

KELSEY BASHORE TO PLAY FOR UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA



Kim Bashore (mother), Kelsey Bashore (signing her letter), Dave Bashore (father), Amy Hammer (coach)

Kelsey Bashore signed a letter of intent with the University of Louisiana at Lafayette on November 11, 2009 at Antwerp High School. She will be playing volleyball for the university, and majoring in fashion design.

Kelsey has lived in Antwerp and has attended the local school. Besides volleyball she plays basketball.

Kelsey has two siblings, Brooke and Brian. Besides her parents, Kim and Dave, her very proud grandparents, Ken and Doris Reinhart, were there to record the signing.

THANKSGIVING DINNER

Thanksgiving Day is rapidly approaching. Do you have plans for Thanksgiving Dinner? If not, why not come join our family at the Fellowship Hall at Antwerp United Methodist Church? Everyone is welcome! So if you'd like to join the Fishers & Friends, come on over to the church on Thursday, November 26.

We will start serving at 1:00. Come join us. Reservations are not required, but if you would like to give us a call to let us know to expect you, it would be appreciated. Call 419-399-5604. Also, if you would like to come, but need a ride, call and leave a message at the church at 419-258-4901.

—Dave and Mary Fisher

ATYOURLIBRARY.ORG HOSTS TWO CONTESTS FOR THE PUBLIC

atyourlibrary.org, the public Web site for the American Library Association's Campaign for America's Libraries, is offering cash prizes and Apple iPod Nanos for the winners of two contests for the public.

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The essays must be about library users' experience(s) at libraries and include the name of the library or libraries (or their Web sites) where the experience(s) took place. The contest is not limited to written essays. Library users can make a video or photo slideshow.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS FOR SOLDIERS

Den Herder Funeral Home, an exclusive, certified Veterans & Family Memorial Care Provider is proud to be participating in their first annual "Christmas Stockings for Soldiers" initiative. On November 23 and 24 folks in the community may visit Den Herder Funeral Home and pick-up a Free Christmas Stocking to take home, decorate and stuff with Christmas Cheer. Stuffed stockings must be returned to the funeral home by November 30, 2009. Den Herder Funeral Home will then ship the stockings at their expense, to troops abroad in time for Christmas. "This is a great way for us to show our

All entries must be mailed to atyourlibrary@yahoo.com before Dec. 7, 2009.

Voting for the People's Choice Award ends December 14, 2009, and is open to everyone. All members of atyourlibrary.org (www.atyourlibrary.org) can use the ranking function to vote for a favorite essay. To become a member, click on "Become a New Member" in the upper right corner of the screen.

The grand prize winner will be selected by an internal at your library team. Both the grand prize winner and People's Choice Award winner will be announced Dec. 21, 2009.

For more information, go to <http://www.atyourlibrary.org/essay-contest> or send an e-mail to atyourlibrary@yahoo.com

The site is also raffling off two Apple iPod Nanos over the next two months for anyone who signs up for the atyourlibrary.org newsletter. To sign up, members of the public can enter a valid e-mail address in the "Sign Up for e-newsletter" form: <http://www.atyourlibrary.org/newsletter>.

support for the troops, while giving them a little taste of home for the holidays," said John Den Herder, owner of Den Herder Funeral Home.

Den Herder Funeral Home is one of nearly 800 family-owned funeral homes nationwide certified as an exclusive Veterans & Family Memorial Care Provider. VFMC Providers are also official drop off centers for "Cell Phones for Soldiers." Collectively in the past three months alone they have collected over 4000 old cell phones that have translated into a quarter million (250,000) FREE calling time minutes for our brave men and women in Iraq & Afghanistan.

Anyone wishing to Stuff a Christmas Stocking for one of our heroes overseas may stop by Den Herder Funeral Home, located at 1000 West Wayne Street, Paulding, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on November 23 and 24.

INTRODUCING THE OLDE PHELPS STATION

By: Sue Knapp

Kent Brenneke, from Woodburn, has revived the Olde Phelps Station (formerly the Coppertop). On Main Street by the bowling alley the Olde Phelps Station with its cozy atmosphere, wood floors and original tin ceiling is waiting to serve you. Two smoke eaters in the ventilation system have been installed to ensure clean air and three TV's to watch the big game makes for an entertaining and relaxing time.

The Olde Phelps Station, named after the train stop called Phelps Station, originated in a building on Bull Rapids Road in 1987 that also housed Rack and Helen's and Larry and L's. In 2002, Kent moved the business to its present location and the old building was razed. Kent sold the business in 2004 and has acquired and reverted it back to the Olde Phelps Station.

The menu offers appetizers (one of which is Wood-tucky Chips, homemade potato chips with jalapeño cheese sauce and bacon bits), salads, subs, sandwiches and dinners. If pizza



is on your mind, they offer Woodburn's own Jim's Pizza.

For your entertainment, on Wednesday evenings a talented singer and master of imitations from Fort Wayne, Chad, will be on hand to take your requests. Saturday nights be prepared to sing Karaoke style.

The Olde Phelps Station has something for old and new friends alike.

CORRECTION

In last week's issue of the West Bend News the Lady Bug's ad should have read that only cemetery blankets need to be ordered by November 20. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

—WBN Editors

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OBITUARIES

William D. Harding Jr., 65, of Paulding died Sunday, November 8, 2009 at the Paulding County Hospital, Paulding, OH.

He was born in Hamilton County, Ohio on March 2, 1944 the son of William and Lillian F. (Miller) Harding.

He is survived by two sisters: Donna Herald of Covington, KY and Julia "Sis" Warren of Silver Grove, KY.

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

There will be no funeral services or visitation.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com. Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, is handling arrangements.

Doris Kohart, 97, of Oakwood, died Friday, November 13, 2009 at Paulding County Hospital, Paulding.

She was born March 10, 1912 to the late Alaska and Ida (Monroe) Bennett. On September 1, 1939 she married Aaron D. Kohart, who passed away June 29, 2009.

Doris was a homemaker, and a member of the Twin Oaks United Methodist Church, Oakwood.

Surviving her are two sons: Michael (Connie) Kohart of Oakwood and Ronald (Pat) Kohart of Fort Wayne, IN; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were three brothers: Rex, Edgar, and Homer Bennett; and two sisters: Lois Bennett and Dorothy France.

Funeral services were November 17, 2009 at Twin Oaks United Methodist Church,

Oakwood. Officiating were Rev. Jeff Mullinix and Rev. Amy Haines. Burial was at Prairie Chapel Cemetery, Oakwood.

Arrangements were handled by: Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Oakwood, Ohio. Memorials to Twin Oaks United Methodist Church or the Gideon's. Condolences may be sent to: www.heimeyerfuneralhome.com

FELLOWSHIP CHURCH BEGINS MEETING IN ANTWERP'S FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BUILDING



All things old and new again, styles come and styles go, and history is often said to have repeated itself, but one thing remains the same; God's desire for everyone to know about His love and compassion.

The Antwerp community and surrounding area residents now have the opportunity to witness "All things old and new again" happening at the First Presbyterian Church (126 West River Street). Fellowship Church, a satellite (extension) of Second Baptist of Defiance, has started holding services on Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m. Taking a beautiful old church, a landmark of the community from 1901, to build something new, Pastor Max Begley and his wife Lou Ann (Ankney) Begley will shepherd Fellowship Church along with Pastor Craig Begley and his wife Mandy.

Growing up in Antwerp, Max and Lou Ann made many friends in the community, but more importantly they have developed a love for Jesus Christ that they want to share with others. Their passion was

so great that they gave up their full-time jobs and followed God into full-time ministry. The Begleys have served Second Baptist Church for over 16 years. During that time, God has continually called them back to Antwerp through performing weddings, funerals, and also counseling friends and family from this area. Max and Lou Ann's daughter Traci, her husband Dan, and their children live near Antwerp which has kept them active in the community as well. After much prayer and consideration, the ministry team of Second Baptist approached the Presbyterian Church and

requested to share the church with them, not turning the church into a Baptist church, or the Baptist into Presbyterian, but letting the building serve in every way it can to further the kingdom of God.

Fellowship Church will seek to be relevant to today's culture through the styles of music and the methods of presenting the gospel message that relates to our lives today. It's been said that some things never change. For Fellowship Church that includes never compromising God's Word, the home-like warmth of fellowship, and the genuine caring and concern of each individual that walks through the door.

First Presbyterian meets at 10:35 each Sunday morning and warmly welcomes all who might wish to worship with them.

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND DISMISSALS

Admissions:
11/9 - Brianna Minck, Cecil
11/11 - Marilyn Minck, Sherwood
11/14 - Eric Miller, Antwerp

Dismissals:
11/9 - Thelma Iler, Paulding
11/12 - Lucille Shealy, Payne; Brianna Minck, Cecil
11/14 - Marilyn Minck, Sherwood
11/15 - Eric Miller, Antwerp, transferred to Parkview, Fort Wayne

LIVE NATIVITY PLANS ARE BEING MADE AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Preparations are being made for this year's Live Nativity, Saturday and Sunday, December 5 and 6 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the First Christian Church in Paulding. If you would like to participate, please call Denise Renollet (419)399-2134 or Lori Clark (419)399-5696 for more information.

BAZAAR AND SUPPER AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

First Christian Church in Paulding is hosting a Chicken Pie and Steak Supper, as well as a Bazaar on Thursday, November 19. The Bazaar goes from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The supper is from 4:30-7:00 p.m. Free will donation; everyone is welcome.

WHERE DOES ALL THAT CORN GO?

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Agent

With the busy corn harvest upon us, farmers are busy hauling grain to the elevator. But have we ever thought, "Where does all that corn go?"

Although used primarily to feed livestock, corn is a versatile grain with a wealth of uses. It is processed into a multitude of food and industrial products, including starches, sweeteners, corn oil, beverage and industrial alcohol, and fuel ethanol. Thousands of foods and other everyday items — from toothpaste and cosmetics to adhesives and shoe polish — contain corn components.

Often, we as consumers do not know when corn is present, let alone know the role it plays. But if corn and its products were not available, many common products would be less useful, more expensive, and even unavailable. Below are examples of corn uses and how corn improves the product.

No frozen pizza! Freezing pizza is a problem, because the moisture in the sauce can migrate into the crust, making it so soggy it's unappealing to eat. Modified corn starch is used to provide a barrier that prevents water migration and keeps the crust crisp.

Wallpapering. If you've installed wallpaper, you know how important it is to have time to adjust each strip accurately. Repositioning is possible because the wallpaper paste is made with corn starch modified to slow down its adhesive action.

Americans are sleeping with corn. A whole new family of corn products, marketed under the Ingeo trademark, includes pillows and comforters stuffed with 100% corn fill and blankets woven from the Ingeo fiber. Ingeo products are environmentally friendly because they take less energy to produce than many synthetics and they can be composted back into natural components.

Drippy lollipops. Candy makers began using corn syrups in lollipops and other hard candies generations ago because the syrups hold moisture and prevent drips.

Crystals in ice cream. As a box of ice cream goes in and out of freezers on the way home from the store and in the kitchen, it's natural for crystals to develop in it. Part

of the role corn sweeteners play in ice cream and other frozen desserts is to keep crystals from developing.

Want S'more? Not without corn! Marshmallows stay fresh longer because corn syrup keeps them from drying out too quickly. Corn ingredients are also used to make graham crackers, which means you can't enjoy S'mores without corn!

What, no plaster board? As viewers of This Old House learned in one episode, corn starch, which helps bind the gypsum filling together, is an essential ingredient in manufacturing gypsum or plaster board for building walls.

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO WOODBURN

Yes, "Santa Claus is coming to town" on Saturday, December 5, 2009. An invitation is extended to all of the children of our community to a Christmas Party which will be held at Woodburn Lutheran School (across from the Community Center in Woodburn). The party will be an open house from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Santa Claus will be ready to talk with each child, and they can have their picture taken with Santa Claus. There is a small fee for this picture.

At 9:15 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Santa will gather the children around him and it will be story telling time. Each child will receive a bag of Christmas treats.

The party will be sponsored by Christ Lutheran Church outreach. We ask that the children be accompanied by an adult.

Thank You

We would like to Thank Friends & Family for all the love and support you have given us during our time of loss and continue to give us over the weeks to follow.

Thank You again,

*—Ray Martenies Family,
Vanice
Nikki & Bill & Kids
Jarod*

Todd L. Barnhouse
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Tim Barnhouse
3/14/70 - 11/12/89

Those who mourn are blessed and they will be comforted. God has done that for us. We thank him for the years he gave us with Todd & Tim. We love them with all our hearts and miss them so very much.

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—Gail Barnhouse, Toby, Terry and families

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'A CHRISTMAS CAROL' AT ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL WOWS THE AUDIENCE



(L-R) Ebenezer Scrooge (Michael Schneider) looks woefully upon his past and how he (Dustin Manson), at one time, had love in his heart for Emily (Stacey Battershell). Emily is shown here giving back his engagement ring. The Ghost of Christmas Past (Rachel Banks) takes Scrooge from memory to memory displaying how he became the way he is. CC Banks Productions along with all the cast has put on a fine show this past weekend. This Friday, Saturday & Sunday are the final showings for this theatre production. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

BAKE SALE FOR FOOD PANTRY AT AUGLAIZE CHAPEL

Auglaize Chapel Food Pantry is hosting a Bake Sale on November 21, 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 519 Franklin St., Melrose, OH. There will be pies, bread, cinnamon rolls, cookies and candy available for purchase. All proceeds from this event will go toward the food pantry.

BOOK SALE AT THE ANTWERP BRANCH LIBRARY!

Please stop in and browse our book sale! We have tables of books from your favorite authors! This book sale will run until December 4. The Antwerp Branch Library has interest from patrons to revitalize the "Friends of the Library" group. If you are interested in supporting your local library please contact us at 258-2855.

A.C.D.C. ANNUAL MEETING HELD

By: Denny Lee

The annual meeting of the Antwerp Community Development Committee was held on November 11th at the Essen House Restaurant. The overall theme presented by the Paulding County leaders and village officials was centered on the idea that we can all work together to make things happen for the village of Antwerp. This is an excellent time for the community to move forward now that the new four lanes of US 24 are completed. The consensus of the meeting was that Antwerp's strategic location on this new highway offers the village an opportunity for growth numerically as well as economically.

It was refreshing to listen to the vision of our elected officials as they related their ideas and hopes for the future of the Antwerp community. To witness the enthusiasm of these elected officials that are facing hard economical times, failed voter levies, and negative press, was at the very least encouraging. It revealed to those in attendance the character and tenacity of the officials we have elected to lead us through some difficult times. Regardless of all the negative press that Paulding County has been receiving lately, one could not help but believe that hope still lives in the minds of our leadership and the citizens of Antwerp Ohio.

A positive report was given by Steve Arnold on the progress of the all weather track at the school. The Booster club is continuing with their fund raising efforts including a Dancing with the Stars event on January 17th. Donations are welcome to help realize the completion of this endeavor on August 10, 2010. The all weather track committee is to be commended on their progress in moving this project forward for the benefit of the school.

Paulding County Economic Development Director, Tony Langham, reported on the efforts of that office to entice three wind energy companies to look at Paulding County as a possible site to install wind turbines that will create green energy in this county. This office is also communicating with the Regional Port Authority to improve rail transportation into the county. LaFarge Corporation, Systech and Mercer Landmark have donated funds toward a feasibility study on this project. Tony has been of great assistance to the Antwerp Community Improvement Corporation and the A.C.D.C. in promoting Antwerp. Randy Derek, who has been president of the Antwerp Community Improvement Corporation since 1975, confirmed in his report how the economic director has assisted his committee anytime assistance was needed. Randy reported how the economic downward spiral has forced his committee into somewhat of a holding pattern but he is still optimistic for the future of the community.

Village Administrator, Sarah Keeran, gave an uplifting report on the town being out of the "state fiscal watch" and projects moving forward. She reported on the state releasing the grant to the village in February for the historical railroad depot. She has been informed about the complete repair this spring of old US 24 running through the village. This road repair will be done by ODOT and will include landscaping in front of Kameyer's store. The report included information on new water lines being installed and upgrades to the town's infrastructure. We were informed about the US 24 Marketing committees' efforts to promote a three county Northwest Ohio River Region. Plans are being made for a billboard to be erected on the new highway to promote this Ohio River Region. She stands in solidarity with all of us in this community on the improvements that have been made to our local park with all of the upgrades including our new Vets Memorial.

A.C.D.C. Treasurer, Karl Mielke, gave a report on all the donations A.C.D.C. has given to the different organizations in the village. The committee is operating in the black and is looking for suggestions on projects the local citizens would like for the committee to consider. Karl reported on the success of the Antwerp Reunion and the success of the fund raisers organized by the committee. New officers elected to serve in 2010 are as follows: President - Kirk Hopkins Vice President - Dan Fowler Treasurer - Karl Mielke Board members - Jim Pendergrast, Tina Conley, Patti Kameyer, Lisa Glass, Laurel Hopkins, Jon McCreery, Pete Vail, Karl Mielke

The committee was pleased to have two high school students join the organization. The two new members were Nick Stevenson and Allie Skeems. We extend an invitation to anyone that would like to be a member of this organization. The committee values the enthusiasm that young people bring to the table and the wisdom that older people possess simply acquired from years of living. When you become a volunteer in a grass roots organization such as A.C.D.C. you began to understand that the nay-sayers are not the majority. There are plenty of good people in this community and in Paulding County!

CORRECTION

In the Letter to the Editor from Caroline Zimmerman, #4 should have read, Road 87 and 176. We apologize for any confusion this has caused.

—WBN Editors

WOODBURN FOOD BANK ACCEPTING DONATIONS

It was recently brought to my attention that there are 45—yes, 45 families that rely on the Woodburn Food Bank for their daily meals.

For those of you that didn't know we had a food bank, it is located at the Methodist Church, 4300 Becker Rd behind the Marathon Station.

Along with the 45 families there are 73 children. I've been told that the churches around our area are donating gift cards of \$10-\$15 a piece. Wouldn't it be wonderful if all the kids could get maybe two of those?

There will be donation boxes set up at the Woodburn Lanes Bowling Alley as well as the American Legion Post 377 in Woodburn.

The American Legion Auxiliary is opening a clothing bank in the upstairs of the American Legion Post 377 in Woodburn. The hours will be Tuesdays from 8:00 a.m. to Noon. Donations can be arranged by calling Tonya Thompson at 260-632-5707 or 260-409-9120.

V.E.T.S. VIETNAM ERA D-F LISTING

Here's the name list for the D-F Vietnam Era. You still have time to get names and documentation turned in. (*) means we need the documentation for the name listed.

David J Daeger, Richard R Davis, Allen D Deemer, Barry R Deemer, Ernest W Deisler, Robert L DeLaruelle*, (Robert) Jon DeLong, Jack C DeLong, Jerry H DeLong, Nickolas A DeLong, Paul C DeLong, John J Derck, George W Doctor*, William E Doctor Jr., Robert E Doster*, Michelle (Hertel) Dunakin, Larry L Elliott, Ronald L Farnsworth, Richard G Figert*, Lyle D Fillmore*, Melvin L Fillmore, David A Fisher, John R Foster*, Ronald L Fraley*, Philip E Frederick, Harry Ray Friend, Larry R Friend, Russell L Fulck

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Voters:

We have 13,132 registered voters and 7,485 voted. That's only 57%. Personally I believe that's why the Library Levy passed. How long will it be before they ask for more since the state keeps cutting programs? Mr. Gorman... I couldn't agree with you more. The word "only" was over used. Like I stated before, these levies would have, in their words, "only" cost me well over \$400.00 dollars a year. Now, if only we could stop the state reappraisal next year. I wonder, can't anyone see all these taxes are forcing people to move out of our county?

Can't you see the debt burdening our kids and grandchildren, or don't you care? Why would they want to stay in Paulding County when a lot of surrounding counties

have lower property taxes and a lower sales tax? Mr. Derck, the jobs you stated have been here for years. There has not been any new business in our county. So Commissioners, PCED, whoever, I challenge you. Get out and find those new jobs. I know it can be done. Angola, Indiana has done it for years.

On that same token I wonder, is Paulding County even ready? Are our water, electric and sewer ready like Defiance?

My last thought is about the School Federal Stimulus money. I didn't see a reply before. Did our school receive any like other School Districts? Please, someone answer this. We have a great school. If we have money coming, lets get it. After all, it's our tax money. We'll see everyone in the spring when nothing has changed and the levies are back to be voted on again. Which is expensive in itself for the County to set up and run. Is it not Commissioners?

—Doug Heller

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

My name is Becca, I'm 10 years old. This was my first year in 4-H. I enjoyed it very much! I will miss 4-H next year and I'm sure I'm not the only one. I loved it!

Last year I took dairy beef cows and cooking. I learned a lot about cows. I liked showing my calves at the fair and lots of people from my church came to watch me at the calf show. I also had so much fun at the fair!

The best thing about 4-H is Camp Palmer. That place was awesome! There is no camp like 4-H Camp Palmer! I also met a lot of new kids at the fair and camp.

I would love to have 4-H next year! I appreciate everyone who voted yes to 4-H.

—Becca McCroskey

HICKSVILLE MASONIC LODGE HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

Joe Stotler opened the Lodge and the pledge was given. Birthday cards were signed and sent to members Jerry Bercaw and James Nicely. All the veterans in attendance were asked to stand and tell the branch of military they served. Estel Cottrell USN, Byron Rasey USAF, Derrill Kline US Army, Richard Savage US Army, George Underwood USNG, Elmer Woodcox Naval AF, Richard Wann USAF, Joe Stotler USMC. Others on the sideline included Will Fleitz, Calvin Worden, Walter Schilb, Bill Metz, Jim Miller, Mike Villena, Jamie Chapman, Jim Kline, and Tim Betts. Cecil W. Rasey of Bryan Lodge #215 conducted the installation.

Richard Wann will be in charge of Hicksville Lodge for the 2009-2010 year. Jim Kline mentioned that all the supplies for the 62nd annual Thanksgiving Breakfast were in the process of being acquired. This event was established in 1948 and has annually received members from all over the Tri-State Area. Tim Betts reported that he has ordered 5 hogs to be made into the traditional "Whole-Hog" sausage to be served at the breakfast.

With all the business taken care of, Cecil W. Rasey was called upon to install the officers of Hicksville Lodge. He was assisted by Calvin Worden, Walter Schilb and Bill Metz.

Richard Wann informed the members that there will be degree practice for all involved on November 25 at 7:30 p.m. With no further business all retired to the dining room for Suzy's famous chicken Noodle Soup, Sloppy Joes, and Apple Crisp.

ULM, GERMANY

By: Hayley Feichter

After climbing up all 768 steps, I can now say that I've been to the top of the world's tallest church steeple tower! Though my legs suffered the consequences, the view of Ulm was incredible! Ulm is a city about a half hour by car east of Stuttgart built around the Danube River situated on the border between Baden-Württemberg and Bavaria (two German states), and was the home of Albert Einstein.

My host family and I traveled there on a Sunday morning getting there just in time to catch the weekly organ concert at The Ulm Münster Church. This church is unbelievably big! It is an old gothic church built in the early centuries. During the war, much of the church, and more specifically the stained glass windows, were destroyed. But because of the church's historical value and size, they restored the church and added on additional space. If you want to see pictures of how massive and beautiful the church and tower are—Google it!

After we made the climb all the way up into the steeple and back down, we stopped for a light lunch and then continued to explore the big hometown. 90% of the roads are all cobblestone and most of the buildings have been restored to their original structure. We walked down by the river and crossed over into Bavaria (just so I could say I was there).

Picture for me, if you will, walking next to a peacefully flowing river with green lawns and sweetly scented flowering trees lining the cobblestone trail. A slight breeze is blowing and it's a comfortable 70 degrees with little to no humidity. There are people riding bikes, walking their dogs, picnicking with their families, and having a Sunday afternoon stroll with their lover. Both young and old lovers were enjoying the warm fall weather. As I'm sure you can imagine by now, it was a picture perfect day!

To wrap up our day in Ulm, we went to an art museum there. As I love almost every kind of art, I was sure I would enjoy it... and I did! We saw many different styles including a whole exhibit from an artist from NYC you might have heard of: Keith Herring.

The weekend was full of firsts! First climb to the top of the "Münster", first time in Bavaria, first art museum, and first ride on the Autobahn! The drivers here, in southern Germany at least, are crazy enough on regular city streets but you need to know there is no speed limit! Because many parts of the Autobahn don't have a speed limit, driving can get very fast and furious and road rage is at a maximum! It was awesome to be going SO fast but the whole time I was clenching my pants, tightening my seatbelt, and gritting my teeth! We got going up over 160kmph=over 100mph! WOW! Going from 160 to only 100kmph felt like a crawl, although it was really over 60mph! What an experience!

I'm really enjoying it over here! So many new experiences to share with you... so keep reading and I'll keep writing!

JPHS FESTIVAL OF TREES HOST BRUNCH



The John Paulding Historical Museum located on Fairground Drive in Paulding will be serving a free-will brunch at 11:00 a.m. Sunday, November 22 during the Festival of Trees. Pictured here are Patti Boundy and Romana Fillman preparing food for the event.

WOODBURN BRANCH LIBRARY DECEMBER CALENDAR

Smart Start Storytime:
Fridays, December 4, 11, 18, 10:30 a.m. This Storytime features finger plays, songs, stories of various lengths and crafts.

Yarn Lover's Gathering:
Thursdays, December 3, 10, 17, 7:00 p.m. If you already know how to knit or crochet or if you want to learn how to knit or crochet join us at Woodburn. We have people that can help you get started or teach you new techniques.

Join us for a creative evening. **Never Ending Holiday Ornament:**

December 4 - 19, during library hours. This "never ending ornament" made with your own hands will make a perfect give for a friend or relative. Make one for yourself and one for the library!

Internet, Word Processing & E-mail Help:

By appointment. We offer computer classes. No previous computer knowledge is necessary. Each class lasts one hour. Call for an appointment.

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Mon. 23rd, 7:30pm - County 4-H Clubs meet
Tues. Dec 1st - Hicksville Rotary Club Christmas Dinner
Sat. Dec. 5th - Chamber Santa on our Patio ... and Craft Items on exhibit and for sale in The Community Room. Call for detail if you wish to be a part of this.

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PAULDING SENIOR CENTER HONORS VETS

By: Stan Jordan

On November 10, 2009 I attended a dinner at the Senior Center in Paulding. It was in recognition of all our veterans in Paulding County. It was a fine meeting and lunch with a lot of reunion time and visiting.

Pastor Dave Meriwether of the Presbyterian Church in Paulding gave the invocation. An Army type lunch of corn bread and beans with a salad and dessert was served.

After lunch the Paulding High School Quartets sang a number of patriotic songs. They were very good and everyone liked them. Marsha Yeutter, the Senior Center Coordinator, welcomed all the veterans to the day's celebration and assisted the M.C. a number of times.

The veterans stood up and gave their name and city and when they were in the service. We had one returnee from Afghanistan but more from Iraq. We had a number of boys from the Vietnam War and a number from the Korea conflict.

Our biggest bunch of veterans were from the WWII era. They were the only ones who had the day off.

Here are a couple that I remember: Ronnie Savage, A Co., St. Mary's, OH; Leo Davis, Payne, around 96 years old; Tony Adamski, Payne; Paul Smith, Cecil, around 93 years old; Pete Beerbower, Antwerp; Wallace Geyer, Antwerp; Don Adams, Oakwood; Gene Scarborough, Grover Hill; Roger Taylor, Grover Hill; Robert Gilbert, Fort Wayne and Ray Keck, Paulding.

There was a lot more than these fellows, but they're the ones that I was able to talk with.

I was the M.C. and I really enjoyed it. I thanked the committee for asking me.

The featured speaker was Roger D. Taylor. He graduated from Grover Hill and served in the Navy Sea Bees from 1962-1966. He has served on the County Veterans Service Commission. He joined the VFW in 1967 and was the first commander at Grover Hill Post 2873. He has been very active in the State of Ohio in the VFW higher offices. He gave a good talk on

our freedom and way of life and how we got it.

Marsha Yeutter and her helpers had arranged a beautiful dining room. There were only a couple of empty places. The decorations on the tables were apropos.

I'm sure everyone there enjoyed themselves. The air and surroundings made for a good time.

On behalf of all the Paulding County Veterans who were in attendance, we want to thank everyone who helped make that such a memorable day.

See Ya!

WILLIAM QUANTRILL

By: Stan Jordan

William Quantrill was a guerrilla, leader of the Confederate side, an opportunistic blood thirsty outlaw who murdered and burned anything or anyone that was on the Union side.

He was born in Dover, Ohio in May 1837. He was the oldest of eight children of Thomas and Caroline Clark Quantrill.

During the war Quantrill married a 14 year old girl from Blue Springs, Missouri. She lived with him on the trail. She was 17 years old when he was killed.

It seems that he was raised as a Unionist. He taught school for many years then he went to the Utah Territory with the U.S. Army as a teamster.

He left the army then to try his luck as a professional gambler. Then in 1859 he went to Lawrence, Kansas and taught school.

You see that area around Kansas and Missouri was a constant hot bed because of the slave issue. Lots of people wanted the system of slave labor to stay on and they would fight and kill for that right. The abolitionists were against slavery and in this area it was a topic that could get you killed.

When the war started, both sides had guerrillas or bandits that killed, looted and burned.

On the Federalist side they were called Bushwackers. Bushwack was about the same as an ambush. In reality both sides were about the same for awhile.

Quantrill, at the start of the war, robbed stage coaches, banks or anything that belonged to the North. Sometimes even ambushed the Federal Bushwackers. The North figured Quantrill as a guerrilla but he had a commission of a Captain in the

Confederate Army. He never played by the rules, so the North ordered him to be captured, but Quantrill stopped taking prisoners and became a raider and he had a lot of followers who hated the laws.

Lawrence, Kansas had been considered for years as a stronghold of anti-slavery and a base of operation for raids and forays into Missouri. It was also the home of James Lane, a senator with staunch anti-slave views.

The people had plundered Missouri for years even before the war and Lawrence was considered the headquarters for those raiders. The North had issued an arrest warrant for anyone aiding or abetting the raiders.

They even made a makeshift jail in Kansas City, MO and filled it with female relatives of the raiders. It collapsed over time and four women were killed and others were seriously injured.

One of those killed was a sister to 'Bloody Bill Anderson', one of Quantrill's good Captains. Another of his sisters was injured for life. Also the North had raided and burned Osceola, MO and Quantrill sought revenge and took it in this horrible retaliation.

On August 21, Quantrill rode into Lawrence with 450 raiders. Senator Lane, one of the prime targets, got away through a cornfield in his long johns. The order was to kill any and all males old enough to carry a rifle. They murdered 183 men and boys. When Quantrill rode out of town at 9:00 a.m. the town was burning and the bank had been robbed.

After this raid a Gen. E. Wing ordered to de-populate some of the counties along the Kansas-Missouri border. Thousands had to leave their homes. After they left the Union troops went through and burned the buildings, torching all the fields and shooting the livestock. It was referred to later as the Burnt District.

Anyhow, Quantrill and his men rode on south into Texas and spent the winter with the Confederate States Army.

In late 1864, Quantrill's men got to arguing and tempers rode high. His large band of 400 broke off into spur groups. One of these groups was that ruthless and worthless killer 'Bloody Bill Anderson', more on that later.

Quantrill even joined that group later in the fall of 1863 in the fighting along the Missouri River.

In the spring of 1865 his army was down to a rag tag bunch of about a dozen and they were active raiding and killing in Kentucky. On May 10, 1865 he rode into an ambush in Taylorsville, KY and took a bullet to the chest. He died June 6 at the age of 27.

See Ya!

ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

Leota Davis was born here in Antwerp on November 24, 1919 and she will be 90 years old in just a couple of weeks. The fact that she lived at all is a miracle and to make it to almost 90 is a blessing also.

She was born prematurely at her Grandma Laney's house on Buffalo Street. She only weighed three pounds and Dr. Murphy said, "Don't bother to feed her, she will not live long." But Grandma

wrapped her in a blanket and laid her in the warming oven over the wood range in the kitchen. She heated the milk over a kerosene lamp and fed her with a spoon. It was long and tedious, but it paid off.

She had the whooping cough when she was four. At age five, in the first grade, her appendix burst the day before Armistice Day, November 11. The doctor and his wife, and Leota's father drove her to the Methodist Hospital in Fort Wayne in the doctor's big Buick with side curtains.

The next day was Armistice Day and she laid in bed at home and heard all the bells and horns and gun salutes that were praising the occasion.



All of this was before antibiotics and this is another miracle that she is alive and with us.

She was the oldest of seven children: Virgil (deceased), Sid, Jr. (deceased), Helen Doll (deceased), Jenny McCoy, Edie Zartman (deceased) and Rosie Rhoads.

She went to school in Antwerp and graduated in the top of her class in 1937. She still keeps in touch with two of her old classmates, Ruth Smith and Lois Reeb.

During high school she babysat and ran errands for the Gordon family. They owned a big hardware down south of the Bee Argus. She did housework for the J.B. Johnson family. She worked at both of the bakeries and the Kroger store. One bakery was owned by Harry Wolfe, the other was owned by Ralph Schooley, he bought it from Cook's.

While working for the Gordon Family, Mr. Gordon drove them all down to Deadman's Curve on US 24. It had been covered with concrete from the State Line to Toledo. That was back

in 1931 or '32. Mr. Gordon pointed out that it contained the longest curve in the State of Ohio and one of the sharpest curves and one of the deadliest. Then just last week she rode on the new US 24, it is now a four lane expressway.

She met Ted Davis when they both worked at the furniture factory. Ted was a Master Sergeant in the Infantry. They were married in 1940. They have four children: Richard Davis in Paulding, Billie Starkey from Pittsburg, Margaret Johnson in Paulding and Tom Davis from Defiance. They have eleven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Ted died in 1978.

They moved to Defiance in 1955. While at Defiance she worked at the River Rest Nursing Home, then at G.C. Murphy's for many years retiring there in 1979.

Then she moved to Paulding and helped take care of the grandchildren. Those younguns really liked her vegetable soup and fresh baked cinnamon rolls.

As for her hobbies: her family, crocheting, gardening and canning and she likes to fish and cook.

She and her family, a very fine close-knit family, ask you to stop at her home from 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. on November 24 or send her a card for her birthday: Leota Davis, 17141 Road 156, Paulding; phone, 419-399-5054.

Leota, it was an extreme pleasure to meet with you and your family. I really liked to talk about your old Antwerp history. Your memory goes back farther than mine. When I can't remember who lived where, back in 1930, you always help. I guess you and I grew up with the buildings, the history, the pot holes and the big oaks down in the park.

See Ya!

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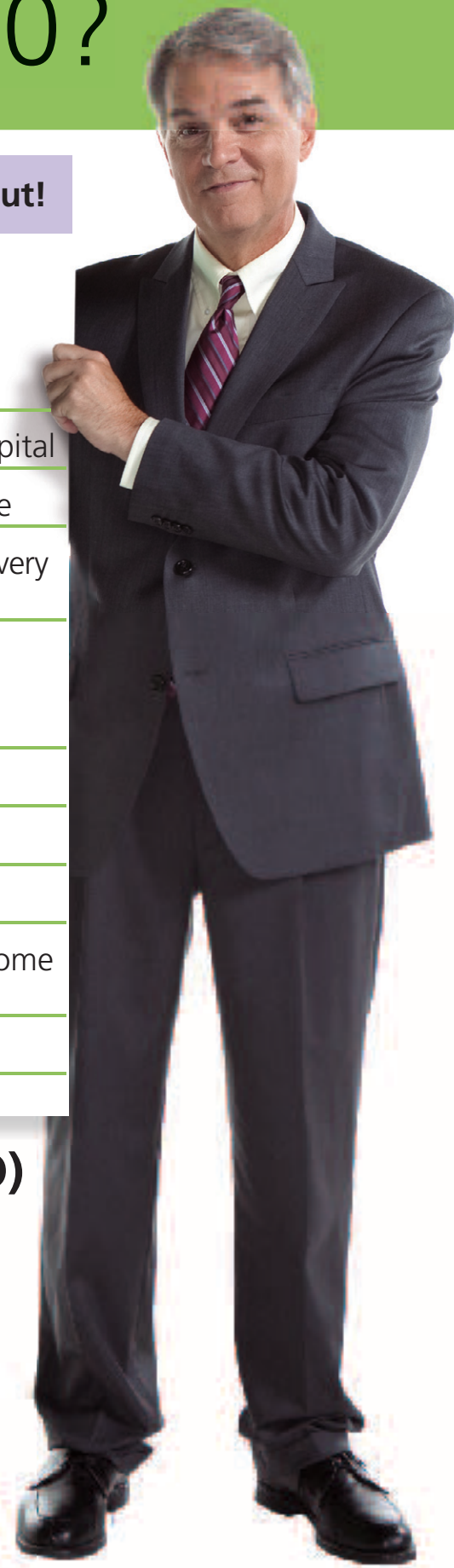
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Woodlan Jr/Sr High School's Student of the Month - October '09



Woodlan Jr/Sr High School's Student of the Month is senior Brittney Kees. Brittney is the daughter of Duane and Jhonelle Kees of New Haven. Brittney was chosen for this honor because she is currently ranked at the top of her class. Her teachers describe her as a very personable, studious, hard-working student with great social skills and an artistic flair. Brittney is not only a strong student, but she also takes a leadership role in the class discussions. Outside the classroom, Brittney is a member of the Woodlan's cheerleading team, a 4-year member of service club, and a member of National Honor Society. In addition, Brittney has been active in youth group at her church, the Cedar Creek Church of Christ. She has served as a page for Senator Kruse for the past four years. Her school honors include: honor roll—9th, 10th, and 11th grade, academic top ten—9th, 10th, and 11th grade, Principal's Award (all A's) 9th, 10th, and 11th grade, Woodlan Scholar—11th grade, National Honor Society—11th and 12th grade, and Student Rotarian. Brittney is planning on attending Indiana University in the fall.

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PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES FOR 10/21/09

This, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session 21st day of October, 2009 with the following members present: Tony Burkley, Edward Straley, and Nola Ginter, Clerk; Tony Zartman: Absent
Allowance Of Claims:
Warrants documented as 162416 through 162440 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.
Travel Requests:
Susan Simpson, CAAO Winter Conference - Dublin, Ohio - November 16-19, 2009
In The Matter Of Amending The 2009 Annual Appropriation (Fund 032):
The Commissioners amended the 2009 Annual Appropriation directed the County Auditor to appropriate unappropriated funds in Fund 032:
Fund 032 - Certificate of Title, 032-001-00003/Supplies, \$1,000.00
In The Matter Of Amending The 2009 Annual Appropriation (Fund 252):
The Commissioners amended the 2009 Annual Appropriation and directed the County Auditor to appropriate unappropriated funds in Fund 252:
Fund 252 - Jail Commissary, 252-001-00001/Inventory, \$100.00
In The Matter Of Modifying The 2009 Annual Appropriation (Fund 001-017):
The Commissioners modified the 2009 Annual Appropriation and directed the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:
FROM: 001-017-00004/General Fund/Sheriff/Salaries-Employees, Communications
TO: 001-017-00002/General Fund/Sheriff/Salaries-Employees-Sheriff, AMOUNT: \$64,000.00
Meeting Notes of Appointment:

Travis McGarvey, Paulding County Engineer - Mr. McGarvey presented a letter to Mr. Leonard Brown and Kirk Slusher, Ohio Department of Transportation, regarding the abandonment of a portion of State Route No. US 24 to Paulding County. The letter describes the portions of existing State Route No. US 24 to revert to the Paulding County Highway System effective as of 12:01 a.m. on or about October 30, 2009. Accompanying the letter was a map showing the abandonment information for District One, which includes Paulding County, the Village of Antwerp, the Village of Cecil, Defiance County, and the City of Defiance. Mr. McGarvey stated there would be roughly 12 miles of existing US 24 that would be maintained by the county when new US 24 opens. A ribbon-cutting ceremony is scheduled for October 29, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. at the state line and new US 24. Mr. McGarvey also stated he had accompanied a representative from ODOT driving the 'haul' routes used for the new US 24 construction. He will be working closely with ODOT to determine repair estimates with the haul routes set to be repaired next year.
Susan Simpson - Ms. Simpson stated the deadline to purchase 2010 dog tags will be extended to February 2, 2010, in lieu of January 31 being on a Saturday.
Corey Walker, Department of Job & Family Services - Mr. Walker announced an open house will be held this fall at the Jacob Eaton Children's Home. The date of the open house is yet to be determined. He also stated that the Ohio Department of Job & Family Services will be 'monitoring' Paulding County DJFS prior to their audit.
Marsha Yuetter, Senior Center - Ms. Yuetter met with Commissioner Burkley to report she is in the process of completing grant applications for 2010 operations. She also had questions about insuring the Senior Center vehicles. Ms. Yuetter is also in the process of fine-tuning job descriptions for positions at the Senior Center.

2009 WOODLAN FOOTBALL BOOSTER CLUB BANQUET

By: Jeff Abbott
The Woodlan Warrior football Booster Club Banquet was held in the auditorium at Woodlan High School to recognize the 2009 football season for the Warriors' football teams.
Coach Barry Ehle introduced the junior teams, the freshman team, reserve team, and the Woodlan varsity. Athletic Director Denny Miesle presented ACAC All-Conference awards to six players: Luke Schwartz, Cameron Wahl, J.D. Bontrager, Mike Whitcombe, James Brames, and Clint Romines. Coach Ehle presented first year letters to 20 players, 10 players were second year letter winners, and J.D. Bontrager and Luke Schwartz picked up their third year letters for football. Assistant coaches, team manager, and helpers were thanked for their support of the football program.

The Woodlan players voted Luke Schwartz as the Offensive Player of the Year and James Brames as the Defensive Player of the Season.
Cameron Wahl picked up the traveling trophy for most number of pancakes in the 2009 season.

Tim Hines, Booster Club president, presided over the business meeting for the booster club and presented awards to Luke Schwartz, Offensive Back of the Season; Jason Price, Defensive Back of the Season; Cameron Wahl, Offensive Line-man of the Year; and James Brames, Defensive Lineman of the Year. The Bob Hammond Award winner was coach Doug Ahr. The Booster Club thanked the volunteers that worked on the new Etzler Field wall at the entrance to the field including Brian Nieulandt, Todd DeLagrange, Rod Gerig, Todd Carpenter, Roger Strautman, and Randy Hauke. A time capsule with a letter from Coach Etzler will be placed in the wall.
Bruce Amstutz, team statistician emeritus, awards the Bruce Amstutz Scholarship Award to Luke Schwartz.
Aury Keller and Chris Malfait, recipients of Booster Club scholarships from 2008 read their winning essays. Both players are now with the Trine University football program.

NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL HOME CARE & HOSPICE MONTH

November has been designated National Home Care and Hospice Month. The intent of this campaign is to raise public awareness concerning both hospice and home health care.
Hospice aspires to help people live fully until the end of their days. Home care is the provision of physician-ordered skilled nursing or therapy services plus attendant personal care, which assists the aged or disabled person in getting out of bed, dressing, and other personal maintenance.
In addition to raising public awareness of home care and hospice service, National Home Care Month and National Hospice pays homage to the millions of workers in the home care and hospice industry. While paid home care service totaled about \$100 billion last year, the value of services provided by friends and family to frail or disabled persons tops \$300 billion a year.

"We as home health providers serve the aged and disabled, empowering them to be active and as productive as possible living in their own homes," said Debbie Baxter, RN, supervisor of Community Health Professionals of Paulding.
"Home care is freedom," Baxter says. "It is the right to continue to stay at home in independence, where you prefer to be, even in the face of major health problems."

Hospice agencies nationwide are encouraging physicians and families to consider hospice care earlier whenever a family member is diagnosed with a terminal condition. In 2008, 35 percent of patients served by hospices died or were discharged in seven days or less according to the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization.
Patients and families receiving care for seven days or less are often unable to take full advantage of the range of benefits that hospice provides, according to Baxter. These benefits include psychosocial support and spiritual care for patients and their families as well as pain management and symptom control.

"Our home health programs help patients to have a high quality of life; and when the end comes, hospice helps people to cross the bar with dignity and grace while supporting their families—the survivors who mourn their loss," Baxter says.
Community Health Professionals provides a complete range of home health, hospice and related services including adult day care and inpatient hospice. For complete information about available services, visit www.comhealthpro.org.

VANTAGE PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

This is a reminder that Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Monday, November 23rd from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, November 24th from 11:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. If you have not called to schedule an appointment for Parent/Teacher Conferences, please call 419-238-5411 or 1-800-686-3944 ext. 126 as soon as possible.

ANN'S PRESCHOOLERS HAVE A VISITOR FROM ALASKA!



Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschoolers were recently visited by Papa Jim Draper! Papa Jim is Brianna's grandfather and he works on the Alaskan pipeline in Prudhoe Bay, Alaska. He talked to us about the cold, cold weather and showed us pictures of bear, elk, moose and buffalo! We were all very interested in all of the animals

and the pictures! Shown here from the left with Papa Jim and Mrs. Myers are: Brianna Moore (Jim's granddaughter), Hunter Coutts, Drake Ankney and Isaak Hagerman. These children are in the afternoon class of three and young four year olds with Mrs. Ann Miller and Mrs. Carrie Myers.

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PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL JOINS HUMANA HOSPITAL NETWORK

Humana health plan members in Paulding area now receive in-network benefits at Paulding facility.

Paulding County Hospital and Humana recently announced an agreement, effective November 15, allowing Humana's Medicare and commercial PPO health plan members to receive in-network benefits when accessing care at Paulding County Hospital.

Humana, one of Ohio's largest health insurers, has grown rapidly throughout the state in the past three years due to Humana's participation in the highly popular Medicare Advantage program and industry-leading health plan offerings for employers. Humana Senior Products President Kevin Meriwether said the addition of Paulding County Hospital to Humana's network will make the health insurer's plans highly attractive to consumers in the Paulding region.

"Paulding County Hospital is a critical addition to our hospital and physician network," said Meriwether. "In addition to giving our members in-network access to a premier regional health system, it makes our PPO plans exceptionally valuable to health care consumers in the Paulding area."

Gary Adkins, Paulding County Hospital CEO, added this statement concerning the recent agreement, "Paulding County Hospital has entered into this Medicare Advantage agreement with Humana to provide health care services

to the State of Ohio retirees who are on the PERS retiree program. These patients are a very important part of our community and have been important to us as well in that they include our own hospital retirees. We are pleased to be able to continue local health care to these members of our community."

Paulding County Hospital is a critical access, 25 bed hospital. With approximately 240 employees, it is currently one of the largest employers in Paulding. More information is available on the Internet at www.pauldingcountyhospital.com

About Humana

Humana Inc., headquartered in Louisville, Kentucky, is one of the nation's largest publicly traded health and specialty benefits companies, with approximately 10.3 million medical members and 7.3 million specialty-benefit members. Humana is a full-service benefits solutions company, offering a wide array of health and specialty benefit plans for employer groups, government programs and individuals.

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More information regarding Humana is available to investors via the Investor Relations page of the company's web site at <http://www.humana.com>.

ANTWERP ELEMENTARY 6TH GRADE HONOR ROLL 1ST NINE WEEKS 2009-10

There was a computer glitch in the honor roll for Antwerp Elementary, and sixth grade was omitted from the list. Here is the honor roll list for sixth grade for the 1st nine weeks.

SIXTH GRADE:

All A's - Avery Braaten, Domino Daugherty, Emily Derck, Serena Drake, Beth Hawley, Audrie Longardner, Joshua Longardner, Anne Miesle, Aaron O'Donnell, Iann Roebel, Kayle Slattery, Brittany Smith, Jacob Sukup, Allison Taylor, Sam Williamson, Jenna Wilson, Cayla Woodcox

A's & B's - Mikayla Boesch, Erik Buchan, Justice Clark, Bryan Clevinger, Sierra Cline, Jeff Coleman, Dylan Kitzmiller, Breanna LaFountain, Nikki Mills, Aqiyl Moore, Drake Neace, Kirsten Price, Casey Thomas, Haley Timbrook

2009 GREEN MEADOWS CONFERENCE ALL-CONFERENCE VOLLEYBALL

The Green Meadows Conference is proud to announce the All-Conference Selections for Volleyball for the 2009 season:

FIRST TEAM:

Kelsey Bashore, Antwerp 12; Taylor Vail, Antwerp 11; Addiw Henricks, Edgerton 12; Brooke Riehle, Edgerton 12; Whitney Thiel, Hicksville 12; Anna Steffel, Tinora 11; Jenna Stoller, Wayne Trace 12

SECOND TEAM:

Toni Winslow, Antwerp 11; Marla Erickson, Ayersville 12. Jayma Nihart, Edgerton 12. Kayla Bostater, Fairview 12. Macy Weatherhead, Hicksville 12; Katie Zipfel, Tinora 11; Janelle Davis, Wayne Trace 11

HONORABLE MENTION:

Darcie Reinhart, Antwerp 12; Raven Dotson, Ayersville 12; Rebekkah Ferree, Edgerton 12; Blake Nusbaum, Fairview 12; Jenna Kinn, Hicksville 11; Jenna Clady, Holgate 12; Katie Weber, Tinora 12; Kelsey Heck, Wayne Trace 11

THE DINOSAUR

By: Rose Kever

Many years ago, my great-great grandmother had told me about a dinosaur that roamed around Hicksville. I kind of always thought Granny was a little crazy anyway, so I just poo-pooed her, being as how she was 110 years old when she told me about it.

Well, Granny died on her 111th birthday and her last words to me were, "Rosie, don't let this legend stop with you, pass it on." So here I am, passing it on to you.

I hadn't thought about it for years, and then two weeks ago I was in Hicksville playing Bingo at the Eagles. It was intermission and a few of us went outside to have a smoke. I was standing next to a lady who we all call "Mike", and as I looked toward the grain elevators I said to her, "That looks like a..."

"...dinosaur," she said.

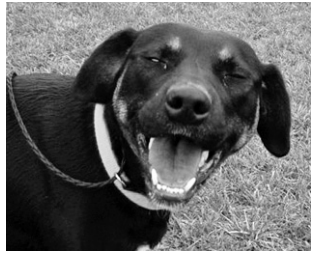
Oh my goodness, Granny wasn't as crazy as I thought, because there it was, hanging on the side of the tallest elevator. The body of a dinosaur. The strange part about it is you can only see it from the Eagles parking lot and only at

dusk.

If you can see it you are blessed with a good imagination and if you can't see it, I don't know what's wrong with you.

It is hanging on the silo as if someone hung it up by the nape of his neck. In fact, it has an uncanny resemblance to ET the Extraterrestrial.

Granny, if you can hear me, "Thanks for the story."



FROM THE DOG WARDEN'S DESK

By: Mandy Lichty, Paulding County Dog Warden

This week's featured pet is Izzy. She is a one year old shepherd labrador mix. Izzy is already housetrained and likes to play with kids. Last week the shelter had six dogs adopted on Thursday! We are hoping for another big adoption week this week too. Hershey, a male chocolate lab, is available for adoption as well as Henry and Murphy, the beagle boys, Danny the golden mix, and Wolfie a nine month old Akita.

The shelter is open Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and Thursdays from 2:00-5:00 p.m.

REPRESENTATIVE WACHTMANN ANNOUNCES PASSAGE OF STATE INCOME TAX INCREASE

State Representative Lynn Wachtmann (R-Napoleon) yesterday opposed the Ohio House of Representatives' passage of House Bill 318, which would suspend the last installment of the income tax reductions set forth in 2005.

Under current law, state income tax rates are to be reduced by a total of 21 percent over a five-year period, according to House Bill 66 of the 126th General Assembly. Governor Strickland and House Democrats have supported a freeze of the tax reforms, which would retroactively increase the tax burden on Ohio's families by 4.2 percent in 2009.

"Some people would argue that this is not a tax increase," Wachtmann said. "However, when the tax code is changed and the state government gains \$900 million more while Ohioans experience a loss of \$900 million, that is a tax increase. This tax increase takes away hard-earned money from families who are already being squeezed by the bad economy."

In addition, House Bill 318 would reduce the salaries of state legislators by 5 percent, a proposal initially championed by Representatives Seth Morgan (R-Huber Heights) and Terry Boose (R-Norwalk) in June of this year. The salary reductions would be effective starting in 2011, as permitted by the Ohio Constitution.

Unlike Morgan and Boose's House Bill 210, the salary reduction clause of House Bill 318 strips out key pieces of the Republican proposal. It fails to apply to both the executive and legislative

COOPER FARMS DONATES TURKEYS TO VFW THANKSGIVING



Dianne Cooper and Carol Baker of Cooper's Farms donating two turkey rolls to Sherry Kaufman of VFW Post 587 Ladies Auxiliary for their

free community Thanksgiving Dinner to be held at the Post on Thursday, November 26th at 1:00 p.m.

branches, and it omits a sunset provision that uses Ohio's economy as the benchmark. For those reasons, House Republicans were reluctant to support House Bill 318 because it completely stripped the merit of their original idea to an oversimplified adaptation.

House Bill 318 was initiated to fill an \$851 million budget deficit caused by the failure of the video lottery terminals (VLT) provision included in July's biennial budget. House Republicans have expressed concern that the bill imposes a higher tax burden and continues the expansion of government without providing for any cost-efficiency measures.

In an effort to provide sustainable changes to fill the budget deficit, House Republicans proposed amendments to House Bill 318 on the House floor that would streamline government agencies and consolidate spending; minimize waste, fraud and abuse in the Medicaid system; allow local school boards to decide whether to accept unfunded state mandates; and create a committee to maximize hospital employment and sustainability. These suggestions were rejected by House Democrats.

House Bill 318 passed from the House by a 55-44 vote. The bill now moves to the Senate for further consideration.

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CAROL ERICKSON AND JULIE BECKMAN RECEIVES NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS



For 20 years Community Health Professionals of Paulding has awarded a nursing scholarship. This year's winners are Carol Erickson (top photo) and Julie Beckman (bottom photo). They

are students of Northwest State Community College. Presenting the scholarships is Deb Baxter, Supervisor of Community Health Professionals of Paulding.

CHARLOE HISTORY

By: Sue Knapp

The largest Indian Reservation in Paulding County was located on the left bank of the Auglaize River, in Brown County where Charloe stands now. This village was four miles square and known as Oquanoxa's Reserve named after one of the early Chiefs, Occonnoxee. The Chief and around 400 Indians lived there until 1820 when they sold their reserve to the Government. The Indians were mostly of the Ottawa tribe. Not all of the Indians went until the latter part of the '40's. A treaty was signed and a law was passed that either the Indians became civilized Americans or they would move west. They chose to move near the mouth of the Kansas River. The Chief of the remaining Indians was named Charloe Peter for whom Charloe is named.

Just north of the Indian Village was their cemetery which consisted of mounds. Many artifacts have been retrieved from these burial grounds. In the 1930's cabins were built along the burial grounds for tourists.

Watch for more history of Charloe in upcoming WBN editions.

Information provided by: In Memory of Charloe Peter, Last Indian Chief of the Oquanoxa Reservation before 1820, Historical Atlas of Paulding County, 1892 and John Pier

VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD MEETING MINUTES FOR 10/26/09

A regular council meeting was held on 10/26/09. Those attending were Amy Wright, Bonnie Baldwin, Pam Erford, Ron Coleman, Mark Figert, John Keyes, Susan Barron, and Vicky Long.

After the pledge, roll call was taken by clerk. All council members were present except for Jake Meeker. Mayor Henke presided.

Amy Wright was representing the United States Postal Service of the Lima branch. She presented council with possible closure of the Lima distribution center. A motion to pass Resolution 09-R-25 requesting the US Congress to delay the service from its facility for processing mail originating in the 458 zip code from the Lima processing center was made by Todd, seconded by Don, all in favor with no opposing.

Vicky Long stated that Todd Dangler had asked her to keep track of her running her water to eliminate the bleach and milky water. She said that since 9/28/09 she has ran her water a total of 26 hours. There is still bleach but not everyday, some days are more than others and not as milky but strong with chlorine. She mentioned that she can't use the water for cooking or drinking. John stated that she is on the tail end and the solution may be to rerun a line off of 613. Todd said to get estimates and do research. Bud said that John might be ahead to rerun from 613. Vicky stated that she is spending \$60 a month for water plus the water and sewer bill for Oakwood. She has good water pressure, just not good water. John said that he would take a look at and get back with council.

Vicky Long also asked council reconsideration of her termination. She stated that she has been a part of the Oakwood EMS for 10 1/2 years. She went into EMS as a good caring person, with good faith to the community to do good work with the community. She continued by stating that five days before she was terminated, she received an e-mail stating that nobody had a problem running with her or Bill.

The mayor asked for a motion to accept the minutes as mailed. Carolyn asked that the minutes to be amended to state that Melissa was seen by a citizen driving police car and Mark stated that it was because she was driving the car to go get fixed.

Carolyn made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, Melissa seconded, all in favor.

Don made a motion to pay the bills, and accept all financial reports that were reviewed, Melissa seconded, all in favor with no opposing.

Bonnie Baldwin stated that the EMS would be purchasing EMT safety vests and a monitor with the donation money from Cooper Farms. Clerk reminded Bonnie to get purchase order for purchases.

Pam stated that there are three first responders to complete course at end of December and three basics for EMT class.

Phil stated that he has talked to Steve Cox concerning repairs that should be covered under warranty on EMS unit.

Police report is on file. Village administrator did not have report but stated that he had found a water leak on private property and the owner has repaired leak. He has also put stone in some of the alleys. Superior street is pretty much done except for Todd Dangler's drive way as they have to fix the mud pit that the company left behind.

The new rest rooms would be shut off and locked up for the season as soon as keys are back.

Black top to be put at park next week. Walter Carnahan was the first user of new boat ramp.

Mayor Henke stated that ODNH is considering more dock space for area, they will get back with answer.

Phil stated that engine 35 had bad leak and needed to get fixed whether fire dept. has money or not. Mayor said he would contact Chief Thomas on this.

The clerk stated that she had a few things to discuss:

Council had stated some time ago that they wanted to get paid for one meeting even though they were going to two meetings. Per section 731.13 R.C the employees must donate the extra meeting money back to the village as it is in violation to do as they wanted. Dolly stated that some of council has already donated back and some hasn't so it is up to employees to donate back.

Nothing but Nature would be changing schedule for the village leaf pick up. They will be picking up in October and November. No December but will resume in January and throughout the year. Nothing but Nature asked that you bag up leaves and put at curb side and give them a call for pick up.

Resolution 09-R-24 transferring \$2500 from general to police dept. was made by Phil and seconded by Todd, all in favor with no opposing.

09-R-26 an ordinance declaring it necessary to establish, acquire, and operate a municipal gas system, Todd made a motion to accept, Melissa seconded, and roll call was taken with all yeas except for Carolyn as she was nay.

Mayor stated that the council needed to pass a motion for the mayor to enter into agreement with Cartwright & Sweeney to obtain the bond work, Phil made a motion to accept, Todd seconded, roll call with all yeas, except Carolyn as she was nay.

Mark stated that the police dept. was granted the grant for the new police car, even though the price has not been revealed yet. Statewide will be giving the bid. They have until 90 days of 9/24/09 to get back.

Mark said that he needed the paperwork signed in order to proceed. Phil made a motion, and Todd seconded, all in favor with no opposing.

—Dolly Shisler, clerk

OAKWOOD ARBOR #759

The Oakwood Arbor #759 of the Gleaners Life held their November meeting at the Oakwood Fire Department conference room. "Learning as an Arbor" with fourteen present. Our guest speaker was Attorney Suzanne Rister from Antwerp. A question and answering was held and brochures were available. Door prize given; went to communicator Ruth Benien.

The Samaritan Funds to be distributed were chosen and voted on. The Historical activity was finished, by helping to purchase cleaning supplies.

Our Arbor has had some member illnesses, flowers were purchase for them, in hopes of quick recoveries.

We will be working on our holiday activity next. Will be thinking of the Angel Tree for Christmas. Also, will be decorating a tree of "Here Comes Santa" for the Historical Festival of the Trees weekend of November 19-21.

WOODLAN VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS LISTED TO ACAC ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan volleyball placed four players on the ACAC All-Conference team for 2009.

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The elves have begun getting ready for holiday season at the Cooper Community Library. The Oakwood branch of the Paulding County Carnegie library is always a beehive of community activity, but the excitement mounts before the holidays. Beautiful Currier & Ives village pieces adorn the bookshelves and mantle and several decorated trees set the stage for the holiday events.

Kicking off a weekend of events will be a Mystery Dinner on Saturday, December 5. Guests will enjoy a time to mingle over appetizers before it is announced that Santa has met his demise. Everyone will be invited into the dining area where 11 beautiful tables and a formal dinner await them. Clues will unfold as each course is served and by the end of the evening everyone will learn "Who Killed Santa"!

Once the mystery is solved and everyone says their good

byes, the elves, (aka the Event Planners), will scurry around to once again beautify their tables for more guests the following day. A bountiful Brunch will be served at noon on Sunday, December 6. Paulding's St. Paul's Lutheran bell choir will entertain guests as they fill their plates from an enticing buffet.

Only 88 tickets will be sold for each of these events. But there will be yet another chance to peruse the beautiful tables and library on Sunday evening when the library will take part in the Village Christmas Walk along with several area homes.

And wait, there's more! Tickets for the ever popular Chocolate Extravaganza are also on sale now, just in time for that perfect Christmas gift! The 5th annual event is being planned for January 28 and 29 with a theme of "Winter Wonderland." Tickets for all events can be purchased during regular library hours. Call 594-3337 for more details.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

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VANTAGE BOARD MEETS AT CONTINENTAL LOCAL SCHOOLS

The regular November meeting of the Vantage Board of Education was held on Thursday, November 12, 2009 in the elementary cafeteria at Continental Local Schools. After a welcome and a brief tour by Continental superintendent Gary Jones, the meeting continued with the Treasurer's report. The October 1 board meeting minutes were approved, along with the financial statements for September, 2009. The board approved the five-year forecast for FY10 and the amended appropriations and revenues.

Superintendent Staci Kaufman thanked the board members for their participation in the levy campaign and provided the board with more specific information on the levy results. She also reminded board members of terms expiring December 31, 2009 - Dan Straley (Paulding), Ron Bradford (Continental), Kevin Landin (Ottoville), Ken Markward (Van Wert), Vicki Profit (Lincolnton) and Brian Ricker (Ft. Jennings). Director Bob Vennekotter introduced Chad Hoersten & Dulton Moore, Delphos FFA students who, along with classmate Dean Renner recently competed as a Farm Business Management team at the National Eastern Region Contest in Massachusetts and placed first. He announced the winners of the Business Rhodes State IT Challenge where Vantage Interactive Media students swept the competition garnering first, second, and third places. Medical Office Management students also fared well, almost sweeping their contest events. Other information included the Electricity class' progress on installing their wind turbine project on the northeast corner of the school. When complete, the turbine will supply power for the Building and Grounds building at the back of the Vantage lot. The Ohio Restaurant Association's educator for ProStart visited our Culinary Arts program recently as the first step to accrediting our culinary program. Interactive Media created the nominees video for the 2009 Small Business Award luncheon sponsored by the Van Wert Chamber of Commerce. Principal Keith Rydell reported on OGT Week activities, Elks Student of the Month - Avery Etzler (Lincolnton) Sr. Early Childhood Education, Junior Rotarians for October were Brad Allmandinger (S. Network Systems) and Brian Voissard Jr.

(Sr. Carpentry) both from Van Wert High School. He also reviewed the October 20th staff in-service and reported that Vantage is continuing to refine the emergency protocols for evacuating the school, as well as completing efficient fire drills and tornado drills. On October 7, Vantage completed its annual mock evacuation to Thomas Edison. Adult Director Jim Grant reported on the Fall Adult Director's conference session and shared AE enrollment with the board. We currently have 133 full-time students, 68 students receiving customized industrial training, 92 part-time students, 122 A.B.L.E. students, 160 Farm Business Planning and analysis clients, and 86 college students, which is very good. He also reported on the future of the Ohio Skills Bank, an initiative through the Board of Regents.

In new business, the board:
-Approved employment of the following list of Adult Education instructors, as needed, as scheduled: Chelsea Harshman and Jourdan Tomlinson, Health Careers, Brian Stahl, Fire Protection, Annette Klinger, Computers, Sherrie Friedrich, AE Substitute Secretary, Dee Dee Dirksen, WIA Youth Instructor, Tracy Boren, ABLE Instructional Aide, David Kiel and Kip Wright, Police Academy, and Pam Knodel, Evening Library Monitor;
-Accepted with thanks a donation of \$2,600 from the Van Wert Rotary Club to the Haiti Interact Club;
-Accepted with thanks a donation of six lawnmowers from Ace Hardware of Van Wert for the purpose of student training at Vantage Career Center;
-Accepted the resignation of Anne Bowen, ABLE Instructor effective October 21, 2009;
-Approved submission of equipment list to the Rothacker/Lampe Bequest handled by the Van Wert County Foundation;
-Approved Adult Education Instructor handbook;
-Approved a resolution to purchase a wood plasma cutter for the carpentry program.
The Superintendent requested an executive session for the purpose of reviewing the Treasurer's and Superintendent's evaluations, discussion of the draft audit, and for discussion of the employment of personnel. No action was taken.
The next Vantage Board of Education meeting will be held on Thursday, December 3, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Vantage meeting center.

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL CELEBRATES VETERAN'S DAY



Mrs. Nancy Lichty, representing V.E.T.S., the local organization responsible for bringing the beautiful new statue to Riverside Park in the village of Antwerp. The event also featured the presentation of colors done by the Antwerp VFW Post 5087 Ladies Auxiliary; a flag folding ceremony performed by Post 5087 and narrated by Mr. Ray DeLong; and an Armed Forces melody played in honor of each of the branches of the armed service. Lunch was then served in the school auditoria for all interested veterans.

By: Stan Jordan

This morning (November 11) they held an observance day at the school for any and all veterans. It was a solemn affair, a moving affair and a joyful affair. It was solemn and moving as Estell Cottrell and Rex Shaner folded the American Flag and His Honor Mayor Ray DeLong explained the thirteen folds of the flag and what they meant.

The speaker of the day was Nancy Cromley Lichty, one of the main workers of the V.E.T.S. organization who has worked long and hard on getting the Civil War Veterans Monument moved in the park and all the tablets prepared.

She explained each phase of the process from beginning to the end. To the veterans, that memorial has a special meaning and reason to be there. Our hearts swell up with pride a little each time we see or think about it.

After the festivities were over, Mr. Arnold the high school principal, invited us to stay for lunch. They had a number of tables decorated and set up on the stage in

the auditoria. We had a fine and leisurely lunch and were waited on hand and foot. The joyful part of it was to watch those hundreds of children enter and eat lunch with a minimum of noise and distraction. I tell you, I was filled with emotion and pride about the whole scene.

I know that I speak for all veterans when I say that when you are in that beautiful new school with those dedicated teachers and hundreds of children preparing for the future, then you know that the three or four years that we spent away from home and family were not wasted. No, indeed they were well-spent and now priceless. I think we feel that maybe we left a legacy for the years down the road.

On behalf of all the veterans who were there today, I want to thank the faculty for all the courtesies extended to us today. It is good to be remembered. To Deb Altic and her kitchen help, a big tip of the ball cap for a nice lunch and environment. It is another day in our history. See Ya!

VILLAGE OF PAULDING MEETING MINUTES FOR 10/19/09

Paulding Village Council met in Regular Session on October 19, 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, and Kim Sutton. Administrator Wiebe and Solicitor Jones were also present. Councilmen Ronnie Breedlove and Randy Daeger were absent.

Sierer motioned to approve the minutes of the October 5th meeting, seconded by Jeffery. Vote: all yeas.

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 third time. Rife motioned to approve the legislation, seconded by Jeffery. Vote: all yeas.

Dale Burden, of the United States Postal Service, was present seeking Council's support to keep the Lima processing facility open. Mr. Burden noted the District Office is planning on closing and selling the Lima facility although it is ranked one of the highest performing facilities in the area. The USPS intends to forward mail from the "458" zip code to the Toledo processing center which not only has lower delivery standards, but could possibly slow processing by one-day - even for in-town mail. He noted this change will be felt by every person and business in the "458" zip code as bills, checks, medicines, newspapers, packages, and express mail may be delayed.

Jeffery motioned to approve Resolution 1237-09 re: A Resolution Requesting the US Congress to Delay the United States Postal Service from Moving its Facility for Processing Mail Originating in the 458 Zip Code from the Lima Processing and Distribution Center to the Toledo Facility Until the Effect of Such Proposal on Costs and Delivery Standards is Fully Investigated, seconded by Sutton. Vote: all yeas.

Sutton presented the Recreation Committee's report. The committee discussed the following:
**Recognized Ron Riggenbach and the Paulding Reservoir Ball Association for installing the new wiffle ball field at

Reservoir Park,
**Recommended erecting "No Parking in Grass" signs in Reservoir Park,
**Recommended installing a guard rail next to the wiffle ball field,
**Discussed entering into an Agreement with the Paulding Reservoir Ball Association for maintenance and operation of Reservoir Park. This agreement will be similar to the one the Village will have with the Paulding Ball Association at Lela McGuire Jeffery Park.

Rife motioned to accept the Recreation Committee's report, seconded by Sierer. Vote: all yeas.

Rife motioned to approve the Administrator's Agenda regarding assessing properties owned by Connie Williamson and Scott Hutchinson Properties for delinquent utility bills, seconded by Sutton. Vote: all yeas.

Solicitor Jones requested Council move into Executive Session for legal matters.

Mayor White relayed progress on the new ball fields at Lela McGuire Jeffery Park is moving quickly. He noted holes have been dug for the lighting that is scheduled to arrive soon.

Sutton noted Ohio's Supreme Court Justices will be in town for their off-site court program later this week. She encouraged everyone to attend a reception for them on Tuesday night at the Paulding County Library, along with a historical tour of the Court house, and witness a live hearing on Wednesday.

Bill Sherry, of the Paulding-Progress, commended the Village on the new roof being installed on the mausoleum. Mayor White noted the roof is made of steel, and has a 50-year warranty.

Jack Palmer, of The Crescent-News, inquired of the status of the Barnes Hotel property. Solicitor Jones noted that he and Wiebe have been in contact with a contractor to inspect the property.

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

Rife motioned to pay the bills, seconded by Jeffery. Vote: all yeas.

Rife also motioned to pay registration fees to NOMMA and the Paulding CIC, along with authorizing Tope to pay all future invoices associated with the new ball complex upon receiving monies from the trustees; seconded by Sutton. Vote: all yeas.

Rife motioned to adjourn, seconded by Sutton. Vote: all yeas.

OUR CHILDREN "CATCH" MORE THAN WE THINK

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

A minister writes, "Often between the Cheerios crumbs, crawling on the pews, and coloring in the bulletins, we adults wonder what value a young child gets out of a church service.

One Sunday morning, I gained some new insight regarding the answer to that question. I overheard a conversation between a mother and her two year old son.

During the service, the little boy asked his mother to fix the GI Joe action figures whose arm got twisted off. Twice the mother tried to explain that the toy figures could not be fixed.

The young boy continued to carry on so, finally, the mother exclaimed, "Luther, it's broken forever and ever!"

Without hesitation, the little toddler replied, "Amen."

Our children pick up more in church and Sunday school than what we realize. But they are shaped even more by what they observe and pick up at home. The old saying, "Regarding morals and personal convictions, more is caught than taught."

I guess the reason I've been thinking about that lately is that I have been reminded again and again of the most important ministry I have had in my life—that of building character and godliness into our three sons. And I wonder how much of a grateful attitude my sons have "caught" from their mother and dad.

As we enter into the Thanksgiving season, our

society will be immersed in stories of pilgrims, Mayflow-ers, turkeys, and the giving of thanks. Late November is the time to be thankful. It's the socially acceptable thing to do at that time of the year.

Our family will do that sort of thing. So will yours. But the hard question that I ask myself is, "How good a job am I doing in developing the virtues of gratitude and thanksgiving in my sons throughout the year? How much giving of thanks, gratitude, and verbalized appreciation is heard around our homes at other times beyond just November? How much of it is being "caught" by our children?

Are we demonstrating to them that common courtesy, manners, and acknowledgment of appreciation is something that is always appropriate? It's certainly admirable to be grateful at Thanksgiving. It's something else to acknowledge indebtedness and gratitude to a heavenly Father and to other people during the other eleven months of the calendar.

During the years I taught and coached in the public schools I was always impressed with those students who showed genuine courtesy and appreciation to teachers, administrators, cooks, bus drivers, and even to other students. It made such a statement to me about the kind of home those kids had.

Oh, that we would become the kind of parents and grandparents who model attitudes of thanksgiving, appreciation, and gratitude at home as well as away from home. Our kids are watching... and picking up far more than what we realize.

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