

PAULDING COUNTY PERFORMERS SET FOR OHIO HAS TALENT!

Performers from throughout northwest and west central Ohio are set to compete in Community Health Professionals' third Ohio Has Talent! variety show on February 6, 7:00 p.m. at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center in Van Wert.

Based on the popular television program America's Got Talent!, the 2010 show will again feature 20 competing acts from through-



Desiree Delgado

out the area, including three from Paulding County. They were chosen from among 50 musical, dance and various other acts that auditioned in November.

Adam Daniels is a second grade student at Oakwood Elementary School who likes to sing because it makes him feel happy inside. His parents are Kevin and Kathy Daniels of Grover Hill.



Adam Daniels

Desiree Delgado is a junior at Antwerp High School. She will be singing in the show and would like to become a paralegal. Her parents are Todd and Carla VanCleve.

Dayton Pracht is a fifth grade student at Paulding Elementary School who has been playing guitar since he was six years old. His parents are David and Kelly Pracht.

Winners will be chosen by the audience and awarded cash prizes: \$500-first place, \$250-second place, \$100-third place. Proceeds



Dayton Pracht

from the show benefit Community Health Professionals' Van Wert Area Inpatient Hospice Center.

Tickets are available through the Niswonger Performing Arts Center ticket office. Contact the NPAC ticket office: 419-238-6722 or www.npacvw.org.

PAYNE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DIRECTIONAL MEETING

Are you free on Wednesday, January 28th at 7:00 p.m.? If so, we would love to see you at our next Payne Chamber of Commerce meeting. We are hoping to update our by-laws and purpose for existing. While this may sound boring, it will be a great time to influence the direction the Chamber takes as we move forward. Please come to St. Jacob's United Church of Christ (SW corner of Oak and Hyman St) to help us take this vital step forward. The public is welcomed and is encouraged to attend.

PAULDING COUNTY ANNOUNCES CONSERVATION FUNDING

Over \$11 million in financial assistance is available to Ohio agricultural producers to apply conservation practices on their farms through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). To be considered for the first round of funding selections, farmers must apply at the Paulding Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office by February 16. EQIP is offered through a continuous sign-up, but NRCS periodically makes funding selections as program dollars allow.

EQIP offers technical and financial assistance to install conservation practices. This voluntary program aims at conserving, protecting, and restoring soil and water quality, air quality, and habitat for plants and animals. A variety of conservation practices, such as tile stops and secondary containment facilities are used to achieve the natural

resources management goals of the producer.

An environmental ranking score is developed for each applicant from a conservation plan which considers national, state, and local natural resource concerns. In Paulding resource concerns include soil erosion, water quality and wildlife habitat.

When the application is scored, it is compared to other applications and ranked according to the environmental benefit of the conservation plan. To improve the chance of funding for special categories of natural resource concerns or crops, a number of unique EQIP subgroups have been developed. These include:

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OBITUARIES

Donald R. Starry, 65, of Antwerp, passed away, Thursday, January 14, 2010 at his home.

Donald was born in Antwerp on February 29, 1944, a son of the late Pearl (Hoover) and Earl Starry.

He served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam; was a member of Antwerp VFW Post 5087 and worked at Uniroyal Goodrich, Woodburn.

He will be sadly missed by his children: Charles (Denise) of Antwerp, Craig (Sherry) of Sherwood, Christine (Alan) Carnahan of Stryker, and Linda (Rob) Shipman of Payne; brother, Richard of Antwerp; sister, Marge Proxmire of Paulding; 12 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

His sister, Helen Oller; and brother, Harold, preceded him in death.

His funeral service was at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, on Monday, January 18, 2010.

Memorials are to Dooley Funeral Home, PO Box 452, Antwerp 45813. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

THANK YOU

The family of Joe Ott would like to thank everyone for their prayers, hugs, words of comfort, cards, food and help in our time of need with the loss of our dad and grandfather. A special thanks to the Manor House for the wonderful care given to Joe over the last 2½ years, the staff at the Essen House for trying to find just the right food for him to eat, Father Fillman and Divine Mercy Church, St. Michaels Church in Hicksville, Dr. Kuhn, Shawn Dooley and all who visited him while he resided at the Manor House.

Your expressions of love and sympathy have helped us all as we celebrate the 98 years that our father and grandfather celebrated life.

God bless you all.
—The family of Joe Ott

SUPERBOWL FUNDRAISER AT WOODBURN UMC

The Woodburn United Methodist Youth Group wants to make your Superbowl Party easy to plan! We are selling Papa Murphy's ready to bake pizzas and Papa Murphy's discount cards to raise money for youth activities. We are taking orders until February 4, and will have the pizzas available for pick up on Superbowl Sunday at Woodburn United Methodist Church. We also have Papa Murphy's discount cards. The cards are able to be redeemed at a variety of locations in Indiana and Ohio.

Part of the money from this fundraiser will go toward our "adopted" family from Burma. We are getting to know this family of six - three sons, one daughter, mom and dad. It is a slow process since none of them speak much English, but we are learning about their culture, and they are learning about ours. They are very poor, and we are hoping to help them with some of their basic needs with our pizza profits.

If you are interested in pizza or discount cards you can contact any Woodburn UMC Youth Member, or call Lisa at (260)438-9329.

HOW TO KILL GOLDFISH AND OTHER LIVING THINGS

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

I read this week of how one man experiences a dramatic illustration on how to treat other people. See if it speaks to you as it did to me.

At their school carnival, our kids won four free goldfish (lucky us!), so out I went Saturday morning to buy an aquarium. The first few I priced ranged from \$40 to \$70. Then I spotted it—right in the aisle: a discarded 10-gallon display tank, complete with gravel and filter - for a mere five bucks. Sold! Of course, it was nasty dirty, but the savings made the two hours of clean-up a breeze. Those four new fish looked great in their new home, at least for the first day. But by Sunday one had died. Too bad, but three remained. Monday morning revealed a second casualty,

and by Monday night a third goldfish had gone belly up. We called in an expert, a member of our church who has a 30-gallon tank. It didn't take him long to discover the problem: I had washed the tank with soap, an absolute no-no. My uninformed efforts had destroyed the very lives I was trying to protect.

Sometimes in our zeal to clean up our own lives or those of others, we unfortunately use 'killer soaps' - condemnation, criticism, nagging, fits of temper. We think we're doing right, but our harsh, self-righteous treatment is more than they can bear.

The guy makes a good point. So often our treatment of a problem ends up being worse than the problem itself. Too often we have a tendency to think that it's our responsibility to run around and 'straighten up' our mates, children, and friends. And we tend to go overboard. We push too hard and too fast and too far. And in the end, we often do more hurting than helping.

How different from God's discipline in the life of the believer! The Lord's activity in the life of a Christian is always meant to direct, never destroy... to correct, never to crush. His firmness never degenerates into harshness.

Granted, God does hold us responsible for our own changed behavior, and He does want us to admonish, teach and correct others. But such a responsibility needs to be done in the right way, at the right time, and with the right attitude. Proverbs 17:10 states, "A rebuke goes deeper into a man of understanding than a hundred blows into a fool." If rebukes sink that deeply, then we had better be extremely careful about the nature of those rebukes and the context from which they come.

To be sure, we need to continue to grow in our relationship with Christ and encourage others to do the same. But let us do so with sensitivity, gentleness and kindness. Three goldfish floating belly up in an aquarium are graphic reminders.

THE ONE TRUE CHURCH: THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH #1

By: James Potter, Oakwood church of Christ

Today, as I write this article up, I am going to go over what we have studied in the past few weeks. As you read this, my prayer is that you would check the book, chapter and verse out, and that you can understand that Christ has only one church not many as it tells us in Ephesians 4:4-6.

Today, there are many

who claim to be the one true church that are preaching and teaching doctrines that are of man, and not the Doctrine that is found in the New Testament. In the one true church, those who are members challenge anyone to show us where we are wrong in what we teach and preach. I almost forgot to tell you that the Bible and Bible only is all that can be used, not any other book. Now to our study today.

1. The New Testament Pattern:

A. God has given a pattern for the church

1. We, you and I, must obey a form or pattern of doctrine, Romans 6:17.

2. Paul taught the same in every church, 1 Corinthians 4:17

3. Hold the form, the pattern of sound words, 2 Timothy 1:13

4. As we see in the above verses that the Divine pattern is the New Testament, Jude 1:3; 2 John 1:9-11.

2. The one true church is built according to prophecy:

A. As we see the fulfillment of Joel 2:28-32 in Acts 2:14-20, the church was started in the last days when the spirit was poured out. Study all of Acts chapter 2.

B. Please read Daniel chapter 2 and especially verse 44 and the word 'kingdom' here is the church and this verse tells us there is no end to the church. This prophecy was fulfilled in Acts 2:1-47.

C. The kingdom or church was started in Jerusalem in the last days (Acts 2:17), and as we see in Acts 2:5 there were men from every nation under heaven. This is a fulfillment of Isaiah 2:1-4; Micah 4:1-2; as you study these scripture verses and turn to Acts 2:1-47, we see them being fulfilled.

3. The one true church is part of God's eternal plan Ephesians 3:8-11:

Even though God purposed from before the creation of the world, Ephesians 1:4-5, that the New Testament church would be brought into being in the fullness of time. God chose Paul to take this Gospel message to the world, especially to the Gentiles. For those who have obeyed the message of the New Testament and have become Christians and remain faithful will one day be with God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit and all of those who have went before us, who have went today, and those who will go in the future.

I would like to encourage you to save this lesson as I will be continuing this for the next two or three lessons. God loves you and so does the Oakwood church of Christ. Bible questions? Call (419) 399-5022 for Lonnie Lambert or (419) 393-4775 for James Potter. Remember to study the Bible, so that you can see the truth that is there.

OAKWOOD FIRE DEPT. BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

The Oakwood Fire Department will host a Pancake & Sausage Breakfast on Saturday, January 23, 2010 from 7:00 - 11:00 a.m. All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used for any equipment that may be needed.

FINAL V.E.T.S. PEACETIME VETERAN LISTING

Here is the final listing for our local Peacetime Veterans. Next week we will begin the Gulf War through present Veterans.

Last week I missed the name of George S Kinsey III.

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HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION SIGN UP

Paulding County Auditor, Susan K. Simpson, would like to remind residents that the 2010 Homestead Exemption application period was opened the first Monday in January, and continues through the first Monday in June.

Senior citizen and disabled homeowners who were eligible for the homestead exemption in 2009 and missed the deadline can late-file for the homestead exemption for that year AND file an application for future years.

The Homestead Exemption program was originally introduced in 1972 for low-income homeowners age 65 and older to help alleviate the burden of tax increases caused by escalating property values. The Ohio General Assembly has enacted a new, expanded Homestead Exemption that will provide property tax relief to ALL qualified senior citizens and permanently and totally disabled homeowners.

Starting July 2, 2007, the Homestead Exemption was expanded by the State to include homeowners who:

—Are at least 65 years old during the current year or prior; or

—Are totally and permanently disabled as of January 1 of the current year or prior as certified by a licensed physician or psychologist, or a state or federal agency; or

—Are a surviving spouse of a person who was receiving the previous Homestead Exemption at the time of death and where the surviving spouse was at least 59 years old on the date of death unless the spouse in over 65 years old, than a new appli-

cation will need to be filed in the name of the surviving spouse: AND

—Own and occupy the home as their principal place of residence as of January 1 of the current year or prior for real property, or January 1, 2010 or prior for manufactured homes.

All homeowners who qualify for the Homestead Exemption will now receive a flat \$25,000 property tax exemption on the market value of their home. For example, an eligible owner of a home valued at \$100,000 will now be billed as if the home were valued at \$75,000. However, there is a maximum amount allowed by the State to be applied for the homestead exemption.

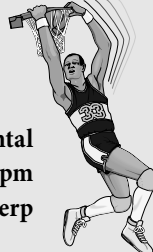
In 2009, Paulding County had a total of 1719 approved Homestead Exemption applications with a total dollar amount of \$335,071 in tax reduction. These totals include applicants that were previously approved for the old Homestead Exemption program and the applicants that are now eligible for the new Homestead Exemption program.

For those homeowners who currently receive the homestead exemption, please be advised that you will soon be receiving a Continuing Homestead Exemption Application for Senior Citizens, Disabled Persons and Surviving Spouses (DTE 105B) form. You must report any changes that would affect your Homestead Exemption eligibility by completing and returning this form. Some examples of changes that could affect your eligibility would be change of ownership of the home or if the home is NO longer your principal place of residence, also if the owner's disability status has changed or owner has died. If any changes affecting eligibility have occurred, you must complete this form and return it to the County Auditor by the first Monday in June. IF NO CHANGES HAVE OCCURRED, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO RETURN THE

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If you have any questions concerning eligibility or in signing up for the 2010 year, please contact the Paulding County Auditor's office at the courthouse or by calling 419-399-8205 prior to the June 7, 2010 deadline.

PAULDING COUNTY LIBRARY AWARDED PICTURING AMERICA GRANT

The National Endowment for the Humanities, (NEH) in cooperation with the American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office, has awarded Picturing America to the Paulding County Carnegie Library. The library is one of almost 30,000 schools and public libraries throughout the United States that have received this exhibit. Picturing America is a free education resource that brings significant works of American art directly to classrooms and libraries to help citizens of all ages explore American history and culture through our nation's art.

"America has a remarkable story, filled with riveting chapters and extraordinary heroes. Picturing America brings this story to life through 40 compelling images," said NEH Chairman Bruce Cole. "The Endowment is awarding this tremendous resource so that students and citizens of all ages can gain a deeper understanding of American history in a direct and engaging new way."

"We are thrilled to have been a recipient of this exhibit," shared Susan Pieper, library director. "The widespread distribution of this resource will provide unparalleled access to America's story."

The library has received twenty double-sided high-quality reproductions of great American art. The works include: Grant Wood's, *The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere*, 1931; Emanuel Leutze's, *Washington Crossing the Delaware*, 1851; Albert Bierstadt's, *Looking Down Yosemite Valley, California*, 1865;

Quilts of the 18th and 20th Centuries by Various Artists; and Dorothea Lanse's poignant black and white photograph, *Migrant Mother*, 1936. The entire exhibit gallery may also be viewed with commentary at the NEH website: <http://picturingamerica.neh.gov>.

The exhibit will be on display at the main library in Paulding from January through March; at the Antwerp Branch Library from April through June; at the Cooper Community Branch Library in Oakwood from July through September; and at the Payne Branch Library from October through December. The display will then be moved back to the main library where groups or organizations may borrow one or all of the posters.

The Paulding County Carnegie Library system was established in 1916 as the first library funded by Andrew Carnegie to serve an entire county. For more information regarding the library or the Picturing America exhibit contact Susan Pieper at 419-399-2032.

CHOCOLATE EXTRAVAGANZA SET FOR JANUARY 28 & 29

The 5th Annual Chocolate Extravaganza will take place January 28 and 29 in the Community Room of the Cooper Community Library. The event, started as a fund raiser for the new facility of the Oakwood Branch of the Paulding Carnegie Library, has grown each year in popularity. A Winter Wonderland Theme, favors, door prizes, and over 30 samples of chocolate delicacies this year will offer the same fun as in the past. Some tickets are still available for January 28 by calling the library at 594-3337.

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SENATE WORKS TO BRING GREATER FAIRNESS, TRANSPARENCY TO OHIO'S ELECTIONS SYSTEM

Capitol Letters Weekly Column by: Senator Steve Buehrer

In the fall of 2008, as millions of Ohioans were monitoring the heated race for the presidency between Barack Obama and John McCain, as well as other close state and local campaigns, an equally intense debate over the integrity of Ohio's voting procedures was playing out in our state's court system and at the Statehouse. This discussion was fueled by reports of potentially-bogus voter registrations and cases of voters casting more than one ballot, as well as concerns that several provisions in Ohio's election law were inviting fraud and creating confusion for voters and local elections officials.

In response, the Ohio House and Senate approved Senate Bill 380 last December, which included several common-sense reforms designed to promote greater transparency and fairness in our election system and help restore voter confidence. These changes were endorsed by the bipartisan Ohio Association of Elections Officials (OAE) and had previously received support from Secretary of State Jennifer Brunner. However, Governor Strickland vetoed the bill.

This past week, my colleagues and I in the Senate took another stab at election reform, approving Senate Bill 8, legislation modeled after SB 380. The bill, which is sponsored by State Senator Bill Seitz, seeks to streamline early-voting, improve the sharing of voter registration mismatches between the state and local boards of election, and make it easier for the brave men and women in uniform who are serving our country overseas to exercise their right to vote.

SB 8 would abolish "Golden Week," an unintended, five-day overlap between the start of early voting and the voter registration deadline, which allowed unregistered voters to sign up and cast an absentee ballot in the same day. In-person absentee voting, which currently begins 35 days before an election, would instead start 20 days prior to Election Day. Absentee voting by mail would begin 28 days before the election.

However, to help alleviate the risk of longer lines at the polls, SB 8 would allow local boards of election to establish up to three geographically-diverse, early voting locations within each county. Current law only provides for one early-voting site. These locations would have to be agreed to by at least three of the four members from each county elections board.

The Senate's election reform proposal would also allow bipartisan observers to be present during in-person absentee voting, which codifies an earlier decision by the Ohio Supreme Court.

Further, SB 8 includes two important provisions to help prevent and identify potential voter fraud. The legislation works to clarify current Ohio law by requiring that voters complete all five fields on their absentee ballot identification envelopes. This includes their name, address, date of birth, signature, and

either the last four digits of their Social Security number, driver's license number or a copy of one of several other forms of identification.

In a move that undermines the integrity of our elections system, the Secretary of State issued a directive in September 2008 that said absentee voters only had to complete three of the five fields on their ballot envelope. Specifically, a voter no longer had to fill out their address or date of birth for their vote to be counted.

SB 8 would, however, require boards of election to notify a voter by mail or telephone of any mistakes on their ballot envelope and give them an opportunity to correct it.

In addition, to help weed out false voter registrations, the bill would direct the Secretary of State and the registrar of motor vehicles to enter into an agreement to match information in the state's voter registration database with motor vehicle records, and then share any mismatches with county election officials.

SB 8 also works to ensure Ohio is in compliance with the federal Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act, which is designed to help the men and women in our nation's armed forces and other overseas voters register to vote and have their absentee ballots cast and counted. The bill would allow military and overseas voters from Ohio to apply and return voter registrations electronically to the Secretary of State's office and absentee ballots for these voters would be available 45 days prior to Election Day. In addition, all ballot questions and issues would have to be certified at least 90 days before an election.

While there is still a great deal of work left to do to, SB 8 would make several needed changes to state law to strengthen the security and integrity of our elections system, expand opportunities for Ohioans to cast a ballot and help our local boards of election more effectively administer elections across the state. Democrats in the Ohio House recently passed their own election reform legislation. I look forward to working with them, as well as my colleagues in the Senate in the coming days to reach consensus on a comprehensive, bipartisan solution.

I encourage you to contact me with any questions, thoughts or concerns, or if you need assistance working with a state government agency. You can write me, Senator Steve Buehrer, Ohio Senate, Statehouse, Columbus, Ohio, 43215, or contact me by phone at (614) 466-8150. I can also be reached by email at SD01@senate.state.oh.us. In addition, for more information about my work in the Ohio Senate, please visit my page on the new Senate website at www.ohio-senate.gov/steve-buehrer.

DANCING FEET HEAT UP THE STAGE WITH DANCING WITH THE STARS IN ANTWERP



Front (l-r) Susie Arnold, Janean Shannon, Linda Mabis, and Donna DeLong; Back (l-r) Lee Zuber, Alan Franklin, Gary Mabis, and Barry DeLong won the 2nd Annual Dancing with the Stars.

For the second year in a row, a great audience nearly filled the Antwerp School auditoria for an afternoon of entertainment, ranging from a multitude of dances to a variety of instrumental music, as the Antwerp Athletic Booster Club hosted the second annual "Antwerp Dancing with the Stars" to benefit the All-Weather Track Campaign.

Julie Hall MC'd this prestigiously community event. In the first round, the Antwerp Alumni Cheerleaders began the afternoon, followed by a waltz by Rachel Banks and David Griffiths. The Antwerp Community Band entertained the listening ears with their rendition of "New York, New York". Steve and Susie Arnold lit up the stage with a Quick Step, and Ty Lee and Emily Shuherk gave up a disco. Atticus Sorrell and Andrew Ehlinger displayed light fingers in an electric guitar duet. Rose and Jake Reinhardt did a remix of YMCA, the Chicken Dance and the Hokey Pokey. The audience saw a little more 70's with a Hustle by Aaron and Lydia Schneider, followed by a

keyboard duet of spiritual sounds by Robin and Jayla Chamberlain. The first round came to a close with the Antwerp Square Dancing talents of Susie Arnold, Janean Shannon, Linda Mabis, Donna DeLong, Lee Zuber, Alan Franklin, Gary Mabis and Barry DeLong. At the intermission, as the audience all cast their votes, the Dance Dolls and the Antwerp High School show choir took to the stage.

Audience members served as the judges by voting, through cash donations, for their favorite couples. When the dust settled, the feet and hands were no longer in motion, and the money was counted, the "Antwerp Square Dancers" totaled the highest earnings to take home the coveted crystal ball trophy. All told, this event brought in close to \$4,700, all of which will be used to help finance Phase II of the all-weather track project.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Our community and county were very fortunate when the old Antwerp Elementary School was reopened as the Manor House Assisted Living facility in 2006. I remember while our community's new school was being built and the plans were first just a dream; being a school board member at that time I sat in those meetings thinking an assisted living facility was a big dream and wouldn't happen in our small community.

As I sat in those board meetings I had no idea what impact the Manor House would have on lives of individuals and how those lives would be touched. My grandfather moved into the Manor House in the summer of 2007 and lived there until his death last week. The Manor House is one of our community's biggest assets; it allows our elderly, to which we owe much, to live with dignity and safety as they live out the remainder of their lives. The staff is very professional and at the same time they are very caring and dedicated to what they believe in.

As members of this community and its surrounding area I hope that you have pride for the achievements and success of the Manor House, we are very fortunate

for the dedication of the staff and owners.

—Rhonda Friend

THANK YOU

We would like to express our deepest appreciation for the thoughtfulness and compassion we received during the hospitalization and passing of Doris Pendergrast. We would like to thank the staff at Paulding County Hospital, Lutheran Hospital, and Paulding County Visiting Nurses and Hospice, Doolley Funeral Home and Tom Wiseman who stood in for Shawn Dooley in his absence, Paulding Church of Christ for the funeral service, Everett Confer of East Allen Church of Christ for the funeral service and his words of comfort and hope, and to all our family, friends, and neighbors for your prayers, food, memorial gifts, flowers, hospice donations, cards and kind words. Your kindness during our time of sorrow was greatly appreciated and will never be forgotten.

- James G. Pendergrast, Jim and Julie Pendergrast & Family, Brooks and Linda Pendergrast & Family, Donna and John Knippen & Family, David and Elaine Pendergrast, Sheila Dailey & Family, Shelly and Brock Howell & Family

ANTWERP ALLEYS WEEKLY HONOR SCORES WEEK OF JANUARY 15, 2010

Men High Games

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3. Derek Langmeyer 323

Youth Girls High Game

1. Avrial Sawyer 170
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1. Avrial Sawyer 492
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DEATH TAX SHOULD EXPIRE

Guest Column From Representative Lynn R. Wachtmann

The Buckeye State has fallen into a perpetual tax-and-spend trap and to finance our bloated government, state leaders have settled for taxing everything under the sun—including your death.

Ohio's taxes are among the highest in the entire country and have killed 200,000 jobs in 2009 alone. As the Legislature considers strategies to alleviate the tax burden on small businesses and families, we would be remiss to overlook the archaic death tax.

Ohio's estate tax is more than a century old and was established to raise revenue for the state while limiting the amount of wealth an individual could pass on to their heirs. Today, this tax continues to repel wealthy investors and business owners who would normally create jobs and invest in our communities. It counterproductively reduces state revenue by encouraging the rich to take their capital elsewhere to avoid being taxed twice on their assets.

As a component of "The Future of Ohio" jobs package, House Republicans included House Bill 326 to reduce Ohio's estate tax liability and give local municipalities full share of estate revenue. Additionally, municipalities would have the right to exempt the estate tax within their territorial jurisdiction. When enacted, this legislation will help make Ohio more competitive for families and jobs. This bill is especially important as the Baby Boomer generation approaches retirement because we cannot afford to lose their wealth and businesses.

Regarding the effects of the estate tax, American economist Edward C. Prescott says in a Wall Street Journal article: "We can only grip the neck of our vibrant economic goose so tightly before it eventually dies and quits laying those eggs. And many of those golden eggs come in the form of capital that allows descendents to keep family businesses intact, or to begin new businesses that fuel our

economy." Because Ohio is one of only 23 states that still impose a tax upon your death, it is vital that the Legislature reconsider whether this economically crippling tax is worth retaining.

House Republicans hope that in conjunction with other job-focused bills, House Bill 326 will modernize Ohio's outdated tax code and help us compete with the likes of Texas and the low-tax, job-friendly states of the South and West. As your state representative, I will continue to seek a comprehensive strategy to improve Ohio's job climate and revitalize our economy.

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

BUEHRER ENCOURAGES LOCAL STUDENTS TO APPLY FOR LEGISLATIVE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

State Senator Steve Buehrer (R-Delta) today encouraged local high school seniors to apply for college tuition assistance through the Ohio Association of Career Colleges and Schools' (OACCS) Legislative Scholarship Program. The OACCS, in cooperation with the Ohio General Assembly and 48 participating career colleges and schools across the state, is offering more than 260 scholarships worth nearly \$1 million for students pursuing post-secondary training for careers in business, law, technology, medicine, criminal justice, education and a variety of other professions.

"A skilled, educated workforce is critical to the growth of our economy and the fiscal health of our state," said Buehrer. "Ohio's career colleges provide students with an excellent education and valuable job training that will help our state build the talented pool of workers necessary to compete for investment in the global marketplace, while preparing Ohioans for professional success. I encourage high school seniors, who are interested in attending one of these schools, to apply for the OACCS scholarship."

The OACCS Legislative Scholarship Program is open to any Ohio high school student scheduled to graduate in June 2010. The available scholarships may cover up to one-half of a student's tuition or a specific dollar amount to be used toward the completion of a certificate, diploma or associate degree. To be eligible, applicants do not have to demonstrate financial need, but they must have achieved a "C" grade average or better.

In addition, to be considered for scholarship money, students must be nominated by a current member of the Ohio General Assembly. All high school seniors from the 1st Senate District who are interested in applying can send their nomination form to State Senator Steve Buehrer, Statehouse, Room 134, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Sen. Buehrer's contact information can also be found at www.ohiosenate.gov/steve-buehrer.

For more information on the OACCS Legislative Scholarship Program please visit www.ohiocareercolleges.org. The deadline to apply is April 1, 2010.

TRENT CHURCH WINS PAULDING EX. VIL-LAGE SCHOOL GEOGRAPHIC BEE



Shown here is Trent Church and Lucas Arend.

Students from Oakwood Elementary, Paulding Elementary, and Paulding Middle School competed in the district level of the National Geographic Bee Finals on January 5, 2010. Trent Church, the first place winner from Oakwood Elementary School, will advance to the next level of competition, a written examination. Trent

will move one step closer to a chance at a \$25,000 scholarship. The school-level Bee, at which students answered oral questions on geography, was the first round in the 22nd annual National Geographic Bee. The Bee is sponsored by the National Geographic Society. Lucas Arend of Paulding Middle School was the first runner-up.

COOPER COMMUNITY LIBRARY STARTS PRE-SCHOOL & TODDLER STORY TIMES

The Cooper Community Library, branch of Paulding County Carnegie Library, will be starting their Pre-School Story Time on Monday, February 1 at 2:00. This program is for all children ages 4-5 years old. Toddler Story Time will also begin on Monday, February 1 at 2:30. This program is for all children ages 2-3 years old. Come join us as we have fun with puppets, songs, crafts, and stories! Please stop in at the Cooper Community Library to register your child for this program or call the library (419-594-3337) for more details.

To Hospice for their compassionate care; Dr. Gray for the 20+ years of care and to the staff a Paulding Hospital for their care and thoughtfulness during Mike's three year battle. To Jack Den Herder for seeing that Mike's last requests were even more than he could have expected. To Pastor Mike Schneider, Barry DeLong and the Antwerp Methodist Church for a very nice memorial service as well as your prayers, and to Father Fillman and Divine Mercy church for your prayers and support. To the Eagles and the ladies auxiliary for a delicious meal after the funeral. We appreciate the kindness and support shown to us during our loss and time of grief. Thank you for everything and God bless.

—The Family of Mike Bowers: Rose, Stacy, Stephanie, Steve, Jon, Alan, Jim, Linda and families

THANK YOU

The family of G. Michael Bowers would like to thank all those who were there for us during Mike's illness and passing. Our family and friends for all their kindness, cards, visits, food, flowers; donations to the Antwerp Veterans Memorial Park and most of all their love and support.

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ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

We received an email the other day from Lief Vanderwoort who lives in Antwerp, Belgium, but he says they pronounce it Antwerpen. He also said that he received our email address from Mr. Shawn Dooley.

He said he found out about the city of Antwerp, Ohio quite by accident and he asked a number of questions about how it came about and maybe a little history of our village.

Well, Lief, we are on the edge of the Great Black Swamp of northwest Ohio. In 1800 this area was solid with huge timbers. It is said that a squirrel could go from the Ohio River north to Lake Erie and never touch the ground.

Anyhow, all these trees were used in making lots of wood product, barrels, handles, staves, charcoal, baskets, hub and spoke, railroad ties and even straight tall poles for masts of sailing ships. I guess these went to Norway. All of those products were shipped by canal boat.

The area here is very flat. That was why the Great Swamp was in existence. It covered hundreds of square miles. It all had to be drained before it could be farmed.

The township is called Carryall after a huge rock that rests in the Maumee River and is said the rock resembles one of the first wagons that moved through the area. That was in 1829 and the township is 36 square miles.

With the building of the canal in 1840's the area really prospered, but the railroad came in the 1870's and when the timber was all gone the canal was abandoned and the businesses later moved north to be near the railroad.

Well, Lief, you asked about the Belgian people here. I know there were none involved in naming the town. This area was settled pretty much by French and English. The only Belgian people that I know didn't arrive until the 1950's.

We are a town of about 1800 fine folks. At one time, I knew them all, but I am 85 now and I don't know them all anymore.



The Wabash and Erie Canal was finished in the early 1840's, from the Wabash River in Indiana to Lake Erie north of Ohio.

In 1841 there were just a few clearings along side of the canal. Two of our first settlers sat on a log, just a little ways from the canal. They had acquired a Postal Index Book and wanted to find a name for our village that hadn't already been used. Well, these fellows settled on the name of Antwerp. But there is also an Antwerp in the state of New York.

This was approved and the first post office was in the back of a cabin facing the canal on South Erie Street. The Post Office has been moved a number of times until we got a new building back in 1971.

We have eight churches here and three factories. We have a lot of truck drivers. A lot of our people work in a large tire company, B.F. Goodrich, across the state line over in Indiana. Some of our people work in Defiance, OH, 23 miles away in a big General Motors plant.

We have a new school building complex for K-12. We have a football stadium, a practice field, one baseball field, two softball fields, one soccer field and room for more.

Well, Leif, I hope this helps you understand the area. It's nearly all farming country and very flat. We are not rich, but very proud and we back each other in our various endeavors.

See Ya!

MEET THE MINISTERS



By: Stan Jordan

Max Begley was born 1954 to Norman and Floy Ruth Hauter north of Forder's Bridge on CR 230. He told me he was the best-looking of all the five children.

He spent all of his school years at Antwerp High School and graduated in 1972.

He told me about when Antwerp High started to play football again in 1969 (and this part I didn't know and I bet you didn't either). He said all those cinders on the Athletic Track around the football field came from the old Cheese Factory on Wilcox St. He said in that fall his dad had a single axle dump truck and Max hauled everyone of those cinders. He said the late Dick Rhodes, who was water superintendent at that time helped him, along with some others. He said he was 15 at that time with no drivers license. But Coach Kasey went to the Antwerp police and the Sheriff's Office and told them if Max didn't drive his dad's truck they couldn't use it. Well, all of those police departments said they would look away and they did. This took about two months.

He also told me that they had planned on putting the home team bleachers on the west side, but they just ran out of money and things ended up as they are.

He also said in that first year he said MVP and also the number one line backer. But then again we only won one game that year. He grinned a little and said that was his claim to fame.

He and I dwelled quite a while on this because of the history part. I remember Mr. Rhodes done a lot of work for that new football field.

Max married Lou Ann Ankney in 1971. They have two children: Tracey, married to Dan Bowers here in Antwerp and son, Craig, is an Associate Minister in Defiance.

Max worked at the Goodrich plant for 17 years and down at Hart's Automotive at the same time. At this time he was traveling to Toledo three times a week to attend Bible College. After a while that Bible College closed. He was the youth leader at the Baptist Church at that time.

Then he attended Bible College in Montpelier for a couple years and that one closed. He said he had a handful of college credits but they were not honored anywhere. He said Bible Colleges in this area are scarce.

He went to Defiance in 1993 as a Youth Pastor. The Senior Pastor moved away in 1995 and he became the Pastor. This was the Second Baptist Church. They had about an average of 45 at that time and now the total might reach 219 on some Sundays. This was from 1995 to 2005. His son, Craig, is the Associate Pastor there.

Max and his son have

opened a church here in Antwerp in the basement of the Presbyterian Church. It is a contemporary service at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday evenings, and any and all are welcome. It is called the Friendship Church. As I understand, the Presbyterian Church has a new Pastor coming soon also.

Max said he worked two jobs for thirteen years and also went to college during that time. He is very proud of his wife, Lou Ann, and how supportive she has been over all those years.

He has done a lot of funerals and weddings here in Antwerp and he worked on the idea of a church here in Antwerp for many months before it came about.

Max doesn't have many hobbies but he does like to spend time with his children and grandchildren.

Max's goal is like the other ministers, to know God and make Him known and to help anyone find eternal life.

See Ya!



By: Stan Jordan

Two old guys are pushing their carts around Walmart when they collide. The first old guy says to the second guy, "Sorry about that. I'm looking for my wife, and I guess I wasn't paying attention to where I was going."

The second old guy says, "That's OK, it's a coincidence. I'm looking for my wife, too. I can't find her and I'm getting a little desperate."

The first old guy says, "Well, maybe I can help you find her. What does she look like?"

The second old guy says, "Well, she is 27 yrs old, tall, with red hair, blue eyes, long legs, and is wearing short shorts. What does your wife look like?"

To which the first old guy says, "Don't remember, let's look for yours."

Received from Natasha Jones; courtesy of www.gcfl.net

CALEB'S NO GOOD, VERY BAD JACK OF A DAY

By: Stan Jordan

Caleb McHerford was driving on the Blue Tick Road just outside of Fairview, OK when he had a flat tire on his pick-em-up truck.

He got out and looked and made a diligent search inside and all over that truck but he couldn't find the jack nor the handle. He had a good spare tire and lug wrench, but no jack.

He had a problem here, he had to raise the flat tire wheel up off the road to get his spare in place.

He looked this situation over good and he realized he had to get a jack from somewhere.

There was a house about a quarter of a mile on down the road on the right hand side. Caleb was not one to borrow anything, but right now he had to jack up his truck and change the tire.

As he walked on down the dusty road he started to think about what kind of people lived in this house. They were probably very nice people and would gladly let

him use their jack.

Oh, gee, we'll probably become good friends and they will want to come over to our house and visit and play cards. They will probably want us to come over to their house. Gee, whiz, they will want to meet on Wednesday night and I always go to the Herford Cattle Raisers Meeting on that night, darn it.

They probably will want to play Euchre and I hate that game. She will probably serve that new type of raspberry flavored coffee and I hate that stuff. We'll all get to be friends and he will want to borrow my prize bull for free, no way! They probably got one of those new HDTV sets and will want to show it off. They've probably got a young daughter who will make big eyes at our boy and a lot can come out of that. Since he loaned me his truck jack he will probably want to borrow my truck. By golly, he can use his own tie down straps.

Caleb was getting closer to the farm house and he was getting more frustrated by the minute. I suppose this fellow is a fisherman and a hunter. Oh, holy smoke, he will want to borrow my coon dog and that ain't going to happen, no way, no time, no how! My Nellie made the second page of the Oklahoma Coon Hunter's Gazette and by golly, I'm not letting anyone hunt with Nellie except me. That's the last straw, I'm done with 'em.

Caleb was on the porch now and made three distinct knocks on the door. As a nice lady opened the door Caleb spun around on his heel and as he left he said, "You can keep your darned old jack!"

See Ya!

HICKSVILLE LODGE HOLDS ANNUAL INSPECTION

Cecil W. Rasey was the inspecting officer last Friday night as Hicksville conducted the first inspection in the 5th Masonic District. There currently are thirteen Lodges in

this District which encompass Defiance, Henry, Williams and Fulton Counties.

Brethren...

There were 32 members from Hicksville in attendance and 52 visitors for a grand total of 82. Dick Wann asked all the military veterans to stand. The 25 members in attendance stood and received a "standing" ovation.

It was announced that the Grand Master's 1-Day Class will be held in Bryan this year on May 15th. The 2010 yearbooks were passed out to the Lodges at the Inspection. If you did not receive one of these yet, contact your Master and he will present you with a copy.

Hicksville Lodge wants to thank TuEnDaWie Lodge for supplying the evening's candidate. The next 5th District Inspection will be held at Wauseon Lodge #349 on Friday January 22. Degree work will start at 7:00 p.m. sharp with a light meal to follow.

At the stated meeting that was held on Wednesday, seventeen members were in attendance. These included Richard Wann, Robert L. Stotler Jr., Tim Betts, Doyle Johnson, Russell St. John, Jim Miller, Richard Savage, Jeremy Kuhlman, George Underwood, Grover Blalock, Charles Carey, Jamie Chapman, Scott Ruppert, Mike Villena, Jim Kline, and Ron Farnsworth.

The "Uniformed Services Program" was voted on and passed unanimously in Lodge. This program implements special rate reductions for all active and discharged military, active and former police officers, and active and former firefighters and EMT's that petition the lodge. Dick Wann encouraged everyone to attend as many of the District's inspections so that we might recapture the 2010 "Traveling Trophy".

Donations were accepted from out-of-town members Larry Brown and John Olsson. In other business extensive repairs were made in the restrooms of the Lodge. The next stated meeting will be Wednesday January 27.

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ANTWERP JUNIOR HIGH/ HIGH SCHOOL SECOND NINE WEEKS 2009-2010 HONOR ROLL

* denotes 4.0
SENIORS:
 4.0-3.67 (with no grade less than a "B-") - Rose Doctor, Tyler Gaisford, Darcie Reinhart, Jessica Smith, Aaron Hughes
 3.66-3.33 (with no grade less than a "C+") - Kelsey Bashore, Brock Bell, Christen Goudy, Aaron Hughes, Erin Hughes, Brennan Huss, Justin Johnson, Megan Koppenhofer, Bryson North, Jacob Reinhart, Casey Schaefer, Tyler Short, Alyssa Skeens, Sara Trauterman, Elizabeth Vachon
 3.32-3.0 (with no grade less than a "C") - Stephen Ankney

JUNIORS:
 4.0-3.67 - Rachel Banks, Shaile Chamberlain, Vanessa Gordon, Kaleb O'Donnell, Anthony Reid, Alaine Wetli, Toni Winslow
 3.66-3.33 - Brandi Aldrich, Jessie Arnold, John Brown, Zachary Kimmel, Logan Lucas, Dillon Sensabaugh, Sierra Short, Taylor Vail
 3.32-3.0 - Nicholas Berry, Tanner Copey, Andrew Ehlinger, Jordan Koppenhofer, Cody Mabis, Bethany Polter, Loni Walk

SOPHOMORES:
 4.0-3.67 - Jayla Chamberlain, Jessica Langham, Jessica Marlin, Bryant Miesle, Thomas Taylor, Ellise Wetli
 3.66-3.33 - Kelsea Burns, Brandon Dunderman, Zachary Dunlap, Ty Lee, Ann Reinhart, Jacob Shook, Tricia Smalley, Alysha Stuck, Rachel Vachon, Amanda Zielke
 3.32-3.0 - Morgan Cra-

mer, Cassandra Harter, Alex North, Nicholas Richey, Sarah Scott, Tayler Shaffer, Dalton Skeens
FRESHMEN:
 4.0-3.67 - *Shawn Dooley, Ryan Girardot, Morgan Williamson, Jesse Wilson
 3.66-3.33 - David Altic, Katlyn Bissell, Nicholas Bragg, Kacy Brumett, Danielle Daugherty, Noah Ganger, Cameron Huss, Rachel Stewart

3.32-3.0 - Justin Bute, Andrew Coleman, Braeden Hornmann, Chay Jackson, Alexis Jones, Colin Krick, Edward Reinhart, Kyle Ryan, Colby Schaefer

GRADE EIGHT:
 4.0-3.67 - Katie Hunt, Matthew Reinhart, Kirsi Smith, Brock Taylor, Nathan Zuber
 3.66-3.33 - Christopher Edgar, Dalton Gremling, Jenna Hankinson, Nathanael Hawley, Erik Miesle, Kyle Recker, Madeline Reinhart, Megan Slattman, Derek Smalley

3.32-3.0 - Madison DeLong, Zachary DeLong, Bethany Dunderman, Courtney Foreman, Austin Laney, Donato Manella, Lakota Price, Colton Stout

GRADE SEVEN:
 4.0-3.67 - Nicole Hughes, Sarah Neace, Jacob O'Donnell, Collin Perry, *Joshua Steiner, Olivia Tempel, *Alexander Vail
 3.66-3.33 - Steven Bowers, Dionicia Burk, Michaela Burns, Jarett Bute, Samantha Provines, Nathan Parker Swenson, Kelsey Titus, Claire Van Vlerah
 3.32-3.0 - Trenton Copey, John Huss, Rebecca Major, Magdalene Reinhart, Bailee Sigman



Shown here in the picture are Nicole, Nathan, and Antwerp Jr./Sr. High School Principal Steve Arnold congratulating Nathan as this year's champion. The Paulding County Spelling Bee, scheduled for February 8, 2010, will take place at the Wayne Trace Payne Elementary School.

Nathan Hawley, an eighth grader at Antwerp Junior High School, will represent his school at this year's Paulding County Spelling Bee. Hawley, the son of Robert and Doris Hawley, correctly spelled the word 'paradox' to capture first place in the Antwerp JH Spelling Bee held January 11 in the Antwerp School auditoria. This was Hawley's third time placing in

the local spelling bee, having finished as runner-up in the 2006-2007 Antwerp Elementary spelling bee and winning the 2007-2008 Antwerp Elementary spelling bee.

Nicole Hughes, seventh grade daughter of Kyle and Penny Hughes, finished second in the local event, which had close to fifty contestants participating.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES 12/30/09

This 30th day of December, 2009, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

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

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:
 Warrants documented as 164442 through 164464 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 055):

The Board of County Commissioners authorized and directed the Paulding County Auditor to make a Supplemental Appropriation for the following:

FROM: Pay-Ins #84461, 83720, and 85035

TO: 055-001-00001/OPWC/Expenses

AMOUNT: \$140,802.78

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2009 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION:

The Board of County Commissioners amended the 2009 Annual Appropriation and hereby directed the County Auditor to appropriate unappropriated funds:

Fund 164 DRETAC/Prosecutor, 164-001-00001/Employee Salaries, \$1,576.55

Fund 164 DRETAC/Prosecutor, 164-001-00004/Medicare, \$24.50

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2009 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION:

IN THE MATTER OF DESIGNATING THE ARE WITHIN THE COUNTY AS A RECOVERY ZONE AND MAKING FINDINGS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH:

The federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Tax Act of 2009 (the "Stimulus Act") provides federal income tax incentives for obligations issued to finance expenditures for purposes of promoting development or other economic activity in a "recovery zone" ("Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds") and obligations issued to finance the construction, reconstruction, renovation or acquisition of recovery zone property to be used in a qualified business in the recovery zone ("Recovery Zone Facility Bonds"); and pursuant to the Stimulus Act the County has received an allocation of the national Recovery Zone Economic Development Bond limitation in the amount of \$891,000.00 and an allocation of the national Recover Zone Facility Bond limitation in the amount of \$1,337,000.00 (collectively, the "Allocations"), which Allocations are based on the proportion that the County's employment decline bears to the aggregate of the 2008 employment declines for all of the counties and certain large municipalities in the State; and the Stimulus Act provides that Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds and Recovery Zone Facility Bonds issued pursuant to the Allocations must be issued before January 1, 2011.

The Stimulus Act provides that 95% of the net proceeds of Recovery Zone Facility Bonds must be used to finance recover zone property that was constructed, reconstructed, renovated, or acquired for purchase after the date on which the designation of the applicable recovery zone went into effect.

The Stimulus Act further provides that 100% of the available project proceeds of Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds must be used to finance expenditures made for a qualified economic development purpose within the applicable recovery zone; and there have been prepared and submitted to this Board of County Commissioners written and oral reports with respect to the rates of poverty, unemployment and home foreclosures and general distress within and throughout the County; and based on aforesaid reports, this Board has determined to designate the entire area of the County as a recovery zone for purposes of the Stimulus Act, so as

to encourage and support economic development activities within the County and to enable the County to fully utilize its allocations for issuing Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds and Recovery Zone Facility Bonds.

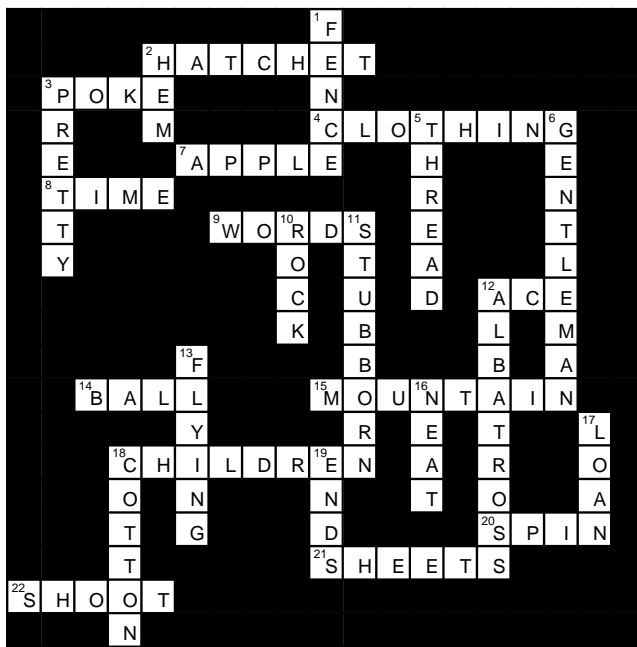
Section 1. This Board hereby finds that the area within and throughout the County has significant rates of poverty, unemployment, home foreclosures and general distress.

Section 2. This Board hereby designates the entire area of the County as a recovery zone (the "Recovery Zone") for purposes of the Stimulus Act.

Section 3. Each member of this Board and the Paulding County Economic Development Board President is hereby authorized (a) to make or effect any election, selection, designation, choice, consent, approval, allocation or waiver on behalf of the County with respect to the Recovery Zone and the Allocations as the County is permitted to or required to make or give under the Stimulus Act for the purpose of assuring, enhancing or protecting favorable tax treatment or status of any Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds or Recovery Zone Facility Bonds to be issued pursuant to the Allocations or activities to be financed by such Bonds or assisting compliance with requirements for that purpose, which action shall be in writing and signed by such person, including but not limited to allocation of any portion of Allocations to the State if the Board determines that such allocation or waiver is in the best interests of the County and consistent with the purposes of this resolution, and (b) to take any and all other actions, and make or give reports, covenants and certifications of and on behalf of the County, as may be appropriate to assure the intended status of the Recovery Zone and any Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds and Recovery Zone Facility Bonds issued by the County or pursuant to any allocation or waiver by the County.

Section 4. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board and

Answers to "Phrase Fun!"



of any committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 5. This resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

IN THE MATTER OF RESCINDING RESOLUTION APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE 2009 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 009):

On the 28th day of December, 2009, the Commissioners approved a Modification to the 2009 Annual Appropriation for the County Auditor to transfer One Hundred Forty Thousand, Eight Hundred Two Dollars and 78/100 (\$140,802.78) from 055-001-99999/Transfer Out to 009-001-99999/Transfer In.

The Commissioners rescinded the resolution passed on the 28th day of December, 2009, on Pages 56 and 57 of Journal 52, approved a Modification to the 2009 Annual Appropriation for the County Auditor.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF THE 2010 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS:

The County Commissioners approved the 2010 Annual Appropriations as recorded in Journal 51, Pages 67 through 73, to provide for current expenses and other expenditures of Paulding County during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2010. The same are set aside and appropriated for the several purposes for which expenditures are to be made for.

The 2010 budget is now available to view at the Courthouse.

IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO AN ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENT WITH BAUGHMAN TILE COMPANY:

Baughman Tile Company is wanting to continue and expand their operations in Paulding County, Ohio, with additions to real property and the retention of employment opportunities in the Enterprise Zone, provided the appropriate development incentives are available; and Jackson Township Trustees of Paulding County is desirous of providing Baughman Tile Company with tax incentives pursuant to Chapter 5709 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Paulding County, having the appropriate authority for the state type of project, is desirous of providing Baughman Tile Company with the incentive available for the development of the aforementioned project in said Enterprise Zone under chapter 5709 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The Board of County Commissioners entered into an Enterprise Zone Agreement with Baughman Tile Company located at 8516 Township Road 137, Paulding, Ohio 45879 as set forth in said Agreement on file in the County Commissioners' office.

AUDIT COMMITTEE:
 The Permissive Sales and Use Tax 2009 report and the Sales Tax Monthly

Breakdown report prepared by Lou Ann Wannemacher were reviewed. Permissive Sales and Use Tax, which includes Motor Vehicle Tax, received in December '09 was up by \$2,940.49 from last month; however, down from December '08 by \$5,601.30. Five-year sales tax revenue average for the month of December shows '09 down by \$18,742.23. Total sales and vehicle tax collected in 2009 was down \$269,915.08 from 2008.

Susan Simpson distributed reports prepared by her office for review. She reported general fund receipts for November '09 of \$195,948.62, which was down from the same time frame in '08 by \$60,287.25 and below the three-year average for the month of November by \$58,029.37. 2009 year to date general fund revenue of \$3,493,536.88 is down \$537,429.19 when compared to 2008. General fund expenses were down from October '09 by \$26,941.08 and down from November '08 by \$69,780.56. Expenses for November '09 were \$74,798.73 below the three year November average. Year to date general fund expenses of \$3,420,626.26 is down \$326,843.33 when compared to 2008.

Ms. Simpson reported the importance of obtaining building permits when applicable. She indicated there are two townships that are currently not zoned. Building permits for those townships may be obtained at the Auditor's Office. For townships that are zoned, permits may be obtained from the township trustees' zoning inspectors.

US Census Bureau expressing the need for census workers were distributed to the elected officials for posting in their offices.

SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING:

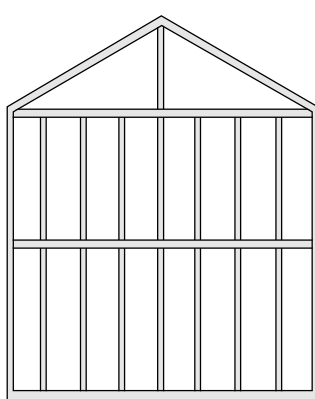
Commissioner Edward Straley distributed handouts on Slips and Falls - Avoid Slip-Ups. The handout pointed out slips and falls are a leading cause of workplace injuries. Mr. Straley highlighted several steps to take in preventing slips and falls. Keeping floors clean, dry, and free of obstruction are the easiest safeguards. Being observant and cleaning up spills can prevent falls. Employees also need to take precautionary measures to avoid falls. By wearing appropriate footwear, being more observant, slowing down, and using hand rails where possible, potential injuries may be prevented.

Meeting Notes of Appointment:

Tony Langham, PCED - Mr. Langham presented an Enterprise Zone Agreement for Baughman Tile Company. (see resolution above).

Susan Simpson, Paulding County Auditor - Ms. Simpson reported the dog tag sales are underway. She also discussed several options for Auditor's Office hours for 2010. Ms. Simpson presented a copy of her memo regarding audit cost allocations. She also had copies of the November general fund receipts and expenses for the Commissioners' review.

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SPELLING BEE WINNER**



Scott Wenninger is a 6th grader at WT Payne Elementary. He is the son of Randy and Joni Wenninger. His winning word was monsoon. He will be representing WT Payne Elementary at the Paulding County Spelling Bee on February 8th which will be held at the Payne Elementary auditorium.

**PAULDING COUNTY
CHRONICLES I**

By: Caroline Wells Zimmerman

Antwerp's "Six-Mile" Canal Reservoir Part I

The Wabash-Erie Canal and Miami Extension Canal through Paulding County was looked upon as one of the most important commercial events in pioneer days. As early as 1816 investigation of it were being taken in all directions from New York to Lake Erie to the Ohio River to the Missouri River.

I was assented to by correspondence between Ethan Allan Brown of Cincinnati and DeWitt Clinton, Canal Commissioner of the State of New York.

In February 1820 such an act was passed by the Ohio Legislature and a grant of approximately 1 1/2 million acres was asked for the building of such canals. However, at that time, for some reason, no commissioners were appointed and no further surveys were made.

In 1821-22 the subject arose again in the Ohio legislature and in January 1822 a bill was passed authorizing the "practicability" of building a canal from the Ohio River to Lake Erie. Seven commissioners were chosen; surveyors made examinations and estimates. Four routes were taken into

consideration. The Cuyahoga and Muskegon River routes were made and the Miami and Maumee River routes and the estimates. Studies were made on all directions. The probable cost of constructing a canal was reported to the Ohio Legislation at the session of 1834-35.

The first ground of the Wabash-Erie Canal was broken in Fort Wayne, Indiana in the spring of 1832. They were eager to get the show on the road. However, by 1835 only 32 miles had been completed Eastward because of canal wars and various other complications. There were gang wars, actual riots and some troublemakers were sent back to Ireland. It was said that there was a fatality every few feet of the canal because of illness, etc.

Lots of Irish immigrants worked on digging the canals for a few cents a day plus a few jiggers of Irish whiskey. However, thousands of Irish immigrants stayed on after the potato famine in Ireland in 1849 and we are descendants of them here in Paulding County (and all along all the canals) Emerald Twp. in Paulding County is named for the "Emerald Isle." There is also a great German descendency in Paulding County.

In 1840 the canal was opened up between Lafayette and the East State Line of Indiana/Ohio. Indiana then sent legislators to Columbus, Ohio to speed things up. By 1843 the Wabash-Erie Canal was completed to Lake Erie.

July 4, 1843 Celebration in Fort Wayne, Indiana was held to commemorate the completion of the Canals. It was a grand party brought on by both Ohio and Indiana with a great oration by General Lewis Cass.

The Miami Canal was not completed until 1845. It met with the Wabash-Erie Canal at "Junction" (which still stands in 2010) along the Auglaize River. The Wabash-Erie Canal entered the W. side of the county and passed through the northern tier of the Twps; the Miami Canal entered on the S. side (over an aqueduct - still standing today) throughout the Eastern tiers of two twps. Uniting in Junction, going along the Auglaize River NE into Defiance County to Fort Defiance and participating with several

locks. The scheduled mileage travel time on the canal boats was about six miles per hour. When in full operation, the distance between Evansville, IN and Toledo, OH was over 500 miles. The distance between Toledo, OH and Columbus, OH was about 242 miles.

The Canal lines were abandoned about 1852 when the "age of steam" had come in and created a much faster mode of travel and shipping. It took up less space on the ground and was not seasonal.

ANNIE'S PROJECT - RISK MANAGEMENT EDUCATION FOR FARM WOMEN

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Agent

Annie's Project is a risk management program for women in agriculture. The six-part course is designed to strengthen women's role in a modern farming operation. The project was named after Annie who grew up in a small rural community. Annie spent her adult life learning how to be become a successful business partner with her husband. Annie's daughter, Ruth Hambleton, an Extension educator from Illinois, developed the program in 2000 in honor of her mother's life experience.

Annie's project is designed to empower farm women to manage information systems used in critical decision making processes and to build local networks throughout the state. The target audience is farm women with a passion for business and involvement. They may be the primary operator or a partner in the business. They may work away from the farm or on the farm.

The program is for women who live and work in a complex, dynamic farm business environment. The program will focus in the areas of risk typical in an agricultural setting: financial records, production records, marketing plans and risk management, legal/regulation records and documentation, and, human resources. Communication skills will also be a major educational focus.

This agricultural program geared toward women will be offered in Defiance County beginning on Tuesday, February 2, 2010 and continuing through Thursday, February 18, 2010. The workshops will be held each Tuesday and Thursday for three weeks. Registration is required with late registration penalties. Class size is limited. Participants should contact the Ohio State University Extension Office in Defiance at 419-782-4771 for more information.

GOVERNOR SIGNS BUEHRER BILL TO UPDATE OHIO PROBATE, TRUST AND ESTATE LAWS

Governor Ted Strickland yesterday signed Senate Bill 106, bipartisan legislation co-sponsored by State Senator Steve Buehrer (R-Delta) and State Senator Eric Kearney (D-Cincinnati) which makes needed updates and clarifications to Ohio's probate, trust and estate laws. The bill, which passed with near unanimous approval in the House and Senate, is endorsed by the Ohio State Bar Association.

"I am pleased to have another bill enacted into law, especially in a year in which very few bills have passed," said Buehrer. "Although the subject of this legislation may not impact average people every day, these common-sense reforms are critical to the efficient operation of our legal system in Ohio."

First, SB 106 works to clarify a 25-year-old provision in state law that automatically revokes a spouse's interest in their husband or wife's trust—which is similar to a will—if the marriage is terminated. Sen. Buehrer explained that there has been debate since the law was enacted as to whether the language does what it is intended to do.

Also, in an effort to promote the orderly and timely administration of trusts and estates, SB 106 would clarify that Ohio's savings statute—which allows a plaintiff to dismiss a case and re-file it one year later, even if the original statute of limitations has run out—is not applicable to certain probate and trust matters that already have limitation periods, including will contest actions, an action to contest the validity of an ante nuptial agreement and lawsuits against a fiduciary for breach of duty.

In addition, at the request of a constituent, Sen. Buehrer worked to include language in SB 106 that would clarify the current residency qualifications for the appointment of a guardian to give courts flexibility in determining the best location for a child or incompetent adult.

Further, the bill seeks to simplify and modernize parts of Ohio's guardianship law that have not been updated since 1978.

"SB 106 makes several small, but significant changes to Ohio's probate, trust and estate laws to help clarify current statute, ensure the prompt and orderly settlement of estates and modernize language governing the assignment of guardians in the state," said Buehrer. "I would like to thank the Governor and members on both sides of the aisle in the House and Senate for their strong support of the bill. This was truly a bipartisan effort."

SB 106 will take effect in 90 days.

MR. GREENJEANS VISITS ANN'S PRESCHOOL



Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschoolers were recently visited by Mr. Greenjeans (Mr. Brian G. Miller) and his baby turkeys! The turkeys were a gift from Cooper Farms in November and the children were anxious to see how much they had grown and how well Mr. Greenjeans had been taking care of them!

Shown here admiring the growing babies are from left: Mr. Greenjeans, Vanessa Garcia, Storm Carter, Aiden Herman, Ashley Rickels, Emma Gorrell, and Graiden Troth. These children are in the morning class of three and young four year olds with Mrs. Ann Miller and Mrs. Carrie Myers.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS FOR THE WEEK OF 1/20-1/26

- Breakfast:*
 1/20 - Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk
 1/21 - Egg/cheese omelet, toast/jelly, juice, milk
 1/22 - Waffles, sausage, juice, milk
 1/25 - Pizza, juice, milk
 1/26 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, juice, milk
Lunch:
 1/20 - Corn dog, curly fries, fruited jello/whipped topping, milk; WT: BBQ pork sandwich
 1/21 - Walking taco, meat/cheese/lettuce/salsa/sour cream, corn, pears, milk
 1/22 - Cheese or pepperoni

- pizza, tossed salad, apple-sauce, peanut butter/fudge, milk
 1/25 - Cheeseburger sandwich, tator tots, peaches, milk
 1/26 - Fiestado or cheese pizza, corn, cookie, mandarin oranges, milk

LADY ARCHERS FALL PREY TO LADY TIGERS

The Lady Tigers entered the Archer gym with dominance, and took home a basketball victory to Holgate on January 11: 35-18.

Score by the quarter:
 Holgate - 13 10 7 5=35
 Antwerp - 0 4 4 10=18
 Archer scorers:
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CHARLES JONES CELEBRATES HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY



A surprise party in honor of Charles Jones' 80th birthday was celebrated on Saturday, January 9th (his birthday was on January 13) at the Golden Corral in Fort Wayne, IN. Those in attendance were his wife, Marilyn; children: Ed (Kathy) Jones, Vicki (Marvin) Miller, Mike Jones, Linda (Gene) Thorp, and Don (Kathy) Jones, along with many grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and their families.

He was presented with a book, *A Nostalgic Look Back at 1930*, and a "Lottery" Everygreen tree, which was "growing" \$80.00 worth of lottery tickets.

AREA HS BASKETBALL GAME RESULTS

Friday, January 15: Girls Varsity - Wayne Trace 57, Hicksville 25; JV - Wayne Trace 35, Hicksville 27.

Saturday, January 16: Boys Varsity - Delphos Jefferson 59, Wayne Trace 37; JV - Wayne Trace 46, Delphos Jefferson 19

Girls Varsity -Van Wert 52, Paulding 50

SENATE BILL WOULD PROVIDE BOOST TO OHIO AG INDUSTRY, SPUR INNOVATION, JOB GROWTH

Capitol Letters Weekly
Column by: Senator Steve Buehrer

Innovation is the engine that drives economic development and job growth. Ohio natives Orville and Wilbur Wright invented the airplane in 1903 and helped launch the global airline industry, which today employs thousands of people and is a foundation of our economy. Thomas Edison, who was born in Milan, Ohio, invented the light bulb in 1879, helping to deliver electricity to millions of American homes and dramatically expanding opportunities for business. And, in 1876, Alexander Graham Bell developed the first telephone, which became the foundation

behind the growth of today's multi-billion dollar telecommunications industry.

The determination, intelligence and innovative spirit of all of these men brought the world inventions that have transformed our economy and changed how we travel, communicate and do business. For Ohio's economy to recover and prosper in the 21st century, we must work to foster the next generation of innovative minds and support the development of cutting-edge products that will spur investment and create jobs.

With this goal in mind, the Ohio Senate approved legislation last fall that seeks to encourage the growth of our state's promising bio-products industry.

A number of high-profile Ohio companies, including Battelle, Ashland Chemical, Proctor and Gamble, Sherwin Williams, Univenture and the Scotts Company, have been successful in developing plastics, paints and packaging supplies made with corn, soybeans and other renewable agricultural materials. For example, Univenture, a media packaging company located in Marysville, surpassed \$1 million in sales in only three years and has since expanded its facilities in Ohio and other parts of world. The company manufactures a number of bio-based products, including CD sleeves made from a renewable plastic composed of corn starch.

Senate Bill 131, which received unanimous support in the Senate on September 29, would establish an Ohio bio-products preferred purchasing program for state agencies and state-supported colleges and universities. Similar to "Buy Ohio" provisions in current law, which mandate that the state support Ohio vendors whenever possible, "Buy Bio-Ohio" would require these public institutions to give purchasing preference to bio-based products when a bio-based alternative is available.

The bill would allow the state to use its purchasing power to not only expand the market for bio-based materials in Ohio and encourage the development of innovative products made from Ohio crops, but help provide a significant boost to farmers and our state's number one industry: agriculture.

SB 131 is modeled after the federal BioPreferred program, which was established in the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002. However, the federal

program also includes a testing and certification process to establish a list of approved bio-products. To save time and taxpayer dollars, SB 131 would rely on this federal list to determine what products should get preference in Ohio. In addition, to ensure "Buy Bio-Ohio" does not create an undue financial burden on state government or our public higher education facilities, the bill provides an exemption if the bio-product is not available within a reasonable period of time, fails to meet performance standards or is too costly.

Who would have guessed after the Wright Brothers took that first fateful flight that one day Americans would be able to hop on a jet and fly anywhere in the world in just hours? Who could have imagined that a little more than a century after Alexander Graham Bell unveiled the first telephone that millions of people would be walking around with phones that do everything from search the internet to take photographs? Who could have predicted that Edison's light bulb and the birth of electricity could one day have such a tremendous influence on our economy?

While bio-materials may not change the world like the plane, telephone or light bulb, these innovative products have great potential to attract investment and put Ohioans back to work. For that reason, SB 131 and other efforts to grow the bio-products industry in Ohio are worth pursuing.

SB 131 is currently pending in the Ohio House. To read more about the bill, please visit the Ohio General Assembly website at www.legislature.state.oh.us.

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

REP. LYNN WACHTMANN: THIRD FRONTIER ESCALATES SPENDING

State Representative Lynn Wachtmann (R-Napoleon) today opposed legislation to place the renewal of the Third Frontier initiative on the May ballot, citing that increasing spending during the recession will put Ohio farther into debt.

"At best, these programs are neutral to the economy, but I believe most of them are actually detrimental," Wachtmann said. "It is my belief that when we think we know better than the constituents we serve by creating programs like this, we prove how inherently ignorant the government is about the free marketplace. We weaken the free marketplace when we take what I believe is corporate welfare and give it to people or institutions or companies that should be able, if they truly are a good investment, to find investment elsewhere. This money isn't

free—it comes from someone else who then no longer has the opportunity to invest in something they believe would be most beneficial for them in the marketplace."

Wachtmann has expressed that economic development is key to Ohio's recovery, but additional government spending and higher taxes are not the answer. He points to Ohio's potential \$7 billion budget shortfall next year and believes that this bill will only deepen the state's deficit.

The original Third Frontier proposal, established by Republican Governor Bob Taft, was a bipartisan effort to attract competitive, high-tech jobs to Ohio. Taft's proposal was a balanced \$1.6 billion dollar investment over 10 years with an average of \$160 million per year and several sources of funding, including a \$500 million bond issuance, tobacco settlement money, GRF and excess liquor profits.

"When Governor Taft presented this boondoggle, I opposed it," Wachtmann said. "Simply put, this is a worse boondoggle. There seems to be some assumption that if we don't create a new corporate welfare game, that nothing good in Ohio will happen. However, I believe that the dollars spent on projects like this often do more harm to our free enterprise system than good. Let me assure you that there are plenty of billions of dollars of available investment money out there in the marketplace for good projects that have earned their right in the free marketplace to attain these investments."

Wachtmann believes that the Third Frontier program, if not controlled, will become a big-government stimulus package while Ohio's taxpayers foot the bill. He continues to advocate for less deficit spending and government interference in the free market.

WESTERN BUCKEYE GOVERNING BOARD ELECTS MILLER AS PRESIDENT

The Western Buckeye ESC Governing Board held their annual organizational Board meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 14, 2010 in the Paulding ESC Board office. Board President Pro-Tem William Poe II welcomed Board members and school personnel to the meeting. The first order of business for the evening was for Western Buckeye Treasurer Kristine Stuart to administer the oath of office to four returning board members - Mr. William Poe II, Mr. Nick Miller, Mr. Ron Treece, and Mr. Jerry Zelke. Board Member Mr. Jim Grubaugh is in the middle of his current term.

The Board then approved the organizational meeting agenda. Board elections were held with Miller being elected President and Zelke being elected Vice-President of the Governing Board for 2010. The Board appointed Miller as Delegate and Zelke as Alternate Delegate to the OSBA

PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL SPELLING BEE WINNERS



Spelling bee winners from Paulding Middle School. (l-r) Runner-up Jerika Bland, School Champion Sydney Provines

Sydney Provines, 8th grader at Paulding Middle School won the 2009-10 Spelling Bee for her school. The runner-up was 8th grader, Jerika Bland.

Sydney is the daughter of Kristy and Dennis Marvin, and Jerika is the daughter of Marsha and Bob Bland.

Convention. Treece was appointed Student Achievement Liaison and Zelke was appointed Legislative Liaison.

The Governing Board set their regular meeting schedule as the second Thursday of the month for January through June and the second Tuesday of the month from July through December. All meetings will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will alternate between the Paulding and Van Wert ESC offices. The Board named the Paulding Progress and The Van Wert Times Bulletin as Official Notice newspapers. The Board set the Records Commission Committee as the Superintendent, Treasurer, and Board President and the 2010 Audit Committee as Poe, Zelke, Superintendent Basinger, and Treasurer Stuart.

The Board approved a Board Service Fund to pay for Board expenses and designated Kristine Stuart, Treasurer, and Linda Clark, Assistant Treasurer, to attend required public records training for Western Buckeye Governing Board members. Stuart was designated the Treasurer of the Western Buckeye ESC and authorized to sign all Governing Board checks, to pay all bills within the limits of the appropriations as bills and services are received, to invest all inactive funds, and to advance money from fund to fund as needed. The Board appointed Assistant Treasurer Gary Ginter to act for the Treasurer in times of absence, illness, or other incapacity.

The Governing Board appointed Superintendent John Basinger as purchasing agent for 2010, as well as Federal Program Coordinator. They approved Basinger to employ temporary personnel, authorize attendance to professional meeting, and to act on behalf of the Western Buckeye ESC within the limits set by the Governing Board. The Board appointed Bob Miller as board officer for Paulding and Van Wert Counties.

In the regular meeting that followed the organization meeting, Superintendent Basinger reviewed the latest Board policy revision recommendations with the Board and also updated the Board on recent Western Buckeye activities and several personnel issues.

In the business portion of the regular

meeting, the Board:

**Approved the minutes from the regular December 15, 2009 meeting.

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

**Extended a one-year contract to Heather Shepherd as a Paraprofessional, effective January 4, 2010 for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year, salary set per salary schedule.

**Joined the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA), subscribed to the electronic OSBA Briefcase, and joined the OSBA Legal Assistance Fund.

**Approved the new and revised Governing Board policies as presented.

The Board meetings adjourned at 6:45 p.m. with no additional Board action. The next regular Governing Board meeting of the Western Buckeye Educational Service Center will be on February 11, 2010 starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Van Wert ESC Office.

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WAYNE TRACE VARSITY WRESTLING TEAM COMPETES AT WOODLAN INVITATIONAL



Woodlan hosted their 35th annual Wrestling Invitational Jan. 16. Many schools were involved including Woodlan and Wayne Trace. Shown here is 125lb weight class (L-R) Wayne Trace's Zach Cotterman & Woodlan's Trey Delagrange. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

The Wayne Trace Raiders wrestling team placed seven of their wrestlers at the Woodlan Wrestling Invitational on Saturday, January 16. Placing third for the Raiders was 125lb. Zach Cotterman and 152 lb Cody Stahl.

Fourth place finishes went to 140lb. Sawyer Temple, 145lb. Tyler Anett, and 245lb. Andy Norling.

Michael Boyd, 130lbs., placed fifth and Josh Leggit, 160lb., was awarded sixth.

Here lately the Raiders have been plagued with injuries. It was during first round of action, that Josh Leggit suffered an injury, which wound up resulting in a broken hand.

The Wayne Trace Raiders went into the tournament without two of their varsity wrestlers.

Katie Clemens, 103lbs., and Kameron Clemens, 130lbs., both are on the team's injury list. Grapplers Cody Stahl and Andy Norling each have a minor knee injury, but both boys were able to wrestle in the tournament.

Despite the injuries and the bad luck that seemed to be upon the Raiders on Saturday, the team did have some high points. In the 145lb. match, Tyler Arnett wrestled a very good match. With only five seconds left in the third period, the score was tied at 7-7. Tyler worked his way to a two point takedown and won the match at the buzzer, 9-7.

Sometimes the true hero of a team is not necessarily the one who always brings in

the big wins or the one who always finishes in the championship spot. Wayne Trace wrestler Michael Boyd is just such a person. Michael, who has been wrestling at the JV level all season, challenged the 135lb. varsity wrestler to a wrestle off last week. Michael won the wrestle off and this guaranteed him a long awaited chance to move to the varsity level. When Michael saw that due to Kameron Clemens being injured, no one would be wrestling at the 130lb. class and this would be a 6 pt. void for his team—this is where Michael becomes a hero. He gave the 135lb. spot back to the wrestler he had defeated and told his coach he would like to work hard and loose enough weight to be able to fill the 130 lb class and try to avoid giving up points every round for his team. Michael went into the tournament at exactly 130lb. Michael wound up placing in 6th place.

"We have so many kids on the injured list right now," said coach George Clemens. "We cannot really concentrate too much on our win-loss situation. We just want everyone to get healed up for what lies ahead in the season. I think we have a good group of kids, they work so hard, their injuries show that. But thank goodness none of them are major. I would especially like to recognize Mike Boyd for what he did for the team this past weekend."

WOODLAN PLACES 4TH & WAYNE TRACE PLACES 8TH AT WOODLAN WRESTLING INVITATIONAL

The Woodlan Wrestling Invitational took place on January 16, 2010 at Woodlan Jr/Sr High School.

Team results:

- 1st - Greenville, 239.5
- 2nd - Churubusco, 195.5
- 3rd - Leo, 186
- 4th - Woodlan, 146.5
- 5th - Elmhurst, 133
- 6th - Bluffton, 117.5
- 7th - Bishop Luers, 93
- 8th - Wayne Trace, 85

Individual Weight Class Championship Matches:

103 - Tanner Hill (GV), pin 1:55, Jose Nino (E)
112 - Chris Poling (E), Maj Dec. 11-3, Austin Hammon, Woodlan

119 - Tony Lovejoy (BL), Maj. Dec. 12-2, Jon Edwards (GV)

125 - Ben Edwards (GV), Dec. 7-5, Bobby Perry (B)

130 - Evan Warner (GV), Dec. 6-0, Seth Higgins (B)

135 - Cody Zink (W), Dec. 8-1, Corey Botts (L)

140 - Justin Beck (L), Dec. 10-4, Zack Stull (GV)

145 - Daniel Edwards (GV), Dec. 5-2, Kyle King (B)

152 - Selo Ranjattan (GV), Pin 3:07, David Hayden (E)

160 - Alex Brenneke (W), OT Dec. 6-4, Garret Weber (L)

171 - Jordan Hamilton (CH), Pin 1:36, Cole Brickler (GV)

189 - Braxton Siddons (CH), Dec. 6-0, Alex Jacaki (L)

215 - Jay Linscomb (CH) Maj. Dec. 14-3, Nick Woodruff (GV)

285 - Tyler Saylor (E), Pin 4:48, Braden Waggoner (L)

LEO TOPS WOODLAN IN HS WRESTLING ACTION

By: Jeff Abbott

Leo 39, Woodlan 32

103 - Normand (W) pin Yoder (L) 3:02, 6-0

112 - Hammon (W) tech fall Swinney (L) 20-4, 11-0

119 - Parisot (W) pin Ganger (L) 1:07, 17-0

125 - Delegrange (W) dec Farber (L) 14-13, 20-0

130 - Bussen (L) pin Gracovac (W) 3:12, 20-6

135 - Zink (W) forfeit, 26-6

140 - Steury (L) forfeit, 26-12

145 - Beck (L) pin Normand (W) 5:03, 26-18

152 - Meeks (L) pin Hathaway (W) 3:01, 26-24

160 - Weber (L) dec Brenneke (W) 17-10, 26-27

171 - Cooper (L) pin Salmon (W) 1:04, 26-33

189 - Jakacki (L) pin Gessner (W) :46, 26-39

215 - David (L) dec Hirschy (W) 7-5, 26-42

285 - Kever (W) pin Waggoner (L) 2:19, 32-42

LOCAL ANTWERP STUDENTS TO PERFORM WITH HONOR BAND & CHOIR

The following junior high students have been selected to perform with the District III Jr. High Honor Choir: Jasper Godeke (7th), Jarrett Godeke (7th), and Dana Conley.

These students were selected to perform in the District III Jr. High Band: Erik Miesle (8th), Kirsi Smith (8th), and Nathan Hawley (8th).

Nathan Hawley and Kirsi Smith were also selected to perform in the IPFW Three Rivers Honors Band, which is composed of middle school/

junior high students from the tri-state area.

The Antwerp Music Department would encourage you to congratulate these talented young musicians. The Department will be presenting a Winter Band Concert (grades 6-12) on Monday, February 22 at 7:30 p.m. Come out to listen to the young talent in the community.

WAYNE TRACE BEST EDON IN GIRLS BASKETBALL

On Tuesday, January 12, the Lady Raiders played host to the Edon Lady Bombers. WT came out on top for a home victory: 56-45.

Score by the quarter:
Wayne Trace - 15 14 19 8=56

Edon - 10 14 11 13=45

BLUFFTON DOWNS WOODLAN IN BOYS' BASKETBALL

By: Jeff Abbott

Bluffton took the early lead over Woodlan in boys' basketball, then the Tigers turned it on in the second quarter and Bluffton went on to down Woodlan 44-22 and get the win in ACAC play. Bluffton led 8-4 after the first quarter, but outscored the Warriors 19-4 in the second stanza for a 27-8 halftime lead. James Brames led Woodlan scoring with 7 points.

Score by the quarter:
Woodlan - 4 4 5 9=22

Bluffton - 8 19 10 7=44

Scorers:
Woodlan - Brames 7, Hines 6, Mumma 4, Patterson 2, Romines 2, Lortie 1

Bluffton - Okey 16, Cochran 10, Vanderkolk 9, Leising 5, Bowman 2, Landrum 2

WOODLAN FALLS SHORT AGAINST LEO

By: Jeff Abbott

After falling behind 14-8 in the first quarter to Leo, Woodlan came back in the second period to tie the score at 21-21 at halftime. Leo dominated the third period, outscoring the Warriors 19-9 to take the lead heading into the final 8 minutes. Leo continued their strong defensive play in the final period, holding Woodlan to just 4 points and getting the win 48-34 over the Warriors in girls' ACAC play. Taylor Carver had 13 points and 10 rebounds for Woodlan.

Score by the quarter:
Leo - 14 7 19 8=48

Woodlan - 8 13 9 4=34

Scorers:
Leo - Meeks 16, Peck 8, King 7, Wilder 7, Howe 5, Gary 3, Field 2

Woodlan - Carver 13, Ehle 8, Wiedemann 7, Keller 3, Kirkwood 3

ACAC GIRLS & BOYS TOURNAMENT OPENING ROUND & SEMI-FINAL RESULTS

ACAC Girls Basketball Tournament:

Opening Round - Garrett 46, Southern Wells 33; Heritage 54, Bluffton 28; Woodlan 54, Adams Central 43; Leo 54, South Adams 26

Semi-Finals - Leo 66, Heritage 33; Garrett 40 Woodlan 22

ACAC Boys Basketball Tournament:

Opening Round - Bluffton 56, Heritage 30; Garrett 55, Southern Wells 44; Leo 93, South Adams 79; Adams Central 55, Woodlan 48

Semi-Finals - Bluffton 100, Leo 79; Garrett 50, Adams Central 39

WAYNE TRACE JR HIGH CROWNED AYERSVILLE TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS



The Wayne Trace Junior High wrestling team won the Ayersville Wrestling Invitational for the first time in school history. Wayne Trace has been attending the tournament for approximately twenty years.

Teams competing were Antwerp, Ayersville, Defiance, Edgerton, Fairview, Hicksville, Montpelier, Patrick Henry, Paulding, Stryker, Tinora and WT.

Placers were as follows: Jacob Dingus, Aaron Miller, and Tyler Showalter all received first place; Cassidy Hilkey, Zac Wesley, and Justin Pierce all received second place; and Zaine Cotterman,

Matt Baxter, and Josh Reel received third place.

Top three team scores: Wayne Trace 143.5, Ayersville 134, Tinora 99.5.

When asked, Coach Stabler said, "This was a huge win for us. The kids wrestled hard all day long. I am proud of what they have accomplished today. This tournament gives us a good look at how our Green Meadows Conference Tournament will be. It is going tough and close. It will all come down to what team or what individual wants it the most."

Coach Clemens commented with a smile, "This is all part of the master plan."

WOODLAN TAKES 5TH AT WRESTLING INVITATIONAL

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan placed 5th in the eight team New Haven Invitational Wrestling Tournament. The Homestead Spartans topped the field with New Haven finishing second. The Spartans had 6 individual champions at the meet. Woodlan had 2 champions, Cody Zink winning the 135 lb class and Alex Brenneke taking the 160 lb championship.

WT JH WRESTLERS PIN A WIN OVER PAULDING & SPENCERVILLE

The Wayne Trace Junior High wrestling team improves to an 8-0 with wins over Paulding and Spencerville last Tuesday.

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RAIDERS PILLAGE A WIN AGAINST ACES IN JV & VARSITY BASKETBALL



Wayne Trace took on Hicksville in boys basketball Jan. 14 at home. The Raiders crushed the Aces in a final score of 50-36. Shown here is Senior Derrick Baksa scoring for the Raiders. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

On Thursday, January 14, the Wayne Trace Raiders dominated their home court, devouring both the Hicksville Aces JV and varsity basketball teams. In JV the score was 48-35. The varsity game also ended a Raider win: 50-36.

Varsity score by the quarter:
Hicksville - 7 12 9 8=36

Wayne Trace - 17 9 11 13=50
Scorers of the varsity game:
Hicksville - Burlingame 10, Yoder 10, Miller 6, Michael 4, Klepper 2, Monroe 2, Husted 2
Wayne Trace - Davis 19, Beckman 12, Baksa 10, Klopfenstein 3, Sherry 2, Ross-wurm 2, Gordon 1

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A's & B's - Keaton Altimus, Ashton Barnhouse, Tyler Bauer, Kati Carr, Serenity Clark, Kobe Dunderman, Braden Evans, Brett Fulk, Gene Garrett, Kaitlyn Hamman, Christina Kever, Nathan Lee, Aidan McAlexander, Tim Major, Megan Marsee, Mary-Cate Panico, Aubree Rager, Charity Roebel, Gage Speaks, Aubree Sproles, Joel Steiner, Kole Titus, Alexis Wright

FOURTH GRADE:
All A's - Brian Geyer, Alex Hindenlang, Joshua Poulson, Kyle Trauterman
A's & B's - Kaylee Bennett, Kaitlyn Clevinger, Noah Cline, Jacob Dunderman, Zeb Getrost, Brooke Hatlevig, Christian Huss, Brandon Laney, Riley McAlexander, Becca McCroskey, Ashley Miller, Jon Pendergrast, Callie Perry, Dylan Peters, KOLETON PORTER, Kortney Smith, Rachel Williamson

FIFTH GRADE:
All A's - Emma Butzin, Matthew Dooley, Derek Reeb, Jaime Ryan, Jarrison Steiner, Maggie Wilson
A's & B's - Chris Campbell, Carley Delong, Josh Ehlinger, Mariah Elkins, Marissa Elkins, Mackenzie Hart, Evan Hilton, Becca Johans, Zachary McDaniels, Erica Meyer, Olivia Miller, Trey Mills, Brandon Pendergrast, Emilee Phillips, Ashley Pratt, Hanna Richey, Arron Romero, Kaylee Schroeder, Sydney Sheedy, Peyton Short, Alex Smith, Hayden Stryn, Michael Taylor, McKenzie Turpening

SIXTH GRADE:
All A's - Beth Hawley, Josh Longardner, Anne Miesle, Drake Neace, Aaron O'Donnell, Iann Roebel, Jacob Sukup, Allison Taylor, Sam Williamson, Jenna Wilson, Cayla Woodcox
A's & B's - Mikayla Boesch, Avery Braaten, Erik Buchan, Justice Clark, Jeff Coleman, Domino Daugherty, Emily Derck, Serena Drake, Audrie Longardner, Kayle Slattery, Brittany Smith

PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL 2009-10 2ND 9 WEEKS

Grade 6:
All A's - Lucas Arend, Kelsey Beck, Allison Harpel, Taylor Manz, Matthew Martinez, Brandon Minck, Megan Reineck, Emilee Ringler, Taylor Schooley
All A's and B's - Victoria Bradford, Damon Egnor, Kynsie Etzler, Megan Fife, Joshua Fleck, Lauren Johanns, Victoria Johanns, Kacie Karlstadt, Taylor Kochenour, Sabrinah Leaman, Victoria Meadows, Emily Moore, Johnathon Rose, Kristen Schilt, Jordan Shull, Jarrett Sitton, Nicholas Warnimont, Cullen Wenzlick, Drayson Wenzlick

Grade 7:
All A's - Kathryn Clapsaddle, Ashlyn Strahley
All A's and B's - Katie Carnahan, Jarrod Clark, Bailey Combs, Brooke Combs, Jacob Dye, Hannah English, Claudia Foltz, Sam Froelich, Kyle Gardner, Preston Gross, Sean Holman, Alexis Howell, Erin Johanns, Jacob Long, Ashleigh Marable, Abbi Miller, Ellie Miller, Aaron Mock, Isaac Nice, Emily Pastor,

Morgan Riley, Lorenzo Salinas, Haley Schlegel, Jessica Schroeder, Shayla Shepherd, Malayna VanCleve, Laurel Wehrkamp
Grade 8:
All A's - Katelynn Back, Katherine Fleck, Andrew Layman, Brad Matson, Sierra McCullough, Kaylyn Rager, Kaitlyn Roughton, Jaclyn Schlatter
All A's and B's - Emily Albert, Seth Aldrich, Stephanie Baldwin, Jerika Bland, Eric Busch, Taylor Dangler, Melissa Durham, Emily Farr, Chase Gideon, Javier Gonzales, Guy Harder, Ashley Johanns, Rachael Kesler, Kenneth King, Kande Manson, Kelsi Manz, Janey McCourt, Rachael Mourey, Rachel Nicoley, Devin Otto, Abby Pease, Sydney Provines, Kenneth Roberts, Sidney Salinas, Ryan Schindler, Chelsie Schoepflin, Kayla Shaffer, Alesha Simon, Allison Singer, Tiffany Spangler, Austin Stafford, Shelly Stafford, Jenifer Switzer, Kaley Varner, Meagan Weller, Mindy Yates, Bailey Zeller

OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HONOR ROLL 2ND NINE WEEKS 2009-2010

*denotes all A's
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Miss Hornyak 3C - Allison Bronson, Jacob Eblin, Sierra Halter, Brian Holbrooks, Emma Horstman, Alissa Jenkins, Elizabeth Pollock, Delaney Porter, Alex Riethman, Hunter Sherry, Trinity Temple*
Mrs. Hohlbien 4A - Logan Bradford*, Blake Dobbelaere, Cloey Fohner, Thomas Heilman, Seth Wagner, Chelsea Branham

Miss Harris 4C - Jacob Black, Breanne Conley, Adrian Daniels, Brendan Dingus, Jacee Harwell*, Crystal Holcombe, Colton Lloyd*, Winter McStoots, Haley Rittenhouse
Mrs. Pier 5B - Allison Arend*, Hannah Fairchild, Paige Fitzwater, Matt Karia, Nathan Keyes, Andrea Kremer, Estee Miller, Morissa Rue, Beth Yates
Mrs. Brimmer 5C - Lauren Hill, Julie Anne Holbrooks, Aaron Horstman, Cheyanne Lucas, Molly Meeker, Kourtney Thomas

Mrs. Thornell 6A - Trent Church, Arlyn Cooper, Jo-

LADY PANTHERS LOSE AGAINST LADY KNIGHTS



Paulding invited the Knights for girls basketball Jan. 14 at Paulding. Crestview took a large early lead and never gave it up. The Lady Panthers kept up the rest of the game but never recovered from the first quarter point loss. Final score 35-51. Shown here is Sophomore Jessica Farr attempting a basket. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

The Crestview Lady Knights came to Panther country on January 14, and displayed their superiority on the court. The Lady Knights

stripped Paulding of a victory that night: 51-35
Score by the quarter:
Paulding - 4 10 6 15=35
Crestview - 19 13 6 13=51

ANTWERP LADY ARCHERS STRUGGLE AGAINST LADY BULLDOGS



Antwerp took on Edgerton at home Friday, Jan. 15 in girls basketball. The Lady Archers worked hard and had a close game, but took a loss to the Bulldogs 40-43. Shown here is Junior Jessie Arnold scoring for the Archers. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

On Friday, January 15, the Lady Archers played host to the Edgerton Lady Bulldogs in girls basketball. It was back and forth the entire game, skills, baskets and fouls flew across the court all evening. In the end, the Lady Bulldogs

took home the win: 43-40.
Score by the quarter:
Edgerton - 14 9 10 10=43
Antwerp - 9 9 11 11=40
Archer scorers:
Jones 2, Bashore 11, Koppenhofer 12, Arnold 7, Smalley 2, Stuck 6

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**VILLAGE OF PAULDING
MEETING MINUTES FOR
12/21/09**

Paulding Village Council met in Regular Session on December 21, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. Mayor Greg White called the meeting to order.

Finance Director Tope called roll call with the following members present: Barb Rife, Ronnie Breedlove, Sam Jeffery, Roger Sierer, Kim Sutton, and Randy Daeger. Administrator Wiebe and Solicitor Jones were also present.

Jeffery motioned to approve the minutes of the December 7th meeting, seconded by Sierer. Vote: all yeas.

Ordinance No. 1401-09 re: An Ordinance Amending and Increasing Appropriations for Current Expenses and other Expenditures of the Village of Paulding, Ohio, during the Year Ending December 31, 2009, was read for the third time. Breedlove motioned to approve the legislation, seconded by Rife. Vote: all yeas.

Ordinance No. 1402-09 re: An Ordinance to Make Permanent Appropriations for Current Expenses and other Expenditures of the Village of Paulding, State of Ohio, During the Year Ending December 31, 2010, was read for the third time. Jeffery motioned to approve the legislation, seconded by Daeger. Vote: all yeas.

Aaron Powell, lease of the Old Barnes Hotel, was present to request more time to repair the property located at 110 S. Williams Street. Solicitor Jones noted that according to Ordinance 1144-96 Mr. Powell has 30-days from the date of receipt of his certified letter (November 23rd) to file a Motion to Appeal. Council will then have 30-days from receipt of his appeal to hold a hearing to discuss the issue. Mr. Powell noted he has not had much time to make the appropriate modifications to the building due to limited access since a fence has been erected around the building. Jones noted the fence was put up to ensure public safety, and that the Village will allow him access to the property upon request.

Rife presented the minutes of the Salary & Allowance Board's meeting from December 16th. Rife noted the Board recommended adjusting the EMS rate structure to the following pursuant to the collection company's request:

- \$450 Basic Life Support
- \$650 Advanced Life Support
- \$750 Advanced Life Support (2) - major trauma
- \$11 per loaded mile

The new rate structure will also guarantee no out-of-pocket expenses for residents. The insurance company only

collect the amount received from the resident's insurance company, and write-off any remaining balance. Non-residents will continue to be responsible for any outstanding expense. Sutton motioned to approve the rate change, seconded by Breedlove. Vote: all yeas.

Sierer updated council on progress at the Lela McGuire Jeffery Park. He noted the project has been placed on hold until spring. American Electric Power (aka "AEP") will complete the electric service before spring, so the electric will be ready before contractors complete work at the concession stand this spring.

Sierer reported the activities of the PCFA Board's December 10th meeting. The following items were discussed:

- Approval of 2010 PCFA Contract Amount \$55,000. Sierer noted the Village will pay their portion of the contract after the first of the year.
- Chief Weidenhamer noted 2009 fire runs were down approximately 22% from the previous year.
- The Board approved Weidenhamer to apply for a grant and request quotes for a pumper truck.
- The Fire Department intends to add 4 new firemen by the end of the year.
- New exterior entrance doors, EMS bay furnace, and slats on siren tower need replaced. Exterior painting of the siren tower needs finished.

Breedlove motioned to approve the PCFA's report, seconded by Daeger. Vote: all yeas.

Finance Director Tope noted three bank depository bids had been received. Rife noted the Finance Committee had met to discuss the bids, and recommended transferring its depository to the State Bank & Trust. Rife motioned to transfer its depository to the State Bank & Trust, seconded by Daeger. Vote: all yeas.

Mayor White wished the community and Council a Merry Christmas, and thanked Jeffery and Breedlove for their service to the Village of Paulding. He also thanked the newspapers for their efforts and coverage of Village issues, and noted Council will be facing several important issues in the upcoming year. Breedlove will continue to serve as a member of the Cemetery Board and Planning Commission.

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

Solicitor Jones swore in Randy Daeger, Jim Guelde, Barbara Rife, and Mike Trausch for their 2010-2013 term.

Mayor White presented Councilmen Sam Jeffery and Ronnie Breedlove with tokens of the Village's appreciation for their service to the community.

Jeffery motioned to adjourn, seconded by Breedlove. Vote: all yeas.

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PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES FOR 12/23/09

This 23rd day of December, 2009, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

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

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:

Warrants documented as 164183 through 164441 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING THE POLICY FOR USE OF MOTOR VEHICLES BY PAULDING COUNTY EMPLOYEES FOR INCLUSION IN THE COUNTY PERSONNEL MANUAL:

Mr. Tony Zartman moved to adopt the following resolution:

The Commissioners adopted the Policy for Use of Motor Vehicles by Paulding County Employees and its inclusion in the County Personnel Manual.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPRAISAL FEE FOR THE AUGLAIZE RIVER SEWER PROJECT:

The Board of County Commissioners entered into contract with Erie Coast Appraisal Group, Inc. for the appraisal reviews on the Auglaize River Sewer Project.

IN THE MATTER OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 078):

The Commissioners authorized and directed the Paulding County Auditor to make a Supplemental Appropriation for the following:

FROM: Pay-In #85011
TO: 078-001-10001/Infrastructure Projects/Monies
AMOUNT: \$43,353.10

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2009 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION:

The Board of County Commissioners modified the 2009 Annual Appropriation and directed the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds;

FROM: 001-016-00002/General Fund/Commissioners' Buildings & Grounds/Capital Projects
TO: 001-016-00007/General Fund/Commissioners' Buildings & Grounds/Contract Services
AMOUNT: \$3,987.65

FROM: 001-017-00004/General Fund/Sheriff/Communication Salaries
TO: 001-017-00002/General Fund/Sheriff/Deputies Salaries
AMOUNT: \$6,000.00

FROM: 001-024-00008/General Fund/Soldiers' Relief/Transportation
TO: 001-024-00002/General Fund/Soldiers' Relief/Office Salaries
AMOUNT: \$800.00

FROM: 009-001-00007/Engineer-Gas Tax/Materials
TO: 009-001-00010/Engineer-Gas Tax/Insurance
AMOUNT: \$13,000.00

FROM: 009-001-00007/Engineer-Gas Tax/Materials
TO: 009-001-00010/Engineer-Gas Tax/Insurance
AMOUNT: \$19,472.87

FROM: 009-001-00008/Engineer-Gas Tax/Equipment
TO: 009-001-00015/Engineer-Gas Tax/Other Expenses
AMOUNT: \$1,064.27

FROM: 042-001-00010/Extension Center Fund/Refunds
TO: 042-001-00003/Extension Center Fund/Repairs
AMOUNT: \$26.99

FROM: 158-001-00007/WIA/Other
TO: 158-001-00005/WIA/Dislocated Worker
AMOUNT: \$4,000.00

FROM: 162-001-20910/Victims' Assistance/Equipment
TO: 162-001-20102/Victims' Assistance/PERS
AMOUNT: \$45.74

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

All members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

Meeting Notes of Appointment:
Dr. Joseph Kuhn, Paulding County Coroner - Dr. Kuhn met with the Commissioners to discuss reimbursement of mileage for 2009. He reported the toxicology reports are usually done by the State Highway Patrol. He also reported only one autopsy has been done since May, 2009. Dr. Kuhn then expressed the need

for a back-up Deputy Coroner. Appointing an official Deputy Coroner would allow release of a body to a funeral home.

Ellen Townley, Paulding County Agricultural Society - Ms. Townley met briefly with the Commissioners to present an updated listing of the Paulding County Agricultural Society board of directors.

Randy Shaffer, EMA - Mr. Shaffer met with the Commissioners to discuss office/storage rooms at the OSU Extension building.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES FOR 12/28/09

This 28th day of December, 2009, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

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

IN THE MATTER OF RE-APPOINTMENTS TO THE PAULDING COUNTY FLOOD PLAIN VARIANCE BOARD:

The Commissioners reappointed the following members to the Paulding County Flood Plain Variance Board:

Steve Sprow, 2 year term, expires December 31, 2011

Tim Franklin, 2 year term, expires December 31, 2011

Brian Miller, 2 year term, expires December 31, 2011

IN THE MATTER OF CREATING A FUND AND LINE ITEMS FOR THE PAULDING COUNTY LAW LIBRARY RESOURCES BOARD (FUND 025):

The Commissioners directed the County Auditor to create Fund 025, Paulding County Law Library Resources Board and to create the following line items in Fund 025:

Revenue - 025-001-10001, Fines County Court; 025-001-10002, Fines Juvenile Court; 025-001-10003, Fines Clerk of Courts; 025-001-10004, Fines and Penalties

Expenses - 025-001-00001, Books/Computer Research; 025-001-00002, Miscellaneous; 025-001-00003, Librarian Salary; 025-001-00004, PERS; 025-001-00005, Workers' Compensation; 025-001-00006, Medicare

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2009 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION:

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

FROM: 001-002-00008/General Fund/County Auditor/Other Expenses
TO: 001-002-00002/General Fund/County Auditor/Salaries, Employees
AMOUNT: \$156.66

FROM: 001-030-00005/General Fund/Insurance/Loss Control/PERS
TO: 001-030-00004/General Fund/Insurance/Loss Control/Salaries/Loss Control
AMOUNT: \$95.08

FROM: 055-001-99999/Transfer Out
TO: 009-001-99999/Transfer In
AMOUNT: \$140,802.78

Meeting Notes of Appointment:
Jim Machock, Wells Fargo Insurance - Mr. Machock met with the Commissioners for the six month review of the health insurance program. He reported 67 people currently covered under the county health insurance policy. The first six months of claims paid for the current coverage year was about 5% over what was estimated, with a total of \$212,800.00 paid out. The majority of the claims paid were to Lutheran Preferred (in-network) providers. Mr. Machock also praised our third party administrator, Pro-Claim Plus, for speedy claims processing. 48% of claims are processed for payment the same day Pro-Claim receives them. Mr. Machock also commented that prescription drug coverage is the most utilized benefit. He will schedule another appointment about a month prior to the renewal of the policy.

Otto Gerdeman and Brenda Crawford - Mr. Gerdeman presented an update on the Board of Elections remodeling project, which is being partially funded by a CDBG grant. The purpose of the remodeling is to make the office ADA compliant for handicapped accessibility.

Bobby Melton - Mr. Melton requested a meeting with the Commissioners to discuss the Auglaize River Sewer Project.

JOHNSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY HAPPENINGS IN HICKSVILLE

The Knitting & Crocheting Group, the Community Gardening Class, the Teen Book Discussion Group, the Book Brunch Discussion Group, and the On-Line Adult Book Discussion Group highlight the week of January 25-30 at the Johnson Memorial Library.

The Johnson Memorial Library will be hosting its monthly Knitting & Crocheting Group on Tuesday, January 26 at 6:30 p.m. The Knitting & Crocheting Group is free and is open to everyone interested in knitting or crocheting or anyone who is interested in learning the two crafts. Group members are encouraged to bring along the knitting or crocheting project that they are currently working on or a project that they would like to begin.

Learn more about Hicksville's community garden and become apart of the village's gardening effort on Tuesday, January 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the Johnson Memorial Library. The program is free and open to both children and adults. It is sponsored by the Hicksville Community Service Center and will be led by Master Gardener Mark Bok. To register for the program, call the Hicksville Community Service Center at 419-542-7173.

Book clubs abound next week at the Johnson Memorial Library. On Thursday, January 28 at 6:30 p.m., the Teen Book Discussion Group will kick off the book clubs with the Book Brunch Discussion Group for upper elementary school students on Saturday, January 30 at 10:00 a.m., and the adult book discussion is on-line at <http://jmlbookclub.blogspot.com>. All of the monthly book discussion groups are free and are open to the public.

On January 28 at 6:30 p.m., the Johnson Memorial Library will host its monthly Teen Book Discussion Group. They will be discussing *Winter Girls* by Laurie Halse Anderson about a young woman who dealing with the grief of losing her best friend and trying to come to grips with her own eating disorder. Library volunteer Naomi Barkman will facilitate the teen's discussion with refreshments provided by the Friends of the Hicksville Library.

Then run with Black Beauty at the Johnson Memorial Library's Book Brunch Discussion Group on January 30. According to the book jacket, "Throughout it all, the spirited and noble thoroughbred keeps his strength and good temper. This beautiful, moving story of Black Beauty's search for love and kindness, told from the horse's point of view, will have you looking at all animals in a different way." The discussion will be facilitated by library volunteer Jaci Underwood with refreshments provided by the Friends of the Hicksville Library.

Wrap up the month with the on-line adult book discussion group at <http://jml-bookclub.blogspot.com>. The adults will be discovering *The Christmas Passage* by David Saperstein. To better meet the needs of working adults and to avoid going out in awful winter weather, you can log on anytime and share your thoughts on this month's book.

The library has ordered copies of the books, so each group member may have one. Please stop by the library and pick up your copy today. If you have any questions about or would like additional information on any of the library programs, please call the Johnson Memorial Library at 419-542-6200 or email murphyam@oplin.org

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Village of Antwerp will be accepting sealed bids for the lease of 22.4 acres of farm ground for the purpose of farming.

A Lease Agreement is available at Town Hall for review for any interested parties. Please mail bids to:

Village of Antwerp
PO Box 1046
Antwerp, OH 45813

Or bring to fiscal officer at Town Hall. Bids will be opened at noon on Friday, February 19th.

Real Estate Taxes Are Due Tues., Feb. 9, 2010

Failure To Receive Tax Bill Will Not Avoid Penalty or Interest Charges.

⇒ Please bring your tax bill with you when coming into the office to make a payment.

⇒ If you cannot make it into the office, please use the addressed envelope enclosed with your tax bill and mail it to the office.

Trailer Tax Will Be Due Monday, March 1, 2010

Paulding County Treasurer, Lou Ann Wannemacher
Phone: 419-399-8280

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Position Opening - Paulding County Extension

The Ohio State University Extension Office of Paulding County has an opening for a Program Assistant. The position will be responsible for coordinating a traditional 4-H program and providing some office support for the Extension office. The position will be for 32 hours per week. Candidate must be willing to work flexible hours including evenings and weekends.

Candidate needs a Bachelor's degree in appropriate area or an equivalent combination of education and experience through college coursework is required. Experience necessary in Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Access, Power Point, Publisher), office support and maintaining office equipment and supplies.

For a complete position description, minimum qualifications, and application instructions, please go to www.jobstosu.com and click "Search Postings". Under Requisition Number, type 348803 and click "Search". To assure consideration, applications need to be completed online no later than January 31, 2010.

Jim Lopshire, County Director
Ohio State University Extension - Paulding County
503 Fairground Drive
Paulding, Ohio 45879
419-399-8225



AIRMAN DUSTIN W. SHUHERK GRADUATES FROM BASIC TRAINING

Air Force Airman Dustin W. Shuherk has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Shuherk completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airman Shuherk is currently studying to be an Aerospace Medical Technician at Sheppard AFB, TX.

Shuherk is a 2006 graduate of Wayne Trace High School and the son of Con and Ann Shuherk of Paulding.

PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 1/20 THROUGH 26

- MS/HS - Breakfast:*
 1/20 - Ham, egg & cheese croissant, juice, milk
 1/21 - French toast sticks, sausage links, juice, milk
 1/22 - Sausage gravy w/ biscuits, juice, milk
 1/25 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk
 1/26 - Tator tots w/cheese, sausage links, juice, milk
MS/HS - Lunch:
 1/20 - Pizza sticks w/marinara sauce or Grilled chicken w/bun, green beans, assorted fruit, milk
 1/21 - Turkey noodles, whipped potatoes, bread, assorted fruit, milk

- 1/22 - Fish sliders, oven potatoes, assorted fruit, milk
 1/25 - Country fried steak, whipped potatoes, gravy or Beef stew w/biscuit, assorted fruit, milk
 1/26 - Teriyaki chicken salad, garlic toast, assorted fruit, milk
Paulding Elementary - Breakfast:
 1/20 - Assorted cereals, juice, milk
 1/21 - Muffin, applesauce, milk
 1/22 - Cereal bar, juice, milk
 1/25 - Assorted cereals, juice, milk
 1/26 - Pancake wrap, juice, milk
Paulding Elementary - Lunch:
 1/20 - Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, gravy, bread, assorted fruit, milk
 1/21 - Curly noodle, spaghetti, green beans, cheese snack, bread, assorted fruit, milk
 1/22 - French toast, sausage, hash browns, assorted fruit, milk
 1/25 - Breaded chicken w/bun, broccoli w/cheese, assorted fruit, milk
 1/26 - Taco salad, lettuce/cheese/salsa, crackers, string cheese, assorted fruit, milk
Oakwood Elementary - Breakfast:
 1/20 - Assorted cereal, crackers, fruit, milk
 1/21 - Breakfast burrito, fruit, milk
 1/22 - Assorted cereal, crackers, fruit, milk
 1/25 - Assorted cereals, crackers, juice, milk
 1/26 - Warm cinnamon pancakes, fruit, milk
Oakwood Elementary - Lunch:
 1/20 - Toasted cheese, tomato soup w/crackers, fruit, milk
 1/21 - Chicken fajita, carrots w/dip, doritos, fruit, milk
 1/22 - Taco in a bag, lettuce, cheese, fruit, milk
 1/25 - Sloppy joe w/bun, corn, fruit, milk
 1/26 - Chicken strips, whipped potatoes, gravy, bread, fruit, milk

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2010

Capitol Letters Weekly Column by: Senator Steve Buehrer

Last year ended in the wake of an intense debate in Columbus over how best to fix an \$851 million hole in the state's two-year education budget, which was caused by Governor Strickland's failed attempt to install slot machines at Ohio's horse tracks. As I explained in my column a few weeks ago, instead of using this mistake as an opportunity to make some needed structural changes to reduce state government spending, the Governor and House Democrats threw their support behind a plan to raise taxes on Ohio families and businesses during one of the most difficult economic periods in our state's history.

As we look ahead to 2010, the Legislature and the Governor can no longer afford to continue patching Ohio's budget with one-time money, and then hope that the state's fiscal situation will dramatically improve. It's like fixing a major leak under your kitchen sink with a piece of bubble gum.

While it may be difficult, state leaders owe it to Ohio taxpayers to come together now to streamline state government, eliminate waste and take steps to minimize future budget deficits. More than \$7 billion in federal stimulus money and other one-time funds that the Governor used to balance the current state budget will be gone in 18 months when the next two-year state operating budget must be approved. Working with members on both sides of the aisle to develop long-term cost-saving solutions will be one of my top priorities in 2010.

One of the best ways to improve Ohio's budget situation is by fostering an environment where businesses can grow and create jobs. Unfortunately, two policy moves by the Strickland Administration in 2009 will hinder this effort and require more legislative review. Already, the state's unemployment fund is more than \$1.7 billion in the red, and we have had to borrow money from the federal government to continue paying benefits to jobless Ohioans. This money will eventually have to be paid back with interest, which will be a significant drain on the state's budget. Unfortunately, this problem has been compounded by the decision to offer unemployment benefits to certain individuals who are attending school rather than seeking employment. Although this may sound like a compelling program, these costs will only worsen our unemployment fund deficit.

Secondly, the Strickland Administration chose to move forward with new rules at the Bureau of Workers' Compensation that will raise premiums for thousands of businesses across the state by reducing the maximum discount that employers can receive through Ohio's group rating program. Even though some employers may see decreases, the premium increases for nearly half of Ohio's employers will only harm the ability of these firms to survive and retain jobs in this difficult business climate.

My colleagues and I in the Senate fought hard against these new rules, and we have

advocated studying alternatives to the current workers' compensation system that are friendlier to businesses and workers. In November 2009, the Senate approved Senate Resolution 118, which created the Competitive Workers' Compensation Task Force to review the feasibility of allowing Ohio employers the option to obtain private workers' compensation insurance. Over the next several months, I will be working on the task force and continue to explore other opportunities for improving the workers' compensation system in our state.

In the coming months, I also intend to work with members of the Ohio House to build consensus on Senate Bill 162, legislation I introduced in August 2009, which would make several common sense reforms to Ohio's telecommunications law in an effort to promote greater competition among providers, improve service and protections for Ohio consumers and attract investment in high-tech infrastructure and job growth to our local communities. The bill was approved with strong bipartisan support in the Senate late last year.

In addition, I have a number of other legislative priorities for 2010. I am currently working on a bill that would further streamline Ohio's concealed carry laws and make it easier for lawful gun owners in Ohio to exercise their Second Amendment rights. Also, continuing my quest to protect the sanctity of human life in Ohio, I plan to work with my colleagues to move Senate Concurrent Resolution 6, legislation that I introduced with State Senator Tim Grendell early last year, which calls on members of the U.S. House and Senate to oppose the Freedom of Choice Act, a radical, pro-choice plan that would undermine popular pro-life efforts at the state and local level.

I also anticipate a strong debate in 2010 over the future of elections in Ohio. The Senate recently approved Senate Bill 8, which includes several common-sense reforms designed to promote greater transparency and fairness in our election system. The House also approved a similar election bill, but there are still a number of key differences between the two chambers on the issue.

This is a critical year for Ohio. While we are going through a difficult time right now, state leaders have an important opportunity to make some significant changes to shore up the state's budget, improve our economy and strengthen the quality of life in our local communities. We owe it to all Ohioans to put our differences aside and come together to do what is right for the future of this state.

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



FROM THE DOG WARDEN'S DESK

By: Mandy Lichty, Paulding County Chief Dog Warden

This week's featured pet is Maya. Maya is a one year old rottweiler mix. She is very

well-behaved and is already housetrained.

Also at the shelter we still have Ruby, Wolfie, and Miranda.

Be sure to renew your dog licenses before January 31st to avoid a late penalty fee. Licenses can be purchased at the Auditor's Office, at the Dog Warden's Office (Dog Shelter) or online at www.pauldingcountyauditor.com.

Come out and see the dogs on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Thursdays from 2:00-5:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. - Noon.

FOOD DONATION TO PAULDING COUNTY DOG SHELTER



Tractor Supply in Van Wert has generously donated a whole pick-up load of dog food to the Paulding County

Dog Shelter this past week. Thank you so much for such a generous donation.

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 1/20 THROUGH 1/26

- Breakfast:*
 All days - Cereal, crackers, juice, milk
Lunch:
 1/20 - Hamburger or breaded chicken on bun, green bean casserole, peaches, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cookie bar
 1/21 - Blueberry pancake on a stick or grilled chicken on bun, hash browns, orange juice, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cook's choice
 1/22 - Chicken quesadilla or egg salad sandwich, pretzels, salad, pineapple, milk; PLUS: salad bar or jello cup
 1/25 - Salisbury or mini-

corn dog, cooked carrots, orange smiles, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cook's choice

1/26 - Ham on bun or cook's choice, scalloped potatoes, applesauce cup, milk; PLUS: chicken potato bowl

ANTWERP VILLAGE COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Antwerp Village Council held a special meeting January 12 concerning an emergency ordinance:

Ordinance #2010-01: An Ordinance authorizing the lease of real estate owned by the Village of Antwerp, Ohio pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 721.03; and declaring the same an emergency.

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