end of the deal. Alabama has landed on Arlene's doorstep in the form of her high school archenemy, a young woman who wants to find the golden-haired football hero who disappeared during their senior year. To make matters worse, her African-American boyfriend insists on being introduced to her lily-white family. Arlene's demons are closing in..."

To better meet the needs of working adults and busy families, we have also begun an on-line adult book discussion. Through the on-line discussion, you can log on anytime and share your thoughts on this month's book and/or respond to the book discussion questions. To participate in the on-line book discussion, log onto <http://jmlbookclub.blogspot.com>.

The library has ordered copies of the book and its companion audio-book for the discussion, so each group member may have a copy. Please stop by the library and pick up your copy today. Or for more information, call the Johnson Memorial Library at 419-542-6200 or email murphyam@oplin.org.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR VISITS ANTWERP ROTARY CLUB



By: Sue Knapp

The Antwerp Rotary Club met at the Essenhouse in Antwerp for their regular meeting on August 20.

Visitors included Kathy Minnich, Pat Marlin and Jim and Jan Heinrich. Mr. Heinrich is the 2009-2010 District Governor of this region.

Mr. Heinrich gave a talk on his 'Journey with the Rotary.' Mr. Heinrich's dad was a Rotarian in the St. Mary's Rotary Club. Jim, thinking it was just a bunch of 'old men', joined the Rotary in 1968, being one of the youngest members of the Club.

Fifteen years went by with Jim going to meetings and serving on committees, he then asked himself, 'Why am I in Rotary?'

In the 1981-'82 year District Governor, Bob Cook, got interested in supplying medical equipment to underprivileged nations. MESA (Medical Equipment Supply Abroad) was formed. In the 1982-'83 year District Governor, Jerry Edwards, went forward with the project and visited Guatemala after which the medical supplies were shipped.

This was a life changing trip for Jim Heinrich, seeing

and experiencing poverty opened his eyes to how much these people needed help.

Jim and his wife, Jan, have made several trips abroad, meeting with Mother Theresa and Presidents of countries. The relationships between the Rotary Clubs of different countries is very important in getting all the supplies to where they need to be.

The Rotary also has established a foundation called the Rotary Peace Fellowship Program. There are six peace centers around the world at universities. The two year program ends with a masters in peace and goodwill, helping to bring the world to a better place.

Mr. Heinrich humbly told of all the wonderful opportunities he has had through Rotary and how his experiences has changed his life. He has a passion for the Rotary Foundation and encourages the need to recruit and mentor new members.

The program ended with Mr. Heinrich presenting Russ Pierce (President of local Rotary) with the new theme flag. The motto this year is 'The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands.'

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