

Happy Thanksgiving

2009 "HERE COMES SANTA" FESTIVAL OF TREES HAS SEEN ANOTHER YEAR



There is always a committee to plan the annual John Paulding Historical Society Festival of Trees but it takes many volunteers to make the weekend a success. This past weekend over 1000 people came through JPHS to view the trees and displays. A first time spaghetti supper on Friday evening, and a Sunday brunch was well attended and the entertainment throughout the weekend was excellent.

We had 50 plus trees decorated by individuals and businesses using the theme "Here Comes Santa." Santa came to visit the children on Saturday morning and over 50 families took advantage of visiting with the Jolly Ole' elf and having the children's pictures taken with him. The highlight of Saturday morning was the presence of a real live reindeer who was quite the talk of those visiting. Children and adults were allowed to a hands on experience with the beautiful animal.

The talking tree came in out of the woods for another year of visiting with the children and their parents. Talking tree is still quite frisky after all of these years of attending the festival of trees.

We had over 35 silent auction items for guests to bid on and we hope that you were a

successful bidder. All activities were by free will donation with the exception of the Silent Auction and all proceeds will benefit the historical society to help keep history alive within our county for future generations.

So as you can see. It does take more than just a few on a committee to make a weekend successful. We look forward to seeing you again next year. We are always looking for new members to join JPHS. If you would like to help with the planning of next years tree festival give a call to the JPHS 419-399-8218 or 419-399-5818.

The Historical Society will be open Tuesdays until December 8 from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. It will open again in late January.

Tree committee was Eileen Kochensparger, chairman, Rose Munger, Dianne Stouffer, Rhonda and Erica Smalley. Friday evening supper chairman was Karen Leatherman and Sunday Brunch was Luella Thomas. Silent Auction items were chaired by Anna Kausser.

Merry Christmas everyone from the tree committee.

THANKSGIVING

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Educator

Thanksgiving is a very special day for families to create traditions and memories that last a lifetime. As families gather and celebrate Thanksgiving, let us look at some history of Thanksgiving in the United States.

Early explorers to the New World quickly acquired a taste for turkey and transported birds back to Europe. By the 1500s, turkeys were being raised domestically in Italy, France and England. When the Pilgrims and other settlers arrived in America, they were familiar with raising and eating turkey and naturally included it as part of their Thanksgiving feast.

The first recorded observance of Thanksgiving in America was a religious occasion that did not include the feast now associated with the holiday. On December 4, 1619, a small group of English settlers arrived at Berkeley Plantation on the James River

in Virginia. In accordance with their charter, the group observed this day by giving thanks to God.

Two years later, the residents of Plymouth rejoiced in an abundant crop and Governor William Bradford proclaimed a three day harvest festival. The colonists and about 90 Indians enjoyed an enormous feast which included ducks, geese, turkey, fish, corn bread and vegetables. It is this particular feast that is usually referred to as the First Thanksgiving.

In the middle of the American Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day, to be celebrated on the final Thursday in November 1863. For the first time, Thanksgiving became a national, annual holiday with a specific date. Succeeding presidents honored the tradition of annually declaring the final Thursday in November to be Thanksgiving.

But in 1939, President Franklin D. Roosevelt broke

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Garry L. Young, 74, of Payne, passed away Thursday, November 19, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Garry was born in Payne on May 14, 1935, a son of the late Lois (Ludwig) and Evard Young.

He was a farmer, who loved old tractors; a Harri-son Twp. Trustee; member of the Payne Church of Christ, Payne Board of Public Affairs, Flatrock Masonic Lodge & 40 year member of the Payne Fire Dept & EMS.

On October 30, 1959 Garry married Anita Armstrong who survives.

Garry will be sadly missed by his wife, Anita; sons: Brian (Beth), Brad and Bob (Amy) all of Payne; sister, Sue (Joe) Meyer of Antwerp; sister-in-law, Jean of Payne; and four grandchildren. His brother, Howard preceded him in death.

His funeral service was November 23, 2009 at the Payne Church of Christ. He was laid to rest at Lehman Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Payne EMS. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Elizabeth "Betty" J. Heater, 81, of Palm Harbor, Florida, former Paulding resident died Tuesday, November 17, 2009 at the Mease Country-side Hospital, Safety Harbor, Florida.

She was born November 22, 1927 in Paulding the daughter of William H. and Iona (Sickmiller) Heater. She was a graduate of Bowling Green State University and Ohio University. She taught music education in Ohio and Florida as well as in England for the U.S. Department of Defense to military dependents for 30 years. After retirement she moved to Florida where she lived for the past 19

years. She was a member of the Paulding United Methodist Church and was very active in the Methodist Church in Ohio as well as Florida. She was also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

She is survived by one brother, Robert (Josie) Heater of Marion, Ohio; a special friend, Iris Schreiber of Palm Harbor, Florida; and seven nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents; a brother, William Heater Jr.; and one niece.

Funeral services were November 24, 2009 at the Paulding United Methodist Church. Graveside services followed at Ayersville Cemetery. A memorial service was planned in Florida at a later date.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding is handling arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com.



Margaret J. Gordon, 85, of Payne, passed away Sunday, November 15, 2009 at Van Wert Hospital.

Margaret was born in Fort Wayne, on December 6, 1923, a daughter of the late Lois (Swihart) and Leo Christle.

She was a member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, the Altar/Rosary Society, Medjugorje Prayer Group, Paulding County Visiting Nurses Auxiliary & Harvest House, New Haven. On October 25, 1947, she married Charles Gordon, who passed away Sept 13, 1987.

She will be sadly missed by her sons: Thomas (Diane) of Payne, Lawrence of Convoy, Edward of Payne, Robert of Fort Wayne and James (Amy) of Nashville, IN; daughters: Mary (Richard) Yoder of Fort Wayne, Susan (Paul) Hamrick of Van

Wert, Carol (Joseph) Koh-nen of Monroeville, IN and Therese (Wayne) McOwen of Pandora, OH; brothers: James Christle of Hawthorn, CA and David Christle of Tampa, FL; sister, Nancy (George) Fries of Marion, IN; 20 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by four brothers.

Her Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Divine Mercy Catholic Church, 203 W. Townline, Payne, November 20, 2009. The Rosary was recited at the funeral home. She was laid to rest at St John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery.

Memorials are for masses or Divine Mercy School. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Janice E. Larson, 85, of Payne, Ohio passed away Monday, November 16, 2009 at Dallas Lamb Foundation Home.

Janice was born in Payne on May 25, 1924, a daughter of the late Anna (Parady) and Clarence Harp.

She worked at Flint & Walling Sump Pumps Kendallville. Janice loved to read. On December 23, 1944 she married Elmer Larson, who passed away December 16, 1998.

She will be sadly missed by her daughters: Judi (Jon) Hall of Convoy and Debi (Dennis) Moore of Columbia City, IN; son-in-law, Charlie Berhalter of Rome City, IN; sisters: Genevieve Stumbo of Lakeland, FL and Joan Gauvey of Payne; brother, James (Elaine) Harp of Payne; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Preceding her in death were her daughter, Sheri Berhalter; and sister, Lois Hudson.

Her funeral service was at Dooley Funeral Home of Payne, Ohio on November 19, 2009. She was laid to rest at Wiltsie Cemetery.

Memorials are to Paulding Area VNA & Hospice. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com.

Betty Lou Larson, 80, of Paulding died Monday, November 16, 2009 at Van Wert Hospice, Van Wert, OH.

She was born December 27, 1928 in Grover Hill, Ohio the daughter of Tom L. and Bessie C. (DeCamp) Price. She was a member of Paulding United Methodist Church and was previously employed by the Paulding County Hospital and Paulding Exempted Village Schools as a cook. She was a member of Girls Scouts Affiliate "Progress to Paulding".

She is survived by two sons: James Larson of Paulding and John Larson of Rockford, OH; a daughter, Susan Deatrack of Limestone, MI; nine grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services were November 19, 2009 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with Rev. Ben Lowell officiating. Burial was in Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding.

Donations may be made to Make-a-Wish Foundation, or Van Wert Inpatient Hospice Center, 1155 Westwood Dr., Van Wert, OH.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

PAULDING LIBRARY LEVY PASSES BY 23 VOTES

Never let it be said that a single vote does not make a difference. Twenty-three voters cast votes to support funding for the Paulding County Carnegie Library system levy. After a nail-biting, finger-crossing two weeks, the official results of the November 3rd General Election was announced. The voters of Paulding County voted "For" the library levy by a margin of 23 votes, 3250 (For); 3227 (Against).

"This is fantastic, we actually have funds to keep from laying off employees and start the process of rebuilding our collection," exclaimed Wilma Mullins, Fiscal Officer for the library.

Library Director, Susan Pieper, concurs, "I am still in a bit of shock. We went directly from hearing the results of the library levy to a Board of Trustees meeting. It started hitting me when I was able to delete the part of the agenda that dealt with budget-cuts if the levy failed," stated Pieper.

The Board was able to make immediate decisions including dropping all user fees for borrowing DVDs and requesting inter-library loan items. Because of existing 2009 budget reductions in state funding to the library, the Board has made the decision to keep current hours through the end of the year. Beginning January 1, 2010 normal hours will return to all library locations, including Saturday hours.

The Paulding County Carnegie Library was established in 1916 as the first library in the United States to serve an entire county funded by Andrew Carnegie. The system serves a predominantly rural population of about 20,000 through the main Carnegie library in Paulding and branch libraries in the villages of Antwerp, Oakwood and Payne. For more information about the library, visit the website at www.pauldingcountylibrary.org.

(Continued from Page 1) with this tradition. November had five Thursdays that year and Thanksgiving was to be celebrated on November 30. Retailers begged the president to move Thanksgiving up one week earlier. It was determined that most people did their Christmas shopping after Thanksgiving and retailers were hoping that with an extra week of shopping, people would buy more. So, when Roosevelt announced his Thanksgiving Proclamation in 1939, he declared the fourth Thursday as Thanksgiving.

Since 1947, the National Turkey Federation has presented the President of the United States with a live turkey and two dressed turkeys in celebration of Thanksgiving. The annual presentation of the National Thanksgiving Turkey to the President has become a traditional holiday ritual in the nation's capital, signaling the unofficial beginning of the holiday season and providing the President an opportunity to reflect publicly on the meaning of the Thanksgiving season. After the ceremony, the live bird retires to Disneyland to live out the rest of its year.

To you and your family, have a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving Holiday.

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We here at West Bend News didn't know what to expect when we designed our ad for a Thanksgiving turkey drawing several weeks ago. We paced the office (and delivery van) with baited breath as the paper settled in homes that first week the ad was included. We were humbled and pleasantly surprised to receive over 100 registrations from readers in and out of our area.

Matthew and Shawn Dooley (top) of Antwerp, and Beverly Bercaw (below) of Paulding were the contest winners of the two turkeys this year.

The entire staff here at WBN are so very thankful to all those who have been an encouragement to us

these past five years and for the faith that all of our advertisers have in us.

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Gen Kotsu Karate celebrated their third anniversary at Raise the Barre dance studio in Paulding last week and are looking forward to their next year. Gen Kotsu has been in the northwest Ohio region for over 30 years and is a strong traditional style of karate. There are classes in Lima, Celina, and Ft. Recovery as well as Paulding.

All traditional dojos today are based on the idea of virtue; indeed, the followers of traditional martial arts today are, in effect, the descendents of the samurai of old. As a traditional style of karate we focus on respect, self-discipline, and self-development through Bushido: Courage, Politeness, Honor, Loyalty, Education and Self-Control. Gen Kotsu challenges the student to train his or her body to gain physical strength and skill while nurturing the spirit to conquer new challenges; this way we learn we are capable of much more than the limits we normally set for ourselves.

Gen Kotsu provides a system where each individual can strive to polish and refine the moves and techniques that best suit his or her own body style and talents to more fully develop their minds, bodies and spirits. Drawing on the foundation of Shotokan karate we use historical karate katas (forms) and basic stances and techniques. For the more advanced students, Gen Kotsu also emphasizes the development of the art of self-defense by incorporating throws and locking techniques from judo and jujitsu, wrist locks from aikido, and weapons training from Okinawan kobudo.

We offer challenging yet enjoyable training for kids and families and people of all ages, and for those interested, Gen Kotsu is well-known for our hard, traditional fighting style. The student interested in learning fighting skills will be training to take punches and kicks to the body. Gen Kotsu offers serious training for the student interested in developing fighting skills.

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The Paulding Gen Kotsu Sensei, a 4th degree black belt with 20+ years of training and teaching, wishes to express great gratitude towards Paulding and the surrounding communities for their support over the last three years and looks forward to serving this area in the year to come.

COMMITTEE WORKING TO PICK GREAT OHIOAN FOR SPOT IN STATUARY HALL

Capitol Letters Weekly Column by: Senator Steve Buehrer

Ohio has been home to six United States Presidents, world-class athletes, military heroes, inventors, astronauts, entrepreneurs, educators, writers, artists and community and religious leaders who have inspired innovation and influenced culture, fought and died to defend our freedoms across the world and helped contribute to the growth and success of our state and this country. These great Ohioans have shaped our history books, and now a group of Ohio legislators is working to choose one individual to represent our state at Statuary Hall in Washington, D.C.

The National Statuary Collection Study Committee, a bipartisan panel of lawmakers from the Ohio House and Senate, was established in December 2006 through passage of Senate Bill 277 to help replace the statue of former Ohio Governor William Allen in the National Statuary Hall Collection with an Ohioan who better represents the values and traditions of our state.

National Statuary Hall, which is located in the United States Capitol Building, was created in federal law in 1864 to allow each state to provide statues, in marble or bronze, to commemorate two deceased individuals "for their historic renown or for distinguished civic or military service." The other Ohioan represented in Statuary Hall is former U.S. President, Union general and U.S. Representative, James A. Garfield.

Over the past several months, the Statuary Committee has held hearings in the hometowns of several famous Ohioans in search of the person to best represent our state in Statuary Hall. Committee members have traveled to Milan, Chillicothe, Dayton, Cincinnati and Washington Court House to learn about Thomas Edison, Tecumseh, the Wright Brothers, William Ellsworth "Dummy" Hoy, who played for the Cincinnati Reds, and abolitionist James Ashley. Most recently, the group participated in a discussion at The Ohio State University in Columbus about the life and accomplishments of track star and Olympic gold medalist, Jesse Owens.

The Statuary Committee will continue to hold hearings to gather information about other outstanding Ohioans in the coming months and is expected to present a recommendation to the General Assembly in May 2010. It is important to note that the new statue will be paid for entirely with private funds.

At the same time the Statuary Committee is looking for the next great Ohioan to represent Ohio in Statuary Hall, the Ohio Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board is seeking nominations for the Great Ohioan award, which is designed to honor special men and women from our state who have played a key role in significant historical events. Awards will be presented in six categories, including inventions, medicine and science; literature, jour-

nalism and historiography; academics; communications and education; entertainment and sports; and government, military, public service and religion. Past "Great Ohioans" are recognized as part of a special exhibit in the newly-remodeled Ohio Statehouse Museum.

All Ohioans are encouraged to participate in the nomination process, which ends December 4. For more information, please visit www.ohiohouse.org or www.capitolsquarefoundation.org/great_ohioan.

History is full of outstanding Ohioans that deserve credit for all they have accomplished and contributed to our state, country and the world. However, as we work to memorialize these special men and women, it is important to remember that state and local leaders have an opportunity—through efforts to strengthen our economy and improve educational opportunities for our young people—to foster an environment that helps develop the next generation of great Ohioans to lead our state into the 21st century.

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.ohio-senate.gov/steve-buehrer.

LATTA CALLS FOR OVERSIGHT BOARD TO REVIEW STIMULUS SPENDING IN OHIO

Yesterday, Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) and seven Republican members of the Ohio Congressional Delegation sent a letter to Ohio Governor Ted Strickland and asked him to establish a bipartisan, independent oversight board to review how stimulus funds are being spent in Ohio. This is the second letter sent to Governor Strickland calling for such a board to be created.

Recent reports have raised suspicion surrounding the accuracy and transparency of how many jobs have been created in Ohio through the "stimulus package" and how much money has been spent in each Congressional District— including fictitious congressional districts as stated on www.recovery.gov this week.

"After spending \$1 trillion of hard-earned taxpayer dollars, it is time for the Obama Administration and Governor Strickland to bring accountability to the 'Stimulus Plan.' With double digit unemployment in Ohio and across our Nation, it is imperative that an independent, bipartisan body review how these dollars have been spent and provide accurate data for review. Taxpayers entrust Congress to spend their money wisely and there is no excuse for a review and accountability plan to not already be in place," Congressman Latta stated after signing the letter to Governor Strickland.

LIVE NATIVITY PRESENTED AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



A Live Nativity will be presented at the First Christian Church of Paulding on Saturday, December 5 and 6 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. This outdoor, drive-through production is being presented by area churches and organizations and will feature various scenes from traditional Bible verses, celebrating the birth and life of Jesus Christ. Canned goods will be ac-

cepted for the county food bank; monetary donations support the nativity production. Refreshments and music will also be offered to the public in the fellowship hall; parking space will be available in the church lot. The church is located at 1233 Emerald Road, Paulding. Join us this Advent season as we recognize the "greatest gift of all."

3RD ANNUAL NATIVITY NIGHT AT AUGLAIZE CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD



Auglaize Chapel Church of God will host the 3rd annual Nativity Night on Friday, December, 4, 2009 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. The building is located at 22652 Co. Rd. 60, Oakwood, Ohio. Admission is a free will

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It's a blessing to serve others and we appreciate all the volunteers and all those who gave and continue to give throughout the year.

We currently serve 4-6 families every week as many go through these hard times, the need for help will continue. Bob Kammeyer of the IGA has generously set up a drop-off donation box at the front entrance. Food donations of all brands will be accepted and for every five items donated Bob Kammeyer will donate a box of cereal.

Donations also can be brought to the Antwerp United Methodist Church, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

—Becky Zartman, Christian Pantry coordinator

TGIF GIVE-A-WAY SET FOR DECEMBER 5TH

The Paulding United Methodist Church will be hosting its annual TGIF give-a-way on Saturday, December 5, at the Paulding County (Ohio) Extension Building.

TGIF, otherwise known as Thank God It's Free, will serve people from Paulding County as well as surrounding counties in Northwest Ohio and in Northeast Indiana. The building will open for items to be picked up from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Slightly used and clean clothing, household items, bedding, working small appliances, Christmas decorations, shoes, boots, working toys and many miscellaneous items will be given away to those in need. Monetary donations are also appreciated and can be sent to Sue Wannemacher or Vicki Kadesch or brought to the extension building during the times listed below.

Donations will be accepted at the extension building beginning on Monday, November 30, from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., through Thursday, December 3.

Due to the current economy in this area, the need for 2009 is greater than ever before and all donations are sincerely appreciated. For more information, please contact Sue Wannemacher (419-263-2972) or Vicki Kadesch (419-399-5424).

The First Presbyterian Church of Paulding will also be hosting a TGIF give-a-way on Saturday, December 5. For more information, please contact the Presbyterian Church.

THE RESULTS OF RUSHING

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

A food editor of the local newspaper received a telephone call from a woman inquiring how long to cook a 22-pound turkey.

"Just a minute," said the food editor turning to consult a chart.

"Thank you very much," replied the novice cook, who immediately hung up!

Talk about being too quick on the draw. That turkey would have been so undercooked that he probably still gobbled! As I chuckled over that story I got to thinking about the phone-caller.

You know, I'm an awful like that lady. Speaking and acting too quickly. Zipping through life at breakneck speed and finding myself with undercooked turkeys because I just didn't take the time to listen.

Living in a hectic, fast-paced world is part of the problem. We want instant answers, instant results, instant EVERYTHING! And too often, in our hurry to rush and get in all done, we end up hurting ourselves and hurting others too.

When was the last time you truly took time to listen to your kids? I'm not talking about the listening-to-my-son-while-I'm-reading-the-paper trick that I'm especially good at. I'm referring to taking some time to sit, relax, and talk with your son or daughter eyeball to eyeball without having to rush, hurry, or move on to the next thing to do.

Better yet, when was the last time you had a good conversation with your spouse? I mean really spending some concentrated time hearing the other person out and entering into his/her world.

Isn't it funny how days turn into weeks, weeks turn into months, and the time just keeps grinding away—and we KNOW we should be spending more quality time with those we love most but... well, you know how it is. How will I get everything done that needs to be done and cover all my bases and...?

Tell me about it. I live there too. But I'm beginning to realize that unless I intentionally TAKE the time to give undistracted attention to my wife and family, it probably isn't going to happen. You see, I know myself too well.

The only way it's likely to happen is if I DETERMINE to do it. Today. Or when I get home tonight. Because if I don't start doing it today, it probably won't happen tomorrow. Or the next day. Or the day after that.

THE ONE TRUE CHURCH RESTORATION #5

By: James Potter, Oakwood church of Christ

In our last study I was showing you the falseness of the doctrine or teaching of Calvinism. Last study we looked at Total Hereditary depravity.

Today let us study: An Unconditional Election:

1. Calvinism teaches that since God has elected only a portion of the human race to be saved, then Christ did not die for all, but only for the elect.

It just amazes me how that Calvin could completely turn against the New Testament in saying that Christ did not die for all, but the elect? Doesn't he know that Christ died for all and elect is Christians, the church.

A. This means that if one is not of the elect, he cannot be saved, no matter how much he or she desires it and seeks it.

B. It also means that if one is of the elect, he cannot be lost no matter how he lives or how much evil he commits.

2. Does the Bible teach unconditional election?

A. The Bible teaches predestination, but not arbitrary, unconditional predestination.

In Ephesians 1:3-5, this tells us that before the foundation of the world, that God knew or predestinated His church, before the foundation of the world, before there were Jew or Gentile, God chose to have a people for himself, a covenant people confined to no one earthly race. Furthermore, for those who teach that Christ died only for a few, the teaching of scripture is clear. 1 John 2:2 tells us that Christ died for the sins of the whole world; this means that everyone has the opportunity to be saved. Other scripture verses to look at are John 3:16-18; 36; Acts 10:43; Hebrews 5:8-9; Mark 16:15-16.

The Bible teaches that God created man as a free moral agent. Going back to the book of Genesis chapter 2:16-17, notice what God is saying in verse 16, thou mayest freely eat. This means Adam had freedom to choose, and if Adam chose not to serve God, he would die both spiritually and physically. Now

looking at Genesis chapter 3, we read that both Eve, then Adam, chose to break God's commandment by eating from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Disobedience is the chief characteristic of the first sin, as you study this you will soon see that Eve, then Adam ate of the forbidden fruit, knowing that they weren't supposed to, they did it willingly. Two valuable lessons can be learned from this incident. One is that sin is always punished, Genesis 3:14-19. The second is that sin need not carry with it tremendous moral consequences for it to be sin. In our society today, many people believe that if a person's actions do not harm anyone else, then no sin has been committed. Sin always hurts God and yourself.

Please remember to study your Bible, check the scripture verses and if someone tells you something that they say comes from God, challenge them as to where in the Bible it is found. All matters of faith are found in the pages of Holy Writ. If you have Bible questions call (419) 399-5022 for Lonnie Lambert or (419) 393-4775 for James Potter. Jesus loves you and so does the Oakwood church of Christ.

MEGAN SORENSEN JOINS NATIONAL WIND'S TEAM

National Wind, LLC announces that Megan Sorensen has joined the company as a wind farm developer. Sorensen's responsibilities include helping manage the development of two key wind projects, 300 megawatt Root River Energy in Fillmore County, Minnesota and 300 megawatt Northwest Ohio

Wind Energy in Grover Hill, Ohio.

Sorensen brings five years of corporate financial experience to National Wind's team. Prior to National Wind, she worked for Fidelity Investments in Boston, MA. As an Investment Analyst for their real estate group, Sorensen conducted due diligence procedures for potential new partners. She also has worked as a financial analyst for a Florida-based real estate, property management and construction firm called Bainbridge Companies.

"We're impressed with Megan's financial background and feel she will be an asset to our company," says Leon Steinberg, CEO of National Wind. "Our projects are jointly owned with the community and involve complex ownership structures. Megan has hit the ground running and is already contributing to our development efforts."

Sorensen has a Master's in Historic Preservation from the University of Pennsylvania. She also has a certificate in Real Estate Design and Development from the Penn School of Design, in conjunction with the Wharton School of Business.

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND DISMISSALS

Admissions:
11/18 - Ronnie Hostettler, Cecil
11/20 - Drayden Arnett, Antwerp
Dismissals:
11/21 - Drayden Arnett, Antwerp; Ronnie Hostettler, Cecil

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Oakwood and Melrose residents: Be aware that the U.S. postal service is doing a study to do away with the Lima Postal Distribution Center, and move it to Toledo. I wrote to Rep. Latta, he sent his concerns to the post office. If you want your mail to take an extra day or two, let them move the Distribution Center to Toledo! Also keep in mind that this move will do away with jobs in Lima! I know that Lima job losses don't seem to affect Paulding County, but it most certainly will! Currently, a truck picks up mail two times a day from Melrose and Oakwood. Now imagine a truck running maybe only one time a day and going to Toledo with your bills, letters and christmas cards! Not going to be faster, and on snowy days, will our post offices be serviced?

Call or write Rep. Latta, and contact the U.S. Postal Service and let them know we need our Lima Distribution Center so our mail comes to us in a timely manner!

—Mike Porter

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am responding to the November 11th article by James Potter. It always seems to me, (and many others) that Mr. Potter is preaching to the choir. It seems almost ridiculous that he is attacking one of the great reformers of the Christian Church, John Calvin. His premise for this is that one Dutchman disagreed with Calvin. The man was named Jacob Arminius. Born Jakob Harmensloon, on October 10, 1560 and dying October 19, 1609. All we have in this argument is a reformer reforming the reformer. Arminius believed in three critical things that Calvin disagreed with.

One: Christ died for all people, therefore all people will be saved. The truth is that Christ died for the sins of everyone, but unless His Blood is applied, those sinners are lost. A very good example might be the two malefactors on the cross. They were probably the same distance from Christ, (they did converse), one was redeemed, the other lost. The redeemed man recognized who Christ was even during His suffering. The man's first words to Jesus were, "LORD, remember me when you come into your kingdom." To believe that all people will be saved because Christ died for all sin for all time is not only making that person a "universalist," a believer of "unitarianism," but that refutes what scripture clearly addresses.

Second: God's Grace. Man is DEAD in sins and trespasses, Ephesians 2:1. How can someone who is spiritually dead have anything to say about anything? That spiritual death was imposed on Adam the day he ate of the tree. For God said, 'the day thou shalt eat of it, thou shalt surely die.' They, Adam and Eve, died spiritually, not physically. Mr. Potter, you say that babies and young children will be with other believers and Christians in Paradise—not paradise Mr. Potter, but heaven. Sorry to inform you, Mr. Potter, babies are born sinners too. They die

and Romans 6:23 tells us that, "The wages of sin is death." But God has made a provision for many through His grace, His mercy and His love. That provision can be found in Romans 5:12, "Wherefore, as by one man, sin entered into the world and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men for all have sinned," verse 13, "for until the law sin was in the world; but sin is not imputed (put to one's account) when there is no law." Sin is not put to the account of those who have no moral distinguishment. God's character demands justice, Mr. Potter, and His justice is sure, but even then He shows mercy. Jesus is seated at the right hand of God in heaven that's where babies and those God has ordained go, not to paradise—that is for another study.

Back to resisting God's grace. Have you talked to any of the prophets lately? The prophet Jeremiah, whom God said, 'Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee and ordained thee to be a prophet among the nations' - Jeremiah 1:5. Have you talked to Jonah? Moses? Amos? Daniel? Micah? Don't you think when Jesus stopped to see Matthew, who was a tax collector robbing both the Jews and the Romans, that it would have taken more than two words, "FOLLOW ME?" If all of these men could have resisted the beautiful grace of the Lord, would we today have been renaming the books of the Bible? Oh Yes, Mr. Potter, His grace is surely irresistible, otherwise we would be shaking our fist in the face of God.

Third, and lastly, Man can lose his salvation. This is one of the biggest lies that has been propagated for centuries. You see Mr. Potter, Arminius thought he had something to do with his salvation, just as most people do today. They take this free will and run with it. Man is, as I have stated before, spiritually dead. Man not only knows nothing about the things of God, he wants nothing to do with God. David, in his repentant psalm, Psalm 51, had it right, to back up my second argument, in verse 5, David says, "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me." But concerning salvation, he says to the Lord, "Restore unto me the joy of thy (not my) salvation." The Prophet Jonah, sitting in the whale's belly, cries out, "Salvation is of the Lord." It's not of man, never has been, never will be nor, as a matter of fact, never should be. We, as sinful men and women, can only receive that precious gift of salvation as, what it is, a gift.

Remember, Jesus chose His disciples, they did not choose Him, John 15:16. We have nothing to do with our salvation Mr. Potter, but to receive Christ, He has prepared everything. Is the Christian secure in the salvation God has provided? Absolutely! Even the prophet Isaiah in 51:6, the Lord says, "My salvation shall be forever."

In closing, I would like us to go to John chapter 6, Jesus says, "No man can come unto Me except the Father which has sent me. Draw (meaning to drag) him and I will raise him up at the last day." John 6:37 says, "All that the Father gives me, shall come to me." And John 6:39 says, "And this is the father's will, all which

He hath given me, I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day."

These are the words of Jesus Himself. God's salvation is secure because He provides it. He is the author and finisher of our faith, Hebrews 12:2. He that has begun a good work in us will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ, Philippians 1:6. I will believe what the Lord has spoken and written. Mr. Potter, you believe whom you will...

—Kenny Barnes, Calvary Bible Church

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Once again Chris and Crystal Banks have brought 'Broadway' to Paulding County with their production of "A Christmas Carol - The Musical".

The casting, the costumes, the set design hold an excellence of professionalism we are beginning to expect from Chris and Crystal; nothing better could have been seen at the Civic Theater in Fort Wayne.

The audience was mesmerized by the performance to the extent at times you could have heard a pin drop. Watching our friends, family and neighbors portray a character so well was like receiving a gift from each of them. The entire cast was fabulous with the acting, singing and dancing. From the young children to the adults the exuberance they exalted was far more than what one would expect from nonprofessionals. I must single out and praise the adorable Tiny Tim who sang with all his heart.

The choreography of Cathy Vogel was extraordinary considering the number of people she directed. Last but not least, the sound and lighting technology was superior.

It was a wonderful way to start the holiday season. If you missed this one, the next time you hear CCBanks Productions is coming to town be sure to mark your calendars. Chris and Crystal just keep topping themselves.

Happy Holidays and "May God Bless Us Everyone,"

—Kay Bromagem

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

With the passing of state Issue 3, Ohio will finally move out of the dark ages to the 21st century though as usual Paulding County would rather keep bleeding it's citizens out of money they don't have. Why the negative attitude toward casinos in four major cities? Here is an enterprise that is projected to bring 1.7 billion dollars annually into Ohio. Indiana is already crying about losing 100 million dollars a year from Ohio! Why is this so bad? Maybe this money will lower our taxes or help do away with some of these levies we can't afford! How many of you who voted 'no' play the lottery? play bingo? (at church events even) bet on sports? horses? (even computer betting) This is all gambling in a smaller sense.

What are the two main arguments; that people will spend money they can't afford; and these casinos will bring more crime is a joke!

First, people are going to gamble anyway they can and will go to Michigan, Indian or other states to do it. It's

like smoking, drinking and, yes, drugs. If it's available they will get to it. Let's let them do it in Ohio and keep the money here rather than it go out of state!

Second, the crime thing. There is going to be crime as long as our judicial system is the joke that it is. If our towns had the security; and, don't make trouble attitude that the casinos have we could leave our doors unlocked without fear. I've been to the Soaring Eagle Casinos at Mt. Pleasant, Michigan and one in St. Louis, Missouri and never felt any fear. These places have no nonsense security that says start something and we'll bounce your butt out right now!

It's very simple; if you don't like these places just don't go. It's like TV; turn it off if you don't like the program. But don't preach to me or anybody else about going to these places. It's our choice and you should mind your own business about what we do.

Maybe when schools start getting funding, our roads start improving and the Ohio economy starts improving, you will accept that these businesses can help. Something needs to help this state recover. From the down slide, our economy is in!

—Gregg Gorman

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

"Hats Off" or may we say "Wigs Off" to the CCBanks production of "A Christmas Carol."

It was so enjoyable to watch and listen to our neighbor, current students, former students, student's parents and friends and relatives on stage.

The music, costumes, sets, choreography, lighting, sound etc. were all tremendous!

We have seen most of CCBanks productions but this has to be at the top of the list.

What a wonderful show to bring to northwest Ohio.

—Don and Rebekah Smith

VILLAGE OF PAULDING COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 11/2/09

Paulding Village Council met in Regular Session on November 2, 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, Ronnie Breedlove, Sam Jeffery, Roger Sierer, and Randy Daeger. Administrator Wiebe and Solicitor Jones were also present. Councilwoman Kim Sutton was absent.

Sierer motioned to approve the minutes of the October 19th meeting, seconded by Rife. Vote: Rife, yea; Breedlove, abstain; Jeffery, yea; Sierer, yea; Daeger, abstain.

Ordinance No. 1400-09 re: Ordinance for the Employment of Michael C. Jones for the Village of Paulding, Paulding County, Ohio, was read for the first time.

Resolution No. 1238-09 re: Authorizing the Purchase of Supplies for the Year 2010, was read for the first time.

Bill Voirol of Tri-County Roofing was present to discuss the new mausoleum roof. Mr. Voirol relayed this was the first install of the metal tile roof, and he is pleased with how the project turned out. He noted the building appears to be structurally sound, but that the install took longer than anticipated due to inclement weather and having to replace a few boards before installing the roof. The gutter is anticipated to be installed this week. He also noted the roof carries a 50-year warranty.

Sierer noted the new ball park is coming along well, and noted the following:

- parking lot lights have been installed,
- concrete around the concession stand has been poured,
- field light bases are in and awaiting poles to be installed,
- interior walls of the concession stand are anticipated to be finished this week, and
- a sketch of a stone monument for the new park was handed out.

Mayor White relayed Mayor's Court collected \$358 for the month of October 2009.

Rife motioned to approve the Administrator's Agenda authorizing Wiebe to assess a property owned by Melody D. Jones Bussing located at 13879 Kay St. for delinquent water, sewer, and refuse; seconded by Jeffery. Vote: all yea.

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

Breedlove noted Hometown Pizza will be open until 11:00 p.m. Tuesday night to provide election results.

Breedlove motioned to move Council into Executive Session for legal matters, seconded by Jeffery. Vote: all yea. Council returned to Regular Session.

Jeffery motioned to approve authorizing Mayor White to sign a "Grant of Easement" agreement with Phyllis and Susan Crossland for waterline purposes, seconded by Rife. Vote: all yea.

Rife motioned to approve the purchase of temporary fencing to be placed around the old hotel property for safety reasons, seconded by Breedlove. Vote: all yea.

The following Committee meetings were scheduled:

Grounds & Buildings Committee - Thursday, November 5th at 2:00 p.m.

Committee of the Whole - Monday, November 9th at 5:30 p.m.

Daeger motioned to pay the bills along with an invoice from Tri-County Roofing for the mausoleum roof, seconded by Rife. Vote: all yea.

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

"Resistance to tyrants is obedience to God"—Thomas Jefferson

Presented by Phillip Piersma

With Our Gratitude At Thanksgiving

*While we enjoy the turkey and all its dressings,
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NEWLY RECOMMENDED BREAST CANCER SCREENING GUIDELINES DISCUSSED BY LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES

Susan G. Komen for the Cure, the world's leading breast cancer advocacy organization, and members of its Northwest Ohio Affiliate, disagree with a new recommendation from the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force against routine mammograms to screen for breast cancer in women in their 40s.

Representatives of the Northwest Ohio Affiliate of Susan G. Komen have reviewed the new screening recommendations and believe that they could put women at risk, and therefore believe current recommendations should remain

in place. Komen's current screening guidelines can be found at www.komen.org <<http://www5.komen.org/breastcancer/earlydetectionampscreening.html>> .

"While mammography is not perfect, it remains the best tool for early detection and successful treatment of breast cancer in women of all ages," said Mary Westphal, executive director of the Northwest Ohio Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

The national Komen office, based in Dallas, has issued the following statement:

"Susan G. Komen for the Cure wants to eliminate any impediments to regular mammography screening for women age 40 and older. While there is no question that mammograms save lives for women over 50 and women 40-49, there is enough uncertainty about the age at which mammography should begin and the frequency of screening that we would not want to see a change in policy for screening mammography at this time."

Our real focus, however, should be on the fact that one-third of the women who qualify for screening under today's guidelines are not being screened due to lack of access, education or awareness. That issue needs focus and attention: if we can make progress with screening in vulnerable populations, we could make more progress in the fight against breast cancer."

For more information, or to schedule an interview, call 419.724.CURE.

OHIO SENATE SENDS BUEHRER WAR OF 1812 COMMISSION PROPOSAL TO GOVERNOR

The Ohio Senate voted unanimously yesterday to concur on changes to Senate Bill 93, legislation sponsored by State Senator Steve Buehrer (R-Delta) that would establish the Ohio War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission, a panel of legislators, historians and other state and local leaders charged with raising public awareness about Ohio's important role in the war and helping preserve historic sites across the state. The Ohio House approved the bill 95-0 on October 28 with minor amendments and sent it back to the Senate for final approval.

The idea for SB 93 was brought to Sen. Buehrer by several community leaders, professors and historians from Northwest Ohio. Richard Rozevink, chairperson of the Historic Veterans Committee of the Defiance County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society, Pete Wilhelm, coordinator of historic preservation for the McDougale Center at Northwest State Community College, and Richard Finch, who is the site manager for historic Fort Meigs in Perrysburg, all testified in support of the bill before the Senate State & Local Government & Veterans Affairs Committee in May.

"I would like to once again applaud the efforts of all the community leaders, historians and other residents from Northwest Ohio who have worked so hard the past several months to spread the word about Ohio's contribution to the War of 1812 and ensure that our state is part of the bicentennial celebration," said Buehrer.

He also noted that the War of 1812 Commission will be administered through Northwest State Community College in Fulton County.

"Northwest State has been a valuable resource in our region and the college's central role in hosting the War of 1812 Commission will not only help make the commemoration effort a success, but create additional educational opportunities on campus for students and faculty," Buehrer added.

The War of 1812 was critical to America's fight for independence from the British Empire, our country's expansion into the Northwest Territory—which, today, includes Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois and Wisconsin—and our relationship with Canada. Specifically, the war was fought in 31 Ohio counties, including sites in Auglaize, Defiance, Hancock, Hardin, Paulding and Putnam Counties in the 1st Senate District.

The 19-member War of 1812 Commission will help plan celebrations and educational events to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the war and its significance in our state and nation's history. The group will include two legislators and seven members of the public, including a representative from the Native American community, who all have substantial knowledge and appreciation of the War of 1812, as well as officials from the Ohio Department of Education, Ohio Department of Commerce, Adjutant General's Office, Ohio Division of Tourism, National Afro-American Museum, Ohio Humanities Council, Ohio Historical Society, Northwest State Community College and the superintendent of Perry's Peace Memorial and Victory Park.

"The War of 1812 was a pivotal victory in our forefather's fight for freedom, as well as the growth of our region, state and country," said Buehrer. "The War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission will help remember and celebrate this event by working to educate Ohioans, young and old, about Ohio's significant role in the war, strengthen preservation efforts of historic sites in Northwest Ohio and other parts of the state and honor the service of the thousands of soldiers who sacrificed their lives for this worthy cause."

SB 93, which accompanies commemoration efforts already underway in several other states and parts of Canada, will now be sent to Governor Strickland for his signature.

CHUCK'S TIRES CLOSING

By: Sue Knapp

For nearly 20 years Chuck Starry has enjoyed talking with people and servicing their vehicles and generally helping people out.

Located on West River Street in Antwerp, Chuck's Tires dealt with general automotive engine repairs and tires, and he accumulated many friends during this time.

Health and personal problems that have cropped up has caused Chuck to make this decision and his service will be missed by many.

Hunt's Engine in Antwerp has taken over Chuck's tire warranties. Chuck feels very confident in Hunt's Engine that they will do what they need to in working with the warranties.

Chuck appreciates all who allowed him to work on their vehicles and will miss their comradery.

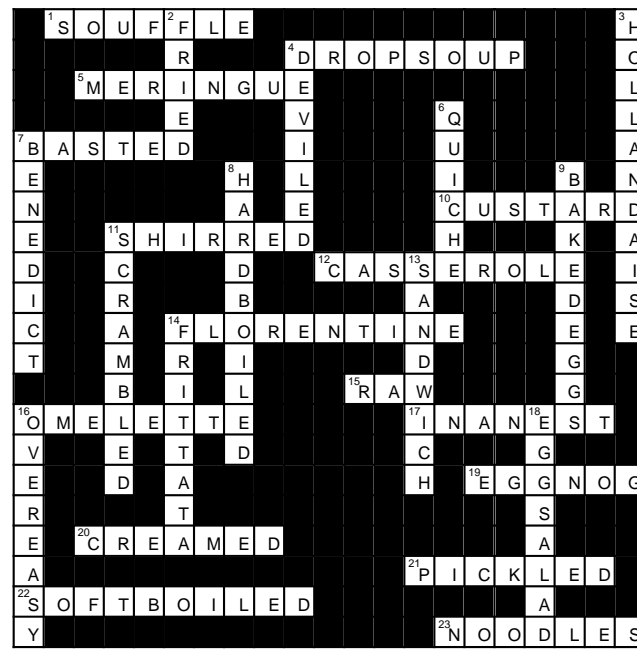
Chuck's Tires last day is on November 28 when they will be open from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. He is having a big sale on all inventory from now until then.

V.E.T.S. VIETNAM ERA LISTING "G & H"

This week our list is for the letters G & H an (*) means we need documentation. Looking ahead in the list there are several local Veterans that have not turned in their information. Please don't be left out!

Gregory L Geyer, Roland L Gibson, Robert L Gill, Raymond L Gillespie, Arthur F Griffis*, Chester E Hahn*, James C Hahn*, Joseph S Halsey*, Patricia M (Rogers) Harlin, C W Harrier, Harry Harrmann, Jerry J Hazelswart*, Allan W Heckman, George W Hedrick, Billy J Hicks, Steven M Hicks*, Monte J Hildum, Lonnie D Hitt Sr, Marion L Howard, Paul R Howard, Earl E Huebner, Randall L Hughes, Lynn A Humbarger, Redd W Humbarger, Martin J Hunt

Answers to "Scrambled Eggs Galore"



FROM THE DOG WARDEN'S DESK

By: Mandy Lichty, Paulding County Dog Warden

This week's featured pet is Peanut. He is a very cute jack russell terrier. Peanut is very friendly, and like all jack russells, he is just a ball of fun.

Also at the shelter we have Lady, a shepherd mix with a gorgeous solid red coat (houstrained); Petey a boxer mix that needs some TLC; Freckles, a baby dalmation mix; Duffy, a cocker spaniel; Wolfie, an Akita; Danny, the golden mix; and Murphy, the beagle.

Remember dog licenses must be renewed December 1st to January 31st. All dogs must be licensed and must wear their license AT ALL TIMES. No matter how many times I ask them, dogs cannot tell me their address. Please keep identification tags on their collars.

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PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES FOR 11/2/09

This 2nd day of November, 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:
J David Webb, Common Pleas Judges' Association 2009 Winter Conference - Dublin, Ohio - December 2-4, 2009

Meeting Notes of Appointment:

Jay Klopfenstein, Scott Fire Department - Mr. Klopfenstein met with the Commissioners to discuss the Fire Marshal fund.



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AROUND THE AREA FOR A GOOD TIME

By: Stan Jordan

I've had a couple of folks say that there is nothing to do here. Nothing for excitement. You have to go to the big city to do anything. So I sat down and wrote about what transpired in this area over the year.

Hicksville hosts the Defiance County Fair and the Huber Theater has plays and going's on all year around.

At Bethel Methodist Church in July they have an old-time Ice Cream Social with all the good food that goes along with that. A number of times a year they hold dinners for the community. The building also holds a quilting club.

At Cecil we attended the Fall Festival, but I will bet your dollars on donuts that the Homecoming at Cecil will be a yearly event.

In Antwerp they have a big Memorial Day Parade. They have a large 'Cruise In' on Main Street called 'Big Boy\$ Toy\$'. Then there is A Day in the Park. They also go berserk at Halloween time.

Over at Woodburn they also have A Day in the Park. They have a bicycle and pancake race that involves people from all over. The Woodburn Fire Department holds fund raisers throughout the year and a benefit for the Woodburn Children's Home is held in the community building.

Bob's Restaurant even hosted Elvis and company. At Payne they annually have a basketball contest called "Playing Ball for Those

Who Can't." This is a very worthwhile fund raiser. It's something called a Basketball Marathon. In the fall they have a whiz bang. They also have a haunted house.

Over at Paulding they have John Paulding Days and the Paulding County Fair. Later on they have the Flat Rock Creek Festival. The Historic Society hosts numerous events throughout the year including the Festival of Trees and a barn dance.

Over at Oakwood they have a big Labor Day parade that is the beginning of a three day celebration. The Oakwood Fire Department has many doings or goings' ons during the year. The Cooper Library also hosts several events.

Over at Grover Hill a church hosts an Ice Cream Social. They have outside entertainment. They are very big in helping the food pantry. They are well-known for their homemade ice cream at the Flat Rock Creek Festival. That community helps each other.

At the historic area of Charloe, they have a Fall Festival that leans towards the early 1800's. It is very interesting and very well attended.

In the fall, Broughton, has a Red Neck Jamboree that is an old-fashioned shivaree with all types and kinds of music.

The Scott Fire Department has a benefit each year, it lasts all day with good food and small tractor pulls.

The Antwerp Conservation Club holds a fish fry twice a year and hosts fire works and a potluck on July 4th.

In Antwerp the V.E.T.S. Committee has been working very hard on the Veterans Memorial. They had a dedication for the new flag on Veteran's Day and the goal is to be done with the memorial Spring of 2010.

Paulding also has had new additions this year also including new parks and a weight-lifting building for the high school.

At the State Line on October 29, 2009 we attended the dedication of the opening of the new US 24.

At Antwerp High School a reverse drawing was held to raise money for the completion of the track at the football field so as to make it a state-approved facility. They also hold a Dancing with the Stars competition after the first of the year for donations. AHS is also where the CCBanks Productions hold their live plays.

Most of the towns in the county hold town wide garage sales.

I know there are many, many activities that I have failed to mention. Please forgive this oversight. The point is Paulding County has a lot going on. Those living in the county are blessed with loving neighbors, friends and churches ready to help with any need. There is nothing like going to a local store to purchase an item. The service is personal with employees going the extra mile to help you.

Go to a big city for entertainment? Right here in Paulding County is enough for me.

See Ya!



By: Stan Jordan

The usher at the Strand Movie Theater was walking down the aisle toward the front section when he saw a man prostrate across three seats laying on his belly, probably asleep.

He shook the fellow and said, "Mister, you can't occupy three seats." The fellow moved a little bit and that was all.

The usher said, "Mister, you can't occupy three seats!" He received the same amount of movement as before.

The usher said, "Mister, you can only sit in one seat. You must move. Where did you come from anyhow?"

In a very low and painful reply the fellow said, "The balcony!" See Ya!

BLOODY BILL ANDERSON

By: Stan Jordan

Of all the killers that I have read and written about this guy is the bloodiest, most brutal, psychopathic and most any other word to describe him. They figure he killed 53 people of all types: men, women, soldiers or any other unionist or northern sympathizer.

He was born William T. Anderson in Kentucky in 1839. He had two brothers. In 1857 the family moved to Agnes City Township in Kansas.

He worked as a teamster on a wagon train for awhile. He made a few forays into Missouri to steal horses.

His father was shot dead on March 1, 1862. Most people thought that a neighbor did it, and later Anderson and his brother, Jim, confronted the neighbor and killed him and another fellow. Now they were in trouble with the law, so they left Kansas.

Some of the northern officers picked up ladies that were accused of aiding and abetting the guerrillas or Quantrill's Renegades. These ladies were put in a



building in Kansas City, MO. That building was not strong enough or had been purposely made unsafe. Anyhow, the building collapsed and killed four of the women, including Josephine, Anderson's sister; also Bill's sister Mary, was permanently crippled.

Some historians say that this incident was the one that put Anderson on the road to killing any and all northern sympathizers. He had a terrible hate for Union soldiers and civilians.

Bill picked himself a wife in the winter of 1863 or 1864. She was Bush Smith of Sherman, Texas.

When Quantrill's Raiders hit Lawrence, Kansas on August 21, 1863 about 200 men and boys were killed and most of the town destroyed. Bloody Bill was a Lieutenant in Quantrill's murderous gang.

They all pulled out for Texas and spent the winter there. Quantrill and Bloody Bill quarreled there and Bill returned to Missouri in March of 1864.

Anderson was getting noticed now because of his savagery against anyone from the north. He and his men took no prisoners. They usually scalped them and/or mutilated them. Bill sent letters to the officers of the town that they would take northern women as hostages.

At this time some young recruits came and joined up with Bloody Bill, this included Frank and Jesse James. Jesse was 16 years old at this time. All these killers would dangle the scalps from the bridles of their horses.

On September 27, 1864, Anderson and his bushwhackers went into Centralia, MO looting and terrifying the whole company.

They forced the Northern Missouri Railroad to stop and robbed it. The train had 22 northern soldiers who were going home on furlough and were not armed. They were all killed and mutilated; scalped, stripped and shot, and their scalps decorated the harnesses of the horses.

That same day a Maj. Johnston was leading a newly formed 39th MO Regiment. They were suckered into a trap. The Union Soldiers had single shot rifles and the Raiders were using pistols and rode over the northern soldiers and they were killed or trapped. If the

soldiers weren't killed, they tried to surrender and were cut down and slaughtered.

About 120 men were killed in the ambush. The bodies of the soldiers were decapitated or mutilated. They cut the soldiers bodies up, like Crazy Horse's men done to Custers' men later at the Little Big Horn, 1876.

On October 26, 1864, Col. Samuel Cox was given the task of eliminating Bloody Bill Anderson. Cox managed to locate Anderson in Ray County, MO. Cox lured Anderson's body of men into an ambush and as they charged into the trap, Cox's detachment fired a volley and Bill Anderson took a round through his head and fell dead from his horse. His surviving men retreated.

The officials claimed that he had killed 53 men. He also caused a lot of sorrow and anguish to hundreds more. If you live by the sword you will die by the sword. A little justice was done here.

See Ya!

STUTTGART NACHT

By: Hayley Feichter

Recently I went with my host family to Stuttgart Nacht. This is a huge culture night with performances and events happening all over the city. Music, dance, theatre, art, films... everything! It occurs only once a year, always in the fall, and it starts at 7:00 p.m. and continues until 2:00 a.m.

We started out listening to a group of five guys, who are an a cappella group that makes all of the instrument sounds with their voices. It was so cool. I couldn't understand most of the lyrics because it was all in German, but the music was still incredible! They change popular tunes by adding or changing words in it to make it funny. They danced and moved with the music, it was hilarious and entertaining.

Next, we walked from the Staatsgalerie to the Parliament Building to watch a short film about German

history. In this five-story building, on each floor, there were different small bands or groups playing all kinds of music. All over the city there was music and arts EVERYWHERE! It was really cool!

Then we walked to a small club where there was an accordion player playing traditional tunes. Some famous people of the area talked about what happiness was for them. It was inspiring. Following that, we went to a magic show and it was really fun!

At the town hall building, we grabbed a bite to eat and rode in Europe's only open elevator! It is very hard to describe but I'll do my best! First of all, the elevator never stops moving, you just have to step in and out quickly. There are individual cabins which only fit two people per cabin. It goes up to the top, shifts around, and heads down. So you could go in circles all day if you really wanted! It doesn't move terribly fast, but you do need to step in and out quickly. It was a unique experience to ride in Europe's, and maybe even the world's, only running open elevator.

After the exciting elevator ride we went to a small organ concert at a historic church downtown. There was so much more to do, but it was cold and rainy outside, so we decided to go back home at midnight.

There are hundreds of things to attend all over the city including New Orleans style blues music at a famous cemetery, a big presentation at the historic Stuttgart TV tower, or about anything artsy you could ever imagine! Stuttgart Nacht happens yearly on one night, and all over the city! It's not free, you have to pay for each event, or purchase an all inclusive wrist band (like the fair). So once we had our red wrist bands we could get in anywhere. There were a wide variety of events for kids and adults alike. It was a really great night full of culture and fun!!

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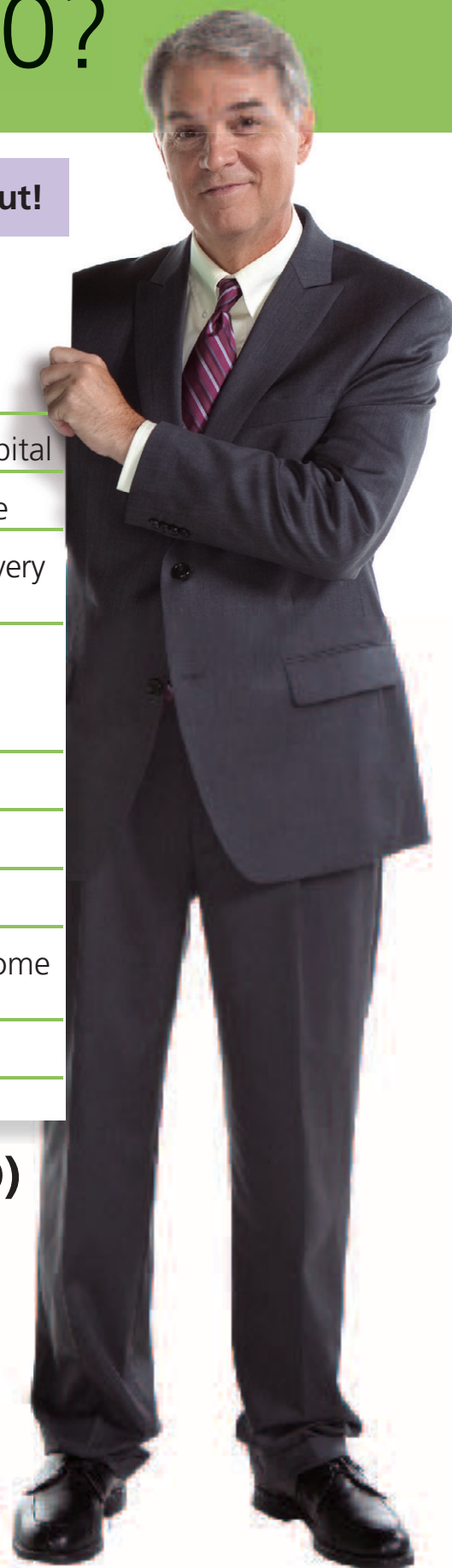
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VFW SUPPORTS STUDENTS TRIP TO OHIO MODEL UNITED NATIONS



Paulding VFW and Auxiliary have been long time supporters of education and this year is no exception. VFW member presented a check for \$300 to help send Ohio Model United Nations students to Columbus for a mock UN. Pictured is Dan Wilder (VFW member), Melissa Harder, Kelsie Deel, Ariel Spielman (OMUN Club President), and Tom Diaz (VFW member).

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL AUXILIARY HOSTS CHRISTMAS CANDY SALE

Can't make a good fudge, don't have time to make Christmas candy, or lost your candy thermometer? Then the Paulding County Hospital auxiliary has the answer for you. We will be sponsoring a locally owned candy making company, Four Boys Favorites on December 10, 2009 from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. in the hospital lobby. This will be cash and carry.

We hope you will support this new venture for us and the Four Boys Favorites Candy Co. from Payne, Ohio

All proceeds benefit the hospital. The auxiliary recently purchased over \$4,000 worth of equipment for the Hospital "wish list". A new

one has been started for the coming year.

Gifts, candy, cards, chips, mints and some surprises are always available at the gift shop which is run by auxiliary volunteers daily from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Officers of the auxiliary are: Eileen Kochensparger, president; Shirley Cramer, vice president; Pat Doster, secretary; Donna Peiper, treasurer of the gift shop; Eleanor Brune and LeAnn Mosier, purchasing agents for the gift shop; and Shirley Baldwin, treasurer of the auxiliary.

Elaine Sierer is the chairman of the recent craft show.

It takes many people to make a successful day. The next auxiliary meeting will be January 12, 2010 in the conference room at the hospital at 2:00 p.m.

STATE SHOULDN'T SANCTION THE DEATH OF THE UNBORN

Guest Column From Representative Lynn R. Wachtmann

The progress made over the last several years to promote and protect the sanctity of life and marriage is in danger of being undone by legislation that has recently been introduced in the Ohio House.

Among its other intentions, House Bill 293 seeks to overturn the current law prohibiting the use of state Women's Health Services grants to fund abortions and abortion counseling; snub the conscience rights of pro-life pharmacists and religious hospitals by mandating the sale and promotion of emergency contraception; and replace the abstinence-until-marriage emphasis on venereal disease education with comprehensive sex education.

Under current law, preference is given to local health departments to receive funding from state Women's Health Services grants, and these funds are prohibited for use in abortion counseling, referral and practice. Before this current law was in place, the majority of these funds went to Planned Parenthood or its affiliates, the largest abortion provider in the country. I am convinced that if HB 293 passes, the preference for Women's Health Services grants will be ripped out of the hands of our capable local health departments and returned to Planned Parenthood to fund the death of the unborn.

Ironically, HB 293 is also known as the "Prevention First Act." As far as I can see, the only prevention that is affected by this bill is the prevention of basic human rights. Forcing taxpayers, pharmacists, and hospitals to promote emergency contraception and abortions when they may have moral objections is a blatant violation of their right of conscience. The State of Ohio should not punish health care providers for holding fast to their moral and religious beliefs.

Furthermore, I believe we all can agree that "prevention" means to stop something before it happens. Terminating the life of a child that has already begun to develop by consuming emergency contraception is not pregnancy prevention—it is murder. House Bill 293 would require hospitals to inform victims of sexual assault that the emergency contraception they offer would not cause an abortion or interrupt an established pregnancy, when in fact that is its primary objective. It seems to me as though liberals today are as intent on killing our unborn children as they are about destroying America, since promoting abortions will only desecrate the future of our great nation.

Although it would appear that HB 293 is gracious and gentle in its treatment of women who are victims of sexual abuse, it is actually misleading and will only cause women more grief. Rape and sexual assault are serious crimes that produce severe, life-altering consequences for their victims. However, legislation that advocates abortion in the midst of an already-traumatizing experience would only add more physical and emotional distress to a woman who has suffered enough without adding the pain and guilt of an abortion.

Finally, by replacing the emphasis of abstinence-until-marriage holistic sex education with comprehensive sex education, HB 293 would incite our youth to experience those behaviors instead of encouraging the development of virtues such as delayed gratification and self-control. Comprehensive sex education caters to the myth that young people are unable to control themselves or make good decisions in certain situations, so they should be provided with the necessary means of protection, all the while downplaying the full emotional and physical protection only abstinence can provide.

The moral degradation of our state and the disregard for the protection of those who cannot speak for themselves is perpetuated through HB 293. I am not content to sit idly by while the Democrats attempt to further desecrate Ohio by undoing the progress we have made in promoting the sanctity of life and marriage. As your representative I will continue to speak out against the injustices incurred by HB 293.

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

VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCES AT PAULDING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Veterans Day was celebrated at Paulding Elementary on November 11, 2009 in a very inspiring way this year. Our students and staff put together a Hall of Honor where they could put up pictures or writings about veterans, both friends and family. There are truly touching writings and inspiring thoughts about our local veterans hanging in the entrance hall of Paulding Elementary. This will be up until Christmas break if you are wanting to view such a tribute to those who gave so much to make our lives better.

We also had some local Veterans come to be honored by saying the Pledge of Allegiance with the entire student body and then sign the Star Spangled Banner together in front of the building around the flag poles. Students were at their best being respectful with excellent behavior and manners. A sense of pride in our community and it's honored members was felt and seen.

After the short celebration the Veterans were invited in for refreshments and to enjoy the Hall of Honor.

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Back - Kelsey Heck, Honorable mention GMC; Haleigh Garner, Most improved JV; Kari Myers, Most improved varsity.



Girls Cross Country: Front - Lindsey Matthews, 2nd team GMC, 10th at Districts, Regional qualifier, MVP; Amanda Hill, Honorable mention GMC, Coaches Award.

Back - Chelsea Klewer, 4-year varsity; Samantha Davis, 4-year varsity



Boys Cross Country: Colin Klopfenstein, MVP; Eli Cook, Most improved; Bram Huiskes, Coaches Award



Boys Golf: Front - Sytse Akkerman, JV most improved; Nick Germann, MVP, 1st team GMC, Honorable mention District; Dalton Coburn, 2nd team GMC, Honorable mention Districts, Coaches Award.

Back - Grady Gundakunst, 2nd team GMC; Devon Snyder, Varsity most improved, 1st team GMC; Andrew Horner, 3rd year varsity.



Football: Front - Dylan Horner, MVP Offense, 2nd team GMC running back and punter; Gage Critten, 11th grade Mr. Fitness; Jacob Taylor, Honorable mention GMC defensive back; Kim Bickford, 10th grade Mr. Fitness; Ryan Wannemacher, 9th grade Mr. Fitness; Gary Klopfenstein, JV Most improved.

Back - Derrick Baksa, 1st team GMC linebacker; Jason Gordon, 2nd team GMC placekicker and defensive end, Overall Mr. Fitness; Jesse Oliver, Honorable mention GMC defensive end, Coaches Award; Trevor Speiser, 1st team GMC guard and defensive tackle, MVP defense, Heavyweight Mr. Fitness; Jordan Sherry, 2nd team GMC wide receiver, Varsity most improved.



Girls Golf: Front - Ashley Saylor, 1st team GMC, Honorable mention District, Most improved; Kacey Hockenberry, MVP, 1st team GMC, 2nd team District; Aryn Denny, Coaches Award, Honorable mention GMC.

Back - Christina Klinker, Most improved JV.



Cheerleading: Alesha Mobley, MVP, Coaches Award; Ashley Strickler, Most improved.

PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 12/2 THROUGH 12/8

MS/HS - Breakfast:
 12/2 - Ham, egg & cheese croissant, juice, milk
 12/3 - Pancakes, sausage links, juice, milk
 12/4 - Sausage gravy w/ biscuits, juice, milk
 12/7 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk
 12/8 - Breakfast pockets, juice, milk
MS/HS - Lunch:
 12/2 - Taco salad or grilled chicken w/bun, broccoli w/ cheese or baby carrots w/dip, assorted fruit, milk
 12/3 - Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes w/gravy, bread, assorted fruit, milk
 12/4 - Footlong chili dog w/bun, oven potatoes, assorted fruit, milk
 12/7 - Popcorn chicken bowl, dinner roll or pizza-burger w/bun, corn, assorted fruit, milk
 12/8 - Southwest chicken salad, tortilla chips, assorted

fruit, milk
Paulding Elementary
- Breakfast:
 12/2 - Poptart, juice, milk
 12/3 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk
 12/4 - Yogurt, whales, milk
 12/7 - Muffin, applesauce, milk
 12/8 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk
Paulding Elementary
- Lunch:
 12/2 - Toasted cheese, tomato soup w/crackers, bread/margarine or peanut butter, assorted fruit, milk
 12/3 - French toast, hash browns, sausage, assorted fruit, milk
 12/4 - Cheeseburger w/ bun, oven potatoes, assorted fruit, milk
 12/7 - Breaded chicken w/bun, broccoli w/cheese, assorted fruit, milk
 12/8 - Chicken alphabet soup, mini carrots, bread/margarine or peanut butter, assorted fruit, milk
Oakwood Elementary
- Breakfast:
 12/2 - Rainbow yogurt, cinnamon gold fish crackers,

a stick, tator tots, 100% juice, milk
 12/8 - Cheeseburger sandwich, potato wedges, mixed fruit, milk

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 12/2 THROUGH 12/8

Breakfast:
 All days - Cereal, crackers, juice, milk
Lunch:
 12/2 - Goulash or coney dog on bun, green beans, fruit juice bar, bread stick, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cottage cheese
 12/3 - Taco or cook's choice, scalloped potatoes, jello w/fruit, milk; PLUS: salad bar or pasta salad
 12/4 - Fiestada pizza or tuna salad sandwich, carrots & celery, cheese curls, milk; PLUS: salad bar or pie
 12/7 - Chicken nuggets or salisbury steak on bun, corn, peaches, milk; PLUS: salad bar or celery w/peanut butter
 12/8 - Tex Mex chili or cook's choice, salad, pears, milk; PLUS: salad bar or fruit cup

juice, milk
 12/3 - Bob Evans breakfast burrito, juice, milk
 12/4 - Bob Evans breakfast sausage biscuit, grapes or juice, milk
 12/7 - Warm cinnamon bun, juice, milk
 12/8 - Assorted cereals, assorted crackers, juice, milk
Oakwood Elementary
- Lunch:
 12/2 - Hamburger w/bun, pickles, corn, fruit, milk
 12/3 - Tostilla chips w/ cheese sauce, green beans, fruit, milk
 12/4 - Taco in a bag, lettuce & cheese, fruit, milk
 12/7 - French toast sticks, sausage links, fruit juice, fruit, milk
 12/8 - Breaded pork chop, whipped potatoes w/gravy, bread, fruit, milk

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS FOR THE WEEK OF 12/2 THROUGH 12/8

Breakfast:
 12/2 - Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk
 12/3 - Egg/cheese omelet, toast/jelly, juice, milk
 12/4 - Waffles, sausage, juice, milk
 12/7 - Pizza, juice, milk
 12/8 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, juice, milk
Lunch:
 12/2 - Rotini/meat, cheese stick, green beans, bread stick, peaches, milk
 12/3 - Chicken noodles, mashed potatoes, roll, yum yum cake w/topping, milk
 12/4 - Fiestado, celery/carrot sticks w/dip, mandarin oranges, milk
 12/7 - Pancake/sausage on

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MR. AND MRS. RUSSELL REINHART CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF MARRIAGE



Mr. and Mrs. Russell Reinhart of Antwerp, OH will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on November 28, 2009.

Russell Reinhart and Rochelle Miller, were married

on November 28, 1959 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Paulding, OH by the Rev. Charles Ruess.

They are the parents of five children: Lori Kapell (Mark) of New Haven, IN, Rusty Reinhart (Jonelle) of Fort Wayne, IN, Angie Germann (Neil) of New Haven, IN, Andy Reinhart of Antwerp and Brian Reinhart (Jessica) of Antwerp. They also have 13 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Family and friends are invited to an open house on Saturday, November 28 starting at 5:30 p.m. at Divine Mercy Center (formally St. Mary's Center) located in Antwerp.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank our friends, family and especially our children, for helping to make our 50th anniversary so special.

—Chuck and Ann Wiedman

2009 GMC ALL-CONFERENCE FOOTBALL SELECTIONS

The Green Meadows Conference is proud to announce the All-Conference selections for Football for the 2009 season:

FIRST TEAM:

Offensive Ends - Shaile Chamberlain, Antwerp, 11; Nathan Yoder, Fairview, 12; Rodney Webb, Fairview, 12

Offensive Tackles - Joe Slattery, Hicksville, 12; Alex Purnell, Tinora, 12

Offensive Guards - Britt Gerken, Tinora, 12; Trevor Speiser, Wayne Trace, 12

Offensive Center - Lucas Schroeder, Tinora, 12

Quarterback - Jeff Crow, Edgerton, 12

Punter - Ethan McKenney, Tinora, 12

Running Backs - Logan Battershell, Hicksville, 12; Lyndon Benecke, Tinora, 12; Blake Foor, Tinora, 12

Place Kicker - Alex Moser, Tinora, 11

Defensive Ends - Matt Guilford, Hicksville, 12; Curtis Hansford, Tinora, 12

Defensive Tackles - Alex Purnell, Tinora, 12; Marc Moser, Tinora, 11; Trevor Speiser, Wayne Trace, 12

Linebackers - John Rindahl, Antwerp, 12; Bronson Knecht, Edgerton, 12; Derrick Baksa, Wayne Trace, 12

Defensive Backs - Nathan Yoder, Fairview, 12; Jake Bradbury, Hicksville, 12; Lyndon Benecke, Tinora, 12

SECOND TEAM:

Offensive Ends - Garrett Franz, Edgerton, 12; Ethan McKenney, Tinora, 12; Jordan Sherry, Wayne Trace, 12

Offensive Tackles - Brandon Dundeman, Antwerp, 10; Bronson Knecht, Edgerton, 12; Bo Joost, Fairview, 12

Offensive Guards - Evan Kill, Edgerton, 12; Alex Batt, Tinora, 11

Offensive Center - Matt Guilford, Hicksville, 12

Quarterback - Landon Drewes, Tinora, 11

Punter - Dylan Homer, Wayne Trace, 10

Running Backs - John Rindahl, Antwerp, 12; Josiah Buttermore, Holgate, 12; Dylan Homer, Wayne Trace, 10

Place Kicker - Jason Gordon, Wayne Trace, 12

Defensive Ends - Mike Stuart, Antwerp, 12; Jason Gordon, Wayne Trace, 12

Defensive Tackles - Austin Cape, Edgerton, 12; Wyatt Herman, Edgerton, 11; Joe Slattery, Hicksville, 12

Linebackers - Ethan Schroeder, Edgerton, 12; Seth Klepper, Hicksville, 10; Blake Foor, Tinora, 12

Defensive Backs - Dillon Flint, Ayersville, 11; Rodney Webb, Fairview, 12; Blake Reiman, Tinora, 12

HONORABLE MENTION:

Tanner Copsey, Antwerp; Brennan Huss, Antwerp; Caleb Lang, Ayersville; Cole Limber, Ayersville. Brandon McNalley, Edgerton; Dekota Sheets, Edgerton; Andrew Woenker, Fairview; Tyler Merrilat, Fairview; Ben Flegal, Hicksville; Charlie Emehiser, Hicksville; Ross Clady, Holgate; Ben Rohrs, Holgate; Ryan Timmons, Tinora; Garrett Schafer, Tinora; Jesse Oliver, Wayne Trace; Jacob Taylor, Wayne Trace

PASSENGER TRAINS ON 3C "QUICK START" COULD BE HIGH-TECH, SELF-PROPELLED, AND COST-EFFECTIVE

As Ohio awaits word from Washington on its stimulus funding application for the 3C "Quick Start" Passenger Rail Plan, the state's rail commission wants to see the Ohio Department of Transportation use the latest technology in self-propelled passenger rail cars—cars are more cost-effective and could be built here in Ohio.

The Ohio Rail Development Commission passed a motion yesterday asking ORDC staff and ODOT to explore the preferred use of Diesel Multiple Unit (DMU) passenger rail vehicles.

The Commission wants ODOT and ORDC to have an equipment plan ready when the state gets word on its federal stimulus application for investing, constructing, and operating a passenger rail service corridor connecting Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, and Cincinnati with medium speed 79 mph passenger trains.

The application for \$564 million was submitted October 2nd to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and an answer could be forthcoming as early as the end of January.

Unlike conventional passenger trains that use a locomotive to pull the cars, the modern-looking DMUs combine the passenger car with the locomotive, making each individual railcar self-propelled.

In examining the two train types—which included visits by ODOT and ORDC staff to observe trains already in operation in other states—DMUs proved to be more cost-effective, fuel-efficient and emissions-efficient. They can also carry more passengers with fewer cars than was originally indicated in the Amtrak study upon which Ohio's stimulus grant application was based.

ORDC Commission Vice-Chair Tom McOwen, a veteran railroader who worked with staff on the report, says he wasn't sure at first if DMUs would compare favorably with a locomotive-hauled train.

"But it knocked my socks off when I saw how efficient DMUs appear to be," said McOwen. "Most Ohioans haven't had passenger trains for 30 years, so it's important that the equipment we choose makes a good first impression."

Newly-appointed Commission Chairman James Bradley remarked that selecting equipment is an important "stake in the ground" in order for Ohio to be ready to meet a 2011-2012 timeline to have the 3C "Quick Start" passenger service underway.

Although several manufacturers produced diesel multiple unit passenger vehicles, only one U.S.-based company makes a DMU that is compliant with FRA-mandated crash standards. That manufacturer is the former Colorado Rail Car, which has since been purchased by an Ohio-based company and renamed U.S. Rail Car.

In partnership with ODOT and ORDC, U.S. Rail Car has applied for a separate federal stimulus grant to construct a manufacturing and maintenance facility in central Ohio. Approval of that grant is also pending.

OSU VAN WERT/PAULDING ALUMNI CLUB HOLDS ANNUAL BUCKEYE BASH



Young OSU fan, Josh Poulson, a student from Antwerp Elementary, meets two time Heisman Trophy winner Archie Griffin at the annual Buckeye Bash.

The Ohio State Alumni Club of Van Wert-Paulding Counties held their annual Buckeye Bash on November 17th. Two-time Heisman Trophy winner, Archie Griffin was the guest speaker of the event. Griffin is now the President and CEO of the Ohio State Alumni Association. Dr. Carl Jeffery, the club president this year, noted that Archie was the only person to speak four different times at the Buckeye Bash. The Bash was packed with 280 people attending and ready to root for the Buckeyes against the Michigan Wolverines in the greatest rivalry in college football.

During his remarks, Archie said that he is most proud of the fact that he never lost a football game to the University of Michigan. His football record against Michigan is 3 wins and 1 tie. He stated that the most valu-

able lesson that he learned from his football coach, the legendary Woody Hayes, was to always "pay it forward." Meaning that you can never pay back what has been given to you, however you can help as many people as possible in your lifetime. As an example Archie recalled going to visit the Children's Hospital every Thursday night with his team. Hayes purposely had the team go through a back door in order to keep the visits out of the press because he wanted the trips to be about the kids and not PR for the team.

Last year the Alumni Club of Van Wert-Paulding Counties gave over \$9000.00 in scholarships and grants to local students enrolled at the Ohio State University and its branches. For information about the local club's events, visit our website at www.osu-vwp.org. Anyone is welcome to join the fun. GO BUCKS!!!



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PAULDING MIDDLE & ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS' "NEIGHBORS IN NEED" DRIVE



Paulding Middle and Elementary Schools held a food drive for "Neighbors In Need" on Tuesday, November 17, 2009. Pictured is the food and non-perishable items the students and staff collected. The

middle school held a movie morning and also sold cupcakes to help this very worthwhile cause. The cupcake sale alone raised \$501 that was donated to the Caring and Sharing Pantry.

ATTENTION VILLAGE OF ANTWERP RESIDENTS: REGARDING THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP SANITARY SEWER PLANT BRUSH SITE

Once again, illegal dumping at the sanitary sewer plant on Harrmann Road has been discovered. Household garbage, transmission oil, tires, bedding, construction materials, everything other than tree limbs, branches and leaves have been left at the brush piles. Additionally, a recent fire was set in the leaf pile which resulted in smoke blown into US 24. This is a liability the Village cannot put up with.

The Village of Antwerp, as a courtesy to village residents, has allowed the placement of

downed tree branches and leaves to be taken to the sanitary plant site. If the illegal dumping of household garbage and toxic oils and fluids is not curtailed, the village will have no other choice but to close the site to residents.

Video cameras to record actions of illegal dumping or vandalism will be installed.

Please report illegal dumping to the Village Administrator at 419-258-2371 or after hours at 419-506-0205. Again, the only items that can be taken to the site is down tree branches, leaves and organic vegetation. If you have any questions about what can be taken to the site, please call the Village Administrator at the above noted phone numbers.

MAYFLOWER PILGRIMS

By: **Caroline Zimmerman**

Descendants of the original Mayflower Pilgrims are up in the millions including some here in Paulding County in 2009 (including myself). My mother is Kathryn Irene Soule Wells (she is still going by that name even though her ashes are in the ground at Maumee Cemetery at Antwerp). I am told it is unusual for a line to come that far on a maternal line on the Soule name. (I think it's a sexist remark as I don't see what difference it would make, do you?) Men are the researchers that always tell me that. It was a family tradition that our family "could be in the Mayflower Society." Her line was proven before she died.

So, when I started doing the lineage research, my mom and dad looked at me sort of like parents do with a little smile, like, "We just want you to have a good time, but just don't feel bad when you don't find out anything (like we know you won't)." I kept getting these little smiles from my Soule relatives until I started going to cemeteries that they hadn't ever been in and to courthouses they had never knew existed (or knew why I went to THAT county for THAT information).

After a while, some of the noses started coming down when they saw that I was getting some information they had never seen before. This opens doors because those people know that the researcher is serious and more information is forthcoming.

My grandfather Soule gave me a large portrait of himself when he was 17 years old. He was cleaning out the house to go to Florida and he gave me diaries of his father who was a homeopathic doctor and he gave me the big family bible with genealogy entries. Also, a large picture of himself in a large gold frame with a nail on each side with a wire to hold it up. He was eight years old and I always thought he fixed up the frame himself.

On that same day at Grandpa Soule's, in a trunk in his barn, he found all rolled up a piece of parchment like paper (sometime or other mice had chewed on the edge). It was signed land papers signed by Andrew Jackson for John "Sowle" in Macomb Co. Michigan and also a paper for John "Sowle" in Macomb Co. signed by Martin Van Buren. These were purchased in Michigan in the 1830s. It's sad that he had a burn pile going that day and if I hadn't been there, he was just ridding out, period.

Eventually, by placing scores of genealogy ads everywhere, I met an older lady about my mother's age who had been searching for me. She needed what I had and I needed what she had for us both to get into the Mayflower Society. We both needed one more mutual proof. Both of the proofs were bible connections that could be proven if the record could be found in New York state. She did go to New York for the research and we were able to get into the Mayflower Society on the George Soule lineage. Many times I have wanted to reach her again, but she evidently has passed away.

When I think of the hardships I had in proving the lineage, I'm sure Grandpa George

would have been disgusted. By March 1621, not even a year after they arrived, only 51 of the original pilgrims of the 102 were alive. They would not get supplies from another supply ship for two more years. They had to live off the land or fish and hunt. There was much illness and many people died. The first winter was bitter with no doctors, supplies, or little food.

The Puritan separatists were not allowed to worship freely in England. By August of 1620 in search of religious freedom this group of 102 people left that shore on two small ships: the Speedwell and the Mayflower.

The Speedwell soon sprung leaks and most of the crew and passengers transferred to the Mayflower before the Speedwell turned back toward England.

The Puritan Separatists dream of worshipping freely meant 67 days of sailing on bad seas before they finally landed in Plymouth bay in November 1820. The Mayflower weighing about 180 tons, and only about 106 ft. long, the overcrowded vessel must have had a rough voyage. The pilgrims sailed across the North Atlantic to avoid pirates who frequented the more temperate latitudes.

The Mayflower Compact was signed on the Mayflower before the pilgrims disembarked. There were two designated groups: "Saints" and "Strangers". Small groups of Pilgrims explored Cape Cod and Clark's Island before selecting Plymouth as the site for their settlement. They plied between the Mayflower and the shore in a shallop, a large open boat which could be rowed and/or fitted with sails. They survived.

"O give thanks unto the God of heaven; For his mercy endureth for ever."

—Psalm 136

Happy Thanksgiving!

WWW.VILLAGEOFANTWERP.COM IS UP AND RUNNING

www.villageofantwerp.com is Antwerp's web site where you can get news and information about the village. Meet the village officials, check the weather, school closings, obtain forms, ordinances and minutes of the council meetings and much much more. It also provides a calendar of village events and links to businesses and government offices in Paulding County.

Contact Amy at the Utility Office, 419-258-7075, for any information you may have about an event you want listed.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST IN WOODBURN

The Woodburn Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a contest for outdoor Christmas decorations. It is for residents within the city limits of Woodburn. There are monetary prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for the residents. Judging will be on December 11. Finalists will be notified. If you want to participate, call 632-4898 and give your name and address.

The businesses in Woodburn will be competing for a traveling plaque and a free one year membership to the Chamber. Please come and enjoy the Christmas sights of Woodburn.

MAYFLOWER TRADITIONAL THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON



The Toledo Colony Mayflower Descendants met Saturday, November 14 for the Mayflower traditional Thanksgiving luncheon at the Fremont Federation Women's Club, Fremont, Ohio.

Lt. Governor, Mr. Richard L. Harner called the meeting to order at noon with the invocation, the reading of the Mayflower Compact followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

A traditional lunch of turkey, sweet potatoes, beans, mushrooms, and pumpkin pie was served. The members were asked to introduce themselves, guests, and their Pilgrim(s) from who they are descended; the business meeting followed. Scholarships were given out and introductions were made of those prospective members present and the Pilgrim fathers from whom they are descended. Member Caroline Zimmerman, descended of George Soule brought a picture on an easel of a Pilgrim woman thought to be Rose Thorn (daughter-in-law of Geo. Soule) and Soule research records to share with other Soule descendants.

The program was given by "Susanna White-Winslow" who sailed on the Mayflower to America. She was portrayed by Marty Hogle, a

resident of Perrysburg who participates in many historical groups and is descended maternally to the ship master (and part owner of the ship), Christopher Jones.

"Susanna White-Winslow" was seven months pregnant as she sailed on the Mayflower in extremely cramped, dank space that wreaked of the odors of bodies, ale and rotten wood. She spoke of always being damp and cold and hungry.

Each member at this luncheon got a grain of "barley" to point out the importance of this grain in making of beer which was a staple. Because there was no drinking water, beer had to be made, which all the passengers drank.

She spoke of the courage of the people who made the voyage and of those who had the fortitude to endure the immediate seemingly impossible struggles so that future generations could reap the rewards. They could not have known what heroes they would become.

The next meeting - March 27, 2010. For more information: Mrs. Caroline Wells Zimmerman, 7292 Rd. 176, Antwerp, OH 45813 (419) 258-2222. Are you a direct descendant of a Mayflower Pilgrim who signed the Mayflower Compact?

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Mrs. Carol Hull from the Sherwood Branch Library came to share some stories and songs with Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschoolers recently! We had a great time and decided we all want new picture books for Christmas!

Shown here with Mrs. Hull are the birthday girl, Adrienne Pease, Paige Hull and Keersten Peters. These children are in the morning class of four and young five year olds with Mrs. Chris Adams and Mrs. Ann Miller.

AEP OHIO GIFT TO WEST OHIO FOODBANK TO HELP SERVE 722,000 MEALS TO OHIO FAMILIES

Volunteers at the West Ohio Foodbank who are busily filling boxes with nourishing food for the holidays will have plenty of packing to do in the coming weeks, thanks to a \$37,000 gift received today from AEP Ohio.

The gift is part of AEP Ohio's three-year, \$15 million Partnership with Ohio program, which this month is making contributions totaling approximately \$1 million to foodbanks and United Way agencies around the state to help with hunger, housing

and health care. Additional 2009 Partnership funds have been used to help families in need of assistance to pay their electric bills through the AEP Ohio Neighbor-to-Neighbor program.

"AEP Ohio established the Partnership with Ohio program to provide meaningful assistance to Ohioans," said Joe Hamrock, president and chief operating officer for AEP Ohio, in presenting the gift. "The help of outstanding agencies such as the West Ohio Foodbank ensures that this contribution will be effective, and will quickly appear as healthy food on the table for thousands of families throughout the region."

Bambi Markham, Executive Director of the West Ohio Foodbank, said the gift from AEP Ohio comes just in time to help the growing numbers of hungry families in the region. Markham cited a U.S. Department of Agriculture report issued last week that indicated Ohio's "food insecurity" rate had grown to 13.3 percent in 2008 - the highest since 1995.

"Thanks to AEP Ohio's partnership thousands of local families will get nourishing meals over the holidays," said Bambi Markham, Executive Director of West Ohio Foodbank. "This donation from AEP Ohio comes just in time to provide help for the holiday season."

Additional donations totaling \$800,000 are being made in time for Thanksgiving to 10 food banks and 51 United Way agencies around the state.

WOODBURN LUTHERAN SCHOOL HONOR ROLL STUDENTS

The following students received a special pin for their academic achievement for 1st Quarter at Woodburn Lutheran School.

Honor Roll (8.0+ GPA, nothing below a C):

- Dawson Knapp, Isaac Meyer, Celina Burke, Mara Kitzmiller, Cole Osborn, Noah Strebig

High Honors (9.0+ GPA, nothing below a B):

- Jacob Gerbers, Jacob Gentz, Conner Knoblauch, Cody Osborn, Nicole Osborn, Jordan Wells, Caroline Meyer, Torie Moore

THANK YOU

I want to thank all of my wonderful family, and friends for all the gifts and cards, making my 80th birthday so special. It's a weekend I'll never forget. Thanks for everything.

God's Blessings and Love to all,

—Betty Smalley

ANTWERP ALLEYS WEEKLY HONOR SCORES WEEK OF NOVEMBER, 20 2009

Men High Games

1. Mike Walley 206
2. Scott Hudson 201
3. Philip Bauer II 200
4. David Koscher 194
5. Phil Bauer 192
6. Bowie Reid 187
7. Mike Kennedy 186
8. Jerry Vanclave 183
9. Scott Kaufman 176
10. Scott Lichty 169

Men High Series

1. Phil Bauer 564
2. Mike Walley 541
3. Philip Bauer II 537
4. David Koscher 518
5. Mike Kennedy 510
6. Jerry Vanclave 488
7. Kevin Taylor 468
8. Scott Kaufman 467
9. Scott Hudson 464
10. Bowie Reid 459

Women High Game

1. Sherry Reinhart 213
2. Angie Hudson 203
3. Teresa Huard 183
4. Nancy Bennett 181
5. Janet Laker 174
6. Jenny Rickman 173
7. Carol Kortokrax 172
8. Marilyn Provines 168
9. Marie Bauer 168
10. Nikki Phares 167

Women High Series

1. Sherry Reinhart 588
2. Angie Hudson 523
3. Marilyn Provines 471
4. Charlene Geyer 465
5. Nancy Bennett 457
6. Jesse Moreno 452
7. Marie Bauer 447
8. Teresa Huard 443
9. Lisa Syndram 438
10. Joyce Sanders 437

Youth Boys High Game

1. Kaleb O'Donnell 161
2. Nick Herndon 150
3. Jacob O'Donnell 123

Youth Boys High Series

1. Kaleb O'Donnell 403
2. Nick Herndon 364
3. Jacob O'Donnell 353

Youth Girls High Game

1. Avrial Sawyer 164

Youth Girls High Series

1. Avrial Sawyer 461

"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": MORE THAN A LIBRARY



Teen Read Week "Create Your Own Reality Contest" winners pictured are Lacey Warren (Van Wert), Food Careers, and Carrie Kitchen (Continental), Auto Technology. Winner Shelby Lumpkins (Van Wert), Health Careers was unavailable for the picture.

By: Pam Knodel, Media Center Specialist

It has been a busy fall in the Vantage Media Center! All Vantage juniors and seniors visited the Media Center for orientation where they learned what services are offered. Students are able to check out books, magazines and newspapers, as well as laptop computers, digital cameras and video cameras. Computers in the Media Center are available for research and class assignments. Instructors often bring their classes to the Media Center for special projects. Students also visit the Media Center during their lunch hour to read magazines, play chess and checkers, or to just "hang out." Readers are invited to join the Media Center book club. For every five books a student reads, he or she is entered into a drawing, held at the end of each nine weeks, for a free book of their choice.

Students who require additional credits in order to graduate are enrolled in the online Virtual Learning system. Training in the use of the system takes place in early fall in the Media Center. Credits are offered in social studies, science, math, English and health. Students are able to work on these courses using any computer with internet access.

In September the Media Center celebrated Banned Books Week, celebrating the freedom to read. Students raced to the Media Center each morning to be the first to answer the Banned Book trivia question read over the morning announcements. Nicole Agler, a Health Careers student from Crestview, was the winner of a book of her choice in the Banned Book drawing.

October brought Teen Read Week with the theme "Read Beyond Reality." Activities were held in the Media Center including reading rewards and check-out promotions. Many students submitted essay, short story and artwork entries for the Create Your Own Reality contest.

The contest winners were Lacey Warren, Food Careers, Carrie Kitchen, Auto Technology, and Shelby Lumpkins, Health Careers. Honorable Mentions went to Building and Grounds students Darby Mohler and Michael Boyd.

In November the annual Media Center chess and checker tournament was held. Students competed during lunchtime with daily winners progressing through a tournament bracket. The final showdown is held between the winners of the two lunch periods. Chess winners this year were Anthony Lunsford, a senior Welding student from Delphos Jefferson and Thomas Moore, a junior Network Systems student from Paulding. Checker winners were Mike Herron, a junior from Fort Jennings in Auto Technology, and Adam Miller, a Paulding junior in Interactive Media.

Also in November, the Media Center will host one of Vantage's "Tech Thursdays." INFOhio resources, provided free to all students and staff by the state of Ohio, will be explained. Career/job readiness, college preparation, workplace skills, and entrance exam websites will be explored as well.

The always popular Media Center annual holiday book fair will be held December 4-11. Books are delivered by Readmore/Brunner News. Staff and students have the opportunity to purchase books, magazines and calendars at 30% off and no tax. It's a great way to encourage reading and to get some Christmas shopping done!

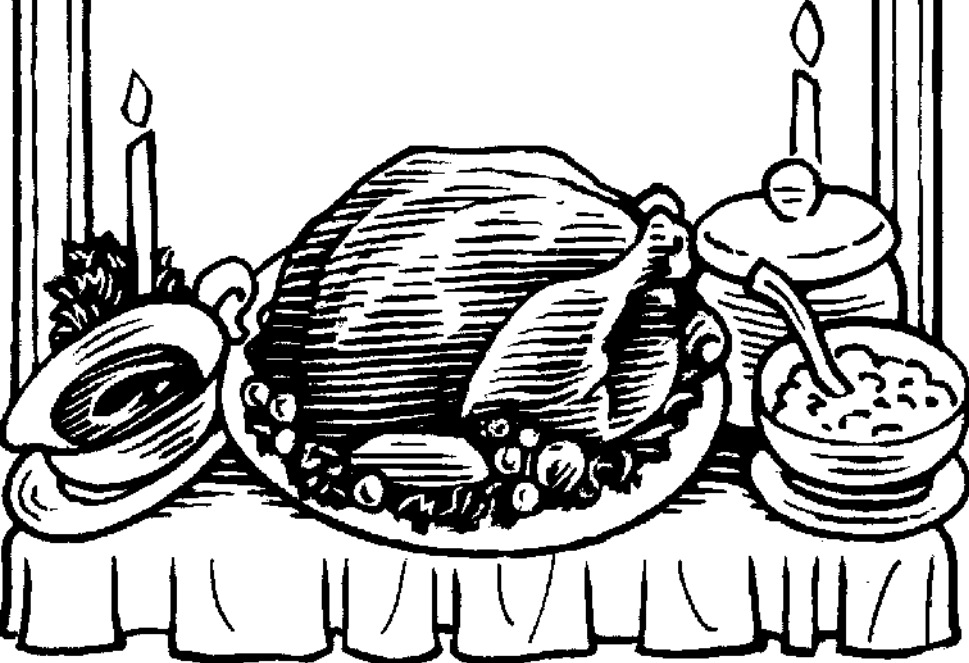
During the 2008-2009 school year, individual students visited the Media Center over 15,000 times! Twenty-eight different instructors brought their class to the Media Center for 520 class periods. Print materials were checked out or used in the library over 8,000 times. Laptops and digital cameras were checked out 1,200 times. The Vantage Media Center always offers an engaging atmosphere full of activity.

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PAULDING FFA PARTICIPATES IN THE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOG RUN



Members of the Paulding FFA Chapter ran in the 5K and walked two miles in the 1st Annual Hog Run to benefit Paulding County Habitat for Humanity. The race began at the fairgrounds on the cool morning of Saturday, October 10, 2009. The FFA Chapter decided to sponsor ten participations in the run/walk as a tribute to Mark Stoller.

Mark Stoller was a former Paulding FFA member, Paulding FFA Alumni member and Ohio FFA State Officer. He was killed in a tragic farming accident last year. He holds a place in the part of the community as well as many members of the Paulding FFA Chapter. Mr. Stoller was vital in helping to kick off the Sausage Stand which was started through the Paulding County Pork Producers. The Paulding FFA alumnus now runs the sausage stand and uses the money for student trips, scholarships for college, and help with the local chapter events.

Three FFA members participated in the 5K run and seven members and one advisor participated in the walk. Colton Bollenbacher, a freshman in the chapter, led the FFA members in the run. All the members had a great time participating to benefit the Habitat for Humanity. Next year, FFA members hope to run/walk again and also hope to volunteer in all areas of the event including meal preparation, set-up, clean-up and

traffic directing. Submitted by Jarrett Carr, Paulding FFA Reporter Sarah Noggle & Brian Merce, Paulding FFA Advisors

PERI CHAPTER 10 DECEMBER MEETING

PERI Chapter 10 Paulding County meeting is scheduled for December 2 at the Paulding Senior Center. Lunch will be served at 11:30 with the meeting starting at 12:00. Guest speaker will be Linda Poelitz with the topic, "Maintain Your Brain."

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THE PAULDING FFA TURNS TRASH INTO TREASURE



The Paulding Agricultural Education III and IV students have taken on the challenge of restoring a 1943 Allis Chalmers Model C tractor. The Chapter is competing in a contest called, "Find It, Fix It," sponsored through the Delo and the National FFA Organization. They have been working on this tractor since the first week of school. The tractor was donated by Rodney Merce, the father of Brian Merce who is currently one of the Ag teachers at Paulding High school.

The Delo Tractor Restoration Competition was established in 1995 to recognize and reward the creativity, technical aptitude and business knowledge of high school-aged FFA members from around the country. During this restoration process, participants develop teamwork, project management, budgeting, planning and marketing skills. All of these new skills will enable them to become future leaders in the agriculture community.

Their plan is to refurbish the tractor as a learning ac-

tivity. The students are working during each school week to try to improve its condition. The tractor right now is being stripped, examined and cleaned. Afterwards the students will determine what parts can be reused and order the other necessary parts.

Derek Schlatter, a fourth year FFA member said, "I'm having fun working on this tractor, but it's a lot of work."

Stephen Wagner, a junior said, "This tractor has a lot of potential and I know we will get the job done."

The project is a good learning experience for the Ag students at Paulding High School. Mr. Merce noted the students are working hard on this project, and he is especially glad the students are discussing it with their parents. He is very proud of his students, and hopes the community will be proud of their local FFA chapter as well.

Submitted by: Jarrett Carr, Paulding FFA Reporter, and Ashley Myers, Paulding FFA Historian

Advisors: Sarah Noggle, Brian Merce

CITY OF WOODBURN MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 19, 2009

Mayor Hoepfner received a letter from A & Z Engineering requesting the City pay the remaining money owed for engineering services. Councilman Zimmerman made motions to hold remaining money till November letting date, no 2nd motion is dead. Councilman Reichhart stated money is owed and made motion to pay, 2nd by Councilman Norden, Councilman Reichhart, Norden and Clegg voted yes, Councilman Zimmerman voted no, Councilman Mason abstained, motion passed. New Haven's, Mayor McDonald sent an invitation to a Mayors round table celebration on November 19th; Mayor Hoepfner and Councilman Mason will be attending.

Officer Carpenter received a copy of Leo's noise ordinance; Councilman will compare to ours to see if we need to update our ordinance.

Ryan reported a water test was missed in September, he reported to IDEM, a notice will be put in the paper. The water test was taken and came back fine; there will be no fines.

Councilman Reichhart would like to hang the new Christmas decorations and test before putting them up. Councilmen made motions to approve Councilman Norden to build hangers and not to exceed \$1500.00, Councilman Mason, Reichhart, Zimmerman and Clegg voted yes, Norden abstained, motion passed.

Minutes were presented; Councilmen made motions to approve, all agreed, motion passed. Warrants were presented, two claim registers, Councilmen made motions to approve both, all agreed, motion passed. Lesa would like approval to purchase a new computer, \$2800.00 was budgeted this year to update computers. Councilmen made motions to approve

purchasing two (2) computers, one for clerk treasurer and one for Councilman's office, all agreed, motion passed. Mayor stated we also budgeted for a new police car this year; Council would like Gregg Guerretaz recommendation. Lesa will get the bids for the new trash contracts.

Ryan will get asphalt for the sidewalk work Council wants done on Main St. He will contact Jim Lauer with Schnelker Engineering to inform him the line was going through the septic tank on Doehrmann's sewer repair so there are no change orders in the spring. Ryan reported Verizon has contacted the City concerning the fiber optic line that was damaged in February.

Councilman Clegg stated NIF&L has not patched street yet, Ryan will call again and will get phone number to Councilman Clegg, he presented Thank You letters for sidewalk repair work on Front St.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50
Minutes Submitted by Lesa Meadows

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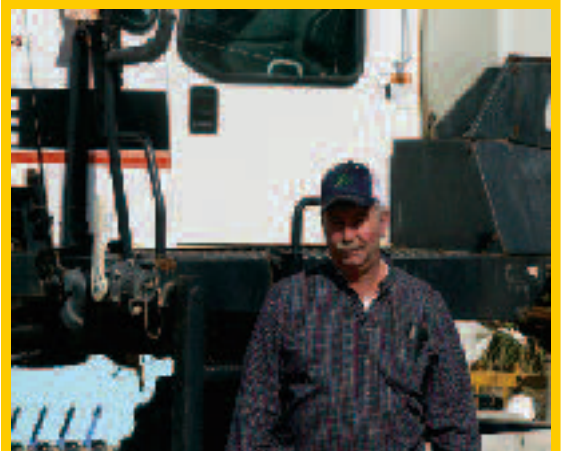
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Mon., Dec 7 American Legion - Memphis, MI 5:00 p.m. registration and meal, meeting 6:00-10:00 p.m.
Tues., Dec. 8 DoubleTree Hotel - Bay City, MI downtown, 8:30 a.m. registration, meal 12:30 p.m., meeting 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Wed., Dec. 9 Ramada Lansing West Hotel - Lansing, MI I-69 ex 93B (same timing details as Tuesday meeting)
Thurs., Dec. 10 Kentwood Hilton Hotel - Grand Rapids, MI I-96 ex 43A (same timing details as Tuesday meeting)
Friday, Dec. 11 Don Hall Guesthouse - Fort Wayne, Indiana I-69 ex 111B (same timing details as Tuesday meeting)

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