

ROBB GERKEN OF ANTWERP RECEIVES GRANT TO HELP GROW THEIR SMALL BUSINESS

Robb Gerken of Antwerp, Ohio, the owner of Erie Recycling/Service LLC, recently received a business development grant from the National Association for the Self-Employed (NASE).

Erie Recycling/Service is a recycling business that does curbside pick up. Erie Recycling has been in business for seven months and has approximately 135 curbside accounts. The business received a \$5000 grant from NASE to help the business expand. The grant will be used to purchase a product bailer which will allow us to store more product and expand in our pick up capacity.

"The grant is greatly appreciated and the bailer is very much needed," said Robb Gerken, owner of Erie Recycling/Service. "The grant money will also help us to expand by being able to work with area businesses to recycle more product and help to keep America green."

The NASE Business Development Grant Program offers

access to capital for micro-business owners who have a specific business need—but lack of finances to carry out that goal. Since the program began in 2006. The association has awarded over \$300,000 to member businesses.

The National Association for the Self-Employed is the nation's leading resource for the self-employed and micro-businesses, bringing a broad range of benefits to help entrepreneurs succeed and to drive the continued growth of this vital segment of the American economy.

For more information on Erie Recycling/Service, please call 419-258-2345. For more information on the NASE, please visit www.NASE.org

"THE SWAMP" GRAND OPENING BENEFIT TOURNAMENT MAKES DONATION

Rick Small of the MIX 98.1 radio station in Defiance recently accepted a check from Ron Riegenbach for the Christmas For Kids benefit for Paulding County kids and their families. Over \$1400 was donated to the charity from "The Swamp" Wiffleball Field Grand Opening Benefit Tournament.

STROUP GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY



Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stroup, of Melrose, have been married 50 years. Richard Stroup and Janet Schlegel were married on October 17, 1959 at the Broughton United Methodist Church in Broughton, Ohio, by Rev. H.J. Tomlinson. The couple has one child, Tabbie (Bud) Bair and

a grandson, Jordan. A daughter, Corinna, and a grandson, Jacob is deceased.

The Stroup's celebrated the occasion with their family on their anniversary day.

The deadline for ads and article submissions is Friday at 5:00 p.m.

MEET THE CANDIDATES

By: Sue Knapp

The third annual Meet the Candidates was held Thursday, October 15 at the Paulding Eagles. In attendance were representatives for the different issues. The representatives informed the audience the effects of having or not having their levies passed.

Jan Commers from the Election Board was up first to remind us of absentee voting and to encourage us to vote. The Board of Elections is open from 8:30-12:00 and 1:00-4:00 Monday through Friday. They are located on the Square in Paulding.

Speakers on the issues were as follows: Staci Kaufman, Superintendent at Vantage; Linda Reineck on the OSU Extension Levy; Randy Derck for the Paulding County Economic Development; Michelle Stahl for the Library Levy; Ellen Townsley for the Ag Society Levy and Tony Burkley for the County (General Fund Levy).

Questions for the County Levy: What percent of sales tax does the county receive and why such a drop in it?

The county receives 1½ percent. Some of the problem is of businesses not paying the tax. If the Levy passes, will the employees be called back who were laid off? No, it will take a long time to get back up to where we were before. Will the Courthouse be back open to five days? Yes. Burkley wanted it to be known that some entities that were on the County Levy before had decided to have their own levy. Did the County officials take a pay cut along with the Courthouse employees? Many did voluntarily.

Question for the Library: If levy fails will some of the branches close? No decisions have been made but the services would be decreased.

Questions for the Ag Society: What about all the buildings in need of repairs? It is our intentions to spruce up and make improvements. What will you offer in place of the 4H program if the OSU Levy fails? The 'what ifs' have not been discussed.

A general question: You tell us to purchase locally, do you buy your products locally? They all said yes as much as they can.

The evening ended with door prizes.

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A southern gospel concert benefit featuring Jerry Garcia, The Jubilees and Trinity is set for October 24 at Trinity Friends Church Family Life Center, 605 N. Franklin, Van Wert.

The benefit is being held to establish a "Noah's Ark Inpatient Hospice Fund" which will be used to provide for various needs of families while their loved ones are being cared for at Community Health Profes-

sionals' Van Wert Inpatient Hospice Center. These needs may include gas for travel, food, personal items and other family needs.

The fund is being named in memory of Noah Martin, a 14-month-old patient who was cared for at the inpatient hospice center.

A silent auction and food court will open at 6:00 p.m. with a children's movie and games and southern gospel concert at 7:00 p.m. A free will offering and donations are being accepted.

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OBITUARIES

Patrick C. Clark, former Paulding resident, 83, of Cincinnati died Saturday, October 17, 2009 at the Maple Knoll Village, Cincinnati, Ohio.

He was born September 15, 1926 in Paulding County, Ohio, the son of Leo P. and Mary Ethel (Powers) Clark. On June 14, 1952 he married Coletta Regina Wilhelm who survives. He was a WWII Navy veteran; a member of the former St. Joseph Catholic Church, Paulding; and a retired employee of Dinner Bell Foods, Defiance.

He is survived by his wife, Coletta Clark of Cincinnati; four daughters: Mary Ann (Ronald) Smith, Patricia (Emmett) Roper, Peggy (Thomas) Roesch, and Margery (John) Wallace all of Cincinnati; a brother, James "Casey" (Kate) Clark of Paulding; and four sisters: Rita Weber of Defiance, Mary Hoelderle of Payne, Jean (Frank) Cashman of Gaylord, MI, and Joan Clark of Fort Wayne, a sister-in-law, Betty Clark of Paulding; and ten grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren: Nathan, Rebecca and Sarah Smith, David, Daniel, and Emily Roper, Michael and Jacqueline Roesch, and Catherine and Patrick Wallace.

He is preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, John Clark.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, October 21, 2009 at Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding, with Rev. G. Allan Fillman officiating. Burial will be in Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding, with military graveside rites accorded by VFW Post #587.

Donations may be made to Greater Cincinnati Alzheimer's Association, 644 Linn St., Suite 1026, Cincinnati, OH 45203 or to Masses.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Eugene W. Bruns, 84, of Payne passed away Saturday, October 17, 2009 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Eugene was born in Woodburn, Indiana on August 9, 1925, a son of the late Katie (Helmke) and William Bruns.

He served in the U.S. Coast Guard, worked in maintenance at GM Powertrain, Defiance and was a member of Van Wert American Legion Post & Divine Mercy Catholic Parish of Paulding County.

On October 25, 1947 he married Alice Peck, who survives.

He will be sadly missed by his wife, Alice; daughters: Theresa (Joe) Lehman of Haviland and Mary (Fritz) Cooper of Garrett, IN; son, William (Karen) Bruns of New Haven, IN; sister, Edna Bruns of Haviland; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Gene's son, Gary, preceded him in death.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Payne at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 22, 2009 with Rev. G. Allan Fillman officiating.

Viewing is on Wednesday from 2:00-4:00 and 6:00-8:00 p.m. with the rosary recited at 8:00 p.m. at Dooley Funeral Home, Payne. Viewing is also, Thursday, 9:00-9:30 a.m. at Dooley's. He will be laid to rest at St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery.

Memorials are to the charity of your choice. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuner-

alhome.com

Carol O. Schaffner, 90, of



Grover Hill, Ohio died Tuesday, October 13, 2009 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, IN.

He was born September 16, 1919 in Latty Twp., Paulding County, Ohio to the late Grace (Blythe) Schaffner and Walter Schaffner.

He was married to Wilma Ruth Schaffner who died December 29, 2007

Also preceding him in death are a daughter, Rebecca Anne Schaffner; a brother, Doyt Schaffner; and sisters: Olive Cole and Betty Collins.

Surviving is a son, Cahrol Owen (Fiancé, Lori Brown) Schaffner of Grover Hill.

Before WWII, he worked as an Auto Mechanic in Van Wert, Ohio. After WWII, he worked on the family farm. In 1974, he co-founded and co-owned Grover Hill Grain Co., Grover Hill, Ohio. He was a member of Mt. Pleasant Church, Van Wert County, Ohio. He served in the 244th Service Squadron, 13th Army Air Corp as a Staff SGT. in the South Pacific during WWII; Founding and Lifetime member of the Grover Hill V.F.W.; member of Paulding County Farm Bureau and National Farmers Union.

Services were October 19, 2009 at Mt. Pleasant Church, Van Wert County, Ohio with burial at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Hoaglin Twp., Van Wert County, Ohio. Pastor Bill Barnett officiated.

Preferred Memorials to Mt. Pleasant Church or Grover Hill E.M.S.

Military Graveside services were conducted by the Grover Hill V.F.W.

George E. Bradford, 70, of Defiance died Saturday, October 10, 2009 at the Toledo Hospital where he had been a patient for two weeks.

He was born June 19, 1939 in Putnam County, Ohio the son of Bert L. and Helen M. (Hutchins) Bradford. On December 15, 1978 he married Margaret M. Richmond who survives. He was the owner/operator of the Power Dam Inn, Defiance for 38 years retiring in 1998. He was a U.S. Army veteran and a graduate of Continental High School. He was also a member of the Defiance V.F.W. Post #3360, the Defiance Am Vets #1991, the Defiance Eagles #372 and the Continental American Le-

gion Post #541.

He is survived by his wife Margaret of Defiance; three daughters: Kim (Jerry) Shaffer of Grover Hill; Kristi (Jason) Farquhar of Fort Bragg, NC; and Peggy Diaz of Houston, TX; nine grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; and eight step-great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, David L. Bradford in 2004.

Funeral services were October 17, 2009 at the Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Burial was in Sherman Cemetery, Charloe, Ohio where military graveside rites were accorded by Defiance VFW Post #3360.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the Defiance Humane Society. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com.

IS YOUR POCKET BUT-TONED?

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

I read recently of an incident that happened to a serviceman at the U.S. Army's guided missile school in Huntsville, Alabama.

It seems that there was a routine company inspection of the military men one morning. The entire barracks of men had filed out and were standing at attention while the brass paraded by examining them. The soldiers were especially trying to look their best because the inspection was being conducted by a full colonel. Everything had gone smoothly, until the inspecting officer came to one extremely nervous looking serviceman. The colonel stopped, looked at the man carefully from head to toe and snapped, "Button that pocket, soldier!"

The young man, more than a bit rattled, stammered, "You mean right NOW, sir?"

Turning beet red the colonel roared, "Of course, right now!" Whereupon the soldier very carefully reached out and buttoned the flap on the colonel's shirt pocket.

For some reason, peculiar to our human nature, it is always easier to see the unbuttoned pockets of others that it is to see our own. Have you found that out in your own experience? It's far easier to criticize the other guy, to find fault with the other person, to cynically denounce the faults and foibles of someone else without giving any regard to our own shortcomings and weaknesses.

Splinters in other people's eyes seem to be more obvious than two-by-fours in our own eyes. Jesus made that statement in His Sermon on the Mount in the New Testament. Matthew 7:3 reads, "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?"

The Lord poses a good question. We so often hear that verse but fail to answer it. Have you ever thought of a reasonable answer to that question? Why DO we tend to look at mistakes and imperfections in others rather than in our own lives?

There are lots of reasons. I suppose because it's too painful to look at our own faults. It feels better to tear down somebody else than be introspective. Admitting wrong is never easy to do. And yet, Je-

sus teaches us that we need to be more concerned with dealing with our own flaws rather than spend our energies identifying the frailties in others.

My prayer is that this week all of us will take time to examine our own hearts, our own motives, our own lifestyles and honestly say to the Lord as David did, "Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

It is only then that we will be able to deal with the shortcomings in our own lives and make sure that our own "pockets" are buttoned.

INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP, INC. SEEKS HOST FAMILIES

The non-profit exchange student program, International Fellowship, Inc. is now seeking host families to host high school exchange students and is also looking for local representatives to secure host families for high school exchange students.

International Fellowship, Inc. was established in 1952, and its headquarters is located in Westfield, New York.

If you can help with these requests, please contact International Fellowship, Inc. at 1-800-647-8839, website: www.internationalfellowship.org, or email: infelwes@cecomet.net

THE ONE TRUE CHURCH LESSON #7, RESTORATION #1

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

In talking about restoration in this study, can the church that Christ started through the apostles preaching and teaching in the first century, be restored today?

We have Bible examples of the people of God leaving God's will and following their own or someone else's will.

Noah was told to make the ark after the pattern God had told him. It is the same with Christ's church today, you and I can bring it back to its originality, by teaching and preaching the apostle's doctrine, also we are to live our lives in accordance to what the Bible says.

Can you and I find any place in the Old Testament about God restoring people back to his word: Please read 2 Kings chapter 22, this tells of Hilkiah the high priest finding the Book of the Law and giving it to Shaphan, 22:8, and then read in verse 10-20 as to what Josiah is going to do. Then in chapter 23 we see how Josiah restored Judah back to God. Just as Josiah stood strong in destroying the idol worship, the burning of incense to Baal and so forth, you and I need to bring people back to the truth of the New Testament. Read 2 Kings 23:25 what is said about Josiah.

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the doctrines of what institutions are teaching today and have searched the scriptures and cannot find these teachings in God's Holy word, the Bible. Sure, there is some truth, but is this little bit of truth there just to deceive the people. Man's Religion will not get anyone into heaven.

Some of you have read about the reformation movement that Martin Luther was involved in. Have you read the ninety-five theses that Luther found wrong with the Roman Catholic Church and the world that for the purpose of eliciting truth he drew up the ninety-five theses in Latin. Then he nailed the theses onto the door of the Wittenberg castle church on October 31, 1517. This information is from Britannica encyclopedia page 572, volume 7. The aim of the protestant reformation was to reform the apostate Roman Catholic Church by correcting its worst abuses. Today as you and I look at these Protestants, we see that some of the abuses of the Catholic Church, that they were against initially were brought into their own institutions. To restore is to make better by removing faults and defects. To restore is to bring back to the initial position. You and I can completely restore the New Testament church in all its divinely given essentials by following the pattern which is the New Testament gives.

Loved ones, listen to what your teachers and preachers are saying and if they are teaching something falsely or not found in the Scriptures, confront them and tell them what the Bible says. Please continue your study of God's word.

COMMUNITY CHOIR FESTIVAL AT PAULDING CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Sunday, November 1, 2009 at 6:00 p.m., the Paulding Church of the Nazarene, 210 Dooley Drive, is hosting a community choir festival. Choirs and singing groups from Paulding area churches will perform at this annual event. Come for an enjoyable night of music.

TRUNK O' TREAT AT THE PAULDING CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Wednesday, October 28, 2009 dress up in costumes and come to the Paulding Church of the Nazarene's parking lot. Trunks of cars and truck beds will be decorated to entice kids to come for treats. Free hot dogs and refreshments will be provided. This fun event for the whole family will be from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

SCARE UP SOME FUN AT THE LIBRARY

Thanks to a generous donation by the Friends of the Library, the Children's Room of the main library in Paulding is able to sponsor a fun-filled Halloween Party. This event, designed for ages preschool through first grade, will be held on Tuesday, October 27 from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the children's room. Children will be treated to a spook-tacular story time with Kirk, play fun games and enjoy yummy refreshments. All children are invited to wear their favorite Halloween costume. Due to limited space and staffing, pre-registration (by calling 419-399-2032) is required.

The Friends of the Library is a volunteer non-profit support group that exists to raise funds in support of programs, special events or equipment for the Paulding County Carnegie Library. Fundraisers throughout the year include book sales, bake sales and more. For more information about the Friends of the Library, or to register your child for this Halloween festivity, contact the library at 419-399-2032.

V.E.T.S. LISTING FROM KOREAN ERA

This is the second listing for our local Veterans that served during the Korean War. An (*) means we need the documentation for the name:

Harold D. Hill, Charles L. Hissong, Neil C. Hughes, George G. Hunt, William J. Jackson, Charles E. Jones, Thomas F. Kerns, Ara Jean Knapp, John L. Krutsch, Jack C. Laney, Gaylord V. Laukhuf, Richard D. Lichty, Norman B. Lowrie*, Francis J. Lucas, Clint L. Major, Garrette Martin, Conrad J. Matzen, Lawrence G. McCalla, Richard M. McCalla, Van E. Meador, G. Vern Mees, Cresencio Mendez, John J. Meyer, Joseph A. Meyer, Norman E. Meyer, Paul J. Meyer*, Robert W. Meyer, Charles R. Mobley, Richard W. Mumy, Robert L. Nighswander

Next week we will complete this list and then move on to the Vietnam era.

PAYNE GRANGE 75TH & FINAL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

All former and current Payne Grange members,

along with your spouses, are invited to join with us to celebrate our 75th anniversary at the Essen House Restaurant in Antwerp, Ohio.

Time will be 3:00 p.m. with dinner furnished at 4:00 p.m. Please mark your calendar for November 7 to help us reminisce.

To RSVP, please call 419-263-2909 or 419-258-2270.

ISSUE 2: OHIO LIVESTOCK CARE STANDARDS BOARD

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Agent

The Issue 2 initiative proposes to amend the Ohio Constitution by creating a Livestock Care Standards Board, which would establish and implement standards of care for livestock and poultry. The ballot initiative would also give the Ohio Department of Agriculture the authority to oversee and enforce the livestock care standards and grants the Ohio General Assembly the authority to enact laws necessary for creating the Livestock Care Standards Board and overseeing, implementing and enforcing its standards.

The Livestock Care Standards Board would consist of agricultural representatives, veterinarians, food safety experts, a humane society representative, a university dean, and consumers. No more than seven members of the board may be of the same political party. The Ohio General Assembly would have the power to set the terms of office for the Board members and determine any conditions for the Board members' service.

The formulated standards would be enforced by the Ohio Department of Agriculture subject to the authority of the Ohio General Assembly.

Issue 2 does not specifically detail how the Livestock Care Standards Board would go about creating the livestock care standards, but it does state that when developing the standards, the Board must consider factors that include, but are not limited to, agricultural best management practices for such care and well-being, biosecurity, disease prevention, animal morbidity and mortality data, food safety practices, and the protection of local, affordable food supplies for consumers. Issue 2 also directs the Ohio legislature to enact laws to help the Board carry out its duties, which would allow the legislature to establish a process for the Board to follow when developing the livestock care standards.

A number of states have addressed the issue of farm animal care, but none have enacted a law similar to Ohio's Issue 2. Rather, the laws follow California's approach of prohibiting certain practices for certain types of livestock. Only Florida has enacted a constitutional amendment on farm animal care, and the Florida provision applies only to confinement of pregnant pigs. For links to state laws on farm animal welfare, see our website at <http://aede.osu.edu/programs/aglaw/or> visit Michigan State University's Animal Legal & Historical Center at <http://www.animallaw.info/>.

ANTWERP CHAMBER MAKES HALLOWEEN PLANS

In their recent meeting the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce finalized plans for the upcoming Halloween Parade. On Saturday afternoon, October 31 at 2:30 p.m. those wishing to participate should be assembled on Archer Drive in front of The Manor House. The parade will move to Main Street, go south to Daggett Street then west to the Fire House.

Inside the Fire house, the Firemen's Auxiliary will have available for purchase some food items to warm you up. There will be some seating but the public is encouraged to bring folding chairs to be more comfortable.

Judging of costumed children will be immediately after the parade. Prizes have been donated by local merchants as well as The Chamber. The categories to be judged are as follows:

Little Treats (three years and younger), Animals (humans dressed as animals), Monsters and Hairy Scaries; Cartoon, Movie and TV characters; Pirates, Witches, Ghosts & Devils; Angels, Princess & Storybook characters; Cowboys, Cowgirls & Indians; Clowns, Miscellaneous.

The City Council sets the times for Trick-or-Treating in the village, and this will be from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the evening. We hope that everyone has a happy and safe Halloween!

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COUNTY MAKES CUTS TO SAVE TAXPAYERS DOLLARS

By: Bryce Steiner

The next election is coming up soon. This has been a tough year economically no matter where you live. Many people have moved from one place to another hoping work would be better. Families have tried hard to cut out spending, but sometimes it still doesn't seem to be enough. Government offices around the area are also running into tough spending times. Elected officials across the county have made cuts

to. The West Bend News interviewed several county officials who were glad to let people know how much has been saved by cutting back. This is a list of some of the ways various officials have cut their office budgets to save money.

The County Commissioners said they have cut back by closing the courthouse on Fridays, removing the county administrator position, turning lights off when not needed (utilities), and maintenance expenses. The benefits to the taxpayer has been quite large. Some of the elected officials have been working without pay or have taken voluntary pay cuts. Spending has been cut with very little impact to the residents. Due to not being able to cut any more, the Commissioners are trying to pass a new 4-mil levy for general operating expenses (includes Soil & Water De-

partment).

The Paulding County Auditor, Susan Simpson, has worked hard to cut expenses in her office. So far she and her staff have cut 8.6% from wages (hour reduction for staff and salary reduction for Susan) which total \$561.92 per pay period. The Auditor is in charge of two departments, one is Budgetary and the other is Real Estate. The Budgetary department only operates from general fund money but the Real Estate department only operates from fees, no general fund money at all.

Susan has worked with other departments to try and get county employees switched to direct deposit. This saves the county money by not printing near as many checks. Many of the cuts have been positive, but some have made it more difficult and stressful. Susan stated, "My biggest fear is even larger reductions in the general fund budget will cause lay-offs and drastically reduce services to the public."

Last year the auditor's office (3 people) processed approximately 3,000 dog tags, 4,000 receivables, and 17,000 accounts payable (including payroll) and distributed over \$14.5 million in tax dollars to schools, townships, villages, agencies and to the county. The number of items to process has increased because of the "federal stimulus funding". Yet the man power to handle the increased paperwork and accounting hasn't been funded.

Travis McGarvey, Paulding County Engineer, also was glad to let the public know what has happened to his department since the economic downturn. He took

office in 2005 and since then cuts had been implemented for efficiency instead of waiting for the downturn. There are seven fewer employees working in this office and they have changed to a 4-10 hour work day week instead of a 5-8 hour work week. This has saved quite a bit of county fuel from driving back and forth to jobsites. Summer job positions have also been eliminated.

The changes culminate to a savings of \$350,000 just for this department. The staff have voluntarily worked together to streamline changes and responsibilities. The funding for the Engineer's office does not come from the Commissioners' General Fund, but rather the fuel taxes and registrations. Even so, being responsible with tax payer dollars is important no matter where it comes from. This year has seen a decline in gas tax revenues because people are traveling less on their limited incomes. Travis stated, "The cost saving measures that have taken place in this office have allowed us to continue to make improvements to the infrastructure of Paulding County."

Ann Waldman is the elected Clerk of Courts for Paulding County. She said for the 2009 budget the Commissioners asked her to cut 25%. This is quite a bit for one year. Several things that have been done including reusing paper before it gets recycled, closing one day of the week (which accounts for 8.6% of payroll), and cutting an employee last December.

Some of the items cut hasn't exactly made the public happy such as moving the Title office back into the courthouse, but it did save \$475 per month in rent. The equipment needed was moved and it still serves it's purpose. All Title offices in Ohio are a division of the Common Pleas Clerk of Courts. Another item that has been cut from the budget is traveling and membership dues for the Clerk of Courts' State Association. If there is a Clerk's function, it's paid for by Ann instead of the tax payers.

Her staff has been very good about this. They're arriving early, without pay, to get their jobs done and have also been cross-trained to handle multiple jobs & additional paperwork.

It is quite incredible to see how much the different officials have cut because the economy requires it. There are numerous levies being proposed before the Paulding

County voters this November 3. Much information has been given in the local newspapers concerning these and it will be up to you, the voter, whether it will be passed. Some say they cannot afford the new taxes and others are saying we cannot afford to not have them pass. Please study the new levies and vote carefully. Know what and how you are going to vote before you get in the booth. Don't vote for or against something just because your neighbor, friend or someone else did. Be an informed voter.

County Auditor, Susan Simpson says, "Paulding County residents need to be active in their local government. You very likely will be deciding just what public services are provided and which are not." The auditor's and the library's website provides crucial information for making informed decisions. www.pauldingcountyauditor.com and www.pauldingcountylibrary.org/



PVT RASEY GRADUATES FROM UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

Private Nicholas A. Rasey, son of Mark and Michele Rasey and a 2009 graduate of Vantage Career Center and Antwerp High School, Antwerp, OH, recently graduated from United States Marine Corps Recruit Training Depot, Parris Island, SC on October 9, 2009. Private Rasey will next go to Camp Gieger, Jacksonville, NC for School of Infantry Training.

ANTWERP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MAKES HOLIDAY PLANS

The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce is making plans to decorate Veterans Memorial Park for the Christmas Holidays. They have acquired several nice decorations, many of which were used at the Village Green Park last year. Since Veterans Memorial Park is so much more visible, it was decided to decorate there this year.

Anyone wishing to donate additional items for decorating is encouraged to bring them to the park on either November 7, 14 or 21; if they are electrical, make sure they are in working order. Decorating from nine in the morning until noon. The Chamber also welcomes any physical help that the public is able to offer for this community project.

The planned Holiday Parade of Lights has been canceled for the second year in a row. Although The Chamber believes this to be a good project, they are lacking in manpower to do justice to the project. If another group in the community would like to sponsor and organize it they have the blessing of The Chamber.

PAULDING COUNTY OSU EXTENSION BRINGS A GOOD RETURN ON INVESTMENTS

Source: Extension Levy Committee

From its beginning, Extension funding has been a cooperative agreement between The Ohio State University Extension and the county commissioners. This agreement provided the necessary local, state, and federal funding to support the county Extension office. The Ohio State University Extension provides financial support to the county Extension office from funds received from the state legislature and the federal government through the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Until 2009, the county commissioners provided the local funding to support an Extension program from the general fund.

Without county funding, the Extension program does not exist for that county. This lack of local funding impacts income from other sources as well. This loss would be significant. In fiscal year 2009 (July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009), Extension brought \$84,421 in funds to the county from state and federal sources, and \$19,000 in an agricultural grant. The Family and Nutrition Program offered by Extension also received \$39,985 in federal funds that provides low-income audiences nutritional education in food

safety, meal management and thrifty shopping techniques. That's a total of \$143,406 in return for a \$90,000 investment by an anonymous donor.

The passage of the .67 mil levy will provide a stable source of funding for Extension. The Extension levy, Issue 8, will cost the owner of a \$100,000 home approximately \$23.45 per year, or \$1.95 per month. For less than a gallon of gas per month you will be providing over 400 Paulding County youth the opportunity to participate in 4-H. The Master Gardener Volunteer program will continue to grow a greener Paulding County. Farmers and businesses, individuals and families can continue to utilize the Extension office for their agricultural and horticultural needs. Extension is committed to providing many direct and indirect benefits to strengthen the lives of Paulding County residents. OSU Extension fosters innovation, technology, and links youth, family and community. Extension is worth the investment.

Without the passage of the Extension levy the office will be closed by Christmas.

On November 3rd, Vote Yes, Issue 8, to continue growing a healthier Paulding County.

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PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1959



Class of 1959. Seated: Rita Hobeck, Jane Stouffer, Brenda Miller DeLong, Darlene Rhonehouse Mabis, Linda Cassel Mott, Elizabeth Dietrich Bates, Suzi Weible, Beverly Giesken Gross

2nd Row: Bruce Williams, Tom Rulman, Carl Antoine, Rex Ankney, Ruth Jackson Gillett, Bill Mack, Diane DeMuth Allensworth, Carol Hoschak Merz, Bill Dunkin, John Allensworth, Cherie Smith Ladig, Floyd Cook

3rd Row: Jerry Straley Harley Hobeck, Beverly Hill Dilley, James Hill, Harry Guingrich; Bill Woodring, Mike Baughman, Larry Rhonehouse, Larry Hartman, Norman Cook

Members of Paulding High School Class of 1959 celebrated their Golden (50th) Anniversary. A reception dinner was held Saturday evening, September 19th at the John Paulding Historical Society's reception room. Twenty-nine alumni and fifteen spouses were in attendance.

There, from out of town were: John and Diane Allensworth of Snellville, Georgia; Linda (Cassel) Mott and Bill of Tomahawk, Wisconsin; Mike Baughman and Marie of Columbia, South Carolina; Floyd Cook of Fort Wayne, Indiana; Elizabeth Dietrich Bates of Oakwood,

Ohio; Bill Dunkin of Fort Wayne, Indiana; Beverly (Giesken) Gross and Larry of Cecil, Ohio; Harry Guingrich and guest of Coldwater, Michigan; Larry Hartman and spouse of Hicksville, Ohio; Beverly (Hill) Dillery of Reidsville, North Carolina; James Hill and Betty of Fort Wayne, Indiana; Harley and Rita (Price) Hobeck of Edgerton, Ohio; Ruth Ann (Jackson) Gillett and Andy of Van Wert, Ohio; Bill Mack of Defiance, Ohio; Darlene (Rhonehouse) Mabis of Bryan, Ohio; Larry Rhonehouse and Gail of Belton, South Carolina; Cherie (Smith) Ladig of Fort Wayne, Indi-

ana; Jerry Straley and Edna of Van Wert, Ohio; Suzi Weible of Churubusco, Indiana; and Bill Woodring and Nancy of Antwerp, Ohio.

Alumni attending from Paulding were: Rex Ankney; Carl Antoine and Susan; Norman Cook and Myrna; Carol (Hoschak) Merz; Brenda (Miller) DeLong and Jerry; Tom Rulman; Jane Stouffer; and Bruce Williams.

Class members, who chose to do so, came back Sunday, September 20 to spend the day at the Flat Rock Creek Fall Festival visiting and taking in the festivities.

V.E.T.S. PUBLIC MEETING & UPCOMING EVENTS

V.E.T.S. held their October 15, 2009 meeting at the Antwerp American Legion Post 253 at 6:30 p.m. Treasurer Nancy Lichty presented the 2009 3rd quarter report. The monthly report from September 17 - October 15, 2009 showed net deposits of \$4,781.20 towards the Veterans Memorial engraved name tablets.

Expenditures paid toward completion of Phase II totaled \$35,652.11. Still to be completed is the electrical and installing the Flag Pole at an additional expense of approximately \$3,500. Weather permitting this should be done in time for Veteran's Day. The Veterans Memorial is for any programs or events the VFW and American Legion may have planned.

Treasures and Heirlooms held on September 19 deposits were \$759. A prior article detailed this event.

Antwerp Veterans Memorial Derby held October 10 brought in a total of \$2,104. In that total \$1,175 was donated by 47 racehorse ownerships, race sponsors donated \$600: Pierce Automotive, Antwerp Pharmacy, Vince, Dr. Bricker, Joe and Barb Barker and A.C.D.C. Guests rooting for the 80 humor or uniquely named racehorses and their jockeys donated the balance of \$329.

Other income as follows: Blank paver sales, collection jars, Eagle photos and RADA cutlery sales totaled \$398.20.

Max and Iris Woodcox, Herbert Stevenson, Charles Davis and VFW Post 5087 donations totaled \$465. Darla Kilgore, Antwerp Jewelers and funeral memorial donations totaled \$55.

Dooley Funeral Home donated \$1000 towards the engraved name tablets.

Sara Keeran, Antwerp Village Administrator ordered the extension of the cement entrance to meet with Island St. and to install lighted entrance posts from Homier Monumental to aid in the access for handicap needs and to deter vehicle parking on the concrete. V.E.T.S. has paid Homier Monumental for these lighted entrance bollards along with the additional labor, concrete and rebar material requested. The additional electric for this request is unknown at this time. V.E.T.S. will present the Village with a billing for the light fixtures and request a fair & reasonable contribution toward the labor, concrete, and rebar material.

Blank Pavers to be engraved are still available for sale. They will be available on a first come basis until all blanks are sold. Please check them out at the Veteran's Memorial in the Park. Four small and two large of those blanks you see are sold.

Reminder: The number of names to be engraved on the Veterans Memorial determines how many tablets need to be ordered. Engraving costs of the Veteran's names is included in our order. Engraving after the tablets are installed is considered "on site" and quite costly. We ask all of you to consider keeping the memorial services in mind and turn in your service documentation by April 30, 2010. Our goal for completion remains Memorial Day 2010 if donations and fundraisers provide the needed \$42,000 for seven tablets. V.E.T.S. has approximately \$15,500 on deposit going toward the tablets ending October 2009.

Upcoming Events sponsored by V.E.T.S.:

Harvest "Dine & Dance" - Saturday November 14, 2009 Doors open at 6:00 p.m. at Grant's Reception Hall in Antwerp, Ohio. All You Can Eat "Hot" buffet and a "sinful" Ice Cream Sundae Bar by Grant's Catering from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Starting at 8:00 p.m. "Blind Justice" will provide live music featuring "kick off your shoes" dancing again this year. Top 40 Country and Soft Rock will fill the hall. "Wings & Things" appetizers will be available.

All proceeds will go toward the Veterans Memorial engraved name tablets.

If you have any questions, please call Karen Sanders at 419-399-5764 or Nancy Lichty at 419-258-2026.

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND DISMISSALS

- Admissions:**
 10/4 - Elizabeth Elrod, Defiance
 10/5 - Virginia Manz, Paulding
 10/7 - Wava Colley, Paulding
 10/11 - Donna Hahn, Antwerp
 10/15 - Chrissa Harwell, Oakwood
 10/16 - Linda Akers, Paulding
 10/18 - Regina Koch, Antwerp
Dismissals:
 10/7 - Elizabeth Elrod, Defiance
 10/9 - Wava Colley, Paulding
 10/10 - Virginia Manz, Paulding
 10/16 - Donna Hahn, Antwerp
 10/17 - Chrissa Howell, Oakwood

SHINING A BEACON OF HOPE TO OTHERS



Melissa Hale, RN, Hospice Coordinator, Pam Dempsey, RN enjoy an inspirational evening at Beacon of Hope Dinner and Auction.

An opportunity to have a delicious dinner and participate in an auction to raise funds for a very worthy project is being offered on Saturday, November 7, 2009 at the 8th annual Beacon of Hope Dinner and Auction in Paulding.

The fund-raising event is sponsored by Community Health Professionals and Hospice. The event will be held at the Paulding County Extension Building at the county fairgrounds. The seated dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. which will include chicken breasts and ribs, toss salad, green beans with almonds, homemade dinner rolls, red potatoes and desserts of pies and cakes.

A lighthouse will be presented in memory of all patients cared for on the Hospice program in the year 2008 as well as a slide show presentation. The lighthouse is placed in the lobby of Community Health Professionals and

Hospice and remains lit at all times, symbolizing the eternal light that burns within each individual and light of hope that Hospice brings to families in need.

The live and silent auctions will begin at 7:00 p.m. which include a variety of nice items.

All the proceeds from the dinner and the 50/50 raffle will go into the patient care fund. While portions of Hospice or visiting nurse services are covered by most health insurances, many services are provided at no cost to families. Financial support from our communities through donations and fund raising events enable us to continue to provide these services.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Last November I wrote a letter about how Vantage Career Center affected my life and hundreds of others each year. Much to my dismay, the levy did not pass in all the counties it needed to. So I am making one last request that people vote for it. I support the levy.

You might ask why this levy is so important. Well that question is easy to answer. Vantage has not had any major renovation or modernization done since it was opened in 1976. Nearly 200 seniors complete a career technical program at Vantage each year. Many try to stay close to home and add to the workforce. I am an example of this. Because of the skills I learned in the Vantage Precision Machining program, I was hired at Braun Industries.

So what will this levy cost? About a one tank of gas A YEAR for each of us. About three trips to the fast food place A YEAR. Or at most, one video game. It's about \$33 a year. So once again I am asking, no I am pleading. I know the economy is tough but instead of eating out, buying the newest version of Halo, or driving out of town to go see a movie, please VOTE YES for Vantage on November 3rd.

—Jeremy Ewing, Precision Machining, VWHS class of 2008

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The voters certainly have a choice on what organizations they wish to fund in the November 3rd election because, except for Soil and Water, they all are running separate

levies. Soil and Water is running on the County Commissioners' General Fund Levy. In the past, the non-mandated organizations all were funded by the Commissioners' General Fund. However, current economic conditions for the commissioners have forced them to eliminate financial support for economic development and the other non-mandated organizations. Non-mandated organizations do not have to be funded by law by the commissioners.

The Commissioners held several meetings with the non-mandated organizations (Economic Development, Fair Board, OSU Extension and Soil & Water) to decide what each organization wanted to do regarding their levies. Most decided to appear on the ballot by themselves to offer the voters more freedom of choice.

We hope you choose to select Paulding County Economic Development (PCED) as one of the "Yes" votes you cast. Remember, the PCED levy is for .19 mills and is limited in time; it is a 5-year levy. The cost to an owner of a \$100,000 home is just \$6.65 PER YEAR.

Please support JOBS for Paulding County citizens.

—Todd Schweller, PCED Board Member

ISSUE 1 COULD IMPACT OHIO VETERANS, OUR STATE'S BUDGET

Capitol Letters Weekly Column by: Senator Steve Buehrer

While next month's election has not attracted the same attention as last year's high-profile presidential con-

test, there are several key state and local issues on the November 3rd ballot that Ohio voters should study closely. This includes three statewide proposals that could impact Ohio veterans, the future of our agriculture industry and the possible expansion of casino-style gambling in Northwest Ohio and other regions of the state.

Over the next few weeks, I will use my column to provide some background on these important issues and present what both proponents and opponents of each plan are saying about how they could influence the future direction of our state. This week, I will focus on Issue 1.

Earlier this year, the Ohio General Assembly approved Senate Joint Resolution 1, a proposed constitutional amendment that would authorize the state to issue \$200 million in bonds to provide cash bonuses to Ohio soldiers who served in the Persian Gulf, Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as members of the armed forces who were stationed in other regions of the globe during these conflicts. The amendment will appear as Issue 1 on Ohioans' ballots.

Specifically, under Issue 1, Ohio veterans who fought in the Persian Gulf, Iraq and Afghanistan could receive a bonus of \$100 per month of service, up to \$1,000, while Ohio military veterans who served elsewhere during that time could receive \$50 per month of service, not to exceed \$500. In addition, the proposal would provide a \$5,000 death benefit to the families of Ohio soldiers killed in the line of duty.

Supporters argue that passage of Issue 1 would extend a needed "thank you" to Ohio veterans, while continuing a decades-long tradition of honoring our state's servicemen and women. Since 1921, Ohio voters have approved similar measures to give bonuses to soldiers returning home from World War I, World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. In addition, proponents say that these bonuses would help soldiers transition from the military back to civilian life once their tours of duty are complete.

However, there are people who believe that it would not be fiscally-responsible for the state to take on additional debt at the same time the Legislature and the Governor are struggling to balance the state operating budget. These opponents point out that the state would have to pay back the \$200 million in bonds plus millions of dollars more in interest over the next 15 years.

Whatever way you look at it, Issue 1 could have an impact on our state's budget and the lives of Ohio veterans and their families. With so much at stake, I encourage voters in the 1st Senate District and across Ohio to take the time to research the proposal and make an informed decision. For more information, please visit the Ohio Secretary of State's website at <http://www.sos.state.oh.us/SOS/elections/IssueProcBallotBd/BallotBoard.aspx>.

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

ANTWERP ALLEYS WEEKLY HONOR SCORES WEEK OF OCTOBER 16, 2009

Men High Games

1. Matt Bradbury 212
2. Kevin Taylor 200
3. Craig Womack 197
4. Chad Geyer 197
5. Phil Bauer 189
6. Ray Delong 183
7. Philip Bauer II 182
8. Chris Jones 181
9. David Koscher 179
10. David Bauer 177

Men High Series

1. Craig Womack 568
2. Ray Delong 532
3. David Bauer 507
4. Chad Geyer 505
5. Phil Bauer 492
6. Kevin Taylor 491
7. Benji Grant 491
8. Jeff Lucas 486
9. Bob Seever Jr. 476
10. Chris Jones 475

Women High Game

1. Paula Lichty 213
2. Marie Bauer 194
3. Mary Brown 185
4. Carol Kortokrax 181
5. Sherry Reinhart 180
6. Angie Hudson 173
7. Angie Peffley 172
8. Lisa Syndram 170
9. Judy Bowers 170
10. Kendra Eakon 167

Women High Series

1. Angie Hudson 499
2. Marie Bauer 497
3. Sherry Reinhart 489
4. Paula Lichty 485
5. Lisa Syndram 485
6. Carol Kortokrax 480
7. Fay Sitton 463
8. Nancy Bennett 450
9. Jackie Wenzlick 443
10. Joyce Sanders 438

Youth Boys High Game

1. Kaleb O'Donnell 152
2. Jarett Bute 150
3. Seth Dailey 149

Youth Boys High Series

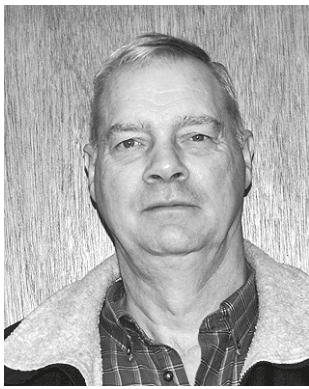
1. Jarett Bute 390
2. Kaleb O'Donnell 385
3. Nick Herndon 341

Youth Girls High Game

1. Skylar Howell 167
2. Connor Howell 115
3. Samantha Dailey 79

Youth Girls High Series

1. Skylar Howell 424
2. Connor Howell 305
3. Samantha Dailey 208



EVERETT BENNETT RUNNING FOR AUGLAIZE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

Everett Bennett is retired after running his trucking business and felt he now has the time to give back. His name will be on the ticket for Auglaize Township Trustee this November.

Everett's family has lived in Paulding County for 100 years and Everett has lived and raised his children here.

Everett and his wife, Betty, have four children: Glenn, Rebecca (Harrington), Crystal and Daniel. Everett and Betty have also served (and still do) on the Auglaize Township Volunteer Fire Department for 34 years, they were there when it was formed and they helped to organize it.

Everett is a Navy Veteran, a member of the American Legion, AmVets, Moose Lodge 2094, Paulding County Genealogy and Auglaize Village.

The Defiance Area UAW-CAP Council has endorsed Everett's campaign.

OAKWOOD ARBOR #759 MEETING MINUTES

The Oakwood Arbor #759 of the Gleaners Life Insurance Society have started their new year of activities. Some members have helped to take down the advertising signs at Badman Field and picked up, our two mile roadside area.

Thursday, October 8 found twenty-five volunteers at John Paulding Historical Society working together to help clean, dust, etc. Luncheon was prepared for the group. Badman Ball Park President John Keyes, Vice President Ron Coleman and Secretary and Treasurer, Jeanine Keyes were present to accept their designated beneficiary 2009 clerk.

Our historical site grant funds will be used here at John Paulding. 2009-2010 Arbor calendars were distributed to those present.

Recently, seven Arbor members attended the 54th Biennial Conference at Mackinac Island for the weekend.

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Wayne Trace hosted Fairview in Football action Friday evening. The Apaches won but it wasn't all easy. The Raiders gave a tough start and the score ended 21-42. Shown here is Senior Jordan Sherry on the offensive with an attempt by an Apache being brought down. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



"Stop it man...We can't take it anymore." Antwerp kicks Ayersville back home with a loss October 16. Final Score: Antwerp 35 Ayersville 14. Shown here is Junior Tanner Copsey make sure his opponent is down. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

ANTWERP VOLLEYBALL DOUBLE MATCH AT LINCOLNVIEW

Antwerp defeated Lincolnview 25-20 and 25-23 recently on Lincolnview's volleyball court.

Megan Koppenhofer had 4 aces, 11 digs, 11-11 serve receive

Loni Walk had 34-34 setting with 19 assists

Kelsey Bashore had 24-24 setting with 5 assists, 24-27 with 18 kills, 5 blocks

Taylor Vail had 6-7 hitting with 4 kills, 2 blocks

Darcie Reinhart had 9 digs

Antwerp also defeated Van Wert 25-15, 25-14 on Lincolnview's court.

Darcie Reinhart had 14-14 serve receive

Loni Walk had 16-16 setting with 6 assists, 16-16 serving with 2 aces, 9 digs

Kelsey Bashore had 13-13 setting with 3 assists, 3 blocks, 13-16 hitting with 8 kills

Taylor Vail had 6 blocks, 7-8 hitting with 5 kills

Toni Winslow had 3 blocks

Ashlee Smith had 4 blocks
AJ Stuck had 5-5 hitting with 3 kills, 11-12 serving with 3 aces

Antwerp Record: 16-6, GMC 7-0

Antwerp JV lost in two to Van Wert. Final record 18-3.

ANTWERP 7TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL FINISHES SEASON

Antwerp Archers seventh grade finished their 2009 Volleyball Season Monday night hosting the Parkway Panthers. Top servers of the season were Olivia Tempel with 117 Service points and Gabrielle Zuber with 102 Service points. Leading with attacks was Emily Hammon and defensive leader was Julia Balsler.

Teammates Elizabeth Bond, Nikki Hughes, Rebecca Majors, Hannah Mills, Samantha Provines and Claire Van Vlerah round out the offensive, defensive line up for the Antwerp Archer 7th Grade Volleyball Team. The Archers finished their season with an overall record of 6 and 9. This is a great group of female athletes that work hard and are supportive of their teammates and their varsity squad. They have really improved their volleyball skills and you will hear more about them in their future volleyball career. Keep it up Archers!

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WT 7TH GRADE FOOTBALL DEFEATS KENTON

The Wayne Trace Raider 7th grade football team defeated Western Buckeye League power Kenton last night by a score of 32-8. The ground game was led by Tyler Showalter who had 130 yards rushing and 2 touchdowns. Jake Arend had 75 yards rushing and a touchdown. Jacob Dingus hauled in a pass from Corbin Linder on a fake punt for a 60 yard touchdown. Kyler Showalter, Corbin Linder, and Jacob Arend all had two point conversions. The offensive line powered the running attack led by Hank Sinn, Justin Pierce, Darius Hale, Grant Gillett, Chuckie Chastain, Bryce Utzler, and Cassidy Hilkey.

The defense had 9 tackles for a loss led by Tyler Showalter, Kyler Showalter, Jacob Arend, Justin Pierce, Jacob Dingus, Corbin Linder, Denver Burkley, Matt Baxter, Hank Sinn, Bryce Utzler, Darius Hale, Josh Reel, and Bryan Garlock. The 7th grade Raiders up their record to 4-1.

2009 VOLLEYBALL SENIOR RECOGNITION NIGHT

By: Jeff Abbott

Brittany Shinn (#2), daughter of Paul & Kimberly Shinn. Brittany played volleyball for four seasons and plays softball. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Woodlan Service Club, and works part-time at the Woodburn Corner Café. Brittany plans to attend either Ball State or IPFW to study pre-med.

Allie Spindler (#6), daughter of Brent & Janet Spindler. Allie played volleyball for four seasons and also plays softball. Allie is a member of the Woodlan Service Club, National Honor Society, and has played four years of N3 Club Volleyball and five years of travel softball. She is planning to attend Ball State University to major in speech pathology and minor in Spanish

Serena Fuelling (#8), daughter of Mark & Shelly Fuelling. Serena has played four seasons of volleyball for Woodlan and also played softball and basketball. Serena is a member of Student Council, National Honor Society, her church Youth Group, Woodlan Service Club, Academic Super Bowl, and a 10-year member of 4-H. She plans to attend Purdue University and study veterinary medicine

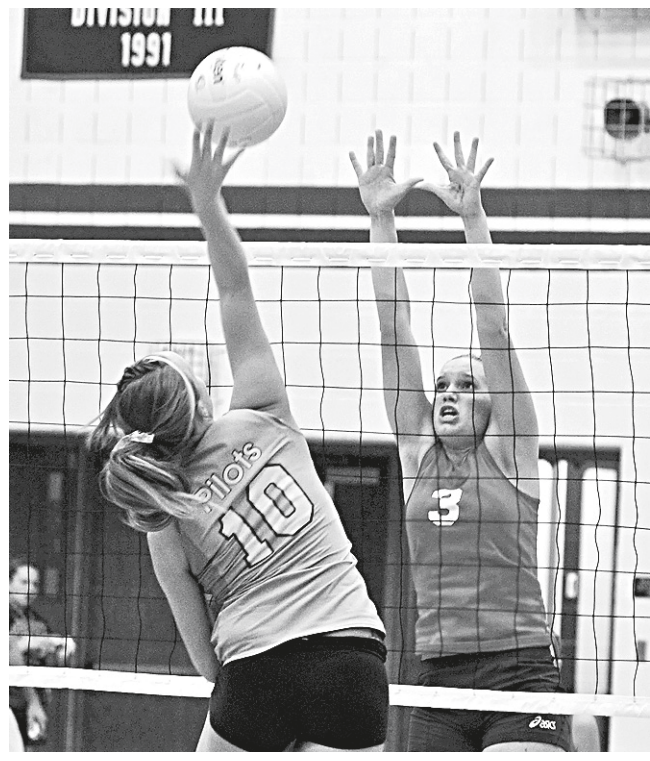
LADY WARRIORS DOWN NORWELL ON SENIOR NIGHT

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan downed Norwell on Senior Night at Woodlan. The Warriors recognized three senior players before the start of the match, Brittany Shinn, Allie Spindler, and Sereana Fuelling. The Warriors then took care of business on the court, winning the first two games against the Knights, dropping a close third game, and finishing off the match in the fourth game. Amy Potter had 14 kills, 4 blocks and 3 serve aces in the match for Woodlan. Grace Keller and Tricia Sieger each had 12 digs. Norwell took the reserve match in straight games, 25-15 and 25-15

Woodlan won 3 of 4 sets: 25-18 W, 25-21 W, 24-26 N, 25-17 W

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL SEASON WINDS DOWN TO TOURNAMENTS



Last Tuesday Wayne Trace hosted Ayersville at home for their last home game. Before the game the parents were introduced with the players and senior Jenna Stoller was honored. Shown here is Junior Taylor Baumble with a successful block attempt. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

LADY ARCHERS FIGHT HARD TO DEFEAT BULLDOGS

Antwerp defeated Edgerton in five games: 25-17, 25-16, 27-29, 22-25, 15-8

Taylor Vail had 36-40 hitting with 14 kills, 2 blocks

Kelsey Bashore had 35-38 hitting with 23 kills, 2 blocks, 83-84 setting with 16 assists

Toni Winslow had 34-34 hitting with 10 kills, 5 aces, 18-18 serving, 14 digs

AJ Stuck had 24-25 serving with 4 aces

Darcie Reinhart had 25-26

serve receive, 13 digs

Megan Koppenhofer had 10 digs, 5 kills

Loni Walk had 38-39 setting with 16 assists

Their record now stands at 14-6 (7-0 GMC).

Antwerp JV won in two with a GMC record of 7-0 and an overall record of 18-2.

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LONG NIGHT ENDS IN TOUGH LOSS FOR LADY WARRIORS

The Lady Bruins of Northrop High School battled long and hard in varsity volleyball with the Lady Warriors recently. The Bruins took the victory in five sets: 19-25, 25-13, 25-18, 22-25, 11-15
 Individual Warrior stats:
 Shinn had 11 SA, 4 Pts, 3 D
 Potter had 18 SA, 9 Pts, 16 K, 2 D
 Keller had 11 SA, 4 Pts, 4 K, 14 D
 Sieger had 16 SA, 6 Pts, 8 K, 11 D
 Spindler had 7 D
 Fuelling had 17 SA, 7 Pts, 27 D
 Robbins had 5 K
 Oberlin had 27 SA, 15 Pts, 6 K, 3 D
 Zehr had 1 K
 Kirkwood had 10 K, 2 D

WAUSEON TAKES OUT PAULDING IN VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Recently, Wauseon won in varsity volleyball action against Paulding. Wauseon won in five sets: 26-24 W, 25-20 W, 25-21 P, 25-19 P, 15-7 W. Paulding's varsity record now stands at 6-13. The Paulding JV team won against Wauseon JV.

Individual Paulding stats:
 Grindstaff had 4 D, 1K
 Donaldson had 2 good serves, 7 D
 Myers had 5 good serves, 22 D, 15 K
 Pracht had 1 good serve, 11 D, 1 K
 Beck had 10 good serves, 8 D, 11 K
 Farr had 2 good serves, 1 D, 4 K
 Owens had 17 good serves, 16 D
 Hammon had 4 good serves, 5 D, 1 K

ANTWERP DEFEATED HOLGATE IN VOLLEYBALL ACTION

Antwerp volleyball took down Holgate recently.
 Kelsey Bashore had 3 aces, 3 blocks, 10 kills, 37-38 setting with 14 assists
 Taylor Vail had 2 blocks, 7 kills
 AJ Stuck had 3 aces, 4 kills
 Loni Walk had 15 assists, 46-47 setting
 Toni Winslow had 5 kills
 Megan Koppenhofer had 17 digs
 Darcie Reinhart had 9 digs, 14-15 serve receive
 Rose Doctor had 8-10 serve receive, 3 digs
 Their record now stands at 13-6 (6-0 GMC)
 Antwerp JV won in two and now has a record of 17-2.

"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": STUDENTS GET HIGH VOLTAGE TRAINING FROM PAULDING PUTNAM



Vantage Senior Carpentry students Jacob Minnick (Crestview) and Rich Klinger (Crestview) are snapping a chalkline for exterior wall sheathing for this year's house, located in the Washington Place subdivision in Van Wert.



Vantage SkillsUSA students listen carefully as representatives from Paulding Putnam Electric Co-op explain and demonstrate high voltage safety.

WAYNE TRACE 8TH GRADE FOOTBALL GAME DEDICATED TO SAXON FISHER

The Wayne Trace 8th grade football team dedicated their game against Hicksville to their classmate and friend Saxon Fisher who passed away this past weekend. The Raiders defeated Hicksville by a score of 60-6. The game ball was presented to Brad and Cynthia Fisher in memory of Saxon.

The Raiders had a strong running attack led by Devin Wenzlick who had 150 yards rushing and two touchdowns. Jake Gerber rushed for 75 yards and a touchdown. Gerber also threw a touchdown pass to Bailey Poling and three extra point conversions to Colby Speice who ran for 30 yards and a touchdown. Jared Sherry had 85 yards rushing and a touchdown. Wes Going rushed for 70 yards. Aaron Miller caught a touchdown pass. Tyler Showalter scored on a punt return. The offensive line led the way behind Marcus McVay, Brock Worden, Aaron Stoller, Arlen Stoller, Matt Klopfenstein, Andrew Ludwig and Dustin Taylor.

The defense played an outstanding game. Brock Worden, Marcus McVay, Aaron Stoller, Bailey Poling, Colby Speice, Devin Wenzlick, Adam Stahlsberg and Jared Sherry had tackles for a loss. Big plays in the secondary came from Broc Forrer, Jake Gerber, and Aaron Miller. TJ

Blackmore recovered a fumble and Matt Klopfenstein recorded an interception. The Wayne Trace 8th grade football played an inspired game that they dedicated to Saxon Fisher. The Raiders improved to 5-1 on the season.

LADY WARRIORS DIG OUT A VICTORY AGAINST NORWELL

Woodlan volleyball took on Norwell recently taking a victory in four sets: 25-18, 25-21, 24-26, 25-17

Individual Warrior stats:
 Shinn had 11 SA, 3 Pts, 7 K
 Potter had 22 SA, 14 Pts, 14 K, 3 D
 Keller had 12 SA, 5 Pts, 3 K, 12 D
 Sieger had 17 SA, 8 Pts, 6 K, 12 D
 Spindler had 2 SA, 5 D
 Fuelling had 20 SA, 11 Pts, 1 K, 11 D
 Robbins had 3 K, 1 D
 Oberlin had 13 SA, 5 Pts, 10 K, 1 D
 Zehr had 1 SA
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Vantage senior Health Careers instructor, Shirley Jarvis, congratulates senior Tiffany Robinson (Wayne Trace), on her 2nd place finish in the state SkillsUSA Nurse Aide Contest.

PAULDING OVER ALLEN EAST AT HOME IN VOLLEYBALL

Allen East traveled to the home court of Paulding vol-

leyball. The Lady Panthers won in three sets: 25-19, 25-22, 25-23.

Individual Paulding stats:
 Grindstaff had 6 D, 5 K
 Donaldson had 7 D, 1 K
 Myers had 8 good serves, 13 D, 9 K
 Pracht had 7 D
 Beck had 6 good serves, 7 D, 8 K
 Farr had 5 good serves, 4 D, 4 K
 Owens had 8 good serves, 14 D, 1 K
 Hammon had 7 good serves, 9 D, 1 K

IHSAA CLASS 2A GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL SECTIONALS

The IHSAA Class 2A Volleyball Sectionals will be at South Adams on October 20, 22, & 24.

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PAYNE FALL FESTIVAL 2009



These Wayne Trace cheerleaders, Holly Ludwig, Mackenzie Fleagle, Audrey Greear, and Danielle Hofmann display the wares of their bake sale at the Payne Fall Festival.

By: Sue Knapp

The weather held out for the Payne Fall Festival on October 10th at the Payne Ball Park. If you've never been to the park you need to check it out, it's really nice.

There was something for everyone. You could meander around and shop at all the

vendors then watch the kids play games. You could use your arm in the Corn Hole Tournament—and don't forget the chili cook off!

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Shown here with Mrs. Work from the left are: Ashlyn Goings, Ashlyn Eaton and Adrienne Pease. These children are in the morning class of four and young five year olds with Mrs. Ann Miller and Mrs. Chris Adams! Call for more information if you would like to offer your child a great preschool experience! 419-399-KIDS.

DATE CHANGE FOR WOODBURN COMMUNITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

The Woodburn Community Historical Society will meet on October 22, 2009, (note change of date, to the fourth Thursday), at the Woodburn Branch Library on SR 101, east of town at 7:00 p.m. A great-great-grandchild of John Henry Bass, a pioneer industrialist will be speaking. Our next meeting will be February 25, 2010. Everyone welcome.

—Gloria Gerig, president

STARFIRES BEAT WARRIORS IN HOME FINALE

By: Jeff Abbott
A single, big passing play settled an otherwise fairly

even game when South Adams quarterback Nick Teeter connected with Roman Smith on an 84 yard pass play for the only scoring in the game as the Starfires beat the Warriors 6-0 in the home finale for Woodlan. South Adams had 247 yards of offense and Woodlan had 207 on the rainy senior night at Etzler Field.

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CITY OF WOODBURN MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 14, 2009

Residents were present and would like a "no parking" sign put on the first block of the west side of Carl St., from the tree to the corner of the alley. She has trouble getting her school bus in and out of the alley when cars are parked on the street. She stated she has spoken with the people's home it will affect and they don't have a problem with putting up a sign. Councilmen made motions to put up the sign. Councilmen Mason, Zimmerman, Norden and Clegg voted yes, Councilman Reichhart abstained, motion passed.

Resident was present; the railroad cleaned the ditch, they left weeds lay and have clogged the ditch. Mayor will speak with them about cleaning it up.

Ordinance G-09-1186 amending Ordinance G-02-1123 re-establishing a police department was presented. Mayor read, Councilmen made motions to accept and pass in one meeting, all agreed, motion passed. Mayor read; Councilmen made motions to accept, all agreed, motion passed.

Resolution R-09-176 changing Officer Carpenter's title to first class patrol officer was presented; Mayor read; Councilmen made motions to accept, all agreed, motion passed. Officer Carpenter will need a physical and a mental evaluation to enroll in PERF. He will get doctors names that New Haven PD uses.

Ryan Walls stated if hydrant fees were passed to all utility users it would help the Township Trustee budgets and possible lower inside City limit customer hydrant fees. Lesa will have Gregg look into the water rate hike until Gregg looks at Hydrant fees, all agreed, motion passed. The Board of Health can force homes within 300 ft of a force main to hook into sewer; homes on Woodburn Rd. would be included.

Officer Carpenter reported 137 calls last month. He would like Springfield to side over the window on the south side of the police station. Councilmen made motions to side over window, all agreed, motion passed.

Minutes were presented; Councilmen made motions to approve, all agreed, motion passed. Warrants were presented; Councilmen made motions to approve, all agreed, motion passed. AEP cannot reimburse Ray Abbott for repairing streetlights in the Homestead Subdivision but will donate \$100.00 to the City for beatification to use however we would like. Councilmen made motions to donate the money to the Homestead Subdivision board to reimburse Ray Abbott and repair the Subdivision sign, Councilmen Mason, Reichhart, Zimmerman and Clegg voted yes, Councilman Norden abstained, motion passed.

Bids for carpet cleaning were presented; Patriot Carpet cleaning at \$125.00 was lowest; Councilmen made motions to approve, all agreed, motion passed. The Auditors exit conference was discussed; an Ordinance for late fees on refuse is needed. Gregg Guerrettaz is working on a trash ordinance and will include late fees. The 2010 budget was presented for

1st reading; Lesa read, Councilmen made motions to approve, all agreed, motion passed.

Ryan Walls reported copper sulfate was applied to the sewer ponds. Tire prices were presented; Councilmen made motions to go with BF Goodrich, if they match price, all agreed, motion passed. A high grass violation letter will be sent to 4731 Bull Rapids.

Councilman Zimmerman will put new batteries in the tornado siren this week. He would like to see new City signs made, Mayor will check into.

Councilman Norden reported the alley behind the homes on the west side of Bull Rapids needs cleaned up; Ryan will get this taken care of.

Councilman Clegg reported the cop took down part of the sound barrier fence and he would like it put back up; Mayor will contact them. The gas company has not repaired Park St or the alley yet; Ryan will contact them. Sidewalk work to be done on Front St and Park St. will begin next week.

Minutes submitted by Lesa Meadows

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES FOR 9/28/09

The Office of the Board of County Commissioners of Paulding County, Ohio met in regular session on September 28, 2009. Those present: Tony Burkley, Edward Straley, Tony Zartman, and Nola Ginter, Clerk

In The Matter Of Accepting A Depository Agreement:

The Board of County Commissioners accepted the depository agreement with the Antwerp Exchange Bank.

In The Matter Of Awarding Bid For The PAU-C179-2.22 Culvert Replacement Project:

On the 23rd day of September, 2009, bids were received and opened for the PAU-CR179-2.22 Culvert Replacement Project; and after review of the aforementioned bids by the Paulding County Engineer, Travis McGarvey is recommending to the Board of County Commissioners to accept the submitted bid from VTF Excavation LLC., the Board of County Commissioners does hereby award the PAU-CR179-2.22 Culvert Replacement Project to VTF Excavation LLC in the amount bid by them of \$72,611.00.

Meeting Notes of Appointment:

Brian Shuherk - Mr. Shuherk met with the Commissioners to discuss snow removal for the 2009-2010 season. He presented an overview of expenses for the last three years. Seasons '06-'07 and '07-'08 were paid per snow episode. Season '08-'09 was paid as set fee for the entire season. It was mutually agreed that Mr. Shuherk will bill per cleaning until November 15, 2009. At that time, the Commissioners will assess the situation of the county and proceed accordingly.

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES REID CELEBRATE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY



Charles and Margaret (Fultz) Reid of Antwerp will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this week.

Charles and Margaret were married October 24, 1959 at the First Missionary Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

They have four sons: Mark of Defiance, John, Timothy

and David (Antonia) all of Antwerp. They also have been blessed with 11 grandchildren.

The couple will celebrate their special occasion with a party at the VFW Hall in Antwerp for family and friends on their anniversary date October 24, 2009.

"HALLOWEEN HAVOC" PUMPKIN BALL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT AT PAULDING RESERVOIR PARK

Paulding Reservoir Park will host a "Halloween Havoc" Pumpkin Ball Softball Tournament on October 24, 2009. A 16" ball will be used, one pitch, nine players with at least three women, and spe-

cial rules.

Also, a Wiffleball Tournament will be held at "The Swamp" On October 31, 2009. This will be a round-robin, with eight teams, six players per team.

To Enter either of these tournaments please call Ron at 419-399-2981 or ronzneonz@hotmail.com

INFOHIO USER'S GROUP MEETING

The INFOhio Users Council met Thursday October 8, 2009 at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center in Van Wert. Twenty-eight school librarians, teachers and paraprofessionals from Northwest Ohio experienced a day of professional development and sharing. Representatives from Antwerp, Paulding and Wayne Trace Schools participated in the meeting.

Ellen Williams, District Librarian at Paulding Ex. Village Schools, presented the status of Ohio Area Media Centers and especially our northwest Ohio center, NWOET. Diana Kiehl, District Information Specialist at Crestview Schools, discussed Social Networking, and library collection development and discarding policies. Paula LaRue from Van Wert High School presented the latest information about House Bill 1 and the impact it should have on School Media Centers. Lila Whyman, Media Specialist from Apollo Career Center, introduced INFOhio's Research Project Calculator. Wendy Fisher from World Book explained the features of the online version of World Book and introduced the attendees to the print versions of several World Book products. Bonnie Blachly and Jean Banks from NOACSC in Lima updated the group to the changes in the library software and online catalog. The day concluded with a tour of the new Niswonger Performing Arts Center, Van Wert Middle School and High School building.

Several drawings were held

throughout the day. Terry Schneider from Lincolnview Schools was the lucky winner of a Ruby Red Computer Notebook donated by Virtual Technologies in Lima OH. Raffle items including books, posters, and other items were donated by World Book and Follett Library Resources.



FROM THE DOG WARDEN'S DESK

By: Mandy Lichty, Chief Dog Warden, Paulding County Dog Shelter

Barney is this week's featured pet. Barney is a young adult mastiff/labrador mix. He is a very big boy but unfortunately he was not well taken care of and will need to gain some weight.

Also at the shelter we still have Smoke, Cameo, Buckeye a male jack russell mix, Sassy a female cocker spaniel mix, Julie a female whippet mix, Pugsie a female boxer mix, and Hershey a male chocolate labrador.

If you are renewing your license plates be sure to buy the pet plates. The pet plates provide funding for spay/neuter grants from the Ohio Pet Fund for Ohio shelters.

Come out on Thursdays from 3:00-5:00 p.m. and adopt your new best friend.

Visit us on the web at www.westbendnews.net

VANTAGE Vote YES for Vantage!

FAQ's - Vantage Career Center answers YOUR questions about the General Election on November 3.

1. What are we voting for and why?

- Voters have a chance to approve the local share for the renovation and expansion of their career center.
- Vantage will receive \$16.2 million from the Ohio School Facilities Commission (OSFC) for the project, ONLY IF voters pass the 1.05 mill bond levy. Vantage's local share must pass November 3, because this is the last chance to keep the \$16.2 million in our school district.
- State assistance in the amount of \$16.2 million most likely won't be given again because of Ohio's severe budget deficit.

2. What does the 1.05 mill cost Vantage voters?

- The \$100,000 homeowner would pay less than 10 cents per day, or \$33.08 per year.
- The \$75,000 homeowner would pay less than 7 cents per day, or \$24.80 per year.
- Farmers on average would pay 19 to 23 cents per acre.

3. Are you building a new school?

- No - We will expand the Vantage building with approximately 69,000 square feet, and completely renovate what is inside the existing walls.
- Three training labs will be re-located in new space and over-crowded classrooms will be increased to average size.
- All spaces will be handicap-accessible and modern science labs will be built with running water, proper lighting, and life safety systems.
- The main operational systems in electrical, plumbing, and heating will be replaced with proper capacity and high-efficiency systems.

4. How many years will I be taxed for this levy?

- The bond issue is 28 years, the typical term for school construction bonds.

5. When the levy passes, will you be coming back to me for more money for operating expenses, etc.?

- Seeking additional operating funds is not expected.
- Vantage has been on the ballot every 5 years for a .8 operating levy renewal and a .7 permanent improvement renewal. The .8 operating levy was approved by voters in November 2008. It will be on again in 2013.
- The .7 permanent improvement renewal (no new money) will be on the November 2010 ballot, in keeping with its 5-year cycle.

6. Why does Vantage have to renovate NOW?

- The Ohio School Facilities Commission (OSFC) may not offer \$16.2 million to Vantage again if voters cannot pass the local share of the project. The current offer of \$16.2 million was extended through November 2009. If the issue fails, the partnership is over and Vantage will undergo an extensive process to determine their eligibility for OSFC assistance again.
- Science labs are woefully inadequate, hindering student achievement. Several classrooms are not handicapped accessible. Waiting to put the levy on the ballot doesn't solve the problems and costs the district more in repair of the failing main operating systems.
- Construction costs are extremely competitive right now which increases the chance of completing the project under budget.

Questions? Please contact Vantage Superintendent Staci Kaufman at 1-800-686-3944 X102 or email: kaufman.s@vantagecareercenter.com