

NEW US 24 OPENING TOMORROW!



By: Sue Knapp

ODOT and INDOT will have a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of US 24 on Thursday, October 29 at 10:00 a.m. Ohio Governor Ted Strickland and Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels will be speaking. The ceremony will take place on the Ohio/Indiana State Line.

Directions: From the east, take Ohio 49 to the south edge of Antwerp to the interchange with new US 24. Travel west on new US 24 approximately 3½ miles to the state line. From the west, take Indiana 101 in

Woodburn, IN to the new interchange with US 24. Travel east on new US 24 approximately three miles to the state line.

The US 24 Corridor will continue until it is completed from Fort Wayne, IN to Port Clinton, OH.

BF GOODRICH RETIREE BREAKFAST

There will be a breakfast for all retirees from BF Goodrich on November 7, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. The breakfast will take place at the Vagabond Restaurant on CR 424 (former US 24).

TRICK OR TREAT IN PAULDING COUNTY, WOODBURN, DEFIANCE AND HICKSVILLE

Here's a list of Paulding County and the surrounding West Bend News area Trick or Treat schedules!

Paulding: October 31, parade at 1:00 p.m. with Trick or Treating from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Oakwood: October 29, Trick or Treating from 5:00-7:00 p.m. with judging at the school at 7:30 p.m.

Grover Hill: October 31, Trick or Treating from 5:00-6:30 p.m., parade at 7:00 p.m.—there will be festivities, food and contests

Scott: October 31, Trick or Treat from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Payne: October 31, Trick or Treat from 4:00-5:30 p.m., parade at 6:00 p.m.

Woodburn: October 31, Trick or Treat from 5:00-7:00 p.m. with Halloween Party at the Community Center from 7:00-9:00 p.m. sponsored by the Lion's Club

Antwerp: October 31, parade at 3:00 p.m. with judging following, Trick or Treat from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Cecil: October 30, Trick

or Treat from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Hicksville: October 31, Trick or Treat from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Defiance: October 29, Trick or Treat 6:00-7:30 p.m.; Parade, October 31 at 7:00 p.m. sponsored by the Lion's Club

Broughton: October 31, Trick or Treat 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Haviland: October 31, Trick or Treat 5:00-6:30 p.m.

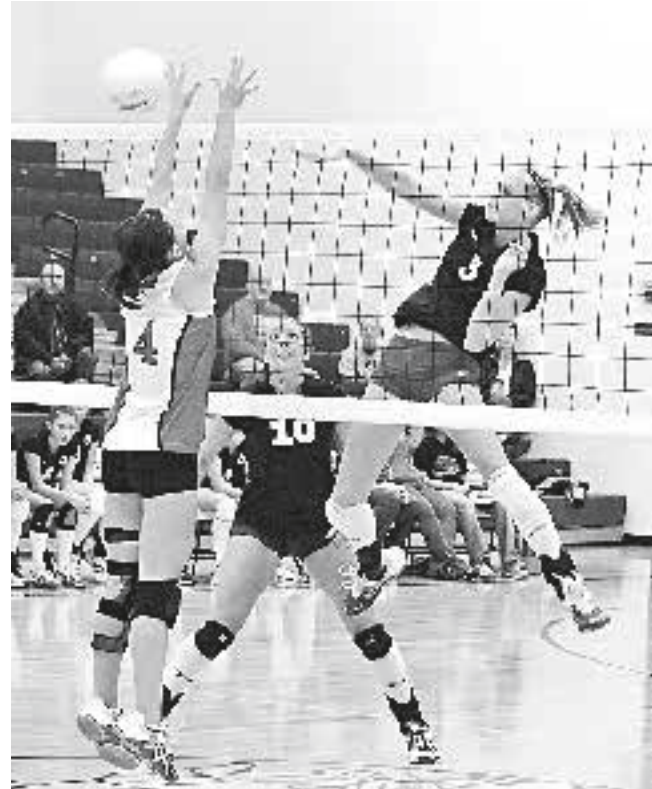
Melrose: October 29, Trick or Treat 5:30-7:00 p.m.; The town hall will also be passing out treats. There will also be free hot dogs and four gifts will also be given away.

Others: The Gardens of Paulding - October 28 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Paulding Church of the Nazarene - Trunk O' Treat, October 28, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Free hot dogs and refreshments.

Manor House Assisted Living - during Antwerp's Trick or Treat time (October 31, 5:00-7:00 p.m.)

ANTWERP WINS SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP VOLLEYBALL



Antwerp won a close game against Hicksville (3-2) for the Sectional win and goes on to play Pettisville in the first round of Districts. Shown here is Taylor Vail with a slam against the Aces. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

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Do you know this lovely lady who will soon be turning 80?

To celebrate this milestone Lillian "Red" Scoby has finally decided to retire from the Oasis Bar and Grill where she has worked for over 35 years.

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OBITUARIES

Annetta Goings, 73, of Latty died Wednesday, October 21, 2009 at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne, IN.

She was born in Grover Hill, Ohio on December 29, 1935 the daughter of Harold W. and Pauline V. (Phillips) Williams. On April 4, 1956 she married Ormon E. Goings, who survives. She was a member of Latty Zion Baptist Missionary Church, church choir and the missionary society. She was previously employed by Paulding County Hospital.

She is survived by her husband, Ormon E. Goings Sr.; two sons: Ormon Goings Jr. of Latty; and Kim (Sandy) Goings of Defiance; three daughters: Paula Wilder of Van Wert, Yvonne Goings of Paulding, and Melissa Hale of Latty; three sisters: Helen (James) Bailey of Detroit, Mary G. Tinker and Rachel (Louis) Collins both of Fort Wayne; two sisters-in-law: Jeanetta Goings of Cleveland, and Joyce Williams of Lima; a brother-in-law, George Goings of Latty; eleven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents: Harold Williams and Pauline Williams Young; her step-father, Levitt W. Young; a son, Scott Eric Goings; a brother, Harold Williams; two step-brothers: Auldwin J. and John S. Young; and a step-sister, Burnace Young.

Funeral services were conducted October 27, 2009 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding with Pastor DeWayne Richardson officiating. Burial was in Middle Creek Zion Baptist Cemetery, Paulding County.

Donations may be made in memory of Annetta Goings in care of Den Herder Funeral Home. Online condolences

may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Joyce Sue McCloud, 63, of Paulding died Thursday, October 22, 2009 at her residence.

She was born in Harts, West Virginia on August 18, 1946 the daughter of Ercel and Gracie (Meeks) Workman. On January 22, 1966 she married Raymond McCloud, who survives. She was employed by Dallas Lamb Foundation Home retiring in 2007.

She is survived by her husband, Raymond McCloud of Paulding; a son, Darrin (Julie) McCloud of Cecil; a daughter, Elaine (Josh) Carlisle of Paulding; and four grandchildren: Chelsi Miller, Dustyn, Coltin, and Jaylyn McCloud; and many special friends and family members.

She is preceded in death by her parents; a son, Craig McCloud; four brothers: Clyde Meeks, Tracy, Hanford, and Cordell Workman; and two sisters: Jane Browning and Millie Dalton.

Funeral services were conducted October 26, 2009 at Den Herder Funeral Home with Pastor Pat Holt officiating. Burial was in St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding.

Donations may be made to Joyce McCloud Family. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Clayton Wayne Vance, 43, of Cecil died Monday, October 19, 2009 at his residence.

He was born April 17, 1966 in Elk Grove, Illinois the son of Clayton T. and Betty (Akers) Vance. On September 29, 1987 he married Christine R. Ballmann who survives. He worked as a Licensed Practical Nurse at the E.R. departments at both the Bryan and Archbold Hospitals and was currently enrolled in the Owens Community College Registered Nursing program. He was a U.S. Army veteran serving in Germany from 1985-89, a 1985 graduate of

Hicksville High School and a 2006 graduate of Northwest State Community College. Also, he was a member of the Defiance County Horseman's Council and the Missouri Foxtrotters Association. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed horseback riding, hunting, and fishing. He was a loving husband, father, son and friend who will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his wife Christine; three children: Dennis, Thomas, and Samantha Vance all at home; his father and step-mother, Clayton and Brenda Vance of Cecil; his mother and step-father Betty and Herb Charlton of Edgerton, OH; paternal grandmother, Hesther Vance of Clintwood, VA; two brothers: Luther Vance of Edgerton; Jody (Realina) Vance of Camden, MI; and a sister, Billie Jo (Kip) Dix of Cecil.

He is preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Ivan Vance; and his maternal grandparents, Luther and Dina Akers.

Funeral services were conducted October 24, 2009 at the Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding with Rev. George Goeller officiating. Burial was in Rochester Cemetery, Cecil where Paulding V.F.W. Post # 587 accorded military graveside rites.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Wayne Vance Family. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com.

June I. Fast, 84, of Haviland died Monday, October 19, 2009 at her residence.

She was born June 1, 1925 in Latty, Ohio the daughter of Oscar and Mary (Moser) Gerber. On February 23, 1947 she married Charles H. Fast who survives. She was a homemaker and a member of the former Haviland Baptist Church where she taught Sunday school. She was also a member of the Paulding Church of the Nazarene, the John Paulding Historical Society, was a 4-H club leader for many years and was an avid painter and sketcher.

She is survived by her husband, Charles of Haviland; a son, Robert (Jan) Fast of Sanford, FL; a daughter, Barbara (Seth) Shelton of Shelby, NC; her caregiver, Cheryl (Ray) Pratt of Oakwood; a granddaughter, Angela Myers of Lewis Center, OH; a grandson, Joshua (Heather) Shelton; and a great-grandson, Brady Shelton both of Columbus, OH.

She is preceded in death by her parents; brother, Robert Gerber; and two sisters: Julia Ann Fridenmaker and Esther Rae Gruderman.

Funeral services were October 23, 2009 at the Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding with Pastors Kim Semran and Joe Shouse officiating. Burial was in Blue Creek Cemetery, Haviland.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to Gideon's International or to the Paulding Church of the Nazarene building fund. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Alta Fraley, 85, of Payne died Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at her residence.

She was born June 7, 1924 in Greenup, Kentucky, the daughter of George and Nellie Hall. In 1944 she married Richard R. Fraley, who preceded her in death on January 6, 1989.

She is survived by five

sons: Richard (Jean) Fraley of Antwerp, Arnold (Sue Ann) Fraley of Fort Wayne, David Fraley and Charles Fraley both of Payne, and Dan (Veronica) Fraley of Paulding; four daughters: Gertrude (Donald) Elston, Diana Butler, and LuVern Dullaghan all of Payne, and Edie (Timothy) Schlosser of Temperance, MI; thirty-two grandchildren; thirty-five great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; a son, Calvin Fraley; a daughter, Ruby Fay Fraley; and a granddaughter, Susan Elston.

Funeral services were conducted October 22, 2009 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with Rev. Burnell Hammons officiating. Burial was in St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding.

Donations may be made to Blind Center of Toledo, OH; Breast Cancer Society; or Paulding County Home Health Care & Hospice. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

THANK YOU

To all of my friends and family,

Thank you for all of your kindness during the illness and death of my sister Deb Kizer. The support was overwhelming but very much appreciated. It's times like this, that we remember why we live in a small community. The tokens of kindness and sympathy will never be forgotten, I thank God that I have been blessed with so many wonderful people.

—Dolly Shisler

ISSUE 2 COULD SHAPE FUTURE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION IN OHIO

Capitol Letters Weekly Column by: Senator Steve Buehrer

Last week, I began a short series of columns designed to provide some background on the three statewide ballot issues and discuss what both proponents and opponents are saying about each plan as we approach Election Day, November 3rd. In the first column, I talked about Issue 1, a proposed constitutional amendment that would allow the state to issue \$200 million in bonds to provide cash bonuses to Ohio veterans who fought in the Persian Gulf, Iraq and Afghanistan wars, as well as soldiers who served in other parts of the world during these conflicts. This week, I would like to focus on Issue 2, a key proposal that could change the way thousands of farms are operated in Ohio and impact the future of our state's multi-billion dollar agriculture industry.

In recent years, extreme animal rights advocates have organized campaigns in several states to reform current farming practices. For example, the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) won support for a ballot initiative in California last year, which, beginning in 2015, would make it a criminal offense if farmers do not follow certain rules for confining pigs, calves and hens.

Many in Ohio's agriculture community believe that if a similar effort were successful here, it could increase costs for Ohio farmers, raise food prices for consumers

and reduce the availability of locally-grown crops. This summer, they brought these concerns to the Legislature, which responded by approving Senate Joint Resolution 6, a constitutional amendment that if passed by Ohio voters, would create the Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board to establish and implement guidelines for the care of livestock and poultry in Ohio. The plan will show up on Ohioans' ballots as Issue 2.

The Livestock Care Standards Board would be comprised of 13 members with experience in animal care and food safety, including three family farmers, two veterinarians, a food safety expert, a representative of a local humane society, two members from statewide farm organizations, the dean of an Ohio agriculture college and two members representing Ohio consumers. The Ohio Director of Agriculture would serve ex officio as the 13th member and as chair of the Board.

Proponents of Issue 2, which include the Ohio Farm Bureau, Ohio Livestock Coalition and Ohio Poultry Association, argue that the amendment would help preserve the availability of affordable, locally-grown food, while strengthening transparency in agricultural production to assure consumers that Ohio farmers are operating responsibly, animals are well cared for and the food they are eating is safe. Supporters add that the Livestock Care Standards Board would ensure that future decisions about livestock and poultry care in Ohio are made by an experienced group of veterinarians, food safety experts and agriculture professionals, as opposed to

out-of-state interests.

Opposition to Issue 2 comes from HSUS and other animal rights groups, who say that the proposal is a hurried attempt by agribusiness to block meaningful improvements to the agriculture industry in Ohio. *Other opponents argue that the Livestock Care Standards Board does not belong in our state's constitution.*

The outcome of the vote on Issue 2 could shape the future of agricultural production in Ohio for years to come, not only impacting Ohio farmers and our food supply, but our state's economy as well—agriculture is Ohio's number one industry. Over the next few weeks, as proponents and opponents of Issue 2 hit the airwaves and canvass neighborhoods working to influence votes, I encourage all voters in the 1st Senate District and across Ohio to take time to study the issue, weigh the arguments on both sides and come to 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 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. I can also be reached by email at SD01@senate.state.oh.us. In addition, for more information about my work in the Ohio Senate, please visit my page on the new Senate website at www.ohiosenate.gov/steve-buehrer.

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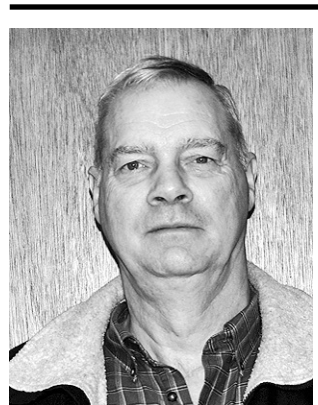
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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Avery Rae Honigford was born to Alex and Carey Honigford of New Haven, IN on October 24, 2009 at 8:23 p.m. at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville. Avery weighed 6 lb. 14 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Her proud grandparents are Ken and Jami Honigford of Monroeville, OH; Russ and Stephanie McCormick of San Clemente, CA; Ron Miller of Antwerp; Susie Miller of Antwerp.

Proud great-grandparents are Dick and Dolly Honigford of Landeck, OH; Warren and LaDonna Peterson of Delphos, OH; Wilbur and Lila Miller of Port Charlotte, FL; and Joe and Sue Meyer of Antwerp.

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ENACTS VISITOR RESTRICTIONS

In order to contain the spread of H1N1 and flu like illnesses, Paulding County Hospital has placed a restriction of no visitors exhibiting flu like symptoms, regardless of age.

If you wish to visit a patient at Paulding County Hospital who has flu like symptoms, visitors will be limited to two.

Flu like symptoms include: fever greater than 100 degrees, cough, fatigue, chills, body aches, headache, sore throat

These restrictions are effective immediately.

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

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Taylor Marie Hogans was born to Jessica Baumert and Jared Hogans on October 23, 2009 at 3:55 p.m. at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville. She weighed 7 lb. 9 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Scott Baumert, Kim and Jim Smallwood all of Antwerp, and Kim and Roger Hogans of Leesburg, FL.

Proud great-grandparents are Carl and Linda Baumert of Antwerp, and Karl and Bev Wilhelm of Leo, IN.

LATTA STATEMENT ON FY 2010 DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS BILL CONFERENCE REPORT

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) made the following statement on the Fiscal Year 2010 Department of Homeland Security appropriations bill Conference Report. The Conference Report included language that Congressman Latta previously worked to get amended into the bill to prevent spring-open assisted knives from being classified as switchblades under a proposed regulation from the Department of Homeland Security.

It is estimated that over 35.6 million Americans carry such knives that would have been affected by this regulation. Approximately 4,000 people are employed by the knife manufacturing industry, in addition to 20,000 ancillary jobs that are a direct result of knife manufacturers, who contribute \$6 billion to our nation's economy.

"I am pleased that the bill considered today includes a provision that will protect knife owners and manufacturers in the United States. It is unacceptable to think that we as citizens cannot carry pocketknives for work or recreational purposes and with this language we have prevented further government intrusion into the daily lives of Americans. I want to personally thank Congressman Walt Minnick (D-ID) for his assistance during this process and Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) for his work to ensure this bi-partisan language was retained in the Conference Committee report after efforts in the House Rules Committee were not made it order during consideration earlier this year."

"Unfortunately, I could not support final passage of the Conference Report because of flawed language that leaves the door open for detainees in Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba to be transferred to the United States under certain circumstances. Detainees in Guantanamo Bay represent the highest threat to our nation's security and should never set foot on United States soil for any reason."

ARCHIE GRIFFIN TO APPEAR AT VAN WERT/PAULDING COUNTIES OSU ALUMNI CLUB BASH

Archie Griffin, the President and CEO of the Ohio State Alumni Association, will be the featured speaker at the Ohio State Alumni Club of Van Wert/Paulding Counties Buckeye Bash on Tuesday, November 17.

Doors open for the event

at 5:30 p.m., with a tailgate meal served at 6:00 p.m. at JEHMMS Banquet Facility, South Shannon St., Van Wert, Ohio. Tickets for the event covers dinner and the evening's program.

An auction, silent auction, raffle, door prizes, and more will be offered at the Bash.

Attendees are encouraged to bring canned goods and non-perishable foods that will be donated to food pantries in Van Wert and Paulding Counties.

The deadline to order tickets is Friday, November 13. No tickets will be sold at the door.

The club is also accepting donated OSU related items for the auction.

For more information visit the club web site at www.osu-vwp.org or call Alice Schaufelberger at 419.238.2883.

Griffin has been President and CEO of the Alumni Association since 2004. A Buckeye football legend, he still holds the distinction as college football's only two-time Heisman Trophy winner.

The Alumni Association is a dues-supported organization of graduates, former students, and friends of the university with more than 120,000 members. For more than 125 years, the Alumni Association has been dedicated to connecting alumni, friends and students to enhance and strengthen the traditions and reputation of The Ohio State University.

STATE RECEIVES APPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

With new scoring criteria in place to more evenly

measure the state's future major transportation investments and their ability to promote economic development, Ohio's Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) today received 105 applications from communities across the state, asking for the new or continued study of a wide range of transportation projects.

Ranging from major interstate upgrades, bridge modernizations, freight and light rail improvements and new intermodal terminals, these 105 proposed projects seek a total of nearly \$2 billion in planning and design work by the state.

"With these applications, we look toward Ohio's longer-range transportation future," said Ohio Department of Transportation Director Jolene M. Molitoris, who serves as chair of the nine-member council. "The size and scope of these projects demonstrate the great need for transportation investment and great opportunity to connect our investments to jobs for Ohioans and economic development for our local communities."

Utilizing new scoring criteria approved by last year, the TRAC will score projects using a benefit/cost ratio, added to measure the full public benefit of the project, not just traffic and congestion. A new environmental category also gauges air quality impacts of a project.

The enhanced economic development category scores whether projects reclaim brownfields and improve access to job centers and job ready sites. The new scoring also emphasizes the need for land use planning and

"Smart Growth" strategies, and rewards communities who partner with state on investments in transportation.

The majority of the project submissions represent updated applications from existing projects, where the project sponsors seek continued funding for development. The remaining 38 applications are for new projects, including a mix of passenger rail, transit, and freight projects.

TRAC members will deliberate on the proposed applications through January, with a vote expected in early February on a draft list of approved projects.

Established by Ohio Revised Code in 1997, the TRAC assists ODOT in developing a project selection process for the state's largest transportation investments. The TRAC approves major new capacity-adding projects for funding of more than \$5 million.

Over the next five weeks, the members of the TRAC will hold a series of regional public hearings around the state to meet with project sponsors. All meetings begin at 9:00 a.m.

Northwest Ohio - October 15 - ODOT District 2 Office, 317 E. Poe Rd., Bowling Green, OH 43402

Northeast Ohio - October 22 - Akron Public Library, 60 S. High St., Akron, OH 44326

Southwest Ohio - November 5 - Miami University, 4200 E. University Blvd., Middletown, OH 45042

Central Ohio - November 12 - ODOT Central Office Auditorium, 1980 W. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43223

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ON DOING THE RIGHT THING

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

Pauline Nichter, 46, and her husband, Tom, 44, had both lost their jobs—she was a warehouse supervisor, he a warehouseman—and were living in and out of motels and their 11 year old son, Jason. They were in danger of losing their car for failure to make payments on it.

Pauline found a wallet containing a credit card, an airline ticket to New Zealand, and \$2,394 in cash at a shopping mall in the Los Angeles suburb of Buena Park. “For a second I thought about taking the money,” she said later. “But only for a second.” Instead, she delivered the wallet and its contents to the nearest police station, where the owner reclaimed them.

Word of her honesty quickly got out, and a grateful community responded in kind. The Nichters received more than ten job offers and an apartment rent-free for six months. Others gave cash. One elderly couple walked into the police station where Pauline had turned in the wallet and asked how much money had been in it. When they were told the amount, the man said, “Then that’s what they deserve,” and wrote out a check for \$2400.

At a news conference, a tearful Pauline said, “Never in a million years would I have thought this would happen to us. What we have received is far more than what was in the wallet. The Bible says, “Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you.”

In simple terms that verse states, “Do the right thing and accomplish God’s agenda and He will eventually balance out the books.” Maybe you won’t get a \$2400 check or a dozen new job offers. But life will tend to “work” because you’re operating according to the divine instruction manual.

THE ONE TRUE CHURCH RESTORATION LESSON #2

By: James Potter, Oakwood church of Christ

Today as I continue this study on restoration, the question I would ask is, why be upset about this, it happened? All a person needs to do is study the Old Testament and the history of God’s people and you will soon see a history of faithfulness, apostasy, repentance, and restoration. This is also true of the history of the church. If you have never studied church history, you may be surprised as to what you read, study and learn.

Loved ones, study the Book of Acts, for this is the history of the church, how

the church started, how that we may be saved and added to the one true church that Christ is the head of. You and I should do as the Bereans did in Acts 17:11.

I absolutely cannot change the Bible. Matthew 16:18 tells me Christ promised to build His church. I believe this happened and one day you will; if not in this life then in eternity. As I have said, I will continue to teach this truth as long as I am able and living; that Christ’s church started in 33 AD. We can learn from the Scriptures that Jesus was 30 years old when He began His ministry (Luke 3:12-23) and He lived for three years after. It wasn’t until 50 days after the ascension of Christ back to heaven, on the Day of Pentecost did Peter and the rest of the apostles preached the first sermon and those who were baptized that day (3,000 of them were added to the church by the Lord) Acts 2:47. Also, in Luke 8:11, Luke tells us that the word of God is the seed of the Kingdom. In Colossians 1:18 we see that the kingdom and the church are synonymous.

Also, the New Testament teaches that departure from the pattern would happen. Didn’t Jesus warn of false prophets in Matthew 7:15, Paul also warned of false teachers, Acts 20:28-32 and in 2 Thessalonians 2:1-10 told us a falling away would happen.

Even though the gospel and the church were given by God and are glorious, God knew that men would not always follow the Gospel and would establish their own religions. Just as people in the past had departed from truth and gone their own way, so God knew that this would be true even with the Gospel and his church. What men and women have established today is not the church that Jesus established, but something entirely different. In the churches of Christ, all that we would ask of you is to study the Bible. Return back to the Bible and it alone. Cast off the manuals, Catechisms, creeds and constitutions of men and get rid of all those things that have been added to or removed from the teachings of Christ and His apostles. Would you stop, look and listen to this: No book but the Bible, no creed but the Christ, no way but Christ’s way, no church but his church. If you have 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.

“REVELATION” TO PERFORM AT ANTWERP CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday morning, November 8 at 10:30, the gospel band Revelation will be performing at the weekly gathering of the Antwerp Church of Christ.

Revelation is made up of Ricky Branham (lead guitar and lead singer from Payne), Tammy Branham (lead singer from Defiance), Bill Bremer (lead and rhythm guitar from Woodburn), Allen Schilb (bass guitar from Leo), Scott Schilb (drummer from Leo), and Walter Schilb (keyboardist from Antwerp).

You might have seen them at area events before, but you are more than welcome to come see them again. As is always the case at the Antwerp Church of Christ, there will be a free fellowship meal following the weekly gathering. You’re welcome to enjoy the Lord by enjoying Revelation with us. Come change with us.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR AT ST. PAUL UMC

A Holiday Bazaar is coming to the St. Paul United Methodist Church, Payne, on Saturday, November 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be gifts and decorations available with that special touch for Christmas and every day. All proceeds from this event will go towards purchases for the Payne Community Food Pantry.

US DOT TO REVIEW HIGH-SPEED PASSENGER RAIL EXTENSION FROM CLEVELAND TO PITTSBURGH

In response to requests by officials in Ohio and Pennsylvania, the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) will review the feasibility of extending the nation’s designated high-speed passenger rail corridors to include the connection between Cleveland to Pittsburgh.

In letters to Governor Ted Strickland and Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell, federal Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood pledged to have top officials at the FRA review current data and analysis of the 140-mile corridor over the next 45 days.

Last month, both governors—along with members of Ohio’s Congressional delegation and the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)—asked the FRA to consider extending the current Keystone High-Speed Rail Corridor through Pennsylvania to include the Cleveland-Pittsburgh connection.

“I am gratified by the importance that Governor Strickland and governor Rendell ascribed to high-speed rail and to the proposed extension,” wrote Secretary LaHood. “I look forward to working with you to realize the Obama Administration’s far-reaching vision of building a national passenger rail network.”

A study done by the Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) showed the Cleveland-Pittsburgh corridor met federal criteria for high-speed designation, and could serve as a vital link to Ohio’s proposed 3C “Quick Start” Passenger Rail Plan.

The study forecasted strong ridership between Pittsburgh and Cleveland with as many as 860,000 annual trips in a high-speed system, where trains reach speeds as high as 110 mph.

“A high speed corridor connection from Toledo to Cleveland an on to Pittsburgh and the East Coast would connect the Midwest’s great regional economies, making them stronger and bringing new jobs to a part of the country hard hit by the global recession,” said Governor Strickland. “I appreciate Secretary LaHood taking Ohio’s economic needs seriously and look forward to his response later this year.”

ODOT and ORDC are awaiting word from Washington on the state’s recent application for federal stimulus funding for the Ohio 3C “Quick Start” Passenger Rail Plan, seeking a share of \$8 billion in federal passenger rail funds made available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Ohio’s application details the state’s plans for investing, construction, and operating a passenger rail service corridor connecting Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, and Cincinnati with medium speed 79 mph passenger trains. The state believes that its application is a strong contender for stimulus funds.

Ohio also joined the State of Indiana in applying for

\$2.8 million in Recovery Act funds to finance planning for advancing the Chicago-Toledo-Cleveland corridor to high speed.

COMPLETION OF KOREAN WAR VETERANS FOR ANTWERP V.E.T.S.

This completes our Korean War Veterans. Next we will start the Vietnam Era—so far we have the names of 215 Vietnam Era Veterans—do we have YOUR documentation? There’s still time to get it in. An (*) means we have found the name but need the documentation for the records. Veterans Day is November 11, what better way to honor our local Veteran then to make sure they are all included on the Memorial Tablets.

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KID CURRY

By: Stan Jordan

Kid Curry was not his name. He was born Harvey Logan in Tama County, Iowa in 1867. His parents were William and Eliza Logan. His brothers were Hank, John and Lonny. His father died and Eliza moved the family to Dodson, MO a small town outside of Kansas City MO.

In 1876 Eliza died and all the kids moved in with the Hiram Lee family.

It wasn't too long and Harvey moved to Texas with three of his brothers. He made some of his income by breaking horses on the Cross L Ranch near Big Springs.

He befriended a fellow there named Flat Nose George Curry. He self-adopted the name Curry for his own and his brothers did also.

In 1883 he rode with a cattle drive to Pueblo, Colo. and got into a brawl in a saloon, so he went to southern Wyoming to avoid prosecution. Then the next year the boys homesteaded a horse ranch in Chouteau County, Montana. It was a few miles south of the Landsky Mining Camp.

In 1894 Harvey got into an altercation with a neighbor, James Ross. His brother, Johnny Logan was with him. Harvey soon got charged with assault with a deadly weapon. This was one of the things that started Harvey on a life of crime.

When these boys worked,

the were good workers, but when they got paid they would spend it in a saloon. Money didn't stay in their pockets long.

The guy who ran the mining camp, Powell Landusky, confronted Kid Curry and attacked him because he had an affair with Landusky's daughter. The Kid was arrested over this and beat up pretty good.

Weeks later the Kid caught Landusky in a saloon and knocked him cold with one blow. Then Curry walked away figuring the fight was over. Landusky pulled his pistol on the unarmed Kid.

Jim Thornhall, a friend of the Kid's brother gave Curry a pistol. Landusky's pistol jammed and Kid Curry shot him dead.

At the hearing Curry was believed to be in self-defense. But there was going to be a trial and one of Landsuky's friends was to be the judge. The Kid figured he wouldn't get a fair trial so he fled the country.

In January of 1896, the Curry's started riding with the Black Jack Ketcham Gang. They ran into a man named James Winters who had been informing the Pinkerton's about Kid Curry's whereabouts. So the Kid and two of his brothers, Johnny and Lonny, went to Winter's Ranch to discuss this. A shoot out ensued and Johnny was killed. The Kid and Lonny escaped. Soon they argued with Black Jack over the bank take and

their split for the gang.

In 1897 the Kid was involved in this killing of deputy sheriff, William Dean of Powder River, Wyoming. By this time the Kid had formed his own gang.

After each robbery, when they had money, The Curry's would lay up in a house of prostitution until the money was gone, booze and broads for weeks.

In June 1897 they robbed a bank in Belle Fourche, SD and met resistance from the townspeople. While they were escaping, the posse caught up with them and a gun fight ensued. Curry was shot through the wrist and his horse shot out from under him. He was captured as was George Curry and Walt Putnam. They were all locked up in the jail at Deadwood, SD but they overpowered the jailer and escaped, but on their way back into Montana they robbed two Post Offices.

It was about this time in 1899 that the Kid was riding with Butch Cassidy and the Wild Bunch. He was considered the fastest gun in the west at this time. In 1899 they robbed the Union Pacific Railroad Overland Flyer near Wilcox, Wyoming, a robbery that became famous because a lot of famous lawmen helped in the search.

During one shoot out over this affair both Kid Curry and George Curry shot and killed Sheriff Joe Hazen.

The bunch escaped into the 'Hole in the Wall' county. This was in North Central Wyoming. Kid Curry and the Sundance Kid robbed a bank in Red Lodge, Montana.

The noted gunman, TomHorn, whose gun now belonged to the Pinkerton Agency gave all the info on the Currys and all the other gang members to an agent named Charlie Siringo. He was under the alias of Charles L. Carter.

This Siringo or Carter wanted to get in with the outlaw gangs who used the Hole in the Wall. But that was hard to do.

Well, readers, this killer, Kid Curry, was a mean brutal gunman. He killed without much reason.

I will have to finish this story next week.

See Ya!



OAKWOOD FIREHOUSE SUPPER

By: Stan Jordan

Sue, Pauline and I went to Oakwood to attend the supper at the firehouse. This was on Thursday the 15th. We really enjoyed the good food, the fellowship and meeting some old friends.

I had an interview with Don Adams, he was a rural letter carrier out of Oakwood, when I was a carrier out of Antwerp. We sat and batted the breeze for awhile.

Don told me he was born in Buntsville. Then he added that was down on the Brown and Auglaize Township line, that was in 1929. There was three boys and one girl. He



ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

This picture was given to me by Holly Bissell Garmyn. She tells me her mother graduated in 1918 and she would like to know if anyone can help us with these girls. She thinks the one standing is Mary E. Bakle, sometimes called 'Mayme'. I also think that is Mayme. I have no idea who the other girls are, but later on I probably did know

attended a one room school house for the first year. Then the family moved to Oakwood and he graduated from there in 1948.

Don is a veteran, having served in the Army for two years. Then he worked two years at Grizzly MFG and then for awhile at Roberts MFG.

In 1970 he worked at the Defiance Post Office as a clerk-carrier.

Then in 1975 he transferred to the Oakwood P.O. as a clerk. He was appointed to Rural Route 2 in Oakwood in 1976.

He married Annalee Stover in 1952, they were sweethearts all through high school. They had two girls and one boy: Lee Ann lives in town, Jo Ann lives in Columbia City, IN and Jeff lives just north of town; they have three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Don retired in 1994 and is very active in the American Legion and the VFW, he also helps with the rescue squad and his neighbors. He likes gardening, and he and his wife love traveling and love being with their grandchild-

them.

Holly's mother was Florence Derck Bissell (Mrs. Harry Bissell). They had four girls: Phyllis Landis died in 1995, Vonnie Smith died in 1999, Holly Bissell Garmyn and Roma Bissell Kleinhen (Don passed away in 2005).

Holly graduated from AHS in 1950.

If anyone can help Holly with these names, she would appreciate it.

See Ya!

dren. He likes all sports because he played in all of them in high school.

I asked if anything happened while he was on the route. He said about all he could think of was when the boys coiled up a snake in one of the mail boxes.

While we were talking, Sue took the picture of Don sitting on the rear of one of the fire trucks.

We talked to a number of old friends and made some new ones.

Everrett and Betty Bennett from Auglaize Township stopped to say hi. Betty told me she is a fully qualified fireman on the Auglaize Squad. She has taken all the training, passed all the tests and is a full member of the squad. They were instrumental in starting the Auglaize Fire Department many years ago.

Oakwood has a first-class firehouse. All of the equipment is up-to-date.

We three want to thank everyone who was at that supper and for all the courtesies extended to us. It was a fine evening.

See Ya!



By: Stan Jordan

On East River Street, here in Antwerp, there is a bogus cemetery in the front yard of Al Hook. I always enjoy the writings on the fake tombstones in those Boot Hill type edifices.

For instance here is one I saw in Moorehaven, Florida years ago that I never forgot:

**He ran for sheriff in 1869,

He ran from sheriff in 1870,

Buried in 1870

Here are some more:

**He came from Dodge,

He went on the Dodge,

The law he didn't Dodge,

Rest in Peace, Cousin

Huet,

We all know you didn't do it!

**Here lies horse thief Fred,

A .44 caliber ball went through his head

**Here lies Harold Zender,

On his last outing,

He was on a bender

**Cousin Dave,

Chased a bear into a cave,

Through diggin' and searchin' and lots of tears,

He hasn't been seen for many years

**Her name was Ganerium,

She was in a sanitarium,

For giving people pieces of her mind

**He worked for the circus,

He would put his right arm in a lion's mouth,

They called him Lefty

**Leroy was a poor dude,

But he bought the farm

**A fast gun was old Bill,

Many a rider he did kill,

He failed to count the rounds he had fired,

To Tombstone's Boot Hill,

He has retired

Dear Readers, I know you won't laugh or guffaw or slap your leg with glee over there, but I do hope you grin a little.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Voters must make good informed choices regarding the Antwerp Local School Board election. Not all of the candidates have a sincere interest in the quality of education at the school and the students themselves. Not all of the candidates are supportive of all of the staff. For the TRUE support of our students and school system, please vote for Anita Bok, Joan Garbaciak, and Lee Zuber. They have a true interest in maintaining quality education and will support every aspect of the school system.

I have personally seen each of these three support

school activities even when a family member has not been involved. That shows me that they truly care about what goes on with the school and that they are going to be there for the children. If my child was ever in need of support, I could depend on these three to see to it her problem would be taken care of.

Again, I strongly urge you to support the candidates who have our children and staff in their best interests.

A concerned parent,
—Donna Miller

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In these economic times one of the most followed news items is the weekly unemployment report. This morning it was reported as good news that there were 33,000 fewer than last week. However, there were still 512,000 newly unemployed, I would not call that good news!

We have been telling our young people for years "you've got to have a college degree to be successful," and now one of the highest rates of unemployment is among those with a bachelor's degree and higher, but, we face a shortage of trades people, those with the hands-on skills and technical knowledge to satisfy the employers of today. Ask any owner of an HVAC, electrical, or plumbing business or an auto repair garage.

Those are the skills learned at Vantage Career Center, an institution attuned to the 21st Century that deserves your support with a YES vote on November 3rd.

—Roy Souders,
Van Wert

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I have observed that vehicles are frequently being parked on the sidewalks around the square in Paulding. Parking on the sidewalk is a parking violation as described in the Ohio Revised Code under chapter 4511.68. The sidewalks are for pedestrian traffic only and all vehicles commercial, state or private should not park on the sidewalks. Parking on the sidewalks causes obstruction to our special needs population as well as the general public. I have witnessed, on two occasions, a citizen in a wheelchair trying to get around these cars, and was unable. He had to go back up the sidewalk to the corner and down into the street to be able to get around. It doesn't matter if you own the building; the sidewalk is not a showroom for more of your merchandise. The sidewalk is for pedestrians, the handicapped, elderly, dog walkers, and people with strollers. These pedestrians are endangered when they can't walk on the sidewalk and have to detour into the street, especially a busy street such as highway 127. If something should happen to a pedestrian because of a blocked sidewalk, the business as well as the city could be held liable. If one car parked on the sidewalk was not enough, sometimes there are two or three. And if that weren't enough, the cars in the lot farther along 127 South off of the square have their front bumpers hanging over the sidewalk forcing pedestrians into the grass, making it near impossible for any wheelchair-bound citizen to pass on this sidewalk, too. I am confused why nothing has been done about this, but somebody needs to do something before someone gets hurt.

—William Aramis,
Paulding resident

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am writing this letter as a person involved in Harness Horse Racing for 50 years, and to explain the difference and effect of the two new forms of gambling that are being proposed in the State of Ohio.

Early this year in Ohio legislature as a means to generate more revenue for the state budget Gov. Strickland proposed and got approved video lottery terminals at all seven commercial race tracks in Ohio. It has since been held up by some court proceedings.

Next, there is Issue 3 on this year's election ballots to allow gambling casinos at four major cities in the state.

Horse racing lives mostly on the gambling dollar and over the years with competition from the lottery and keno and gambling casinos in neighboring states it has been in the state of decline.

The difference between the two forms of new gambling is that horse racing gets a share of the profit from the VLT's at the tracks and a percent of this goes in to the Ohio Fair Fund which comes back to the local county fairs.

With the Issue 3 off tracks casinos horse racing gets nothing.

If you like horse racing at your local fair, vote "no" on Issue 3.

—Earl S. Peters

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Is economic development important? Do we need an active office in our county? Do we need a good job base? I believe economic development is vital to our county, not only to survive these difficult times but to grow in the good times. I feel if we can provide a community in which increased jobs are available, it can improve many areas. An increase in our county's work population could benefit school systems, businesses (current and future), social service programs, churches, libraries, recreation programs, and the operation of our local governments and services they offer.

For those who prefer to live in a family-oriented county, perhaps having a good job market would allow them the opportunity to make a choice as to where they would like to live and raise their families.

My understanding is this Economic Development levy is only \$6.65 per year for an owner of a \$100,000 home (less than the cost of 2 Big Macs and a large drink). I know times are difficult for many but this seems to be a small amount to pay to perhaps improve the future of those who choose to live and work in Paulding County. I do hope you will consider voting for this levy (Issue 7) on November 3.

Respectfully submitted,
—Anna Kauser

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

My name is Mark Langdon, 1981 alumnus of Vantage Vocational School/Crestview High School. I would like to take a moment to submit a testimonial to help support the bond issue for the school's modernization and expansion. During my high school years, I was not in a position to attend college and the Vantage DECA program was offered to me as a way to gain business education concurrent to the apprentice business experience that I was obtaining through my local job.

The experience and direction that the Vantage program offered me is in great part rooted to my success today. The program gave me an introduction to the specific business knowledge needed to keep up with my peers that were privileged enough to immediately attend college. Since graduating the program, I have evolved in the lodging industry for 25 years to my current position today as operator of an upscale Hilton Hotel in Dayton, Ohio. Additionally, I founded and own a successful limousine company in the same city. I credit Vantage and the DECA program for helping to guide me on my path to success.

I realize that I am no longer a part of the assessed community that will be affected by this levy, but I encourage the voters to support the school that supported me when I was a citizen of your community. Your return on the investment will help many others as it helped me!

Gratefully,
—Mark R. Langdon,
CHA, General Manager
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Pride
"My heart is not proud, O Lord, my eyes are not haughty. I do not concern myself with great things too wonderful for me." —Psalms 131:1

The Bible tells me that pride will bring me low. I'm confused a bit, in that this writer was raised to have pride, like that of our high school football team winning, or our little children winning that blue ribbon—the pride one has when you've accomplished something once thought unattainable, that something that was against all odds.

My father instilled in me, that in whatever you do, do the best you can do. That pride I have in knowing I served my country, in my upbringing (those many years ago) I was thought that it was a man's job to work and raise my family, charity was that thing you do to help those less fortunate. Welfare was simply taboo. Prior to getting married the bride's father grilled you about being able to support his daughter. Asking someone for something was out of the question. Some of you readers will understand, it's old school. That kind of pride that takes you out the door every day to work, no matter the weather. It was not only your job, foremost it was your sole responsibility. In my life there has never been free bees!

At sixty years old, I can't remember ever having not worked for what me and my family have. Nor have I ever quit a job or been fired. That has to be something to be proud of. That was until this past March, when through no fault of mine, I was laid off. I never gave my company a reason, it was just the economy I hear.

On my 58th birthday, my family had good credit, two cars, and were up to date on all our finances. We have never lived over our means. Meanwhile, my wife has had her hip replaced, two major heart attacks, two tumors removed from her windpipe,

and needs more major surgery. Now, she cannot work and is waiting on the government to approve her disability. (They've already turned her down once.)

On my sixtieth birthday, I was standing in the Food Pantry line in Paulding. It was then I understood how pride can bring you down. Never in my life have I felt so utterly useless.

My unemployment has ran out and in the mean time, my wife's car has been repossessed, our home will go into foreclosure, and I can't pay for the one auto we have. We have sold everything we own, not a necessity in order to maintain our utilities, and our only luxury is our television which is broken (our neighbor has loaned us one of theirs).

I was speaking to a spiritual friend last week, I told her I have never prayed for patience for fear God would test me like he did Job. I told my friend that I did nothing to cause my situation, to which she replied, "neither did Job."

Now, short of breaking the law, I don't know how I'll make it. And I'm almost sure there are many like me. I don't understand how losing my pride allows our government to spend tax money that I don't have. From what I am able to gather, the government has this plan to "spread the wealth around." I never wanted anyone else's hard earned money, that's charity, something I'll never believe in. Ohio, is that a pride thing? So, for now, I'm that person that's digging through your trash looking for anything I can recycle, picking up cans to sell, and diving into dumpsters to find someone's junk. I suppose there will come a day (not too far away) when I'll do something stupid to keep my family alive. I'm most appreciative of the Antwerp Bank for not taking what we have. But it's only a matter of time when their hands will be tied as well. However, being thankful doesn't take that most awful feeling away from you.

—James Powell

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Nov. 20, 21, 22 - Elementary School Musical "MULAN"
Mon. 23rd, 7:30pm - Defiance County 4-H

Sudoku Puzzle

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

There are several issues on the November 3rd ballot but the one of greatest concern to me is the library levy. I have had a lifelong love affair with books and when the opportunity presented itself for Oakwood to have a new library, I was quite eager to help make our community's dream a reality. Through the efforts of many people living in and around Oakwood as well as former residents, we now have a library that is the pride of everyone. I can only speak for Oakwood but I am sure that every branch is a result of dedicated individuals who have willingly worked to make a dream into a reality.

Due to budget cuts at the state level, Paulding County Carnegie Library and all branches in the county have been forced to cut hours and do without new materials.

I am positive that if the levy fails, even more cuts will have to be put into place. What good is a building if it only operates a small portion of the time? It still requires heat, electricity, water, insurance, maintenance, etc. The less time it is open the fewer opportunities for people to use this precious resource.

I can only hope that the voters consider what is good for the community and vote for the library levy.

—Karen Jacobs

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I know many voters are looking for answers as to how to vote on Paulding County Issues, November 3. I would like to encourage everyone to vote for job retention and creation for our county. I am a board member of Paulding County Economic Development. I believe that jobs are

the financial backbone of a family and a community. That is why it is so important now more than ever to continue to market Paulding County as a great place to work and live. Paulding County has been blessed with generations of great families. Let's help give future generations a start. The .19 mill, 5 year levy will only cost a homeowner of a \$100,000. house, \$6.65 per year. Please join everyone who wants to keep Paulding County on the move. Yes for Jobs, Yes for Issue 7.

—Mike Kauser,
Board Member of
Paulding County Economic
Development

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I would like to clear up some misconceptions written in your Letter to the Editor.

The County Commissioners' Office does not administer the Paulding County Economic Development (PCED) office. PCED is administered by a Board of Trustees. Those persons are:

Randy Derck, President; Harry Wiebe, V. President; Randy Swary, Treasurer; Jim Lopshire, Secretary; Jim Henriott; Mike Kauser; John Kobee; Gary Adkins; Todd Schweller; Jerry Zielke; and Martin Harmon.

Up until this year, the County Commissioners made a financial donation to the PCED for operations, but due to the recession, the Commissioners no longer fund the PCED office. That is why the PCED is running its own levy (Issue 7) on the ballot, November 3. The Issue 7 levy, Paulding County Economic Development, is .19 mills, for 5 years. The cost to an owner of a \$100,000 home would be \$6.65 PER YEAR. We feel that is a very modest amount to ask from the voters to work towards helping our existing businesses and for finding new businesses to come to Paulding County and create new jobs.

The PCED staff has been cut and hours have been reduced for those remaining. There is currently one full-time and one part-time employee. The staff also takes furloughs (non-paid) days and is not receiving cost of living allowances. Travel expenses also have not been approved in 2009.

PCED has recorded 564 new jobs created in Paulding County in the last 10 years. This information is documented by a report sent to the state annually. This report is reviewed by a group of local officials called the Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC).

The TIRC is made up of local mayors, village council members, township trustees, school superintendents, the Paulding County Auditor and Treasurer, and a member of the PCED Board. Companies that were helped by the Enterprise Zone Agreements to create these jobs are: Alex Products, Al-Co Products, Baughman Tile, Drainage Products, FSC & E, Haviland Drainage Products, Haviland Plastics Products, Insource Technologies, Modern Plastic Recovery, Paulding Putnam Electric, Taylor Made Glass, Atwood Mobile Products. It is noted in our levy brochure that the national recession has taken away some of these jobs due to lay-offs. This listing does not include companies that have used the Com-

munity Reinvestment Area Agreements or the PC Low Interest Loan Program.

It is our belief the national economy will improve and people will be called back to work. Either way, it just does not seem reasonable that we make no attempt to assist our local employers and employees and not make efforts to attract new businesses to our county. We have a great county and we want to make it better at an affordable price.

—Randy Derck,
Paulding County
Economic Development,
President

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

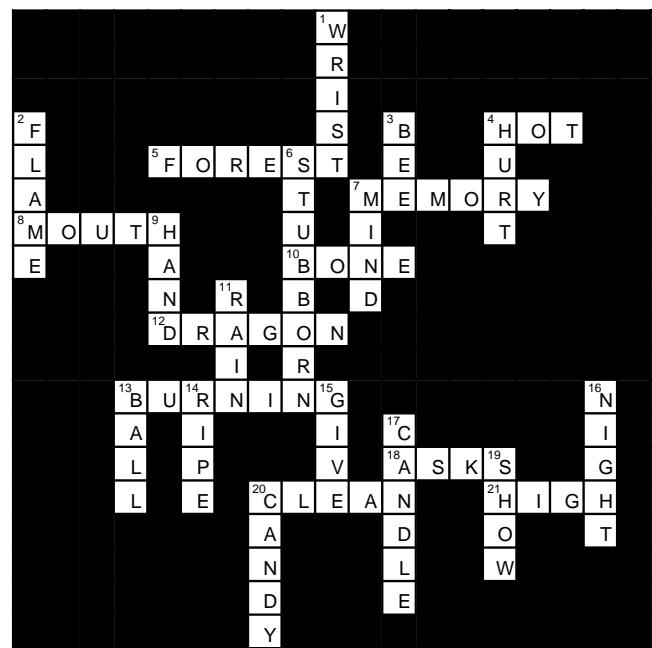
Imagine my surprise when I learned that 9/11/09 was established as "Interfaith Day of Service". Imagine our children who, up to this point in their lives, have remembered that day to honor those who perished in the terrorist attacks since 2001. No mention of those attacks, no discussion of Islamic terrorism, no reference to the war on terror, which by the way has been replaced with the term "overseas contingency operation". We are called upon to allow this sober time to become a time to celebrate lessons learned by people of all faiths to work together and bring understanding to it all? We do not want anyone to feel uncomfortable at the end of the day?

Should we change the facts and allow our young people to forget? Teaching history and civics has become politically incorrect. Maybe it has become inconvenient. Let us look at those that have come to this home of the brave for freedoms. These people (legal immigrants) have braved the move and waited patiently for their time. First time applicants for the US Citizenship test pass it with a whopping percentage rate of 92.4 percent. This summer the Goldwater Institute released a report called "Freedom from Responsibility: A Survey of Civic Knowledge Among High School Students," that gave us the shocking fact that only 3.5 percent of Arizona high school students have learned the basic history, government and geography necessary to pass the US Citizenship test. Some of the sample questions on this test include: who was the first president of the United States; what ocean is located on the East Coast of the United States; who wrote the Declaration of Independence; who said, "Give me liberty or give me death"; and what do the stripes on the US flag mean? I must admit, brainteasers one and all. I invite everyone to Google it: justification for supporting a system of public schools. You might just find this little tidbit as one of those reasons: "This nation's well-being depends on the general civic knowledge necessary for a well informed citizenry".

One of our strengths in America is that we have been able to emerge from tragedy and move forward. Current events point to the fact that America has a very real threat from Islamic terrorists. We should not doom ourselves to outrage to be worn on our sleeves forever. That's why I think it important to resist political revisionists who want to erase the emotional memory of 9-11. Civic values do drive our political process not vis-versa. Don't they?

—Alan Pierce

Answers to "Phrase Fun"



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I recently took the tour of Vantage Career Center. I was absolutely blown away to see what they have to do in what little space they have. State regulations have forced them to hold a lot of academic classes that they were not originally built to accommodate. Because of this, they now hold classrooms for shops in the storage lofts. The lofts are not handicap accessible, and one literally has to duck underneath heating ducts in some cases to even get to the make shift classrooms. They are so crowded it is unbelievable. I hope everyone in Van Wert, Mercer, Putnam, and Paulding Counties understand how crucial it is to add space on to the existing building. Vantage is far too important to this entire region as a training outlet for regional business to let this go. A yes vote will also yield over \$16 million dollars from the State toward the addition of needed space. Yes votes are very crucial in Mercer, Putnam, and Paulding counties in particular. I hope voters all see the obvious benefits Vantage gives to our region.

—Stuart Jewett,
former Vantage Student
Class of 1979

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

How Much Is Enough?

The following is my actual yearly property tax breakdown...

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 - Antwerp LSD CUR EXP, \$81.53
 - Antwerp LSD CUR EXP, \$155.87
 - Antwerp LSD CUR EXP, \$155.87
 - Antwerp LSD PERM IMPROVE, \$121.45
 - Carryall TWP CEMETERY, \$24.88
 - Carryall TWP EMS, \$20.73
 - County HEALTH DEPT II, \$4.46
 - County HEALTH DEPT III, \$23.06
 - E-911, \$45.15
 - Hospital BOND, \$25.44
 - Jail BOND, \$34.92
 - MRDD, \$17.23
 - MRDD, \$25.85
 - MRDD, \$4.46
 - MRDD, \$46.13
 - MRDD, \$64.58
 - Senior Citizens, \$23.06
 - Tri-County MENTAL HEALTH, \$46.05
 - Vantage JVS CUR EXP, \$36.59
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Nick Gordon, Wayne Trace-Precision Machining

What People are Saying about Vantage

"Vantage has been an important school in my life. I am a 1983 graduate of Vantage and this became the foundation for my career. I have been an owner of A&P Tool, Inc. in Hicksville, Ohio for 14 years. Out of 42 employees, 16 of them came from a high school vocational program and 8 of them are Vantage graduates. My key employees are Vantage graduates. The newest employee is a 2008 Vantage Welding graduate. In my opinion, Vantage is a must for the development of NW Ohio. As in anything in life, it is always up to the individual to excel in whatever they do, but Vantage Career Center teaches the student to understand that they are an important part of NW Ohio through trades and education."

*Tony Nighswander (Owner)
A&P Tool, Inc.*

"Including StateWide Ford Lincoln Mercury, StateWide Emergency Products, and Superior Collision, 25% of our workforce is made up of Vantage Career Center alumni. It is not an exaggeration to say that we owe a good deal of our success to Vantage. Vantage has had a very positive impact on our community. It is one of our most valuable resources. Let's make sure Vantage is still here and still ready to insure everyone's success."

*J. Andrew Czajkowski, President
Statewide Ford Lincoln Mercury, Van Wert*

"Vantage plays an important role in economic development in the West Ohio region by bridging the gap between academic and vocational skill development to help create the future entrepreneur or skilled employee. The ability to deliver a quality workforce and world-class training programs provided by Vantage in partnership with Wright State University and other educational providers is a major incentive in the attraction of new businesses. Vantage has been a tremendous partner in our efforts to grow a sustainable rural economy that can compete globally in the world marketplace."

*Nancy Bowen,
Van Wert County Economic Development Director*

"I've been a fan of Vantage Career Center since they opened. I believe we are downright lucky to have such an educational opportunity in our area. My dad prepared me for my automotive career, but very few people are so lucky. I have much respect for Vantage, its administration, faculty and its students. Nearly four decades after being built, it's to be expected that it has outgrown its walls. I firmly support its renovation and expansion levy. Education is Vital!"

*Gary Taylor
Taylor's Auto, Van Wert*

"Vantage has served my family for 3 generations now. Four of my siblings, two of my children and I are Vantage graduates. My step-father graduated from the Vantage Truck Driving Academy since he lost his job at Kongsberg. Vantage is also my livelihood as I have worked here for the past ten years. As you can see, Vantage is everyone's career center - from the preschool program through adult education. My family is proof, you can "Get the Edge" at Vantage Career Center."

*Stacie Leiter, Technology Coordinator
Parent and Vantage Graduate*

"I drove a bus from Antwerp to Vantage for many years. I have seen many great things come from the Vantage graduates. It is such a great opportunity for them to start a good career. I promote Vantage every chance I get because I've seen these kids grow up and become successful because of what they learned there. I believe that any student who wants to go to Vantage should have the opportunity. Keep up the good work!"

*Chuck Wiedman
Retired Antwerp bus driver*

"Ottoville Lumber has been in business for 50 years and has been owned by us since 1978. As a supporter of Vantage Career Center, we employ two Vantage graduates. As a current member of the Carpentry Advisory Committee, I am aware of the great opportunities that Vantage provides for students. By voting yes, the labs can be updated to meet the technological needs for today's workplace."

*Bill Looser, Owner
Ottoville Lumber*

"The school districts in the Van Wert, Paulding, and Putnam County areas are very fortunate to have Vantage Career Center as their technical and adult education training center. Since 1976, Vantage has provided inexpensive yet quality hands-on training to many thousand high school and adult students. These former and present students have become the backbone of their communities by using their training and knowledge on a daily basis in their local employment. As Vantage endeavors to remodel and expand to meet the technical training needs of our community and state, I think it is imperative that we show support for this very worthwhile cause. We are facing some very serious economic times, but now is not the time to skimp in preparing for everyone's future."

*Bob Brinkman, Putnam County
Retired Vantage Director*



Cody Fitch, Paulding-Electricity



Aaron Manz & Brandon Antoine, Paulding-Carpentry



Ashley Carr, Antwerp-Precision Machining



Todd Akom, Wayne Trace-Welding



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David Schneider, Antwerp-Ag Diesel Mechanics



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Vote YES for Vantage!

THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO COMES TO PAULDING COUNTY



Justice Maureen O'Connor, Justice Judith Ann Lanzinger, Chief Justice Thomas J. Moyer, Justice Evelyn Lundberg Stratton, Justice Robert R. Cupp, Justice Terrence O'Donnell and Justice Paul E. Pfeifer

By: Sue Knapp

Paulding County was the 58th site of the Off-Site Court Program. The program was established to allow high school students to view actual court cases and see the legal process in action. The students came from Paulding County's three high schools.

The cases tried are based on the effect the decisions would have on the public or great general interest, death appeals, utility and tax appeals.

On the evening of October 20, the Supreme Court of Ohio Justices met for a reception at the Paulding County Library. The library was packed with people for this meet and greet.

The day started off Wednesday morning with a 8:15 press conference where the Justices were introduced and the students were allowed to ask questions. Some of the

questions asked were: Did you know you always wanted to be a judge while in high school? The overall answer to this was no. How many cases do you hear in a year? Looks at around 2,000 cases a year and hears around 250. How much time is spent on a case? It varies. What is the longest time spent on a case? Four years.

The cases were debated by the prosecutors and defence lawyers with the Justices asking questions and making comments when necessary. After the cases were heard a briefing was held where the students were allowed to ask questions.

Lunch was served at the Kiwanis Building and catered by Grant's Catering. Students from the NHS from Wayne Trace High School served the luncheon. The Justices each made comments and expressed thanks to Paul-

ding County and to their hosts. Comments were made about how heavy the responsibility was to have the final decisions in the State. The reading involved is tremendous (five feet of briefs in two weeks) and there are many details involved in trying a case.

Chief Justice Moyer will serve one more year and has served the longest on State Supreme Court in the U.S.

The luncheon ended with Chief Justice Moyer presenting Judge Beckman with a framed picture of the Justices.

After the luncheon it was back to the courthouse to hear the remaining cases.

You can watch the cases live on the website: supremecourtfohio.gov.

This was quite an event for Paulding County and the students involved.

If inclement weather occurs, costume judging will take place at the Paulding Eagles.

The Lions Club would like to thank the following sponsors of the Halloween Parade: Paulding Eagles, McDonald's, Dairy Queen, Subway, Hometown Pizza, Birdstone, INC (Valero), Marco's Pizza, Housa Pizza, Red Angel Pizza, and Red Owl Inn.

If you have any questions about the Halloween Parade or information on becoming a Lions Club member, contact Danny Workman at (419)399-4512, Larry Tope at (419)399-2255 or Malinda Schmidt (419)399-5471. Also, the Lions Club is actively planning Santa Day for December 5, 2009. More to come on this event so watch the paper as the holiday season approaches.

ANTWERP ALLEYS WEEKLY HONOR SCORES WEEK OF OCTOBER 23, 2009

Men High Games

1. Jeff Lucas 246
2. Phil Bauer 203
3. Mike Walley 190
4. Craig Womack 189
5. Matt Bradbury 186
6. David Bauer 182; Mike Kennedy 182

7. Chris Jones 181
8. Scott Hudson 177; Chad Geyer 177
9. Mike Altic 176; Kevin Taylor 176

10. Shelton Bradbury 171

Men High Series

1. Jeff Lucas 568
2. Phil Bauer 530
3. Kevin Taylor 515
4. Ray Delong 509
5. Chad Geyer 505
6. Chris Jones 503
7. David Bauer 499
8. Mike Walley 492
9. Craig Womack 474
10. Matt Bradbury 462

11. Angie Pefley 462

Women High Game

1. Angie Hudson 206
2. Sherry Reinhart 202
3. Kelli Walters 184
4. Marie Bauer 180
5. Joan Bauer 179
6. Paula Lichty 173
7. Michelle Litzenberg 170
8. Stacy Hopkins 169
9. Mary Delong 168
10. Lisa Syndram 167; Angie Pefley 167

Women High Series

1. Sherry Reinhart 589
2. Angie Hudson 535, 521
3. Marie Bauer 522
4. Paula Lichty 479
5. Lisa Syndram 458
6. Michelle Litzenberg 457
7. Pat Friend 447
8. Deb Lucas 445; Angie Pefley 445

9. Charlene Geyer 443
10. Stacy Hopkins 437

Youth Boys High Game

1. Kaleb O'Donnell 180
2. Nick Herndon 135
3. Derek Langmeyer 131

Youth Boys High Series

1. Kaleb O'Donnell 423
2. Shawn Dooley 336
3. Derek Langmeyer 312

Youth Girls High Game

1. Avrial Sawyer 145
2. Samantha Dailey 75

Youth Girls High Series

1. Avrial Sawyer 383
2. Samantha Dailey 208

OCTOBER Q AT THE FAIR-GROUNDS

By: Sue Knapp

The Paulding Fairgrounds was full of music and action Saturday, October 17. Mr. D.J., The Mad Jester and Pure Volume provided music all afternoon while bands Skatterbrainz, Josh Dennings and Venyx provided the evening entertainment.

There was chili from Two Brothers Chili (Jeff Mekus and Bob Lehman from Paulding). They use a recipe passed down from their parents. They have won awards and after tasting it I can see why. Also delicious ribs were provided by The Red Owl and the Eagles. A lot of people were sampling the ribs. There were also hot dogs, etc. from a food wagon.

It was a little chilly so a group of people were sitting around a fire to get warm. The truck and sled pulls, the featured event, went on all day with people hoping that their truck would win the prize without sustaining any damage. A nice day in spite of the cold.

PAULDING LIONS CLUB HALLOWEEN PARADE

The Paulding Lions Club will be hosting the Paulding Halloween Parade on October 31, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. Participants are asked to line-up at the Paulding Library at 12:45 p.m. The parade will be lead by the Paulding High School Marching Band starting at the library and ending at the pavilion on the courthouse lawn. There are 10 categories the participants can be judged: 1. Infant division; 2. One & two year olds; 3. Clowns & tramps; 4. Witches; 5. Things/objects/plants; 6. Animals/creatures; 7. Movie/TV/Fairy tales; 8. Vampires/ghosts/goblins; 9. 13 years old & older; 10. Miscellaneous.

ANTWERP CONSERVATION CLUB NEWS



The Antwerp Conservation Club held the 3rd Annual Gerald Snyder Memorial Trap Shoot on October 17, 2009. This is a traveling trophy shoot. It was a cold windy day, but it didn't bother Kenny Donat. He broke 49 out of 50 clay targets. Kenny and Rob Taylor won the protection shoot,

and that's not all, Kenny also won the 50/50 drawing. In the picture is Donna Snyder, Gerald's widow, presenting Kenny with the trophy. We are looking forward to next year. The meal served was prepared by Helen Livingston and Larry Dunderman.

PAULDING VFW POST 587 UPCOMING EVENTS

These are the events planned for the Paulding VFW Post 587 for the rest of the year:

On Saturday, October 31 there will be a Haunted House from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 14 the VFW will hold a Steak Fry from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

The Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be held Thursday, November 26 starting at 1:00 p.m.

Another Steak Fry will be held on Saturday, December

12 from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

A Chicken and Noodle Dinner will be held on Sunday, December 13 starting at 11:30 a.m. with Santa being at the Post from 12:00-2:00 p.m.

An end of the year Steak Fry will be held Thursday, December 31 from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Begin the year right with a Fish Fry on Friday, January 1, 2010 from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

All events will take place at the Paulding VFW Post 587 located on N. Water St., Paulding. The public is welcome to all events.

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PAULDING, WAYNE TRACE & WOODLAN FALL AT VOLLEYBALL SECTIONALS



Wayne Trace played their opening sectional game at Lincolnview against Ottoville. The Lady Raider ended their season with a loss 3-0 in the late game. Shown here is Abbey Linder with a successful bump. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



The Lady Warriors played their sectional game at South Adams against Adams Central Jets. Woodlan lost to the Lady Jets 1-3. The Warriors had a great season record of 21-11. Shown here is Juniors Amy Potter and Megan Kirkwood blocking the spike. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

Woodlan played in sectional volleyball action on Saturday, October 24 against the Adam Central Jets.

The Lady Jets dominated the game and won in four sets: 25-13, 23-25, 25-16, 25-22

Stats for the Warriors:

Shinn had 12 SA, 4 Pts, 6 D	Potter had 9 K, 12 SA, 4 Pts
Keller had 3 K, 13 SA, 7 Pts, 20 D	Sieger had 5 K, 12 SA, 4 Pts, 16 D
Spindler had 3 D	Fuelling had 13 SA, 5 Pts, 3 D
Robbins had 1 K, 2 D	Oberlin had 9 K, 12 SA, 4 Pts, 1 D
Zehr had 1 D	Kirkwood had 6 K, 4 D



At Van Wert High School Paulding lost to Fairview at sectionals. The Lady Panthers had a good season this year. Shown here is Sophomore Kristen Beck with a dink over the net. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

LADY ARCHERS MOVE FORWARD TO VOLLEYBALL DISTRICTS

The Lady Archers moved to the Sectional Finals at Edgerton against Hicksville on Saturday, October 24, 2009.

Antwerp defeated Hicksville in five sets: 25-14, 16-25, 25-20, 17-25, 15-10

For the Lady Archers:

Kelsey Bashore had 27 kills, 10 assists

Loni Walk had 15 assists, 3 aces

Taylor Vail had 9 kills 4 blocks

Toni Winslow had 8 kills, 10 digs

Megan Koppenhofer had 7 kills, 12 digs

AJ Stuck had 4 aces

PAULDING ENDS SEASON WITH VOLLEYBALL SECTIONAL

Paulding played Fairview in Volleyball Sectionals on October 20. Fairview won in four hard-fought sets: 29-27 F, 25-11 P, 27-25 F, 25-21 F

Paulding Individual stats:

Grindstaff had 2 D, 3 K

Donaldson had 4 good serves, 2 D

Myers had 3 good serves, 9 D, 5 K

Razo had 3 good serves, 2 D, 6 K

Pracht had 8 D, 1 K

Beck had 8 good serves, 5 D, 3 K

Farr had 2 D, 9 K

Owens had 9 good serves, 12 D

Hammon had 2 good serves, 2 D

LIFESTYLES IN STUTTART

By: Hayley Feichter

This week I will fill you in on some of the life styles I am experiencing here in Stuttgart, like the fashions, hairstyles, and food. Some of these are similar, while others are quite different.

Typical fashion in German is not drastically different than American fashion but they have their own uniqueness. Skinny jeans with Converse shoes are definitely the hot fashion. If not Converse shoes, then leather boots. Girls typically wear a tank top, or something similar, with a cardigan or light sweater over it. Another popular choice is to wear black or navy hose with a cotton knit top, short dress, or skirt.

Scarves are HUGE!! Almost everyday 90% of the girls have a scarf on to accessorize their outfit. Color tends to be pretty bland though; Nothing sparkly, flashy, or bright. Big earrings are a good accessory to an outfit, but only wearing neutrals or light colors. And patterns are also non-existent. If there are any patterns its only stripes or something

very subtle.

So what about the guys? They typically wear jeans—not necessarily skinny jeans—with a t-shirt, button-up, or polo and a zip-up jacket over. I also haven't run across any groups of people dressed gothic. Most high school students dress either preppy or nerdy. There aren't many in between.

Because it is not very sunny or warm here in this time of year, a cardigan, sweater, or jacket are most definitely needed. Especially because the classrooms do not have central air, so a window or two is almost always open in classrooms.

As for hairstyles, with the boys there is no real distinct hair style. Many are long and swept across their forehead. Some are just short or even buzzed. But for the girls, they typically leave it long and curly. A lot of girls here have a nice natural curl or wave to their hair. But for those who don't, they just leave it go. They normally part their hair to the side and let it sweep across their forehead. And I have yet to meet someone with highlighted or dyed hair—they just stay with their natural hair color.

Food over here is pretty good! I've only run across a couple of foods that I don't care for, but that's to be expected. The food isn't drastically different than American food. Some essentials they are missing though include: peanut butter, ranch dressing, 1,000 island dressing, sliced bread, and macaroni and cheese.

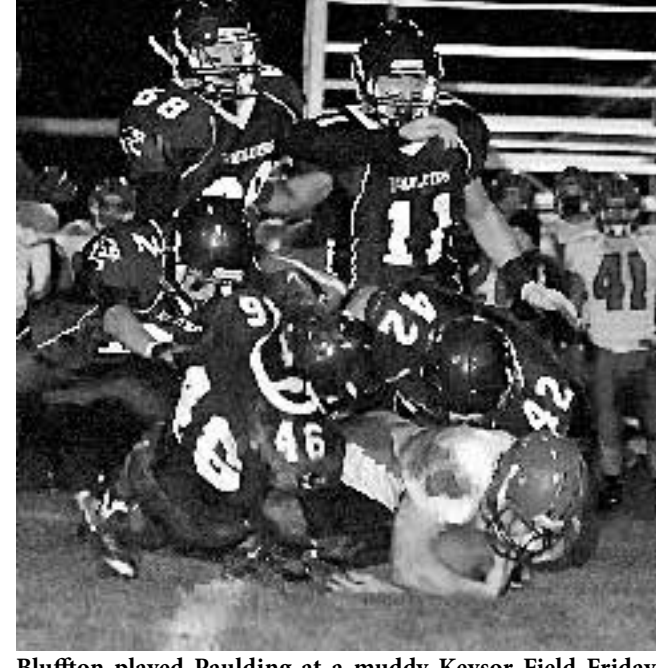
They asked me what my favorite food was, and when I replied macaroni and cheese they all just starred at me blankly. I tried explaining it but they didn't understand the concept! They eat a lot of different kinds of bread and they do not buy them in the loaves like we have ours. And... they do not have white bread; it is mainly wheat bread and has wheat grains and seeds in it.

Breakfast is normally a piece of toast with marmalade. Lunch is normally what we would have for dinner, like spaghetti or some big hot dish. Dinner is something light and cold: cereal, toast, or sometimes leftovers. We eat breakfast together before school, lunch may be with others or on your own, depending on everyone's schedule and usually not eaten until 1:00 or 2:00 p.m. Then dinner is around 8:00 or 9:00 p.m. and most everyone is home by then to eat together.

It has been interesting to compare and contrast the living styles here with those at home. I am getting used to their lifestyles here, but my heart will always belong to Antwerp!



Woodlan played Garrett at home for the first round sectional match. The Warriors were derailed by the Railroaders 33-0 ending their season with 1-9 record. Shown here is Senior Luke Schwartz bringing down the Garrett ball carrier. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



Bluffton played Paulding at a muddy Keysor Field Friday night. The Panthers gave up two touchdowns in the first half. Neither side scored in the second half with the Pirates winning 12-0. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

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WAYNE TRACE JH FOOTBALL PLAY TWO SHUT OUT GAMES



The Wayne Trace 7th grade football team defeated Antwerp by a score of 56-0. The rushing attack was led by Tyler Showalter with 145 yards rushing and 4 touchdowns. Jacob Arend ran for 100 yards and 2 touchdowns. Jacob Dingus added a touchdown run and 50 punt return yards. Denver Burkley also rushed for 50 yards and a touchdown. Corbin Linder threw 1 touchdown pass and 3-two point conversions to Tyler Showalter. The offensive line provided big blocks led by Hank Sinn, Bryce Eutzler, Josh Reel, Matt Baxter, Grant Gillett, Justin Pierce, and Dustin Taylor.

The defense recorded a shutout led by Justin Pierce, Adam Stahlsberg, Tyler Showalter, Josh Reel, Hank Sinn, Tyler Showalter, Jacob Arend, Matt Baxter, Bryce Eutzler, Corbin Linder, Denver Burkley, and Jacob Dingus. The 7th grade Raiders move to 5-1 for the season.

The Wayne Trace 8th grade football team defeated Holgate at Holgate by a score of 54-0. Jake Gerber led the offense with 2 touchdowns runs, 75 yards rushing and a touchdown pass to Wes Goings. Bailey Poling returned a Holgate fumble for a touchdown. He also had a blocked punt and threw a touchdown pass to Aaron Miller. Jared Sherry, Devin Wenzlick, and Colby Speice rushed the ball for positive yards. The remaining touchdowns came on runs from Marcus McVay, Devin Wenzlick, and Jake Arend. Two point conversions were scored by Jake Gerber, Brock Worden, and Colby Speice. The offensive line led the way behind Big Blocks from Brock Worden, Aaron Stoller, Marcus McVay, Andrew Ludwig, Brock Forrer, Dustin Taylor, and Matt Klopfenstein.

The defense shut out Holgate led by Colby Speice, who had an interception and Aaron Miller who had a fumble recovery. Other big defensive performances were by Mar-

cus McVay, Bailey Poling, Aaron Stoller, Brock Worden, TJ Blackmore, Adam Stalberg, Jared Sherry, Devin Wenzlick, Wes Goings, Brock Forrer, and Tyler Showalter. The 8th grade Raiders improve to 6-1 for the season.

HALLOWEEN HUNT FOR A CURE

Come "Party with a Purpose" at The VFW Post 587 on Saturday, October 31, 2009 to Hunt for a Cure. The local Parrot Head Club, Fins of the Flatland is organizing this event to benefit The American Cancer Society and Christmas for Kids. Each team will be asked to collect a list of items throughout the local area for points. Bonus points will be awarded to the teams who dress up or have a common theme. This is not a race, but which team can collect the most items in the time allowed. Pre-register your team by calling Beth Kelly at 419-399-9011 or sign up at the VFW. You may also register your team before the hunt at 6:15 p.m. All teams must be registered prior to the start of the Halloween Hunt which will begin at 7:00 p.m. on October 31. All teams and team members must be present at 6:45 p.m. to receive rules and directions. Prizes will be awarded to the team who collects the most items and the teams with the most creative costumes. All participants will receive a night of fun. So, collect a group of friends, sign up to Hunt for a Cure, and help the Fins of the Flatland Parrot Head Club "Party with a Purpose".

PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCORE BOARD DONORS RECOGNIZED



On Friday, October 23 Chris Etzler, Paulding High School's Athletic Director and High School football coach, took the time before the home football game to recognize all the area people and businesses who contributed to the scoreboard project at PHS football field. Those recognized were:

Baughman Tile Company (Brad, Lorie and Alex Baughman); The Pete Schlegel Family (Pete, Kathy, Brooke and Haley Schlegel); Paulding-Putnam Electrical Cooperative (George Carter); Paulding County Hospital (Gary Adkins); Premier Landscaping and Curbing

(Judd, Myra and Joel Parrett); Chief Supermarkets (Bobbie Thompson); Lafarge Corporation (Diana Sierer and Troy and Cathy Zeller); Paulding VFW Post 587 (Denny Holtsberry and Jarod Hartwig); Schweller Electric (Todd Schweller); Porter's BP

OAKWOOD FIRE CHIEF

By: Stan Jordan
As we were sitting at the table, the Oakwood Fire chief and one of his daughters came and sat down with us. We figured that would be a good time to interview him, but as our photographer had gone to Paulding on another assignment we did not get a picture of the Fire Chief.

Kenny Thomas was born in Oakwood in 1973. He had six years at the Oakwood School and then graduated from Paulding in 1991. He attended Ohio State at Wooster.

He is a veteran having served many years in the Coast Guard Reserve. He married Stephanie Overly and they have four children: Dalton, Karrassa, Okeaka and Kadence.

He's worked for 16 years at Spec-Temp in Antwerp in the maintenance department. He was three years as Assistant Chief in the Oakwood Department and has been Chief for three years.

They have 27 men in the department and he is very proud of his men and the fire house. I know that the people of Oakwood are proud of all of them as they back them 100%.

They have a trailer about 30 foot long that they call their Instant Command Trailer. This is fully equipped for any emergency out in the field. That includes EMS equipment.

He proudly tells me this trailer and the Grass Unit was acquired through donations.

I asked about any bad fires he might remember. He mentioned one on Mutual Aid to Defiance about some apartments at Ranch Land.

I asked about his hobbies, he said old steam engines and old tractors and they always attend the Flat Rock Creek Festival. They also love camping and spending time with each other.
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PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 10/19/09

This 19th day of October, 2009, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Tony Burkley, Edward Straley, and Nola Ginter, Clerk; Tony Zartman: Absent

In The Matter Of Creating Line Items And Amending The 2009 Annual Appropriation (Fund 162):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to create the following line items and amend the 2009 Annual Appropriation by appropriating unappropriated funds in Fund 162, Victims' Assistance:

- FY10 Salaries, \$8,400.00
- FY10 PERS, \$679.46
- FY10 Medicare, \$246.33
- FY10 Workers' Comp, \$0.00
- FY10 Insurance, \$12.48
- FY10 Other Expenses, \$0.00
- FY10 Supplies, \$0.00
- FY10 Travel/Training, \$0.00
- FY10 Advertising, \$0.00
- FY10 Equipment, \$0.00

In The Matter Of Creating Line Items And Amending The 2009 Annual Appropriation (Fund 177):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to create the following line items and amend the 2009 Annual Appropriation by appropriating unappropriated funds in Fund 177, SVAA:

- Salaries, \$200.00
- PERS, \$200.00
- Rent, \$600.00
- Equipment, \$200.00
- Furnishings, \$200.00
- Telephone, \$150.00
- Supplies, \$200.00
- Travel/Training, \$200.00
- Printing/Advertising, \$0.00
- Emergency Funds, \$0.00

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

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby amend the 2009 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the County Auditor to appropriate unappropriated funds in Fund 128:

- Fund 128 - Defiance/Paulding Counties, 128-001-00001/Contracted, \$2,000.00
- Joint Auglaize Sewer Project, Services

In The Matter Of Amending The 2009 Annual Appropriation (Fund 134):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby amend the 2009 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the County Auditor to appropriate unappropriated funds in Fund 134:

- Fund 134 - County Court Special Projects, 134-001-00002/Payroll,

\$2,800.00

In The Matter Of Modifying The 2009 Annual Appropriation (Fund 010):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2009 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:

FROM: 010-001-00011/Soil Conservation/Soil and Water/Salaries, Employees

TO: 010-001-00013/Soil Conservation/Soil and Water/Nature Center Expense

AMOUNT: \$2,101.90

In The Matter Of Supplemental Appropriation (Fund 078):

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

FROM: Pay-In #084386

TO: 078-001-00001/Infrastructure Projects/Expense

AMOUNT: \$54,481.63

In The Matter Of Amendment To Enterprise Zone Agreement With Atwood Mobile Products, LLC 2004:

The County has granted a tax exemption for real and tangible personal property to Atwood Mobile Products, LLC, in an Enterprise Zone Agreement dated August 4, 2004, relating to the investment of Atwood Mobile Products, LLC, Paulding, Ohio, facility; and Atwood Mobile Products, LLC, has requested modifications to the original agreement; the Board of County Commissioners does hereby enter into an Amendment to Enterprise Zone Agreement 2004 with Atwood Mobile Products, LLC, with its main offices located at 5406 US 24, Antwerp, Ohio 45813, as set forth in the aforementioned agreement on file in the Board of County Commissioners' Office.

In The Matter Of Permit Application From Terry Buehler:

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby approve permit application from Terry Buehler to install a new drive pipe for a field access. The work will be done 500' north of SR 111 on the east side of CR 103. This will occur in Section 11 of Paulding Township.

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PATROL OBSERVES NATIONAL SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK "AVOID HARM, OBEY THE STOP ARM"



There were 64 Antwerp kindergarten students in attendance with Trooper J.J. McClain and Inspector Tina Eley. They taught how to properly get on and off a bus; about the danger zone whereabouts; the rear door evacuation; and emergency window demonstration.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol reminds children and motorists that National School Bus Safety Week runs October 18 through 24.

This year's theme, "Avoid Harm, Obey The Stop Arm," reminds motorists that they are required to stop for stopped school buses that are displaying flashing red lights and an extended stop arm. When buses are stopped, kids are either getting on or off the school bus and motorists need to pay extra attention to children crossing the roadways. Motorists approaching from either direction are required to stop at least 10 feet from a stopped school bus until the bus resumes motion. If a school bus is stopped on a road divided into four or more lanes, only traffic driving in the same direction as

the bus must stop.

While school buses remain the safest mode of travel on Ohio roadways, school bus crashes do occur. In 2008, there were eight crashes resulting in motorist fatalities and a total of 1,751 crashes involving school buses around Ohio.

Throughout the entire school year, there are special concerns that need to be considered when sharing the roads with school buses.

Motorists can do their part by starting to think about school bus safety the moment the car is started. When backing out of a garage or driveway, watch for children walking to the school bus. Many times children who are walking or riding their bicycle are paying more attention to getting to school and less atten-

tion to their personal safety.

With the cooperation of motorists, parents, and children, we can all help make the bus ride to and from school as safe as possible for our children, and make this a safe school year throughout Ohio.

For additional information on National School Bus Safety Week, visit the National Association for Pupil Transportation Web site at www.napt.org

WHICH CAME FIRST? GOOD COMMUNITIES OR GOOD SCHOOLS?

By: Staci Kaufman, Superintendent, Vantage Career Center

Good schools and communities don't just happen. Chances are good that our schools produced the talented individuals living in a good community. Those individuals will contribute to their community's success by reporting to work, volunteering, mentoring young people, assisting within their local schools, senior centers, and churches, for the benefit of children, teens, and the elderly. Good communities look out for their schools because they value the by-products of a good education. Skilled training is also education and gives back to a community.

Without a skilled workforce, a community slips away. New industry doesn't locate there, because they need a source for trained technicians and service people, restaurants don't thrive because their employees lack customer service skills or their culinary talents are unremarkable, local people don't start their own businesses, invent a more efficient process at their manufacturing plant or expand their beauty salon and offer the latest services. All of these examples require skilled employees with a solid education base. Skilled employees help their company's bottom line—they keep customers coming back, orders coming in, parts being manufactured and shipped. By doing so, they help their community prosper. People depend on the assortment of business and services located within a community. If services aren't there, they do business elsewhere.

Vantage Career Center is one of the smaller "joint vocational schools" (now called career centers) in Ohio. Since 1976 our purpose has been to provide skilled training for high school students, adults, and employers. In recent years, our mission has been increased to link students to colleges so they can learn advanced skills and technical degrees in their profession.

What's not good about helping people of all ages earn a living?

A community without a vibrant career center overlooks a key building block in the potential success of that community. People benefit by finding employment after training at Vantage. Our building is overflowing with adults seeking retraining in new careers as their jobs were eliminated. Our high school students find talents in auto

repair and service, welding, machining, carpentry, health care and several service-based occupations. Many students go on to college and many enter the workforce immediately and begin their lives in a profession they enjoy.

Help Vantage continue to serve high school students and adults. Vote on November 3 to bring \$16.2 million in state funding to Vantage Career Center. We build people's skills so they can build their lives—and their communities.

ANTWERP VILLAGE POLICE LEVY QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question 1. Is this a new tax levy?

Answer: NO, it has been in place for several years

Question 2. If I am a property owner and my home has an evaluation of \$50,000, how much do I pay now?

Answer: About 0.58 cents a week (\$30.62 per year)

Question 3. Since the Police Levy is a renewal, how much will I pay if it passes?

Answer: About 0.58 cents a week (\$30.62 per year)

Question 4. What is the money used for?

Answer: The money can only be used for the operations and maintenance of the Police Department.

Question 5. What are some of the services our local Police Department provide?

Answer: In 2008 the Police Department handled over 2,000 calls for service. As of September 22, 2009, 1505 calls have been handle for the year.

Officers, attempt to be present at all businesses while closing nightly.

Officers attempt to check the doors and windows of all businesses, Churches and School nightly.

Funeral escorts are provided for our local funeral home and others that travel through the Village.

Homes are checked daily for residents that go on Vacation or are away from home for any period of time, upon request of the home owner.

Officers are always present for: the Memorial day parade, Antwerp High School Homecoming parade, Antwerp Football and basketball games, Halloween parade, Trick or Treat, Big boys toys car show, Day in the Park, Etc.

Question 6. Will the Sheriff's Office assist policing the Village?

Answer: NO, Sheriff Harrow recently stated that the Sheriff's Office will not pick up any man power shortage for any village due to funding issues, but would respond to emergency life or death situations.

Question 7. What will happen if the levy fails?

Answer: If the Police Levy fails it will create a short fall of about \$30,000 from the police budget. This could create uncovered hours in the Village.

Your support would be greatly appreciated.

—George Clemens, Antwerp Chief of Police

BUS SAFETY WEEK AT PAULDING ELEMENTARY



The Ohio State Highway Patrol visited Paulding Elementary Kindergarten to discuss the importance of bus safety during Bus Safety Week. Pictured with Officer J.J. McClain are Ryleigh Jo-

hanns, Brookelynn Lee, Morgan Keeran, Austin Adams, Jackson Sutton, and Lydia Brewer. These children are from Mrs. Kelly's and Mrs. Kohart's kindergarten classes.

CUB SCOUTS ENJOY LIBRARY TOUR AND TREATS!



Grover Hill Pack 64 would like to thank Phil's Diner and Cooper Community Library for the tour and the fun they all had!

All proceeds will go to the Paulding County Angels for Animals. Stop by and show your support.

On October 31 at the Grover Hill Halloween festivities the Cub Scouts will be having a fund raising stand with caramel apples, baked goods, and glow in the dark necklac-

es. Pictured from left to right is Noah Corey, Bailey Maroney, Bryan Hofmann, Austin Reed, Corbin Maroney, Mason Elliott, Nick Bostleman.

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PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND DISMISSALS

Admissions:

10/19 - Gary Bowers, Paulding; Thomas Miller, Antwerp
10/25 - Justin Woodruff, Payne

Dismissals:

10/21 - Linda Akers, Paulding; Thomas Miller, Antwerp; Gary Bowers, Paulding; Regina Koch, Antwerp

VANTAGE BOARD HOLDS MEETING AT FT. JENNINGS

The regular October meeting of the Vantage Board of Education was held on Thursday, October 1, 2009 in the library at Ft. Jennings High School. After a welcome and a brief tour by Ft. Jennings superintendent Frank Sukup, the meeting continued with the Treasurer's report. The September 3 board meeting minutes were approved, along with the financial statements for August, 2009.

Superintendent Staci Kaufman provided the board with an update on the Citizens for Vantage campaign, discussed the five-year strategic plan and announced that the November board meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 4, 2009 at Continental High School. Ms. Kaufman also recommended the Board freeze the superintendent, treasurer, and director salaries for 2010-11 in response to the depressed economy impacting the Vantage district. Director Bob Vennekotter identified this year's Student Ambassadors and thanked them for their help with Student Appreciation Day, riding the Vantage float and serving as guides for New Student/Parent Orientation. He announced that an instructional aide would be added to the Building and Grounds program due to the increased enrollment. Additional property was purchased on N. Harrison St., with the intention of tearing down the existing house (which is not considered salvageable) and using the double lot for a future Building and Grounds or Carpentry construction project. He also discussed the recent Van Wert kindergarten screenings, which were conducted by the Vantage Health Technology and Early Childhood Education students. Over 150 kindergartners took part. Principal Keith Rydell reported on the GOALS program, the attendance marathon, OGT Week activity planning for the week of October 26, Tech Prep students taking the COMPASS test, and an upcoming staff inservice. Adult Director Jim Grant reported that Vantage is working with

Franklin University in Columbus, Ohio to put together an articulation agreement for Vantage adult students. He noted that there is a new cost for taking the G.E.D. test and that the Vantage Adult Education North Central Accreditation visit is set for April 20-22, 2010. They are currently working on the Standards Assessment Report due March 1, 2010. Kay Carter, Jim Grant and Pete Prichard are completing the pre-assessment reports.

In new business, the board:

—Approved employment of Brenda Wurst, Building and Grounds teacher's aide;

—Approved supplemental contracts, as needed, as scheduled: Kristy Bidlack, Banquet Supervisor, Gail Gillett, Robin Burns, Mary Ann Hall, Cindy Harting, Karen McGilton, Vicki Smith and Marcia Osenga, all Banquet Adult Helpers, Trevor Gremling, Jeffrey Kinner, Dylan Marquart, Ashley Mayes, Damon Siler, James Young, Tiffany Stillman, Kayla Collins-Scott, Kayla Martz and Stephanie Stultz, all Banquet Student workers;

—Approved a stipend for curriculum development for Susan Smith, Cosmetology, not to exceed 3 days;

—Approved employment of the following list of Adult Education instructors, as needed, as scheduled: Steven Matthews, Electrical Wiring, Mary Eyink, ABLE Instructor, Jessica Hirzel, Health Careers, and Douglas Weigle, Robert Garcia, Mark Figert, Virginia Hammons, Robert Black, Kevin Taylor, James Haggerty, Jeffrey Hammons, Gary Dilworth and Dennis Wagonrod, all Police Academy;

—Accepted the resignation of Jim Grant, Adult Education Director effective December 30, 2009 for the purpose of retirement;

—Resolution to recognize the partnership forged in November, 2008 between Vantage Career Center and St. Marys City Schools due to changes with Adult Basic Literacy Education (ABLE) and realignment of ABLE Program is not longer valid. The Memorandum of Understanding with Lima City Schools supersedes all agreements with any entities regarding the ABLE Program. Any ABLE involvement with St. Marys City Schools is now managed through an agreement with Lima City Schools;

—Resolution to enter into an agreement with Auglaize County Jail for ABLE services for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010;

—Approved NEOLA new, revised or replacement policies as submitted;

—The Superintendent requested an executive session for the purpose of discussion of the employment of personnel. Resolutions to update the Treasurer's contract as presented and to freeze the Superintendent, Treasurer, and Director's salaries for the 2010-2011 school year were approved.

The next Vantage Board of Education meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 4, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the elementary cafeteria at Continental Local Schools.

VILLAGE OF PAULDING COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 10/5/09

Paulding Village Council met in Regular Session on October 5, 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.

Sierer motioned to approve the minutes of the September 21st meeting, seconded by Daeger. Vote: all ye.

Resolution No. 1236-09 re: A Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor, was read for the second time.

Wiebe noted a Legal Notice has been prepared by Solicitor Jones to clarify the Water Capital Improvement "WCI" charge. This notification will be published in the paper and available at the Village office.

Mayor White discussed the following items:

—The Paulding CIC meeting will be held at the Red Owl on October 20th at 11:30 a.m.

—He commended Pam Echols, Shannon Foltz, Andrea Klopfenstein, Brooky Tressler, and Randy Tressler for passing the Intermediate EMT course. This training was 130 hours and took six (6) months to complete. They are now eligible to take the National Registry Exam.

—Mayor White also recognized and congratulated Shannon Foltz for passing the National Registry Exam for Intermediate EMT.

—He read a proclamation recognizing and honoring the 75th Anniversary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #587 which was established on December 12, 1934.

—Mayor's Court collected \$1,057 for the month of September 2009.

—The new ball complex is progressing swiftly.

—Trick-or-Treat will be held on Saturday, October 31st from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Wiebe noted URS has completed the Preliminary Engineering Report "PER". It has been submitted to Rural Development for their review. He also noted a "Public Notification of Intent to File an Application" with Rural Development has been submitted for publication in the local newspaper.

Wiebe requested Council's approval of the Administrator's Agenda authorizing Mayor White and Wiebe to enter into a contract with Michael C. Jones to perform all legal services required by the Village of Paulding for the financing, construction, and initial operation of the new water treatment plant. Jeffery motioned to approve the Administrator's Agenda, seconded by Sutton. Vote: all ye.

Wiebe noted Time-Warner will be installing some additional underground lines along Gasser Road. He relayed the lines are intended to provide service from an alternate route during outages.

Melinda Krick and Doug Nutter of the Paulding Progress, along with Clip Clippinger of the Paulding Chamber of Commerce, were present to discuss the status of the Barnes Hotel. The property located adjacent to the old Sheriff's Office approximately a half-block south of the square currently appears to be in disrepair. The group voiced their concern for the health and safety of Village residents, and requested Council follow the instructions as set forth in Ordinance 1144-96 to condemn and demolish the property. Rife noted the Village is well aware of the issue, and is currently following the appropriate protocol to resolve the problem. Jones noted the building is currently owned by Contemporary Caterers, Inc. Carol Gross of Merritt Island, Florida

(formerly of Paulding) is president. Mayor White relayed the property owner has been contacted regarding the state of the building, but answers were not positive. Jones relayed because the owner of the property is a corporation it leaves no one person liable. He believes the corporation has no assets to be assessed; therefore, leaving the Village to bear the cost of demolition. Jones noted he had previously been in contact with County Prosecutor Joe Burkard regarding the property's delinquent tax status. Burkard was going to file a complaint to foreclose on the property, but the back taxes have since been paid leaving the County with no further action. Jones also noted that because the property is currently under land contract there are other legal issues. He requested Council move into Executive Session to discuss the issue further.

Daeger motioned to move Council into Executive Session for legal and personnel matters, seconded by Sutton. Vote: all ye. Council returned to Regular Session. No action was taken.

The following Committee meetings were scheduled:

Recreation Committee - Monday, October 12th at 5:30 p.m.

Sutton motioned to pay the bills, seconded by Jeffery. Vote: all ye.

Daeger motioned to adjourn, seconded by Rife. Vote: all ye.

LATTA, STAFF RECOGNIZED BY ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY FOR LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

Earlier today, Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) received The Association of the United States Navy National Legislative Advocacy Award for his "superb leadership and outstanding service during the 110th and 111th Congress to improve the quality of life of Active Component and Reserve Family members and their families."

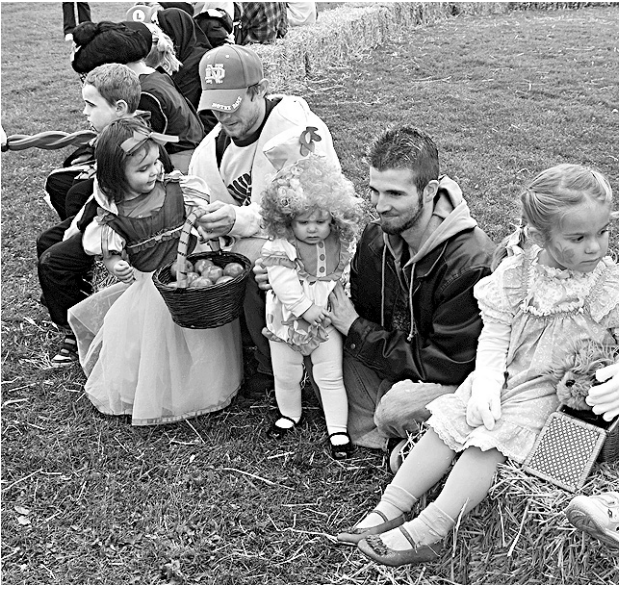
During the 110th and 111th Congress, Congressman Latta introduced standalone legislation, H.R. 270, The TRICARE Continuity Coverage for National Guard and Reserve Families Act, which is language that allows retired members of National Guard and reserve units with 20 or more years of faithful and honorable service to purchase healthcare that was available to them during their time in active service or after they reach 60 years of age. Currently, members who have retired but are not yet 60 years of age are not eligible for TRICARE, and are referred to as being in the "gray area." Right now there are approximately 220,000 retirees that fall within the "gray area" and an additional 12,100 service members retiring and entering this status each year.

Congressman Latta's TRICARE language was amended into the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2010 where the House of Representatives has approved the Conference Committee Report. The Senate is expected to approve the report in the near future, and it will then be sent to President Obama for his signature.

Allison Witt, Legislative Director for Congressman Latta, was also recognized by The Association of the United States Navy with the 2008-2009 Legislative Advocacy Award for her work at the staff level to advance the TRICARE Continuity Coverage for National Guard and Reserve Families Act. Earlier this month, Witt received the 2009 Freedom Award from The Military Coalition for her work on the TRICARE legislation as well.

"I am humbled and honored to receive this award. Reservists who have retired from service deserve access to the health care that was provided during their service. Our nation owes a debt of gratitude to our nation's reservists and this is just one way to show our appreciation to them and their families for their sacrifices," Congressman Latta said after today's award ceremony.

CHARLOE'S OCTOBERFEST



By: Sue Knapp

The time for festivals is pretty much over but if you missed Charloe's Octoberfest you missed a good time.

This was a true fall party with kids running around in costumes, a big bonfire laid out for the evening, hot dogs on the grill and everyone bringing a dish for the potluck.

The kids had fun on and in the straw tunnel, they had face painting, and the little ones loved the balloon animals, etc.

The Corn Hole Tournament was going full force and Randy Long from Rockford, OH was entertaining the crowd with southern gospel.

There was a Chili Cook-off with nine entries presented. Judges José Salas, Dale Wright, Dan Eakins, Don and Anna Lee Adams, Mary and Roger Moore and Sue Knapp had a very hard time deciding the winner. It came down to a tie between two different pots of chili and after all was

said and done, Chuck Nickols from Broughton was declared the winner.

Next up was the costume contest judged by the same people. There were so many cute and original costumes it made the judging very hard.

In the up-to-five-year-old category, 1st place went to Xander Kohart—chicken; 2nd place Essence Dobbelaere-Buchman—Dorothy from "Wizard of Oz"; 3rd place Faith Saylor—clown. In the 6-to-12 year old category, 1st place went to Casey Holman—geisha girl, 2nd place, Sean Holman—clown, 3rd place Grace Dennis—American Girl.

The Wooden Indian is put in place to guard and watch over the park.

The Haunted Hayride with four wagons and a few trucks full was a complete success. \$600 was brought in for new playground equipment.

Charloe put on a wonderful fall party, now we'll just wait for next year.

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ODOT CONTRACTORS REPORT MORE OHIO JOBS CREATED AND SAVED BY STIMULUS INVESTMENTS

Ohio contractors on stimulus-funded transportation projects are reporting 5,444 construction and office workers received paychecks in the month of September alone, as a direct result of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) reported the September job data to the Federal Highway Administration this week, as required under the Recovery Act. ODOT requires all contractors to complete monthly reports on the direct, on-the-project workers associated with stimulus-funded projects.

For the month of September, Ohio contractors reported 5,444 direct workers on stimulus-funded projects, clocking in a total of 236,270 hours on the job and earning a total payroll of \$7,324,269.40. The September numbers build on reports from July showing 1,414 workers earning \$1.8 million for the month and from August showing 2,247 workers earning \$2.9 million for the month.

This month-by-month data only includes employees (including full-time, part-time, and seasonal jobs) actively engaged in stimulus-funded projects on the job site, in the project office, in the home office or other alternative office locations. This data does not include indirect jobs (jobs created by suppliers) or induced jobs (jobs created in the community as a result of a federal stimulus project).

With the addition of this direct information from contractors, ODOT is updating its recent reporting on the number of full-time equivalent jobs created or retained by the stimulus, as reported to the federal Office of Management and Budget.

On October 10, Ohio met the first federal reporting requirement under Section 1512 of the Recovery Act for ARRA loans, grants and contracts spending data. For the ARRA Section 1512 report, prime recipients such as ODOT have been directed to compute jobs as full-time equivalents. Therefore, if two half-time jobs are created or retained, this must be reported as one full time job.

The preliminary data submitted by ODOT showed that 304 full-time equivalent positions were directly created or retained as part of the 13,144 total positions in Ohio as a result of Recovery Act funds. This calculation did not include data from the month of September. ODOT's updated calculation now shows that 812.42 full-time equivalent positions were created or saved on transportation stimulus construction projects through the month of September.

States were able to review their submissions and make any necessary data corrections. The federal government will review the states' reports and post the final results to www.recovery.gov on October 30.

To date, ODOT has awarded more than \$507.5 million in stimulus-funded contracts on 154 state and local projects.

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CONGRESSMAN BOB LATTA STATEMENT ON ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICAN ENERGY FREEDOM DAY

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) made the following statement in recognition of the one year anniversary of American Energy Freedom Day:

"Today marks the one year anniversary of American Energy Freedom Day. President George W. Bush rescinded a 20 year old restriction on energy leasing in 85 percent of American waters known as the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) on October 1, 2008.

One year later, the Obama Administration including Department of the Interior Secretary Ken Salazar are looking to delay the proposed plan for an additional three years. This is especially frustrating because it takes over four years to begin production on an oil or gas lease, with the total process taking up to 10 years when all of the environmental permitting, National Environmental Policy Act analysis, drilling permits, drilling, building infrastructure and producing the oil or natural gas is completed.

The OCS is estimated to have reserves of 86 billion barrels of oil and 420 trillion

cubic feet of natural gas (tcf), and currently provides 23 percent of America's natural gas resources and 30 percent of our oil resources.

According to a recent study by the Heritage Foundation, increasing domestic production by 1 million barrels alone would reduce imported petroleum costs by \$123 billion and generate an additional \$7.7 billion in economic activity. The study shows that the net gain to the economy would be \$105 billion and that the impact on employment would be an increase of 128,000 jobs. Research from the American Energy Alliance shows that increasing OCS production could sustain, in total, about 1.2 million new, full time jobs per year over 30 years, in addition to \$8 trillion in economic output and \$70 billion in additional wages.

The OCS is the first step in a long process for the United States to become energy independent, specifically from Middle Eastern countries. Not only will the OCS provide us with the energy our nation needs for many years, it will also serve as an economic catalyst to jump start our economy. I am encouraging President Obama and his administration to move forward as quickly as possible in opening the OCS for drilling and recovery."

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STYLISTS ATTEND MID-AMERICAN BEAUTY CLASSIC



On October 10-11, the ladies from Hair Off the Square attended the Mid American Beauty Classic in Columbus, Ohio. Richie, Becky, Sarah and Carla took classes from Paul Mitchell covering the latest trends in hair color, hair cutting, and formal styling. Maria took classes covering

various nail techniques including gel nails from LeChat and nail art. All of us are very excited to share our new techniques. We work very hard to give our guests a wonderful salon experience, so give us a call and see all that we have to offer!

FREE ADULT PHOTOSHOP CLASS OFFERED AT ANTWERP HIGH SCHOOL

Antwerp High School is again offering free adult computer classes on Monday, November 23 and Monday, November 30 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. These classes will involve Student Technology Service students partnering with class members to learn beginning digital photo editing techniques using Adobe Photoshop. These classes are part of a continuing Learn & Serve America project to provide opportunities for students to work with community members building career technical skills. The classes will be taught by Nick Barnett, former Antwerp student and graduate of Butler University in Graphic De-

sign, who is now a Publishing Specialist for Do It Best Corp. Photos will be provided for class projects. Registration is limited to 12 community participants. Classes will be held in the Tech Lab (E7) at the school.

Please register by email: Barnett_c@aw.noacsc.org

More classes similar to those offered this fall will be repeated during the second semester.

SENATOR STEVE BUEHRER SUPPORTS V.E.T.S.

V.E.T.S. was notified by Senator Steve Buehrer's office of a meeting planned in Antwerp Riverside Veterans Memorial Park at the site of the Civil War monument on Thursday October 29, 2009 from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. He will meet with the committee to show his support and learn about our mission to honor by name all veterans from the Antwerp School district.

V.E.T.S is extending an "open invitation" to everyone who would like to meet the Senator. Should weather prohibit the entire time at the park, a notice at the Monument will announce where the Senator will be.

WESTERN BUCKEYE GOVERNING BOARD HOLDS OCTOBER MEETING

The Western Buckeye ESC Governing Board held their regular monthly Board meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13, 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 some personnel items, adjustments to several grants, as well as several action items for the Northwest Ohio Area Computer Services Cooperative (NOACSC). The WBESC is the fiscal agent for the NOACSC.

Superintendent John Basinger informed the Board that WBESC Governing Board member Mr. Jerry Zielke will be presented with the Ohio School Boards Association's Veteran Board Member Award at the OSBA 54th Capital Conference on Wednesday, November 11, 2009. The Veteran Board Member Award is given to school board members in recognition of 25 years of service. Of the more than 3,400 school board members in Ohio, only 15 will receive this honor in 2009. Mr. Zielke represents the Antwerp area on the Western Buckeye ESC Governing Board.

The Board also heard feedback regarding the High Deductible Health Plan with a Health Saving Plan (HSA) that was made available to all eligible employees last month. Of the eighty eligible employees, twenty four employees or about 30% chose the new insurance plan.

In the business portion of the meeting, the Board:

****Approved the minutes from the September 8, 2009 Regular meeting.**

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

****Adjusted Linda Krauskopf's 2009-2010 contract to 50 days per year (40 days as Black Swamp History Grant Assistant Coordinator and 10 days as Northwest PEERS History Grant Assistant Coordinator).**

****Adjusted Karla Treece's 2009-2010 contract from 30 days per year to 35 days per year.**

****Advanced Nicole Adams to the Masters step on the salary schedule, effective for the 2009-2010 school year**

****Approved Family and Medical Leave Act leave to Brenda Slattman, effective October 12, 2009.**

****Approved up to an additional 1 hour per day by time sheet for Sandra Etzler, effective October 5, 2009.**

****Approved Chris Feichter, John Basinger and Matt Krites to attend the out-of-state Teaching American History Annual Project Director conference in Washington, D.C. on December 8-11, 2009. Expenses for the conference will be paid out of the Teaching American History, Black Swamp History and Northwest PEERS History Grants.**

****Approved Angie Bonifas, Paula Lugibihl, Heather Matthews and Brenda Ward to attend the out-of-state Assessment and Treatment Techniques for Sensory Integration & Neurodevelopmental Treatment Seminar in Ft. Wayne, IN on October 27, 2009.**

****Approved Ohio Association of EMIS Professions (OAEP) membership for Pat Miller and Carol Williman at a cost of \$50 each.**

****Accepted the FY10 Family and Children First Council's Operational Capacity Building Funds in the amount of \$16,257, and approved the appropriations.**

****Approved a resolution to support the Vantage Career Center bond issue of 1.05 mills for their building project that is on the November 3, 2009 ballot. The Board supports the partnership of the Ohio School Facilities Commission and Vantage Career Center, noting that the state will be contributing \$16.2 million toward the project.**

****Approved a resolution for NOACSC to provide INFOhio level one support to Southeastern Ohio Voluntary Education Cooperative (SEOVEC).**

****Approved adding Document Management service to the NOACSC fee schedule with the fees as presented.**

The Board meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m. with no additional Board action. The next regularly scheduled Governing Board meeting of the Western Buckeye Educational Service Center is on November 17, 2009 starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Paulding ESC Office.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES FOR 10/14/09

This 14th day of October, 2009, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Tony Burkley, Edward Straley, and Nola Ginter, Clerk; Tony Zartman: Absent

Travel Requests:
Judge John DeMuth, Juvenile Residential Center MWO Board Meeting, Bowling Green - October 9, 2009

Carol Temple, Annual Winter Conference, Columbus - November 3, 4, 5, and 6, 2009.

In The Matter Of Creating Revenue And Expense Line Items (Fund 001-003):
The Board of County Commissioners authorized and created the Paulding County Auditor to direct the following revenue and expense line items:

Revenue Line Item - 001-003-10002/ General Fund/Treasurer/1st Financial MM Int./Fees Income

Expense Line Item - 001-003-00014/ General Fund/Treasurer/1st Financial Bank Fees

In The Matter Of Modifying The 2009 Annual Appropriation (Fund 001-002):

The Paulding County Auditor was directed to transfer funds:

FROM: 001-002-00004/General Fund/County Auditor/Equipment

TO: 001-002-00005/General Fund/County Auditor/Contracts/Services

AMOUNT: \$700.00

FROM: 001-002-00008/General Fund/County Auditor/Other Expenses

TO: 001-002-00005/General Fund/County Auditor/Contracts/Services

AMOUNT: \$400.00

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

The Paulding County Auditor was directed to transfer funds:

FROM: 001-030-00008/General Fund/Insurance/Loss Control/Other Expenses

TO: 001-030-00003/General Fund/Insurance/Loss Control/Official Bonds

AMOUNT: \$382.29

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

TO: 001-035-00017/General Fund/General Fund Transfers/Health Department

AMOUNT: \$379.30

FROM: 001-030-00008/General Fund/Insurance/Loss Control/Other Expenses

TO: 001-035-00017/General Fund/General Fund Transfers/Health Department

AMOUNT: \$769.36

FROM: 001-031-00002/General Fund/Commissioners' Misc/Other

TO: 001-035-00017/General Fund/General Fund Transfers/Health Department

AMOUNT: \$51.34

In The Matter Of Modifying The 2009 Annual Appropriation (Fund 001-021):

The Paulding County Auditor was directed to transfer funds:

FROM: 001-031-00002/General Fund/Insurance/Commissioners' Misc./Other

TO: 001-021-00003/General Fund/Health and Welfare/Handicapped Children

AMOUNT: \$250.00

In The Matter Of Authorizing Payment Of Finance Charge On Bankcard Services:

The Engineer's Office has charges payable to Bankcard Services; and a finance charge was incurred on the closing date statement October 18, 2009, in the amount of \$.25; and Ohio Revised Code 301.27 (2) states "No late charges or finance charges shall be allowed as an allowable expense unless authorized by the board of commissioners";

The Board of County Commissioners authorized the Paulding County Auditor to allow said finance charge and process payment of same.

In The Matter Of Rescinding The Resolution Naming US 24:

The Commissioners approved a resolution adopting County Road 182 as the name for the existing US 24, effective upon the Ohio Department of Transportation transferring the roadway to Paulding County's jurisdiction; and the aforementioned resolution required corrections; The Board of County Commissioners does hereby rescind resolution passed on the 21st day of September, 2009, on Page 862, Journal 51, adopting County Road 182 as the name for the existing US 24.

In The Matter Of Naming US 24:

Travis McGarvey, Paulding County Engineer, is recommending that, effective upon the Ohio Department of Transportation transferring the roadway to the County's jurisdiction, the road be assigned the name County Road 424; and the Commissioners agreed.

Meeting Notes of Appointment:

Sheriff Dave Harrow - Sheriff Harrow presented his September reports. He noted inmate population is gradually climbing. September's average inmates per day was 16.6. The total amount paid for out-housing in September was \$20,865.67. Total paid out for 2009 is \$179,884.62, which is an average of \$19,987.18 per month

Travis McGarvey, Engineer, and Jim Pendergrast - Mr. Pendergrast presented a signed petition with 160 signatures relating to the naming of old US 24. The petitioners requested the Commissioners to consider naming the road CR 424. (see resolutions above). Mr. McGarvey reported having a listing of 150 addresses that will change upon the completion of new US 24.

Tony Langham, PCED - Mr. Langham commented the Paulding County Economic Development levy committee is doing a great job campaigning. He reported signage, letters in the papers, presentation at Kiwanis, and anticipates representation at the "Meet the Candidates" on Thursday evening. Mr. Langham also stated Iberdrola Wind Energy is progressing on their projects in Latty and Blue Creek Townships. He also applauded LaFarge, Sysvec, and Mercer Landmark for contributing \$1,000 so that the regional Port Authority could move forward on the railroad grant application. Mr. Langham then announced that the recent PCED annual banquet was well attended (180 plus) and a success.

MR. AND MRS. RAYMOND TERRILL CELEBRATE 70 YEARS OF MARRIAGE



Raymond and Hazel Terrill will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on October 28, 2009. They were married

in 1939 at Fulmuth, Kentucky. They've always lived in the Antwerp area. They had one daughter, Terisa.

FROM THE DOG WARDEN'S DESK

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

This week's featured pet is Shadow. Shadow is a one year old black labrador mix. She is very calm and easy to train and would love a family with



kids to play with.

Also at the shelter we have a male jack russell, a male chocolate labrador, a female lab shepherd mix, a male beagle, and a female whippet mix.

For anyone planning on dressing up their pet for Halloween here are some pet costume tips:

—Make sure not to obstruct your pets sight or hearing. They could become panicked if their costume caused them not to be able to see.

—Don't allow the costume to restrict your pets movement. Costumes with long capes are especially hard for pets to walk around.

—Be sure to get a costume that fits well. A too tight costume could restrict your pets breathing.

—Be sure to keep your pets out of all the Halloween candy!!

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

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