

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

MR. & MRS. DONALD SMITH CELEBRATE 40 YEARS OF MARRIAGE



Donald Harry Smith and Rebekah Ninnon Lord were united in marriage at half after six on December 26, 1970 at St. James Lutheran Church, Payne, Ohio by the Rev. Grant A. Shealy. They have two daughters: Sera Louise of Defiance and Suzanne Martha of Chicago. The couple took a fall color tour to Pennsylvania in October. They invite their family, friends and members to the service of Carols and Lessons at St. John Lutheran, Hicksville on December 26th at 10:00 a.m. Rebekah will be playing and Donald will have the church decorated. A light fellowship will follow the service. The family will gather for dinner to complete the celebration.

After a very hard decision was made these kids were named the winners: 1st prize of a \$100 gift certificate to Clem's goes to Holly Sanders of Antwerp; 2nd prize of a \$50 gift certificate to Clem's goes to Mary Cate Panico of Paulding; and the 3rd place winner of a \$25 gift certificate to Clem's goes to Nicholas Cantrell from Oakwood. Congratulations to these kids for their endeavors. Many comic strips were received and we all were impressed with the imagination of these kids.

Watch future issues for the winning comic strips and pictures of the winners.

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WINNERS OF THE WEST BEND NEWS & CLEM'S COMIC STRIP CONTEST ANNOUNCED

The afternoon of December 17 was filled with anticipation and decisions as the judging for the winners of the Clem's Comic Strip Contest went on.

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Vantage SkillsUSA officers collected toys and cash donations for Toys for Tots in Paulding and Van Wert counties this year. SkillsUSA officers pictured presenting a check and toys to Judy Short (right) of the Paulding County Salvation Army are (l-r) Tabrina Vance (Paulding), Amelia Pierce (Wayne Trace), Angelica Yoh (Paulding), Macy Crooks (Wayne Trace), Haili Knepper (Antwerp), Kim Black (Paulding) and Lynzie Biederman (Parkway).



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-Zeke & All the Jordan's

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OBITUARIES

Nahelma Mae Schlegel, 43, of Defiance died Monday, December 13, 2010 at Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, OH. She was born February 18, 1967 in Kentucky the daughter of Clinton and Eliza Willis. In 1995 she married Anthony Schlegel who preceded her in death in 2009. She attended Paulding Church of Nazarene, Paulding.

She is survived by a daughter, Tabitha (Shawn) Keezer; a son, Clinton J. Willis; her mother, Eliza Willis; four brothers: Lloyd, Denver, Cordis and Darrell Willis; two sisters: Bev Sulfridge and Susan Shawley; and two grandchildren.

She is also preceded in death by her father; and a sister, Velma.

Funeral services were conducted December 17, 2010 at Paulding Church of the Nazarene with Pastor Kim Semran officiating. Burial was in Junction Cemetery, Junction, OH.

Donations may be made to Den Herder Funeral Home. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

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Clem's for promoting this contest. Clem's, at Jefferson Pointe, offers sports, comics, games and more.

Watch the West Bend News for your chance at the next contest.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES FOR 12/8/10

This 8th day of December, 2010, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

Tony Zartman, Tony Burkley, and Nola Ginter, Clerk; Absent: Edward Straley

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:

Warrants documented as 173743 through 173993 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR THE PAULDING COUNTY COURTHOUSE FOR THE YEAR 2011:

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby approve the County Courthouse Holiday Schedule for 2011 recommended by Judge John DeMuth, Probate Court, as follows:

January 17, 2011, Monday,

Martin Luther King Day
February 21, 2011, Monday, Presidents' Day
May 30, 2011, Monday, Memorial Day
July 4, 2011, Monday, Independence Day
September 5, 2011, Monday, Labor Day
October 10, 2011, Monday, Columbus Day
November 24, 2011, Thursday, Thanksgiving Day
December 26, 2011, Monday, Christmas Holiday

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Mr. Tony Burkley to go into executive session at 10:56 a.m. with Joe Burkard, County Prosecutor to discuss legal matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tony Zartman. All members voting yea.

At 11:20 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

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

The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on November 30, 2010, Warrants numbering 173282 through 173627 totaling \$413,062.68; and it is certified that both at the time

that the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time that the County Auditor is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance; and pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code §5705.41(D)(1), these purchases must be approved by resolution of the board of county commissioners; the Paulding County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Purchase Orders as submitted by the Auditor; and it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners, County of Paulding, State of Ohio concerning the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2010 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 054):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2010 Annual Appropriation and hereby direct the Paulding County Auditor to appropriate unappropriated funds:

Fund 054 - CCCP, 054-001-00001/Equipment Expenses, \$5,416.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2010 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-003):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2010 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:

FROM: 001-003-00007/General Fund/County Treasurer/Advertising/Printing

TO: 001-003-00003/General Fund/County Treasurer/Supplies

AMOUNT: \$209.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2010 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-011):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2010 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:

FROM: 001-011-00003/General Fund/Probate Court/Supplies

TO: 001-011-00009/General Fund/Probate Court/Other Expenses

AMOUNT: \$300.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2010 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-011):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2010 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:

FROM: 001-011-00008/General Fund/Probate Court/Expenses/Foreign Judge

TO: 001-011-00009/General Fund/Probate Court/Other Expenses

AMOUNT: \$300.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2010 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-018):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2010 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor

to transfer funds:
FROM: 001-018-00008/General Fund/County Recorder/Other Expenses
TO: 001-018-00003/General Fund/County Recorder/Supplies
AMOUNT: \$53.40

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2010 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-024):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2010 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:

FROM: 001-024-00006/General Fund/Soldiers' Relief/PERS

TO: 001-024-00005/General Fund/Soldiers' Relief/Other Expenses

AMOUNT: \$200.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2010 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-024):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2010 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:

FROM: 001-024-00011/General Fund/Soldiers' Relief/Medicare

TO: 001-024-00005/General Fund/Soldiers' Relief/Other Expenses

AMOUNT: \$300.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2010 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-024):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2010 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:

FROM: 001-024-00002/General Fund/Soldiers' Relief/Salaries-Employees

TO: 001-024-00005/General Fund/Soldiers' Relief/Other Expenses

AMOUNT: \$500.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2010 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-024):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2010 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:

FROM: 001-024-00009/General Fund/Soldiers' Relief/Burial Expenses

TO: 001-024-00004/General Fund/Soldiers' Relief/Relief Allowance

AMOUNT: \$2,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2010 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 003):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2010 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs

the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:
FROM: 003-001-00001/Health Department/Salaries-Employees
TO: 003-001-00003/Health Department//New Building Loan Payment
AMOUNT: \$3,054.44

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2010 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 003):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2010 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:

FROM: 003-001-00001/General Fund/Health Department/Salaries - Employees

TO: 003-001-00009/General Fund/Health Department/Other Expenses

AMOUNT: \$7,945.56

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2010 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 009):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2010 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:

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

TO: 009-001-00008/Engineer - Gas Tax/Equipment

AMOUNT: \$20,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2010 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 042):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2010 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:

FROM: 042-001-00005/Extension Center Fund/Cleaning

TO: 042-001-00003/Extension

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There are two basic services the agency provides:

- 1 - Emergency Financial Assistance - Provide short term financial assistance to eligible veterans and their families who demonstrate a need. This includes, but is not limited to, food, gas, mortgage/rent and assistance with utility payments.
- 2 - Claims Assistance - Provide services for veterans and other claimants for help with VA claims for any federal, state, or local benefits.

We also provide reimbursement for the cost of transportation to VA medical facilities in our area, or in the case where the veteran cannot drive himself, we will provide a driver.

**Our office hours are Tuesday thru Friday,
9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**

**Arrangements can be made for after
office hours appointments
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Center/Repairs
AMOUNT: \$200.00
**IN THE MATTER OF
MODIFYING THE 2010 AN-
NUAL APPROPRIATION
(FUND 042):**

The Board of County
Commissioners does hereby
modify the 2010 Annual Ap-
propriation and hereby directs
the Paulding County Auditor
to transfer funds:

FROM: 042-001-00005/Ex-
tension Center Fund/Clean-
ing

TO: 042-001-00008/Exten-
sion Center/Electric

AMOUNT: \$243.66

**IN THE MATTER OF
MODIFYING THE 2010 AN-
NUAL APPROPRIATION
(FUND 147):**

The Board of County
Commissioners does hereby
modify the 2010 Annual Ap-
propriation and hereby directs
the Paulding County Auditor
to transfer funds:

FROM: 147-001-20115/
PHEP/Contract & Services

TO: 147-001-20111/PHEP/
Salaries

AMOUNT: \$120.00

**IN THE MATTER OF
MODIFYING THE 2010 AN-
NUAL APPROPRIATION
(FUND 147):**

The Board of County
Commissioners does hereby
modify the 2010 Annual Ap-
propriation and hereby directs
the Paulding County Auditor
to transfer funds:

FROM: 147-001-20115/
PHEP/Contract & Services

TO: 147-001-20114/PHEP/
Other Expenses

AMOUNT: \$320.39

**MEETING NOTES OF
APPOINTMENTS:**

Marsha Yeutter, Senior
Center - Ms. Yeutter present-
ed vouchers for approval. She
announced the Senior Center's
open house this Thursday. She
also stated she has contracted
with a dietician for the Center.
Ms. Yeutter also presented a
snow removal contract and a
caregiver support contract for
review.

Lou Ann Wannemacher,
County Treasurer - Ms.
Wannemacher met briefly
with the Commissioners to
discuss her 2011 budget. Per-
sonnel issues were reviewed.

Matt Davis, Maumee Val-
ley Planning Organization
- Mr. Davis met with the
Commissioners to update the
MNSP (Neighborhood Stabi-
lization Program) project in
Mooney Meadows in Payne.
A home has been remodeled
and is ready to be put on the
market. Mr. Davis will contact
various realtors in the area for
assistance in the selling of the
home. He invited the Com-
missioners to visit the home
and see the improvements that
have been made.

Mandy Lichty, Dog War-
den - Ms. Lichty met with the
Commissioners to review her
current and 2011 budget. On-
call hour options were dis-
cussed. She announced that
letters have been mailed to
current dog owners to remind
them to buy 2011 dog tags.
She will also advertise dog tag
sales in a local newspaper.

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the West Bend News print all
"Letters to the Editor" because
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Update

I wrote the letter last week
needing a place for my fam-
ily to live. We have received
so many calls offering help
and support. Most of the call-
ers told me that they cried
and it touched their heart to
help in some way. Well, it has
touched our hearts with the
help we have received. I was
truly not expecting the out-
pouring of love that has come
our way. Someone has offered
my husband a job and my
kids a Christmas—you know
how you are. I don't know
how to repay the kindness.
Sadly, we still have not found
a new home. We have to be
out from our current home
by mid-January. If anyone has
a three bedroom rental and
is willing to work with us on
the rent, please call me. We
are not looking to live some-
where for free. We can pay a
small monthly payment at
least until my husband and/
or I find a job. Our kids would
like to stay with their friends
at Grover Hill/Wayne Trace
but know that may not hap-
pen. I can be reached at 419-
786-8030 or m_harris2001@
yahoo.com. Some callers have
asked for my mailing address,
and it is PO Box 90, Grover
Hill, OH 45849.

—Melanie Harris

**BRENNAN HUSS HOME
FROM BASIC TRAINING**



By: Sue Knapp

Marine Brennan Huss has
returned home from Paris Is-
land, South Carolina where
he graduated from Basic
Training on December 10.
He entered the Marines in
September after graduating
from Antwerp High School
in May.

Brennan has signed up for
five years. He will go enter
MCT Marine Combat Train-
ing Camp in LeJue, North
Carolina after his 16-day
leave. The training will last for
four weeks. After that he'll at-
tend a Helicopter Mechanics
School in Pensacola, Florida
for six months to a one year.
Brennan's family is very
happy to have him home.
His parents are Robert and
Melinda Huss. Brennan has
three brothers: Cameron 16,
John 14, Christian 10, and
sister, Tomi 26, and nephew
Phoenix 2.

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3. Ralph & Joyce Wyatt in honor of Pastor Ben & Judy Lowell
4. Mr. & Mrs. Dick Wannemacher in honor of Richard O. Wannemacher & Kevin Wannemacher Family. In memory of Mildred Wannemacher, Ray Rigggenbach & Dean Rigggenbach.
5. West Bend News in honor of Sue Knapp, Stan Jordan, Angel Steiner, Tawnya English & Steve Knapp.
6. Walt & Margaret Womack in memory of Ervin Eaken, Harriet Eaken & Tim Eaken.
7. Jerry & Rosie Sholl in memory of Kurt Sholl.
8. James & Carolyn Spangler in honor of Jonathan Reinhard - grandson, Emily Reinhard - granddaughter, & Sammy Reinhard - grandson.
9. Eileen & Max Kochensparger in honor of our children & grandchildren, and all of our friends. In memory of our parents Evelyn & Elmer Foster, Stuart & Treva Kochensparger.
10. Patricia Copey in memory of Dick Copey, Rosene & Fred Martin, & Dorothy Copey.
11. Jane Elston in honor of Our Service Men. In memory of Harold Elston and Sharon Olds.
12. Opal Ashba in memory of Ben Saylor, Mark Saylor, Derick Wendt, Phil Howard & Paul Howard.
13. William Bidlack in honor of Bob Simpson, Herb Monroe & Dick Parrish.
14. Leona Molitor in memory of John Molitor, Sr., George & Gertrude Laker, Rudolph & Nora Molitor.
15. Lou & Rene' Levy in memory of Louis & Emma Levy.
16. Helen Williams in memory of Jr. (Al) Williams, Ned Schultz & Art Hoellrick.
17. Sue A Beck in honor of great - granddaughter: Annabelle Marie Saylor, born 8/22/2010, grandchildren: Ryan, Alyssa, Dustin, Chelsy, Brandon, Emily, Cassidy, Caleb, Cody, Sara & Seth, Our military sons and daughters, sisters: Kay Bromagem & Grace Jailor. In memory of Emily Jo Gillespie.
18. Mary Keller in memory of Donald Keller, James Keller, Sponsler Family & Keller Family.
19. Lois Greninger in memory of Robert Torres, Mary & Arthur Saylor, Dennis Saylor, Tony Saylor, Benjamin Saylor, & Tammy Copey.
20. Keith & JoAnne Klopfenstein Family in memory of Jaymee Leigh Klopfenstein.
21. Ivan & Betty Layman in memory of Richard & Steve Johnson, Harry & Eunice Johnson, Harold & Eleanor Layman.
22. Antwerp VFW Post 5087 in honor and memory of All Antwerp Veterans.
23. Virginia M. Paulus in memory of C.L. Paulus & sons.
24. Velma Albert in memory of Forre Albert. In honor of Family & Friends.
25. Ruth A. Williams in memory of John W Mines, Thelma R. Mines & J. Leroy Mines.
26. Ray & Carole Keesbury in memory of Sally Grosenbacher, Hope Garcia, Barb Erford & Robert Keesbury. In honor of our children and grandchildren.
27. Penny M. Kidd in memory of Doug Roddy, Kenneth Norling & Jewel Marie Kidd.
28. Mary Lou Colley in memory of Jack Colley. In honor of Naomi Colley, Sandi Parrish & John Colley, Jr.
29. Georgia Olwin in memory of Francis Olwin, John Fred Olwin, Scott Francis Olwin, Scott Clark, & Betty Lou Clark
30. Mr. & Mrs. Wade L. Gibson in memory of Matt Gibson (7/04/2009).
31. Ohio Gas Company
32. Marsha Kinder in memory of Mr. & Mrs. George Bitler, parents, and Jo Lynne Saxton, daughter.
33. Dave & Kathy Manz in memory of Richard Schlatter, Juliet Schlatter, Mark Schlatter. In honor of Eli Manz and Evelyn Manz.
34. Gert Bidlack in memory of Rollin Bidlack.
35. Ramiro & Bernie Rodriguez in honor of Jerald Rodriguez Scholarship Committee & Volunteers. In memory of Jerald Rodriguez, Frank & Celsa Gonzalez, Don Clevenger, & Juana Ruiz Family.
36. Mike & Connie Kohart in memory of Aaron Kohart, Doris Kohart, and Irvin Retcher.
37. Mary Davis in memory of Leota Davis. In honor of Paulding County Hospital Employees, Employees at The Gardens of Paulding, Community Health Professionals of Paulding, & Paulding County First Responders.
38. Mahtab Ahmed, M.D. in memory of Clarence Friend. In honor of Josephine Friend, Robert Schweitzer & Shirley Schweitzer.
39. Barb & Andy Panico in memory of our beloved son James E. Panico.
40. Randal Ruge in memory of June Reeder, James R. Reeder, Jim Brown, Jan Ruettinger, & Mark Teets.
41. Jean Foor in memory of Herbert Foor. In honor of Kenny & Jackie (Ames) Foor, Chuck & Gayle (Foor) Corkwell, St. Paul United Methodist Church Family of Payne, Dr. Joseph Kuhn & Staff, Jack Kipfer, Fred Black, Steve Baumle & Jim Hooper.
42. Elaine Litzenberg in memory of David Loftin Litzenberg, Dale Litzenberg, John & Vivian Bonner.
43. Mary King in memory of William (Bill) King, Robert (Bobby) King, Diane King & Shirley Killian.
44. Dr. Joseph & Evie Kuhn in memory of Mary Ann Kuhn.
45. Helen (Schaefer) Treat in memory of Robert Treat, Marion Treat, Cathryn Treat Whetstone, Carl Schaefer, Caroline Schaefer Davis, Addie Schaefer Radenbaugh.
46. Robert Simpson in memory of Floyd & Mabel Simpson and William & Sophia Hartwick.
47. Mel & Jennifer White in honor of Shannon White - college graduation 12-17, and Marty White. In memory of Ansel & Mildred Grove, Charles & Michael White, Rachel Sanders, Liza Clady & Theresa Rezin.
48. C.F. & Geraldine Salyer in memory of Gerald Johnson, Helen Johnson, Bill Johnson, Ernest & Alice Johnson, Durl & Blance Horner.
49. Don & Myrna Snyder in memory of Gerald & Katherine Snyder, Marcell & Gladly Gaut, Suzette Renee Snyder, Gerald A. Snyder, Jr., and Marsha Conwell.
50. Betty L. Stoller in honor of my children and grandchildren: Byron & Kay Stoller, J.D. Aaron & Noah; Kevin & Cyndi Stoller, Kyle, Mandy (Stoller) & Chad Merritt. In memory of husband, Dallas Stoller, daughter, Cindy Stoller and sister, Dorothy J. Hall.
51. Jo Doster in honor of my grandchildren. In memory of Walter Fitzwater, Lawrence & Betty Doster.
52. Paulette Shaner in memory of Ralph (Tuffy) Shaner, Lenore Belle Shaner, Paiden Cole Shaner, Phyllis Hoffman, Glenora Bakle, and Samuel Osborne.
53. Larry & Barbara Grant in memory of Thomas L. Zuber, Marvel McDougale, Charles Grant, Ruth & Garrett Zuber, Shirley & Irene Stork.
54. Harold & Ruth Williams in memory of Margaret Craft.
55. Ron Etzler in memory of Marilyn Etzler, Michael Lee and Helen Ruger.
56. Denny & Sue Reinhart in memory of Charles E. Bair - father of Sue Reinhart, Sarah R. Reinhart & Andrew D. Deinhart - children of Denny & Sue Reinhart.
57. Richard Cotterman in memory of Carrie G. Cotterman (wife), Clyde & Emma Cotterman (parents), Elsie Mae Cotterman (sister), Marcella Heck (sister), Fred & Essie Hartwig (father & mother in-law).
58. Clint Boundy & Jen Ludwig in honor of Sgt. Kyle Boundy, USMC. In memory of Jim Kochenour & Bernice Kochenour.
59. Teresa Lands in honor of Mr. Robert D. Mason, Sr. (father).
60. Kathy Webb in memory of Arthur Kaufman, Anna Kaufman, Janice Stechschulte, Ellsworth Webb, and Thomas Webb.
61. Stan & Deb Pratt Family in memory of Cory Pratt.
62. Allan & Darlene Harpster in memory of Forest & Kathrine Harpster, Harold & Eva Hasch, Waldo & Emma Noffsinger, and Durl & Blanche Horner.
63. David A Perl in honor of Mr. & Mrs. Richard E. Perl, Mr. & Mrs. Paul G. Perl, All my friends, from David Perl, Mr. Jack Den Herder and Linda. In memory of Mrs. Doris M Perl.
64. Liff A. Sanchez in memory of Paschual M Barajas, Antonia O. Barajas, Consuelo Sanchez.
65. Brenda Wieland in honor of Jen, Matt & Olivia Foust, Matt, Dawn, Erica, Blake & Veda Bendele, Austin Morrison, Pat Wurst, Art & Brenda Wurst.
66. Mike & Jeanne Winans in honor of Cale Michael Winans, Boston Michael Conley, Caroline Ann Winans, Careen Ann Winans, & Lucus Gregory Parrett.
67. James C. Miller in memory of Frances Kay Miller, Margaret Alice Mansfield.
68. Vicki & Ron Kadesch in honor of Bernice "Buzz" Carnahan, Aletha Kadesch, our children - Kody & Kassi Kadesch. In memory of F. Paul "Pete" Carnahan, Francis Dale Kadesch.
69. Dr. & Mrs. Peter vanden Berg in memory of Mary Beth vanden Berg, Jack Robert vanden Berg. Enola Bayliss & James Bayliss.
70. Robert & Laura Glancy in honor of Mr. & Mrs. George Scheiner & Austin, Mrs. Robert Glancy, Mrs. Sharon Adkins. In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Curtis Crone, Mr. & Mrs. Clinton Glancy.
71. Paul & Sandra Manz in memory of grandson, Carson Manz.
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77. Chris Clevenger in memory of Don Clevenger, Celsa Gonzalez, Frank Gonzalez, Wendy Carlisle, & Marlin Mock.
78. Rob & Lanetta Goshia Family in honor of Major Travis Adkins and Pauline Adkins. In memory of Bob & Janice Goshia, Freeland & Lelia Adkins, Joe & Della Buell.
79. Gene & Diane Olwin in honor of our children and grandchildren. In memory of son - Scott Francis Olwin, brother - John Olwin, father - Francis Olwin and father - Vernon Huffman.
80. Donna M. Pieper in memory of William & Mary Goyings - my parents, Oscar F. Pieper - my husband, and Auntie Ilo.
81. Bob & Cindy Iler in honor of all our grandchildren and our children. In memory of Bob & Rita Snodgrass, John & Mildred Iler, and Mike Reinhart.
82. Jeanise Denning in honor of Aiden & Kendall Denning, Hudson Denning, and Waylon McCord. In memory of Jack Amstutz and Trent Amstutz.
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84. Darlene J. Herber in honor of Mike Herber, Mark, Adam, Janelle, Nikki & Ryan, grandsons - Caleb McClure and Ian Herber. In memory of Charles & Rita McGrath, Wendy Burns & Mike Bowers.
85. Herbert K. Monroe in memory of Millie Monroe - wife, Dan Monroe - son, Glenn Monroe - son, Lewis Monroe - brother, and Mildred Gaber - sister.
86. Sherry Wilhelm in honor of all our USA Military, Betty & Isom Hall, Trent & Troy Wilhelm.
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91. Jerry & Marilyn Overmyer in honor of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, ministers, missionaries and servants of the Lord, and our children and grandchildren. In memory of our parents and grandparents. In honor and memory of our servicemen and their families and the veterans who have defended our freedom.
92. Sally Davis in memory of Dean Davis.
93. Bill & Julie Childs and Family in honor of our families. In memory of Shelly Ann Litzenberg, Danielle Simmerman Masure, William (Shorty) & Pearl (Pete) Childs, and Louis (Louie) Kosolyi.
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95. Karen Dangler in honor of K.C., Leslie & Addyson Rose Long. In memory of Bradley Bennett Dangler.
96. Alice Rager in memory of Glenn Rager.
97. Paul, Deb & Wyatt Sawyer in memory of Gene Goodenough, Elizabeth Goodenough, Harley Ankney I, Harley Ankney II, and Christopher Bakle.
98. Virginia Manz Family in memory of Emmanuel Manz, Ruth Manz, Louise Manz, Carson Manz and Donald Foltz.
99. Kay Bromagem & Grace Jailor in honor of Sue Beck.
100. Laura Cottrell in honor of Sally Davis. In memory of Dean Davis, Mom & Pop Davis.
101. Tim & Trisha Hahn in honor of Don Dennewitz, Tiffany Hahn, Phyllis Hahn, and Ordys Hahn. In memory of LaVon Dennewitz.
102. Gale Stout in memory of Jeff Stout.
103. Joyce Svoboda in memory of June E. Holmes, John W. Holmes and Walter Svoboda

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE AT PAULDING UMC

Paulding United Methodist Church will hold a Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve at 7:00 p.m. The church is located at 321 N. Williams Street, Paulding.

GOD'S HARDEST TASK

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

Al Lingren, a professor at Garrett Evangelical Seminary, tells about taking his Junior High son fishing a few years ago. It was one of those days when the fish wouldn't bite and so they had a lot of time to talk. Out of the clear blue, his son asked, "Dad, what's the toughest thing God ever tried to do?"

Lingren, a minister said the question caught him off guard. He didn't know what to say, so like a good teacher, he answered a question with a question: "What do you think it was?"

The boy responded, "Even

though you're a minister you don't know much about God, do you Dad?" And then the boy proceeded to answer his own question. "Since taking science in school, I thought the creation of the world might be the hardest thing God ever tried to do. Then in Sunday School we got to talking about the miracles, like Jesus' resurrection and I thought that might be the toughest thing God ever did. Then after thinking some more and talking to others, I decided that no one knows God really well. So now I think that the toughest thing God ever tried to do was to get us to understand Who He is and that He loves us."

Lingren recalls that he sat there for a minute and thought about what his son had just said. After reflecting on that bit of divine insight from the mind of a 14 year old, he said to his son, "You know, son, I think you're right. The hardest thing God ever had to do is to try to get us to understand Who He is and that He loves us. And there was only one way for Him to do it."

Yes, this is the Christmas season—when we celebrate the coming of the Son of God to earth. The question is, Have you yet understood who God is and how much He loves you?

For many of us, Christian and non-Christian alike, it's one of the hardest concepts for us to believe... and certainly one of the toughest jobs God has.

A CHRISTIAN'S BUOY SYSTEM

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

If we consider ourselves men and women of faith we have many responsibilities to those we encounter in life,

not only physically caring for their bodies but spiritually tending to their souls.

An example of our care can be lifted from what took place on October 25, 2010; when a massive earthquake set off a tsunami that struck some Indonesian Islands. The tsunamis leveled whole villages, leaving hundreds dead or missing. According to the survivors, the deaths could have been avoided, or at least minimized. Unfortunately, the tsunami warning system—two buoys off the island—weren't working properly. As a result, they didn't alert the islanders to the coming danger.

Since 2004, experts have improved the tsunami detection network. The DART buoys (as they are called) measure wave height. If a buoy measures an unusual wave, it transmits that information to the shore. This system often provides the only warning signal for islanders to prepare for the oncoming danger. Unfortunately, according to the report, the buoys "have become detached and drifted away. Sensors have failed. As many as 30 percent have been inoperable at any one time." As a result, the buoys often fail to awaken people to the reality of future tragedy.

As followers of Christ, we not only have the privilege of sharing Christ's love; we also have the responsibility to gently confront sin and warn people of judgment. If, like the buoys, we "have become detached or drifted away," and if our love has grown cold or apathetic, we may leave others unprepared for the consequences of sin or of life apart from Christ.

The Old Testament Prophet Ezekiel, summarized very well the responsibilities of people of faith with regard to warning those who ignore a coming day of accounting to God for their lives. He said in Ezekiel 3:17-19 (NIV), 17 "Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. 18 When I say to a wicked man, 'You will surely die,' and you do not warn him or speak out to dissuade him from his evil ways in order to save his life, that wicked man will die for his sin, and I will hold you accountable for his blood. 19 But if you do warn

the wicked man and he does not turn from his wickedness or from his evil ways, he will die for his sin; but you will have saved yourself.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES FOR 12/13/10

This 13th day of December, 2010, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

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

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO ISSUE A CHECK:

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to issue a check as an advancement in the amount of Three Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Four and 00/100 (\$3,494.09) from Fund 001-031-00003/Commissioners' Misc./Contract Services to Fund 002/Dog & Kennel.

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2010 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-001):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2010 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:

FROM: 001-030-00002/General Fund/Insurance/Loss Control/Retirement Funds

TO: 001-001-00007/General Fund/Commissioners/Advertising//Printing

AMOUNT: \$750.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2010 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-006):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2010 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:

FROM: 001-030-00002/General Fund/Insurance/Loss Control/Retirement Funds

TO: 001-006-00001/General Fund/Bureau of Inspection/State Audit

AMOUNT: \$1,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2010 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-015):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2010 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:

FROM: 001-015-00010/General Fund/Election Board/Salaries/Precinct Workers

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

AMOUNT: \$117.82

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2010

OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY CHOIR & BAND PRESENTS "SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS"



On Wednesday, December 8, the 5th and 6th grade bands and choirs presented their Christmas program, "Sounds of Christmas" at the Senior Citizen Breakfast at Paulding High School. They then performed again on Tuesday, December 14 for their parents and the community at Oakwood Elementary.

ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-016):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2010 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:

FROM: 001-030-00002/General Fund/Insurance/Loss Control/Retirement Funds

TO: 001-016-00006/General Fund/Commissioners' Building & Grounds/Utilities, Phone

AMOUNT: \$15,420.41

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2010 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-016):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2010 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:

FROM: 001-030-00002/General Fund/Insurance/Loss Control/Retirement Funds

TO: 001-016-00007/General Fund/Commissioners' Buildings & Grounds/Contract Services

AMOUNT: \$2,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2010 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 009):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2010 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:

FROM: 009-001-00011/Engineer-Gas Tax/Contract Services

TO: 009-001-00015/Engineer-Gas Tax/Other Expenses

AMOUNT: \$50,000.00

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Jim Machock and Carrie Briggs, Wells Fargo Insurance Co. - Mr. Machock and Ms. Briggs presented various reports for the first six months of the current county employee health insurance plan. Mr.

Machock explained several changes that will be implemented in the spring, due to state and federal health care laws. He reported our claims are below what was forecasted as of November. The Commissioners and Lou Ann Wannemacher, County Treasurer, reviewed the report. It was noted that prescription drug coverage continues to be at the top of the list in claims paid.

Susan Simpson, County Auditor - Ms. Simpson presented two sizes of dog tax ads for the Commissioners' review. She also reported almost all the 2011 budget worksheets have been returned.

FROM THE DOG WARDEN'S DESK

By: Mandy Lichty, Paulding County Chief Dog Warden

This week's featured pet is Moose. He is a VERY large chocolate labrador. Moose likes kids and is fine with cats. He does also seem to be housetrained.

Mack, the blue heeler, is still here and has been treated for his heartworms. He has to stay very quiet for the next six weeks while the heartworms dissolve and he is not very crazy about that. He wants to go outside in the snow and play, play, play!

Please check the petfinder.com site to see if any new dogs have come in. Dogs that come into the shelter not wearing a valid license are only held 72 hours before being made available for adoption. If your dog is missing please call the shelter immediately at 419-399-9728 and leave your name, phone number, and a description of your dog.

We have had several dogs go missing in the county this week and as far as I know none of them are accounted for. If you find a dog please call the shelter and let us know.



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POLICE CHIEF GEORGE CLEMENS III

By: Stan Jordan

George was born in Paulding County on May 8, 1968. His parents were George and Dianna Stahl Clemens. There were two boys in the family, George and Luke.

George attended Defiance College for one year in Criminal Justice. It was then that the Van Wert Academy held classed in Paulding so he attended that academy as it was sponsored by Paulding Police Department.

After this he was a part-time policeman for Paulding, Oakwood and Grover Hill. We talked about that and he really enjoyed those towns and the people there. He has lots of friends in all these towns plus all the experience he picked up there and now he has picked up a lot of friends here in Antwerp.

He married Victoria Fralvey in 2003, they have five children: Alicia, who is a nursing



student at the University of Buffalo; Katie, who attends the University of the Cumberlands and is studying to be a Special Ed teacher; Cameron, George IV, and Kenzie go to school at Wayne Trace.

George started to work in the Antwerp Police Department in the fall of 2000. He was hired in by Chief Joyce Carr. George is the Police Chief and his wife, Victoria, is a Captain in the department.

George started in police work in 1989, he had put in lots of years under the badge. But there was a few years he left the police service and worked at Johns Manville in

Defiance. His heart has always been helping people and serving the public so he came to Antwerp in 2000.

I ask about hobbies and his likes. He loves hunting—deer hunting with a shot gun. He teaches wrestling at all levels in the Wayne Trace Local School system. He and some of his friends make a sojourn each year to Manistee, Michigan to catch large salmon. He looks forward to that each year. If he has time he likes to make Native American crafts, just as a hobby. He is a backer of wildlife and conservation and will soon be a member of the Antwerp Conservation Club.

George's outlook is to serve the public in any way he can. He is the one person you can call any hour of the day or night. He likes Antwerp and he likes the people here. He has made a lot of new friends.

George, we here at West Bend News wish you well in all your endeavors.

See ya!

CHARLES STARKWEATHER

By: Stan Jordan

This true story of senseless killings by a young couple last only just a few weeks, and it might be too hard for you to fathom, so I will tell you its gory tale.

Charles Starkweather was born in Lincoln, Nebraska in 1935 it was a poor family of eight. Starkweather was a little bit crippled and had a slight impediment in his speech and he received a bit of teasing and bullying over that at school. He also was a great fan of James Dean who was a young star of the movies with a rebellious nature.

He had been told to stay away from his 14 year old girlfriend, Carol Ann Fugate. Maybe he didn't have anything left to lose.

On December 1, 1957, he robbed a gas station and shot the attendant in the head. But this was only the start of a life of killing, murder and mayhem.

On January 21, 1958 he brutally murdered all of Carol's family. The stepfather, Marion Bartlett and her mother, Vera Bartlett, they were shot in the head and then Carla's baby sister was clubbed to death.

The two (killers) lived in their house and when visitors would call they were told all had the flu and couldn't be received. But the dead were buried out in the chicken coop. When the authorities came the couple had already left.

They were going to stay in a farmer's house of August Meyers, on the way they got stuck in the mud and when two high school people stopped to help them, they were shot in the head. Starkweather then tried to rape the young girl. Then they stuffed the bodies into an abandoned well.

After they got to Meyers' house they killed him and returned to Lincoln. They went to Lincoln and murdered the leader of a local steel mill, C. Ward and Carla Ward, his wife and their housekeeper, Lillian Fend. They took Ward's Packard Automobile and headed for Wyoming.

They found Merle Collison asleep in his car, as he was a traveling salesman and he was shot nine times in the head. A deputy stopped and when he did Carol ran to his car for protection. After a huge speed chase, Starkweather was captured without much trouble. He readily confessed to all the killings.

At the trial, Carol Fugate tried to say she was a captive under his control, but Charles said she could have left a number of times. She was given a life sentence, but she was a model prisoner and the prison board commuted her sentence. She was released from prison after 18 years.

Starkweather was granted the death penalty and he was executed on July 25, 1959 at the age of twenty. He was the last prisoner executed in Nebraska.

Here it is fifty years later and bullying and teasing in high school is still a problem, a big problem.

See ya!

NOW READ THIS

By: Stan Jordan

In the last couple of weeks I have talked to a couple different fellows about a railroad that went north out of Worstville over on the Nicole Plate Railroad over to the Wabash Railroad in Antwerp.

Now I never heard anything about this railroad so if you can shed any light on the subject please call 419-506-1924. Now I'm not saying there wasn't a railroad that ran out of a Tile Mill in Worstville going north along what is Road 71. I would have had to be a narrow gauge track and the Old Reservoir for the canal, would be in the road. If there was one it probably would have been a co-op endeavor.

If any of your grandparents or great-grandparents ever mentioned this railroad to you, please help us out.

See ya!



By: Stan Jordan

A few minutes before the church services started, the congregation was sitting in their pews and talking. Suddenly, Satan appeared at the front of the church. Everyone started screaming and running for the back entrance, trampling each other in a frantic effort to get away from evil incarnate. Soon the church was empty except for one elderly gentleman who sat calmly in his pew without moving, seemingly oblivious to the

SANTA



By: Stan Jordan

Santa Claus dropped in at the Antwerp Firehouse on Saturday, December 11. Lots of little boys and girls were there to visit him.

The above picture is of the Chad McKeever family. Logan is eight years old in the 2nd grade, Lance is five years old and in kindergarten, Luke (in the middle) is four years old and in preschool.

The parents are Chad and Staci McKeever who live out

on the River Road East. Chad is employed at the Steel Dynamics in Butler, IN.

This family is special to me as Chad grew up living across the street from me on Wilcox Street. They had a dog named Pepper who would knock little Chad to the ground and then proceed to lick him all over regardless of how this two year old would fight back. He always was the loser.

See ya!

fact that God's ultimate enemy was in his presence.

So Satan walked up to the man and said, "Do you know who I am?"

The man replied, "Yep, sure do."

"Aren't you afraid of me?" Satan asked.

"Nope, sure ain't," said the man.

"Don't you realize I can kill you with one word?" asked Satan.

"Don't doubt it for a minute," returned the old man, in an even tone.

"Did you know that I can cause you profound, horrifying agony for all eternity?" persisted Satan.

"Yep," was the calm reply.

"And you're still not afraid?" asked Satan.

"Nope," said the old man.

More than a little perturbed, Satan asked, "Why aren't you afraid of me?"

The man calmly replied, "Been married to your sister for 48 years."

See ya!

CORRECTION

In Stan's article last week in the War in the South Pacific, the paragraph about the battle of Wawa Dam needs to be cleared up. The soldiers that raped and killed the civilians were the Japanese soldiers. Neither the "A" Co. or any other American Unit had anything to do with this. The staff at the WBN apologize for this inaccuracy.

—WBN editors

SUEZ CANAL

By: Stan Jordan

The Suez Canal is a water way between the Red Sea and the Mediterranean Sea. It was made into a canal in 1869, therefore it is a certified water way with no locks, with water flowing freely from each end. The canal, as we know it, was started in 1859 and finished

ed about a canal and how useful it would be. It would save weeks by not traveling around Africa. As early as 165 BC, I'm not going to mention them, as I can't spell or pronounce them.

Artifacts have been found all along an area that was once a canal basin from centuries ago sometime around 270 BC.

The Suez Canal Authority owns and maintains the canal or the Arab Republic of Egypt. It is said under International Treaty. It may be used in time of war as in time of peace by every vessel of commerce or of war without a distinction of flag.

After a number of enlargements and repair, the canal is 120 miles long, about 79 feet deep and about 673 feet wide. Most vessels have to wait at a passing area to meet an oncoming boat.

The Suez and the Panama Canals are priceless in the commercial world.

See ya!

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COLD END TO DECEMBER; ICY, STORMY JANUARY FORECAST

By: Josh Steiner

After a very cold December for much of the Eastern and Central United States, people will be very happy to know that a major pattern change is expected to commence in January for the entire South, most of the southern Midwest, the Mid-Atlantic states, and the Northeast (except for the Great Lakes and interior New England). This pattern will bring with it much warmer air to these areas leading to melting of any snow that is on the ground. If enough snow melts, then flooding will be a major issue with this warmer pattern. Another issue will be the incredible ice storms across the Ohio Valley, Lower Great Lakes, and the Mid-Atlantic states. (note: most of the northeast should escape the wrath of these ice storms, but instead as the storms turn northward along the coast they will bring heavy rain to coastal cities and heavy snow to inland areas in New England.) During the peak of this warming event, temperatures will be well above normal in southern regions due to a persistent ridge sitting on top of them. But after January's warmer weather, a return to more brutal conditions in February will be possible across the Great Lakes and Ohio Valley but shouldn't reach any farther south than the Tennessee Valley and no

farther east than the Appalachian Mountains, sparing coastal cities. Then toward the end of February, the La Nina will weaken significantly causing the ridge in the southeast to fall apart and allowing colder, snowier weather into much of the East and South.

During the week after



Christmas, the negative NAO (North Atlantic Oscillation) in the Atlantic will switch to neutral and then farther to strongly positive allowing for a strong ridge to develop in the south as mentioned above, but according to a recent run of the ECMWF model (European Model) shows that a stronger arctic air mass is building in Canada. With this arctic air mass building and a very warm air mass positioned in the South, a very strong jet stream will be persistent across the middle of the country running from San Francisco straight east to Philadelphia. Even though it will be less amplified in January then it has been in the past several months, it will drive a very strong storm systems across the Ohio Valley and Lower Great Lakes causing heavy rain events in the Tennessee and Ohio Valley and ice storms in Indiana and Ohio. When the jet stream runs through the Ohio Valley, ice storms will be prevalent in Kentucky and Southern Indiana and Ohio, while snowstorms will hit us badly. The latter position of the jet stream will be more frequent in mid-to-late January. More than likely, the peak of the warm air will occur in the second week of January before subsiding in mid-January and ending in the Ohio Valley and Great Lakes in the third or early fourth week of January.

Now I will give my forecast for this time period in the Ohio Valley and lower Great Lakes region. I believe that the last week of December will still be cold until the latter part of the week when a sleet or ice storm will hit the area around New Year's Day. During the first week of January, temperatures will warm steadily, with possibly a heavy rain event at the end of the week or the over that week-

the very last week of January. February will be quite a different month than January was over the Ohio Valley and Great Lakes. As the arctic air builds and continues to spill out of Canada, I think that February will be a very cold and snowy month, especially towards mid-month, much like December except a lot more brutal around this area. But at the last few days of the month I believe another warm up will commence leading to a severe weather event in March, before returning to a much colder pattern with another pair of snowstorms to end the month.

Now, much closer to the present, a storm system (which will be out of here and gone before the newspaper comes out) will drop southeast out of the Northern Plains and spread a band of light to moderate snow from North Dakota to Ohio by early Tuesday morning, December 21, 2010. Snowfall amounts will be light with only up to three inches possible in our area by the time the storm is over. A possible snowstorm could hit on Christmas Eve lasting through early Christmas morning, bringing with it the possibility of significant heavy snowfall. As of Monday, December 20, 2010, there is still uncertainty with this storm but one thing is certain that a storm could dump heavy snow in the Cornbelt—Missouri, Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, and parts of southern Michigan. Snowfall will be much lighter north of Chicago. If enough Gulf moisture can come into contact with this storm, we could have a lot of snow, with the heaviest falling from around 2:00 p.m. Christmas Eve to midnight Christmas morning. After it moves through, an arctic air mass will move into the region bringing cold temperatures for a brief period before warming up by New Year's Day with an ice storm possible around that same time.

Be careful with your Christmas travel this year as the accumulating snow commences on Christmas Eve. And then remember the icy January could be damaging to many areas as shown in the picture above. I will keep you posted on how the weather will turn out, so you can stay safe.

end. Temperatures should reach their peak around the 12th of January then drop after a strong storm system brings rain changing over to snow around the 15th. Now, this forecast is one of the extremes done by computer models which is where the jet stream runs through middle Michigan. I think because of the strength of the arctic air coming out of Canada, the jet stream should run right over

Upcoming
WEATHER
Forecast

Wed, Dec 22 - Mostly Cloudy High 29° - Low 17°	
Thu, Dec 23 - Partly Cloudy Hi 27° - Low 19°	
Fri, Dec 24 - Snow Shower High 29° - Low 17°	
Sat, Dec 25 - Flurries, High 27° - Low 10°	
Sun, Dec 26 - Flurries, High 20° - Low 11°	
Mon, Dec 27 - Snow Shower, High 22° - Low 16°	
Tue, Dec 28 - Partly Cloudy, High 31° - Low 16°	

Indiana and Ohio. This would cause icing events instead of raining events on these days. Then as the month of January progresses colder temperatures will be more and more prevalent causing the change over from ice storms with each storm to snowstorms by

THE CHRISTMAS TREE TRADITION

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Educator

With Christmas comes the tradition of decorating a tree for the holiday season. According to the American Christmas Tree Council, the Christmas tree had its beginning on the Rhine in Western Germany during medieval times. The live green tree played a major role in plays presented during advent, the four weeks preceding Christmas. This fir tree was decorated with apples and was only a prop on stage for plays. It attracted the attention of spectators, especially children, who would help themselves to the apples when no one was looking.

Long after the plays ceased to be performed, the memory of the fir tree decked with the apples lived on in the minds of the German people. They began to bring the fir tree into the homes during the advent season and decorated them with apples. As time went on, other decorations were added such as wafers and cookies. Tinsel made from real silver was invented in Germany in 1610 and was used until the mid 20th century. Eventually, candles were added to the tree, and lit on Christmas Eve with all of the family participating.

In America the Christmas tree was used in the Pennsylvania German settlements around 1747 but weren't really known or recorded until the middle of the 19th century. Glass ornaments were imported around 1880 from Europe. These ornaments were followed by the American patent of electric lights in 1882 and metal hooks for safer hanging of ornaments in 1892.

The early 20th century saw Americans decorating their trees mainly with homemade ornaments, while the German-American sect continued to use apples, nuts, and cookies. Popcorn joined in after being dyed bright colors and interlaced with berries and nuts. Electricity brought about Christmas lights, making it possible for Christmas trees to glow for days on end. With this,

Christmas trees began to appear in town squares across the country and having a Christmas tree in the home became an American tradition.

Christmas tree decorating traditions have come and gone over the years. Some have remained for years and others have arisen suddenly and disappeared quickly. The tradition that is most important is what brings you and your family together during this holiday season.

Best wishes to you and your family during this holiday season from the Paulding County Extension office.

FROM THE PAULDING COUNTY GRAND JURY

Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney Joseph R. Burkard announced that the Paulding County Grand Jury indicted 13 persons on Thursday, December 9, 2010.

Nathaniel Howard, Lima, OH, DOB 5/2/81 - Importuning, F-5

John P. Sandoval, Unknown Address, DOB 10/2/74 - Possession of Drugs, F-5; Trafficking in Drugs, F-2, 2 Counts

Jennifer C. Lamond, Paulding, OH, DOB 11/11/82 - Trafficking in Drugs, F-3; Possession of Drugs, F-5

Nicholas J. Sholl, Antwerp, OH, DOB 10/6/85 - Importuning a Peace Officer, F-5

Tim A. Hittle, Paulding, OH, DOB 4/5/81 - Receiving Stolen Property, F-5; Breaking and Entering, F-5

Steven D. Johnson, Paulding, OH, DOB 8/20/69 - Illegal use of Food Stamps or WIC Program, F-5

Jacob I. Aldred, Paulding, OH, DOB 7/2/84 - Illegal use of Food Stamps or WIC Program, F-5

Coty L. Moore, Paulding, OH, DOB 1/6/88 - Illegal use of Food Stamps or WIC Program, F-5

Jack D. Peck, Tiffin, OH, DOB 11/20/85 - Importuning, F-5

Christopher L. Smith, Unknown, DOB 9/11/79 - Possession of Drugs F-5

Nickolas P. Sandoval, Paulding OH, DOB 8/23/79 - Felonious Assault F-2

Zachary A. Arnett, Antwerp, OH, DOB 4/13/84 - Vandalism F-5

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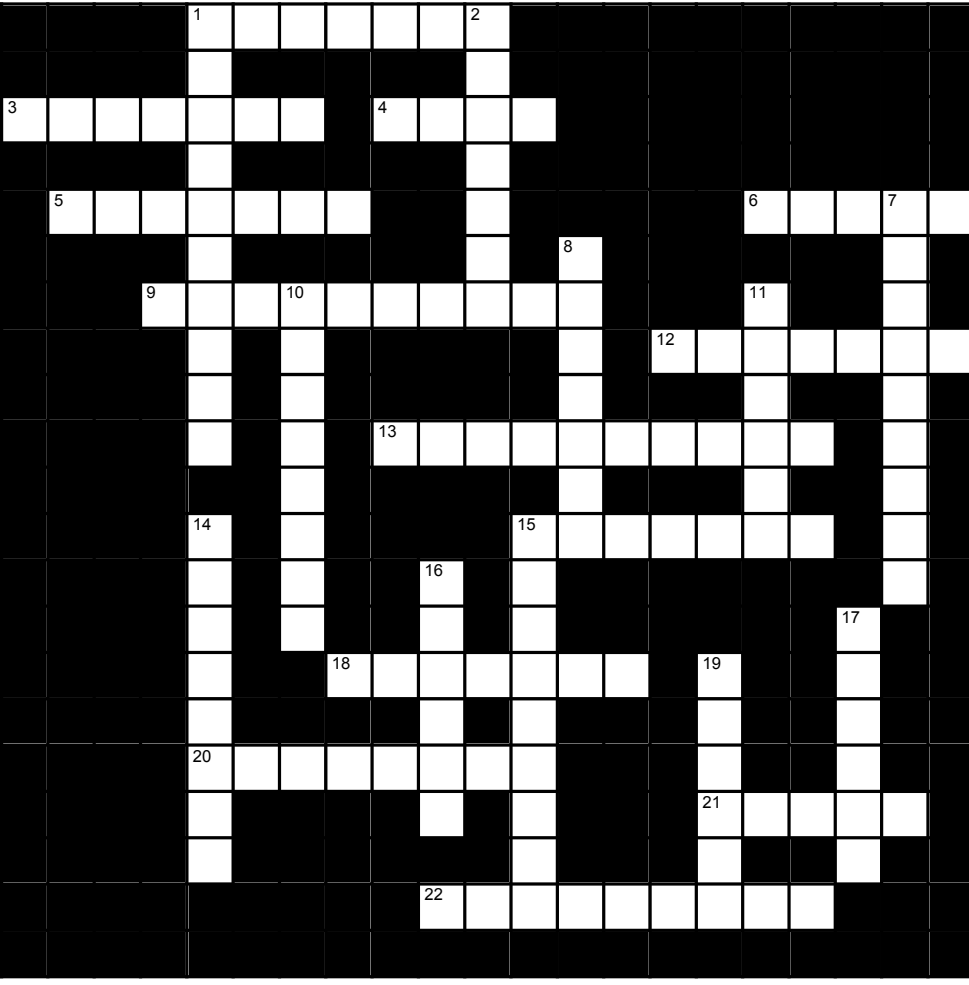
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Crossword Puzzle



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| <p>Across</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> This reindeer's name starts with a 'B'. This country claims the creation of this holiday beverage. Where did 'there arise such a clatter?' This Christmas character said, "God bless us, everyone!" "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" demands this kind of pudding. The most famous of Christmas ballets. Don't forget to leave these out for Santa on Christmas Eve. This state has the tallest living Christmas tree. Ebenezer WHO? In addition to a red nose, Rudolph has these. The last state to declare Christmas a legal holiday. The Grinch is this color. Mommy was kissing Santa under this. | <p>Down</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> This iconic TV family put their Christmas tree by the staircase. "Miracle on 34th Street" is set in this city. This person wrote, "Here Comes Santa Claus." (2 words) What kind of cop told Frosty to 'stop'? The last name of Tiny Tim's father. Advent means THIS. Alvin wants this for Christmas. (2 words) In the song, "Silver Bells", what is dressed in holiday style. Frosty's nose was made of this notion. The last name of Scrooge's dead business partner. In the Christmas carol, "Jingle Bells", Miss Fannie WHO was seated by my side. |
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The Board of Trustees at Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative has authorized the payments of over \$850,000 dollars including estates, for Capital Credit Retirement for 2010. Current member/owners will see a credit on their January bill and former members, where applicable, will receive a check. Payment is being made to the members who received service during 1985 and 2009. The average retirement is around \$60. Since the inception of this program the Board of Trustees has authorized over \$13 million dollars in refunds.

Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative is proud to be member owned. Because the members own the cooperative, the goal of the organization is not to maximize profitability but to cover only its costs. As a not-for-profit corporation Paulding-Putnam returns any revenues that exceed actual expenses. This return is called a Capital Credit Retirement. As a member/owner of the cooperative each member shares in this Capital Credit Retirement, based on a percentage of the revenues each member paid to the Cooperative.

By furnishing electric energy, the Cooperative's operations are conducted so that all members will, through their membership, furnish capital for the Cooperative. The Cooperative is obligated to account on a patronage basis to all its members for all amounts received and receivable from furnishing electric energy in excess of operating costs and expenses properly charged against the furnishing of the energy.

Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative is a Touchstone Energy Cooperative. Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative serves 12,900 member/consumers in Northwest Ohio and part of Indiana.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES FOR 11/24/10

This 24th day of November, 2010, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

Tony Burkley, Edward Straley, and Nola Ginter, Clerk; Absent: Tony Zartman
ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:

Warrants documented as 173267 through 173629 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-012):

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

FROM: Pay-In #88607
 TO: 001-012-00006/General Fund/Clerk of Courts/Other Expenses
 AMOUNT: \$2,450.00

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2010 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 017):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2010 Annual Appropriation and hereby direct the Paulding County Auditor to appropriate unappropriated

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funds:

Fund 017 - Eaton Farm Fund, 017-001-00007/Other Expenses, \$75,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PAULDING COUNTY EMA TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE EMA GENERATOR PROJECT:

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize Randy Shaffer, Paulding County EMA Director, to advertise in a paper of general circulation within the County for three consecutive weeks for bids for the EMA Generator Project.

AUDIT COMMITTEE:

This 24th day of November, 2010, the Board of County Commissioners; Tony Burkley, and Edward Straley met with the following members of the Audit Committee: Lou Ann Wannemacher, County Treasurer, Carol Temple, County Recorder, and Ann Pease, Clerk of Courts.

Lou Ann Wannemacher distributed the Sales Tax Revenue and Motor Vehicle Tax reports for November, 2010. Sales tax revenue was up from October, 2010, by \$347.33;

and up from October, 2009, by \$28,182.97. The November, 2010, total was up \$11,301.14 from the three year monthly average for the month of November. Vehicle tax collected was up from October, 2010, by \$6,070.36; and also up from November, 2009, by \$10,100.94. November, 2010, vehicle tax collected was up \$6,014.05 from the three year average.

The General Fund Receipts and Expenses Reports for October, 2010, were reviewed. General fund receipts of \$275,389.84 were down from September by \$78,171.36. October, 2010, general fund receipts were up from October, 2009, by \$56,427.03. October, 2010, receipts were up \$17,386.85 from the three-year average for October. General Fund expenses for October were down \$99,444.10 from September expenses; and were down \$38,041.94 from October, 2009. October expenses were down \$101,861.04 from the three-year average for October.

Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be December 22, 2010.

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WCCH REACHES OUT TO THE COMMUNITY



The Woodburn Christian Children's Home children and staff took time to brave the cold weather to give back to the community by singing Christmas carols at Bob's Restaurant, in Woodburn, local residents, and home bound individuals around the community on Thursday, 12/16/10.

For almost forty years the children and staff have made it their goal to thank the community for their support of the ministry by assisting in community projects, food drives and outreach to individuals in need.

WCCH provides a Christian family environment for children who need a home. Over the years, WCCH has provided a home for many

children who had no ability to pay.

Each one of the children in our care, has been placed by their family, parents and guardians, urgently requesting our help. The Woodburn Christian Children's Home depends entirely upon church and community donations and accepts no Federal, State or County Support.

The carolers were: Austin, Patrick, Derick, Quin, Tabitha, Mary, Emily, Miriam, Lori, Ruth, Justin and Aaron. The adults with the children were: Dan and Kathy Grant, Carol Rogers, Kendra and Dave Smith, Lee and Vivian Bracey.

Bob's was the perfect place for the carolers to perform. The restaurant was

decorated quite lovely for the holidays and room was made for the performance. The crowd enjoyed the entertainment very much and presented the carolers with the song "We Wish You A Merry Christmas" after the performance. Tiara (owner) presented each child with a Christmas Cookie and a pop after the performance.

Vivian Bracey directed the choir with the rehearsals starting at the end of November. The children do perform all year at church's and venues.

Kudo's go to Bob's in Woodburn for allowing WCCH to come in, and WCCH deserves a lot of credit for what they do for the children and their outreach to the community.

PAULDING COUNTY CHRONICLES I

By: Caroline Wells Zimmerman

Making Christmas Memories

Christmas is near and has its roots planted deep in ancient secular traditions that acknowledged the darkest days of winter with a celebration of renewal and brightness. Evergreen trees (proof that the cold wintry world is not dead but just sleeping were often an important part of such festivities).

During the feast of Saturnalia, ancient Romans decorated small trees with bright bits of metal; In Scandinavia, treasures captured in battle were sometimes hung from the branches of a fir tree for good luck.

The modern Christmas tree of today can be traced to 16th century Germany, when trees were decorated with items such as apples, paper cutouts, cookies and small toys.

That custom grew into a paradise tree. The spread of the Symbol of the Christmas Tree to the other European countries is credited to Martin Luther who is said to have been the first to light one with candles. According to the legend, he thought the stars in the sky were so pretty when he saw them shining through the trees that he lit candles and put them on his tree.

Lighting the trees which is so traditional grew in the 1800's, first the candles were glued to a piece of waxed paper or pinned on the end of the branches. In England, however, households began decorating Christmas trees after Queen Victoria's German born husband, Prince Albert, ordered a tree set up in Windsor castle.

German settlers brought the Christmas tree tradition with them to the US when they emigrated in the 18th century. Then in 1842 a decorated Christmas tree was put in Williamsburg, VA. The first actual lot selling trees from the Catskills in New York was in 1850.

It wasn't until 1882 in New York City that a colleague of Thomas Edison produced electrical lights. Colored lights were introduced in the early 1900's. Handmade, family photo decorations are a popular item for the tree as well as the traditional garlands, red, gold, silver, green, and blue balls.

No home is without a real or silk poinsettia flower at Christmas time. They come in a variety of colors including; red, white, pink, and coral. Winter berries wrapped in crackling cellophane can be purchased many places as well as mistletoe, wreaths of bay leaves, pine cones, fir, and boxwood. They can be used for a centerpiece with a candle in the middle. It's fun to decorate the tree and around the house with historical treasures and collectibles. It's not necessary to take all of this right down after Christmas and you can enjoy it for a few more weeks of winter.

Many people make angels for the tree from small doilies. Faces can be purchased at Jo-Ann's or craft stores. It's always fun when you stop to make your donation at Goodwill to pick up some odd crystal goblets for imbibing wine or punch over the holidays. Sometimes a great wreath is just waiting there for your gate post.

Get out your good silver ware and shine it up to use over the holidays. Use the punch bowl. We have a set of "The 12 Days of Christmas" dishes we use over the holidays. Please see a couple of my favorite recipes below:

Mixed Berry-pineapple Punch

(if you prefer a family-friendly version of this fruity punch, just omit the vodka)

Makes 12 servings
**2 - 11.5 oz. cans frozen cranberry juice cocktail (thawed)

**4 cups unsweetened pineapple juice

**2 cups vodka

**2 - 1 liter bottle raspberry-flavored sparkling water (chilled)

Can be served over crushed ice. Served chilled.

Sautéed Brussels Sprouts With Walnuts And Red On-

ions
6 servings
**2 pints brussels sprouts
**2 T butter
**½ tsp. salt
**½ tsp. freshly ground black pepper
**2 T chopped walnuts
**2 T minced red onion
**grated lemon rind from ½ lemon
**1 T lemon juice

1. Trim bases off brussels sprouts and wash. Cut sprouts in half and place flat side down on a cutting board. Cut into fine shreds.

2. Heat butter in 10-inch skillet over medium heat. Add brussels sprouts, salt, pepper, chopped walnuts and red onion.

3. Sauté mixture until brussels sprouts are crisp tender. Remove from heat and stir in grated lemon rind and lemon juice. Serve immediately.

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PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES FOR 12/1/10

This 1st day of December, 2010, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

Tony Burkley, Edward Straley, and Nola Ginter, Clerk; Absent: Tony Zartman

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:

Warrants documented as 173221 through 173227 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2010 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 009):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2010 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:

FROM: 009-001-00011/Engineer/Contract Projects
TO: 009-001-00015/Engineer/Other Expenses
AMOUNT: \$50,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2010 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 007):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2010 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:

FROM: 007-001-00019/Public Assistance/Purchase of Service
TO: 007-001-00014/Public Assistance/Other Expenses
AMOUNT: \$2,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR THE PAULDING COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES FOR THE YEAR 2011:

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby approve the Paulding County Department of Job and Family Services' Holiday Schedule for 2011 recommended by Corey Walker, Director, as follows:

December 31, 2010, Friday, New Year's Holiday
January 17, 2011, Monday,

Martin Luther King Day
February 21, 2011, Monday, Presidents' Day
April 22, 2011, Friday, Good Friday - Closing at 11:30 a.m.
May 30, 2011, Monday, Memorial Day
July 4, 2011, Monday, Independence Day
September 5, 2011, Monday, Labor Day
October 10, 2011, Monday, Columbus Day
November 11, 2011, Thursday, Veterans' Day
November 24/25, 2011, Thursday/Friday, Thanksgiving Day
December 26, 2011, Monday, Christmas Holiday

IN THE MATTER OF PAULDING COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB & FAMILY SERVICES' MEMBERSHIP IN PUBLIC CHILDREN'S SERVICES ASSOCIATION OF OHIO (PCSAO):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby approve Paulding County Department of Job & Family Services' membership in the Public Children's Services Association of Ohio (PCSAO) for 2011, said membership dues being Nine Hundred Nineteen and 88/100 Dollars (\$919.88) for the twelve (12) month period from January 1, 2011, through December 31, 2011.

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Lou Ann Wannemacher, County Treasurer - Ms. Wannemacher presented her monthly interest on investments report. She also reported on the county health plan fund.

Travis McGarvey, County Engineer - Mr. McGarvey met with the Commissioners to report the Engineer's Office is ready for the winter season. They have twelve snow trucks ready for use and 1,000 tons of road salt on site, which should last the 2010-2011 winter. Mr. McGarvey then discussed an easement issue with the Commissioners. He then reported his office will be addressing equipment needs in their 2011 budget. They are in need of trucks and possibly a small dozer. Mr. McGarvey stated his office has been busy with various activities relating to the wind farm companies. He also reported having attended an ACDC meeting in Antwerp to discuss a possible bike trail project along old US 24. Mr. McGarvey stated it would be nice if Indiana decide to extend the trail once their new four-lane US 24 is open. Mr. McGarvey made note of the Public Records training in Ottawa at the Putnam County ESC office on December 15. Elected officials are required to attend (or send a representative) a Public Records training for each term they serve. Information regarding the training can be obtained from the Commissioners' office.

Corey Walker, Paulding County DJFS - Mr. Walker requested authorization to pay membership dues to Public Children Services Association of Ohio (PCSAO) for 2011 (see resolution above). He also presented Paulding County DJFS's holiday schedule for 2011 for approval (see resolution above). Mr. Walker also provided a copy of the Allen, Paulding, and Putnam Workforce Policy Board Member Position Description for reference.

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Gaining knowledge and taking control of retirement planning can help women build their confidence in saving for a financially secure retirement—and in becoming a golden girl. For more information, visit www.transamericacenter.org.

There is a charity dedicated to

keeping family traditions alive for children after a mother's death. Called Mommy's Light Lives On Fund®, it recently released a keepsake cookbook, *Mommy's Light in the Kitchen*. All proceeds from the book benefit the charity. To learn more, visit www.mommyslight.org.

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HEALTHY IDEAS

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Fun ways to get the exercise you need can be found through the Kinect for Xbox 360 with "MotionSports" and "Your Shape: Fitness Evolved". These games can be found wherever games are sold or online at www.ubi.com.

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LADY RAIDERS SHOOT DOWN PANTHERS



The Lady Panthers and Lady Raiders met Tuesday night at the Palace for a county basketball match up. The game was not much of a contest for Wayne Trace as they scored 29 points in the first quarter and won against Paulding 60-22. Shown here is senior JoEllen Fickel scoring for the Raiders. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

Missing pictures? We have a stack of pictures here at West Bend News from previous publications.

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Bair has been an agent for American Family since September, 1997. His office is located at 114 E. Jackson St., Paulding, Ohio.

"Customer service is more important than ever," said Jack Salzwedel, American Family president and chief operating officer. "I'm proud that more American Family Insurance agents made the commitment to meeting the Distinguished Insurance Agency criteria this year than in any of the program's previous five years. That's truly saying something about their commitment to meeting our customers' needs."

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Agents who meet or surpass the overall national average must then pass a rigorous on-site evaluation based on five best practice areas: proactive reviews of customer insurance needs, claims handling, positive customer contacts, responsiveness and office environment.

RAIDER WRESTLERS TAKE 2ND AT TINORA DUALS

Wayne Trace's wrestling team went 4-1 placing second at the Tinora Duals on Saturday. Aaron Miller, 119 lbs., Kameran Clemens 135 lbs. and Zach Cotterman 140 lbs. went undefeated for the day, each recording a 5-0 record.

The Raiders defeated teams from Tinora, Ostego, Stryker and Dayton Horizon, losing their only match to Evergreen. "We really had a good day," commented coach George Clemens. "It took total team effort to be able to stay on top at this competition. Not only did our better guys do what we always expect them to do, our less experienced guys really came through for us today also. I cannot say enough good about these kids, they are beginning to believe in themselves, and they are starting to win some matches. I am just so very proud of all the boys on this squad, such hard working, respectable bunch of guys."

Team Scores:
Evergreen 42, Wayne Trace 25; Wayne Trace 45, Tinora 24; Wayne Trace 38, Ostego 18; Wayne Trace 54, Dayton Horizon 6; Wayne Trace 54, Stryker 0

RECYCLABLE CAN DRIVE IN ANTWERP

The Antwerp Archer Class of 2015 is still hosting a Recyclable Can Drive. The class has 35 students going on their May 2011 Washington D.C. Field trip. We have had a great response from the community so far, so please keep up the good work!

Due to the chilling weather, the class will not be at Kammeyer's IGA until the weather warms up. Keep collecting though because there are still plenty of ways to get your donations to the class.

1. You can give them to a student/parent in the class.

2. You can drop them off at the residence of Samantha Bauer: 414 E. Canal St.

3. You can call/text Samantha Bauer at 260-704-0945.

Please tell all your friends, neighbors, family, and co-workers to keep saving their cans! We appreciate all who have helped this far!

—Antwerp Archer Class of 2015

PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL'S NHS UNITES WITH A PENNY PITCH



Left to right: Jared Ross, Trenton Bradford, Joey Buchman, April Manz and Alyssa St. John.

The caring power of the community comes in many shapes and sizes. One group that stepped up to the call for help was the Paulding High School Senior National Honor Society. These kids were asked and they delivered! PNHS held a Penny Pitch at the school to help in United Way of Paulding County's 2010/11 Campaign. On Monday, December 6th, four students (listed above) and Advisor Sharon Bradford presented UWPC with a check for \$501.79! The UW Board of Trustees would like to individually recognize each and every one of the kids by name for their effort to raise donations for their friends and neighbors in need. Listed

here are the members of the National Honor Society: NHS president: Joey Buchman; NHS vice-president: April Manz; NHS secretary: Alyssa St. John; Cameron Aldrich, Trenton Bradford, Hayley Clellan, Shauna Darrigo, Jacob Farr, Nick Flint, Nicole Gebers, Jesse Glass, Spencer Gross, Kass Hammon, Grant Harder, Elise Hartzell, Sam Heilshorn, Alex Knodel, Jack Meriwether, Alex Mott, Ashley Myers, Derrick Pease, Jared Ross, Danielle Smith, and Wes Zeller. Great job to everyone involved! A rising tide raises all ships. Together, united, we can inspire hope and create opportunities for a better tomorrow. That's what it means to LIVE UNITED.



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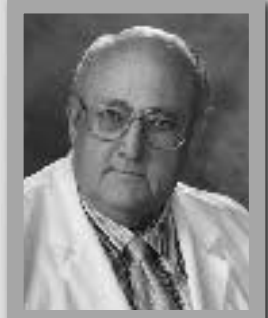
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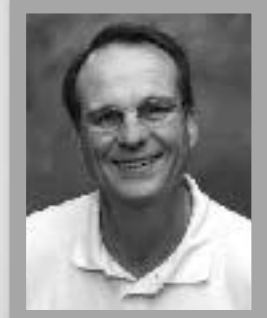
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WOODLAN GIRLS WINS AGAINST HERITAGE



The Warriors crushed the Patriots with a 50-21 victory on Saturday, December 18 at home. The Warriors started strong and never looked back. Shown here is senior Grace Keller scoring for Woodlan in the first quarter. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



Saturday, December 18 the Lancers came to the Palace to go against the Raiders in basketball. Wayne Trace was ahead most of the game but fell when it mattered most with a 47-49 loss in a close match up. Shown here is senior Gage Critten attempting a shot in the last quarter for the Raiders. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

PANTHERS WRESTLE 2-3 AT EDGERTON'S TRI-STATE DUALS

Saturday December 18th, the Paulding Panthers competed in Edgerton's Tri-State Duals. The Panthers as a team went 2-3, gaining victories against Van Buren (36-27) and Patrick Henry (36-34). Other teams the Panthers faced but fell short to were Ottawa-Glandorf (16-54), Fremont (16-55), and Fairview (27-45).

At the 119 weight class Taylor Deatruck went 4-1 on the day, gaining victories vs. Ottawa-Glandorf, Van Buren, Patrick Henry, and Fairview through void. Taylor fell short against Fremont's T. Willms losing by points 14-1.

At the 125 weight class Brandon Antoine and Josh Hemker shared duties. Brandon Antoine went 2-1 for the day at this weight class. Brandon defeated Ottawa-Glandorf through a void and pinned Fairview's Alexander in the 1st period in 1:31. Brandon lost against Fremont's L. Willms from a pin in 29 seconds. Josh Hemker went 0-2 at this weight class. Josh lost to Van Buren's Ward by points, 2-0, and to Patrick Henry's Cole by points, 11-0.

At the 130 weight class Josh Hemker and Brandon Antoine continue to share duties. Josh Hemker went 1-2. Josh beat Fairview's Dewhight by points, 5-3. Josh lost to Ottawa-Glandorf's Klausinger by pin, 1:05 and Fremont's Duvendack by points, 9-0. Brandon Antoine went 2-0 in this weight class, picking up voids against Van Buren and Patrick Henry.

At the 152 weight class Nick Flint went 4-1 on the day. Nick picked up victories against Ottawa-Glandorf's Ebbeskotter by points, 16-8, Fremont's Elliot by points, 12-1, Van Buren's Crissman by pin, 1:15, and Patrick Henry's Palmer by pin, 5:28. Nick fell short against Fairview's Meyer losing in overtime by points, 11-6.

At the 160 weight class Derek Shrider and Cody Jarrell shared duties. Shrider went 1-2 on the day. Shrider gained a victory against Van Buren through a void. Shrider lost against Ottawa-Glandorf's McFarland by pin, :53, and Fremont's Fricoli by points, 16-1. Cody Jarrell went 1-1. C. Jarrell won against Patrick Henry by a void and lost to Fairview's Trent by pin, 1:36.

At the 171 weight class Derek Shrider and Cody Jarrell continue to share the duties. Shrider went 0-2 in this

weight class. Shrider lost to Patrick Henry's Dye by pin, :49, and Fairview's Rossman, 5:44. C. Jarrell went 1-1, picking up a victory against Van Buren through a void and losing against Fremont's Easterday by pin, :21.

At the 189 weight class Ryan Schindler went 2-3 on the day. Schindler picked up victories against Fairview's Royer by pin, :27, and Patrick Henry through a void. Schindler lost to Ottawa-Glandorf's Weller by pin, 1:13, Fremont's Cleper by pin, :10, and Van Buren's Atchinson by pin, :13.

At the 215 weight class Nick Hanenkraft went 3-2 on the day, picking up victories against Fremont and Fairview by void. Hanenkraft also defeated Van Buren's Oler by pin, 1:15. Hanenkraft lost to Ottawa-Glandorf's Karhoff by pin, 1:13, and Patrick Henry's Wright by pin, :21.

At the 285 weight class Brandon Jarrell went 3-2 on the day, beating Ottawa-Glandorf's Innerger by pin, 1:09. B. Jarrell also beat Fremont and Patrick Henry by earning a void. B. Jarrell lost to Van Buren's Ludwig by pin, :46, and Fairview's Shiningier by pin, 1:16.

PANTHERS LOSE TWO IN DUAL MATCHES

Last night Thursday December 16th, the Paulding Panthers competed against Liberty Center and Ostego in a Dual Matches. The Panthers lost both matches as a team. The team score for Liberty Center was 65-12 and the Ostego score was 36-35. However, the Panthers had individual successes.

At the 119 weight class Taylor Deatruck pinned Jones of Liberty Center in 35 seconds into the 2nd period. Taylor continued his success against Violanti of Ostego by pinning him in the 1st period.

At the 125 weight class Brandon Antoine fell short against Martinez of Liberty Center by getting pinned in the 2nd period. Josh Hemker took the weight class over against Ostego, earning himself a victory through a void.

At the 130 weight class Josh Hemker took on Elling of Liberty Center losing to his opponent by points (8-4). Brandon Antoine assumed 130 pound responsibilities against Ostego winning through a void.

At the 135 weight class Jay Watson lost to Knipp of Liberty Center and King of Ostego, by getting pinned.

At the 145 weight class

BLUFFTON FALLS TO THE PANTHERS IN EXCELLENT GAME



The Panthers took on Bluffton at home Friday, December 17. The Paulding boys won a solid game 71-60. Shown here is Paulding junior Anthony Arellano attempting a shot for the Panthers. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

Ryan Fraley lost to Stacey of Liberty Center and Box of Ostego, by getting pinned.

At the 152 weight class Nick Flint was successful in beating Maek of Liberty Center via pinned. Nick later cruised against Tolles of Ostego opponent beating him by points (18-6).

Also at the 152 weight class in a JV match Cody Jarrell competed against Cox and Gillen of Liberty Center and was pinned by both.

At the 160 weight class Derek Shrider lost against both of his opponents, Knapp of Liberty Center and Hendrix of Ostego, through pinfall.

At the 171 weight class Chazz Hahn was pinned by

both of his opponents, Speith of Liberty Center and Feckle of Ostego.

At the 189 weight class Ryan Schindler fell short against Elling of Liberty Center and won against Ostego from a void.

At the 215 weight class Nick Hanenkraft fell short against Hefflinger of Liberty Center opponent losing in the 2nd overtime 10-11. Nick would rebound quite well against Davidson of Ostego opponent by pinning him in the first period.

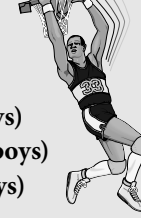
At the 285 weight class Brandon Jarrell lost against both of his opponents, Gillen of Liberty Center and Harrison of Ostego, by pinfall.


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Happy Holidays, Everyone!



WEST BEND NEWS

"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT:" ELECTRICITY CLASSES HELPS YWCA



Vantage senior Electricity student Brad Goodwin (Parkway) traces a circuit in a breaker panel while working on a project at the Van Wert YWCA.



Vantage's Tony Valle (Paulding) installs a receptacle outlet in the fitness center at the YWCA.



Christ Stalsberg, a senior Electricity student from Wayne Trace, installs a breaker in the panel at the YWCA.

The Vantage senior Electricity class recently provided some much needed electrical help at the Van Wert YWCA.

Mr. White and his class relocated several receptacle outlets in the fitness center, traced circuits in the kitchen, added a receptacle for a freezer in a storage room and added another receptacle for a food warmer in the kitchen.

"We are really thankful for them coming in and helping us out. There is no way we could have gotten these changes done so quickly. We hope they continue to use the YWCA as a work-based learning site," said Stacey Looser, new YWCA director.

At the Vantage Carpentry house project, the senior Electricity students have already installed temporary

electrical service. Soon, they will be roughing in the wiring for all the electrical in the new house. They have also upgraded electrical service for the Van Wert Historical Society office and gift shop located on Third Street, where the Vantage Building and Grounds students are doing renovations.

LATTA STATEMENT ON OMNIBUS SPENDING BILL

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) made the following statement regarding the proposed Omnibus spending bill introduced in the Senate yesterday.

"Clearly, Congressional Democrats did not get the message that voters delivered last month. Yesterday, Senate Democrat Leadership introduced a 1,900 page Omnibus spending bill that if passed, would cost approximately \$1.2 trillion. Not only does this bill increase federal spending, it includes 6,000 earmarks totaling \$8 billion. The increased spending amount and inclusion of earmarks goes against the simple message voters screamed across the country on Election Day 'enough is enough'."

"I, along with my House Republican colleagues, have called for spending levels to return to FY2008 levels and have agreed to an earmark moratorium for this fiscal year and the 112th Congress. These pro-active initiatives represent the commitment House Republicans have made to the American people to get serious about correcting the out-of-control spending and debt problems facing our nation.

"The Senate proposal is yet another defiance of the will of the American people and I will work and vote against the Omnibus spending bill should it reach the House floor."

LATTA STATEMENT ON HEALTH CARE LAW COURT RULING

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) made the following statement after U.S. District Court Judge Henry Hudson today ruled a portion of the Democrat-passed health care law to be unconstitutional. Congressman Latta signed onto the Amicus Brief on the case before Judge Hudson.

Judge Hudson's ruling makes it clear that the individual mandate portion of the health care law in unconstitutional, citing the Commerce Clause and the precedent set by previous courts that Congress does not have the power to compel an individual to involuntarily engage in a private commercial transaction.

Additionally, Jundge Hudson cites Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution which confers upon Congress only discrete enumerated governmental powers.

"After defying the will of the American people by forcing the government takeover of our nation's health care system through the legislative process, it should come as no surprise that Congressional Democrats defied the Constitution when drafting this legislation. The American people and Congressional Republicans consistently pointed to the individual mandate portion of this legislation as an unprecedented invasion of personal liberties and an unchecked power grab by the federal government."

"House Republicans remain committed to passing meaningful health care legislation that Americans want without tax increases or government mandates."

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HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS

High-Tech Holiday Gadgets For Less

(NAPSA)—Here's the lowdown on high-tech holiday gifts that can give you a reputation for having the gift of giving:

• **Moving ideas.** A new generation of movement-based video gaming promises to bring the whole family together in the living room, literally putting you in the game and on the screen. Rather than have you passively sitting on the couch and mashing buttons, the new Move Sports Champions Bundle (\$99.99) for Sony PlayStation 3 uses a camera and unique controllers to track movements and put players into the action. For Xbox 360 fans, the newly released Microsoft Kinect (\$149.99) also uses a camera system to get your family moving around. Kinect doesn't require any special controllers. Instead, it turns your body itself into a real-life remote.

• **Blu-ray at home or away.** After you've expended some energy playing video games, you might want to try some more restful entertainment, and Blu-ray players are making it easier than ever on the eyes. According to the Consumer Electronics Association and the NPD Group, more than 65 percent of American households have an HDTV set but only 11 percent have a Blu-ray player. With the RCA 10" Portable Blu-ray player—available exclusively at Target for \$299.99—you can



Giving great gadget gifts this holiday season doesn't have to break the bank. You may be amazed how many bits you get for your buck these days.

unleash the full potential of your HDTV set at home or take it on the road for a family trip.

• **Making memories.** Share your old-school musical tastes with the kids this year and maybe even try their tunes on for size with a Crosley turntable with wireless speakers (\$199.99). You can even convert songs from vinyl records into MP3s. Next, capture holiday memories with a Kodak EasyShare 12.0 MP Digital Camera (\$99.99), which lets you wirelessly transmit photos to a Kodak 7" Pulse Wi-Fi digital frame (\$114.99), creating an instant digital slideshow on your wall or mantel.

Acquiring all this may be easier than you realize. Shopping at a store such as Target, which offers affordable electronic and gaming options, lets you stock up on holiday essentials in one simple trip.

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Children's Health Update

Battling Serious Illness With Beads Of Courage

(NAPSA)—Children battling cancer and other serious illnesses can proudly wear their Beads of Courage.

Beads signify strength and courage and have been used throughout history as a form of luck and protection. Once said to protect warriors during long journeys, beads are now helping children with serious illnesses find the courage and strength needed to fight their battle.

Beads Of Courage

Beads of Courage is a not-for-profit organization whose sole mission is to encourage and strengthen resilience in children with cancer, a blood disorder or other serious illness through art-based programs. The children get colorful beads that communicate visually the many challenges they have overcome during their treatment.

For example, Dalton, diagnosed with neuroblastoma at age 4, is one of the many children who have benefited from the program. His mother, Patty, remembers the first time Dalton received his beads.

"The lights made the beautifully colored beads sparkle like jewels in a treasure chest," said Patty. "Beads of Courage has



A young patient at the Afac Cancer Center and Blood Disorders Service of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta meets Afac NASCAR driver Carl Edwards.

found a way to inspire children to eagerly fight for their lives and endure the unspeakable. Beads of Courage has given families the missing piece. The piece that makes chronically ill children focus on the reward, not the steps in between. The program shows us that our children are not giving up—nor shall we."

What The Beads Mean

There's a bead guide that identifies over 25 treatments and procedures linked to each specific bead, not including handmade glass beads that are given to children for special reasons such as for overcoming a milestone. The yellow bead is for an overnight

stay in the hospital. The tortoise bead is for a spinal tap. And the one that glows in the dark? That's for a radiation treatment. The most coveted bead of all is the one received upon completion of treatment, the purple heart.

Most children will accumulate over 500 beads and a bead collection that spans well over 12 feet before finishing treatment.

Touched by the effect the program has on kids, Afac and Beads of Courage have created an Afac Duck Wingman Bead to bring a strong new message to kids: that they are never flying solo.

As a patient at the Afac Cancer Center and Blood Disorders Service of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Dalton met Afac NASCAR driver Carl Edwards. Dalton lent his Beads of Courage to Edwards to wear during his upcoming races for good luck.

What You Can Do

By making a \$5 donation at www.BeadsofCourage.org, you can sponsor an Afac Duck Wingman Bead and remind a child with cancer that he or she is not alone. With your donation, Beads of Courage will send a child a Wingman Bead packaged with an Encouragement Book.

Expert Tips For Quitting Smoking In 2011

(NAPSA)—Are you or someone you know thinking of quitting smoking in 2011? Have you tried quitting smoking before? If you answered yes to either of these questions, you are not alone. The average smoker will try to quit six to nine times during his or her lifetime. It's important to know that while quitting isn't easy, it is possible. And, a support program and treatment plan can help.

Registered nurse Carol Southard treats smokers who are looking to quit. Below, she answers questions and provides tips that may improve your chances of quitting smoking.

Why is it so hard to quit smoking?

Smokers often think about quitting as a matter of willpower or choice. But quitting is very difficult for many smokers because nicotine is highly addictive.

Here's how it works: When you smoke, nicotine reaches the brain in about 10 to 20 seconds, causing a chemical called dopamine to be released. Dopamine provides a feeling of pleasure. Over time, smoking may become more than just a habit. It can become an addiction. When you stop smoking, it may cause your body to go through withdrawal. This can lead to a slipup in your quit attempt.

What do you tell people who want to quit?

People who want to quit should know that smoking is a treatable medical condition. The first step toward quitting is talking to your health care provider. They can help you make a plan to quit. Your quit plan should be designed just for you. It may include many types of support, from counseling to medication. Your health care provider can talk to you about the seven treatments approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

How fast can you see the benefits of quitting smoking?

Quitting smoking has lots of health benefits. If you are looking for reasons to quit, it's helpful to remember that:

- Within weeks of quitting smoking, your circulation and lung function may improve.
- One year after quitting smoking, your excess risk of heart disease may be reduced by half.
- Five to fifteen years after quitting smoking, your risk for stroke may be reduced to that of a nonsmoker.
- Ten years after quitting smoking, your risk of many cancers may decrease.

• Fifteen years after quitting smoking, your risk of heart disease may be that of a nonsmoker.

What resources can support my quit attempt?

For many people, smoking becomes "automatic." They may not realize when and why they smoke. For this reason, family and friends can be helpful resources. Ask them to help you identify times that you like to smoke, such as during your morning coffee or talking on the phone. Then think about ways that you can fight the urge to smoke when you're in those situations.

Speak to your doctor about other available resources, including local support groups, which are often helpful during a quit attempt. Also, many online resources exist. One resource is www.MyTimeToQuit.com, which provides tips on how to work with your doctor to design a quit plan that's right for you and has information on a prescription treatment option.

This information is courtesy of Pfizer Inc.

• Carol Southard, RN, MSN is a tobacco treatment specialist with Northwestern Memorial Physicians Group at the Center for Integrative Medicine and Wellness in Chicago, Illinois.

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Holiday Shopping
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(NAPSA)—One thing that's great about social media is that it allows for lots of feedback—which may come in handy when you're buying a gift.

For example, Ice.com now offers a selection of diamond and gemstone jewelry that's based on over 8,000 reviews of the items customers report receiving compliments on. The categories follow:



This season's must-have jewelry gifts—rated by the amount of compliments they've received—can be found on a new site.

- 1. Hearts and diamonds—twice as nice.** While "diamonds are forever," diamonds in the shape of a sterling silver heart pendant are eternally appreciated.
 - 2. All that dazzles is not a diamond.** Large, showstopping rings are all the rage. For extra dazzle, try a colored center stone, such as a green amethyst or a pink topaz, and make a big statement without the big price tag.
 - 3. Mix it up.** If adding color to your wardrobe lifts your mood, try adding jewel tones—from genuine jewels—to your accessories. Try mixing a mint-green amethyst with a traditional purple one for a look that's as unique as it is eye-catching.
 - 4. Silver is cool and sexy.** Whether combined with enamel and studded with diamonds or paired with a colored stone and luminous mother-of-pearl, sterling says "glamour" and "sophistication" without breaking the bank.
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LATTA RECOGNIZES NATIONAL GUARD

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) made the following statement recognizing December 13th, 2010 as the 374th anniversary of the establishment of the National Guard. On November 30th, Congressman Latta delivered remarks on the floor of the House of Representatives in support of H. Res. 140, a resolution he introduced to honor this anniversary. H. Res. 140 passed the House of Representatives later that day by a vote of 404-0.

"The National Guard dates its origins back to December 13, 1636, when the General Court of the Massachusetts Bay Colony ordered existing militias be organized into three regiments. Since then, the National Guard has fought in every major American conflict. From the 'shot heard round the world' at Lexington Green, and later Concord Bridge in April of 1775, to our men and women standing strong and fighting in Afghanistan and Iraq, the National Guard and its citizen-soldiers have been there for us no matter what: Always ready, always there.

"The National Guard is the oldest component of the Armed Forces in the United States, The National Guard's number one priority is the security and defense of our homeland, at home and abroad. Even before the United States existed, Americans have relied on their National Guard for more than three and a half centuries. I want to thank all past and present members of the National Guard for their service in response to the attacks on September 11, 2001, and their continuing role in homeland security and military operations. In today's world it is essential that we honor and support all of our service members who have sacrificed so much for us to ensure our freedoms and liberties in the United States. We need to support and provide our men and women in the National Guard, and all of the Armed

Forces, with the necessary resources to ensure its readiness and success.

"As the National Guard's official song goes 'Defending Freedom, protecting dreams, this is the spirit of what it means to me. For my God and my home that I love: I Guard America, Guarding America, America.'"

LATTA SENDS LETTER TO PRESIDENT OBAMA ON RARE EARTH MINERALS

On December 14th, Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) sent a letter to President Obama stressing the importance of a strategy to develop, mine and produce rare earth elements (REEs) in the United States. REEs are used in numerous products that Americans use every day, from mobile phones to computers.

"Since 2002, when the Mountain Pass, California production facility ceased its operations, the United States has been 100 percent reliant on foreign sources of REEs. For many decades, the United States was independent when it came to rare earth element production, but now the United States relies on China for at least 91% of its REE imports.

"Rare earth elements are an integral part of our nation's economy and manufacturing, mining and technological bases. We should not and can no longer rely on countries such as China who not only control at least 96% of the world's REE production, but who are reportedly increasing export taxes on rare earth materials at a range of 15 to 25 percent. With REE deposits readily available in many states throughout the United States, we must develop a plan to reduce our dependency on foreign REEs, which will help strengthen our economy and bring jobs to the United States." Latta stated after sending the letter to President Obama.

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OPERATION ROUND-UP ANNOUNCES LAST QUARTER DISBURSEMENTS



Pictured: Linda Willhelm, Executive Director of the Caring and Sharing Food Pantry and Brenda Clark, Paulding Putnam Electric Trust board member.

The Paulding Putnam Electric Trust, better known as Operation Round-Up, is a charitable nonprofit organization that provides funds to help community and charitable agencies add quality to their communities. During

the last quarter the Trust was able to disburse \$12,985.00. The continued generosity of PPE's members and their participation in Operation Round-Up allows the Trust to help our friends and neighbors that are in need.

AUDITOR SIMPSON ANNOUNCES THE BEGINNING OF 2011 DOG TAG SALES

Paulding County Auditor Susan K. Simpson announced that 2011 dog licenses are on sale. Now through Monday, January 31, 2011 dog licenses will be on sale to Paulding County dog owners.

Ohio Revised Code Section 955.01 requires individuals to purchase an annual license for any dog three months or older.

Residents can purchase a license on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday between 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Wednesday between 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the County Auditor's office located in the courthouse (Closed Wednesday mornings and all day Fridays).

In addition, licenses can be purchased online by visiting www.pauldingcountyauditor.com through the dog license link. A convenience fee is charged per tag to your credit card along with a fee for postage if you chose the online service. You are still able to mail in an application form (cut out of the newspaper) or print an application off the auditor's web site. License programs are administered by the county auditor; license fees are set by the commis-

sioners. A penalty, which is equal to the cost of the tag, is charged for purchasing a license after January 31st. An Ohio dog tag is valid for the entire calendar year; current (2010) licenses will expire on January 31, 2011. If the dog is obtained after January 31st the owner has thirty (30) days to license the dog without penalty.

"This is an important time of year for dog owners because state law requires them to purchase a license," said Simpson. "But just as important, the license also serves as a dog's ticket home if it ever becomes lost."

Kennel licenses will ONLY be sold through the auditor's office. By definition of the Ohio Revised Code, a kennel owner is a person, partnership, firm, company, or corporation professionally engaged in the business of breeding dogs for hunting or for sale. Ohio law requires that all kennels be licensed each year no later than January 31st. If you are selling dogs, state law requires that you also purchase a vendor's license for collecting and submitting sales tax to the State of Ohio.

Additional information on licensing and license purchases is available by calling the Auditor's office at (419) 399-8205.

Be sure to tell the business you patronize, that you saw their ad in the West Bend News.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE

West Bend Printing and Publishing Inc. also known as The West Bend News will be increasing classified, picture, "Home for Sale by Owners", inserts and advertising rates beginning with issue #5 of 2011 (Issue Date: February 2, 2011.) The increases are necessary to remain viable due to increased printing and mailing costs by the USPS. The previous augmentation was 3 years ago. Advertising contracts will continue to apply to the signed discount percentage based upon the new rates listed below. The new rates beginning February 2, 2011 issue are as follows: Pictures will change from \$5.00 to \$6.00 per column Inserts will change from \$.07 to \$.08 or higher depending on weight and size. Home for Sale by Owners will change to \$30 per week and includes a picture and 25 words (\$.15 per word over 25 words) Classified ads will increase to \$7.50 for 20 words (\$.15 per word over 20 words). Bold will continue to add \$1.00, the same as before. Front pages \$10.50, inside pages \$8.00 Thank You's and Congratulations will be charged like Classified ads.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Carryall Township Trustees will hold their organizational and appropriations meeting on Monday, December 27, 2010 at 7:00pm at 1445 Road 204, Antwerp, OH
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YOUR WEIGHT

Jeans Serve As Indicator, Reward For Weight Loss Success In Women

(NAPSA)—What's an easy way to tell when a woman has lost weight? Check out her jeans. According to a recent survey for Kellogg's® Special K® brand, nearly two-thirds of women surveyed from around the world say jeans are the first article of clothing that indicates weight loss or gain, and that they would buy themselves a new pair of jeans as a reward for losing weight.



Women all over the world say how well they look in their jeans helps them tell when it's time to diet.

Women from 15 countries participated in the survey, revealing that jeans are a common thread among women around the globe when it comes to signaling and celebrating weight-management success. The majority of women in the U.S. (62 percent) view dropping a jean size as a "significant accomplishment."

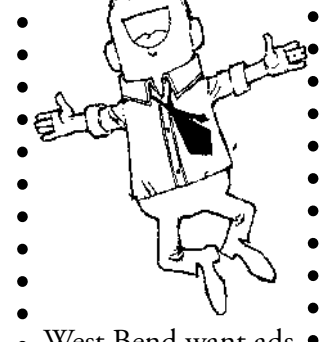
"Women have a special relationship with their jeans," said Tiziana Castiglioni, senior director of the global Special K® brand at Kellogg. "The way jeans fit instantly tells the tale of a woman's waistline, and great-fitting jeans can help a woman look and feel her best for almost any occasion. These survey results confirm that small victories, like fitting into a favorite pair of jeans, give women a sense of pride and accomplishment."

And as the survey demonstrates, one of the key motivators for losing weight is often clothing—specifically jeans. Key findings include:

- 65 percent of women say they would reward themselves with a new pair of jeans for hitting a dieting and weight goal.
- Women in Canada (85 percent), Korea (82 percent) and the U.S. (79 percent) are more likely than those in other countries to say they'd reward themselves with new jeans.
- 64 percent of women say jeans are the first article of clothing to indicate they are gaining or losing weight.

- More than half of British women (55 percent) claim jeans are the first clothing item that indicates weight loss.
- More than 50 percent of women own a pair of jeans that doesn't fit, and 20 percent own jeans that are too small.
- Of those who own "too small" jeans, nearly 60 percent say they are holding on to them with the hope of again fitting into them.
- One-third of women say they have tried to lose weight for the sole purpose of again fitting into smaller jeans.
- Jeans make a fashion statement for both work and play. Sixty-three percent of women say they would wear jeans on a date or to a party, and 60 percent say they would wear jeans to work.
- Brazilian women most commonly wear their jeans to more formal occasions or events such as work (84 percent), formal parties (71 percent) and dates (63 percent).
- Mexican women most commonly wear their jeans when at home (87 percent), working around the house (83 percent), when on a date (77 percent) and to work (70 percent).

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PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES FOR 11/22/10

This 22nd day of November, 2010, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

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

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2010 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-010):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2010 Annual Appropriation and hereby direct the Paulding County Auditor to appropriate unappropriated funds:

Fund 001-010 - General Fund/Juvenile Court, 001-010-00014/Appointed Counsel, \$2,500.00

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2010 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 044):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2010 Annual Appropriation and hereby direct the Paulding County Auditor to appropriate unappropriated funds:

Fund 044 - CPCP, 044-

001-00001/Equipment Expenses, \$6,350.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2010 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-011):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2010 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:

FROM: 001-011-00003/General Fund/Probate Court/Supplies

TO: 001-011-00009/General Fund/Probate Court/Other Expenses

AMOUNT: \$200.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2010 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-013):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2010 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:

FROM: 001-013-00008/General Fund/Coroner/Workers' Comp

TO: 001-013-00002/General Fund/Coroner/Supplies

AMOUNT: \$26.46

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2010 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-013):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby

modify the 2010 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:

FROM: 001-022-00001/General Fund/Insurance/Health Insurance

TO: 001-013-00003/General Fund/Coroner/Contracts/Services

AMOUNT: \$200.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2010 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-016):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2010 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:

FROM: 001-022-00001/General Fund/Insurance/Health Insurance

TO: 001-016-00007/General Fund/Commissioners' Buildings and Grounds/Contract Services

AMOUNT: \$20,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2010 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 065):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2010 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:

FROM: 065-001-00007/CSEA/PERS

TO: 065-001-00009/CSEA/Contracts/Services

AMOUNT: \$618.75

IN THE MATTER OF SIGNING NOTES TO BORROW FUNDS:

This 22nd day of November, 2010, the Board of County Commissioners signed a general obligation note with the Antwerp Exchange Bank.

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Lou Ann Wannemacher, County Treasurer; and Gordon Barnes, Antwerp Exchange Bank - A note was signed for a general obligation (see resolution above).

—Marsha Yeutter, Senior Center - Ms. Yeutter met briefly with the Commissioners for signatures on vouchers. She also stated she recently changed the cell phone contract at the Senior Center and will realize a savings. Ms. Yeutter was excited to report progress in a possible satellite office in Oakwood. She then discussed year-end accounting procedures.

Susan Simpson, County Auditor - Ms. Simpson hand-delivered the General Fund receipts and expenses reports for the November Audit Committee meeting. She also stated she had received several special fund appropriation worksheets. The Commissioners requested that the Auditor's Office accumulate the special fund 2011 appropriation worksheets until all are received and the 2011 budget can be made official. Ms. Simpson agreed to this request. She and the Commissioners then discussed various TIF agreements.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 11/29/10

This 29th day of November, 2010, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

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

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2010 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 020):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2010 Annual Appropriation and hereby direct the Paulding County Auditor to appropriate unappropriated funds:

Fund 020 - Childrens' Services, 020-001-00001/Childrens' Service Expense, \$51,000.00

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Erin Bowser, Horizon Wind Energy; Steve Sukup, Paulding County SWCD; Jim Lopshire and Roy Klopfenstein, OSU Extension; Melinda Kauser, Paulding County Progress - Ms. Bowser announced that Horizon Wind Energy would exercise its corporate citizenship to the county by awarding Paulding County SWCD \$60,000 and OSU Extension \$40,000 for their 2011 budgets. She further stated that Horizon Wind Energy is on schedule for construction to be complete and to be on line producing electricity by July, 2011. Ms. Bowser reported that AEP has purchased power for the next 20 years through a power purchase agreement. Horizon Wind Energy's Paulding County project is the first in the state to secure a long term power purchase agreement. She gave credit to the Commissioners for being the first in the state to pass a resolution making the county an alternative energy zone, which has been beneficial in the progression of the project. Ms. Bowers stated foundation will be poured soon, weather permitting, which is on target in order to utilize the federal cash grant. She went on to announce that Horizon Wind Energy will work in conjunction with Vantage Career Center and the county schools to educate students on green energy.

Jason Salzgeber, 3rd Sun Solar; Tony Langham, Paulding County Economic Development - Mr. Salzgeber of 3rd Sun Solar, Athens, Ohio, met with the Commissioners to discuss solar power opportunities. He reported 3rd Sun Solar has been in operation for twelve years. The company installs solar power systems with capabilities of producing from 100 KW up to 10 MW. Solar panels are normally purchased by a company or entity up front or through a finance company in the form of a power purchase agreement. Solar panels may be mounted on the ground or on flat roofs.

2010-2011 ANTWERP JH SPELLING BEE WINNERS



Antwerp Junior High held their school wide Spelling Bee on Wednesday, December 15. Champion - Nicole Hughes, is an 8th grader and the daughter of Kyle and Penny Hughes.

The winning word was 'legislature'.
Runner-Up - Joshua

Steiner, is also an 8th grader and is the son of Bryce and Angel Steiner. Joshua missed the word 'geologist'.

Nicole was the runner-up in last year's local spelling bee. This is the first year that Joshua has placed in the local spelling bee.

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