

## PAULDING LIBRARY SYSTEM OFFERS AMNESTY FOR FINES

The Paulding County Carnegie Library system will be providing an opportunity for patrons to start the new year with a clean slate and clear their fines. The library has a "zero balance" policy, so patrons who have outstanding overdue fines are prevented from borrowing materials or using library computers. This "Fine Amnesty" provides a way for them to catch up while at the same time, benefits area food pantries.

"We use to call this program Food for Fines," states Susan Pieper, Director of the library system. "Patrons could bring in non-perishable food products and the staff would determine how much of their fine could be waived. In this new program, patrons are encouraged to bring in non-food products such as paper products (napkins, paper towels, toilet paper, etc.);

personal hygiene products (deodorant, shampoo, soap, feminine products, etc.); or cleaning supplies (laundry soap, dish detergent, window cleaner, etc.)

The staff will still determine how much can be waived based on the donation. This amnesty period will run from December 28<sup>th</sup> through the first week in January, ending on Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. "This has always been a popular program", shares Pieper. "But, instead of food products, we will accept paper products. The food pantries cannot allocate funds for these types of goods; and, food stamps cannot be used to purchase them. Hopefully, this will help the area food pantries fill county needs."

Patrons may bring their donations to any of the Paulding County Carnegie Library locations in Paulding, Antwerp, Oakwood and Payne. For more information about the "Fine Amnesty" program, call the main library at 419-399-2032.

## PARC LANE TIGERS: GO, FIGHT, WIN!



**Pictured Bottom Row Left to Right: #11 Jack Angeli, #10 Eddie Hibbard, #15 Mitchell Highwarden, Dave Vance, Manager; Middle Row Left: #51 Ricky Raudabaugh, #25 Troy Flint, #50 Derick Shawley, #3 Bill Smith; Top Row Left: #4 Virginia Moyer, #32 Samantha Fulmer, #22 Matthew Wayne, #23 Dustin Goodenough; Mark Holtsberry, Coach; Missing #13 Cody Hibbard, Steffon Saco, Nathan Culler**

**By: Sue Knapp**

You won't find a basketball team with more enthusiasm than the Parc Lane Tigers. This team practices hard, plays hard and has a lot of fun doing it.

Coached by Mark Holtsberry (teacher at Ace Academy) has been with the team for three years. He is patient, kind and teaches the kids to play together as a team. He has seen great strides in the team in the last three years. With the age span on this coed team being from 11

years old to 40 years coaching is a challenge he loves. The team is part of Division 2 of the Special Olympics and the team plays around 12 games a year. The team has been to the sectional finals and regional finals. They are looking forward to going to state this year.

John Claymiller (works at Chief Market in Paulding) is Assistant Coach. He loves helping the team and they rely on him to keep things in order.

Coach Holtsberry is con-

stantly recruiting kids for the team. Some of the members have been on the team for years: #4 Virginia Moyer, 14 years; #32 Samantha Fulmer, 6 years; #11 Jack Angeli, 8 years and #22 Matthew Wayne, 4 years.

The team loves to play and loves the interaction with the other teams. They look forward to practice and the games. They go all around the surrounding area into Mercer, Van Wert and Henry Counties.

The next home game is at the Parc Lane Gym at 6:30 on January 7. It would be great to show these kids how proud we are of them.

Coach Hostsberry commented, "Bring me your heart and bring me your guts, and I'll teach you everything else." YEA! TIGERS!

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## V.E.T.S. PEACE TIME LISTING

This week we begin with the peace time years—the listing is alphabetical. The range is from 1914-1989. We also have a list of five names we have been given but need to know what era they served. If you can help we would appreciate it: Charles R. Farr, Thurl F Sunday, Richard J Arend, Junior A Tustison and Samuel Gordon.

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## OBITUARIES

**Doris M Pendergrast**, 81, of Antwerp passed away at home surrounded by her loving family on Monday December 21, 2009.

She was born on July 17, 1928 in Lake County (Tiptonville) Tennessee, the daughter of Alton and Dortha (Richardson) Williams. On August 19, 1944 she married James G Pendergrast who survives. They moved to the Antwerp area in 1947. She was a homemaker and enjoyed gardening, sewing, needlework, travel, bird watching and canning. She especially enjoyed cooking for family and friends. She was former volunteer at the Paulding Senior Center.

She is survived by her husband, James; three sons: Brooks (Linda) Pendergrast of Antwerp, James (Julie) Pendergrast of Antwerp, David (Elaine) Pendergrast of Antwerp; and three daughters: Donna (John) Knippen of Delphos, OH, Shelia Dailey of Woodburn, IN and Shelly (Brock) Howell of Cecil. She is also survived by a brother, Charles E Williams of Colorado Springs, CO; 14 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Doris was preceded in death by brothers: Alton Williams, Richard Williams and Joshua Shelby Williams who died in infancy. She was preceded in death by a sister Dorothy Sue Warner.

Funeral services were December 24, 2009 at the Paulding Church of Christ. Services were conducted by Everett Confer, Minister. Burial was in the Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp.

Preferred memorials are to the Paulding Hospice and Visiting Nurses.

**Helen F. (Brown) Gunderman**, 89, of Payne died Monday, December 21, 2009 at Dallas Lamb Foundation

Home, Payne.

She was born in Paulding County, Ohio on July 1, 1920 the daughter of John and Mabel (Kreischer) Rickels. On March 28, 1948 she married Bernard LeRoy Brown, who preceded her in death on January 12, 1959. On July 8, 1963 she married Donald M. Gunderman, who preceded her in death on August 29, 1988. She was homemaker and a member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding; Sisters of the Skillet; and the Altar Rosary Society.

She is survived by a son, Robert E. (Sandra L.) Brown of St. Peter's, MO; two daughters: Linda Sue (Richard) Bruick of Fort Wayne, IN, and Nancy A. (Doug) Burtch of Paulding; a brother, William (Louise) Rickels of Northfield, OH; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; two husbands; and a sister, Margaret Horning.

A Mass of Christian Burial was conducted December 23, 2009 at Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding with Rev. G. Allan Fillman officiating. Burial was in Middle Creek Cemetery, Grover Hill.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to Masses or the Dallas Lamb Foundation Home Activity Fund. Online condolences may be sent to [www.denherderfh.com](http://www.denherderfh.com).

**Arby M. "Junior" Bennett**, 69, of Paulding died Tuesday, December 22, 2009 at his residence.

He was born August 20, 1940 in Oakwood, Ohio the son of Arby E. and Leota (Shafer) Bennett. On July 12, 1969 he married Marsha Carlisle who survives. He was a 1959 graduate of Oakwood High School and an U.S. Army veteran serving during the Vietnam War. He was employed for 37 years at General Motors, Defiance, retiring in 2000. He was a member of the Paulding Eagles #2405, Paulding V.F.W. Post #587 Men's Auxiliary, and the Continental American Legion. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, and golf.

He is survived by his wife, Marsha of Paulding; four children: Rich (Angie) Bennett of Antwerp; Amy (Brad) Simon of Paulding; Donnie (Lynette) Bennett of Hanna,

IN and Bonnie Miller of Delphos, OH; three brothers: Leroy Bennett and Oscar Lehman both of Paulding and Gaylen Lehman, Bryan, OH; four sisters: Alice Jasso and Loretta Miner both of Defiance; Mae Scott of Scott, Ohio and Nancy Hickle of Springfield, MO; nine grandchildren: Kayla and Alesha Simon, Colton, Alexie, and Lane Bennett, Dennis and Jeffery Miller, Kesha Ripke and Cindy Garcia; three great-grandchildren: Cade Lothamer, Danica Ripke, and Auron Garcia.

He is preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Donald "Jimmy" Bennett; and two sisters: Margaret Lehman and Janet Hook.

Funeral services were December 28, 2009 at the Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding with Rev. Ben Lowell officiating. Burial was in Rochester Cemetery, Cecil where the Paulding V.F.W. Post #587 accorded military graveside rites.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the Paulding Area Visiting Nurses and Hospice. Online condolences may be sent to [www.denherderfh.com](http://www.denherderfh.com).

**W. Lavon Boylan**, 92, of Leesburg passed away on Wednesday, December 23, 2009. He was born to Guy M. and Ethel Mae Seslar Boylan in Paulding County, Ohio. He married Ruth Ann Whitman Boylan May 13, 1951 in Hicksville, OH. Lavon had been a member in good standing of the Nazarene Church for 56 years, 28 of those with the Eustis Church of the Nazarene.

During his youth he worked as a salesman in various businesses. After marriage he owned and operated a large farm in the Butler, Indiana area and also owned a heating and air conditioning business. After retirement the Boylans moved to Florida and lived five years in The Forest out of Ocala then moved to their present home twenty-nine years ago.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth Ann; three sons: D. Guy (Jane) Boylan of Hicksville, William (Tylene) Boylan of Antwerp, and Robert (Debra) Boylan of Churubusco, IN; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren; siblings: Ruth Nusbaum and Lester Boylan both of Indiana and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sister, Ailene Little.

Services were held in the Eustis Church of the Nazarene on December 28, 2009 with Pastor William Carte officiating, interment followed in Lakeside Memory Gardens, Eustis.



**Martha M. Stumphy**, 89, of Antwerp, passed away Sunday, December 27, 2009 at The Gardens of Paulding.

Martha was born in Middletown, OH on September 9, 1920, a daughter of the late Lena (Werner) and Thomas J. Elia.

On June 29, 1940, Martha

married Robert Stumphy, who passed away November 27, 1990.

She was an assembler at Dana Weatherhead, Antwerp for more than 25 years; devout member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, a member of the Ritz Buckeyes Chapter of the Red Hat Society, and a charter member of VFW Gold Star Post 5087 Auxiliary.

Martha will be sadly missed by her son, Leo (Jane) of Defiance; daughters: Diane (Bob) Phillips and Judy (Chuck) Sawyer both of Antwerp; 10 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

She is also preceded in death by her infant children, Katherine and Richard; and brothers: Marcus and Thomas Elia.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Antwerp, on December 30, 2009 with Rev G. Allan Fillman officiating. She was laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery.

Memorials are to the church. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at [www.dooleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.dooleyfuneralhome.com)

**Ruth Alice Buehler**, 92, of Paulding passed away on Tuesday, December 29, 2009, at CHP Defiance Area Inpatient Hospice Center.

Ruth Alice was born on July 6, 1917 in Paulding, to Andrew and Lena (Mossoney) Danklefsen. She graduated from Paulding High School in 1935 and went on to attend Bowling Green State University where she majored in home economics. She married Charles Buehler on January 30, 1939, who preceded her in death on October 10, 1986.

She will be sadly missed by her son, Terry (Marlene) of Paulding; her grandson, Marc (Jen); and great-grandson, Breydon Buehler of Indianapolis, IN. She is also survived by her sister, Dorothy Lombard of Fort Wayne, IN.

Her life was devoted in service to her church, her family, and her friends. She enjoyed flower gardening and arranging, and presented her arrangements each Sunday at her church for more than 50 years. She enjoyed working with the Paulding Benevolent Society and was a charter member of the John Paulding Historical Society. She was also a member of the Paulding Better Homes and Gardens Club, and Paulding Presbyterian Women's Association. Ruth Alice and her husband, Charles, were charter members of the Ohio Flying Farmers and were owners of the Briceton Elevator and Gas Service. She had been a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Paulding for more than eighty years and

also had directed the Junior Choir there.

Funeral services for Ruth Alice were January 2, 2010 at the First Presbyterian Church of Paulding and officiated by Rev. David Meriwether. Refreshments and fellowship at the church followed the graveside service.

The family suggested that memorials be made to the First Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund for Ruth A. Buehler in lieu of flowers.

Online condolences may be sent to [www.denherderfh.com](http://www.denherderfh.com). Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding is handling arrangements.

**Margery Ruth Hutchins**, 86, of Payne died Wednesday, December 30, 2009 at Dallas Lamb Foundation Home, Payne, OH.

She was born December 21, 1923 in Paulding County, Ohio, the daughter of Edwin C. and Olive (Smith) Hutchins. She was employed by the PC Workshop.

She is survived by nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents; three brothers: Roland, Ralph E. and Charles Hutchins; three sisters: Ethel Gardner, Fern Bernard, and Florence Rhoad.

Funeral services were conducted January 2, 2010 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding with Rev. Ben Lowell officiating. Burial was in Rochester Cemetery, Paulding County.

Donations may be made to the Cecil First Presbyterian Church or Dallas Lamb Foundation Home Activity Fund. Online condolences may be sent to [www.denherderfh.com](http://www.denherderfh.com)

**Beth A. Matthews**, 40, of Paulding, died suddenly, Wednesday, December 30, 2009 in a motor vehicle accident in Van Wert.

Beth was born in Paulding, on October 16, 1969, the daughter of Connie (Craig) Williamson & the late Jerry

S. Williamson.

She worked at the Paulding McDonald's and sold Avon products and was a member of the Paulding Eagles.

Beth will be sadly missed by her husband, Jody; daughter, Sara; son, Raymon; mother, Connie Williamson all of Paulding; sisters: Patsy Williamson of Sherwood, Brenda (Gary) Ross of Paulding and Terry (Thaddeus) Hunt of Champagne, IL; several nieces, nephews, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law. She is preceded in death by her father, Jerry Williamson.

Her funeral service was at Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River St., Antwerp, on January 4, 2010.

She was laid to rest at Paulding Memorial Cemetery.

Memorials are to Sara Matthews. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at [www.dooleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.dooleyfuneralhome.com)

## THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone that expressed their sympathy, sent flowers, cards and food in the passing of our mother, Irene Hormann.

Thank you!

—The family of John & Ruth Kennedy,  
Ken & Marjean Hormann,  
Dan & Betty Koppenhofer,  
Larry & Liz Hormann

## THANK YOU

We would like to express our appreciation for the prayers or words of comfort, cards, food, and help in time of need with the loss of our mother, Martha Stumphy.

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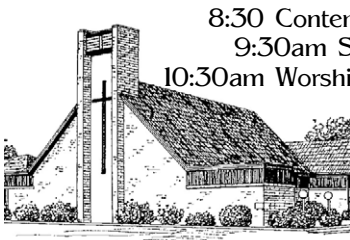
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The family of Donna Fennig would like to extend our appreciation to everyone that sent cards, food, prayers and monetary donations during our difficult time. Special thanks to Pastors Steve Robinson and Brian Vercler.

We would like to thank the Paulding Eagles Ladies Auxiliary for providing the dinner. Thanks to Lisa Brothers and friends from the Eagles and TJ's, we appreciate everything everyone did.

Sincerely,  
—Jackie Wolford,  
Kayla Fennig & Derek Fennig  
Frank & Carol Ross & Family  
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**ON FACING THE IMPOSSIBLE**

**By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church**

The year was 1918. The man's name was Joseph Strauss. Not exactly a household name or someone who historians immediately recognize. Nevertheless, Joseph Strauss was a man who believed he could accomplish what some considered the impossible.

Joseph Strauss was an engineer and on a very normal day in 1918, this man stood alone on a windswept cliff overlooking the Golden Gate of San Francisco Bay. In his imagination, Strauss could see a span, a suspended span of more than 4,000 feet.

In his mind's eye, he could envision a mighty suspension bridge, connecting the shores that surrounded the bay area. Strauss shared his dream with others but they were not at all supportive of his vision.

"The winds are too strong," some said. "It will never work!"

"The waves are too destructive; it'll never work!" claimed others.

"The tides are too powerful; it will never work!" many predicted.

"The distance is too great; it will never work!" declared

others.

But Joseph Strauss had a vision of a suspension bridge that could span the Golden Gate and he pressed on.

It took him 15 years to convince enough people that, although it had never been done, it could be done. Finally, on a blustery January day in 1933, the construction work began.

On May 24, 1937, the bridge was opened, and 200,000 people walked over it during the dedication ceremonies. They finally believed in Strauss' vision.

In 1987, in celebration of the Golden Gate Bridge's 50th anniversary, 200,000 people walked across the expanse that connects both shores of the San Francisco Bay.

Building such a bridge is a lot like believing great things from God. It requires a vision, perseverance, and the willingness to be stretched beyond anything we presently think is possible.

God makes a tremendous statement in Jeremiah 32:27. That verse states, "I am the Lord, the God of all flesh; is anything too hard for me?" I'm wondering something...

If the Lord made that statement to you today, what issue in your life would He be referring to? What are you facing right now in your life that appears impossible?

Take it to the Lord in prayer, commit the matter to Him, and seek to walk before Him according to the biblical standards He's revealed to us. In His time, God will accomplish His purposes.

Sound difficult? You bet it is. Impossible? No way. Tougher issues have been conquered. Like a huge suspension bridge that majestically spans the San Francisco Bay.

**THE ONE TRUE CHURCH RESTORATION #9**

**By: James Potter, Oakwood church of Christ**

The writing on Calvinism have been finished; and Calvinism is absolutely false teaching, and those who teach Calvinism use scripture

verses that are completely out of context of what they are trying to teach. Loved ones, if you would only study the Bible with an open mind and use your Strong's concordance, you would be able to see also that Christ said He would build only one church, not many. The one true church which belongs to Jesus Christ will always continue in existence until the judgment day.

Some scripture verses or prophecies of the falling away are (please read): 1 Timothy 4:1-4; 2 Timothy 4:1-4; 2 Peter 2:1-3; 1 John 2:18-19; 2 Thesalonians 2:1-12; this is what the Bible teaches and there are more scripture verses. As we look around us today at the various institutions—and some have become social clubs—you can see departures in two areas.

1. Various doctrines began to be changed.

2. The government of the church also changed. If the true church does not make known the unsearchable riches of Christ today, who will? What institution will be restored back to the bible and teach the truth of God's word. Just to let you know, the church is not a product of the Restoration movement. The Restoration movement did not produce the true church. What the Restoration movement is proposing to do is bring back into existence the true church that is spoken of in the New Testament, with every revealed trait restored and identified.

Yes, loved ones, the one true church was faced with opposition from its beginning in 33 A. D. And as we approached the end of the first century, the opposition grew stronger.

This persecution and opposition continued, not only from outside the one true church, but from within. Also, elders and other men in the Lord's one true church began to teach doctrines that were from men, not the apostle's doctrine. Today, as we look around us, we see the results of teaching the doctrines of men, instead of preaching the plain, simple truth of the Gospel. Please read Colossians 1:23. What does Galatians 1:6-10 say about teaching and preaching another Gospel, especially the doctrines or teachings of men today? Notice in the last part of verses 8-9 as to what Paul is saying. Who am I to please? God? Or man? I am to please God, by teaching and living in accordance to what the Bible says. I honestly believe that because the denominational churches are not spoken of in the Bible, there is a lot of jealousy and resentment. How wonderful would it be, if others could honestly see these truths and be restored back to the Bible and its truth. You too can be a part of the one true church by doing what the New Testament says on how to be a Christian just like the first century people and everyone after them when the one true church began.

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**21<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL FORT WAYNE FARM SHOW IS NEXT WEEK!**

The Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, in Fort Wayne, IN will host the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Fort Wayne Farm Show on January 12,13, and 14, 2010.

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**NEW YEAR MEANS NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR ROTH IRA CONVERSION**

Beginning in January, the income restrictions will be lifted for individual investors looking to convert their traditional individual retirement accounts (IRAs) to Roth IRAs, according to area Edward Jones Financial Advisor, Phil Recker.

Previously, investors with an adjusted gross income of more than \$100,000 (filing individually or jointly) could not convert to a Roth IRA from a traditional IRA.

Investors will have to pay taxes when they convert to a Roth IRA. However, those who convert in 2010 may report the taxable income from the conversion in two equal installments over a two-year period, 2011 and 2012.

Investors who own a traditional IRA make contributions that may be tax-deductible, depending on their income levels. Traditional IRA earnings grow on a tax-deferred basis.

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On the other hand, Roth IRA contributions are not

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**Pictured is Santa Claus (José Salas), with Aletha Kadesch, a resident at the Gardens, and Santa's helper (Amber Moss). Santa and his elf visited the Gardens of Paulding on December 23, 2009.**

tax-deductible, but earnings grow tax free, as long as the investor holds the account at least five years and doesn't start taking withdrawals until at least age 59½.

Unlike a traditional IRA, a Roth IRA does not require distributions when one reaches 70½.

Whether or not investors decide to convert to a Roth IRA, they should first consult with their tax advisors.

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

**Are You Hiding Behind A Mask?**

There was once a man who went to a certain town to do this job. He was to be in this town for about one week. After about two days, he woke up in the morning and was really unhappy. In fact he was so unhappy that he didn't even want to do his job anymore.

This man convinced himself that he needed to find someone who could help him find his happiness again, because so many people depended on him to do the job he was in town to do. He saw an advertisement in the paper from a local church that talked about finding true happiness and joy. He went out and found this minister who could help him.

Upon arrival, he proceeds to tell the minister about how unhappy his life really was.

He related that his wife had died a year earlier and his only child was also deceased. He then told this minister that the only time he was really happy was when he was working, because he knew that when he was working, he was doing good for other people and making them happy. He said that once he was finished working all the happiness in the world just left him.

The minister finally said to the man, "It looks to me as if you put a mask on while you work, but as soon as you finish, you take the mask off and all that makes you happy is put away with the mask." The minister then told the man that he had an extra ticket to the circus that was playing in town that week. The minister said that he had taken his family the night before and that there was a certain clown in the circus named Marcello the Clown. The minister told the man that he would guarantee that Marcello the Clown was the happiest person in the world. "Marcello will make you laugh and show you how happy a person can be." The minister handed the man the ticket and said, "Be happy for a while and I hope you can take some of it with you when you leave." The man looked at the ticket for a long second and then handed it back to the minister. With a tear in his eye, the man said, "I am Marcello the Clown."

This story of Marcello the Clown makes me ask you a few questions. What makes you happy? Do you have true joy? Or are you Marcello the Clown?

Do you just wear a mask to hide your sorrow? Can you have happiness without true joy in the heart?

Are you like Marcello? Are you hiding behind a mask to make people think you are happy, only to find that you can mask your true self for so long, then when the mask

comes off, does the happiness come off with it?

I bet many people reading this feel just like Marcello.

So, what does it mean to have true joy? Is joy different than happiness? Joy is internal. It is found in the heart. Happiness is external and is found outside the heart.

We have all been conditioned by the world to believe that you will find true happiness by finding your soul mate, buying that new car, buying that new house or even making a lot of money. Yes, these answers will bring temporal happiness.

Let me give you a few answers as to what true JOY is. Joy is different from happiness. Just look at the movies and television. In those media venues people are always leaving their partners, changing their lives and breaking all the rules, all in the name of seeking happiness.

The only way to know true joy in your heart is by inviting Jesus Christ into your heart and letting him live there. Joy is a state of being that enters your heart when you are open to learning how God can give you joy in any situation you might face. Joy, like love and truth, is a gift of Spirit. Joy, love and truth enter your being when your heart is open to the Holy Spirit.

As Jesus told his disciples in HIS last hours of life, (John 15:11), "I have told you this so that joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete." Jesus wanted his disciples to have true joy in their hearts, even as he would be leaving them.

The only condition to having true joy is having God in your life. Changing cars, changing spouses or even changing shampoo, will never bring joy to your life. Only changing your heart by allowing God into your heart will give you true joy, no matter what circumstance you may be facing.

Marcello thought he had true joy while he was behind the mask, but as he found out, his happiness stayed with the mask. Many of us have momentary contentment when our needs are being met. But God has a better master plan to give you full contentment, even in the valleys, pain and hardships of life. You can experience joy in any situation.

I challenge you to make a New Year's resolution to sincerely invite God to be the joy of your heart. I know that if you do, this will be one New Year's resolution you will not want to break.

—Bill Basting

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

The following information is a direct quote from the December, 2009 issue of the AARP bulletin, in the article entitled, "Ask the Experts." Anyone can send in questions if they feel the subject is important enough, and the experts will answer them.

"I was denied treatment at a private medical center recently. They said they were not treating anymore Medicare patients. Is this legal?"

The answer: "The government cannot force doctors or hospitals to take Medicare patients. If doctors or hospitals do decide to treat Medicare patients, there are certain conditions they must accept, such as set "fees for services."

I carry a secondary health insurance plan which pays for those "fees that Medicare services do not." If the government is allowed to take money out of the Medicare fund to pay for this new health plan, they will reduce what Medicare will pay. The point is that technically I will be without insurance.

Example: The doctor's fee is \$2,000 for services rendered. Medicare says they will only pay \$1,000 and will only pay 80% of that. That means that Medicare will pay \$800 and our supplementary insurance will pick up the rest or part of this amount. However, if any of the charges are not covered by Medicare, what recourse do we have when secondary insurance only picks up what Medicare will not pay?

I feel it is important that you call or write to your congressman and question them. Only a united front will gain any action.

A concerned senior citizen,

—Nathan Doctor

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Mr. Breedlove, A captain in the Union during the Civil War, and the only three time winner of the Medal of Honor, was upset that other generals were fighting against Union Army ideas, complained to Abraham Lincoln that they, in his opinion, should be tried as traitors. However, Lincoln said:

"Beware of entrance to a quarrel, Ovairel? not at all. No man resolved to make the most of himself can spare time for personal contention. Still less can he afford to take time for all the consequences, including the venting of his temper, and the loss of self-control."

In light of such great advice, I will not quarrel with you. However, in the inverting of my flag has undoubtedly outraged you. And if it's true that I have offended you and other veterans, then I was entirely wrong, and accept your rage as a consequence for my actions. However, your judgement of me, has little to no effect, only my creator can judge me.

I'm wondering, Mr. Breedlove, would you have stopped to answer my distress signal, had the sign in my front yard said, "I love Barrack Obama?" Then if this is true then it's not a matter of the flag being inverted, but political differences!

I also noticed that you didn't have any comment on the rest of my letter, about the government trying to silence the prayer in school,

the removal of the Ten Commandments, the covering of the cross dedicated to WWII veterans, or the conditions at Walter Reed Veterans Hospitals, the closing of many other veteran facilities and now sending more soldiers to Afghanistan, while a few doors down they're cutting the defense budget for our troops.

You see, Mr. Breedlove, neither democrats or republicans pays the least respect to our appeals or reasoning. Your silence in all these matters leads me to believe, that the latest actions by politicians has not yet directly affected your life. Your silence only postpones the real benefits of your freedom.

I will offer you my hand in friendship to help change the direction our government is taking us. But if this is not possible to the betterment of our lives, then I will no longer quarrel with you. I don't have the time. My convictions grow stronger every day towards stopping the corruption that's bleeding our great nation.

Lastly, Mr. Breedlove, never have I said how bad our country is, only those who control it.

The attention of our country has been called to the proposition that the ones who are sworn to take care, that the laws be faithfully executed, should not himself violate them.

Happy New Year, Mr. Breedlove to you and your family, and may he grant you the wisdom to see what's happening to our nation. I believe you really do care!

Respectfully submitted,  
—James Powell

**ANTWERP ALLEYS WEEKLY HONOR SCORES WEEK OF 12/25/09**

**Men High Games**

1. Craig Womack 204
2. Scott Lichty 202
3. Tony Delong 201
4. Mike Kennedy, Chad Geyer 196
5. Bowie Reid, Mike Walley 194
6. Barry Grant 182
7. David Koscher, Phil Bauer 176

8. David Bauer 173
  9. Scott Hudson, Jerry Vanclave, Kevin Taylor 169
  10. Tom Barker Jr 167
- Men High Series**
1. Mike Kennedy 542
  2. Chad Geyer 538
  3. Scott Lichty 532
  4. Craig Womack 524
  5. Bowie Reid 510
  6. David Koscher 501
  7. Scott Hudson 500
  8. Mike Walley 494
  9. Tony Delong 481
  10. Phil Bauer 476

**Women High Game**

1. Sherry Reinhart 197
2. Michelle Litzenberg 186
3. Marie Bauer, Paula Lichty 182
4. Angie Hudson 181
5. Stacy Hopkins 167
6. Joyce Sanders 164
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10. Deb Lucas, Marilyn Provines 147

**Women High Series**

1. Sherry Reinhart 542
2. Angie Hudson 503
3. Marie Bauer 498
4. Paula Lichty 479
5. Michelle Litzenberg 461
6. Joyce Sanders 459
7. Stacy Hopkins 450
8. Sue Molitor 430
9. Lisa Syndram 428
10. Marilyn Provines 424

**4TH ANNUAL VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS BOWLING TOURNAMENT**

It's once again time for the Fourth Annual Veterans Organizations Bowling Tournament. The Tournament will be held at Antwerp Alleys on Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. It's a five person (men, women or mixed) team event open to any members in good standing with the American Legion, V.F.W., and Amvets from Antwerp, Hicksville, Woodburn, Paulding, Grover Hill, Sherwood, and Oakwood. It's our hope to have even more teams this year, each year the tournament has grown in teams and the fun just gets bigger. Any questions or entry forms needed, please call Greg Bauer at 419-258-6725 or 419-506-0266.

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**ANOTHER BEAR STORY**

**By: Stan Jordan**

In 1775, Ben Franklin and I went down to the baseball field in Philadelphia and saw the 'Philly's' in a night game. 'Ol' Ben said then, "Stan, never let a little bit of a falsehood keep you from telling a good story."

Well, parts of this story was given to me by Ray Friend. He has been Antwerp's Fire Chief for 25 years and if you can't believe your fire chief, who can you believe?

Ray and his son, Tom, David Bagley, Steve Jordan and a fellow from northern Indiana named Elmer Fudd have made a number of safari's way up into Canada hunting bear.

The fellows were in the cabin the night before they were to go hunting the next morning. Steve Jordan was drinking a bottle of sarsaparilla and telling the fellows that he had heard an old timer tell that if a bear comes out of hibernation and eats too many of those red humble berries on an empty stomach it will upset his equilibrium and bother his mind a little.

On the morning of the big hunt the manager of the lodge took his trusty old jeep and delivered the boys around to their stations. (This story is about Dave Bagley and basically it is true. He was on a hunting trip).

Dave had been sitting at the base of a persimmon tree all day and hadn't seen any large game, just a bunch of playful squirrels. So he got up and stretched his arms and legs and figured he might as well just walk back to the

cabin as there was no bears in the area. Another busted hunting trip.

Dave was walking slowly down the trail that leads to the cabin. The trail had a little bend in it as it made room for a big white oak that was a bear scratching tree. Some of the bark was missing as a big bear can put a lot of pressure on the bark as he scratches and they do it often, but things were quiet today, no bears in sight.

As Dave passed the scratching tree, he was accosted by the biggest bear he ever saw. The bear grabbed him by both arms and pinned them down to his sides and Dave's big bear rifle went flying into the grass. He pulled Dave in front of him back and forth like he was using a large bath towel. He rubbed Dave back and forth across his chest and belly for a long time and then stopped but he still held Dave's arms pinned to his sides.

Fear was not the word, Dave was upset, frantic and any other word that describes a live bear hold. But right then Dave remembered hunting with his dad years ago in Stripes Thicket in Van Wert Co. He told Dave that if you ever get into a pickle and you don't want to lose your head just use it. Don't panic, size up the situation. Are you hurt, what has happened and what will happen? Don't ever run, most any wild animal can outrun a human being.

Dave checked his arms and they were not broken, nor his legs and that big bear had not ripped him apart with those huge claws. About then the bear turned his head and

opened that big mouth and to Dave's wonderment all his big teeth and jaws were stained with red.

Could it be that this bear had been into the red humble berries and maybe he wouldn't be too mean?

Now Dave, after following his father's teachings, had settled down and was going to form a plan.

Early that morning Dave had fastened his Army type canteen to his suspenders on the left side around his heart and as this bear rubbed Dave against his chest, that canteen dug in pretty good. Dave had an idea, he got his hand up on the bears chest and when the bear started with his rubbing Dave dug into that bears chest as hard as he could with his fingernails. This continued on for almost two minutes and before Dave collapsed the bear stopped.

Dave was still alive and really unhurt. Dave admitted, he himself, that following his dad's advice had kept him alive.

The bear relaxed his hold and Dave stepped back a couple steps. He watched, the bears eyes were glassy and he weaved back and forth a little.

Dave kept backing up slowly never taking his eyes off that big rascal. Dave was slowly backing down the trail to the camp. Dave looked back at the bear and he was looking at Dave and waving to Dave to come back and scratch some more.

Now the bear was following Dave at a slow wobble weaving to each side but still coming. This seemed to go on for ages and ages. The bear was about one hundred yards from Dave but still coming.

Now objects of every kind were telling Dave that he was nearing the cabin but still a little ways, but there would be help in camp, if the other hunters had returned yet.

After taking a glance over his shoulder Dave could see the cabin and some of the fellows outside. These boys would be armed and would help him get rid of that bear.

Well, Dave turned and was running as fast as he could, and that bear had picked up the pace also. As Dave got near the cabin, Ray was inside starting supper, Tom was outside cleaning up and Steve Jordan was taking a little siesta. As Dave got close he yelled for help while the bear was getting closer and closer.

None of these boys had a weapon, with a wild bear right in camp and all the rifles were inside the cabin. Both cabin doors were open to let the smoke out as Ray was burning the food for supper. Dave ran right through the cabin door at full speed and yelled at Ray Friend, "You skin this one out and I'll go get another one!" See Ya!



**By: Stan Jordan**

A man who is driving a car is stopped by a police officer. The following exchange takes place...

The man says, "What's the problem officer?"

Officer: "You were going at least 75 in a 55 zone."

Man: "No sir, I was going 65."

Wife: "Oh, Harry. You were going 80."

[Man gives his wife a dirty look.]

Officer: "I'm also going to give you a ticket for your broken tail light."

Man: "Broken tail light? I didn't know about a broken tail light!"

Wife: "Oh Harry, you've known about that tail light for weeks."

[Man gives his wife a dirty look.]

Officer: "I'm also going to give you a citation for not wearing your seat belt."

Man: "Oh, I just took it off when you were walking up to the car."

Wife: "Oh, Harry, you never wear your seat belt."

Man turns to his wife and yells: "Shut your mouth, woman!"

Officer turns to the woman and asks, "Ma'am, does your husband talk to you this way all the time?"

Wife says: "No, only when he's drunk."

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**BLACK BART**

**By: Stan Jordan**

Black Bart was a stage coach robber of some small notoriety back in the early 1880's. Most of his actions were in Old California.

He was actually born Charles E. Boles of Norfolk Co. England back in 1829. They migrated to the U.S. when he was two years old. There were at least seven in the family. His father farmed about 100 acres in upstate New York.

When he was about 20 he and a cousin, David, started for the gold fields of California in 1849. They had to lay-over in Independence, Missouri for the winter.

By 1850, they had reached California and were mining on the North Fork of the American River. They had some success and they returned back east.

By 1852 he and some of his family were back out west. His brother, Robert Boles, died and was buried in San Francisco.

After two years Charles headed back east by going through Decatur, IL and he married Mary Elizabeth Johnson and they had two daughters by 1861. But being a father and husband wasn't exciting enough for Charles so he enlisted in the Illinois 116<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment on August 13, 1862 at Decatur.

I have read and studied his war time campaigns and he was a good soldier with a lot of combat time. He was a 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant by 1863 and spent most of his time with Gen. Sherman's Army.

By 1867 he was discharged and on his way west again to the silver mines in Idaho and Montana. It was here that he wrote his wife that he had some run in with Wells Fargo and he would get back all he

had lost and that is what put him on the Owl Hoot Trail.

I think the first stage coach robbery that he pulled was the Sonora to Milton in Calavares County. The lone robber wore a feed sack over his head with two holes for his eyes. He wore a long duster and sacks over his boots. He was very polite and didn't use any foul language. So this was the way that Charles E. Boles conducted himself on most of his robberies. It was sort of his trade mark.

He always acted alone in his robberies but he might tell the stage driver that he had more help hid in the bushes.

He pulled that trick one time and he pushed some sticks into the bushes with a portion of them visible from the road and he told the driver there were three more gunmen in the bush. But the posse found only sticks and not rifles.

In the early 1870's the Sacramento Union talked about a 'fancy Dan' robber and this was pleasing to our bad guy and he started using the name Black Bart. But his real name was Charles Boles.

His last stage coach robbery was in Calavares County and things went wrong from the start. The stage driver, a Mr. McConnell, secured a handgun and shot three rounds at Black Bart. I think he was struck by one of the rounds. Anyhow, he chased Bart off, but left some gear at his campsite. One of the objects left was a handkerchief that had a laundry mark, FX07, stamped on it.

Well, there was 91 laundries in Calavares County but the sheriff located the correct one inside of a week. It gave his name and address and when the police called on him he was not any trouble and confessed about everything.

He was sentenced for six years to San Quentin Prison but he was a model prisoner and was paroled in four years.

He was in Frisco on February 28, 1888 but he was never seen again.

See Ya!

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To our friends, family, church families, Pastor Mike Schneider, Deacon Robert Nighswander, the Antwerp Squad classes of 1976 and 1980, Dooley's Funeral Home, the ladies from the Methodist Church, and the ladies from Divine Mercy for their delicious dinner and dessert, and to any that I didn't mention for their cards, food, flowers, memorials, and especially for their kindness to myself and my family. May God bless each of you that helped in our time of sorrow.

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## PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES FOR 12/14/09

This 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2009, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

Tony Burkley, Edward Straley, Tony Zartman, and Nola Ginter, Clerk

IN THE MATTER OF RE-APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE REGIONAL PORT AUTHORITY OF NORTHWEST OHIO:

The Commissioners re-appointed the following member to the Board of Directors of the Regional Port Authority of Northwest Ohio: Kevin Stahl, 4-Year Term, expires 12-31-13

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2009 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION:

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

FROM: 001-002-00001/General Fund/Auditor/Salaries - Official

TO: 001-002-00003/General Fund/Auditor/Supplies

AMOUNT: \$645.00

FROM: 001-002-00002/General Fund/Auditor/Salaries - Employees

TO: 001-002-00003/General Fund/Auditor/Supplies

AMOUNT: \$935.00

FROM: 001-002-00002/General Fund/Auditor/Salaries - Employees

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

AMOUNT: \$23.27

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

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

AMOUNT: \$476.73

FROM: 001-015-00005/General Fund/Election Board/Contracts/Services

TO: 001-015-00002/General Fund/Election Board/Salaries - Employees

AMOUNT: \$2,412.91

FROM: 001-015-00015/General Fund/Election Board/Precinct Workers

TO: 001-015-00002/General Fund/Election Board/Salaries - Employees

AMOUNT: \$2,087.09

FROM: 001-015-00005/General Fund/Election Board/Contracts/Services

TO: 001-015-00008/General Fund/Election Board/PERS

AMOUNT: \$374.06

FROM: 001-015-00006/General Fund/Election Board/Advertising

TO: 001-015-00008/General Fund/Election Board/PERS

AMOUNT: \$132.00

FROM: 001-017-00004/General Fund/Sheriff/Communications Salaries

TO: 001-017-00002/General Fund/Sheriff/Deputies Salaries

AMOUNT: \$2,500.00

FROM: 001-018-00007/General Fund/County Recorder/Travel

TO: 001-018-00003/General Fund/County Recorder/Supplies

AMOUNT: \$766.92

FROM: 001-018-00008/General Fund/County Recorder/Other Expenses

## OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY 5TH/6TH GRADE SPELLING BEE WINNERS



The Oakwood Elementary 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade Spelling Bee was held on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Forty-seven students participated in the Bee; and after several intense rounds, Julie Anne Holbrooks (5<sup>th</sup>) was declared the Spelling Bee Champion for 2009-2010. Kasandra Cogswell (6<sup>th</sup>) and Henry Hohenberger (6<sup>th</sup>) were our

co-runners up this year. Both students misspelled words in the same round of the Bee, requiring Julie Anne to correctly spell "scholarship" to take home the trophy.

Pictured here are Kasandra Cogswell, Julie Anne Holbrooks (Spelling Bee Champion), and Henry Hohenberger.

TO: 001-018-00002/General Fund/County Recorder/Salaries - Employees

AMOUNT: \$42.00

FROM: 001-018-00008/General Fund/County Recorder/Other Expenses

TO: 001-018-00003/General Fund/County Recorder/Supplies

AMOUNT: \$161.40

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENT:

Tony Langham, Paulding County Economic Development - Mr. Langham updated the Commissioners on the status of the Paulding County United Way. He stated the agency has been invited to share office space with the Paulding County Economic Development, which is housed in the Marshall Memorial Building. Mr. Langham requested networking the United Way phone line in with the county system. Under Board of Election business, Mr. Langham stated the Secretary of State recently announced a new requirement that Boards of Election send all absentee voters notification reminding them they can vote absentee again. Mr. Langham noted the high percentage of absentee voting in 2009 and also the extra work and expense of sending notifications, especially with two elections in 2010.

Becky Suvar, WMEA - Ms. Suvar met with the Commissioners to request

permission to replace her recycling van.

Charlene and Melissa Grant - The Grants met with the Commissioners to discuss the Auglaize River Sewer Project. Charlene stated they had met with Ken Maag of Poggemeyer Design Group regarding EPA regulations for sewer districts.

CLERK'S NOTES:

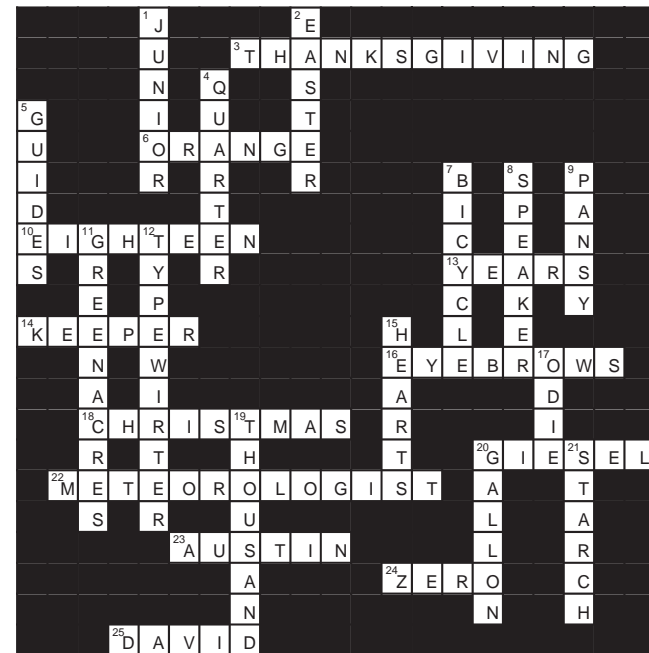
Forwarded three signed originals of Auglaize River Project contracts to Defiance County Commissioners.

## LEARNING EXPRESS

By: Ellen Williams, Paulding Schools

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The practice test selections in LearningExpress, available at [www.infohio.org](http://www.infohio.org), include reading, writing, math, and even vocabulary and spelling practice. The great thing about this product is that when you complete the test, it is graded, your results are scored, you are given the correct answer and why the answer is correct!

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expand the LearningExpress Library service to include a new Job and Career Accelerator section starting January 2010. Look for more information about this service next week.

All Ohio students and their families have access to LearningExpress databases. LearningExpress is located at [www.infohio.org](http://www.infohio.org). The username and password are available at your school Media Center. Homeschoolers please contact Mrs. Williams at Paulding Middle School for the information. The Job & Career Accelerator will be available to all Ohio residents.

To learn more about LearningExpress, or other online resources such as INFOhio, check out the Paulding Schools webpage at [www.pauldingschools.org](http://www.pauldingschools.org) and go to the Media Center page.



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**FROM THE DOG WARDEN'S DESK**

**By: Mandy Lichty, Chief Dog Warden, Paulding County, Ohio**

This week's featured pet is Joy. She is a 4 month old brindle miniature pinscher mix. She is very playful and full of energy.

Also at the shelter we have Bosco, the mastiff mix; Lucy, a jack russell; Callie, a beagle/jack; Ruby, a boxer boston mix; and Ima, a sheltie mix.

Kircher's Flowers is providing savings for you and help for the Paulding County Dog Shelter the whole month of January. There are 6-8 million dogs and cats that enter U.S. shelters each year. Sadly of that 6-8 million, close to half of them are euthanized. To help the shelter, Kircher's is promoting awareness of the growing problems facing our local animal shelters, along with providing a free gift to anyone who adopts a dog from the Paulding County Dog Shelter. Also, for anyone who brings in a donated item for the shelter, whether it is pet food, toys, cleaning supplies, or office supplies they will receive 25% off their cash and carry purchase. If they bring in two donated items they will receive 50% off their cash and carry purchase.

Remember, dog licenses for 2010 must be purchased by January 31<sup>st</sup> to avoid a late penalty.

**ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 1/6 THROUGH 1/12**

**Breakfast:**  
All days - Cereal, crackers, juice, milk  
**Lunch:**  
1/6 - Taco or pizza burger on bun, mixed vegetables, pears, milk; PLUS: salad bar or brownie

1/7 - Sloppy joe or vegetable soup w/crackers, diced potatoes, peaches, milk; PLUS: salad bar or celery w/peanut butter

1/8 - Pepperoni pizza or tuna salad sandwich, mixed fruit w/marshmallows, celery & carrots, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cook's choice

1/11 - Cheeseburger or ham on bun, pickle, green beans, orange smiles, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cook's choice

1/12 - Corn dog or walking taco, peas, pears, milk; PLUS: salad bar or jello cup

**PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 1/6 THROUGH 1/12**

**MS/HS - Breakfast:**  
1/6 - Ham, egg & cheese croissant, juice, milk

1/7 - Mini pancakes, sausage links, juice, milk

1/8 - Sausage gravy w/biscuits, juice, milk

1/11 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk

1/12 - Coffee cake or cherry turnover, juice, milk

**MS/HS - Lunch:**

1/6 - Quesadilla w/salsa, sour cream & lettuce or corn dog, oven potatoes, assorted fruit, milk

1/7 - Pasta w/meat sauce, green beans, garlic toast, assorted fruit, milk

1/8 - Vegetable soup,

toasted cheese sandwich, assorted fruit, milk

1/11 - Popcorn chicken bowl or cheeseburger w/bun, oven potatoes, assorted fruit, milk

1/12 - Turkey club salad, seasoned bread stick, assorted fruit, milk

**Paulding Elementary - Breakfast:**

1/6 - Assorted cereals, juice, milk

1/7 - Muffin, applesauce, milk

1/8 - Cereal bar, juice, milk

1/11 - Assorted cereals, juice, milk

1/12 - Pancake wrap, juice, milk

**Paulding Elementary - Lunch:**

1/6 - Hot dog w/bun, baked beans, assorted fruit, milk

1/7 - Pizza, corn, assorted fruit, milk

1/8 - Cheese manicotti w/meat sauce, green beans, bread, pretzels, assorted fruit, milk

1/11 - Creamed turkey w/bun, corn, assorted fruit, milk

1/12 - Sloppy joe scoops, tator tots, assorted fruit, milk

**Oakwood Elementary - Breakfast:**

1/6 - Assorted cereals, crackers, fruit, milk

1/7 - Breakfast burrito, fruit, milk

1/8 - Assorted cereals, crackers, fruit, milk

1/11 - Assorted cereals, crackers, juice, milk

1/12 - Warm cinnamon pancakes, fruit, milk

**Oakwood Elementary - Lunch:**

1/6 - Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes w/gravy, bread, fruit, milk

1/7 - Tostilla chips w/cheese sauce, peas, fruit, milk

1/8 - Cheese pizza, lettuce salad, fruit, milk

1/11 - Breaded chicken w/bun, peas, fruit, milk

1/12 - Corn dog, baked beans, fruit, milk

**BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS FOR THE WEEK OF 1/6 THROUGH 1/12**

**Breakfast:**

1/6 - Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk

1/7 - Egg/cheese omelet, toast/jelly, juice, milk

1/8 - Waffles, sausage, juice, milk

1/11 - Pizza, juice, milk

1/12 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, juice, milk

**Lunch:**

1/6 - Cheeseburger sandwich, french fries, pineapple, milk

1/7 - Cook's choice, milk

1/8 - Mac/cheese, mini corn dogs, peaches, milk

1/11 - Chicken nuggets, tator tots, pears, milk

1/12 - French toast sticks, sausage links, hash brown, 100% juice, milk

**LADY ARCHERS FALL TO LADY BULLDOGS**

The Lady Archers of Antwerp found out on 12/21 that the Lady Bulldogs of Edgerton's bite IS worse than their bark. The Lady Bulldogs fought for dominance on the court throughout the game, which landed them the win against the Archers: 35-31.

**Score by the quarter:**

Edgerton - 7 11 5 12=35

Antwerp - 8 5 7 11=31

**Archer top scorers:**  
#10 Winslow - 1 2PT, 2 FT,

4 Pts  
#14 Jones - 1 2PT, 2 Pts  
#20 Bashore - 2 2PT, 2 FT, 6 Pts  
#21 Koppenhofer - 1 3PT, 3 Pts  
#22 Arnold - 3 2PT, 1 3PT, 1 FT, 10 Pts  
#32 Stuck - 3 2PT, 6 Pts

**WAYNE TRACE JR HIGH WRESTLING TEAM REMAINS UNBEATEN**

On 12/22/09, the Wayne Trace Jr High Wrestling team competed in a tri-match with Tinora and Patrick Henry. The Raiders defeated Tinora 57-30 and Patrick Henry 42-33. This improved their overall record to 6-0.

Other match scores from earlier in the season were WT 58, Fairview 0; WT 60, Stryker 0; WT 39, Ayersville 31; WT 51, Hicksville 9.

Individual records for the wrestlers are: Dustin Taylor 7-1, Zaine Cotterman 10-4, Matt Baxter 7-6, Cassidy Hilkey 6-7, Jacob Dings 13-2, Aaron Miller 13-1, Zac Wesley 10-4, Grant Gillett 7-5, Josh Reel 7-3, Tyler Showalter 5-1, Justin Pierce 10-5, and Isaac Ludwig 6-2.

**Coach Stabler said,** "These kids have done an outstanding job this season. We are definitely on track to fulfill our ultimate goal, which is to win our conference."

**LADY ARCHERS OUTSCORE LADY ACES**

In a pre-Christmas match up on 12/22, the Lady Archers entered the Aces' gym and played for the win, which they took by the end of the evening: 46-15.

**Score by the quarter:**

Hicksville - 2 2 6 5=15

Antwerp - 14 7 12 13=46

**Archer top scorers:**

#3 E Wetli - 1 2PT, 2 Pts

#4 A Wetli - 1 2PT, 2 Pts

#10 Winslow - 3 2PT, 6 Pts

#14 Jones - 1 2PT, 2 3PT, 8 Pts

#15 Delgado - 1 2PT, 2 Pts

#20 Bashore - 3 2PT, 3 FT, 9 Pts

#21 Koppenhofer - 2 3PT, 6 Pts

#22 Arnold - 1 3PT, 3 Pts

#24 Smalley - 2 2PT, 4 Pts

#32 Stuck - 2 2PT, 4 Pts

**RAIDERS TOO MUCH FOR WARRIORS**

The Wayne Trace Raiders crossed the Hoosier border on 1/2/09 to take on the Woodlan Warriors in HS boys basketball. The Raiders kept the Warriors on their toes the entire game, but the fourth quarter was just too much for them. The Raiders took a victory back to the Buckeye state: 45-39

**Score by the quarter:**

Woodlan - 7 3 17 12=39

Wayne Trace - 9 8 10 18=45

**Top scorers:**

Woodlan - #10 Bell 1 3PT, 4 FT, 7 Pts; #11 Hines 1 2PT, 2 3PT, 1 FT, 9 Pts; #21 Brames 1 FT, 1 Pt; #22 Romines 3 2PT, 6 Pts; #32 Patterson 2 2PT, 1 FT, 5 Pts; #50 Mumma 4 2PT, 3 FT, 11 Pts

Wayne Trace - #22 Davis 3 2PT, 3 FT, 9 Pts; #30 Akkerman 1 2PT, 1 3PT, 5 Pts; #32 Sherry 1 2PT, 2 Pts; #42 Gordon 2 2PT, 4 Pts; #44 Critten 3 FT, 3 Pts; #52 Baksa 7 2PT, 1 FT, 15 Pts

**WAYNE TRACE GIRLS TAKE A LOSS**



The Lady Raiders played a good game Dec 28 against Fort Jennings. The score went back and forth between the two teams, but in the end, Ft Jennings had the upper hand. Shown here is Senior Jenna Stoller being fouled by two Musketeers on a shot attempt. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



A good, close game for Wayne Trace on December 28. Shown here is Sophomore Lady Raider Sarah Feasby scoring. Final score: Raiders 46, Ft Jennings 50. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

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**Wayne Trace Wrestling Club**

will be starting its 9th season this year. The club is open to all students from Kindergarten to the Eighth Grade.

**When: Thurs, January 7th, 5:00 pm**

**Why: Signup & First Practice**

**Where: W.T. H.S. Gymnasium - South balcony**

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# PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS

## JANUARY 2010 NEWSLETTER



### SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of the Paulding Exempted Village Schools,

December was a busy month with Christmas programs, the Senior Citizen Breakfast, concerts and numerous extracurricular events. The support you have shown our students with your attendance is greatly appreciated.

The decision to delay or cancel school is always difficult, but the determining factor will always be the safety of our students. With many more cold and snowy days before us, I would like to remind parents to have students dress warmly when waiting for the bus. If roads are in good condition, we will be having school, even with very cold temperatures. Student drivers should be reminded that road conditions change throughout the day and caution should always be used when driving in the winter. Delays and closings are sent out by Instant Alert, on our website, the school telephone recording, and also on various television and radio stations. When school is not in session, cancellations for evening events will always be on our telephone recording and sent by Instant Alert. Please keep your Instant Alert account up-to-date with current phone numbers and contacts.

January brings a new year and a renewed opportunity to work together for the benefit of our students. Community support is necessary for our district to continue to improve. Together we can make a difference in the lives of the children in our district.

Pat Ross  
Superintendent

### NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPALS

**Paulding Elementary-Wendy Nashu**  
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Paulding Elementary!

If you have been in our building lately the students and staff have made it festive and educational with an opportunity the PTO supported by having a door decorating contest with a "Christmas Around the World" theme. We had 100% classroom participation. You still have the opportunity to see these doors as the PTO put them on their website at [www.pauldingpto.weebly.com](http://www.pauldingpto.weebly.com). Just click on the December Book Fair link. The book fair was well attended earning at least \$45 for each classroom in books plus much more. If you would like to volunteer or become a part of the PTO you can get information at the same website link above or contact the school for whom to connect with from the PTO.

We are very excited to announce some students who have won some recent contests. Paulding Elementary winners in the Geography Bee contest are Cade McGarvey, 4<sup>th</sup> grade and Brody Clemens, 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Congratulations and good luck in the finals. Recycling Poster Contest 1<sup>st</sup> place winner was Zaine Craig, 4<sup>th</sup> grade receiving a \$25 Paulding Chamber gift certificate. Zach McCorkle was the billboard winner receiving a \$50 Paulding Chamber gift certificate. Zach's poster will be on the billboard at S.R. 127/111 north of town. Congratulations!

Spelling Bee is to take place on January 7, 2010 for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students.

Thanks to all who constantly give of their time to assist our students at Paulding Elementary. Many are here daily and are essential in the learning process for our students. You really make a difference in what we can offer to our students by assisting teachers with many tasks that take time and also allow for some direct instruction or support for our students. I would encourage anyone interested in volunteering through the year to contact Mrs. Nashu or the PTO.

As you have time over the holidays take time to enjoy the uniqueness of your families. The best gift you can give one another is time. May you have safe and happy holidays!

**Oakwood Elementary-Jennifer Manz**  
Happy New Year from Oakwood Elementary!! We are starting our 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter and 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of the 2009-2010 school year. As many of you set New Year's resolutions at home, it is a great time for our students to review the progress they have made so far this year and to set new academic goals for the remainder of the school year. Even our youngest students need to have goals so they can see the progress they are making as they learn new material every day!

Zachary Branham (gr. 4), Molly Meeker (gr. 5) and Trent Church (gr. 6) each received the highest score at their grade level on the Geography Bee preliminary test. In early January, they will travel to Paulding to participate in the PEVS District Geography Bee. We

wish each of them the best as they demonstrate their knowledge of the world during the next round of this contest!!

Forty-seven fifth and sixth graders participated in our Oakwood Elementary Spelling Bee recently. They competed for the right to represent Oakwood at the Paulding County Spelling Bee to be held in February at Payne Elementary. I am proud of each contestant-it is no easy thing to stand in front a crowd and spell random words out loud!! A very special CONGRATULATIONS goes to 5<sup>th</sup> grader, Julie Anne Holbrooks! She is our 09-10 Spelling Bee champion. Finishing the Bee as our runners-up were 6<sup>th</sup> graders, Kassandra Cogswell and Henry Hohenberger.

Students who earned the November PAWS Reward were treated to a special visit to the Cooper Community Library in Oakwood. Students walked to the library where they participated in special activities created by librarian, Sue Thomas. We are so fortunate to have a partnership with our public library, and we extend a very special thanks to Warren, Sue, Pam, Karen, Karin, Kim, all the cupcake bakers and Mike for making our PAWS Reward a memorable one!

Special Recognition is in order for a number of people: \*Our fourth graders, under the direction of Mrs. Nancy Wehrkamp, Mrs. Jill Hohlbein and Ms. Robin Harris put on a great Christmas program on December 17. Thank you to all who attended "Paint the Town December." It was a wonderful production! \*Our 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade choir and 6<sup>th</sup> grade band performed their Christmas concert for family and friends under the direction of Mrs. Wehrkamp. Both groups are making great progress and sounded excellent!! \*Our 4<sup>th</sup> graders participated in a poster contest promoting recycling. Lilli Routt's design was selected as a billboard winner. You can see her poster on the billboard on SR 613 west of Oakwood. Courtney Mullen's design was chosen as the Oakwood Elementary winning poster. Thank you to Becky Suvar for bringing this program to our school.

Thank you for your continued support of our school. May you enjoy a safe and blessed New Year!

**Middle School-David Stallkamp**  
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the middle school.

Congratulations to Lucas Arend-6<sup>th</sup> grade, Ashlyn Strahley-7<sup>th</sup> grade, and Austin Steele-8<sup>th</sup> grade. These three students will be representing Paulding Middle School in the district Geography Bee finals to be held in the administration office January 5 at 12:30 p.m. Our students and staff have once again shown their compassion and kindness. The Middle School adopted three needy families for Christmas and donated lots of toys and supplies to these families. Special thanks to LeeAnn Favorito, Jill Hatcher, and all student council members for gathering gifts, wrapping them, and getting them to their designated homes. A big thank you, also, to the staff and students that donated gifts etc., to make this holiday a fantastic one.

I truly enjoyed Wednesday, December 9. It was the Senior Citizens' breakfast held in the auditoria. It always makes my day to be able to honor and recognize the wisdom and experience of our community, and to be able to treat them to breakfast and provide quality student entertainment for their enjoyment. I enjoy talking with them and listening to the stories they have to tell. I guess no one is ever too old to learn if we keep our eyes and ears open. I thank all that attended and I hope they had a great morning.

On December 13, we held our Christmas band concert. Congratulations to Mr. Chesman and all of the bands for a great performance. Our choir Christmas concert was held on Sunday, the 20th. Congratulations to Mr. Clapsaddle and all of the performing choir students. Both events were very well attended and very well performed. Great job!

Our middle school wrestling team, coached by Mr. Eric Deisler, participated in the Bryan Invitational recently. Congratulations to Taylor Deatrck for winning his weight class and to third place finishers Ryan Wisner, Ryan Schindler, and Adam Deatrck. Our girls and boys basketball teams are in full swing with their seasons. Please visit our school website to check out the schedules for each team. I am very proud of the coaches and athletes for all of their hard work and dedication. We strive to get our students involved in school activities and these fine, young students have chosen to do that something extra to show their support for Paulding Schools. Thank you for taking the time to represent our school, and thanks for doing that in such a positive way.

The second nine weeks grading period ended

December 22, 2009. Hopefully all students got the grades they wanted and are sitting in a very good position academically, heading into the second half of the year. Grade cards will go out on January 7, 2010.

**IMPORTANT CHANGE:** Starting on Tuesday, January 12, 2010, Paulding Middle School will be implementing a new program aimed at improving students getting their homework finished and turned in on time. For the remainder of school year 2009-10, any student who fails to turn in homework or does not complete it, will be assigned a **ONE HOUR AFTER SCHOOL DETENTION** to be served the very next Tuesday or Thursday closest to the day they missed their work. In order for this program to be successful, it will require **TOTAL parental support**. Parents will be responsible for picking up their child at 3:30 if they have to stay for detention. Hopefully we can send the message to all students that homework is a critical part of a total educational package. Again, have a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**High School-Todd Harmon**  
Paulding High School would like to thank all those who were able to attend the Senior Citizen Breakfast. It is an honor to have our community members in the school to see some of the great things our students are doing. I would like to thank Mr. Jonathan Chessman and the high school band for a wonderful program full of Christmas music classics. I would also like to thank Mr. Dave Clapsaddle and the high school choir for their performance. The FCCLA (Family Career and Community Leaders of America) provided treat bags, door prizes, centerpieces and table service for this event. The FCCLA have also been making seasonal decorations each month for residents of The Gardens of Paulding. On December 5, they provided craft supplies and helped with the Lion's Club Day with Santa activities. Thank you to all the FCCLA members and their teacher, Mrs. Sue Helle, for their generosity. It is truly remarkable to see and hear some of the talent students have.

The FFA Greenhand Parliamentary Procedure team of Dalton Sholl, Bruce Sowder, Faith Bland, Sabrina Ringler, Jacob Philpot, Dustin Thomas, Jacob Luderan, Colton Bollenbacher, Liz Young and Patrick Troyer placed 1st at Sub-District competition. The Varsity team of Amanda Porter, Audrey Smiley, Derek & Kelli Schlatter and Katie Kohart placed 4th in their division.

Our student athletes are working hard both on the courts and in the classrooms and we appreciate your support of their efforts with your attendance at the events. The Science Olympiad members are working hard and raising support with cookie sales during the basketball games. I would like to thank the students and their families for their generosity for the Christmas for Kids. We loaded many boxes full of supplies to help the needy during this holiday season. I would especially like to acknowledge the efforts of the students involved in Student Council and National Honor Society for making this effort possible.

We will have concluded our exams for the semester and with the New Year starts a new semester. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any concerns or questions on how to better assist your child. Our friendly and helpful teaching staff looks forward to working with you to assist your child.

On behalf of Paulding High School and its staff, I would like to wish everyone a blessed holiday season and a Happy New Year.

**PRE-SCHOOL 2010-2011-Tillman Karl**  
Parents interested in sending their child to the PEVS preschool for the 2010-2011 school year are required to bring their child to a screening prior to enrollment. The free screening will include height, weight, vision, hearing, speech and developmental delays. There are three screenings scheduled for the remainder of the school year, held at various locations throughout the county. The screenings are available to all children in Paulding County, up to five years of age, regardless of the school district they will be attending. (Please note: If your child is already enrolled and will be returning to preschool, there is no need for another screening.) You may schedule an appointment at one of the screenings by calling the following toll-free number: 1-800-686-2964, Ext. 1114 or Ext. 1115. Walk-ins will be accepted, but you may have to wait for an opening in the schedule. The dates and locations of the screenings are as follows:

- January 15, Paulding Elementary, 9-11:30 a.m. and Oakwood Elementary, 1-3:30 p.m. (Snow date-1/22/10)

- February 12, Antwerp Methodist Church, 9-12:30 (Snow date-2/19/10)
- March 12, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Paulding, 12-4:00 p.m.

Parents who reside in the Paulding School District will be contacted by our office in the spring regarding your interest in pursuing the enrollment process.

**SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION**  
January is "School Board Recognition Month". The school board works closely with parents, education professionals and other community members to create the educational vision we want for our students. It then formulates goals, defines results and sets the course for an adequate and equitable education program for all our students. This is a time to show our appreciation for the leadership provided for our schools.

**HomeworkNow.org**  
HomeworkNow offers homework assistance from librarians, the original information experts. Starting in 2010, HomeworkNow will re-direct to [www.knowitnow.org](http://www.knowitnow.org), Ohio's statewide online reference service.

Students will continue to get assistance from librarians, 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week finding resources for doing homework, suggestions for good books to read and answers to general questions.

You and a librarian engage in a "chat" session. The librarian "pushes" high quality, authoritative online resources to your screen. To learn more about KnowItNow, or other online resources such as INFOhio, check out the Paulding Schools webpage at [www.pauldingschools.org](http://www.pauldingschools.org) and go to the Media Center page. Contact Ellen Williams, District Librarian, if you have any questions.

### ATHLETIC CALENDAR

JH Wrestling		
Jan. 5	Wayne Trace @ Spencerville	5:30
Jan. 12	Lima North-T	5:00
Jan. 14	Defiance-H	4:30
Jan. 16	Ayersville Invitational-T	9:30
Jan. 19	Van Wert-H	4:30
Jan. 21	St. John @ Elida	5:00
Jan. 30	NWC @ Delphos Jefferson-T	10:00
Varsity Wrestling		
Jan. 5	Wayne Trace @ Spencerville	5:30
Jan. 9	Coldwater Duals-T	9:00
Jan. 12	Hicksville @ Fairview-T	6:00
Jan. 16	Lima Spartan Invitational-T	9:00
Jan. 19	Edgerton @ Delta	6:00
Jan. 23	Bowsher Rebel Duals-T	9:30
JH Boys Basketball		
Jan. 5	Delphos Jefferson-T	5:00
Jan. 12	Lincolnview-H	5:00
Jan. 19	Crestview-T	5:00
Jan. 26	Spencerville-H	5:00
Jan. 28	Antwerp-H	4:30
Freshman Basketball		
Jan. 7	Columbus Grove-H	5:00
Jan. 11	Antwerp-H	5:00
Jan. 14	Crestview-T	5:00
Jan. 21	Delphos Jefferson-H	5:00
Jan. 28	LCC-T	5:00
Boys JV/Varsity Basketball		
Jan. 4	Hicksville-H	6:00
Jan. 8	Columbus Grove-H	6:00
Jan. 9	Parkway-T	6:30
Jan. 15	Crestview-T	6:00
Jan. 16	Fairview-T	6:00
Jan. 22	Delphos Jefferson-H	6:00
Jan. 23	Ayersville-T	6:00
Jan. 30	Ottoville-H	6:30
JH Girls Basketball		
Jan. 5	Delphos Jefferson-H	5:00
Jan. 12	Lincolnview-T	5:00
Jan. 18	Napoleon-H	4:30
Jan. 19	Crestview-H	5:00
Jan. 26	Spencerville-T	5:00
Girls JV/Varsity Basketball		
Jan. 7	Columbus Grove-T	6:00
Jan. 14	Crestview-H	6:00
Jan. 16	Van Wert-T	12:30
Jan. 21	Delphos Jefferson-T	6:00
Jan. 26	Tinora-T	6:00
Jan. 28	LCC-H	6:00

### DISTRICT CALENDAR EVENTS

Jan. 1	NO SCHOOL-New Year's Day	
Jan. 5	Sign-up Deadline for Feb. 6 ACT	
Jan. 5	Dist. Geography Bee-Adm. Bldg.	12:30
Jan. 6	Athletic Booster Meeting	7:00p
Jan. 7	P.E. Spelling Bee-P.E. Gym	2:30
Jan. 7	Grade Cards Sent Home	
Jan. 11	FFA Chapter Mtg-Ag Room	6:00p
Jan. 11	Financial Aid Night for College Bound Students-Auditeria	7-8:30p
Jan. 12	Board Meeting-Adm. Bldg.	6:30p
Jan. 14	Oak. El. PTO Family Movie Night	
Jan. 15	Early Learning/School Readiness Prog. Screening-9-11:30 @ P.E. & 1-3:30 @ O.E.	
Jan. 18	NO SCHOOL-Martin Luther King Day	
Jan. 23-24	FFA MFE Conf-Columbus	
Jan. 24-25	FFA MFE Conf-Delphos	
Jan. 25	Band Bstr Mtg-Band Room	7:00p
Jan. 27	FFA State Landscape CDE-Columbus	
Jan. 28	FFA Alumni Pancake/Sausage Supper-Auditeria	4:30-6:00
Jan. 29	O.E. Kdg. Family Reading Day	3:00

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**SANTA VISITS ANN'S PRESCHOOLERS!**



Ho! Ho! Ho! Santa stopped in to see the good little girls and boys at Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschool during their Christmas party! Shown here sharing their list with Santa are from the left: Aiden

Herman, Vanessa Garcia, and Elli Barton. These children are in the morning class of three and young four year olds with Mrs. Ann Miller and Mrs. Carrie Myers.

**PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND DISMISSALS**

**Admissions:**  
 12/23 - Stan Ferris, Oakwood  
 12/24 - Lucille Proxmire, Paulding  
 12/25 - George Bright, Antwerp  
 12/27 - Mary Shephard, Cecil

12/28 - Susan Keeler, Paulding  
 12/31 - Douglas Miller, Van Wert  
 1/2 - Janet Thompson, Cecil; Leah Russell, Cloverdale  
**Dismissals:**  
 12/23 - Jane Snyder, Payne  
 12/24 - Mildred Timma, Payne  
 12/28 - George Bright, Antwerp  
 12/29 - Mary Shepherd, Cecil  
 12/30 - Larry Miller, Paulding; Susan Keeler, Paulding  
 1/1 - Douglas Miller, Van Wert

**Have Something to sell?**  
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**MONTHLY SENIOR BREAKFAST AT GARDENS OF PAULDING**

The monthly senior breakfast at the Gardens of Paulding will take place next Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. Any seniors are invited free of charge.

**CHRISTMAS MOVIE RULES AT OUR HOUSE**

**By: Angel Steiner**

There's a rule in our house: you may only watch Christmas movies between the dates of Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. If we watch them whenever we want to, they become commonplace—just movies, not something special anymore. At first the kids fought it (Bryce's thinking was, "We don't EVER have to watch them!" but he doesn't count), but then they began to get excited after Halloween when we put away "Sleepy Hollow," "Corpse Bride," "Monster House," and "Nightmare Before Christmas." Out came "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" and "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," among others. Now, I have been watching the Grinch and Charlie Brown ever since my body could sit in front of the TV - it's just something my dad liked to do. Those stories are the foundation for developing the true spirit of the season—and they don't even involve the Christ child! But His theme is still there. I could go on and on about The Little Drummer Boy, The Legend of the Candy Cane, and The Nativity Story, but then a few years ago I read a book and saw a movie called "The Polar Express" that put so much about this holiday season into perspective to me. The Polar Express involves the perfect mix of Christmas fantasy and the moral lessons of the season—they intertwine so well, you actually *want* Santa to be real, just because. This simple holiday tale helps a poor boy find hope, a leader girl finds confidence, and a doubtful boy find answers. Sound familiar?

As I've grown both physically in age and spiritually in years, I have found Christ in so many things. A little children's story book and movie brought me to tears of joy when I saw His love expressed in the lines. No matter how many times I watch that movie, the song "When Christmas Comes To Town" breaks me down. I would like to share the words with you:

"(poor boy) I'm wishing on a star, and trying to believe; that even though it's far, he'll find me Christmas Eve. I guess that Santa's busy, cause he's never come around. I think of him when Christmas comes to town.

"(leader girl) The best time of the year, when everyone comes home. With all this Christmas cheer, it's hard to be alone. Putting up the Christmas tree with friends who come around, it's so much fun when Christmas comes to town. Presents for the children wrapped in red and green; (poor boy) all the things I've heard about, but never really seen. (both) No one will be sleeping the night of Christmas Eve, hoping Santa's on his way.

"(leader girl) When Santa's sleigh bells ring, (poor boy) I listen all around; (leader girl) the herald angels sing, (poor boy) I never hear a

sound. (leader girl) And all the dreams of children, (poor boy) once lost will all be found. (leader girl) That's all I want when Christmas comes to town... (both) that's all I want when Christmas comes to town."

Every year it gets harder and harder for me to truly enjoy this special season, because it just keeps going faster and faster. My kids are growing up and it's almost like if you blink, it's over already. You spend hours and hours on decorations, goodies, and parties—then it's over and you're left with a mess to clean up. I've tried really hard this year to reflect on everything I did to prepare for Christmas. Kind of like in the book of Luke when "Mary treasures all these things and ponders them in her heart." I didn't want to get flustered and stressed and not enjoy it again—I watched the Polar Express and read Luke's account of Jesus' birth a few extra times just to keep my attitude in adjustment...

On Christmas Eve then, we watched The Nativity Story. You know, you can read a story in the Bible and know it's true and believe it with all your heart, and maybe even act it out in your head to make it real. But when you see it on the big screen, and you watch Mary and Joseph meet, get engaged, see Mary talk to the angel, feel the fear of the Roman guards, sense Joseph's betrayal when he thought Mary went out on him... you fall in love with Jesus—with everything that He is, everything that He stands for. It was beautiful to imagine Mary and Joseph falling in love, and being nervous about raising God in human form. I know I'd be a little freaked if I was caring God in my womb!

Christmas is so much more than Santa, presents, trees, goodies, and remembering to go to church. It's love... without it what good would any of the above things be? In I Corinthians 13 it states, "But these three remain: faith, hope, and love. And the greatest of these is love." Jesus expressed that time and time again in his short life on earth.

Even the Grinch—by the end—found the true meaning of Christmas. "And the Grinch, with his Grinch-feet ice cold in the snow, stood puzzling and puzzling, how could it be so? It came without ribbons. It came without tags. It came without packages, boxes or bags. And he puzzled and puzzled till his puzzler was sore. Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before. What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. What if Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more." —Dr. Seuss, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*.

I hope you all have had a time of reflection this holiday season—a time to smile, to relax, and maybe even apologize. I know I have, and I think it has made it the best Christmas and New Year's yet. And now I, I myself, will carve the roast-beast!!

**ANTWERP ALLEYS WEEKLY HONOR SCORES WEEK OF 12/31/09**

- Men High Games  
 1. Matt Hunt 244  
 2. Alan Grant 225  
 3. Robert Johnson 214  
 4. Brad Franklin 200  
 5. David Bauer 197  
 6. Shelton Bradbury 194  
 7. Scott Hudson 188  
 8. Bob Seever Jr 182  
 9. Kevin Taylor, Phil Bauer 181  
 10. Chad Geyer 180
- Men High Series**  
 1. Matt Hunt 537  
 2. Alan Grant 534  
 3. David Bauer 529  
 4. Robert Johnson 527  
 5. Bob Seever Jr 516  
 6. Brad Franklin, Craig Womack 506  
 7. Kevin Taylor 502  
 8. Scott Hudson 496  
 9. Shelton Bradbury 491  
 10. Phil Bauer 489
- Women High Game**  
 1. Angie Hudson 206  
 2. Marie Bauer 202, 200  
 3. Leslie Ross 186  
 4. Pat Friend, Marilyn Provines 175  
 5. Jesse Moreno 173  
 6. Deb Lucas 171  
 7. Lisa Syndram, Kelli Walters 167  
 8. Paula Lichty 165  
 9. Leslie Hughes 163  
 10. Sherry Reinhart, Michelle Litzenberg 160
- Women High Series**  
 1. Marie Bauer 547  
 2. Angie Hudson 535  
 3. Sherry Reinhart 478  
 4. Lisa Syndram 471  
 5. Leslie Ross, Joyce Sanders 466  
 6. Leslie Hughes 461  
 7. Mary Brown 459  
 8. Paula Lichty 453  
 9. Kelli Walters 450  
 10. Pat Friend 446



**CHARMAINE MODEL WINS AWARDS IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA**

Emma Crosby is the daughter of Chad and Angela Crosby. She is six years old and attends Wayne Trace Payne Elementary School.

Emma attended the ARTS Showcase in Orlando, Florida at the Omni Resort. She performed and won awards in Fashion Runway Modeling, Swimsuit Modeling, Creative Runway, Television Commercials and Photography. Emma was awarded a Child's Medallion for all of her performances.

She was scouted and had call back requests from Doris Stinga from FFT Models, Natasha Matallana from Product Model Management, Kira Alexander from Benz Models, Jackie Hazen from CFT Innovative Talent, plus many other agents from New York, Los Angeles, Atlanta, Miami and Orlando. Emma will be spending the summer in New York City to further her career in modeling.

The ARTS Showcase is highly regarded by the Fashion & Talent Professionals who attend scouting for new Faces.

Emma was sponsored by Van Wert Propane, Inc., Kim Hohman's DanceWorks, Steve Bailey - State Farm Insurance, Jean Lyons - Impressions Hair & Nail Salon, Siesta Motel Inc. and Purmont Brothers Insurance Agency.

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By: Caroline Wells Zimmerman

This is the first in a series of historical articles about this county and its people

**The Maumee River**

On Carryall Island W. of Antwerp in the Maumee River on Christmas Eve two male bald eagles were perched for a length of time. Our family was having Christmas dinner across from the island and saw the birds flying in from the E. and lighting in the middle of the island until after dark. As you may know, this is our national bird and they are nesting on the Auglaize River the past few years. Perhaps Carryall Island will be lucky this year to have some baby eagles.

The Maumee River has been historical for thousands of years because of the glacier activity which left the "puddle" of "The Great Black Swamp" of which we are a part of geographically. We are left with the dried up sludge, "Paulding County Clay", that one can usually find in the bottom of a mud puddle. It's very fine and just like putty when it's wet.

The Indians lived all around the edge of "The Great Black Swamp". It was fearful, dangerous, and stunk. If animals or people ran into the swamp to escape, they rarely returned if they stepped into sink holes deeper than a horse's head is high. After 1,000's of years and no sunlight, there was no vegetation on the ground except what could escape. It was said that there were gigantic trees that made an umbrella of dark shade over the Black Swamp

and that, too, added to it's fearfulness to man.

The place where Fort Wayne now stands is on a summit and three major rivers run E. to Lake Erie, one of them being the Maumee. You may hear of Fort Wayne being called "The Summit City." The Maumee was a very famous and important waterway for hundreds of years for hauling furs and goods to Lake Erie. The Indians were using the waterway before the white men arrived ca. 1600.

On 8 August 1794 Gen. Anthony Wayne arrived at the confluence of the Maumee and Auglaize Rivers and erected "Fort Defiance" (Ohio). On 20 August 1794 the engagement known as "The Battle of Fallen Timbers" took place along the Maumee River. The Indians were defeated for good. Gen. Wayne destroyed Indian crops and the largest Indian encampment known of different tribes at the confluence near where he had erected the fort. Also destroyed were hundreds of Indian villages on both sides of the Maumee River from Fort Miami (Ohio) to Kekionga (Indiana).

When General Anthony Wayne came to Kekionga (confluence of St. Mary's and St. Joseph's Rivers), he built Fort Wayne there, also. On 22 October 1794 with military honors and discharge of 15 cannon, the Americans marched into the fort and the American Government was fully established at the confluence of the Rivers. He then left with most of his forces to Greenville and at the same time destroyed the strong alliance between the British and the Indians.

Our Maumee River was

much safer and we had Fort Defiance and Fort Wayne each only 25 miles away by waterway. The Indians had been defeated technically, however, that didn't take care of the pirates or other dangers of the river.

**PAULDING LIBRARY SYSTEM HOURS RESTORED**

Due to the passage of the library levy on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, the library system will restore full hours at all locations. The following hours will be observed, effective Saturday, January 2, 2010:

- Main Library in Paulding:**  
Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.
  - Antwerp Branch Library:**  
Monday-Tuesday: 12:00 noon - 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday-Friday: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
  - Cooper Community Branch Library:**  
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Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
  - Payne Branch Library:**  
Monday, Thursday: 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday - Closed  
Wednesday, Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
- For more information about the Paulding County Carnegie Library system call 419-399-2032.

**CITY OF WOODBURN MINUTES FOR 11/16/09**

Mayor Hoeppner was unable to attend; Councilman Reichhart presided over tonight's meeting.

Warrants were presented, Councilmen made motions to add Woodburn Welding bill for Christmas decoration brackets made and pay warrants, all agreed, motion passed. Minutes were read, Councilmen made motions to approve, all agreed, motion passed. Water rates will not affect Platter Parkway, they are sewer customers only. Trash contract bids will be opened on December 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

Ordinance G-09-1188, establishing new water rates was introduced, Councilmen made motions to accept Ordinance G-09-1188, all agreed, motion passed. Councilman Mason read the Ordinances first reading there were two spelling corrections, Councilmen made motion to accept, all agreed, motion passed. City of Woodburn Christmas party will be held December 6 at Bob's Restaurant starting at 5:30.

Ryan Walls stated some Havenwood customers may want meters installed. Christmas decorations will be put up Thursday December 19<sup>th</sup> and taken down on January 4<sup>th</sup>. Ryan stated they have been busy doing leaves; he will decide when cut off date is and Lesa will get it published in the paper. There are 2 large water meters that need to be replaced; he will get a quote by the next council meeting. Ryan has the 20 mph speed limit signs for the Homestead subdivision; he will get them put up.

Councilman Zimmerman reported both tornado sirens worked at the last test. US 24 workers were ahead of schedule and will be done for the 2009 season the week of November 23. Road closure signs will be put up and will be patrolled by police till spring.

Councilman Clegg reported Northern Indiana Fuel and Light has repaired the road and alley. Councilman Reichhart stated the fence at the Co-op has not been repaired yet.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50  
Minutes submitted by Lesa Meadows.

**ANTWERP VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 12/21/09**

By: Sue Knapp

The Antwerp Village Council held their regular meeting on December 21, 2009. Village Administrator, Sarah Keeran was out with illness with all others in attendance.

Administrator's Report: There is a washout behind the Maumee Landing Addition and Jailor's property.

An engineer advised that the washout be filled with concrete and large stones, itemized quotes will be received and the problem fixed.

The West Daggett water line project is on hold until all the new meters come in, hopefully the project will be done by the end of the year.

Bidding will be received on the East River Street Water Line and Lighting Project.

The Harmann RR Crossing is on hold. Maumee and Western Railroad has refused to repair the crossing. Defiance, Paulding and Henry Counties have joined together to obtain federal stimulus money for the upgrades on RR crossings. This is in conjunction with the 3C Quick Start Passenger Rail Plan, the Ohio Rail Development Commission and ODOT.

Police Report: There were 115 calls for service and 46 offences for the month of November. The properties at 118 and 120 Oswalt, have been deemed uninhabitable. Photos were taken and letters to the owners were sent. Steps are being taken for demolition, bids will be taken and the property owner will be charged through real estate taxes if the owner does not pay up front.

A court hearing was held with the owner of the property on the corner of Cleveland and Archer Streets. A fine with court costs was assessed and the owner will be on probation and have to report to a probation officer until the property is totally cleaned up.

The Council accepted to donate to the

**OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY STUDENTS ENJOY CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS**

Students at Oakwood Elementary school took learning down a few notches on the days preceding Christmas break. Pictured (right) are Rylee Miller and Liberty Lucas peeking out of a play Gingerbread house. Pictured below is Mrs. Beckrath's class enjoying some down time before Christmas break.



Antwerp Ball Association.

EMS reported 21 runs and the collection agency has been sending out invoices for runs not paid for.

Mayor's Court (submitted by Victoria Clemens), For the month of November a total of \$4,478.90 was brought into the Mayor's Court. \$1,012.50 was sent to the state. A total of \$3,425.15 was given to the Village with \$225.00 going to the Police and Mayor's Court Computer funds. There was fees of \$3.75.

Also a total of \$37.50 for a new total of \$348.00 was held for the Indigent Driver ALC Treatment Fund.

Resolution #2009-12: A Resolution declaring the necessity of repairing and/or constructing the sidewalk on the north side of Lot 13 East 1/2 and East 1/2 West 1/2 Lot 13, Daggett 1st Addition in the Village of Antwerp, Ohio (Tax Parcel ID # 1210S02900). Third Reading, Karen Lee voted no, all others voted yes on acceptance.

Resolution #2009-13: A Resolution declaring the necessity of repairing and/or constructing the sidewalk on the north side of Lot 2 West 53 feet South, Block D in the Village of Antwerp, Ohio (Tax Parcel ID #1210S005000). Third Reading, Karen Lee voted no, all others voted yes on acceptance.

Resolution #2009-14: A Resolution declaring the necessity of repairing and/or constructing the sidewalk on the south side of Lot 6 Forder Addition in the Village of Antwerp, Ohio (Tax Parcel ID #1215S008000). Third Reading, Karen Lee voted no, all others voted yes.

Resolution #2009-15: A Resolution declaring the necessity of repairing and/or constructing the sidewalk on the north side of Lot 3, Block D in the Village of Antwerp, Ohio (Tax Parcel ID #1215S006000). Third Reading, Karen Lee voted no, all others voted yes.

Resolution #2009-16: A Resolution declaring the necessity of repairing and/or constructing the sidewalk on the south side of Lot 7 West 1/2 Forder Addition in the Village of Antwerp, Ohio (Tax Parcel ID #1215S006000). Third Reading, Karen Lee voted no, all others voted yes.

Resolution #2009-17: A Resolution declaring the necessity of repairing and/or constructing the sidewalk on the north side of Lot 4 40 feet East, Block D in the

Village of Antwerp, Ohio (Tax Parcel ID #1205S00700). Third Reading, Karen Lee voted no, all others voted yes. Letters will be mailed out to property owners on May 3 all but Karen Lee approved.

Resolution #2009-18: A Resolution requesting the United States Congress to delay the United States Postal Service from moving its facility for processing mail originating in the 458 Zip Code from the Lima Processing and Distribution Center to the Toledo Facility until the effect of such proposal on costs and delivery standards is fully investigated; and declaring the same an emergency. Larry Ryan voted no, all others accepted.

Ordinance #2009-33: An Ordinance to establish speed limits on West River Street in the Village of Antwerp, Ohio in accordance with Ohio Revised Code §4511.21(B)(3), and declaring the same an emergency. (This will change the speed limit from 50mph to 35mph). All accepted.

Ordinance #2009-34: An Ordinance establishing salaries for the Village of Antwerp, Ohio for the calendar year of 2010, and declaring the same an emergency. (Council went into executive session)

Ordinance #2009-35: An Ordinance authorizing the Fiscal Officer to amend appropriations and declaring it an emergency. All accepted.

Ordinance # 2009-36: An Ordinance to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Antwerp, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2010, and declaring the same an emergency. All accepted.

Ordinance #2009-37: An Ordinance to establish time and place of regular meetings of the Council for the Village of Antwerp, Paulding County, Ohio and declaring the same as an emergency. (The regular Council Meetings will be held on the third Monday of each month at 5:30 unless it falls on a Federal Holiday, the Council will then meet on the fourth Monday). All accepted.

Mayor Delong ended the meeting thanking all the council members for their service this past year. A special thanks went to Ron Farnsworth and Tom VanVlerah for a job well done. Steve Derck and Rudie Reeb will be sworn in as council members on January 1.

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PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES FOR 12/16/09

This 16th day of December, 2009, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Tony Burkley, Tony Zartman, and Nola Ginter, Clerk, Edward Straley, Absent

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS: Warrants documented as 163986 through 164149 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO SIGN AND EXECUTE HOUSING REVOLVING LOAN FUND ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT:

The Commissioners authorized the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioner, Tony Burkley, to sign and execute the Housing Revolving Loan Fund Administration Agreement with the State of Ohio, Department of Development to receive funds to improve the affordable housing stock and provide for the affordable housing needs of low and moderate income persons of the Housing Revolving Loan Fund.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE WASTEWATER AGREEMENT FOR THE AUGLAIZE RIVER SEWER PROJECT BY AND BETWEEN PAULDING COUNTY AND DEFIANCE COUNTY:

This agreement is to remain in full force and is effective from December 3, 2009, for a period of forty (40) years from the loan closing for Paulding County, and continuing during the full term, with automatic privileges of renewal for such additional period(s) and upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed to be and between the parties; and both the Paulding Board of County Commissioners and the Defiance Board of County Commissioners agree to all terms and contained in the agreement.

The Board of Commissioners approved the wastewater agreement for the Auglaize River Sewer Project by and between the County of Paulding and the County of Defiance; and, that it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were so adopted in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberation of this Board of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2009 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION: The Commissioners modified the

2009 Annual Appropriation and directed the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds: FROM: 001-011-00008/General Fund/Probate Court/Expenses/Foreign Judge TO: 001-011-00009/General Fund/Probate Court/Other Expenses AMOUNT: \$170.20 FROM: 007-001-00007/Public Assistance/PRC TO: 007-001-00002/Public Assistance/Supplies AMOUNT: \$3,000.00 FROM: 007-001-00007/Public Assistance/PRC TO: 007-001-00012/Public Assistance/PERS (00001) AMOUNT: \$9,296.07 FROM: 007-001-00007/Public Assistance/PRC TO: 007-001-00027/Public Assistance/PERS (00015) AMOUNT: \$1,782.33 FROM: 081-001-00002/WMEA Grant/Travel Expenses TO: 081-001-00003/WMEA Grant/Equipment AMOUNT: \$8,789.95 FROM: 081-001-00004/WMEA Grant/Supplies TO: 081-001-00003/WMEA Grant/Equipment AMOUNT: \$1,000.00 FROM: 081-001-00005/WMEA Grant/Other Expenses TO: 081-001-00003/WMEA Grant/Equipment AMOUNT: \$1,981.47 FROM: 081-001-00009/WMEA Grant/Advertising/Printing TO: 081-001-00003/WMEA Grant/Equipment AMOUNT: \$1,950.00 FROM: 177-001-20108/SVAA/Travel/Training TO: 177-001-20107/SVAA/Supplies AMOUNT: \$104.17 EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made by Mr. Tony Zartman to go into executive session at 11:48 a.m. with the County Prosecutor. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tony Burkley. All members voting yea.

At 12:02 p.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENT: Ken Maag, Poggemeyer Design Group - The Commissioners spoke with Mr. Maag via telephone conference call regarding the Auglaize River Sewer District. He informed the Commissioners he will apply for another grant for the project on behalf of Paulding County.

Marsha Yuetter, Senior Center - Ms. Yuetter met with the Commissioners to update them on several issues. She stated the Senior Center drivers have had the necessary safety course offered every three years by CORSA. Ms. Yuetter requested copies of the vacation and sick leave worksheets so she can utilize them in January. She is also working on various contracts to make sure everything is in line for the transition. Ms. Yuetter announced a holiday open house at the Senior Center on Thursday, December 17.

Lisa Nicely, Defiance Crescent - Ms. Nicely spoke with the Commissioners via telephone conference call. She had several questions regarding the 2010 budget. The Commissioners stated that not all the general fund appropriation worksheets have been submitted and the budget can not be finalized until that occurs. Ms. Nicely also inquired as to tax revenue the wind energy turbines might generate for the county. The particulars of that are still unknown.

Joe Burkard, Lou Ann Wannemacher, Stan Searing - Ditch Maintenance Funds were the topics of discussion during this meeting with the Commissioners. TIF agreements were also discussed. CLERK'S NOTES: Forwarded three signed originals of Auglaize River Project contracts to Defiance County Commissioners.

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VILLAGE OF PAULDING MINUTES FOR 12/7/09

Paulding Village Council met in Regular Session on December 7, 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, Roger Sierer, Kim Sutton, and Randy Daeger. Administrator Wiebe and Solicitor Jones were also present. Councilman Jeffery was absent.

Sierer motioned to approve the minutes of the November 16th meeting, seconded by Sutton. Vote: all yea.

Resolution No. 1239-09 re: A Resolution Estimating Active, Inactive, and Interim Deposits to be Awarded, and Declaring an Emergency, was read for the first time. Breedlove motioned to suspend the rules and declare an emergency, seconded by Daeger. Vote: all yea. Sierer motioned to approve the legislation, seconded by Rife. Vote: all yea.

Ordinance No. 1401-09 re: An Ordinance Amending and Increasing Appropriations for Current Expenses and other Expenditures of the Village of Paulding, Ohio, during the Year Ending December 31, 2009, was read for the second time.

Ordinance No. 1402-09 re: An Ordinance to Make Permanent Appropriations for Current Expenses and other Expenditures of the Village of Paulding, State of Ohio, During the Year Ending December 31, 2010, was read for the second time.

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 third time. Daeger motioned to approve the legislation, seconded by Breedlove. Vote: all yea.

Resolution No. 1238-09 re: Authorizing the Purchase of Supplies for the Year 2010, was read for the third time. Rife motioned to approve the legislation, seconded by Breedlove. Vote: all yea.

Sutton presented the Recreation Committee's report from their November 16th meeting. They discussed the following:

-The proposed Maintenance Agreements for the two Village ball parks. It was agreed by all that both parks should be under the same type of agreement. Solicitor Jones was awaiting comment from the Paulding Youth Ball Association regarding their contract, and was intending to send an agreement to the Paulding Reservoir Ball Association. Jones noted he had received comments regarding both agreements, and requested the Committee schedule a meeting after the first of the year to discuss them.

-Replacing the existing slab at Lafountain Park. Sierer had received a quote from Nick Martinez for removal of the existing floor, and replacing it with a new one. The project has been on hold awaiting word from the Village's liability insurance company regarding the dimensions of the floor to be installed. The project will be held off until spring due to inclement weather. Rife inquired if additional drainage should be installed to prevent heaving, and if grant monies could be applied to fund this project. Sierer and the Mayor noted they did not believe additional drainage would be necessary. They believed the existing slab to be approximately 30 years old, and agreed that the slab could be strengthened by adding additional mesh and a footer down the middle. Sutton noted the Recreation Committee would like to apply for a grant to fund new restrooms at Reservoir Park; therefore, the Village will be incurring the cost of the new slab.

Sierer provided an update on the new ball park. He noted the waterline has been installed up to the fire hydrant. The contractor poured the concrete backwards for the former; therefore, delaying the interior painting of the concession stand.

Finance Director Tope requested a \$75,000 transfer from the Income Tax

fund (#102) to the Police Department fund (#208). Sutton motioned to approve the transfer of \$75,000 from the Income Tax fund to the Police Department fund, seconded by Rife. Vote: Rife, yea; Breedlove, no; Sierer, yea; Sutton, yea; Daeger, yea.

Mayor White relayed Mayor's Court collected \$1,056.40 for the month of November 2009. He noted winter weather is quickly approaching, and requested citizens use caution while driving. He also relayed fencing has been erected around the old Barnes Hotel. Solicitor Jones noted that both Gar Gross and Aaron Powell signed for their certified letter on November 23rd; therefore, they have 30-days from that date to bring the building up to code before the Village may proceed. Mayor White noted December 21st will be the final meeting for Councilmen Sam Jeffery and Ronnie Breedlove, and Solicitor Jones will be joining in our two new Council members - Jim Guelde and Mike Trausch.

The Administrator's Agenda included a request to assess a residence owned by Timothy and Amy Haney for delinquent water, sewer, and refuse. Also, a copy of the URS' rewritten PER was included for review. Sutton motioned to approve the Administrator's Agenda, seconded by Breedlove. Vote: all yea.

The following Committee meetings were scheduled:

-PCFA - Thursday, December 10th at 7:00 p.m.

-Salary & Allowance Board/Safety Committee - Wednesday, December 16th at 5:30 p.m. to discuss EMS rates and personnel.

-Finance Committee - Thursday, December 17th at 5:30 p.m. to discuss Appropriations.

-Finance Committee - Monday, December 21st at 5:30 p.m. to discuss Depository Bids.

Rife motioned to pay the bills, seconded by Sutton. Vote: all yea.

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

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**NINE WAYS TO BETTER  
MANAGE YOUR PROPERTY  
TAXES**

With the 2010 tax bills just being mailed, everyone is looking for ways to save money. Saving or managing your property taxes more effectively is no exception. Here are a few of County Auditor, Susan K. Simpson's thoughts and available programs that may help the tax payers of Paulding County:

**1. Pay your bill on time.**

This may sound absurd in relationship to lowering your property taxes; however, if your tax bill is not paid by the due date; penalty and interest will be added, increasing your tax burden. If for some reason you do not receive a tax bill, State statute declares the property owner is still responsible to pay the taxes. Contact the county treasurer on any questions related to billing and payment of your taxes.

**2. Obtain a building permit.**

It is the property owner's responsibility to report any new construction. This is normally done by obtaining a building permit. State statute directs the county auditor to collect back taxes and to charge a 50% penalty against the unpaid taxes of unreported improvements (structure). Agricultural buildings are NOT exempt from property tax regardless of zoning laws; therefore, they require a building permit. If you chose to take a "wait until they find

it approach" you may be facing the costly burden of back taxes along with penalties.

**3. Report destroyed/damaged structures.** If you have a destroyed/demolished or damaged improvement (structure), whether from fire, high winds, or just cleaning up your property you want to report it to the county auditor's office. You will need to fill out a form and an appraiser will visit your property for verification. Depending on the time of the year, an adjustment may be necessary to your tax bill. At a minimum, the value affected will be removed from future taxation.

**4. The 2½% Rollback credit program.** It is a state-sponsored, county-implemented program to provide a measure of property tax relief for owner-occupied residential property. Most owner-occupied residential property qualifies for this program. However, the property owner must file with our office to receive the reduction. Once you are signed up for the program, you never have to renew unless you purchase and move to a different house. CHECK YOUR TAX BILL - if you are receiving this credit, it will be on your tax bill as 2 ½% Rollback with the reduced dollar amount shown.

**5. The Homestead Exemption program.** This program has various guidelines and rules property owners must meet to be approved. One of the most familiar rules is age 65 or older and own-

ing and living in your home. Other rules and variations to this program include being permanently and totally disabled. This program is complex and application is necessary. You will want to check with the County Auditor's office for more information. Application sign-up for the current program is between Jan. 5-June 7, 2010. You may file a one year late filer application if you missed last year. Those already receiving this reduction will be mailed a renewal application. The renewal application must be returned ONLY if there have been changes as listed on the application form.

**6. The Current Agricultural Use Valuation program.** It is a state-sponsored, county-implemented application program providing property tax reductions on farmland of ten acres or more devoted exclusively to agricultural use or for timberlands. The program is available for tracts of land that are less than ten acres, IF the average yearly gross farm income for the past three years is at least \$2,500 from agricultural products. Income must be proven and applications filed. The filing period for CAUV is the first Monday in January through the first Monday in March for NEW applications. The applicant must renew every year by returning a renewal form that will be mailed out. Also, if there is a change in ownership, the new owner must apply for the CAUV program

along with paying the application fee.

**7. Exempt properties.** Properties/structures owned by not-for-profit or government entities (i.e. schools, churches, etc.) and used for certain purposes may qualify to be exempt from paying property taxes. This requires an application to be completed through the county auditor's office and forwarded to the State. The State then reviews and makes the decision to approve or disapprove the application. If ownership or use of property changes you must re-apply.

**8. Be pro-active and review your property record card.** If you haven't reviewed your property record card information recently, the most convenient way to do so is via the county auditor's web site [www.pauldingcountyauditor.com](http://www.pauldingcountyauditor.com). You may also access this information in the auditor's office or at public terminals provided by the auditor's office located in the county recorder and treasurer's offices. You can verify information such as number of bathrooms, fireplaces, square footage, etc. If you believe there are any discrepancies, please notify the county auditor's office to speak with the real estate department.

**9. Be an educated voter.** The passive or expiration of a levy can have a significant effect on the tax calculations. Also the type of levy, for example, a replacement levy vs. a renewal levy will increase your tax burden. Property tax revenue is vital in providing many public services, understanding this revenue source is very important. Many taxpayers believe if their valuation decreases their tax burden decreases. This is not correct; many levies are set to provide a stable amount of revenue. Each year the county auditor's office receives "effective rates" from Ohio Department of Taxation that are used to calculate revenue for levies. The State will adjust the rates (up or down) so steady tax revenue is generated. Therefore, in order to generate consistent revenue, you most likely will be paying more taxes if your valuation decreases.

You may reach the county auditor's office at 419-399-8205 or access our web site at [www.pauldingcountyauditor.com](http://www.pauldingcountyauditor.com) to learn more. To better service you, we will be adding many of these application forms to our website in February 2010!

**BIRD FEEDING**

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Agent

There are many kinds of feeds available to attract birds. You can buy mixes or single types of feeds at supermarkets, livestock feed stores, garden supply stores, or through catalogs. The particular type of mix you put out influences the number and variety of birds that will use feeding places. Until recently, there has been little scientific information to guide the selection of bird feeds.

Studies conducted by the Urban Wildlife Research Program of the United State Fish and Wildlife Service have determined the relative attractiveness of bird feeds. These findings are based on observations of birds choosing between two or more feeds at experimental feeders in sev-

**FIVE GENERATIONS**



Great-great-grandma, Lee Hiser, is very proud to introduce her great-great grandson, Trayton Gross.

Pictured here is Kayla Emerson of Hicksville (mother, holding Trayton), Lee Hiser of Fort Wayne (great-great-grandma), Michelle Grant of Hicksville (grandma) and Sue Knapp of Antwerp (great-grandma).

eral states, including Ohio. In these studies, black-striped sunflower and white prove millet were used as standards. All other feeds were presented at experimental feeding tables along with one or both of these standards to measure relative attractiveness.

Sunflower seeds attract most seed-eating birds. The most attractive sunflower seed is the black, oil-type. It costs a little more but is preferred by many smaller species, including chickadees, nuthatches, and titmice. It has a high oil content that is nutritionally important for birds, and a thin seed coat that is easy for them to crack open. If you are going to provide one seed, this is the one to choose.

The striped sunflower seed, slightly larger, is very popular with blue jays and cardinals, but it is difficult for many smaller species to crack open. Sunflower seeds usually are provided in a hanging feeder. A disadvantage of sunflower seeds is that birds crack them open to eat the hearts and then drop the hulls on the ground, creating a mess under the feeder. You may instead opt to buy hulled sunflower seeds, which come without the seed coat. These are more expensive but leave no mess.

Another outstanding food is a type of millet, known as

white prove or white millet. White millet attracts house sparrows and brown-headed cowbirds. However, when there are small sparrow-like birds around, such as juncos and song sparrows, white prove millet is needed.

The common cereal grain—sorghum, wheat, cracked corn, oats, and rice—rate significantly below black oil-type sunflower seed or white prove millet in feeding tests. Other relatively unattractive seeds are flax, canary, and rape. A common ingredient in mixes, peanut hearts, strongly attracts starlings. You can discourage house sparrows, brown-headed cowbirds, blue jays, and crackles while at the same time offering a moderately attractive food to cardinals and mourning doves by feeding safflower seeds. Safflower is of little interest to other bird species, however.

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**Paulding County Dog License Application**

Once again it is time to purchase and renew dog licenses. Licenses must be purchased **December 1st 2009 to January 31st 2010**. Licenses purchased after January 31st 2010 will be assessed a penalty fee of \$15.00

**All dogs over three months of age must have a license and must be wearing the license at all times according to the Ohio Revised Code.** Dogs purchased or adopted after January 31st must be licensed within 30 days of purchase/adoption date.

Dog license may be purchased online at [www.pauldingcountyauditor.com](http://www.pauldingcountyauditor.com) a convenience fee of \$2.50 will be added to all online purchases to cover credit card processing and postage.

Dog licenses may also be purchased at the Paulding County Auditor's Office (please call to check open hours at 419-399-8205), or at the Paulding County Dog Warden's Office located at 13387 US HWY 127 (next to Jacob Eaton Acres) on Tuesdays from 10am-2pm, Thursdays from 2pm-5pm, and Saturdays from 10am-Noon

Dog licenses may also be purchased by mail with the form below. Please note that credit/debit card purchases are only available by using the online sales system.

**Note:** According to Ohio Revised Code, a kennel owner is a person, partnership, firm, company, or corporation professionally engaged in the business of breeding dogs for hunting or for sale. If you are not registered to collect sales tax in Ohio and are in the business of selling dogs, you must be registered to collect and submit Ohio sales tax by purchasing a Vendor's License. **A kennel license can only be purchased at the Auditor's Office.**

After filling out the form below please mail it along with a self-addressed stamped envelope to:

**Paulding County Auditor's Office**  
115 N. Williams St., • Paulding, OH 45879

**Make checks payable to: Paulding County Auditor**

**FEES:** Dec 1 to Jan 31 - \$15.00 per dog license fee  
After Jan. 31 \$30.00 per dog license fee

**2010 Paulding County Dog License Application**

Susan Simpson, Paulding County Auditor

Owner's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_

Current License Number \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex (M/F) \_\_\_\_\_

Short/Medium/Long Haired \_\_\_\_\_ Breed of Dog \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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