

STATE CREWS RESPOND TO WIDESPREAD DAMAGE IN NORTHWEST OHIO

In the aftermath of last Saturday's deadly tornado that claimed the lives of seven people in Northwest Ohio and severely damaged a number of buildings, state crews continue to work around-the-clock today to restore transportation and safety services to the hardest hit areas.

Following Governor Ted Strickland's emergency declaration last Sunday, the Ohio Department of Transportation is pulling work crews from across an eight-county region to focus on clearing debris and repairing damaged safety signage along State Route 795 near the town of Milbury (Wood County).

ODOT crews have been using heavy equipment to clear large tree branches and pieces of metal along SR 795 from Oregon Road to Interstate 280. ODOT hopes to have the SR 795 connection to I-280 open as soon as possible, which will help open the gateway for additional assistance coming into the region.

Due to several large electric transmission towers being down—leaving wires across the roadway—it is

unknown when SR 795 from I-280 to State Route 51 will open. ODOT is working with First Energy to find contractors to build a temporary road to access the five transmission towers that fell just east of I-280.

In neighboring Lucas County, ODOT crews are working along State Route 64 to clear an extensive number of downed trees from the Oak Openings Preserve Metro Park and the Maumee State Forest.

ODOT has also been in contact with Toledo Metcalf Airport, which isn't too far from the heavily-damaged area. The airport sustained only minor damage, which has allowed flights to continue and helps with any additional assistance accessing the region.

According to weather services, two bands of strong thunderstorms and tornados ripped through this area of Northwest Ohio late last Saturday night and into early Sunday morning. Areas from Fulton County to eastern Wood County were hit hardest in the severe weather, which is being blamed for widespread damage, seven confirmed deaths, and as many as 30 people injured.

JOHN PAULDING FAIR IS A BIG HIT



John Paulding days was a great time for the young and the young at heart! The loud sirens were worth the wait for the all the candy that thrown towards the bystanders. This past weekend John Paulding days took place in downtown Paulding with great weather and a good turnout. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



The parade was for all the people in the area and the Paulding VFW headed up the parade honoring those who have served this country. Photos by Tawnya English. More pictures www.westbendnews.net

BUEHRER APPOINTED TO WAR OF 1812 COMMISSION

State Senator Steve Buehrer (R-Delta) was recently appointed by Senate President Bill Harris to serve on the Ohio War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission, a panel of legislators, historians and other state and local leaders charged with raising public awareness about Ohio's important role in the war and helping preserve and promote historic sites across the state. Senator Buehrer worked to create the commission through passage of Senate Bill 93 in November 2009 after being approached with the idea by a group of professors, historians and other community leaders from Northwest Ohio.

"The War of 1812 has been called America's 'second war for independence' against Britain, and our Forefather's victory in the conflict had a pivotal impact on the growth of this country and our state," explained Buehrer. "Two hundred years later, I look forward to working with my colleagues on the commission to help remember and celebrate this event and educate Ohioans of all ages about Ohio's significant role in the war."

Senator Buehrer noted that the War of 1812 was fought in 31 Ohio counties, including sites in Auglaize, Defiance, Hancock, Hardin, Paulding and Putnam counties in the 1st Senate District.

The 18-member War of 1812 Commission will help plan celebrations and educational events to commemorate the 200th anniversary of

the war and its significance in our state and nation's history. The group includes two legislators and six members of the public, who all have substantial knowledge and appreciation of the War of 1812, as well as a representative from the Native American community and officials from the Ohio Department of Education, Ohio Department of Commerce, Adjutant General's Office, Ohio Division of Tourism, National Afro-American Museum, Ohio Humanities Council, Ohio Historical Society, Northwest State Community College and the superintendent of Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial.

Buehrer added that the commission will be administered through Northwest State Community College in Fulton County.

The War of 1812, which was fought between the U.S. and Britain from 1812 through 1815, was critical to America's fight for independence, our country's expansion into the Northwest Territory and our relationship with Canada, which, today, accounts for billions of dollars in economic activity and supports hundreds of thousands of jobs.

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Curtis E. Adams, 92, of Paulding died Thursday, June 10, 2010 at the CHP Defiance Area Inpatient Hospice.

He was born April 27, 1918 in Paulding County, Ohio the son of William and Minnie (Grimes) Adams. On June 20, 1946 he married Emogene G. Underwood who preceded him in death in 2003./ He worked for 33 years at the former Grizzley Manufacturing, Paulding retiring in 1980. He was a member of the Paulding VFW Post #587 and the Paulding Eagles #2405. He was an avid bowler and sports enthusiast.

He is survived by three daughters: Sandy Parrish, Lynn (James) Nutter, and Kelly (Tony) Ankney all of Paulding; two sons: Jerry (Joann) Adams of Paulding and Tony Adams of Oakwood; two sisters: Fanny May (Alvin) Long of Oakwood and Reva Hammon of Jewell, OH; 12 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Emogene; and a brother, A. Rex Adams.

Funeral services were June 15, 2010 at the Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Burial was in Cooper Cemetery, Paulding.

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

Cecile L. Neuen-schwander, 100, formerly of Fort Wayne, passed away Friday, June 11, 2010 at Dallas Lamb Foundation Home.

Cecile was born in Payne, Ohio on November 4, 1909, a daughter of the late Myrtle (Skinner) and William Pio.

She was a seamstress at Fort Wayne Tailoring and a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne.

Cecile is preceded in death by her two husbands: John Deeter and Wilmer "Jeff" Neuen-schwander and brother, Carlyle Pio.

She will be sadly missed by her daughters: Donna (Glen) Schmidt of Payne and Jeanine Strombeck of Venus, FL; brother, Robert (Lela) Pio of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren and 17 great-great-grandchildren.

Her graveside service is Friday, June 18, 2010 at 10:00 a.m., at Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne, IN.

Viewing is Thursday, June 17, 2010, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Dooley Funeral Home, Paulding.

Memorials are to the donor's choice. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Mark A. Scouten, 45, of Saint Joe, Indiana, passed away Tuesday, June 8, 2010 at Lutheran Hospital.

Mark was born in Paulding on August 12, 1964, a son of Linda (Powell) West and

Gerald Scouten.

In 1982 he graduated from Antwerp High School. Mark was a foreman at Vulcraft. He was a professional body builder. He also enjoyed canoeing & basketball.

He will be sadly missed by his son, Adam of St. Joe; step-son, Jason (Lindsay) Wilson of Concord, NC; mother, Linda West; father and step-mother, Jerry and Lana Scouten all of Antwerp; sister, Heather VanWagner of Fort Wayne; brothers: John of Berne and David of Fort Wayne.

His funeral service was at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp on Saturday, June 12, 2010. He was laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery.

Memorials are to the donor's choice. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Rose M. Moorman, 73, of Payne passed away at the Van Wert Inpatient Hospice Center on Tuesday June 1, 2010. She was born on October 7, 1936, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, the daughter of Edward and Bertha (Young) Ross. She married Joseph, A. Moorman on November 21, 1972.

Rose retired after 17 years of service from The National Seal Company of Van Wert. She was an avid reader and enjoyed shopping and making crafts.

She is survived by her husband, Joe; two daughters: Jean Marie Carver of Edgerton, IN, and Jan Rose Lawson of Fort Wayne, IN; a sister, Vivian Snyder of Fort Wayne; and a brother, James (Mary) Ross of Fort Wayne. She is also survived by four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Rose was preceded in death by a brother, Frank Ross.

Funeral services were June 3, 2010 at the Dooley Funeral Home, Payne with the Rev. Joseph Allen of St. James Lutheran Church officiating. Burial was in the Wiltsie Cemetery in Payne. Preferred memorials are to the Paulding County Visiting Nurses. Condolences may be sent to www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Georgia K. Mills, 53, of Payne, went to be with the Lord, Tuesday, June 8, 2010 at her residence.

Georgia was born in Paulding, Ohio on April 10, 1957, a daughter of Edith (Zartman) Mills, of Payne and the late George Mills.

She worked at Kwik Lok New Haven and was a member of the ALS Association and the Payne Church of the Nazarene, but was raised in the Edgerton Wesleyan Church.

Georgia will be sadly missed by her mother; daughter, Stephanie Jahn of Fort Wayne; sons: Bobby Ditto of Payne and Jimmy (Kera) of Antwerp; sister, Lee Ann (Rick) Hook of Payne; brothers: Bob and Dick Mills of Crawfordsville, IN; and grandson, Ethan Jahn. She is also preceded in death by her

sister, Sandra Marie.

Her funeral service was at Payne Church of the Nazarene June 12, 2010. Rev. Mike Harper officiated.

She was laid to rest at Lehman Cemetery.

Memorials are to the ALS Association or the church. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

James G. Goings, 81, of Paulding died Tuesday, June 8, 2010 at the Paulding County Hospital.

He was born in Van Wert County, Ohio on April 22, 1929 the son of Charles C. and Icy M. (Dorman) Goings. On September 9, 1948 he married Viola J. Carnahan who preceded him in death in 2006. He was a self-employed carpenter and worked at the Oakwood Lumber Company retiring in 1991. He also worked at the Auglaize Stone Quarry for 20 years.

He is survived by three daughters: Linda (Ben) Watson of Paulding; Marsha (Robert) Bland of Oakwood and Sandy (Steve) Hubert of Fort Wayne, IN; one son, Jerry (Debra) Goings of Cloverdale, OH; one step-sister, Barbara (Norman) Tritch of Cecil; six grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, eight step-grandchildren and 26 step-great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents and step-mother Gertie Dorman Goings; his wife, Viola; a son, James A. Goings; a daughter, Mary Jane Goings; a brother, Charles Goings Jr.; and a step-sister, Claris Saylor.

Funeral service was Friday, June 11, 2010 at the Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding with Rev. Robert Merriman officiating. Burial was in Sherman Cemetery, Charloe, Ohio.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the Gardens of Paulding Activity Fund. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com.

Carol K. Jones, 68, of Fort Wayne, IN died June 11, 2010 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

She was born in Allen County Indiana on May 3, 1942 the daughter of Graydon L. and Juanita D. (Finkhausen) Goble. On December 17, 1966 she married Jon W. Jones, who died June 27, 1985. She was a 1960 graduate of the former Payne High School of Payne. She was a 1963 graduate of the St. Rita's School of Nursing of Lima, OH. She was a retired registered nurse for Parkview Hospital and Fort Wayne Surgical Center.

Surviving are one daughter, Jennifer (Tim) Wirts of Payne; and one son, Mike (Teresa) Jones of Convoy; two sisters: Sharon Goble of Cincinnati and Ursula (Darwin) Riley of Paulding; grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren; and her loyal pet "Penny". She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and a brother, David.

Funeral services will be conducted 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 16, 2010 at the Countryside Chapel United Methodist Church, 6072 Mentzer Church Rd. Convoy, Ohio with calling one hour before services. Pastor Wayne Karges will officiate. Burial will follow at the Lehman Cemetery Payne, Ohio. Calling at the DenHerder Funeral Home Paulding, Ohio on Tuesday, June 15,

2010 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Memorials to: Allen County Indiana ASPCA or the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Attn: Donor Services P.O. Box 650309 Dallas Texas 75265-0309. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com.

FAMILY FUN WEEK @ RIVERSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Riverside Christian Church will be hosting a Family Fun Week. Think Vacation Bible School but with the whole family; although you are welcome to just drop off your child.

Every night from June 21-25, Riverside will be having fun activities, treats, games, crafts, a fun lesson, and a rip-roaring good time for the whole family. The theme for the week is "Serve..." Activities will kick off at 6:00 p.m. every night and conclude around 8:00 p.m. The week will culminate in a Grand Friday Night Family Fun Night at the Riverside Family Center, located across the Maumee River bridge at the intersection of River Road and 49.

ON CALLING YOUR OWN SHOTS

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

According to an ancient legend, a certain small village sought to strike a bargain with God. They had been experiencing many years of poor harvests and thought they could improve on God's way of doing things.

So they asked God for permission to plan the weather for the next year's harvest. To call their own shots in terms of rain, sunshine, etc. God agreed.

During the next year, everything worked exactly as the village requested. Whenever they asked for rain, God sent rain. Whenever they asked for the rain to stop, the rain stopped.

When the villagers requested sunshine, God sent sunshine. As a result, that year the corn and wheat were higher and thicker than ever before.

However, when it came time to harvest the crop, the farmers discovered that the tall corn had no ear and the thick wheat had no head of grain. The villagers complained bitterly to God.

God replied, "When you asked for rain, I sent rain. When you asked for

sunshine, I gave sunshine. But you never asked for the harsh north winds. Without the harsh north winds, there is no pollination, and with no pollination, there is no crop."

How easy it is to think that we know what's best in our lives. It is human nature to think that we can orchestrate the events of our lives for our ultimate good, isn't it?

But the truth of the matter is, we simply cannot see the big picture. Our understanding is limited and our vision is often distorted. We cannot comprehend the long-range impact of events, incidents and decisions.

Yet, God knows the beginning from the end. And He knows us completely. Fortunately, the God revealed in the Bible is not only all-powerful and all-knowing but He is all-loving, as well.

If God were only all-powerful, He could be a wicked despot and a cruel dictator. If He were only all-wise, all-powerful, and all-loving, He is able to accomplish far more in our lives that we could ever accomplish on our own. And those attributes make God worthy to be trusted.

Granted, we often don't understand why God allows certain circumstances to take place in our lives. We can't comprehend how good can result from so much evil, tragedy and pain. And I'm not offering any pat answers.

But the mind and heart of God are unable to be completely understood. As God states in Isaiah 55, "My ways are not your ways, neither are my thoughts your

thoughts. For as far as the heavens are above the earth, so are; my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts."

Perhaps today you are wrestling with a situation in your life that you simply do not understand. The best counsel I can suggest to you is this: trust God for the situation.

Trust in His wisdom to do what's best. Trust in His power to work in the hearts of people and in the midst of the circumstances. Trust in His love to do what's best for you in whatever it is you are facing.

Not only will the corn eventually grow tall and the wheat thick, but a rich harvest will be yours that you could never have realized left to your own devices.


THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT GENTILES

By: James Potter, Oakwood church of Christ

Today, let us get our Bibles and concordances and have a study about Gentiles. This word means non-Jews. So let us go to our heavenly Father in prayer and ask him to help us in our study. I am using the NKJV of the Bible.

Gentiles are described as: Deuteronomy 18:14 (superstitious) - For these nations which you will possess listened to soothsayers and diviners; but as for you, the Lord your God has not appointed such for you.


Romans 1:21 (ignorant of God) - Because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in thoughts, and their fool-



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ish hearts were darkened.

Romans 2:14 (without the Law of Moses) - For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves.

Ephesians 2:12 - That at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

Blessings promised to the Gentiles:

Genesis 12:3; Galatians 3:8 - Are included in God's covenant

Genesis 12:3 - I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.

Galatians 3:8 - And the scripture for seeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith; preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying in you all of the nations shall be blessed.

Isaiah 11:10 (conversion predicted verse 10) - And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, who shall stand as a banner to the people; For the Gentiles shall seek him, and His resting place shall be glorious.

Please read Romans 15:9-16.

John 10:16 (Gentiles called other sheep) - And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear my voice; and there will be one flock and one Shepherd.

Gentile's conversion predicted:

Isaiah 60:1-14 (predicted) Please read.

Acts 10:9-29 (Peter questions God) Please read.

Acts 10:34-48 - Gentiles accepted into God's Kingdom, the church, the body of Christ.

Gentiles present position:

Ephesians 2:13 (Gentiles brought near) verse 13 - But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

Ephesians 2:19 (Gentiles are fellow citizens) verse 19 - Now therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.

Ephesians 3:6 (Gentiles are fellow heirs and are in the one body) Please read Ephesians 3:6.

Please continue your

study of the Gentiles. Bible questions call Lonnie Lambert 419-399-5022 or James Potter at 419-393-4775. Jesus loves you and so does the Oakwood church of Christ. Please continue to seek God's help in your Bible study and remember to give God a part of your day in prayer and searching the scriptures.

REMEMBERING TO 'TRAVEL LIGHT'

Winning the Battle for a Generation Column by: Rick Jones, Executive Director, Defiance Area Youth for Christ

Steven Covey has made a great impact on the corporate world with his books like "The Seven Habits of Effective People," a great read on the importance of establishing healthy priorities in daily living.

Regarding the subject of priorities... Charles Lindbergh became an instant hero in 1927 when he became the first flyer to make a Trans-Atlantic solo flight. A reporter asked him just before take-off why he was taking only five sandwiches and container of water with him.

Lindbergh replied, "If I get to Paris, I won't need any more; and if I don't get to Paris I won't need any more."

Some people seem to spend most of their time and resources amassing possessions. They seem to believe that winners in life are those who die with the most toys.

All of us are short-termers here on earth—80 or 90 years at most. The only things we will take with us when we leave are those investments we have made in the lives of others. Therefore, in light of eternity, some great time tested advice tells us to "travel light."

With regard to the subject of time and how we live the Apostle Paul reminds us... Ephesians 5:15-16 (NLT) 15 So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. 16 Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days.

For more information about the work of Youth for Christ, you may contact Youth for Christ at 419-782-0656, P.O. Box 111, 210 Clinton Street, Defiance, Ohio 43512, or email to: defycf@embarqmail.com

VANTAGE BOARD HOLDS JUNE MEETING



Retiring Vantage staff members Linda Morris and Tom Mershman (center) are flanked by Vantage Board of Education President Lonnie Nedderman (Crestview) and Superintendent Staci Kaufman. Other retirees unable to attend the recognition celebration were Roger Ruen, Sue Helle, Joyce Larimore and Jim Grant.

The regular monthly meeting of the Vantage Board of Education was held on Thursday, June 3, 2010. The treasurer's report included the approval of the May 6, 2010 regular board meeting minutes and the financial statements for the month of April, 2010. The board approved a resolution declaring it necessary to levy a renewal tax and requesting the county auditor to certify matters in connection with a proposed tax levy for the purpose of permanent improvements which shall include equipment and related technologies at a rate of .7 mills for a period of 5 years.

Superintendent Staci Kaufman spoke to the board with the latest information on the renovation and expansion project.

Director Bob Vennekotter provided the board with an update on the Vantage Awards Assembly which was held May 18 and congratulated Chelsea Bullen, a Medical Office Management senior who finished 13th out of 75 in the National BPA contest. He acknowledged Mrs. Jill DeWert and her Interactive Media class who took over the responsibility of producing the Vantage Memory Book this year. Vantage will have representatives at each associate school graduation ceremony. Plans are underway for limited participation in summer parades and increased presence of Vantage on the web and the use of social media. To date, the carpentry house is still for sale, even though 130 people attended the Open House on May 13. Three Vantage seniors will not graduate due to OGT testing requirements.

Principal Keith Rydell reported that end of year checkout went smoothly, the process of updating the student and staff handbook is underway, and the staff appreciation and retirement recognition was held on May 27. He congratulated Beth Evans, senior English teacher who coordinated another successful Vantage Relay for Life team, raising over \$2,300 for the cause. He also reported that the Vantage staff raised \$1,000 to support the Brumback Library Summer Reading program.

Adult Education Director Pete Prichard announced that the Police Academy graduation was held on May 10. Eight cadets earned the opportunity to take the Ohio Peace Officer

state exam in Columbus. The ABLE program almost doubled the number served this year, and an Achievement Ceremony was held on June 1. Nine truck driving and transportation students took the CDL skills test in late April and all nine passed their test the first time. Sara Ricker will be coordinating all youth activities in Paulding this summer, funded under WIA and TNAF. An initiative by Superintendent Staci Kaufman to partner with community colleges continues with a meeting to analyze curriculum making a clear pathway for adult education students.

In new business, the board:

—Approved employment of the following, as needed, as scheduled: Jo Mohr T & I/ FBPA Readiness; Amy Grotthouse, Sonya Yenser-Hammon, Jerry Robinson, LPDC Committee member; Sarah Noggle and Brian Merce, 5th quarter Ag Grant; Ben Winans, Student Services Supervisor training; Tom Mershman, Student Services Consulting;

—Approved extended days for Shirley Jarvis, Health Careers, and curriculum days for Robin Burns, Food Careers and Linda McKitterick, Business;

—Accepted the resignation of Lucy Bambauer, Delphos Ag Instructor effective at the end of 2009-2010 school year;

—Accept the resignation of Ben Winans, Attendance Discipline Officer effective at the end of 2009-2010 school year;

—Accept the resignation of Keith Rydell, Principal effective July 30, 2010;

—Approve the employment of Ben Winans as Student Services Supervisor effective July 1, 2010;

—Employed the following Adult Education instructors as needed, as scheduled: Stephanie Calderon, Katie Ashbaugh, Jourdan Tomlinson, Health Careers; Mark Ernst, Steven Stechschulte, Police Academy;

—Resolution to approve changing the regular July meeting to Wednesday, June 30, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.;

—Resolution to enter into an agreement with Lawhon & Associates to develop a Maintenance Plan for the additions and renovations to Vantage Career Center;

—Resolution to enter into an agreement with CTL as the first ranked Geotechnical and Phase I consultant. The three firms interviewed were CTL, MTI and PSI;

—Resolution to approve the renewal of Participation Agreement with Ohio Schools Risk Sharing Authority for the period of 7/1/10 to 6/30/11. (consortium for fleet, property, and liability insurance);

—Approve the addendum to the Perkins Five-Year Plan per the Ohio Revised Code, section 3313.90 requiring the approval of state funds for construction and operation of vocational facilities to be contingent upon a comprehensive vocational program plan;

—Rescind Todd Hoehn's Summer Physical Education contract for 2010 due to low enrollment;

—Approve 2010-2011 Student handbook;

—Accept with thanks a donation of tools valued at \$1000 from the Lowe's "Toolbox For Education" program to the Vantage Auto Technology program.

The Superintendent requested an executive session for the purpose of discussion of employment of personnel. No action was taken.

The next Vantage Board of Education meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room.

TELECOM REFORM BILL HEADS TO GOVERNOR

Capitol Letters Weekly Column by: Senator Steve Buehrer

On June 3, the Ohio General Assembly approved Senate Bill 162, legislation I introduced last fall, which seeks to modernize Ohio's regulation of the changing telecommunications industry. Over the past several months, I have worked closely with my colleagues in the Ohio House to put forth a balanced, bipartisan bill that will encourage greater competition between telephone providers to attract new investments and create jobs, while preserving important protections and services for Ohio consumers.

Current Ohio law was written to regulate the telegraph and service for grandma's old black phone on the hallway table, not to account for the hundreds of services available through today's advanced communication devices. As a result, traditional telephone companies have been subject to rules that don't apply to their competitors. By leveling the playing field, SB 162 will encourage advancement and investment in Ohio, leading to new services and products for consumers, as well as a better infrastructure and more good-paying jobs.

Specifically, SB 162 works to revamp much of Ohio's traditional telecom regulatory framework and moves to a more market-oriented, yet consumer-friendly approach. The bill would eliminate many rules at the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) that are no longer necessary or appropriate in a competitive environment, thereby bringing regulation of traditional telephone service providers more in line with wireless, cable and internet telecommunications companies. The PUCO, however, will continue to regulate basic dial tone telephone service, including access to 9-1-1, operator services and caller ID blocking. It will also maintain

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

While the Facing Our Future report is very informative, there are some points I disagree with.

First, the building utilization percentages are based on maximum student capacities that are not a real reflection of the actual individual room capacities at the different schools. This is because the room sizes are all different. The smaller classrooms at Woodburn Elementary cannot accommodate the same number of students as the largest classrooms at Meadowbrook, Monroeville, or Southwick Elementaries. From a report on EACS buildings given to the Board on March 17, 2009, I have calculated the average space allocated per child. This comes out to around 50 square feet. Dividing this into the classroom sizes and multiplying by the number of classrooms in each school yields capacity numbers well below the Plan numbers.

So, what's the point? Simply this, that arbitrarily assigning a Student-per-room number and multiplying that by the number of classrooms at any particular school in order to arrive at a "Program Capacity" number to base the utilization rate on is very misleading. This also calls into question the room availability at the schools that won't be closed to be able to hold all the students from the schools that will be closed, depending on which Plan is chosen.

Second, none of the Plans offered allow for dissolving the district in order to keep all the schools open. The State law requiring consolidation, passed in the 1950's, called for those districts with fewer than 1,000 students in all grades K-12th and having property valuation at less than \$5,000 per student to consolidate. All five high school attendance areas exceed these requirements and could each become

their own district. Also, the Administration Building has been left completely out of the booklet. Yet, these employees and salaries directly take away from funds available for classroom instruction and could be cut if the district were dissolved. Their job duties, if still required, would be absorbed by the administrations in the current high schools, providing a significant savings, overall. Each new district would then be able to more fully evaluate their own school building needs and decide if they wanted to make any changes. At present, the Plans presented are not choices but ultimatums.

Third, the total long-term cost of maintaining all our existing buildings is \$30,649,615. Considering the time frame on this amount, spread out as it is over the next 15 years, this would be the least expensive option. In contrast, all of the plans call for the closing of the one elementary needing the least cost in repairs (Monroeville at \$265,000) in order to keep open (except for Plan A) the elementary needing the most repairs (Hoagland at \$2,840,000). Also, EACS is currently already in debt to the tune of \$45,743,526. Adding more makes no fiscal sense.

In conclusion, before a bad decision is made which further harms the smaller communities in this part of Allen County, a more realistic assessment of these issues needs to occur. Sources for additional funding, outside the traditional tax structure, have not been pursued and do not seem to be getting taken seriously, even though the one community making the greatest effort, Monroeville, is the one community being gutted, regardless of what Plan is adopted. This needs to make the rest of us very concerned as, in another five or ten years, we may be deprived of our school. I cannot support any of these Plans because of all these concerns and others. Please get a copy of this Plan, look it over very carefully and call your School Board Members with any question you may have but at least to voice your opinion.

—Peter Estell, Woodburn

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am writing this to inform the people of Paulding of the unreasonable, childish and cruel acts of the Fair Board is taking against cats at the fair-ground!

I have friends that for years have been taking care of these cats. They spay/neuter, feed water and even built a shelter at their own expense. On June 10th when they went to check the cats they found the food and water dishes and the shelter had been buried by someone from the Fair Board. This is the same people who almost lost the Flat Rock Festival because of their greed for more money.

People are dumping these cats because of the high cost of living in this backward town—thanks to the Paulding County Economic Development Committee who does nothing to get any job growth.

My friends, we're even finding good homes for these cats. I hope my friends pursue charges and send the fair board a bill for the cost of the destroyed items. I am going to try and contact the ASPCA to see what action we can take if cruel and inhumane acts are started against these animals!

Fair Board and PCED why don't you get out and let people with common sense do your jobs. All you do is pad your pockets with our money!

—Gregg Gorman

NEW TRAVELING EXHIBITION TELLS THE STORY OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S STRUGGLE TO MEET THE CONSTITUTIONAL CHALLENGES OF THE CIVIL WAR

June 18 - July 30, 2010, Genealogy Center, 900 Library Plaza - "Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War," a traveling exhibition opening at the Allen County Public Library's Genealogy Center on Friday, June 18, 2010, examines how President Lincoln used the Constitution to confront three intertwined crises of the Civil War - The secession of Southern states, slavery and wartime civil liberties.

The traveling exhibition is composed of informative panels featuring photographic reproductions of original documents, including a draft of Lincoln's first inaugural speech, the Emancipation Proclamation and the Thirteenth Amendment. A special opening event is being planned for Saturday, June 19th at 7:00 p.m. in Meeting Room A of the Main Library. Jason Jividen, University of Saint Francis; Sara Gabbard, The History Center; and Katherine Tinsley, Manchester College will be part of a panel discussing President Lincoln and the nation's gravest constitutional crises.

Lincoln is widely acknowledged as one of America's greatest presidents, but his historical reputation is contested. Was he a calculating politician willing to accommodate slavery, or a principled leader justly celebrated as the great Emancipator? This exhibition provides no easy answers. Rather, it encourages visitors to form a nuanced view of Lincoln by engaging them with Lincoln's struggle to reconcile his policy preference with basic American ideals of liberty and equality.

Abraham Lincoln was elected President of the United States in 1860, at a time when the nation was on the brink of war. Lincoln struggled to resolve the basic questions that divided Americans at the most perilous moment in the nation's history: Was the United States truly one nation, or was it a confederacy of sovereign and separate states? How could a country founded on the belief that "all men are created equal" tolerate slavery? In a national crisis, would civil liberties be secure? President Lincoln used the Constitution to confront these three crises of war, ultimately reinvent-

ing the Constitution and the promise of American life.

"We are delighted to have been selected as a site for this exhibition" said Curt Witcher, Manager of the Genealogy Center. "Each section of the exhibit features information about a different aspect of Lincoln's presidency. As an example, the section about slavery examines the various policy options Lincoln once embraced and how his thoughts about slavery evolved over time. Most importantly, the exhibit helps visitors understand why Lincoln's struggle with the constitution still matters today."

The National Constitution Center and the American Library Association Public Programs office organized the traveling exhibition, which was made possible by a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH); great ideas brought to life. The traveling exhibition is based on a exhibition of the same name developed by the National Constitution Center and currently touring the United States.

The library is sponsoring free programs and other events for the public in connection with the exhibition. Visit the Library's website www.acpl.info for more information. "Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War" will be on display at the library through July 30, 2010.

WBESC GOVERNING BOARD JUNE MEETING ANNOUNCED

The Western Buckeye Educational Service Center governing board regular June meeting is set for Thursday, June 24, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will take place on Van Wert ESC office, 10730 W. Lincoln Hwy., Van Wert, OH.

MEN'S SOFTBALL USSSA QUALIFIER

Paulding Reservoir Park will host a Men's Class E World USSSA Qualifier on June 26, 2010. The first 16 teams will be accepted for this double elimination qualifying tournament. For registration information please call 419-399-2981 or ronzneonz@hotmail.com

FUNDRAISING AND ENDOWMENT EFFORTS FOR PAULDING COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS



Brian G. Miller (left) representing the Paulding County Fair Board and Stan Searing, President of the Paulding County Area Foundation

The Paulding County Fair Board has announced a fund has been formed with the Paulding County Area Foundation (PCAF) to help support the fairgrounds to serve the youth of Paulding County. "For many years it has been a challenge to keep up the fairground facilities and since the recent failure of tax levies for this purpose, the PC Fair Board sees the PCAF as an avenue to help in this financial difficulty," says Fair Board President Ellen Townley. Ellen says while visiting the fair this week to ask any of the Fair Board members about how you can give a tax deductible gift that will preserve our fair for future generations.

The Paulding County Fair Board includes Ellen Townley, Mike Molitor, Heather Parrett, Carina Meyer, Lonnie Miller, Jeff Miller, Bill Deat-

rick, Larry Colley, Bill Beckman, Jeremy Dasher, Brian G. Miller, Dustin Matson, Mike Zuber, Jessica Goyings, Jim Munger, Jennifer Smith, and Sue Miller.

The PCAF's President is Stan Searing; PCAF has an 11 member Board of Trustees. Arend, Laukhuf, & Stoller, Accounting does the bookwork, legal work is done by Norman Cook, Attorney, and its funds are managed by Edward Jones Investments, and FSC Securities. All donations to the funds that PCAF manages are tax deductible.

If you have any questions, or are interested in donating to the Paulding County Fairground Fund, you may call 419-399-8282, or contact the PCAF office at 101 East Perry St., Paulding, OH 45879.

The PCAF website is www.pauldingcountyareafoundation.net.

ANTWERP V.E.T.S. CIVIL WAR "S" LISTING

This week concludes the "S" list for our Civil War Veterans:

Jacob Smitley, Edward A Snell, John S Snook, Joseph T Snook, Peter Snook, William N Snook, William R Snook, Peter Speice, William H Spindler, William T Spurrier, Franklin Stair, Harry Steen, John Stiner, George A Stone, William H Stone, Nicholas Stookey, Uriah H Stookey, John Sunday, David K Swan, Daniel Sweet, Henry Sweet, John M

Swisher
Next week will conclude the Civil War Veterans list.

NEW HOURS FOR COMPOST/RECYCLING SITE IN WOODBURN

In response to the residents requests the City Council of Woodburn have changed and extended the hours at the compost-recycling site located on Tile Mill Road. New hours will be 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Closed on Saturday and Sunday.

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KENDRA NICHOLE CUNEGIN GRADUATES FROM NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

The President, Trustees and Administration of Nova Southeastern University would like to announce that Kendra Nichole Cunegin was a candidate for the degree of Doctor of Optometry at the Commencement Exercises on Sunday, May 30, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. The commencement was held at the Bank Atlantic Center in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Kendra will be continuing her education by completing a residency at the James H. Quillen Veteran's Affairs Medical Center in Johnson City, Tennessee.

PAULDING COUNTY CHRONICLES I

By: Caroline Wells Zimmerman

New Beginnings

The first General Assembly under the State Constitution met at Chillicothe, March 1, 1803. The legislature enacted such laws as were deemed necessary for the new order of things and created eight new counties, namely: Gallia, Scioto, Franklin, Columbiana, Butler, Warren, Greene and Montgomery. At this assembly the first State Officers were elected.

The second General Assembly convened in December of 1803. At this session the militia law was thoroughly revised and a law was passed to enable aliens to enjoy the same proprietary rights in Ohio as native citizens. At this session, also, the revenue system of the State was simplified and improved; Acts were passed providing for the incorporation of townships and for the establishment of boards of commissioners of counties.

In 1805, by a treaty with the Indians at Fort Industry (site of Toledo), the Indian land titles were acquired by the United States for the use of the grantees of Connecticut. Thus all the country water by the Maumee and the Sandusky Rivers had been acquired by the government.

Paulding County was created in 1820 from Drake County. Drake County was created in 1809 from Miami County. Miami County was created in 1807 from Montgomery County. Montgomery County was created in

1803 from Hamilton, Wayne County, Michigan.

The land that is now Paulding County was located in the following historical area overall. However, The Great Black Swamp covered our immediate county.

Prior to the mid 1700's the established American communities were located east of the Alleghenies along the Atlantic Coast. The constantly increasing population was ever on the alert for the best available land at the lowest possible cost. The presence of a number of our Indian tribes prevented the land-longing immigrants from going too far away from the colonies established along the Atlantic sea coast.

For a long time the French and British had quarreled over land ownership between the Ohio River and Canard, Nova Scotia. After France had rescinded all claims to the territory in 1763, by virtue of its victory over the British in the revolutionary War and was awarded the region in 1783.

The idea then prevailed, for a time, that the boundary lines of the original colonies would be extended westward to include the newly acquired territory. After the creation of the Northwest Territory in 1787 that idea was discarded. Instead, the central government decided the land should be used as bounty for the soldiers for settlement through the Ordinance of 187 establishing the Northwest Territory.

Within sixty-one years five full states and part of a sixth had been created and admitted into the Union from the Northwest Territory.

Not too ardent Puritans from Massachusetts and Connecticut formed the Ohio Company which purchased about a million acres of land for 2/3 of a dollar per acre, including what afterwards became Washington, Noble, Morgan, Athens, Meigs and Gallia Counties.

Known as the Virginia Military Bounty, about four and a quarter million acres were set aside between the Scioto and the Little Miami Rivers for settlement by Virginians and Kentuckians about 1800.

The Chillicothe section in Ross County attracted many impatient and unrestrained Kentuckians and Tennesseans.

Sometime later two other districts were thrown open to settlers. The first of these movements brought large groups of Scotch-Irish, Germans and Quakers from the neighboring Pennsylvania, across the Ohio to the section from which later were created Columbiana, Carroll, Jefferson, Harrison, Belmont and Monroe Counties.

The second of these migrations brought settlers from New Jersey who floated down the Ohio and settled the area between the two Miami Rivers, the Little and the Big. They and some Scotch-Irish and Dutch, began the culti-

vation of some 300,000 acres in the southwestern corner of Ohio. Cincinnati became an important part of that colonization.

After General Anthony Wayne and his United State forces had driven the hostile Indian tribes westward from the Lake Erie section in 1794, another 4,000,000 acre tract, known as the Western Reserve, was opened for settlement in the northeast corner of Ohio along Lake Erie. It was settled mainly by former Connecticut residents. Closely allied with the project was the settlement of the half million acres in what became Erie and Huron Counties, just south of Lake Erie. The settlers of that tract were also former Connecticut residents whose holding had been burned out by the British during the Revolutionary War. For that reason that section was often referred to as the "Fire Lands".

The "Refugee Tract" was set aside by Congress for Canadians who had aided the American cause in the Revolution and who lost their lands in Canada. It was a tract 4 1/2 miles wide (north and south) and extended eastward from the Scioto River to near the Muskingum River. It was the proximity of Franklin, Licking and Perry Counties. It was created 1801, effective 1802.

After 1815 the large northern section of the state was thrown open to settlers who flocked there from east and south. The opening of the Erie Canal in 1825 brought more settlers along the route from the northeastern states.

In 1799, Ohio was organized as a territory included in what was the Indiana section. The very next year Indiana was organized as a territory and in 1803 Ohio became a state, the 17th state in the Union. Paulding County was formed from old Indian Territory, April 1, 1820.

LOCAL AWARD-WINNING ARTISTS HONORED AT RECEPTION

The Wassenberg Art Center, Van Wert, opened its 54th Annual June Art Exhibit with a reception and award ceremony. Twenty-four artists received awards for their work, with over \$1,400 in cash awards given out.

The exhibit, which will run June 6-25, 1:00-5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday (closed Mondays) is free to the public and is sponsored by Van Wert Federal Savings Bank.

The Van Wert County Foundation Grand Award went to Ronnie Williams of Dayton for his oil painting Fathers Day.

Jaye Bumbaugh of Lima received the Charles F. Wassenberg Award for his ceramic and wood piece Elf Owl Sleeping in Old Box.

KS Funderburg of Bryan took the Vera Woodruff Wassenberg Award for her acrylic

painting The Secret.

The Art-to-Art Palette Award went to Dan Knepper of Jackson Center for Jamie, a watercolor.

The Douglas Edward Koch Memorial Award was presented to Judy Grone of Delphos for her assemblage If Time Could Stand Still.

Kay Sluterbeck of Van Wert received the Marguerite Fryer Award for her acrylic painting Feeding Frenzy.

The Marilla Connors Memorial Award was presented to Robert E. Martin of Toledo for Colorado Peak, a watercolor.

Donna Brinkman of Dayton Ohio received the Gertrude Sluterbeck Memorial Award for her pastel painting The Red Chair.

The three Wassenberg Art Center Awards went to: Matthew Temple of Paulding for his linocut Broken Heart Surgery; Steve Smith of Ney, for his stoneware piece Your songs sweet as a lark, but I cant hear, and Jeff Crabill of Antwerp for Nick in Sunlight, an acrylic painting.

The David Humphreys Miller Award was presented to Ann Dysinger of Grover Hill for her oil painting Long Neck.

Mike Kozumplik of Sherwood received the Barley Charles Award for his sterling silver, bronze and pearl necklace titled The Swaying Beeches Bear the Elven-Stars.

Honorable Mentions were given to: Kelly Massilo of Ada, Ruth Ann Sturgill of Lima, Anna Talei Fisher of Wapakoneta, Paul Klassen of Bluffton, Robert Minto of Mt. Cory, Ralph Stuckman of Celina, Trudy Kahn of Toledo, Douglas Fiely of Stryker, Richard Chenoweth of Wapakoneta, Jaye Bumbaugh of Lima, and Robert Minto of Mt. Cory.

The art center is located at 643 S. Washington Street, Van Wert, Ohio. For more information about the Wassenberg Art Center, its exhibits and programs, contact the art center at 419.238.6837, toll free 1.888.238.3837, or e-mail wassenberg@embarq-mail.com. Visit the website at www.vanwert.com/wassenberg, and click on calendar for up to date information about current activities.

HICKSVILLE MASONS PREPARE FOR ANNUAL COOK-OUT

WM Richard Wann opened the Lodge of and the pledge was given. Birthday Cards was sent to Marlin miller, Richard Todd, Scott Ruppert, Fred Shaffer, Charles Murphy, and Stan Applegate. A 'Thank You' Card was sent to Jim Schmidt for his continued support of Hicksville Masons. Michal Mazur was then made a new member of Hicksville Lodge. Cecil Rasey, representing Grand Master Terry W. Posey, gave our newest member a Grand Masters Pin.

50-year members present

were Doyle Johnson, Richard Savage, Estel Cottrell, Charles Carey, Fred Shaffer, Derrill Kline and Elmer Woodcox. Others on the sidelines included Jamie Larson, Russell St. John, Joe Stotler, Tom Culler, Ron Farnsworth, Gerry Shidler, Michal Mazur, Raymond Gillespie, Hanson Lilly, Ken Crouch, Walter Schilb, George Underwood, Mike Villena, Scott Ruppert, Jim Kline, James Lockhart, Dick Wann, Bill Metz, Jamie Chapman, Randy Brooks Sr., Byron Rasey, Tim Betts, Lee Kallsen, Grover Blalock, Bob Phillips, Tom Culler, Curtis Metz, Ryan Metz, and Dick Altman. Guests included Ted Hill, Cecil Rasey and Roger Schimoller from Bryan #215 and Richard Coffman from TuEnDaWie #195.

The next meeting will be the annual "Going Dark" Cook-Out. It will be held at Tim Betts' ranch on Jericho Road. Chairman Jamie Chapman has all the burgers and Brats ordered. Several members have agreed to bring dishes for consumption. The burgers and brats will start coming off at 6:30 p.m. There will be a short meeting at the Lodge for officers and then the meeting will be transferred to the Cook-Out. It was mentioned that Deputy Grand Master Bradford Goebel's Roll-Out program will be conducted at Findlay Masonic Temple on Thursday, June 15 this year.

The Temple Board met with Tom Nye on Wednesday June 9th to discuss possible repairs to the east and west walls of the building. He is going to present estimates that will prevent the water infiltration to the inside walls. He will also give an estimate for steel siding. Board will report to the members by the next meeting.

Jim Kline reported on the Chicken Bar-B-Q that will be held on Saturday June 12. All the supplies have been bought and pre-sale orders are coming in. Dick Savage, Jamie Chapman, Mike Villena, and Josh Dennison will be at the sale. With no further business the Lodge was closed in


full form and harmony and all retired tot he dining room for food and fellowship.

RIVER SPLASH STARTS AT CLEVELAND STREET (ANTWERP) RIB FEST

Paulding County along with Henry and Defiance Counties have joined together to actively promote each other in an effort to attract visitors to drive the new US 24. The June event for this promotion is called River Splash, with all three counties hosting events the weekend of June 25, 26 & 27.

Antwerp's key event will be the Cleveland Street Rib Fest on June 26th. The rib fest will be held on the street in front of the VFW and Fire Hall (Cleveland Street). The event will start at noon and last until 6:00 p.m. and the menu includes: rib vendors will have ribs, Antwerp Athletic Boosters will have curly fries, Women's Fireman's Auxiliary will be raffling off a set of Ohio State Corn Hole Boards as well as serving hot dogs and brats, Chamber of Commerce will have pop and water. Antwerp Ball Association will have pulled pork sandwiches, the VFW will have a beer pavilion and the ACDC will be hosting a Corn Hole Tournament in the Fire Hall and holding a 50/50 raffle.

Registration for Corn Hole will start at 11:00 a.m. in the Fire Hall. Individuals can register in advance by calling Tina Conely at 419-506-0170. ACDC is sponsoring this event in cooperation with many other community and non-profit organizations. For more information on this event please visit www.villageofantwerp.com or call Aimee Lichty at 419-258-7075. For more information on Northwest Ohio's River Region activities go to nworiverregion.com. This event is sponsored by the Antwerp Community Development Corp.



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NOW HEAR YE, BOYS AND GIRLS

By: Stan Jordan

This is the month of June, the wedding month, and one time Ben Franklin told me, "In the spring a young man's fancy often turns to thoughts of love."

Often the mother and daughter have you over for Sunday dinner with all the goodies and they have gotten you hooked. Girls and their mothers have put a lot of time and thought into this getting married affair.

You fathers with marrying age daughters had better listen up a bit. The trend setters, the social crowd, the media, the marriage books, the Joneses, the Murphys and the Johnsons all help to raise the cost and expenses of a wedding over a common country girl type church wedding. The entire list is out of sight with new flippant side bars being added all the time.

Now I'm not against people getting married but I think you should stop and smell the bottom total cost line of this needless affair. Why don't you just elope?

Now the invitations to the wedding is a lot bigger than you think. You would need response cards, if you have a map enclosed for the reception area and postage for all the invitations that adds up to a lot. Lots of times you have a little squabble with one of the parties. Like, 'I won't be seen in the same church with that hussy!' These problems can come up.

Some ladies handling the napkins and plates and silverware think that can become a big chore, but some let all those worries go with the caterer but that will also increase the bill.

The flowers for the church and all the bridesmaids dresses and other things are astronomical.

A good responsible photographer for the entire evening will be another \$2,000.

There could be a charge for the church or at least a donation. The minister deserves some compensation for his time and the time he lost from golfing.

Are you buying the dresses or are you renting Russell's? Are you engaging a Limo? You only get married once, so live it up. Well now these times most people go for two out of three.

Does this church use a wedding co-ordinator? If so, does she do a good job? She deserves a good reward.

You need to get a fancy guest book and a lady in charge of it for the evening. She should get a reward.

You must allow time and money for the decorations in the church. And that all holds true for the reception hall also.

The entire wedding party attends a first class restaurant on the night of the wedding rehearsal. And don't forget his orange blossom wedding ring cost \$4.00.

If you don't use a caterer, you will have to furnish all the

food, beer, champagne, favors and any knick-knacks at the reception hall, plus the rent on that hall. Then you must furnish a band of some type for the night.

One piece of advise is use a good responsible co-ordinator and let him do the whole thing. He is good at weddings so let him do the job.

The same way with the caterer, let him furnish all the extras, you have to much to do on your own.

We think we have a beautiful wedding and so far the cost is \$9,700.00.

If the nuptials honeymoon is Acapulco for a week, that will be \$4,750 more. That's a total of \$14,4500, Good Night Irene! Where has any common sense gone in this show?

I got home on furlough in January of 1944. We drove her folks' car to Paulding for our marriage license, then to Bryan for our blood test. Then Reverend Fred S. Mallott married us at the Presbyterian Manse in Hicksville. I think I gave him \$10.00 for the service. We have been together for over 60 years. Things were cheaper at that time.

Kids, if your folks want to settle with you for a few thousand dollars, do it.

Boys, with half of that \$14,500 or whatever the dad offers, you can get a good used Dodge pick-up truck.

Girls, whatever you settle out of church with your father is profit. You can get married in any country church for a couple hundred and darn nice people too! You can really have a shopping spree in Fort Wayne.

Well, kids, I imagine I have been talking to the wind, but anyhow, the very best to you from The West Bend News.



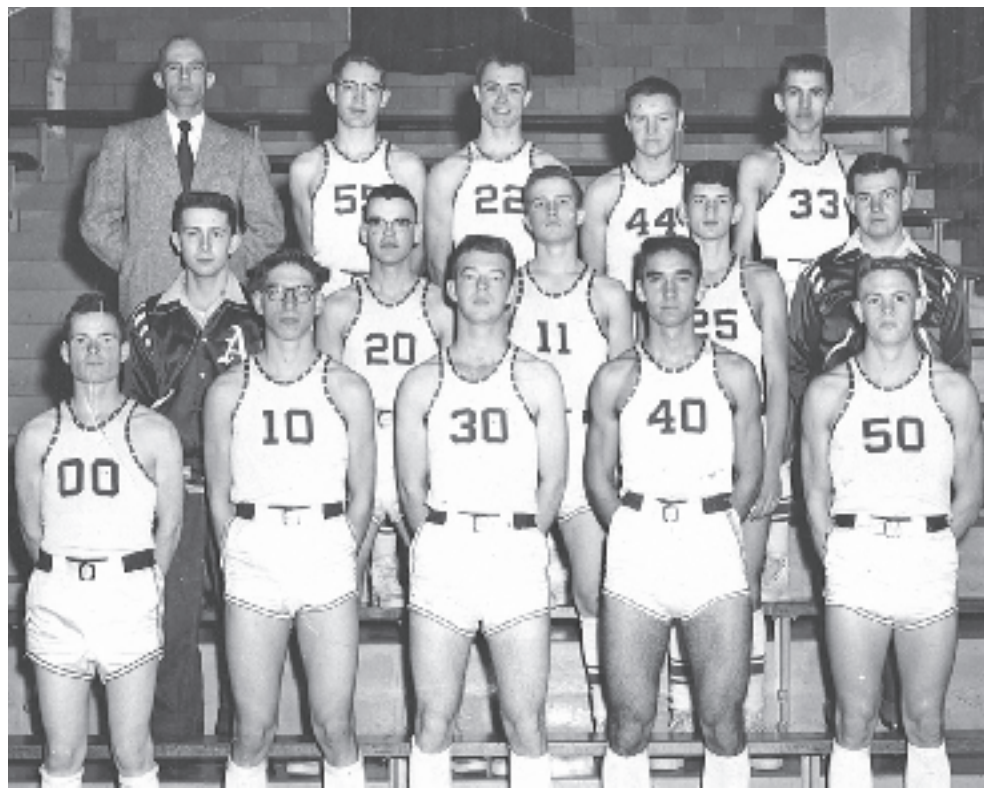
By: Stan Jordan
Collateral

A blond walks into a bank in New York City and asks for the loan officer. She says she's going to Europe on business for two weeks and needs to borrow \$5,000. The bank officer says the bank will need some kind of security for the loan, so the blond hands over the keys to a new Rolls Royce. The car is parked on the street in front of the bank, she has the title and everything checks out. The bank agrees to accept the car as collateral for the loan. The bank's president and its officers all enjoy a good laugh at the blond for using a \$250,000 Rolls as collateral against a \$5,000 loan. An employee of the bank then proceeds to drive the Rolls into the bank's underground garage and parks it there.

Two weeks later, the blond returns, repays the \$5,000 and the interest, which comes to \$15.41. The loan officers says, "Miss, we are happy to have had your business and this transaction has worked out very nicely, but we are a little puzzled. While you were away, we checked you out and found that you are a multi-millionaire. What puzzles us is, why would you bother to borrow \$5,000?"

The blond replies, "Where else in New York City can I park my car for two weeks for only \$15.41 and expect it to be there when I return?" See ya!

1954 ANTWERP HS BASKETBALL TEAM



By: Stan Jordan
1st Row, (l-r): Vaughn Franklin, Fred Snyder, DuWayne Carr, Bill Parrett, Eddie Snyder
2nd Row, (l-r): Ernie Foucht, Tom Zuber, Tony Derck, Richard Daeger, Harold Wann-Manager
3rd Row, (l-r): Wayne Fleck-Coach, Harry Dunderman, Jerry Grimes, Basil Meyers, Carl Howard See ya!

BITS & PIECES

By: Stan Jordan

Two weeks ago our grandson's little league baseball team journeyed to Latty for a ball game.

Our team ran into a ball club that could hit the long ball and we lost by a pretty good margin.

But win or lose is not the thing here. I was very impressed by the Latty Park. Both diamonds and all the entire area. It was so neat and clean and well kept. It takes some man hours to accomplish a job like that.

I would like to say here to the Latty Park Board and the Latty Baseball Assn. for a job well done. A tip of my ball cap to you.

See ya!

HISTORY OF THE PANAMA CANAL PART II

By: Stan Jordan

If you remember back in 1850 to 1855 a railroad was built across the Isthmus from Colon on the Atlantic Coast to Panama City on the Pacific Coast.

This was a marvel of engineering and construction going by the times and instruments and tools along with all the obstructions and the weather and conditions of nature of that time and place.

In the early 16th century lots of countries knew and wanted a canal built across Central America. There was three places recommended: one across Panama, which at that time was part of Columbia; across Nicaragua and another on the Isthmus Tehuantepec in Mexico.

The French finished the Suez Canal in 1869 and figured they could handle this job, no sweat! Well, this job at Panama was not like the desert job of Suez.

In 1876 an International Commission called LaSociete Internationale do Canal Interoceanique was created to do the job.

Then two years later, they got a concession from the Columbian government, to dig a canal across the Isthmus.

Now remember this permission was given in 1878 by Columbia which controlled Panama at that time.

The guy who built the Suez Canal was Ferdinand De Lesseps, he was a good leader and he persuaded lots of people to invest in the canal, almost a total of \$400 million.

The gentleman was not an engineer and he soon learned that digging through the sands of Africa wasn't like the rocks, rivers and pitfalls of the jungle.

From the very beginning, most of the trouble was tropical diseases—mostly malaria and yellow fever. Hardly anything was known about these and here is an example: The hospital beds had the legs set down in tins of water to keep insects from crawling up the legs. But these tins were ideal places for the mosquitoes to lay their eggs. They carried both of these diseases. DeLesseps was a lot of this problem. He hired more of his friends rather than the ones with engineering knowledge. He thought that a sea level canal could be built easily through Panama, even though the high ground was over 300 feet.

He figured the cost was \$214 million. On February 14, 1880, some engineer lowered the estimate to \$168 million. Then DeLesseps reduced the

cost to \$131 million on February 20, 1880. He also figured it would only take six years to dig it instead of eight.

The sea level canal would be 29.5 feet at the bottom and 72 feet wide at that place and 92 feet wide at the water level.

They thought a dam might have to be built to handle the big fast flowing Chagres River. But later they figured that dam would be improbable.

So construction began on January 1 in 1882. The labor force was around 22,000. Nearly 90% of these workers were African Caribbean workers from the West Indies.

Some of France's best young engineers hired on, but they didn't stay because of the schedules and living conditions. They figured the death toll between 1880-1890 to be over 21,000.

As early as 1885 most workers realized that a sea level canal was not practical and that an elevated canal with locks was the best way to go. But the guy in charge, DeLesseps, was stubborn and it was 3 more years before the plan of the lock canal was adopted. This was in October of 1887.

AREA EVENTS

By: Stan Jordan

We are now into June and there will be a lot of activities in Paulding County and the surrounding areas.

John Paulding Days are now over but the Paulding County Fair will be here June 14th through the 19th and is shaping up as a good one.

The Annual Homecoming will be a big blast at Sherwood this year.

I'm sure that the Cecil Homecoming will be held this year a little later in the fall. But I haven't heard anything about that yet.

The Annual Blow Out at Oakwood is the big parade and Homecoming on Labor Day.

At Grover Hill, they have a big fund raiser for the Food Pantry and this is a well attended benefit.

At Broughton they have a big Red Neck Jamboree and it covers all kinds of entertainment.

The Bethel United Methodist Church will have their annual Homemade Ice Cream Social and this is generally in July. This is an Old Timers reunion for me.

I know that Payne is going to have a celebration a little later in the fall but I don't know the date or name for their big blow out.

At Woodburn, this year will be 'A Day in the Park'. Now this goes on with a lot of other developments with the Fire Department and the Bicycle Marathon and many other events.

At Scott, we have the annual Benefit for the Fire Department.

At Hicksville, The Defiance County Fair will be held later in August. This is generally a huge success.

In Antwerp they hold a town wide garage sale on June 25th and 26th and the Cleveland Street Rib Fest on June 26. The big annual Car Cruise-In on Main Street with Larry Copey in the driver's seat, will be later on in July. 'A Day in the Park' will be on August 14th as usual at the Veteran's Memorial Park.

The dedication of the New Veterans Memorial will be held later on in August.

The annual Halloween Parades, Trick or Treating and judging dates as well as all the other activity dates will be posted as they come up.

See ya!

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By this time financial engineering, monetary problems, lots of floods and mud slides, everyone knew it was going into bankruptcy. By May of 1889 the company was bankrupt and work stopped on May 15, 1889. After three years, the project was about 2/5 done and some \$234 million had been spent.

When the company collapsed, it was a major scandal in France. A lot of people were accused of wrong doing and they did! The French High Commons made a big inquiry into the mess and it was 1893 before it was completed. A new French company was formed to try to get some money back for the stockholders.

So they got a new concession from Columbia in 1894 for the work to start. A new study had to be taken at once as the ruling was the Culebra Cut must be started regardless of any plans about the time, they all settled on a two level lock base canal.

Well, now, the United States had started to look into the job by putting a canal through Nicaragua and this would make a Panama Canal about worthless. So the French company was looking for a buyer with \$109 million. They were only

using a small task force of 3,000.

In the United States, at this time, the Isthmian Canal Commission was established in 1899 to recommend a route for a canal by 1901.

The United States was going to build it through Nicaragua unless the French would sell out at \$40 million. The recommendation became law on June 28, 1902.

Well, the French were forced to sell at that figure or the stockholders would get nothing.

The French did a lot of work on the canal, but too many things went wrong: the rains, diseases and poor engineering. But its work was not wasted. They had excavated almost 78 million cubic yards of material of which about 18 million came out of the giant Colebra Cut. They had also developed a big canal from Panama City to Port Balboa on the Pacific Side and another called the French Canal on the Atlantic Side and this was very useful to the American workers.

On the job, the studies and plans drawn up by the French were very helpful to the American workers plus all the equipment, machinery, vehicles and railroad equipment. The job was about 2/5 done and that was a very good start.

See ya!

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Isaiah David Koenig was born at Defiance Regional Medical Center on June 4, 2010. He weighed 6 lbs. 3 oz. and was 19 inches long.

Welcoming him home are parents, Josh and Traci Koenig and older sibling, Jeremiah Koenig of Paulding.

Proud grandparents are Glenn and Veronica Bakle of Paulding, and Mike and Terry Koenig of Paulding.

Proud great-grandparents are Vestal (Skip) and Evelyn Schlegel, Rev. David and Althea Koenig of Defiance, and Wilberta Iler of Paulding.

WOODBURN ELEMEN-TARY HONOR ROLL LIST 4TH QUARTER, SECOND SEMESTER & ALL YEAR

Fourth Quarter Honor Roll:

Grade 4 - *Lucas Bertsche, Kyra Bailey, Samantha Fisher, *Nicholas Estell, Autym Keller, Hunter Knight, Makayla Knoblauch, *Clayton McMahan, Micah Robbins, Emma Romines, Daniel Schmucker, William Collins, James Schwartz, *Cade Anderson, Miah Coil, Zaynah Fry, Makayla Henderson, *Karissa Hoepfner, Alexis Kelsey, *Cole Koenig, Miranda Koomler, Aaron Maska, *Kayla Reidenbach, Hannah Saylor, Jacob Thompson, *Andrew Van Allen, Connor Waterman

Grade 5 - Quentin Baker, Mason Berry, *Ethan Brandenburg, Megan Gerig, *Josey Giannotti, Kayla Resor, Shawn Roemer, Keifer Weiks, Sydnee Ashcraft, Katelyn Bowers, Olivia Funk, Austin Miller, Zachary Raber, *Cassidy Wiedenhoef, Austin Roemer, *Katelyn Schmucker, *Alan Zehr, Meghan Bair, *Courtney Brooks, Kaitlyn Castleman, *Libby Eich, Collin Jones, Jesse Lifsey, Zoe Lowden, Sydney Moore, Craig Pettyjohn, Sophi Schultz, Ged Shifler-Hoot, Colton Stocksdales

Grade 6 - Ashley Poling, Taylor Waikel, *Madie Bullerman, Tray Arthur-Brookshire, Lindsey Castle, Cole Castleman, Lindsay Charley, Alyssa Hoepfner, Adam Hormann, Kira Tucker, Ruth Weible, Brooke Gerig, Gavin Keller, Paige Lichty, Becky Lomont, Darren Schmucker, Michael Singer, William Stuckey

Second Semester Honor Roll:
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Grade 5 - Quentin Baker, Ethan Brandenburg, Megan Gerig, Josey Giannotti, Shawn Roemer, Keifer Weiks, Sydnee Ashcraft, Katelyn Bowers, Olivia Funk, Zachary Raber, Cassidy Wiedenhoef, Austin Roemer, *Katelyn Schmucker, *Alan Zehr, Meghan Bair, Courtney Brooks, Kaitlyn Castleman, *Libby Eich, Jesse Lifsey, Sydney Moore, Craig Pettyjohn, Sophi Schultz, Ged Shifler-Hoot

Grade 6 - Ashley Poling, Taylor Waikel, Lindsey Castle, Cole Castleman, Lindsey Charley, Alyssa Hoepfner, Adam Hormann, Kira Tucker, Ruth Weible, Gavin Keller, Paige Lichty, Michael Singer

All Year Honor Roll:
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**High Honor Roll*

WAYNE TRACE JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL 4TH QUARTER 2009-10

All A's:

7th Grade - Addison Baumle, Isaiah Ross

8th Grade - Madeline Baumle, Matthew Klopfenstein, Madison Poling, Sylvia Young

9th Grade - Sytse Akkerman, Graden Gudakunst, Andrew Moore, Andrea Scharf

10th Grade - Tyler Arnett, Sarah Feasby, Megan Pierce, Christian Raab, Peter Sinn, Kelly Zartman

11th Grade - Tate Church, Katie King, Nicholas LaBounty, Nathan Tumblin, Jessica Wenninger

12th Grade - Vivian Baker, Jesse Carr, Brock DeLong, Brenna Dunham, Kelsey Gerber, Joseph Grant, Simon Hessler, Sarah Lantow, Chelsea Miller, Chelsy Shuherk, Jazmine Smith, Jenna Stoller, Rick Van Den Hengel, Kyle Wobler, Ella Woody

A/B HONOR ROLL:

7th Grade - Jacob Arnd, Kierstan Baldwin, Blair Baumle, Jacob Dingus, Rebecca Hamrick, Cassidy Hilkey, Jehane Hoagland, Erin Jewell, Hunter Martin, Hank Sinn, Leah Sinn, James Weaver, Kayla Zuber

8th Grade - Austin Conlon, Jacob Gerber, Kendall Germann, Wesley Goings, Mackenzie Haney, Emilie Linder, Janey Janka, Janelle Johnson, Haley Linder, Madison McClure, Ricky Raudabaugh, Devin Shaffer-Wenzlick, Abigail Shepherd, Jared Sherry, Libby Stabler, Arlen Stoller, Brock Worden

9th Grade - Jonathan Harper, Danielle Hofmann, Nathan Holtsberry, Kaitlin Lantow, Zachary Mansfield, Gary Mielke, Brian Myers, Zachary Proctor, Rebecca Reed, Adrean Ross, Tyler Ruiz, Briana Schaffer, Emma Schmidt, Courtney Seffernick, Tanya Sinn, Andre Spinner, Krystal Wannemacher, Kylee Wenninger, Staci Wenninger, Emily Whitman, Kaleigh Young, Rylee Zartman

10th Grade - Zachary Cotterman, Rebecca Eberly, Gary Klopfenstein, Rachel Long, Hannah Myers, Kari Myers, Beth Ross, Ashley Saylor, Austin Scheiner, Reuben Stoller, Marloes Van Den Hengel, Stephan Van Vlerah

11th Grade - Taylor Baumle, Jacob Eklund, Haley Fisher, Gigi Ho, Kacey Hockenberry, Dylan Jewell, Katharina Kolozsvari, Erika Langmeyer, Alesha Mobley, Linn Richter, Nolan Sinn, Joseph Sponseller

12th Grade - Hendrik Akkerman, Derrick Baksa, Heather Bidlack, Shelby Carlisle, Katie Clemens, Caleb Davis, Samantha Davis, Miranda Dobbelaere, Dylan Flint, Russel Fulk, Jason Gordon, Alaina Hickman, Kylie Lake, Molly Long, Marcie McDougle, Allie Miller, Eric Priest, Devon Snyder, Trevor Speiser

Answers to "Complete the Phrase"

PAULDING RESERVOIR LEAGUE STANDINGS AS OF 6/10

COED Monday League

1. On The Edge Construction 4-1
2. Eagles 3-2
3. Olympic Lanes 2-3
4. Welch Trophy 2-2
5. Nasty Habits 3-1
6. Pack Rats 3-2
7. A&W Rootbeer 0-4
8. Just Smokin 1-3

Mens Tuesday League

1. Pitstop/Lee Kinstle 9-1
2. BWW 9-1
3. Hitmen 7-3
4. Larsons Body Shop 4-7
5. Hoffman Builders 6-5
6. MPR/Wesleys 5-6
7. Gorrell Auctioneers 4-7
8. Guilford's 5-5
9. Dooley Funeral Home 1-10

Womens Wednesday League

1. Carpet Wholesalers 6-0
2. TJ's Bar 6-0
3. Jay Dangler Excavating 6-1
4. C&H Lanes 3-3
5. Paulding VFW 2-4
6. Pit Stop 1-5
7. Antwerp VFW 1-5
8. Munger Properties 4-2
9. Lengacher Construction 0-5

Mens Thursday League

1. Alliance 10-1
2. Country Cabinets 9-1
3. Antwerp Pharmacy 5-6

4. Nasty Habits 7-4
5. Haviland Tile 2-8
6. Lafarge 5-6
7. Nemco 4-7
8. Grace Home Improvements 4-7
9. Budweiser 2-8

Wednesday Night Wiffleball League

1. Gatorz 3-0
2. Concrete Guys 2-2
3. Whitman Tile 3-0
4. Dragons 2-1
5. Simon Says 2-1
6. 5-Span Inn 2-2
7. Swamp Rats 1-3
8. Grace 0-4
9. Team Usa 1-3

KATIE SHRIDER GRADUATES FROM GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

Katie graduated from Grand Valley State University, May 1, 2010.

Commencement ceremonies were held at the Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids, MI. At the ceremony Katie was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Science. Katie's name has been placed on the Dean's List several semesters during her college education. Katie is the daughter of Dr. Ed and Marsha Shrider of Coldwater, MI. She is the granddaughter of Bob and Marilyn Ladd of Paulding and Mildred Myers of Oakwood.

Father's Day Buffet

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ANN'S CAMPERS



Mrs. Carly Turner visited on the first day of summer camp at Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschool with several animals from Town and Country Pets in Defiance, OH. She brought along Maxine the macaw (our favorite), Cocoa the ferret, a guinea pig, snake and bearded dragon. What a great beginning to our camp week!

Shown here in front of the preschool with Maxine are

front from left: Olivia Longstreth, Lucy Shuherk, Maci Kauser, Ella Moore and Jack Reynolds. In the middle are Jamy Hunt, Aiden Herman and Ethan Herman. In the back are Casey Agler, Eden Shuherk, Madisyn Peters and Colton Bashore.

Check out the classifieds in this week's West Bend News for the next camp dates so your child can join us!

THANK YOU

As Mayor of Woodburn I would thank the Schrock family for choosing Woodburn as the location for their new business. The Schrock family currently own and operate two Do It Best Hardware stores, one located in Grabill and now we have the privilege of having them in Woodburn. I would like to encourage our residents to consider patronizing our local hardware for their purchases. For small businesses it is important to have the support of the local community. It is our desire to attract new business and retain our current businesses, as this is imperative to the growth of our community if we do not utilize our local businesses they will be unable to remain a part of our City.

Thank you for your support.

—Richard Hoepfner
Mayor of Woodburn and
Woodburn City Council

LATTA SUPPORTS GOVERNOR'S REQUEST FOR FEDERAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Today, Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) sent a letter to President Obama stating his full support for Ohio Governor Ted Strickland's request on June 9th for federal disaster assistance for Wood and Fulton Counties in wake of last week's deadly storm.

"Because this damage is so severe, I believe that we cannot delay in getting federal assistance from FEMA to these counties to supplement the local, state, and voluntary efforts as soon as possible," Latta stated in the letter.

This is Congressman Latta's third letter to President Obama asking for support for the declaration of Wood and Fulton Counties as federal disaster areas. Congressman Latta sent a letter on June 8th and signed onto an Ohio Delegation letter on June 9th stressing the importance of this designation.

With the disaster designation, local and state officials will then have access to Federal funds to assist with the clean up and rebuilding of these communities.

ODOT CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE PROJECTS WEEK OF JUNE 14, 2010

Defiance County:

Resurfacing of several routes within the city of Defiance is under way at the following locations. Work is being performed by Gerken Paving, Napoleon:

—Baltimore Road/Holgate Avenue between Indian Bridge and Clinton Street

—Jefferson (SR66) from the Auglaize River to Fourth Street

—Clinton Street between Deatrack and Sessions Avenue

—River Drive (formerly Ohio 424) from Clinton Street to Ohio 281

—Ohio 281 from Second Street to U.S. 24

Ohio 66, and Ohio 66 interchange with U.S. 24, Defiance. This project has received funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act:

Work continues on the Ohio 66 (Clinton Street) bridge over U.S. 24 which was closed March 1 for five

months for bridge replacement, widening and ramp reconstruction. Southbound traffic detoured onto U.S. 24 east back to SR 15/18 to U.S. 24 back to SR 66. Northbound traffic detoured onto U.S. 24 east to SR 281 (Domersville Road) to U.S. 24 west back to SR 66. Traffic on U.S. 24 is not currently affected.

Traffic on Ohio 66 from the U.S. 24 interchange to Sessions Avenue is currently one lane in each direction to allow for drainage work in preparation for widening and the installation of a raised curb median. The project will continue through October. Work is being performed by Mosser Construction, Fremont.

Ohio 15 at Ohio 249 in the village of Ney – Route closed May 12 for 45 days for sanitary work. The route is expected to reopen to traffic June 18. Traffic detoured onto U.S. 127 south at the Defiance/Williams County Line to Ohio 18 back to Ohio 15. Work is being performed by Underground Utilities Inc. for the village of Ney.

Paulding County:

Ohio 49 just north of Antwerp – Project has been delayed. The route will now close July 6 for 30 days for a bridge repair. Traffic detoured onto U.S. 24, U.S. 127 and Ohio 18 back to Ohio 49. Work is being done by Suburban Maintenance and Construction.

Ohio 66 north of Oakwood – Route will close June 21 for two weeks for a culvert replacement. Traffic detoured onto Ohio 613 and Ohio 637 back to Ohio 66. Work is being performed by Paulding County ODOT.

Ohio 637, various locations – Sealing of pavement cracks will reduce traffic to one lane through the work zone. Work is being performed by Paulding County ODOT.

Roadside work at the following locations may reduce traffic at times to one lane through the work zone. Work is being performed by Paulding County ODOT:

—Ohio 114 east of Grover Hill

—Ohio 500 west of Paulding

Ohio 500 between Ohio 49 (Main St.) & the east intersection of Ohio 500 & Ohio 613, east edge of Payne – Route is now open.

Ohio 637 bridge (5-span) over the Auglaize River, between Ohio 111 and Ohio 66 east of Junction – Bridge repairs will occasionally reduce traffic to one lane through the work zone during daytime hours only beginning April 19. Traffic will be maintained with flaggers. The project will continue until mid July. Work is being performed by Vernon Nagel Construction, Napoleon.

NORTHWEST OHIO'S RIVER REGION

Officials from Defiance County, Henry County and the Villages of Antwerp and Paulding in Paulding County are excited to announce the Northwest Ohio's River Region. There is a logo created to combine the common interest of those involved, mainly the river. Promotion of the new US 24 is the goal.

The main event in June is called the River Region Splash with things going on in all three counties. The dates of this event is June 25, 26 & 27.

Henry County will be hosting a Ribfest at the

Bloomfield House on Sunday from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Defiance County is having a Leon Day, VFW Country Jam, Livingston Dedication, Master Gardeners Tour, Evansport Teraquasquicentennial, Scared Stiff by the River and Art in the Park.

Antwerp Village in Paulding County is having Village Wide Garage Sales on June 25 & 26 and the Cleveland Street Rib Fest.

For more information on the River Region Splash and on Northwest's Ohio's River Region go to: nworiverregion.com

ELECTION BOARD OFFICES CLOSED FOR CONFERENCE

Board of Elections Office closed Monday-Wednesday, June 21-June 23 so that staff may attend a conference in Columbus.

The Board of Elections July Meeting will be held Wednesday, July 14th at 10:00 a.m.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY 2010 GRADUATES

Daniel F. Foust, son of Terry and Janet Foust, receiving a degree in Zoology from Ohio State's School of Biological Sciences.

Ryan P. Cottrell, son of Don and Lori Cottrell, receiving a degree in Medical Technology from Ohio State's School of Allied Medical Professions.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES FOR 6/2/10

This 2nd day of June, 2010, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

Tony Zartman, Tony Burkley, Edward Straley, and Joan Tope, Assistant Clerk

In The Matter Of Entering Into Contract For The 2010 Paulding

County Paving Project:

On the 26th day of May, 2010, bids were received and opened for the 2010 Paulding County Paving Project, and after review of the bids by the Paulding County Engineer, Travis McGarvey recommended to the Board of County Commissioners to accept the submitted bid from Brooks Construction Co., Inc.; and so awarded the 2010 Paulding County Paving Project to Brooks Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$1,445,773.00.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Mr. Tony Burkley to go into executive session at 11:01 a.m. with the County Prosecutor to discuss legal matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Edward Straley. All members voting yea.

At 11:18 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

Meeting Notes of the Board:

Lou Ann Wannemacher, Treasurer – Ms. Wannemacher met with the Commissioners to review various reports. The interest income on investments report detailed total receipts of \$64,349.22 through May, 2010, which is \$27,317.43 below the amount estimated for the first five months. Ms. Wannemacher then reviewed the county employee health insurance report. Claims paid in May of 2010 were about \$27,825.00 over the average per month paid out for the first four months of 2010. Ms. Wannemacher will continue to monitor this account very closely and report to the Commissioners as necessary. Ms. Wannemacher then reviewed the 2009 (pay 2010) real estate tax report. Collections continue to be going well despite the economic conditions.

Travis McGarvey, Engineer – Mr. McGarvey reported having received notification of the need to file the required tax exemption from the State of Ohio Department of Taxation for land acquired for the PAU 24 project. Mr. McGarvey also recommended the bid for the 2010 Paulding County Paving Project (see resolution above).

NAMI MONTHLY MEETING TO HOST DRENA TEAGUE

The National Alliance on Mental Illness [NAMI] will hold its monthly support meeting on June 21, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Drop in Center in Van Wert located at 407 North Franklin behind the Sixplex.

This month's featured speaker will be Drena Teague, Clients Rights Officer for 4-County ADAHms Board. Drena is a career veteran in the mental health community and officers a great wealth of knowledge and information to share with regards to finding the necessary help in the mental health community.

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FROM THE DOG WARDEN'S DESK

By: Mandy Lichty, Paulding County Chief Dog Warden

Mattie is this week's featured pet. She has been at the shelter with us since May 15th. Mattie is a wonderful girl and we just can't believe that she has not been adopted yet. She is a weimaraner Labrador cross and has a beautiful charcoal gray coat. Mattie is completely housetrained and has already been spayed. She can be a bit reserved with new people at first but she warms up quickly and would be a very loyal companion.

Also at the shelter we have Ralphie, a neutered rat terrier cross who does tricks; Boo-Boo, a Chihuahua corgi mix; Josephine, a very attractive brindle shepherd mix; Shia, a black lab girl; Gemma, a housetrained female tiny rat terrier; Spike, a pug/Boston mix; Sophie, a black lab girl; and Ashes, a neutered beagle Springer spaniel mix.

Is your dog overweight, but still begging for a treat? You may be surprised how many dogs like raw veggies. Baby carrots can make good treats and cheerios are a great low-cal training treat.

Come out and see the dogs on Tuesdays from 11:00 a.m.

- 1:00 p.m. and Thursdays from 3:00-5:00 p.m. The dogs are always on the web on petfinder.com and adoptapet.com

JAY SANDERS PHOTO JOURNAL

February 2010: I took this photo of a lone juvenile sitting on a tree limb. After some feather ruffling it dropped down from the branch to snatch a fish out of the rushing water below the Power Dam. Immediately another young Eaglet attacked, trying to get the fish. It did not!

The nest west of the river near SR 111 is now active. I have spotted one adult in a nearby tree and one adult on the rim of the nest. Mid to late March is ideal time to lay their eggs, with a gestation period of about thirty-five days. In April the nest will come to life once again with baby eaglets, mouths wide open, waiting to be fed by their patient parents. The trees begin to leaf out and once again the Bald Eagles of NW Ohio will carry on their duties nearly invisible until October when the first frost brings down the leaves, making them visible once again.



BENEFITS OF MULCHING

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Educator

Every year gardeners face many challenges. Some years the challenges may be six-legged in nature, while other years it may be those "extra aggressive plants." They are just a plant growing in the wrong place, otherwise known as a weed. If you desire a weed warrior, mulch can be a tool in the arsenal as you work in your gardens and landscapes this summer season.

Mulch can achieve many objectives including: preventing weed growth; conserving moisture in the soil; cooling the soil surface and stabilizing soil temperature; reducing heaving (plant roots forced upward out of soil) of small plants; adding organic matter to soil, if mulch materials are organic in nature; reducing soil erosion on slopes; keeping fruits, vegetables and flowers cleaner; and improving aesthetics of a landscape and add to property values.

Research done by the Weyerhaeuser Company over 30 years ago indicated that two inches of bark reduced moisture loss in summer by 21 percent; reduced soil temperature in summer, in the upper four inches of soil, by 10 degrees F; and delayed soil temperature in winter from reaching the freezing temperature by two days compared to soils that were not mulched.

With that said you can have too much of a good thing. Researchers recommend the mulching depth, depending on the material selected, is two to three inches. Within this range, most types of mulch will accommodate the primary objectives of weed control, soil moisture conservation and temperature modification.

Mulching depths less than two inches may not be successful and give you the desired results. However, mulch applied three to six inches or more, can lead to serious problems for landscape plants. Mulch that is too thick may severely reduce or eliminate drying and lead to water-logged soil, particularly during wet seasons or in heavy clay loam soils. Extended periods of wet soils in spring are most damaging to a number of perennials, azalea, rhododendron, and conifers in general.

Excess mulch, particularly if applied right against the stem or trunk of landscape plants, also leads to constantly wet bark and conditions favorable for disease development. Mulch piled up against the trunk can resemble a volcano. This is not recommended, even though it can be seen in landscapes and commercial sites across the county.

If landscape plants have been mulched in this way, the best thing to do is to pull away the mulch from the trunk of tree or stems of shrub. Measure the depth to be sure the layer of mulch is still in the acceptable range. Help stop the "miss-mulching" of America and be sure your landscape is mulched correctly.

If you have mulch questions, please call the Paulding County Extension office at 419-399-8225.

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its authority over certification of new telephone companies, telephone number administration, local number portability and emergency outage reporting.

Under the bill, telecommunications services will now be held to the standards of the Federal Communications Commission that closely resemble the Ohio Consumer Sales Practices Act, and the PUCO will retain oversight of complaints and investigations. Also to protect consumers, SB 162 ensures that if a telephone company fails to respond to a customer's report of an outage within 72 hours, that customer's account would automatically be credited for one month of service.

To help ensure low-income Ohioans and those in transition have access to basic services, SB 162 would expand the enhanced Lifeline program to include all basic telephone service providers in Ohio. Lifeline helps reduce the cost of basic telephone rates for people at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty level. The bill will also establish a single Lifeline advisory board to handle the promotion, marketing and outreach to ensure increased awareness of those in need of these services.

SB 162 also establishes a two-year community voicemail pilot program, administered by the PUCO, to help Ohioans in transition in both rural and urban areas. Cost of the program to telecommunications companies is capped at \$500,000 and no costs may be passed on to consumers through assessments. The Select Committee on Telecommunications Regulatory Reform, which was established in SB 162 to review the impact of all the reforms made in the bill four years after its effective date, will also evaluate the voicemail pilot program.

I am pleased that the Legislature and other stakeholders could come together to agree on an appropriate regulatory framework for an important industry in Ohio. This new law will better reflect the dramatic changes in telecommunications technology, protect consumer interests and better position Ohio for economic investment and job creation in a growing field.

I encourage residents from the 1st Senate District to contact me with any questions, thoughts or concerns about state government issues. You can write me, Senator Steve Buehrer, Ohio Senate, Statehouse, Columbus, Ohio, 43215, or contact me by phone at (614) 466-8150. I can also be reached by email at SD01@senate.state.oh.us. In addition, for more information about my work in the Ohio Senate, please visit my page on the new Senate website at www.ohiosenate.gov/stevebuehrer.

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ODOT TO PURCHASE 41 'CLEAN AND GREEN' BUSES FOR OHIO TRANSIT AUTHORITIES

Aimed at increasing the use of alternative fuels to connect Ohio's cities and decreasing the operational costs facing Ohio's transit agencies, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is making an historic \$15 million direct investment to purchase forty-one environmentally-friendly, clean-fuel buses for eleven local and regional transit authorities across the state.

"Never before has ODOT made this type of direct investment in our state's transit agencies to bolster our commitment to promoting travel choice and cleaning the air we breathe," said ODOT Director Jolene M. Molitoris. "In our larger cities, many of our transit partners are already making these environmentally-friendlier investments. ODOT's efforts will further leverage these investments—both in our urban and rural regions—to create a safer, greener, more multi-modal transportation system."

ODOT's \$15 million Clean and Green Transit Program was part of the 2010-2011 State Transportation Budget approved by the Ohio Legislature and signed by Governor Strickland last Spring.

ODOT received nearly \$33 million in applications from local and regional transit authorities across the state. With the \$15 million dollars in state funding appropriated under the Clean and Green Transit Program, forty-one clean fuel vehicles will be awarded to eleven local and regional transit authorities.

The largest investment will be made in the Toledo area. ODOT will partner with the

Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority to purchase eight new 40-foot diesel-electric hybrid buses.

Investments are also being made in Ohio's rural transit systems, including 8 light transit vehicles and smaller buses.

Receiving new environmentally-friendlier buses under this historic ODOT program will be:

Akron Regional Transit Authority (\$2 million) - 4 hybrid electric/diesel 40 ft. buses

Central Ohio Transit Authority (\$1.2 million) - 2 hybrid electric/diesel 40 ft. buses

Clermont Transportation Connection (\$750,000) - 2 diesel 40 ft. buses

Greater Dayton Regional Transit Authority (\$2.3 million) - 4 hybrid electric/diesel 40 ft. buses

Miami County Public Transit (\$150,000) - 2 diesel light transit vehicles

Portage Area Regional Transportation Authority (\$375,000) - 5 diesel light transit vehicles

Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority (\$1.9 million) - 3 hybrid electric/diesel 40 ft. buses

Springfield City Area Transit (\$684,320) - 4 hybrid electric/diesel 30 ft. buses

Stark Area Regional Transit Authority (\$2.3 million) - 6 biodiesel 30-35 ft. buses

Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority (\$3.3 million) - 8 biodiesel 30-35 ft. buses

Washington County/CABL (\$75,000) - 1 diesel 30 ft. bus

In Ohio's cities, public transit reduces congestion, improves air quality, and drives economic activity. According to an ODOT analysis, sixty percent of urban transit trips are work related. In Ohio's rural areas - where more than half of the riders are senior citizens or people with disabilities - public transit provides access to health care, education and opportunity.

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HOUSE DEMOCRATS TAX JOBS AND BUSINESSES RIGHT OUT OF OHIO

Guest Column From Representative Lynn R. Wachtmann

Northwest Ohio is no stranger to the difficult economy our state is facing. With Ohio's unemployment rate currently at 10.9 percent—which marks one full year of double-digit unemployment—the families within our community are all asking what is being done in Columbus to revitalize the economy and bring jobs back to Ohio. I wish I could say that the

past year and a half has been a collaborative effort to create jobs, but that is simply not the case.

As a caucus, the House Republicans have proposed numerous initiatives to strengthen the economy and lower the inflated cost of state government. We've met with business leaders throughout Ohio to find the best course of action for our state's economy so we can create the type of climate that encourages—not hinders—job creation.

Among these proposals are House Bill 25 to streamline state spending; House Bill 65 to require performance audits of state agencies to ensure transparency and accountability; and House Bill 240 to reduce waste, fraud and abuse from Ohio's Medicaid. These three bills, in conjunction with our other jobs-based and

government reform "Future of Ohio" bills, would trim down government spending, thus reducing the burden on the taxpayers and making Ohio more business-friendly.

Unfortunately, our Democratic colleagues have not only ignored our proposals, but also increased the tax burden and state spending during the worst economy in decades. Despite the pain that is being felt across Ohio, they have become entirely disconnected from the people they were elected to serve. They have neglected a focus on job creation in favor of more partisan maneuvers to silence Republican ideas and pursue feel-good measures (3-C rail and all-day kindergarten, just to name a few costly boondoggles) that do nothing to create sustainable jobs.

Instead of having an honest debate on our House Republican measures to create jobs and repair the business environment, the House Democrats have let more than 200,000 Ohio jobs slip through their fingers as they continue their high-tax, job-killing status quo. They have turned this sacred institution into a deadlocked, political circus, and the families and small businesses of Ohio are paying the price.

Ohioans have had enough! They are sick and tired of the political rhetoric, the regurgitated talking points, the pandering, and the manipulation. They don't want politicians—they want leaders who are willing and able to guide our great state out of this recession.

The Democrats have held the gavel in the House for 18 months now, but they have nothing to show for it except record unemployment.

day, Diana holds the positions of Assistant Director and Reference Librarian as well as one of the team experts on genealogy and local history. Mrs. Coy is an active member of the Paulding County Genealogical Society and has served in a variety of volunteer positions in the county, including allocations committee for United Way, committee for the Paulding County pictorial histories and a judge for Paulding County 4-H projects. The entire staff and Board of Trustees thanks Diana for her commitment and dedication to providing excellent library service to Paulding County and encourages all friends and patrons to stop by and congratulate her on this milestone.

LATTA JOINS OTHER OHIO SENATORS – WRITE PRESIDENT IN SUPPORT OF GOVERNOR'S DISASTER DECLARATION FOR NW OHIO COUNTIES

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) joined U.S. Sens. George V. Voinovich (R-OH) and Sherrod Brown (D-OH) and U.S. Reps. Marcy Kaptur (OH-9) to send a letter to President Obama in support of Governor Ted Strickland's request for a federal major disaster declaration for several Northwest Ohio communities.

This is the second letter that Congressman Latta has sent to President Obama asking him to declare Wood and Fulton Counties as federal disaster areas.

"We are writing in support of Governor Ted Strickland's request for a federal major di-

saster declaration for Fulton, Ottawa, and Wood counties as a result of severe storms and tornadoes that impacted Ohio the evening of June 5 and the early morning of June 6, 2010," the bipartisan group wrote. "We fully support Governor Strickland's request for a federal major disaster declaration and urge your prompt consideration of his request."

A full copy of the letter follows:

June 9, 2010
The President of the United States,
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama:
We are writing in support of Governor Ted Strickland's request for a federal major disaster declaration for Fulton, Ottawa, and Wood counties as a result of severe storms and tornadoes that impacted Ohio the evening of June 5 and the early morning of June 6, 2010. Specifically, Governor Strickland is requesting Public Assistance and Individual Assistance be made available for each county.

The National Weather Service confirmed an ESF-4 tornado in Wood County that continued through Ottawa County. Additional tornadoes touched down in Lucas and Fulton counties. Tragically, the tornado was responsible for the loss of five lives. We believe the damage is severe enough that the outpouring of local, state and voluntary efforts still leaves significant needs unmet and federal assistance is necessary.

We fully support Governor Strickland's request for a

federal major disaster declaration and urge your prompt consideration of his request in accordance with all relevant rules, laws and regulations. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

PAULDING 2010 BOYS' ALL-STAR TOURNAMENTS WILL BE HELD @ PAULDING

The 2010 Boys' All-Star Tournaments will be held at Paulding Reservoir Park this year.

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I have served the people of northwest Ohio for 25 years, and never before have I witnessed this degree of blatant partisanship at the expense of hardworking Ohioans. Our state is bleeding jobs, businesses and families, but the Democrats in the House have not done a thing to stop it. They have used Band-Aids to cover a gunshot wound, and unless they wake up and take action, it's only a matter of time before we lose the last vestiges of our once-prosperous economy.

LIBRARY EMPLOYEE CELEBRATES 25 YEARS!

Long-time Paulding County Carnegie Library team-member, Diana Coy, was recently honored for her 25 years of service to the library. June 10th marked the day when, twenty-five years ago, Diana began her library career as a library clerk. To-

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Dismissals:
 6/10 - Joyce Miller, Antwerp
 6/12 - Nancy Grant, Hicks-ville to Lutheran Hospital

being held at the main library in Paulding and is open during normal business hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.; Friday 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.; and Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL AT OAKWOOD LEGION HALL

An Annual Ice Cream Social at the Oakwood Legion Hall will be held on June 17 from 4:30-7:00 p.m.

There will be music in the bandstand by Oakwood's Community Bank. Free blood pressure checks by the Oakwood EMS from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy an evening in the park.

The menu includes home made ice cream, home made sugar free ice cream, sloppy joes, hot dogs, chili dogs, brats, sauerkraut, chips, pie, strawberries, punch and coffee.

This event is sponsored by the Oakwood Memorial Park board members. Proceeds will go to the Oakwood Memorial Park.

PAULDING LIBRARY GIGANTIC BOOK SALE CONTINUES

The Paulding County Carnegie Library huge late spring, early summer book sale continues on through June 26th. The book sale, which began on Friday, June 11th, features hundreds of titles that are sold for donation only. Scrapbookers have found that purchasing individual volumes of vintage encyclopedia sets provides a wealth of older photographs, maps, etc. Encyclopedia sets may be sold per volume. Also included in the sale are a number of recorded children's stories on cassette tape. The book sale is

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HOUSE FOR SALE: 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-car garage, 1 1/2 acres, out-buildings, CA, St. Rt. 111. Consider trade for house in Paulding or Payne, 419-258-9340. 23-24p

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GARAGE SALE: June 18-19 8:00-5:00. 6219 SR 49, one mile south of Payne. Girls' clothes, newborn-2T, Boy clothes, newborn-9 months. Boys' clothes 10-12, womens & mens multiple sizes, baby & toddler toys, pack-n-play, changing tables & much more. p

BARN SALE: Friday, Saturday, June 18 & 19, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. 109 Bucksin Rd., Hicksville. Drill press, snow blade, youth bed, bar & stools, lots of home decor, crocks, old canning jars & lids, lots of antiques & primitives.

GARAGE SALE: Fri thru Sun, June 18-20, 10am-7pm. Many books, good mens/womens/childrens clothes, computer, computer parts, household & kitchen, toys, CDs and videos, stereo speakers, some auto/tools. 16407 Rd 53, Antwerp 49 north to 204 east to 53 north, follow signs. Miller's. p

HUGE SALE: Fri June 18, Sat June 19, Karlann Lee, Antwerp, OH. West on old US 24, just passed city limits, turn right on CR 250, turn right on CR 27C. Third house on right. Antiques, furniture, tools, Jr & women's clothing, printer, TVs, housewares & decorations. p

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PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES FOR 5/17/10

This 17th day of May, 2010, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

Tony Zartman, Tony Burkley, Edward Straley, and Nola Ginter, Clerk
ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:
 Warrants documented as 168089 through 168097 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:
 Warrant documented as 168098 for a County Bill was approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

TRAVEL REQUESTS:
 Greg Geyer, OSAVSC Summer Conference, Dublin OH - July 16 - 18, 2010
 Roger Taylor, OSAVSC Summer Conference, Dublin OH - July 16 - 18, 2010

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING "THEN AND NOW" PURCHASE ORDERS AND PAYMENTS:

The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on May 17, 2010, Warrants numbering 167797 through 168088, totaling \$87,082.43; and it is certified that both at the time that the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time that the County Auditor is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance, and pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code §5705.41(D)(1), these purchases must be approved by resolution of the board of county commissioners; now, therefore the Paulding County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Purchase Orders as submitted by the Auditor; and it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners, County of Paulding, State of Ohio concerning the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Mr. Tony Burkley to go into executive session via telephone conference at 10:00 a.m. with the Donald Theis to discuss legal matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Edward Straley. All members voting yea.

At 10:20 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

IN THE MATTER OF APPLYING

DELINQUENT SEWER CHARGES TO THE 2010 SECOND HALF TAX BILLS:

The landowners in the Auglaize River Sewer District have been receiving a monthly invoice beginning November, 2009, to partially defray costs incurred to date for the project; and there are currently forty-four landowners with charges at least ninety days past due; and the Ohio Revised Code 6117.02 (C)(1) reads as follows:
 When any of the sanitary rates or charges are not paid when due, the board may do any or all of the following as it considers appropriate:

(1) Certify the unpaid rates or charges, together with any penalties, to the county auditor, who shall place them upon the real property tax list and duplicate against the property served by the connection. The certified amount shall be a lien on the property from the date placed on the real property tax list and duplicate and shall be collected in the same manner as taxes, except that, notwithstanding section 323.15 of the Revised Code, a county treasurer shall accept a payment in that amount when separately tendered as payment for the full amount of the unpaid sanitary rates or charges and associated penalties. The lien shall be released immediately upon payment in full of the certified amount; now, therefore the Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize and direct the Paulding County Auditor to place the certified unpaid charges for the Auglaize River Sewer District upon the second half, 2010, real property tax list and duplicate against the property served by the connection.

Meeting Notice of Appearances:
 Niki Warnecke, MVPO - Ms. Warnecke presented the FY 2010 CDBG project requests. There were nine projects submitted. The Commissioners will make recommendations to be announced at the 2nd public hearing to be held in their office on Monday, June 14, 2010, at 9:00 a.m.

Andrew Porter, Health Department: Mike Winans, Auglaize River Sewer Project Manager - Mr. Porter met with the Commissioners and Mr. Winans to discuss the procedure for sewer hook up once the project is completed. Mr. Porter stated there are several contractors that will be available to install the lines from the homes to the sewer line.

Ken Maag, Poggemeyer Design Group - Mr. Maag met with the Commissioners and Mike Winans, Auglaize River Sewer Project Manager, to review a list of documents requested by USDA/Rural Development. The Commissioners have secured a low interest rate loan from Rural Development to partially fund the Auglaize River Sewer Project. Mr. Maag indicated the bidding process for Paulding County's portion of the joint sewer district will begin when the easements are completed.

Susan Simpson, Auditor - Ms. Simpson met with the Commissioners to discuss the delinquent Auglaize River Sewer Project charges.

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The Uptown Girls of the Dance Dolls performed to the song "Rock Around": The girls who performed in this group are (not in order): Kate Farr, Hailey Grant, Brandy Miller, Kenedi Recker, Grace Schuette, Claire Schweller, Hailey Stallard. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net Photos by Tawnya English

SUMMER EVENTS BY ANTWERP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce sponsored Community Garage Sales will be Friday and Saturday June 25 and 26. The date was moved from the second Saturday in June this year to coincide with the Northwest Ohio River Region events on that weekend. Also on that weekend the Village will be hosting the Cleveland Street Rib Fest that Saturday. For other events in northwest Ohio that weekend check this web site - www.nwohioriverregion.com

The Chamber plans to sell bottled water and soda at the Rib Fest.

Plans continue to come together for The Chamber sponsored Day In The Park which will be August 14 this year. Each committee has a chairperson, but committee workers are still needed. Advertising is beginning this week, crafters and vendors are beginning to reserve their spaces. Anyone wishing to participate my call the chamber and leave a message at 419-258-1722.

Gem of the Year for 2010 has been selected from nominations received last year. An announcement will be made in the next couple weeks as to the identity of this person.

The Memories of Antwerp

ornament this year will feature the refurbished and relocated Civil War soldier monument in Veterans Memorial Park. These ornaments will be for sale this year at various locations and events as well as at Day In The Park. This will be the 10th, and last, in a limited edition series. Anyone who has been collecting these will want to be sure to get this one. There are a few of previous ornaments still available. A portion of the profit from this year's ornament will go to the memorial committee.

—Proposed issue of the \$164,000 portion of the Series 2010 various purpose notes to be issued in anticipation of bonds for the purpose of improving the Village's sewer system;

—Proposed issue of the not to exceed \$53,000 portion of Series 2010 various purpose improvement notes to be issued in anticipation of the issuance;

—Proposed issue of the not to exceed \$383,000 portion of Series 2010 various purpose improvement notes to be issued in anticipation of the issuance of bonds for the purpose of making improvements to the Village's waterworks system.

Ordinance 1407-10 re: An Ordinance to Provide for the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$164,000 Notes in Anticipation of the Issuance of Bonds for the Purpose of Improving the Village's Sewer System, and Declaring an Emergency, was read for the first time. Rife motioned to suspend the rules and declare an emergency, seconded by Daeger. Vote: all yeas.

VILLAGE OF PAULDING COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR 5/17/10

Paulding Village Council met in Regular Session on May 17, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. Mayor White called the meeting to order.

Finance Director Tope called roll with the following members present: Barb Rife, Jim Guelde, Mike Trausch, Roger Sierer, and Randy Daeger. Administrator Wiebe and Solicitor Jones were also present. Councilwoman Kim Sutton was absent.

Daeger motioned to approve the minutes of the May 3rd Council meeting, seconded by Rife. Vote: all yeas.

Resolution No. 1241-10 re: A Resolution Amending the Nepotism Section of the Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual for the Village of Paulding, Ohio, as Adopted by Resolution 1224-08, and Declaring an Emergency, was read. Solicitor Jones noted the legislation is proposing a change to the Nepotism section of the Employee Manual to allow hiring of immediate family members as seasonal employees only at the water park. Jones also relayed our consultant was in agreement with this revision. Daeger motioned to suspend the rules and declare an emergency, seconded by Rife. Vote: Rife, yea; Guelde, yea; Sierer, no; Trausch, yea; Daeger, yea. Solicitor Jones noted the legislation needed (5) yea votes to suspend the rules and declare an emergency, and that due to Sutton's absence and Sierer's "no" vote Council could take no action. Solicitor Jones further indicated a first reading could be held and further action taken at the next Council meeting.

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Finance Director Tope presented the following three Fiscal Officer's Certificates for the forthcoming bond issue:

Mayor White proclaimed Sunday, May 30th through Saturday June 5, 2010 as "Relay for Life Week", and encouraged citizens to participate in the Relay for Life walk being hosted at the Paulding County Fairgrounds on June 4th and 5th.

Wiebe presented the Administrator's Agenda. Approval of the Agenda authorized assessing a property owned by Janet A. & Eugene E. Ankney, Sr. for delinquent water, sewer, and refuse, along with approving Change Order #7 for the Lela McGuire Jeffery Park. The change order approves erecting a fence around the transformer at the park. Rife motioned to approve the Administrator's Agenda, seconded by Daeger. Vote: all yeas.

Wiebe also presented a communication from the USDA regarding the loan/grant the Village will be receiving to build the new water treatment plant. He noted there are many requirements the Village will have to meet. The Mayor has suggested an August 1st deadline to submit all information to the USDA so the project may go to bid in the fall.

Daeger requested "Committee Report" be placed before any legislation readings, so any comments regarding any legislation may be discussed prior to its passage.

Trausch motioned for Council to move into Executive Session for legal and personnel matters, seconded by Rife. Vote: all yeas. Council returned to Regular Session.

The following meetings were scheduled:

Street Committee - Tuesday, May 25th at 5:30 p.m.

PCFA Trustees - Wednesday, May 26th at 7:00 p.m.

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

Daeger motioned to adjourn, seconded by Trausch. Vote: all yeas.

Ordinance No. 1404-10 re: An Ordinance Amending Section 2 of Ordinance No. 1172-97 was read for the third time. Daeger motioned to approve the legislation, seconded by Guelde. Vote: all yeas.

Rife relayed the Finance Committee had met on May 13th to discuss the 2009 Note payment and 2010 Note issuance. The Village will pay down \$200,000 on the principal portion of the 2009 Note and will not issue any additional debt in 2010; therefore, bring the 2010 Note balance to \$600,000. Rife also relayed a portion of the \$200,000 debt reduction payment will pay off the 2006 Water Plant Improvement project (original debt amount of \$225,000). Rife motioned to approve the transfer of \$282,049.85 from the Income Tax fund (#102) to the Water Capital Improvements fund (#603 - \$193,829.13) and the Sewer Capital Improvements fund (#604 - \$88,220.72), seconded by Daeger. Vote: all yeas.

Ray Kaverman of All-Purpose Contract was present to discuss an extension request for the Lela McGuire Jeffery Park project. Wiebe noted that All-Purpose had faxed over an extension request on Friday. This request had been placed in Council packets, and forwarded on to Travis McGarvey and Brett Kauser of the Paulding Youth Ball Association as previously directed by Council. Wiebe provided Council and Mr. Kaverman with a copy of Mr. McGarvey's response to All-Purpose's request. Mr. McGarvey's letter stated his objection to the extension of the contract due to All-Purpose's opportunities to finish the project in late April, his request that the Village impose liquidated damages for every day the project is not completed (weather permitting), and his concerns and questions regarding the seeding of grass. Ray Kaverman noted that this spring has not been very conducive to planting grass seed, and that although there were several nice days in late April the ground was too wet underneath to plant seed. He stated that he and his wife sprayed the location in late April and their four-wheelers were leaving tracks in the dirt; therefore, the ground was not dry enough to try to plant seed. Sierer agreed with Mr. Kaverman's assessment of the ground and stated he had kept a daily log of the project and weather conditions, and believes the ground has never had a chance to dry out enough to allow equipment on it without damaging it. He also stated that because drainage tile was only placed along the perimeter of each field, drainage will continue to be an issue in the future. Mr. Kaverman noted that All-Purpose will stand behind the grass for one-year if the seed does not take. Another concern is the party responsible for watering the grass since it was not planted prior to the rain the area has been receiving. Trausch and Wiebe agreed that the Village should be cautious about watering the grass before the project is completed because the Village could be held accountable if the grass does not grow.

Trausch noted that treated water will help grass grow, but the chemicals in it will also stunt it; therefore, possibly damaging the seed and ruining the project. Mayor White inquired why the dugout roofs have not been finished. Mr. Kaverman noted that there was some confusion between him, the carpenter, and the engineer about the type of trim that was to be used; therefore, the metal roofing and trim were not orderly as quickly as they should have been. He did relay the roofing was just received today, and intends to put the roofs put on tomorrow, weather permitting. He noted All-Purpose will install the metal trim that was ordered at no cost to the Village. Guelde motioned to grant All-Purpose contracting an extension to June 19th, seconded by Sierer. Vote: Rife, no; Guelde, yea; Sierer, yea; Trausch, yea; Daeger, no.

Trausch presented the minutes from the Buildings & Grounds Committee's May 4th meeting. The Committee revised language in the Maintenance Agreements for Reservoir and Lela McGuire Jeffery Parks. Solicitor Jones is to revise the documents prior to meeting with the Reservoir Ball Association and the Paulding Youth Ball Association.

Daeger presented the minutes from the Street Committee's May 13th meeting. The Committee recommended warning tickets be issued for the first 60-days after the speed limit is reduced to avoid the area from being considered a speed trap.

Rife relayed the Salary & Allowance Board met May 13th to discuss the employee health insurance renewal. Rife noted the Board opted to accept the renewal rate of 16.16% since it was one of the lowest options presented. Rife motioned to select Anthem's plan #BA Option D1, seconded by Trausch. Vote: all yeas.

Both financial and technical assistance is available for these programs using GLRI funding. Ohio has \$6.4 million for landowners with land in the priority watersheds of the Lake Erie Watershed for 2010. A information meeting will be held June 24, 2010 at 7:45 a.m. at the Defiance County EMA Building at 22491 Mill Street in Brunersburg (just northwest of Defiance). To sign up or learn more contact Paulding Soil and Water Office, 503 Fairground Drive, Paulding or call 419-399-4771.

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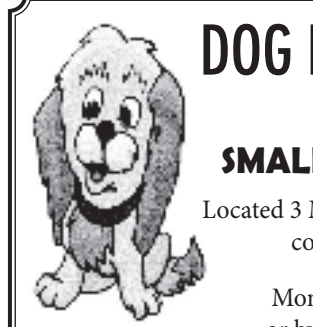
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