

DAY IN THE PARK AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS PANCAKE RACE FINALIZED

Final preparations for the Woodburn "Day in the Park and Pancake Race" are in full swing. On July 24th, the day will begin with the Pancake & Sausage Breakfast at 6:00 a.m. in the Community Center. The mushball tournament is tentatively scheduled for 7:00 a.m. followed by the Horse Shoe Tournery at 9:00 a.m. and the Woodburn Car Show beginning at 10:00 a.m. This year one of the new events will be a "Big Parade" starting at 10:30 a.m. on the West side of town. The theme is "Bringing Back Old Glory." (If you are interested in participating please call Tonya at 632-5707.)

At 11:00 a.m. the Food Tent will open with a variety of foods available along with Cotton Candy and Sno Cones. Some of the foods that will be available from local churches and organizations will include: hamburgers, lemonade shake-ups, sloppy joes and dill pickles, hot dogs, homemade ice cream, onion rings, taco salad, chicken wings, pulled pork sandwiches, pies, milk shakes, southwest salads

and chicken almond salads.

From 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. will be the children's games on Diamond #3. Pre-sale discount tickets will be for sale starting Tuesday, July 13 through Thursday, July 22 until 5:00 p.m. These will be sold at Bob's Restaurant, Main Street Oasis, Ladybugs Floral, PNC Bank and Woodburn Corner Café. The straw maze on diamond #2 will also be open at this time along with the famous Dunk Tank. Starting at 1:00 p.m. will be the Corn Hole Tournery and Teen Volleyball. The Children's Parade will be at 1:00 p.m. with registration beginning at 12:15 p.m. at the West end of the park.

Entertainment for this year will start at 1:30 p.m. with Mark VanCleave Jazz Orchestra followed by Live for One, Renegade (Country at 5:30 p.m.) and Christ Praise Team from 8:45 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Other attractions for the day include: Bingo for Books, Euchre Tournery, Lion's Club Donuts, K-9 Demonstration, Historical Society, American Legion, Chipless Bingo, Raffle Drawing and the great Fireworks at dusk. And don't forget about the big Bike Race on July 25th!

Plan on coming early and staying late to support the Fire Department and Woodburn Association. This will be a great day to spend with your family in our home town. Good Food! Good Fun! Good Neighbors!

MAAG - MERRIMAN



Tammy and Bill Schneeg of Glandorf, along with Mark and Linda Maag of Columbus Grove, would like to announce the engagement and forth coming wedding of their daughter Katelyn Alyse Maag to Jacob James Merriman, son of Frank and Jill Merriman of Payne.

Katelyn is a 2007 graduate of Ottawa-Glandorf High

School, she is employed with East Allen County Schools of Indiana. Jacob is a 2006 graduate of Paulding High School. He is employed by the Gutterman of Paulding County.

The couple will be married in Panama City, Florida, August 17, 2010 at a sunset ceremony. Reception will be held at a later time.

—Tony Langham

ANTWERP ROUTE 49 BRIDGE REPAIR DATE CHANGED

Local officials, farmers and business owners were dismayed to learn that the Maumee River Bridge north of Antwerp on 49 closure date was changed from July 6, for 3 weeks to September. The September, October closure dates would interfere with school bus routes and with farmers bringing grain harvest to the Antwerp Mercer Landmark elevator. Senator Steve Buehrer, Representative Lynn Wachtmann and Paulding County Engineer Travis McGarvey, all have been contacted by Paulding County Economic Development and they are working with ODOT on the issue.

NW OHIO ALTERNATIVE ENERGY CENTER

On June 30th, Governor Ted Strickland traveled to Toledo to announce the naming of the Northwest Ohio Solar Energy Hub which includes the University of Toledo, Bowling Green State University, Owens Community College, Penta Career Center, Terra Community College and Northwest State Community College.

The purpose of the designation is to work to promote entrepreneurship, economic development and commercialization in the solar industry by assembling top solar researchers, manufacturers, education institutions, trade associations and training providers.

The Department of Development will provide \$250,000 in grant support to the hub.

This is the third Ohio Hub in addition to the Cleveland Health and Technology Corridor Hub in Cleveland and the Ohio Aerospace Hub in Dayton.

To be designated an Ohio Hub a region must identify core strengths and develop a strategic plan for urban revitalization. The designation consists of a commitment from both the state and region to work together to target economic development efforts toward building on those identified strengths.

"With the Paulding County Commissioners designating Paulding County as the first Alternative Energy Zone in Ohio and the first large wind energy farms being developed in Paulding County, we are certainly positioning ourselves as a center for alternative energy opportunity.

I have talked with existing NW Ohio manufacturers who are examining the idea of producing parts for the alternative energy industry. Also, the income opportunities for the local governments, schools, land owners, and trickle down to local retail will be welcome. Many local public officials have worked for about two years to help this development and to get a fair deal from the wind farm developers and the State of Ohio, regarding local input and income." Reports Tony Langham, Director of Paulding County Economic Development.

LETTER FROM SENATOR STEVE BUEHRER TO DIRECTOR OF ODOT

Dear Director Molitoris, I am writing to you today to seek your personal review and reconsideration of the decision to close the Maumee River Bridge on State Route 49 in Paulding County in September instead of the originally announced closure planned for July. Moving the timing of the closure until the fall presents major problems for the citizens in Paulding County.

Route 49 is the only significant road providing access to the Village of Antwerp from the north of the community. The closure, which is set to be for the three weeks starting on September 20th, will have devastating economic affects on the village of Antwerp, up to six figures in losses, due to farmers, in the middle of the harvest season, being rerouted to Hicksville to take their grain to market. This change will force the farmers to take a longer route and will cause much longer lines for the farmers in Hicksville and will significantly decrease the commerce for the Antwerp elevator.

In addition to the problems the local farmers and the Antwerp businesses the change in construction dates will also require the schools to make drastic changes to their busing routes and school schedules once the school session has already begun. I understand there are many construction projects throughout the area, but due to the devastating affect on the local economy. I urge you to reconsider this decision to delay the closure of the bridge.

Thank you in advance for

your attention to this important matter facing Paulding County. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

—Steve Buehrer
State Senator
1st District

CLAUDIA J. FICKEL REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR PC AUDITOR

Claudia J. Fickel has recently been appointed as the Republican Candidate for Paulding County Auditor in the upcoming November election.

Fickel, a lifelong resident of Paulding County, is the daughter of William and the late Mary Ann Kuhn of Payne, and the daughter-in-law of Marion (Pete) and Joyce Woods of Oakwood. She is a graduate of Wayne Trace High School and International Business College, Fort Wayne, IN.

Fickel has worked at W.E. Olson Electric, Inc., Defiance and Mullen Archery, Oakwood. She was elected as Fiscal Officer of Washington Township in 2003 and is currently serving her second term. She has worked with many different aspects of the accounting field relating to government as well as in private business.

She and her husband, Blane, have been married for 28 years and reside on a small farm near Oakwood. They have two children, David, a Junior at The Ohio State University and JoEllen, a Senior at Wayne Trace High School.

Fickel is very honored to be chosen to represent the Republican Party and is excited about the opportunity to continue serving her community at the county level.

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Francis H. Koenn, 90, of Paulding died Tuesday, July 6 at St. Anne Home, Fort Wayne, IN.

He was born June 23, 1920 in Paulding County, Ohio the son of Lawrence and Clemence M. (Grew) Koenn. On December 1, 1945 he married Mabel Claire Hickman, who preceded him in death on January 25, 2006. He was a member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding. He was ordained as a Deacon on August 16, 1980 and served for 30 years. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus #3584 of Paulding, a self-employed farmer, a U.S. Army Veteran, served on the First National Bank of Paulding Board of Trustees, and served as a Crane Township Trustee for two terms.

He is survived by 10 children: Mary Ellen Koenn of Morgan Town, WV, Larry (Diana) Koenn of Alaska, Marg (John) Scott of Hillsdale, MI, Dan (Linda) Koenn of Franklin, TN, Marti (Larry) Overmyer of Payne, Madonna (John) Tritle of Valparaiso, IN, Monica (Mark) Mays of Tipp City, OH, Jim (Alayna) Koenn of Auburn, IN, Jerry (Julie) Koenn of Delta, OH, and Marcia (Steve) Pesicek of Wooster, OH; a brother, Ted (Madonna) Koenn of Cecil; 28 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

He is also preceded in death by a brother and sister-in-law, Virgil and Rosalie

Koenn.

A Mass of Christian Burial was conducted July 10, 2010 at Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding, with Rev. G. Alan Fillman officiating. Burial was in Immaculate Conception Church Cemetery, Cecil, OH.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations may be made to Masses; the Caring and Sharing Food Pantry; or the Community Health Professionals of Paulding/Hospice. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com. Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding is handling arrangements.

Former Grover Hill resident, **Fae B. Thomas**, 86, of Van Wert died Monday, July 12 at VanCrest Health Care, Van Wert, Ohio.

She was born June 15, 1924 in Cloverdale, Ohio, the daughter of Clarence Ray and Flossie Jane (Shirey) Miller. On October 12, 1944 she married John E. Thomas, who preceded her in death on June 27, 1991. She was a graduate of Continental High School. She was employed by General Electric of Fort Wayne, retiring in 1986. She was a member of Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, Grover Hill, and Grover Hill VFW Post #2873 Auxiliary.

Fae is survived by two daughters: Darlene Roth of Rockford, OH, and Jane (John) Gudakunst of Paulding; a brother, John (Adrie) Miller of Pandora, OH; two sisters: Ruth Korte of Lima, OH, and Jessie Morris of Pandora, OH; six grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; and a great-great grandson.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; a brother, Clarence Miller and two sisters: Jean and Velma Miller.

Funeral services will be conducted 11:00 a.m., Thursday, July 15, 2010 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with Rev. Paul Bunnell officiating. Burial will be in Middle Creek Cemetery, Grover Hill.

Visitation will be 3:30-8:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 14, 2010 at Den Herder Funeral

Home, and one hour prior to services on Thursday.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to Grover Hill EMS.

Online condolences may be made to www.denherderfh.com

I AM YOUR FATHER...

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

There are probably a few people reading this article who may not know and may never know their biological father. I recently read a story of a young woman who experienced such an event and struggled immensely with her response to her situation.

In his book *Invitation to a Journey*, author M. Robert Mulholland Jr. tells the story of a woman he met who was the result of an unwanted pregnancy. She struggled immensely with the idea that God purposed us into being before the foundation of the world. He writes:

"Her mother was a prostitute, and she was the accidental by-product of her mother's occupation. Although her life's pilgrimage had brought her to faith in Christ, blessed her with a deeply Christian husband and beautiful children, and given her a life of love and stability, she was obsessed with the need to find out who her father was. This obsession was affecting her marriage, her family, and her life.

"She told how one day she was standing at the kitchen sink, washing the dishes, with tears of anguish and frustration running down her face into the dishwasher. In her agony she cried out, "Oh, God, who is my father?" Then, she said, she heard a voice saying to her, "I am your father."

"The voice was so real she turned to see who had come into the kitchen, but there was no one there. Again the voice came, "I am your father, and I have always been your father."

"In that moment she knew the profound reality of which Paul [speaks in many of his letters]. She came to know that deeper than the "accident" of her conception was the eternal purpose of a loving God, who had spoken her forth into being before the foundation of the world."

Regardless of our biological history and make-up one thing that the psalmist makes clear for us is that... "we are fearfully and wonderfully made."

We are not an accident, an evolutionary result of passion, but our beginning and existence has been authored by the God of scripture... Psalm 139:13-16 (NIV) 13 For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. 14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. 15 My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, 16 your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

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

INSIGHTS FROM A PHOTOGRAPHER

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

"I just don't take a good picture." Ever heard anyone say that? Perhaps you've said it yourself. Most of us do not like the pictures we have seen of ourselves. Ever wonder why?

A well-known photographer once said, "There are very few beautiful women or handsome men in the world. It takes careful lighting and posing to make most people appear attractive.

"Many folks do not know they have a slightly crooked nose, one small eye, a lopsided jaw, or some other minor flaw. Unfortunately, when they look into a mirror, they are usually engaging in some type of activity like shaving or combing their hair.

"This is deceiving for when a person is in motion, physical defects are not noticeable. But when he is still, as in a photograph, his undesirable features become obvious."

I thought about those comments for a long time. One of the principles the photographer shared that struck me was that when a person was engaged in activity, they are more attractive. Think about that. That has interesting implications. And I believe that there are some spiritual parallels as well.

When we are busy serving the Lord and serving others, we tend to be objects of greater "beauty." When we are in "motion," investing our lives in others, spending time helping others, actively involved in ministry for the kingdom, there is a unique beauty and loveliness about our lives that is evident to others.

But it is when we are standing still, wrapped up in ourselves, taking little regard for others or the serving of their needs that our flaws become more evident. My encouragement for each of us is to look for ways to serve others this week. How can you encourage someone else, pitch in and help a person in need, or actively be involved in ministry for Christ?

You will not only have the joy of serving the Lord and the fulfillment of knowing you've helped someone else, but perhaps you'll also have the added benefit of knowing that you've improved your "attractiveness."

WORSHIP IN THE PARK IN ANTWERP

Riverside Christian Church will be gathering at the Antwerp Riverside Park for Worship in the Park this Sunday, July 18. The worship starts at 10:30 and will be followed by a free meal. It's a great time to worship the Lord in a relaxing environment surrounded by God's creation.

This is the second of three worship gatherings in the park this summer hosted by Riverside Christian Church. The final Worship in the Park will be Sunday, August 22. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Regan Clem at 419-258-3895. Come change with us!

THE BIBLE SAYS: ABANDON

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

Today let us look at the word 'abandon.' So get your Bible concordance and let's get started. First we need to have prayer and ask our Heavenly Father to help us in our study.

This word abandon is used over one hundred times in the Old Testament to denote an act of breaking a covenant with God.

Breaking God's covenant:

Deuteronomy 29:25 - forsaken the covenant - v25 Then people would say: Because they have forsaken the covenant of the Lord God of their fathers, which He made with them when He brought them out of the land of Egypt.

Jeremiah 2:13,17,19 - forsaken God - v13 for my people has committed two evils: They forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewn themselves cisterns—broken cisterns that can hold no water. Please read Jeremiah 2:17-19, and Daniel 11:30.

Isaiah 54:7,8 - when covenant curses are unleashed by God, he abandons his people, yet his abandonment is temporary - v7 for a mere moment I have forsaken you, but with great mercies I will gather you. v8 with a little wrath I hid my face from you for a moment; But with everlasting kindness I will have mercy on you, says the Lord, your redeemer.

1 Timothy 4:1 - some will depart or abandon the faith - v1 Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, (KJV). Please continue to read through verse 4.

Romans 1:21-32 - Rejecting or abandoning God (please read 21-30) - v31 without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful. v32 who, knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them (KJV).

Hebrews 10:26-29 - apostatize from faith in Christ (please read verses 26-28) - v29 look at what it says: of how much sorer punishment I suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden underfoot

the son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the spirit of grace?

Loved ones, this is willfully sinning after that we have received the knowledge of the truth. This is a person who deliberately tramples underfoot Christ's will.

I would encourage you to continue your study on abandon. Also please do your best to give God a part of your day in prayer and Bible study. If you have a Bible question about something give Lonnie Lambert a call at 419-399-5022 or James Potter at 419-393-4775. Jesus loves you and so does the church of Christ.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT PAYNE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Vacation Bible School "Son Rock Kids Camp" will be held at the Payne Church of the Nazarene on July 19-23, from 6:00-8:45 p.m. for kids Pre-K through 6th grade.

The VBS program will be held Sunday, July 25 beginning at 10:30 a.m.

The Payne Church of the Nazarene is located at 509 E. Orchard Street, State Rt. 500 East, Payne, OH.

You may contact the church office for more info at 419-263-2422.

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PAULDING COUNTY CHRONICLES I

By: Caroline Wells Zimmerman

Paulding County History "Who Are You?"

Have you always lived in Paulding County? If not where did your family come from and why did they settle HERE? Your present family needs to know the facts in your own handwriting. I wished I had interviewed my parents on more; than one occasion; (I did actually set up a couple of interviews with specific questions) when I started doing our family history.

In the not so distant past my family and I sat down and reviewed some of our old family pictures and it was surprising how much they didn't know about things of even twenty year old incidents on the pictures. (Twenty years IS not THAT long ago). I have written on a lot of them and dated them, but some I haven't, especially the doubles.

The camping trips that I took when I was a kid are really out of touch with my own kids and the folks' info would be gone entirely for them if I didn't tell them now and write it down, (Thanks, Mom, for writing down what you did).

Here are some of the questions that you should be telling the answers to:

1. What was your father's full name? When was he born? Where? What did your father do for a living? Where did he go to school and which kind of car did he drive? Did he do sports? Did he have pets?

2. What was your mother's full name? When was she born? Where? What did she do besides mothering? Any other siblings? What perfume did she wear?

3. Are they living? Where? If not, where are they buried?

4. Name the towns you lived in before the age of 21.

5. Your grandpa's name and a fond memory of him. (paternal and maternal)

6. Your grandma's name and a fond memory of her. (paternal and maternal)

7. Tell about the best pets you had and what happened to them.

8. How did you spend your weekends?

9. Who were your best friends when you were 10? 15? 20? What perfume do you wear? (or cologne?) Do you have a beard?

10. Do you ever hitch-hike? Explain.

11. Tell about the first time you drove a car.

12. Were you ever in the military? Explain

13. What was your best memory of childhood?

14. What was your worst memory of childhood?

15. What was your first job? How much did you get paid?

16. Did you ever go to the fair? State Fair? Ride rides?

17. What did you do in the summertime?

18. Did your family celebrate birthdays? How?

19. Did you ever run away from home? How long were you gone? Where did you go?

20. Where did you go to school? Grade school? High school? Did you graduate?

21. Did you go to college? Did you graduate? From what college?

22. Are you married? More than one time? How did you meet your spouse(s)?

23. Do you have children?

Their names?

24. Can you share your family pictures of your family?

25. Share a Christmas memory.

26. Share a Bible verse.

27. Did you have an out-house? Did you ever use a chamber pot?

29. Did you help cook in the kitchen? What was your favorite food from the garden?

30. If you lived on the farm, did you help milk cows, make hay, gather eggs, do canning, hoe beans or drive the tractor to plant the crops? If not, why not? Did you ever farm with horses? What were their names?

31. Were you active in the local politics? Did you ever hold any office? What? Did you belong to any clubs? Did you hold any offices?

32. Are you interested in the local history of the county, do you keep notes and newspapers for your children of newsworthy events?

33. Are you computer savvy? (This is 2010).

34. Do you remember having a hot dog or marshmallow roast when you were a kid? Do you remember where you were?

35. Did you ever ride a horse? Did you have a horse? What was it's name.

36. Did you ever have a picnic in any of Paulding County's city parks?

37. Do you know anything about the day you were born?

38. Did you go to school where there was a school bully? Did you ever confront him?

39. Did you ever have a crush on someone at school? Did you ever date that person?

40. Did you have any childhood fears? What were they? Fear of storms?

41. Did you ever play a musical instrument? In a band? What was it?

42. Did your family ever have parties at you house when you were young?

43. What were your favorite clothes when you were young? What were your favorite shoes?

44. Did you go to Sunday School when you were young? What church did you attend?

45. What was your favorite subject in school? favorite teacher?

46. What was your least favorite subject in school? Was it hard for you?

47. Did you cuss when you were a kid?

48. Did you have to walk to school? Did you ever fake being sick so you didn't have to go to school?

49. Did you have a bike, do needlework, sewing, stitching, play chess, or anything that you could do alone when you were a kid (under 18)?

50. Did you play any team sports like football or baseball (under 18)? Explain

51. Tell about any family reunion that you had at your house or that you or any of your family attended.

52. What was the strangest pet you ever had?

53. Did you ever pick apples? (At an orchard?)

54. What was your first date? Explain

55. What's the best parade you ever saw? Where? Were you ever in a parade?

56. Did you go to dances when you were young? Explain

57. Tell of a favorite singer when you were young and the song they sung.

58. Did you have any Easter traditions? What were they?

59. Did you have any Thanksgiving traditions? What were they?

60. Did you go to church on Christmas Eve? Did you have any special traditions on Christmas? Did you give presents? Put up a tree?

61. Did you mom cook the first fish you ever caught?

62. What's the weirdest food your mom made you eat when you were a kid?

63. Did you ever go on a family vacation? Tell about it.

64. Did you ever do genealogy?

65. Have your children asked where they come from?

The information in these 65 questions is pretty sparse, but it might fill a few pages in a little 8 1/2 x 11 (the only size to use) spiral notebook. Even better would be to type: Who, Where, What and When (your name and info on the computer) and enter the question and the answers, run them off and give them to each of your kids.

Also put a copy with your pictures in your file folder of genealogy, (you have one, don't you?) and with your family pictures. If you are friends with the person doing the family tree in your family and don't mind the personal crazy stuff on the sheet, they would like a copy, too. I wish I had gotten one on my great-grandpa or my Civil War Veteran or better yet, my guy who was in the Revolutionary War. It would have been published as a book. Good luck.

If you have any questions on family history please call me at (419) 258-2222.

POND SAFETY

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Educator

Farm ponds provide homeowners many hours of relaxation and recreation. From swimming, boating and fishing to ice skating and sledding during the winter months, adults and children enjoy hours of entertainment. Besides entertainment and relaxation, many Paulding county residents utilize their pond as a source of water for fire protection and as a domestic source of water for the home.

Unfortunately, farm ponds contribute to accidental drowning. The majority of victims of farm pond drownings are children. Small children get too close to the water and lose their balance on the soft bank. Many wade in the cool shallow water only to fall into deep holes.

All ponds used for swimming should have a rescue post. It should be set firmly in the ground near the water. The post should be painted yellow. Attach a long shelf bracket, peg, or nail to the post. Obtain enough nylon rope to reach across the pond. Attach a life buoy or ring to one end of the rope and a wooden block to the other end. Hang this rescue device on the post. A thin, lightweight 12 to 14 foot pole should be attached to the rescue post to aid in rescue. Finally, attach the location of the nearest telephone and emergency numbers to the top of the post.

Some additional tips to

make your pond safe for swimming include:

DO teach children to swim.

DO mark safe swimming areas with posts or floats.

DO remove submerged rocks, stumps, broken bottles, and other hazards.

DO post life saving warning signs.

DO have your pond tested for contamination.

DON'T swim alone or allow anyone to swim by themselves.

DON'T let small children swim near a farm pond without adult supervision.

These important tips about farm pond safety are essential for pond owners. Safety does not happen by itself. Safety is a series of choices we make everyday. So, choose to make your pond safer for swimming.

THANK YOU

The family of Sherri L. (Hicov) Ruffing extend heartfelt thanks to all who supported us through the loss of our very special sister. The cards, visits, well-wishes and prayers continue to help us with difficult time.

Thank you to Linda Rhoad, Sandy Harper, Jacque and Trevor Gremling, the "Buffalo Street Neighbors" for providing food after the service and to Dick and Colleen for "dog-sitting" and loaning of chairs. Special thanks to Antwerp EMS, Deacon Bob Nighswander for the kind words and Dooley Funeral Home for the care that was shown.

Sherri had many friends and family who loved her dearly. We are saddened that she is gone from us but know she is in a better place, sitting at His Table with our mother and father embracing her welcoming her Home.

With Thanks and Blessings,

- Sonya & Bob Herber & family,
- Dale & Sharon Hicov & family,
- Sandie & Mike Stewart & family,
- Deb & Tom Trausch & family

LATTA LETTER ASKS FOR WAIVER OF JONES ACT TO ASSIST WITH OIL SPILL CLEANUP EFFORTS

On June 25th, Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green), sent a letter to President Obama asking him to issue a temporary waiver of the Jones Act, a provision within the Merchant Marine Act of 1920. The Jones Act requires all goods transported by water between U.S. ports be carried by U.S. flagged ships, constructed in the United States, owned by U.S. citizens, and crewed by U.S. citizens and permanent U.S. residents.

In the letter, Congressman Latta asks for the temporary waiver to allow foreign vessels to assist with the ongoing cleanup in the Gulf of Mexico due to the recent oil spill disaster. Temporary waivers of the Jones Act have previously been granted to allow foreign vessels to assist with disasters off of United States coastlines.

During Hurricane Katrina, President Bush, in conjunction with Department of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff, temporarily waived the Jones Act for foreign vessels to move in U.S. waters and between ports for a period of twenty days because of the disruption in the production and transportation of petroleum and refined petroleum products in the region, and the impact it had on national security.

"The tragedy in the Gulf is one that will never be forgotten and the parties who are responsible will be held fully accountable. The United States needs to use every available resource at our disposal, domestic or foreign, in assisting in the clean up," Latta states in the letter.



MANOR HOUSE WELCOMES DICK HURNI

The Manor House warmly welcomes Mr. Dick Hurni. Dick was the son of Scott and Geraldine Hurni and he had one sister, Ganius. He was born in Hicksville and attended school there. Dick is the proud father of two daughters and one son. Dick's wife, Betty, is deceased.

For 12 years Dick worked for Ohio Power Company. He spent 27 years with Nationwide Insurance. He enjoyed playing golf in his spare time.

Dick misses his friends from Fort Wayne, his former residence, but is enjoying the good food and good care at the Manor House.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Small towns just seem to have so much spirit. Once again the Oakwood Library Association is doing the Dinner in The Park. Different groups take the time and put in much effort to sponsor the monthly meal in Oakwood. On the third Thursday of the month you can be sure someone is cooking. Each group is noted for their own menu. The Library Association has sold out of turkey croissants each year. We also have serve Sloppy Joe, hot dogs, coleslaw, chips, veggie trays and desserts. The big draw for our dinner is the homemade ice cream.

Why do we do these dinners? Well, it is a fundraiser but more important is the time we spend together planning, cooking, serving and just bringing the town people together. Let's face it, we all eat. The next dinner is at Cooper Community Room beside the library on Thursday, July 15th from 4:00-7:00 p.m.

—Shelly Roughton, President of Oakwood Library Association

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES FOR 6/21/10

This 21st 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 Nola Ginter, Clerk

TRAVEL REQUEST:

Tiffany Beckman, 2010 Summer Conference, Sandusky OH - July 13 & 14, 2010

IN THE MATTER OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 009):

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

FROM: Pay-In 86948

TO: 009-001-00011/Engineer-Gas Tax/Contract Projects

AMOUNT: \$3,500.00

IN THE MATTER OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 078):

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

FROM: Pay-In 86931

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

AMOUNT: \$42,028.30

IN THE MATTER OF CREATING AN EXPENSE LINE ITEM IN THE DEFIANCE/PAULDING COUNTIES JOINT AUGLAIZE SEWER PROJECT FUND (FUND 128):

It is necessary to track the expenses being paid by the OWDA loan for the construction of the Joint Auglaize River Sewer Project; now, therefore the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to create the following expense line item in the Defiance/Paulding Counties Joint Auglaize Sewer Project Fund (Fund 128) for the pur-

pose of accounting for said expenses:

128-001-00008, OWDA Expenses

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING WESTERN BUCKEYE EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER TO BE THE FISCAL AGENT FOR PAULDING COUNTY FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST/HELP ME GROW PROGRAM (FISCAL YEAR 2011):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize the Western Buckeye Educational Service Center to be the fiscal agent for Paulding County Family and Children First Council/Help Me Grow Program for Fiscal Year 2011, to be effective from July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011.

IN THE MATTER OF DESIGNATING PAULDING COUNTY AS AN ALTERNATIVE ENERGY ZONE; APPROVING ALL APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT PURSUANT TO R.C. 5727.75(E); REQUIRING ANNUAL SERVICE PAYMENTS IN ADDITION TO PAYMENTS REQUIRED UNDER R.C. 5727.75(G); AND SPECIFYING THE TIME AND MANNER OF SUCH PAYMENTS:

The Board of County Commissioners of Paulding County (the "Board") desires to encourage the development of alternative energy generation facilities; and developers of alternative energy generation facilities have expressed interest in constructing energy projects in Paulding County, provided that the appropriate incentives are in place to support the economic performance of the projects; and the Board is willing to provide real and tangible personal property tax exemption to support the development of alternative energy generation facilities, provided the appropriate service payments are made; and pursuant to R.C. 5727.75(E) the Board can declare Paulding County to be an Alternative Energy Zone; now, therefore by the Board of County Commissioners of Paulding County, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. The Board declares Paulding County to be an alternative energy zone pursuant to R.C. 5727.75(E)(1)(c).

SECTION 2. The Board declares that all applications for property tax exemption submitted by the Director of Development (the "Director") pursuant to R.C. 5727.75(E) after the adoption of this resolution, and prior to its repeal, are approved.

SECTION 3. The approval provided in Section 2 of this resolution is expressly conditional upon the payment of an annual service payment in addition to the annual service payment under R.C. 5727.75(G).

A. The amount of each annual service payment shall be the difference between \$9,000 and the payment required and made under R.C. 5727.75(G) per megawatt, multiplied by the nameplate capacity in megawatts of the energy project in Paulding County.

B. The annual service payment required by this resolution shall be paid on or before the final dates for payments of taxes on public utility personal property on the real and public utility personal property tax list for each tax years for which the property of the energy project is exempt from taxation pursuant to R.C. 5725.75.

C. The annual service payment required by this resolution shall be paid by the owner of the energy project, or by the lessee of the project pursuant to a sale and leaseback transaction.

D. The County Treasurer is directed to deposit the annual service payments required by this resolution into the general operating fund of the county.

SECTION 4. The clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution by certified mail to the Director and to the owner of each energy project that is the subject of an application by the Director to the Board within 30 days after the application is received by the Board. The clerk shall also provide a copy of this resolution to the County Treasurer within 30 days after the application is received by the Board.

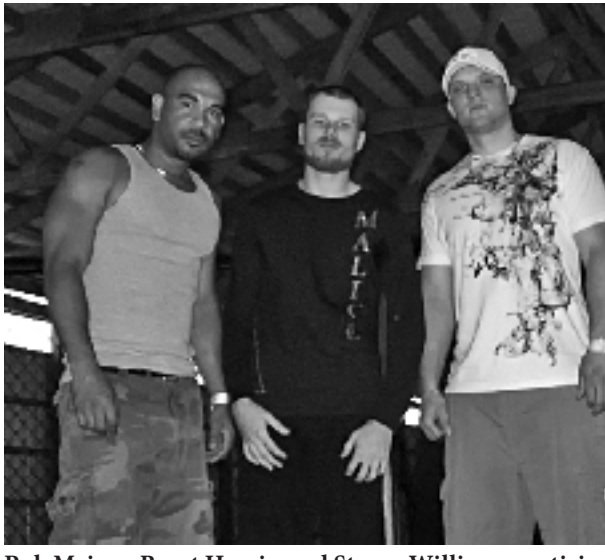
SECTION 5. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board and of any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were held, in meeting open to the public in compliance with the law.

SECTION 6. This resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption.

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Lou Ann Wannemacher, County Treasurer - Ms. Wannemacher presented June Permissive Sales and

BRENT HARRIS INCREASED RECORD AT STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS



Rob Majors, Brent Harris, and Steven Williams participated in the Ohio Fighting Championships which were held recently.

Brent Harris from Malice MMA in Paulding increases his record to 2 and 1. Brent's recent win came at 2:59 of the 1st round by TKO against Alex Tate at the Ohio Fighting Championships. Brent has studied Jiu-Jitsu under Justin Flemens for the past two years and prior to this,

trained in Karate achieving a brown belt ranking. Brent is the 2003 and 2004 National champion in black belt sparring and is looking forward to a successful career in mixed martial arts. For more information and pictures of Brent or other local fighters, go to Malicefighters.com

Use Tax 2010 to the Commissioners for review.

Ellen Townley, Agricultural Society President - Ms. Townley met briefly with the Commissioners to report on fair week.

Erin Bowser, Horizon Wind Energy - Ms. Bowser met with the Commissioners to present an update on Horizon Wind Energy's proposed projects in Paulding County. She stated the utility companies are close to making purchasing decisions. She also stated the wind energy companies are anxious to begin their projects and utilize the energy alternative grant dollars. Ms. Bowser explained SB 221, which requires power companies to purchase renewable energy. With the recent passage of SB 232, utilities are now in

a position to move forward and purchase renewable energy. Ms. Bowser assured the Commissioners that Horizon Wind Energy will be supportive of local entities as their project moves forward in Paulding County.

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A LUCKY SHOT

By: Stan Jordan

It was a beautiful day in June and I sit here at my desk at the West Bend News and look out the south window up at the top of Mercer Landmark Elevator. All of those big Titan Tanks and all eight of those silos are all tied together with a big superstructure of belts and conveyor belts. So I am sitting here and watching the big buzzards soaring, standing, lighting and flying up there.

There goes a big buzzard flying in behind another close as to shoot him out of the air. And here I am over the Belgium flying with Snoopy. We have ran into a hornets nest of planes in the air...

Snoopy is the World War I Flying Ace in his French made Sopwith Camel. I am his rear gunman and it is up to me to protect him from the rear as he spreads fear and pandemonium with his two fast firing machine guns.

Snoopy, America's best Flying Ace in World War I, flies a Sopwith Camel with a 69 horse power water cooled engine, has a 21 foot wing span and a fuselage that is almost as long.

It is armed with two Vickers 303 Machine Guns that are controlled by an interrupted and flies through the propeller. The plane has a top speed of 112 m.p.h. It is one of the best here on the Western Front, except for the Fokker DR-1 that Baron Manfred Von Richthoven flies.

The Baron's plane is a little faster and quicker to control. It is a three winged single seat pursuit plane and he is the top German Ace, with some 40 kills. He already has won the Iron Cross Top Grade and the Blue Max. He is the leader of the Red Baron's Flying Circus, in which all planes are painted fire engine red.

Snoopy's Sopwith Camel is a single seat pursuit plane, but I knew of a good welder from St. Vith and he put a rear gunner seat in Snoopy's plane. This makes me ride backward all the time with my two 303 Caliber machine guns protecting Snoopy's

rear, because he can't see to the rear. It is the only 2 seated Camel here in the American Expeditionary Force.

I might brag a little and say it is the only one with a cup holder in all of Europe. That welder also made me a cup holder with three pieces of number nine wire.

At this time we headed back toward St. Vith behind the American lines with very little gas and ammunition left.

To my utmost fear, here comes the Dirty Red Baron right on our tail. I activated both of my guns and see the traces falling off below the Baron's plane. I can hear his bullets snap as they go by my head. This is all too close and too quick, but my two guns are kicking and barking right at his nose.

If he comes on one more second, my tracers will go right into his engine cowl and I think one more second and his bullets will walk right in our fuselage and get us both.

At that split second his plane leaped up a few feet, I saw my tracers go under his plane and hit nothing. He rolled the plane over and it dropped below our ship.

I'm sure happy about his pulling up because we didn't take any bullets, but now he is under us and can cut us in two with his guns. I can't lower my guns and Snoopy cannot see him and know where he is. This is a very dire situation for us, we can't shoot at him or we will be at his mercy.

I stood up in my seat with my back to Snoopy and peered over the left side of our plane and sure enough he was about forty to fifty feet below us, getting us lined up in his sights.

The only thing that I had loose in my seat was a part of a bottle of Coca Cola in my cup holder. I threw the bottle of Coke end over end toward the engine of the Dirty Red Baron's plane. To my great luck and amazement it hit the exhaust manifold and the bottle broke sending Coke all over.

Well, the Baron must have mistaken the Coke for oil as he dove for the ground thinking he was losing oil pressure. He pulled out just above the tree tops and headed back to Magdeburg, his home field.

Well, now, I can breathe a little easier as he went home and we were still air borne and headed home. I was sure thirsty, but the Coke had done its job.

We are going to our home field at St. Vith, Belgium. We knocked the Dirty Red Baron out of the air with a pop bottle.

See ya!

SECOND BATTLE OF ADOBE WALLS

By: Stan Jordan

As near as I can find out the First Battle of Adobe Wall was fought in 1864.

Adobe Walls was the name of a trading post in the Texas Panhandle, just north of the Canadian River.

This so-called fort was built in 1845, but it was demolished years later by the traders because of so many Indian attacks.

Then in 1864 these ruins were the site of one of the largest battles to take place on the plains of the Old West.

Col. Kit Carson led over 300 men from New Mexico against thousands of Indian warriors. Both sides claimed a victory out of this action.

I guess Carson was called a hero because he led his men out of this trap with not many casualties. After all the buffaloes were gone from Kansas, the hunters all moved south into North Texas. In June of 1874 a group of businessmen set up some stores and a saloon and restaurant to make those walls a town again for the buffalo hunters.

This took care of about 300 hunters and families. There had been a number of skirmishes in recent weeks. There were about 29-30 people. Bat Masterson was a young buffalo hunter of 20 years old. Billy Dixon, California Joe Miller and one woman, the wife of William Olds, the cook.

The tribes of the Southern Plains Indians: the Comanche, Cheyenne, Kiowa and Arapaho felt this was the end of their existence due to the post and hunters killing off their only supply of meat.

They held a Sun Dance that spring and their Medicine Man, Isa-Tai promised them immunity from death and injury if they fought the whites. So at dawn on June 27, 1874, about 700 Indians under the leadership of the Great Quannah Parker attacked the post.

Even though they were outnumbered the hunters held fast and repulsed the Comanches. Some reinforcements arrived after a four day siege and it increased the garrison to about 100 men.

The ridge pole holding up the roof of the saloon cracked and broke about 2:00 a.m. on June 27. It woke up the whole area and several of the men started to repair the pole. Most of the Habitants were up and awake when the Comanches, Cheyenne and Kiowa, (about 700, strong under Quannah Parker) stormed the area planning on doing away with the place called Adobe Walls.

The attack carried on most of the day. Some of the warriors got close enough to beat on the doors with their rifle butts.

The warriors rode out of range and held the town under a siege. A search of the area showed that 15 warriors died so close to the town that the Indians could not recover their bodies. The hunters had four casualties, two brothers asleep in a wagon, Billy Tyler was shot through the lungs and Mrs. Olds was loading a rifle for her husband and accidentally shot him.

The second day after the attack about 15 warriors rode out to a bluff about a mile away out of range and studied the situation.

One of the hunters, a Billy Dixon, was a crack shot. He

took a Sharps Buffalo Gun with careful aim and knocked an Indian from his horse. This shot upset the tribe so much that the Indians decamped and left the area.

A little later an army engineering party, under Col. Nelson Miles measured the distance and it was 1,538 yards. All the rest of his life Billy Dixon always called it a 'lucky shot'.

This ended the Second Battle of Adobe Walls. It was the last part of June in 1874. Shortly after this, another battle took place of great heroism, it was called The Lyman Wagon Train Battle. I will write a column on that engagement next week.

See ya!



By: Stan Jordan

And the Fight Was on!

The couple was sitting in their living room and the husband was flipping through the channels on the television.

The wife asked, "What's on TV?"

The husband replied, "Dust"!

And the fight was on!

The husband arose early in the morning and went out to the garage and loaded all his fishing gear into the boat. He opened the garage door and it was storming outside. Heavy rain, blowing and a lot of lightening and thunder.

The man waited in the car for awhile, but the storm never subsided. So he took off his rain gear and went back upstairs to his wife's bedroom.

He crawled back in bed with her and had amore' on his mind.

She never looked back and as the storm raged outside, she said, "Can you imagine, my husband is out fishing in this storm?"

See ya!

BARBARA REEB CLELAND

By: Stan Jordan

She was born in Antwerp on June 12, 1929. Her parents were Harry and Laverne Pefley Reeb. She has an older sister, Wilma.

Wilma was married to a man named Burl Mumy. In the 1930's he was a very good baseball pitcher for the Antwerp Reds. He was a fireball pitcher. One other pitcher at that time was Johnny Franklin, and he could throw a ball around a post. In those years Antwerp was noted as a good baseball town.

Barb graduated at Antwerp High School in 1947. She was like every other teenager, she worked as a waitress at Ray's Restaurant. She also worked at Warren Seclar Oil Co. After high school she worked at G.E. in Fort Wayne.

In 1947 she met Robert Cleland and they were married New Year's Eve in 1949. They had three children: Michael lives in Hicksville and has two girls, Julie lives in Hicksville and has three girls and Laura is the Police Chief in Hicksville and has one boy.

In their early married years they lived on the farm and helped in the field where she was needed and could. They moved to town in Hicksville in 1962.

Bob worked for Dana in

Ft. Wayne and retired in 1987. Barb worked for Monsanto in Hicksville and later at the Hicksville Bank and retired from there in 1987.

She likes to travel and spend time with the children and grandchildren. She has six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild on the way.

They had a place in Florida and spent about six months a year in the Tampa area.

Barbara is a very happy person. She has had a good life, a fine family and almost sixty years of marriage to Bob. She is proud of her ancestors and heritage and does a lot of work on that subject.

Now I would like to say that I am very proud of her and all the six years that I have been able to call her on different subjects and all the Antwerp History she has helped me with and all of the memorabilia she has.

Barb, it is always a pleasure talking with you and this was a good one.

Here at WBN we wish you many more years and a lot more phone calls.

See ya!

LAWN WEED BLACK MEDIC

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Educator

My lawn is being invaded by a multi-branched slender, prostrate weed that is clover-like in appearance called black medic. Black medic is an annual legume with trailing stems that grow close to the ground with a taproot that penetrates deeply into most soils.

The leaf is composed of alternately arranged dark green leaves with three, oval leaflets. The three leaflets have prominent veins and are similar to most other clover leaves. The center leaflet is stalked and the side leaflets occur close to the stem.

The flowers of the black medic are small clusters of bright yellow flowers. These flowers are small and clustered on short stems that emerge from the leaf axils.

Each cluster is approximately ½ inch long, round, and comprised of up to 50 individual flowers. Flowering occurs April to October producing seeds throughout the growing season which tend to germinate in early autumn and spring. The seed pods turn almost black at maturity.

Black medic looks like yellow woodsorrel and white clover. It is easy to tell the difference between these plants when they are in bloom, but it is more difficult before bloom. Black medic is the easiest to identify because the center leaf is longer than the two lateral leaves. Yellow woodsorrel leaves are heart-shaped and sometimes folded along the midvein. White clover leaves often have a lighter green to white splotch in the middle and the leaves are toothed along the margins.

Control of black medic can be accomplished by physically removing the plant or by applying a post-emergence herbicide after the weed appears. Applying the herbicide during periods of active growth from late spring through early summer and again from early through mid-autumn will provide best results. Post emergence herbicides containing such materials as 2,4-D, MCPP, dicamba, triclopyr, MCPA and dithiopyr are recommended after weeds appear. Liquid sprays can be more effective than dry materials, especially on hard-to-kill weeds.

Apply post-emergence materials when weeds are growing vigorously. Select a time when winds are calm to prevent spray drift. Don't apply broadleaf herbicides when temperatures are above 85 degrees Fahrenheit, as control may be reduced, turf may be injured, and the herbicide is more likely to volatilize and harm non-target plants at high temperatures.

As always, an adequately fertilized, dense, healthy lawn is the best preventative against weeds.

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PAYNE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNOUNCES JULY MEETING; PLUS MINUTES OF 5/4 & 6/15 MEETINGS

The next Chamber of Commerce meeting in Payne will be at the Giddy-Up Grill on Thursday, July 15 at noon. Following this are the minutes of the last two meetings if you would like to get up to speed on what has been discussed. See you then!

Minutes for emergency Chamber meeting - 5/4/2010. Location: Good Times Saloon.

Meeting called to order at 12:01 p.m. on May 4, 2010 by VP Chad Benschneider. Secretary Dan Staifer and Treasurer Geoff Hyman also present.

Treasurer's report - Geoff Hyman: Currently 96 members with 9 complimentary memberships.

County counter offered the value of the Chamber owned building for taxation at \$100,900.00 with yearly taxes of \$1,959.38 with a \$72.25 penalty. Our offer was \$70,000.00 value with taxes of \$1,412.06.

Josiah Gordon of Cub Scout troop #137 asked for a donation of supplies for sprucing up the town park.

Richard Wannamaker sent the chamber a thank you card.

A man from Arkansas has asked for tourism information. Dan Staifer is going to send a Paulding County Area Guide with a letter.

Current Balance: \$2,488.38.

Old Business:

Golf Outing - picking a date is a problem in the discussed time table since there are other outings planned during that time.

Chad Benschneider acknowledges that the new American flags were ordered.

Gene Olwin moved to ac-

cept the County's counter offer (see Treasurer's report) with the stipulation that the County waves the penalty. Geoff Hyman seconds. Motion carries.

Dan Staifer moved to donate fifty dollars to Josiah Gordon and Cub Scout Troop #137 for their project at the park. Gene Olwin seconds. Motion carries. Dan Staifer will write letter.

Meeting called to adjourn at 12:28 p.m.

Chamber meeting called to order 12:08 p.m. on 6/15/2010 at Good Times Saloon.

Those in attendance: Jim Hooker, Tom Litzenberg, Ron Etzler, Gene Olwin, Chad Cluts - President, Chad Benschneider - Vice President, Geoff Hyman - Treasurer, Dan Staifer - Secretary.

Treasurer Reports: Current balance - \$1,978.37. Major expense last month: the new flags.

County has been slow with recalculation of our new tax amount. The taxes due July 20th. We are still awaiting word if our counter offer was accepted.

IRS accepted our Form 990-N in order to maintain Non-profit status.

One new member.

New business:

Jim Hooker was given the power to go on the a fact finding mission to the American Legion with the goal of finding a way to get some inexpensive flagpoles.

Jim reminded the Chamber that on July 31st the lease we have with Antwerp Exchange Bank for our building will expire. In the lease agreement, we have a right to raise the amount up to 10% of the current rent for the renewal period. Two years ago, upon signing the current lease, the Bank paid a lump sum for rent the two year period with a 10% discount. Discussion the new terms of the lease:

-Bank has added value in to the building regarding a

newer HVAC.

-Some thought the increased taxes gives us the right to raise the rent

-Jim discussed all that we have done to the Building to increase the value

-Some consideration was given to keeping the rent the same due to the current economic conditions in the county.

-With the renewed lease: thoughts were given to replace the wood siding behind the awning due to the fact that awning has fallen off the wall due to rotten wood, stop the leak in the front window, fix up the back area where exposed brick & water damage in hallway leading to rest room, and look at recoating the roof in the next few years. These repairs were estimated at \$6,000-\$8,000.

-Current rent is \$800 a month.

Jim Hooker moved for a proposed 5% increase in rent for the new lease agreement with the Bank for a two year term. Ron Etzler seconds the motion. Vote: 7 for, 0 against. Geoff Hyman abstained from vote. In response to vote, Jim Hooker will talk to Jim Sponseller to draw up another lease agreement.

Jim Hooker volunteers to get estimates to fix the awning in front the bank.

Fund raising ideas:

Golf outing - found August date, may not work.

5K - Dan Staifer will work out something by July 4.

Turtle races.

Over the next month, Jim Hooker will work with officers to take pictures with new businesses in Payne for press releases.

Chad Cluts is still finding it difficult to get people interested in organizing October events in town.

Next meeting Thursday, July 15th, noon at the Giddy-Up Grill. Meeting adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

VILLAGE OF PAULDING MEETING MINUTES FOR 6/7/10

Paulding Village Council met in Regular Session on June 7, 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, Kim Sutton, Jim Guelde, Mike Trausch, Roger Sierer, and Randy Daeger. Administrator Wiebe was also present.

Trausch motioned to approve the minutes of the May 17th Council meeting, seconded by Rife. Vote: Rife, yea; Sutton, abstain; Guelde, yea; Sierer, yea; Trausch, yea; Daeger, yea.

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 for the second time. Daeger motioned to suspend the rules and declare an emergency, seconded by Sutton. Vote: Rife, yea; Sutton, yea; Guelde, yea; Sierer, no; Trausch, yea; Daeger, yea. Daeger motioned to approve the legislation, seconded by Sutton. Vote: all yea.

Daeger presented the

Street Committee's May 25th report. The Committee had met with Craig Knapke of Fanning-Howey to discuss the North Drive/Cherry Street Replacement project. Mr. Knapke recommended the project be advertised for bid on January 24, 2011. It was also recommended that the water line along Cherry Street be replaced. Water line replacement would begin at Garfield Ave. and continue south as far as funding would allow. Wiebe noted the Village will need to issue notes to finance this portion of the project. The cost and financing of the water line are currently being investigated. The project has an estimated completion time of approximately five (5) months.

Sutton presented the Recreation Committee's report. She requested the proposed pay scale for pool employees be approved. Sierer motioned to approve the pool's pay scale, seconded by Daeger. Vote: all yea.

Mayor White relayed Mayor's Court collected \$220 for the month of May 2010. He also announced the Paulding Water Park is scheduled to open June 9th after some unforeseen problems with a pump and the chlorine tank, and requested the public use extra caution while driving since children are out of school for the summer.

Wiebe noted he, Mayor White, Street Supervisor Ed Carlisle, and members of the Street Committee have met with representatives of Paulding Exempted Village Schools to discuss the "Safe Routes to School" program. Wiebe relayed the school's engineering firm has evaluated walking routes to school, and their recommendations are being presented to Village officials for approval. The Village will submit the grant application as prepared by the school in hopes of securing monies for this project.

Sutton noted Paulding Elementary School principal, Wendy Nashu, has submitted a request to Pepsi to create a fitness trail throughout the community. The fitness trail would begin at Paulding Elementary School's playgrounds. The project would include a new layout of the playgrounds with age appropriate equipment to serve children ages 3-6, 7-9, 9-12, with adult stations within each area. The second stage would involve setting up fitness stations throughout the Village. These stations would have information displayed suggesting activities to do along the fitness trail including walking, running, biking, and exercising; along with indicating the distance between stations. The final stage would be a "school kick off" to allow children, their families, and community members to experience the fitness trail together. Sutton requested everyone to vote for this project at www.refresheverything.com/pauldingcountyfitnesstrail. Each email address can vote up to ten (10) times per day. The top two ideas will receive \$250,000 to fund their project.

Sutton motioned for Council to move into Execu-

JR. LEADERS VISIT ANN'S CAMPERS



Ann's Bright Beginnings Campers were recently visited by the Paulding Jr. Leaders! We made bird feeders together and sang lots of camp songs! Shown here with the "big kids" are in front: Aiden Herman. In the middle are Eden Shuherk, Casey Agler, Delainy Verfaillie, Owen Miller, Ella Moore, Marley

Parrett, Olivia Longstreth, Madisyn Peters, Ethan Herman and Colton Bashore. In the back are: Aaron Gross, Jade Vogel, Maggie Wilhelm, Taylor Vail and Jessie Arnold. Check out this week's classifieds for information to sign your child up for camp and/or preschool!

ive Session for legal matters, seconded by Daeger. Vote: all yea. Council returned to Regular Session.

Rife motioned to authorize Wiebe to sign a contract with GE pursuant to the recommendation of the Solicitor, seconded by Daeger. Vote: all yea.

The following meetings were scheduled:

Street Committee - Tuesday, June 8th at 5:30 p.m.

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

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

REP. LATTA STATEMENT ON EDISON STATUE SELECTION

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) made the following statement upon Thomas Alva Edison being selected in a statewide vote as one of the individuals who should represent Ohio in the National Statuary Hall in the United States Capitol in Washington, D.C.

"Over 37,000 Ohioans

voted in this historic project and I am pleased that Thomas Edison, famous inventor who undoubtedly left his mark on history and shaped the future of our great nation, was selected to represent Ohio in the United States Capitol. This son of Milan, Ohio is a fitting symbol to display the innovative and industrious legacy of the Buckeye State and its contributions to our nation's achievements."

The vote for who would represent Ohio in Statuary Hall in the U.S. Capitol Building was conducted at museums and other sites across the state, in addition to U.S. mail and email, under the supervision of the Ohio Historical Society. Upon final recommendation to the Ohio General Assembly by a legislative panel, the approved statue will accompany a second representation of an Ohio native currently in Statuary Hall, James Garfield, the 20th President of the United States.

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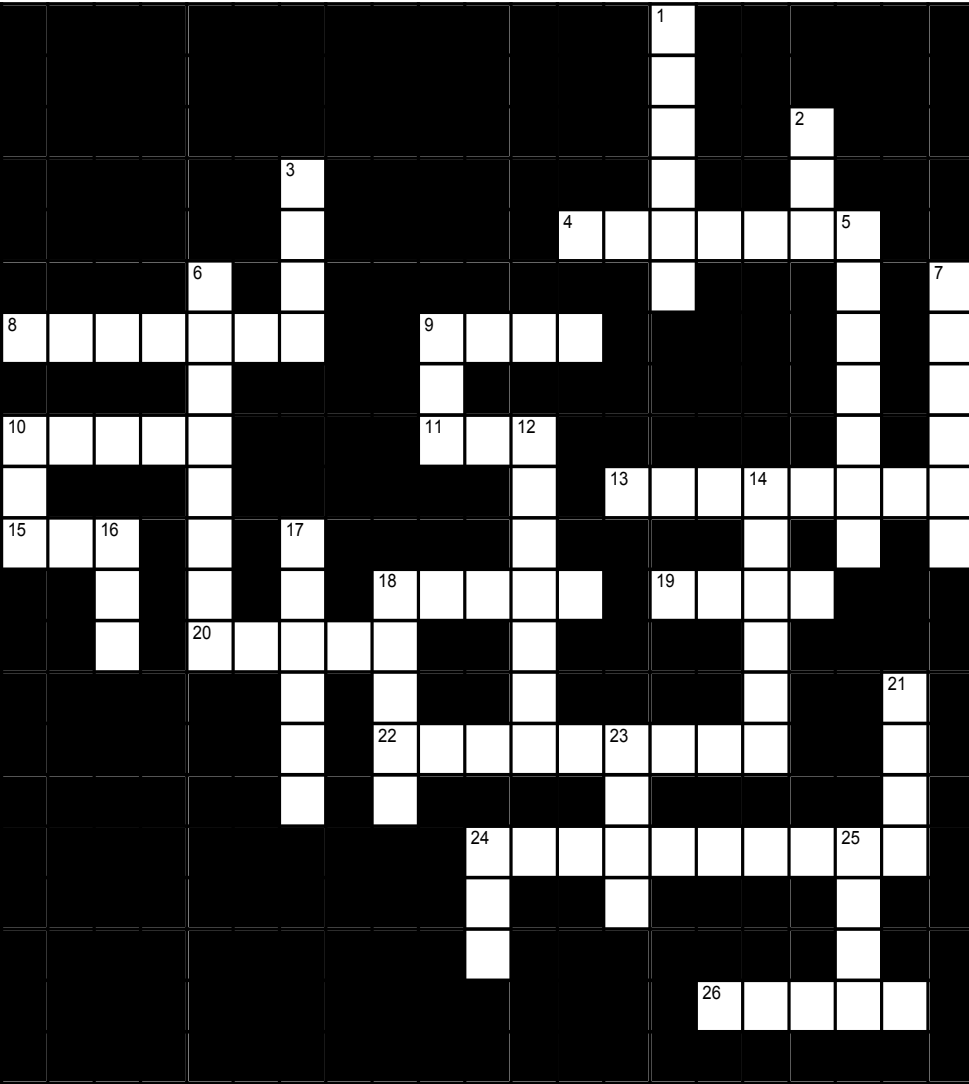


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- 8. Fall off your surf board.
- 9. The police.
- 10. A fellow man.
- 11. To steal.
- 13. Put all toes of one foot over the nose of a surf board. (2 words)
- 15. Do you understand?
- 18. To die.
- 19. Non-conformist.
- 20. Money.
- 22. Bottle or an opener. (2 words)
- 24. Bald guy. (2 words)
- 26. Unfair.

- 1. Nice, good, terrific.
- 2. House.
- 3. Money
- 5. Really good.
- 6. Junk yard. (2 words)
- 7. Likes someone or something very much
- 9. Fabulous.
- 10. Awesome.
- 12. Too much grease in the hair.
- 14. Wonderful.
- 16. Something spectacular.
- 17. Driving fast.
- 18. A girl.
- 21. A geek.
- 23. Juvenile delinquent.
- 24. A guy.
- 25. Excellent

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DRUG FREE WORK PLACE SESSION AT TURNING POINT VERY INFORMATIVE

The Turning Point of Paulding County was pleased to provide a Drug Free Work Place training session for management and supervisory personnel of Lafarge of North America on June 3rd and 4th. Topics discussed in the presentation were identifying substances of abuse as well as, the psychological, social and physical signs and symptoms of a person who might be abusing substances. The training was part of an ongoing effort of businesses in the community to join together to combat the devastating personal and economic effects drug abuse can have on a communities fabric. Conducting the presentation for the Turning Point were Destri Long, LSW and Stephen King CDCA, TTS. To learn more or schedule a presentation for your business, contact the Turning Point of Paulding County, Inc. at 419-399-5612.

LATTA LETTERS STRESS IMPORTANCE OF APPEAL FOR FEDERAL DISASTER DECLARATION

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) sent letters to President Obama and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Administrator Craig Fugate stressing the importance of Governor Strickland's appeal

Answers to "Sudoku puzzle 7/8/10"

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7	3	1	2	5	8	6	4	9
6	5	9	4	1	3	7	8	2
3	2	5	1	9	6	4	7	8
9	1	7	5	8	4	2	3	6
4	8	6	3	7	2	5	9	1

to FEMA for Wood, Fulton, and Ottawa Counties to be declared federal disaster areas in the wake of the deadly tornados that hit the area on June 5th. Specifically, the letters ask for a copy of the written formulas that were used in the evaluation process for this specific disaster declaration request so that the appeal is successful.

"For an area that is already struggling in this economic downturn, and has been extremely hard hit with high unemployment, the impact caused by these storms is overwhelming. I believe that this appeal is very important especially since items might have

been missed in the funding calculations. The information needs to be supplied so that the appeal can be successful. This disaster was extremely severe for these communities, and it is not feasible for the local and state governments to be able to assist individuals to the needed extent with the incredible damage caused to their homes and businesses," Latta stated in the letters.

Congressman Latta has now sent multiple letters to President Obama and FEMA asking for the prompt approval for Wood, Fulton, and Ottawa Counties to be declared federal disaster areas.

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PAULDING SENIOR CENTER DINING MENU FOR 7/14 THROUGH 7/20

- 7/14 - Tuna Salad w/Lettuce, Potato Rival Soup, Fresh Melon
- 7/15 - Chicken Breast, Rice Pilaf, Stewed Tomatoes, Brussel Sprouts, Mandarin Oranges, WW Bread
- 7/16 - Pork Roast, Mashed Potatoes, Creamed Peas, Fruit Cup, Dinner Roll, Brownie
- 7/19 - Pepper Steak, Rice, Winter Blend, Pears, WW Bread
- 7/20 - Baked Ham, Au-gratin Potatoes, Spinach, Applesauce, Watergate Salad, Cornbread

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Kevin and Janet Atkins (of Homeplace Pantry and Sweet to the Soul Honey) of Cecil announces the arrival of their newest blessing from the Lord. Miss Caledonia Truth Atkins was born at home on Tuesday, July 6, 2010 and was gratefully welcomed by her seven siblings.

BUFFALO GIRL POWWOW IN SHERWOOD

The Woodland Native American Indians will be coming back to perform traditional dances. Head dancer is Bo Jacob. All Veterans will be honored Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The 'Friendly Voices', a drum group, and Native American Flutist, David Rogers, and a Hoop Dancer will also be entertaining.

Indian cooking along with Native American crafts and jewelry along with buffalo hides and skulls will be for sale. They will have a demonstration on how to tan buffalo hides as well.

This event will be held on July 23, 24 and 25 at 14124 Roland Road in Sherwood, Ohio.

VANTAGE POLICE ACADEMY NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS

The Vantage Police Academy held the annual Class Recognition for its 17th class on May 10, 2010. The Vantage Police Academy began in September, 1993 and saw its first class complete their training in May of 1994, under the direction of Van Wert City Police Officer William R. Good III, who served in the capacity of Commander for the first five years. Van Wert City Police Sergeant Jeff Hammons then took over as Commander and served in that capacity for five years. Current Commander Bruce W. Showalter has served in that capacity for the past seven years and is also affiliated with the Van Wert Police Department and Van Wert County Juvenile Court.

Members of this year's Academy class successfully completed the required 610 hour course, making them eligible to take the Police Officer Certification Examination under the direction of the Ohio Peace Officer Training Counsel. The instruction given the students included Police Administration, Legal Instruction in Ohio and Federal Law, Human Relations, Firearms, Defensive & Pursuit Driving, Subject Control Techniques, First Aid, Police Patrol, Civil Disorders, Traffic Investigation and Enforcement, Criminal Investigation, Physical Conditioning and Homeland Security.

The students were required to pass academic and psychomotor skills testing to successfully complete the program. The students could not

miss more than 13.5 hours of instruction throughout the entire 610 hours to remain eligible for testing.

Those successfully completing the program and obtaining passing scores on the Peace Officer Training Academy Basic Instructor certification test were: Michael T. Biberstine of Van Wert, Michael A. Brehm of Rockford, Seth B. Freund of Van Wert, James R. Groch Jr. of Delphos, Jacob W. Neace of Antwerp, and Dustin R. Younker of Celina.

Vantage is proud to have the tradition and reputation of training prospective police officer candidates for all of northwest Ohio. Vantage graduates are now working in police work at many agencies in the region and have proven themselves to be valuable assets to the communities they serve.

The Vantage Police Academy is now taking applications and interviewing prospective students for the next class set to begin in September. Applications can be obtained by contacting Vantage Career Center at 818 N. Franklin St. Van Wert, Ohio or by calling 419-238-5411 and asking for the Adult Education Department. For additional information please contact Commander Showalter at Vantage Career Center.

WOMEN INTERESTED IN AGRICULTURE INVITED

Barb Rohrs and Cheryl Barber Spires, OSU Extension Educators, Maumee Valley EERA, invite women involved in agriculture to attend a 1 day intensive session of Annie's Project. Many skills are needed to keep a farm operational in today's world. Record keeping, marketing, family dynamics, intergenerational communication skills, insurances are just some of the topics covered in the program.

Annie's Project will be held at the Ohio State University Extension office, 6879 Evansport Rd, Defiance, Ohio on Friday, August 6, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Participants will receive Annie's project notebook with additional supporting materials and information on each topic. Lunch is included.

This program has been offered in several states and now is offered in NW Ohio. USDA has provided funding for the program. In the past, women attended that are retired, actively involved in the farm operation, wanting or needing to understand marketing and/or planning to marry into a farm family. The information presented is beneficial to every woman involved in agriculture. For more information call the Defiance County OSU Extension office, 419-782-4771 or 800-745-4771.

PAULDING HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND DISMISSALS

- Admissions:*
 6/21 - Deloris Stoller, Paulding
 6/23 - Larry Miller, Paulding
 6/26 - Cynthia Bowers, Paulding
 6/26 - Larry Miller, Paulding
 6/29 - Warren Lucas, Latty
 7/1 - Linda Akers, Paulding; Cameron Barajas, Paul-

- ing
 7/2 - Mabel Jenkins, Payne
 7/3 - Jeffrey Potter, Cecil
Dismissals:
 6/21 - Connie Morrison, Paulding
 6/24 - Deloris Stoller, Paulding
 6/26 - Larry Miller, Paulding
 7/3 - Warren Lucas, Latty; Cynthia Bowers, Paulding; Mabel Jenkins, Payne

YOUR INPUT GUIDES MY DECISIONS AS A STATE SENATOR

Capitol Letters Weekly Column by: Senator Steve Buehrer

One of my most valued resources as a state senator is the feedback I get from you and other residents of northwest Ohio about key local and state issues. Your thoughts and concerns help guide my policy decisions in Columbus and improve my service to our region.

This summer, I plan to attend several county fairs in the 1st Senate District, as well as other area events to meet with people one-on-one. Unfortunately, there is not an opportunity to talk to everyone in a 10-county district that stretches from Williams County in the north to portions of Auglaize County in the south. Therefore, in addition to responding to your phone calls, letters and emails, my office will continue to send out 2,000 newsletters every month to different areas in the 1st District. These newsletters, which I have distributed monthly since coming to the Senate in 2007, not only provide updates about my work in the Legislature, but also include a short survey to give constituents an opportunity to comment on several current issues being debated in state government.

The past several months have been a busy, important and sometimes contentious time in the General Assembly, and my office has received hundreds of responses to the survey during that time about issues ranging from the state budget to education to the Strickland Administration's proposal to spend federal and state taxpayer dollars to build passenger rail service connecting Cincinnati, Columbus, Cleveland and Dayton. I would like to use my column this week to discuss some of

the results. By far the most critical issue facing lawmakers has and will continue to be the state's fiscal situation. Many experts agree that if steps are not taken soon to dramatically reduce the size and cost of state government, state leaders will be stuck with the daunting task of trying to fix an estimated \$8 billion structural deficit in 2011 without the aid of the billions of federal stimulus dollars and other one-time money that was used to balance the current budget.

The newsletter survey did not address specific cuts in the budget, but when asked if they thought it was better to cut government services or to raise additional revenue through increased taxes or fees, an overwhelming majority of respondents indicated that they support spending cuts. Seventy-five percent said it is better to cut government services, 10 percent supported tax or fee increases to balance the budget and 15 percent were undecided.

I believe that just as families have had to cut back during these tough times, government has a responsibility to do the same. The state should be working to reduce the tax burden on businesses and individuals not asking them for more money. In fact, when asked their view of Ohio's current tax rate, more than 68 percent of survey respondents said that state taxes are already too high.

Despite this looming budget crisis, earlier this year, the Strickland Administration proposed spending \$400 million in federal stimulus funds to study and build a passenger train system linking Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati and Dayton that could cost Ohio taxpayers tens of millions of dollars per year to keep up and running. Senate Republicans have raised a number of serious concerns about the project's cost and questioned whether the slow speed of the trains (they would average 39 mph) will be inconvenient for passengers and not competitive with automobile travel. When asked to give their thoughts on the Governor's 3-C rail proposal, 52 percent of survey respondents said they oppose the idea, while 31 percent indicated support for the plan.

In an effort to raise funds for Ohio's state parks and ease the burden on the state's operating budget, Senate Re-

publicans have been exploring the idea of allowing oil and gas drilling on state-owned property, which according to estimates, could generate millions of dollars per year. Seventy-three percent of survey respondents said they would support drilling on state land, while 16 percent were opposed.

One of the biggest expenditures in the state budget every two years is our rehabilitation and corrections system. Currently, many of the state's prisons are overcrowded, which has not only increased costs for Ohio taxpayers, but impacted the safety of the men and women who work in these facilities. The state recently partnered with the Council of State Governments to study possible reforms to reduce the prison population and cut costs. In addition, legislation is pending in the Senate which would allow some prisoners to get credit against their sentences for good behavior and expand community corrections alternatives for non-violent offenders. When asked, 68 percent of survey respondents said they would support such a proposal, 20 percent were opposed and 12 percent were undecided.

The Strickland Administration's education reform package, which was introduced as part of the budget bill last spring, proposed extending the school year by 20 days. Senate Republicans wanted to make sure that if days were added, they would be meaningful and educationally beneficial for Ohio's students, so an agreement was reached to require the State Superintendent to study the issue and report back to the General Assembly by the end of this year. Fifty-two percent of survey respondents said they would support lengthening the school year, while 31 percent were opposed.

The debate over these and other important issues will continue in the coming months, and I urge residents of the 1st Senate District to continue to contact me with any questions, thoughts or concerns. I would like to thank all those who responded to my newsletter survey. Your answers will guide my future actions in the Senate and help improve my work on behalf of the people of northwest Ohio.

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FREE & REDUCED MEALS POLICY ANNOUNCED FOR AREA SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Paulding Exempted Village, Antwerp Local and Wayne Trace Local School Districts announced its 2010-2011 program year policy for free and reduced-price meals for students unable to pay the full price of meals or milk served under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast, After School Care Snack or Special Milk Program. Each school office and the central office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

The Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines will be used for determining eligibility. Children from families whose annual income is at or below the Federal Guidelines are eligible for free and reduced price meals or free milk if the school participates in the Special Milk Program.

Application forms will be distributed to all homes in a letter to parents or guardians. To apply for free and reduced-price benefits, households should fill out the application and return it to the school. Additional copies are available at the principal's office in each school. A complete application is required. Households which currently receive Special Nutrition Assistance Program Benefits (SNAP, formally known as food stamps) or Ohio Works First (OWF) funds for a child must provide the child's name, the SNAP or OWF case number and signature of an adult household member on the application. Households which do not receive SNAP or OWF funds must provide the names of all household members, the Social Security Number of the adult signing the application or state "none" if the adult does not have a number, the amount and source of income received by each household member, (state the monthly income) and the signature of an adult household member. If any of this information is missing, the school cannot process the application.

FREE HEALTHCARE: Families with children eligible for school meals may be eligible for FREE health care coverage through Medicaid and/or Ohio's Healthy Start & Healthy Families programs.

These programs include coverage for doctor visits, immunizations, physicals, prescriptions, dental, vision, mental health, substance abuse and more. Please call 1-800-324-8680 for more information or to request an application. Information can also be found on the web at <http://jfs.ohio.gov/OHP/consumers/family-child.stm>. Anyone who has an Ohio Medicaid card is already receiving these services.

The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by school or other program official. To discourage the possibility of misrepresentation, the application forms contain a statement above the space for signature certifying that all information furnished is true and correct. Applications are being made in connection with the receipt of federal funds. Schools or other officials may check the information on the application at any time during the school year. Deliberate misrepresentative of information may subject the applicant to prosecution under applicable state and federal laws.

Households will be notified of the approval or denial of benefits.

In certain cases, foster children are also eligible for these benefits regardless of the household's income. If a family has foster children living with them and wishes to apply for such meals or milk for them, contact the school for more information.

Under the provision of the policy, the following will review applications and determine eligibility: At Paulding-Building Principals; At Antwerp-Elementary Principal; At Wayne Trace-Building Principals. If a parent or guardian disagrees with the decision on the application or the result of verification, the decision may be discussed with the determining official on an informal basis. If a formal appeal is desired, the household has the right to a fair hearing. A fair hearing can be requested either orally or in writing form:

Paulding - Patricia Ross, Local Superintendent; 405 N. Water Street, Paulding OH 45879; Paulding phone, 419-399-4656; Oakwood phone to

Paulding, 419-594-3309.

Wayne Trace - Brian Gerber, Local Superintendent; 4915 US Rt 127, Haviland, OH 45851; Phone, 419-399-4113.

Antwerp - Mark Hartman, Local Superintendent; 303 S. Harrmann Road, Antwerp, OH 45813; Phone, 419-258-5421.

The policy contains an outline of the hearing procedure.

Households may apply for benefits any time during the school year. If a household is not currently eligible and if the household size increases or income decreases because of unemployment or other reasons, the family should contact the school to file a new application. Such changes may make the children of the family eligible for free or reduced-price benefits if the family income falls at or below the levels shown above.

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GENEROUS DONORS MAKE "BACK TO SCHOOL CONTEST" IN OAKWOOD POSSIBLE

Once again a friend of the library has donated book bags full of school supplies for the "Back to School Contest" at the Cooper Community Library in Oakwood which is a branch of the Paulding County Carnegie Library system. The contest will run through the month of July. For every book that a child checks out and reads or is read to an entry form can be completed for a chance to win a school bag full of school supplies! This contest is for children who will be attending school this year.

PAULDING RESERVOIR LEAGUE STANDINGS AS OF 6/21

Coed Monday League

1. On The Edge Construction 8-2
2. Nasty Habits 7-3
3. Eagles 7-3
4. Pack Rats 5-5
5. Welch Trophies 5-5
6. Olympic Lanes 4-6
7. A&W Rootbeer 4-6
8. Just Smokin 1-9

Mens Tuesday League

1. Pitstop/Lee Kinstle 14-2
2. BWW 14-2
3. Hitmen 13-3
4. Hoffman Builders 8-8
5. Gorrell Auctioneers 8-8
6. MPR/Wesleys 6-10
7. Guilford's 6-10
8. Larsons Body Shop 4-12
9. Dooley Funeral Home 1-15

Womens Wednesday League

1. Carpet Wholesalers 11-0
2. TJ's Bar 9-2
3. Jay Dangler Excavating 7-4
4. Munger Properties 8-3
5. C&H Lanes 6-5
6. Paulding VFW 4-7
7. Antwerp VFW 4-6
8. Pit Stop 4-6
9. Lengacher Construction 0-10
10. The Gardens 1-10

Mens Thursday League

1. Alliance 13-1
2. Country Cabinets 13-1
3. Nasty Habits 10-5
4. Antwerp Pharmacy 7-8
5. Lafarge 6-9
6. Nemco 7-7
7. Grace Home Improvements 6-9
8. Haviland Tile 2-12
9. Budweiser 2-13

Wednesday Night Wiffleball League

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

FALL SOFTBALL LEAGUES FORMING AT PAULDING RESERVOIR PARK

Fall Coed Softball Leagues are now forming at Paulding Reservoir Park. Sign up at the concession stand by August 1st. There will be a meeting on August 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

Leagues will be held on Tuesday and Thursday nights. For more information go to www.eteamz.com/theswamp or call 419-399-2981.

THE WEATHER CORNER

By: Joshua Steiner

The Eastern heat wave was letting up last Thursday when temperatures in many of the East Coast's biggest cities only reached the upper eighties and lower nineties. Even though temperatures were lower, the humidity was still a big threat making the air temperature feel like the upper nineties in parts of the eastern United States. In the five day heat wave starting on Sunday, July 4, 2010 and ending on Thursday, July 8, 2010, only seven deaths were reported with many more hospitalized. On Monday, in the Northeast, there were 33 records broken and many cities such as New York and Philly reaching the upper nineties and lower 100's. On Tuesday and Wednesday, the heat was

ARCHER CROSS COUNTRY MAKES A SPLASH FOR NEW SEASON



The Antwerp Cross Country Team kicked off their upcoming season with a water balloon fight and cookout on Saturday, July 10. The team has now started two practices per day to prepare for the 2010-2011 school year. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net Photo by Tawnya English.

so bad that it shattered over 282 records in the big cities of the Big Apple, Philly, and the Capital. Over in northwest Ohio, during the heat wave, our temperatures have been in the mid 90's and even a few upper 90's and lower 100's with oppressively high dew points in the 70's and humidity in the 50 percentile. Thursday, July 8, 2010, northwest Ohio was hit by heavy rain and thunderstorms in the late afternoon and early evening that were caused by steamy conditions in Indiana.

Even though this heat wave may not go down in the record books, many records were still broken. This was also recorded to be the hottest temperatures in a decade in many cities. Experts were comparing this heat wave to the 1995 Midwest heat wave that hit Chicago where over 600 people died and 400 of them alone died in the greater Chicago area. Many areas in the Plains hit over 110 during the heat wave and Chicago hit 106 on the hottest day of the heat wave.

Before the Eastern heat wave hit this year, temperatures had already been way above average especially in May and June when the National Weather Service said that they were warmest May and June on record. Temperatures are still forecasted to stay above average for the rest of the year with the core of the above average temperatures being in the Great Lakes area and Northeast including Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, West Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New York, Michigan, and parts of Wisconsin. August is forecasted to have several heat waves until the very end of the month when we could have heavy rain.

If you have questions, please email me at: storm_reportsjoshua@yahoo.com and we will try our best to answer these questions and put them in the newspaper. You may ask questions about anything weather related and/or about any of my articles.

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Upcoming WEATHER Forecast

Wed, Jul 14 - Sunny High 90° - Low 72°	
Thu, Jul 15 - Scattered Thunder-Storms High 94° - Low 70°	
Fri, Jul 16 - Isolated T-Storms High 88° - Low 67°	
Sat, Jul 17 - Partly Cloudy High 88° - Low 67°	
Sun, Jul 18 - Partly Cloudy High 90° - Low 68°	
Mon, Jul 19 - Scattered T-Storms High 87° - Low 67°	
Tue, Jul 20 - Sunny High 85° - Low 67°	

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HOUSE MAJORITY IS OUT OF TOUCH WITH OHIO'S NEEDS

Guest Column from Representative Lynn Wachtmann

This time last year, House Democrats passed an economically irresponsible biennial budget. While demonstrating that Democrats are out of touch with the citizens' interests, this budget has put Ohio's future at risk as the state continues to spend and tax without considering the long-term repercussions. As your state representative, I am infuriated at how Ohio's high-tax, big-government Democrats are abusing your hard-earned income and prolonging the state's recession.

The motto of this biennial budget seems to be 'thoughtlessly overspend and shift the cost to the people' when it should have been 'reduce government waste to stimulate the economy.' The budget increased spending by \$7 billion dollars through the next three years, funded through rapidly depleting resources.

To pay for careless spending, the budget imposed more than 134 new fees and fines that will cost Ohio's citizens and businesses more than \$1 billion over the next two years. It also relies on billions in one-time funds that will be gone in two years.

House Democrats also raised taxes to fund unchecked spending through House Bill 318, passed in December 2009. HB 318 raised

tax rates by 4.2 percent, forcing Ohio's taxpayers to relinquish to the state an additional \$900 million. Clearly, the House Democrats are blind to the fact that Ohioans are already among the highest taxed people in the nation and continue to suffer through some of the highest unemployment rates.

While the legislature debated the budget last summer, my Republican colleagues and I realized that the budget would hurt families and small businesses, because the out-of-control spending would lead to tax increases like HB 318. We proposed initiatives that would have saved the state \$1 billion annually by decreasing the budget deficit and eliminating wasteful spending. However, these measures were predictably ignored by the thickheaded majority.

Perhaps if a Democrat had introduced some of these initiatives, they would have been thoughtfully considered. But as we have seen, party politics continues to hold the gavel in the Ohio House.

The majority found all kinds of frivolous ways to spend tax dollars, but also managed to cut spending to important education programs. Overall, the budget cut funding to public and private schools by a whopping \$90 million. It also cut financial aid for Ohio's college students by \$239 million and put their educations at risk by removing tuition freezes.

Time and time again, the House Democrats have proven that short-term solutions and political pandering are the only strategies in their playbook. They created a massive budget deficit that will cost citizens for years to come and block our state's economic recovery, while ignoring all common-sense proposals from across the aisle.

Through this train wreck of a budget, it is clear that many state "representatives" do not represent the people of Ohio at all.

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WESTERN BUCKEYE GOVERNING BOARD HOLDS JULY MEETING

The Western Buckeye ESC Governing Board held their regular monthly Board meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 8, 2010 in the Paulding ESC Board Office with all Board members present. Board President Mr. Nick Miller welcomed Board members and school personnel to the meeting.

The Board members approved the agenda for the evening, which included three employee resignations. The Board expressed their collective appreciation to Brett Hammons, Rebecca Kohart, and Becky Macki for the excellent work they did as Western Buckeye employees in their respective positions. All three accepted positions with area school districts - Hammons with Antwerp, Kohart with Paulding, and Macki with Crestview.

In the meeting, Superintendent John Basinger reviewed with the Board several upcoming professional development activities including the annual bus and van driver in-service sponsored by Western Buckeye ESC and this year hosted by Vantage Career Center on August 5, 2010 from 8:00 am until noon. He also discussed the Technology Integration and the New Academic Standards (TINS) Conference co-sponsored by Western Buckeye ESC and Northwest Ohio Educational Technology (NWOET) Agency. The TINS Conference will be held at Bowling Green State University.

Treasurer Kristine Stuart reviewed the current financial investments and the monthly expenditures report with the Board. She also presented for Board approval the final FY10 financial reports. Stuart stated "Our fiscal staff and I are looking forward to working with the local school districts in Paulding and Van Wert Counties again for the 2010-2011 school year."

In the business portion of the meeting, the Board:

****Approved the minutes from the June 24, 2010 Regular Meeting.**

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

****Accepted the resignation of Brett Hammons from his position of Preschool Classroom Coordinator, effective at the end of the 2009-2010 school year.**

****Accepted the resignation of Rebecca Kohart from her position of Development**

tal Preschool Intervention Teacher, effective at the end of the 2009-2010 school year.

****Accepted the resignation of Becky Macki from her position of Gifted/Title I teacher, effective at the end of the 2009-2010 school year.**

****Approved John Basinger and Gary Ginter to serve on the Van Wert Area School Insurance Group (VWASIG) Board of Trustees for the 2010-2011 school year.**

****Entered into an agreement with Midwest Rehab, Inc. for speech therapy services for the 2010-2011 school year to be used on an as-needed basis.**

****Entered into a contract with Northwest Ohio Area Computer Services Cooperative (NOACSC) to provide internet, fiscal, and EMIS services for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.**

****Approved participation in the Northwest Ohio Computer Service Cooperative and Ohio School Board Association Worker's Compensation Group Rating Program for the period January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011.**

****Approved the Western Buckeye ESC Technology Plan with eTech Ohio for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013.**

****Approved an agreement with Schools of Ohio Risk Sharing Authority (SORSA) for property and liability insurance for the period of July 1, 2010 to July 1, 2011.**

The Board meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m. with no additional Board action. The next regular Governing Board meeting of the Western Buckeye Educational Service Center will be on August 12, 2010 starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Van Wert ESC Office.

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If you mail your tax payment into the office it must be postmarked by July 20 to avoid any penalty or interest. Trailer Tax Will Be Due Thursday, July 29, 2010

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ODOT CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE PROJECTS WEEK OF JULY 12, 2010

Defiance County:

Resurfacing of 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

—Clinton Street between Deatricks and Sessions Avenue

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

The ramps on the south side of the interchange (the exit ramp from eastbound U.S. 24 to Ohio 66, and the entrance ramp from Ohio 66 to eastbound U.S. 24) were closed on July 6 for reconstruction. The ramp reconstruction work will be coordinated with the final stages of construction of the new structure over U.S. 24 and the adjacent roadway construction on Ohio 66.

Traffic on Ohio 66 detoured as follows during this phase:

—Ohio 66 northbound - Traffic detoured onto westbound Ohio 15/18 to eastbound U.S. 24 to Domersville Road to northbound U.S. 24 back to westbound Ohio 66.

—Ohio 66 southbound - Traffic detoured onto westbound U.S. 24 to eastbound Ohio 15/18 back to southbound Ohio 66.

—Eastbound U.S. 24 traffic wishing to access southbound Ohio 66 will be detoured onto eastbound Ohio 15/18 to southbound Ohio 66.

—Eastbound U.S. 24 traffic wishing to access northbound Ohio 66 will be detoured to Domersville Road to westbound U.S. 24 to northbound Ohio 66.

On August 17, both the above-mentioned ramps and the new Ohio 66 bridge over U.S. 24 will open to traffic. When the new structure and ramps open, the ramps on the

north side (the exit ramp from westbound U.S. 24 to Ohio 66, and the entrance ramp from Ohio 66 to westbound U.S. 24) will then close for reconstruction. The ramps on the north side are scheduled to open September 23.

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 west to SR 15/18 to U.S. 24 east 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.

U.S. 24 between Baltimore Road and Ohio 15/18 - Bridge cleaning will reduce traffic to one lane through the work zone both eastbound and westbound. Work is being performed by Defiance County ODOT.

U.S. 127 between the Paulding County line to Sherwood and between Blosser and Huber Road - Sealing of pavement cracks will reduce traffic to one lane through the work zone. Work is being performed by Defiance County ODOT.

Ohio 249 between Farmer and Ney - Sealing of pavement cracks will reduce traffic to one lane through the work zone. Work is being performed by Defiance County ODOT.

Paulding County:

Ohio 637 over Maddox Creek between County Road 24 and County Road 12 - Route will close for 21 days beginning August 2 for bridge rehabilitation. Traffic detoured onto U.S. 224, U.S. 127 and Ohio 114 back to Ohio 637. Work is being

performed by Vernon Nagel, Inc., Napoleon.

Ohio 49 north of Antwerp - Berm work will reduce traffic to one lane through the work zone. Work is being performed by Paulding County ODOT.

River Street (County Road 424/old U.S. 24) from Main Street to Island Street in the village of Antwerp - Pavement reconstruction, water line, sidewalk and curb work expected to begin the week of July 19. Traffic will be maintained until July 26 when River Street will close for a period of 60 days. Work is being performed by Diversified Road and Pipe, Whitehouse.

Ohio 49 just north of Antwerp - Project has been delayed. The route will close at a date yet to be determined for a bridge repair. Traffic will be 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 is now open. Finish work will continue at the site with traffic maintained through the work zone. Work is being performed by Paulding County ODOT.

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.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES FOR 6/28/10

This 28th 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 Nola Ginter, Clerk

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:

Warrants documented as 169314 through 169328 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

TRAVEL REQUEST:

Timothy Baumle, OSAVSC Summer Conference, Dublin OH - July 16 & 18, 2010

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2010 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 158):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2010 Annual Appropriation in Fund 158:

Fund 158 - WIA Area 7 - 158-001-00003/Administrative, \$59,600.29

IN THE MATTER OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 128):

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

FROM: Pay-In 87018

TO: 128-001-00008/Defiance/Paulding Counties Joint

AMOUNT: \$48,400.00

Auglaize Sewer Project

IN THE MATTER OF DISPOSAL OF UNNEEDED, OBSOLETE, OR UNFIT PERSONAL PROPERTY:

The Paulding County Sheriff's Office owns two vehicles that are unfit for the

use for which they were acquired; and the fair market value of each vehicle is, in the opinion of the Board, two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) or less; the Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize the Paulding County Sheriff to sell privately or donate the following vehicles:

1996 Pontiac Grand AM SE 2D VIN# IG2NE12M1TC821454

1995 Ford F15 Pickup Truck VIN# 1FTEF15N4SLB32291

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Susan Simpson, County Auditor - Ms. Simpson met with the Commissioners to review the county audit costs.

Mandy Lichty, Dog Warden - Ms. Lichty met with the Commissioners for an update. She will be preparing reports (at the Commissioners request) on the activity/dogs handled so far in 2010.

Denise Gebers, Paulding Progress - Ms. Gebers met with the Commissioners to gather information for a news article.

GROWING FREIGHT DEMAND DESERVES NEW INVESTMENT, TRANSPORTATION STUDY SAYS

In 10 years, an additional 1.8 million trucks will be on the nation's roads; the widening of the Panama Canal will shift significant volumes of goods from West Coast ports to ports on the Atlantic Coast and in the Gulf of Mexico, and overall freight carried by rail will grow 38 percent from today's quantities.

As a result, according to a new national report released

today, the transportation system that supports the movement of freight across America and into Ohio deserves continued and new federal investment.

Ohio Department of Transportation Director Jolene M. Molitoris joined her colleagues from ten Midwestern states for the release of this new report, Unlocking Freight, researched by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO).

AASHTO's analysis of America's multi-modal freight system finds that the nation's highways, railroads, ports, waterways, and airports require investments well beyond current federal levels to maintain—much less improve—their performance. The report identifies key projects across the country that could improve freight delivery and dependability.

AASHTO President and Mississippi Transportation Director Larry "Butch" Brown said, "The simple fact is: No transportation, no economy. They are inseparable."

"The nation's multi-modal freight transportation system directly affects economic development, current and future jobs, and the quality of life in our communities," said ODOT Director Molitoris at a special news event in Des Moines, Iowa. "Today, the American freight transportation system supports more than 10 million jobs across our nation—from couriers, truckers, laborers, shippers, railroad conductors and mechanics to postal carriers, warehouse operators and stock clerks."

"Think about how many more jobs will be added as the

logistics and distribution industry grows over time. You begin to see the reason why this study is so important for Ohio and the Midwest," added Director Molitoris.

The report identifies the top 1,000 miles of most heavily traveled highways used by trucks, including Interstate 70 and Interstate 80 through Ohio.

AASHTO also brings attention to the nation's top highway interchange bottlenecks for trucking, which cause an estimated \$19 billion in lost productivity. Among the top 20 chokepoints are two interchanges in Ohio: the Interstate 70-71 interchange with State Route 315 in Columbus (with an estimated 367,500 hours of delay each year for trucks) and the Interstate 75 interchange with Interstate 74 near Cincinnati (with an estimated 305,800 hours of delay each year).

With 60 percent of the nation's population just a day's drive from Ohio's major cities, Ohio is a leading hub for the logistics and distribution industry. The state's agricultural and manufacturing supply chain is also crucial to the economic recovery of Ohio and the nation.

Unlocking Freight is the second in a series generated by AASHTO to identify the need to increase capacity in our transportation system and identify additional federal investment in state transportation efforts. The report was launched as part of AASHTO's Mississippi Valley Conference Annual Meeting in Des Moines.

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