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CROSSLAND - ALEXANDER



Maely Kalise Crossland and Garrett Cameron Alexander are happy to announce their engagement and upcoming marriage.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Don and Ruby Crossland of Paulding. She is a 2002 graduate of Paulding High School and a 2006 graduate of Bowling Green State University College of Education. She is currently attending the University of Toledo, pursuing her Mas-

ters degree in Special Education.

Her fiance is the son of Brad and Vicky Alexander of Curtice, Ohio. He is a 2001 graduate of Genoa High School and is a Journeyman Insulator for Local 45.

The couple will exchange marriage vows on June 12, 2010 at the Paulding Presbyterian Church. They will reside in Clay Center, Ohio.

DEBT COLLECTION SCAM ALERT

Beware of phony debt collectors and other scams:

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—Antwerp Police Department

NEW HOURS FOR PAULDING COUNTY'S LIBRARIES

Beginning Monday, March 1, 2010, the Paulding County Carnegie Library system branch locations will adopt new, more uniform hours. "The Board of Trustees wants our branch hours to be uniform. Uniform hours will allow patrons to visit any of our three branch locations without having to remember three different sets of operating hours,"

shares Susan Pieper, Library Director.

Each branch library will be open the same 40 hours each week. Branches include the Antwerp Branch Library in Antwerp, Ohio; Cooper Community Branch Library in Oakwood, Ohio; and the Payne Branch Library in Payne, Ohio. New hours for all three branches, beginning March 1st are: Monday & Tuesday 12:00-7:30 p.m.; Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.; Sunday - CLOSED.

The main Carnegie library in Paulding will add 1½ hours to its weekly schedule. The operating hours for the main library will be: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.; Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 pm; Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.; Sunday - CLOSED.

The Paulding County Carnegie Library was established in 1916 as the first library in America built by Andrew Carnegie to serve an entire county. In the early years, the library provided service to outlying county hamlets and villages via book deposit stations. Later, through a contract with the State Library of Ohio, bookmobile service was provided to Paulding County. Funding for the bookmobile service was cut by the state in the late 1980s. A group of library users and concerned citizens in Antwerp formed the Antwerp Friends of the Library and worked to open the first branch library in 1990. The citizens of Payne, Ohio soon followed with a new branch in 1996; and the citizens of Oakwood, Ohio requested a branch library in 2000. For more information regarding the Paulding County Carnegie Library, call 419-399-2032 or visit the website at www.paulding-countylibrary.org.

WOODBURN LUTHERAN WILDCATS JV-BOYS BASKETBALL TAKES 2ND PLACE



The Woodburn Lutheran School JV Boys Basketball Team (Cody Bratten, Cameron Christen, Kyler Donaghy, Cody Osborn, Mitchell Warnock, Dalton Moore, Code Osborn, Lucas Scharr & Noah Strebig) participated in the 2nd Annual Emmaus Royale Tournament on Saturday, January 30. They competed against St. Johns-Fort Wayne in the first round. After a very close and tough game,

the Wildcats won 21-18. They then advanced to the championship round and competed against Holy Cross. They again played a tough game, making the coaches, Ryan Warnock and Chris Isenbarger, proud! The Wildcats took 2nd place, with a final score of 30-34. The team received a trophy to add to the display case and each team member received a ribbon.

FROM THE FAMILY OF DICK SLATTERY

Words can not begin to express how grateful we are for all of the prayers, calls, cards, food, flowers, love and support shown to Dick during his brief illness and sudden passing. To name everyone who helped us during this difficult time is impossible; but we know how many

people cared about him with the overwhelming show of love and comfort shown to him and all of us. Smith and Brown Funeral Home is to be praised for letting Dick have his visitation "his way". Dick will be missed and will certainly live in all our hearts forever.

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—Nancy, Ricki, Chris, Joni, Mitch and families

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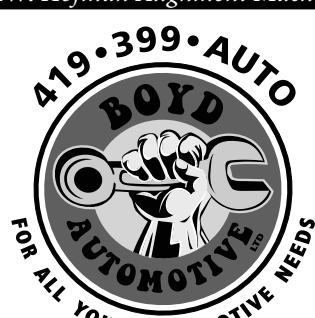
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OBITUARIES

Frances Kay Miller, 69, of Payne, passed away Saturday, February 13, 2010 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was born in Payne on March 2, 1940, a daughter of the late Margaret Alice (Fisher) and Cecil Mansfield.

Kay was a member of the Payne American Legion Post Auxiliary and the Payne Church of the Nazarene.

On July 8, 1961, she married James C. Miller, who survives.

She will be sadly missed by her husband, Jim; sons: Randy of Payne, Philip (Dawn)

of Haviland, Rodney (Mertrill) of Payne; daughter, Kathie (Steve) Wobler of Payne;

brothers: Charles (Janice), Walt and Bruce (Marla) Mansfield all of Payne, Morris (Kathryn) Mansfield of

(Shingle Springs, CA, Mike (Faith) Mansfield of Helena;

sister, Sara (Randy) Higgins of Defiance; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Her brothers: Rex and Bart Mansfield; sister, Zoe Bostwick; and grandson, Joshua also preceded her in death.

Services were private. Memorials are to James C. Miller. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Shelia L. Heaton, 54, of Paulding formally of Pennville, Indiana died Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at the Paulding County Hospital.

She was born December 13, 1955 in Paulding County the daughter of Vaughn and Florence (Funk) Sanderson.

In 1994 she married Greg Heaton who passed away in 2009.

She is survived by her father, Vaughn (Helen Scarborough) Sanderson of Paulding; two sons: Joel Sanderson of Portland, IN and Darrin (Carly) Sanderson of Bryant, IN; two sisters: Jacquie (Jay) Covill of Rensselaer, IN and Dale (Ron) Bendele of Paulding; three brothers: Dewey (Kathy) Sanderson and Rod Sanderson both of Paulding

and Vern (Tonya) Sanderson of New Haven, IN; a half-brother, Gene (Tracy) Ruger of Van Wert, OH; one granddaughter, Inara Sanderson.

She is preceded in death by her husband Greg and her mother Florence.

A memorial service will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, February 20, 2010 at the Rose Hill Church of God, Paulding by calling one hour prior to services. Burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery, Latty Township.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be made in Shelia's memory to Den Herder Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com. Arrangements by Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding.

Lynn A. Sunday, 60, of Fort Wayne, IN, passed away Sunday, February 7, 2010 in Auburn. He was a USMC Veteran of Vietnam War. He was born in Hicksville, OH on May 28, 1949.

Surviving are his sons: Richard and Ryan; sisters: Vicki, Tierra, Kathy and Sandy; three grandchildren: Abigail, Mason and Allison Sunday. Lynn was preceded in death by his parents: Richard and Gertrude Sunday.

Service was February 11, 2010 at D.O. McComb and Sons, Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road with Father Daniel Leeuw officiating. Burial in Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp, OH.

Memorials may be made to the family for the grandchildren's education. To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com

Laurabelle Stemen, 90, of Grover Hill died Sunday, February 7, 2010 at Dallas Lamb Foundation Home, Payne, OH.

She was born January 19, 1920 in Continental, Ohio, the daughter of David Leslie and Sarah Marie (Bell) Gambrel. On November 23, 1938 she married Therlo V. Stemen, who preceded her in death on March 15, 1980. She attended Zion United Methodist Church. She was a member of the Grover Hill VFW Post 2873 Auxiliary and was employed as a sales clerk by the former Goddard's Store and McClure's Maramart.

She is survived by two sons: Vernon (Linda) Stemen of Monroeville, IN, and Richard (Paulette) Stemen of Payne; a brother, Rex (Cleo) Gambrel of Hicksville; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Funeral services were conducted February 11, 2010 at Den Herder Funeral Home, with Pastor Pat Holt and Jammie Hughes officiating.

Burial was in Middle Creek Cemetery, Grover Hill.

Donations may be made to Dallas Lamb Foundation Home Activity Fund or a charity of the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Melvin August Stoller, 88, of Haviland died Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at Country Inn Enhanced Living Center, Paulding, Ohio where he had been a resident the past week.

He was born May 9, 1921 in Paulding County, Ohio, the son of Emil and Anna (Laukhuf) Stoller. He graduated from Latty High School in 1939 and business school in Lima. He married Irene Josephine Funk on August 16, 1964. He was a member of Latty Apostolic Christian Church. He was a World War II US Army Air Corp Veteran of the Pacific Theater, a lifetime farmer and a Sunday School Teacher.

He is survived by his wife, Irene of Haviland; six sisters: Elizabeth (Roscoe) Waters, and Marie (Jack) Moore, and Eunice (Roger) Gerber all of Paulding, Lorine (Myron) Hackenjos of New Haven, IN, Nathalia (Allan) Getz of Eureka, IL, and Anna Lou (Earl) Grimm of Dunlap, IL; sister-in-law, Irma (Millard) Stoller of Paulding; and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Millard Stoller; and a sister, Lillian (William) Eisenmann.

Funeral services were conducted February 13, 2010 at Latty Apostolic Christian Church, Latty, OH. Burial was in Latty Apostolic Christian Church Cemetery.

Donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com. Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, is handling arrangements.

FREE GOSPEL SING: THE HILTON FAMILY

On Saturday, February 27 at 4:00 p.m. the Hilton Family from Jaruis, Ontario, Canada will be singing at the Porter Auction, 19344 Rd. 60, Grover Hill, Ohio. The Hilton Family travel around Canada and the USA sharing the love of God in song and visiting with everyone. They are a wonderful Christian family. They sing southern gospel music. This past year they were nominated for two gospel music awards in Canada.

They also will be singing Friday night, February 26 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dupont Church of the Brethren, Dupont, Ohio.

Come out and be blessed and enjoy the music. For more information call 419-587-3511 or 419-587-3770.

HELP! I'M GETTING MY DRIVER'S LICENSE PHOTO TAKEN!

By: Pastor Joel D. DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

One of the most humbling experiences for any human being is having your Driver's License picture taken and then taking a look at the finished product. You know exactly what I'm talking about. I'm confident that YOUR driver's license photo is not something you pass around at family gatherings either. I don't know why it is that Olan Mills can make me look reasonably good... yet the Bureau of Motor Vehicles makes me look like a wanted poster in the Post Office.

Awhile back I needed to get a passport. Of course, they needed a photo, so I went to McJon's to get one taken. The result? It was even worse than my driver's license. I looked like one of those police composite drawings put together by descriptions of robbery victims. It was terrible. I was ashamed to show it to the immigration officer at the airport.

Then I needed to apply for a visa to a foreign country. Yes, I would need a photo, the lady told me. No, my passport photo wouldn't do, she said. I had to get a special visa photo taken.

I really tried this time. Honest, I did. I tried to cover all the bases. I went to yet another camera place. I waited until later in the day so I wouldn't look like I had just crawled out of bed. I put on a shirt with a collar so it wouldn't appear like I had been working on a chain gang. I even practiced smiling in the mirror (if that doesn't make you feel foolish...).

No luck. In fact, THIS time the photo made me look so much like a foreigner that I questioned if they would let me back out of the country once I was in.

The more I thought about this thing the more I realized that the camera was simply recording what was actually there. And I wondered what the camera would reveal if it could somehow take a picture of a person's soul... exactly the way it is. If it could reveal and evaluate the condition of a person's soul.

On the outside all of us maintain a pretty good display. But what is the true status of our souls? If YOUR soul could be examined I wonder if it would reveal a soul that is selfish, sin-stained, impure, and embittered? Or would it show a soul that is pure, righteous, and intent on serving Christ?

The Bible tells us that we can receive forgiveness, cleansing, and new life when we believe in Jesus' death on Calvary's cross and personally trust HIM for our eternal salvation.

It is only by receiving Christ's righteousness that our soul can be made holy and acceptable in God's sight. No amount of good works will change our soul. No amount of 'retouching' the photo will do the trick. Simply trusting in what Christ has done is the answer.

Have you looked at the condition of YOUR soul recently? It may be worth the check... and I guarantee you, it will be a lot more worthwhile than looking at your driver's license photo.

OAKWOOD LIBRARY NEEDS USED BOOKS FOR BOOK SALE

The Oakwood Library Association is accepting used books for their Used Book Sale the week of March 8th. You may drop your donations off at the Cooper Community Library in Oakwood, branch of Paulding County Carnegie Library during library hours.

THE ONE TRUE CHURCH: THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH #5

By: James Potter, Oakwood church of Christ

Today, as this is the last article on the New Testament church, I will show you what the Bible says about being added to the true church: Acts 2:47.

One Must hear the Gospel: Mark 16:15; Hebrews 11:6; Romans 10:17, not the teachings of men.

One Must believe the Gospel: 1 Corinthians 15:1-4; Romans 1:16; John 8:24.

One Must repent of his sins: Luke 24:47; Acts 2:38; Acts 17:30-31.

One Must confess his faith that Jesus Christ is the son of God: Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10; 1 Timothy 6:12.

One Must be baptized: Mark 16:16; 1 Corinthians 12:13.

Baptism is a burial in water: Romans 6:4-5

Baptism is for the remission of sins: Acts 2:38

Baptism is in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (by their authority)

Baptism is to put one into Christ where all spiritual blessings are: Galatians 3:26-27; Ephesians 1:3.

Baptism saves us: 1 Peter 3:21; Revelation 1:5.

Baptism is only for accountable persons Romans 3:23; 1 John 3:4

After we do what is written above, we have, our sins are washed away Acts 22:16; then we must live faithfully until death, Revelation 2:10.

Please remember to take some time for prayer and Bible study for therein is where truth is found John 8:32. Jesus loves you and so does the Oakwood church of Christ. Bible questions? Please call either Lonnie Lambert at 419-399-5022 or James Potter at 419-393-4775.

EILEEN DONAT 10-15-21/02-10-07

Dear Mom,
It's been three years and I often sit and find my mind wandering adrift to other places and better times only for a short time my spirits lift.

I remember your beautiful smiling face and that twinkle in your eye. I hear you whistling while you work. I smile, laugh and then I cry!

Inside my heart you're always with me. Each and every day those memories I cling to and cherish. For you are missed in every way.

Until my life upon this earth and my needs here are complete, my memories and love for you keep me until at last again we meet.

—Love,
your daughter, Joyce

OSU EXTENSION TO HOST PESTICIDE APPLICATOR RECERTIFICATION TRAINING

The Ohio State University Extension Office of Paulding County will be conducting a Private Pesticide Applicator (P.A.T.) Recertification Training program on Monday, February 22, 2010. The program will be held in the Paulding County Extension Center from 6:00-9:00 p.m. A registration fee is payable at the door. You are encouraged to pre-register by phone at 419.399.8225 or e-mail to lopshire.1@osu.edu.

Ronnie Gross 8/2/1955-2/19/2000

Ten long years have passed. We think of you everyday and still cry our tears. We celebrate your life and time we had together. We enjoy the conversations about you and think about the fun we had with you when we are at our get-togethers. We know that you are happy and safe in Heaven. Someday we will be able to sit together and have our coffee again. Miss you and love you!!

—Mom & Dad,
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SENATE SEEKS TO RE-STORE FUNDING FOR LOCAL SOIL AND WATER MANAGEMENT

Capitol Letters Weekly Column by: Senator Steve Buehrer

For centuries, Ohio farmers have helped feed millions of Ohio families, played an integral role in the growth of our economy and worked to make our state a global leader in agriculture production. The root of this success can be traced back to the dedicated, hard-working spirit of generations of Ohioans who have raised livestock, planted seeds and harvested crops for a living. Ohio has also been blessed with fertile soil and rich natural resources, which we must work to preserve to ensure our state's agriculture industry continues to prosper. Ohio's local soil and water conservation districts have long been an important part of this effort.

Ohio has 88 soil and water conservation districts (SWCD)—one in each county—which work with farmers and other land owners in both urban and rural areas to help prevent soil erosion and promote responsible water management. SWCDs work through a voluntary cooperative agreement to survey and design grassed waterways, erosion control structures, surface and substance drainage, farm ponds, windbreaks and livestock waste management facilities. Each county SWCD is governed by a board of five locally-elected land-owners.

Traditionally, SWCDs have been supported through funding from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources as well as local matching dollars. Unfortunately, because of the state's difficult fiscal situation, resources for these districts were cut significantly this past spring dur-

ing deliberations on the state budget bill. Not to mention, many cash-strapped counties have been unable to afford to provide matching funds to support their local SWCD office.

Recognizing the importance of land and soil conservation to the success of Ohio farmers, the future of our state's agriculture industry and the health of our economy, the Senate recently approved Senate Bill 155, bipartisan legislation that would direct a portion of the state's existing fee on the sale of new tires to help restore some funding for local soil and water districts. In addition, the bill would increase by \$10,000 the amount that ODNR can distribute through grants to soil and water districts that currently receive little to no local matching dollars. According to ODNR, this change could help these districts maintain at least one full-time employee to help the SWCD board perform minimum services for the local community and apply for grants and other sources of revenue to continue their mission.

SB 155 also includes language designed to promote greater transparency in the use of Ohio taxpayer dollars by giving the State Auditor more flexibility and discretion to conduct audits of state agency spending every two years.

Current Ohio law allows the Auditor to charge most public offices for the cost of performing their audit. However, the Auditor's office also conducts biennial audits of approximately 70 state agencies, which are supposed to be paid for through an appropriation at the Ohio Department of Administration Services. This appropriation, however, was not included in the most recent state budget bill. So, in an effort to ensure the Auditor's office has the

ISAAC VAN WART CHAPTER DAR GOOD CITIZEN ESSAY CONTEST WINNER



Claire Burtch of Parkway High School receiving the "The Madonna of the Trail" trophy from the DAR Good Citizen Chairman Gloria Fast.

The Isaac Van Wart Chapter DAR Good Citizen essay contest winner is Claire Burtch of Parkway High School. This contest is offered to nine area high schools. The contestants are chosen from their high schools for being a contributing member to family, church, community and school, in a positive way.

The Daughters of the American Revolution is a patriotic organization and we

resources necessary to move forward with this important work on behalf of Ohio taxpayers, SB 155 would delete the requirement in state law that payments for biennial audits come from DAS.

SB 155, which I cosponsored, passed the Senate with unanimous support and is currently pending in the Ohio House. For more information on the bill, please visit the Ohio General Assembly's website at www.legislature.state.oh.us.

thank these young people for their interest in America and patriotism. The applicants are Darcie Reinhart of Antwerp High School, Katherine Thompson of Crestview High School, Daniel Bidlack of Lincolnview, Nichole Reaver of Spencerville High School, Lauren Taylor of Van Wert High School and Kelsey Gerber of Wayne Trace High School.

The Ohio Legislature should be doing everything possible right now to support our state's economy and help reduce the cost of state government. SB 155 is consistent with these goals. The bill would provide needed resources for Ohio agriculture—our number one industry and a major employer in the 1st Senate District and many other parts of the state—while ensuring that the State Auditor has the ability to monitor how government spends limited taxpayer dollars.

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

COFFEE & DESSERT PARENT TRAINING SERIES TO BE HELD IN PAULDING

Attention parents, caregivers, and professionals: a "Coffee & Dessert" Parent Training Series will be held Tuesday, February 23, from 4:30–6:00 p.m. at the Kiwanis Building in Paulding. The topic of discussion will be "Toys for Preschool" presented by Cathy Bonifas, Speech Language Pathologist. Mrs. Bonifas will present information on choosing toys and play ideas for developing communications and speech in young children. There is no cost to attend this parent training. Pre-registration is preferred by contacting: Cathy Ruiz, Parent Mentor, Western Buckeye, ESC, Paulding County at: 419-263-2512 (select #4 Payne Elementary Building, ext. 454), or 419-399-4711 or email Cathy at cruiz@wb.noacsc.org. Certificate of Attendance available upon request. "Coffee & Dessert" Parent Training Series is presented by the Parent Mentor Program of Paulding County, and Western Buckeye, ESC.

REP. WATCHMANN: HOUSE SPEAKER RESORTS TO BLAME GAME

State Representative Lynn Wachtmann (R-Napoleon) issued the following statement in response to House Speaker Armond Budish's political muzzling of local teenager, then attempting to push blame onto State Rep. John Adams (R-Sidney). Elisabeth Trisler won the National Right to Life Oratory Contest in June 2009. After eight months of postponing her award presentation on the House floor, Budish retracted her presentation because he "had a problem with the subject matter." On February 10,

Budish once again changed his mind after coming under fire for his decision and agreed to allow Ms. Trisler on the House floor.

"A few weeks ago, Speaker Budish showed unparalleled partisanship when he denied Ms. Trisler from receiving her resolution on the House floor, under the guise that the award is too 'politically sensitive.' While I am pleased that the Speaker finally realized his mistake, I am appalled by his display of unprofessionalism and vendetta against the unborn. In my 25 years in the legislature, never before have I witnessed this level of flipping and finger-pointing over the simple act of honoring a young role model on the House floor.

"In pushing the blame on Rep. Adams by claiming that he didn't communicate his request clearly, Speaker Budish has resorted to a petty blame game instead of simply admitting his error in judgment. The Speaker's actions accurately represent his party and prove just how much disregard for the unborn exists within the Democratic Party. Instead of serving the people of Ohio, House Democrats have used their political power to advance their immoral, baby-killing agenda while silencing anyone who disagrees.

"The Ohio House is the people's house, and I'm ashamed that the speaker's actions have diminished that responsibility. Regardless of his personal opinions about abortion, he should have put politics aside to eagerly recognize Ms. Trisler for her outstanding achievement, but he has instead manipulated her accomplishment into a political statement. In doing so, he bullied a young girl, disgraced the Ohio House and turned this assembly into a bureaucratic nightmare."

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Mr. Breedlove,
On three different occasions, in this very newspaper, I have formally apologized for my own personal dishonoring of our nation's colors. The last letter was a directed letter of apology to you personally. I even offered a fig leaf of friendship to you in trying to solve our differences. Apparently these many attempts are not sufficient in any forgiveness from you.

I learned one thing during the T.E.T. offensive of 1968, that as afraid as I was, I did not give up my battle. It is obvious to me you wish to war on...

You said, "You wrote your letter for the Vets physically unable to write; for the Vets in far off lands who didn't have the time to write; for the soldiers' families who choose not to write; for the deceased

who could not reply; for even those who choose not to serve (I don't understand that one); for future generations of children who would learn about such indecencies..." of people like me. You said you wrote the letter for your own feeling over the flag and lastly you said you wrote the letter over no other reason than my flag.

It is obvious to me you are very compassionate and patriot in your feelings towards our nation's colors. I should think a man of your distinguished character and passion would have a flag in your front yard for the Vets unable to write, for Vets in far off lands fighting for your freedom, for your appreciation of all the soldiers' families, of honor for those who have fallen to show future generations of children that you too are concerned about our nation and for all those who did not serve in our nation's military (don't understand that one) and lastly, Mr. Breedlove, if you are as passionate about Americanism and patriotism, where then is your flag?

For all the reasons you have condemned me in my ability to dishonor our country, I should think you would be a stand-up person and fly your colors in opposition to people like me.

—James Powell

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Well, well; looks like I've stepped on a couple people's toes. Good; I'm up for the challenge! I'll reply to each one but would like to say to them both: I don't hate Paulding; I've lived here longer than your ages put together! I graduated here, have done business here and still run around with a lot of people I've known forever! but I also grew up in a Paulding that I could walk out the door without hands being held out for constant money.

To Kirk Hopkins: If you don't like my opinions, don't

read them. Nobody is forcing you. I don't read a lot of the editorials because I don't agree with them but I respect that person's right to write them. I would expect a remark like yours to come from Russia where you are told how to think and talk! You are obviously a person who does not respect the 1st amendment of Free Speech! End of conversation!

To Jennifer Dempsey: Yes, I know it costs money to run the library! I just don't think a person should pay for something they don't use! The one time I used it was to get a book I hadn't read since high school. If they would have charged me a small amount to use this service I would have gladly paid it to get this book. I have since found and purchased this book for my own library. I hate borrowing books! I do not have any interests in computers. I learned to use my mind and skills to find information not rely on a machine to do it which teaches you nothing about how to get an answer.

My editorials are not complaining or whining as you two state, but just expressing my rights to stand up for issues that I felt are wrong! Yes, my business is slow but people give the same reason: they have to do jobs in steps when they get the money but first they have to pay all their bills first! That fits me also, my bills come first. A lot of people in this town may not agree with my opinion, but they know one thing about me: If I owe you money, you will get it, if I tell you I'll do something for you, I'll do it! That's how I was brought up and that's how I'll be! I'm also one who will speak his mind and state my opinion. You don't have to agree with it or even read my editorials. Don't tell me to shut up or stop! I'm man enough to read your editorials and respect them; do the same for me! Both of you need to bring the 1st amendment up and study it. Then respect it; you might learn something! End of conversation; no more editorials on the library. It's a dead horse!

—Gregg Gorman

who work for a public employer for the purpose of educational training, including graduate assistants, interns, residents and any other students who work part-time for a public employer, are excluded from union rights. Part-time faculty of higher education institutions are also exempt.

House Bill 365 would remove these exempted students and part-time faculty from the list of exclusions and therefore would force costly union mandates upon their employers, which will certainly increase tuition rates. Under this legislation, adjunct professors, part-time lecturers, part-time instructors and others would be given unprecedented rights to collectively bargain, which would allow them greater compensation packages. The measure could cause significant payroll-related increases in costs for these entities, as well as added costs related to negotiating union contracts.

In this economic climate, we've seen more people returning to school or attending graduate school to give them an edge in the competitive job market, only to be faced with the setback of higher tuition rates if House Bill 365 passes. Unfortunately, this bill that will weaken our world-class postsecondary system and increase cost on employers is moving quickly through the House committee process—much faster than any Republican-led bills, especially those that aim to create jobs. House Democrats are exploiting any possible means to gain political footing by giving special privileges to groups that will pay union dues while imposing heftier tuition increases on those who attend higher education institutions.

House Democrats have shown once again that political pandering is more advantageous to their cause than doing what is right for Ohio's future. The only thing they will accomplish by bullying this bill through the House is raising tuition on Ohio's youth and forcing job-killing costs on employers when they are least able to afford them. The rein of the Democrats has turned into a bureaucratic nightmare, and just when I thought House Democrats and their partisan schemes couldn't have possible stooped any lower, they proved me wrong once again.

Is it mere coincidence that a politically motivated bill such as House Bill 365 is jetting through committee just in time for the November elections? Why aren't House Democrats focused on creating jobs and boosting the economy? Why has every Republican-proposed economic development bill remained stagnant in the committees while frivolous and underhanded legislation continues to reach the House floor in record time? I'm disappointed once again that House Democrats have lost touch with their constituents and are focused more on reelection and short-term ideas than they are on the economy.

I raise the question once again: Are these Democrats from Washington or from Columbus? I certainly cannot tell the difference.

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

ALA TOP YOUTH BOOK AWARDS (PART II)

William C. Morris Award honors a book written by a first-time author for young adults "Flash Burnout," written by L.K. Madigan, is the Morris Award winner. The book is published by Houghton Mifflin, an imprint of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.

Odyssey Award for excellence in audiobook production Live Oak Media, producer of the audiobook "Louise, the Adventures of a Chicken" is the winner of the Odyssey Award. The book was written by Kate DiCamillo and narrated by Barbara Rosenblat.

Three Odyssey Honor Audiobooks were named: "In the Belly of the Bloodhound: Being an Account of a Particularly Peculiar Adventure in the Life of Jacky Faber," produced by Listen & Live Audio, Inc., written by L. A. Meyer and narrated by Katherine Kellgren; "Peace, Locomotion," produced by Brilliance Audio, written by Jacqueline Woodson and narrated by Dion Graham; and "We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball," produced by Brilliance Audio, written by Kadir Nelson and narrated by Dion Graham.

Theodor Seuss Geisel Award for most distinguished beginning reader book "Benny and Penny in the Big No-No!," written and illustrated by Geoffrey Hayes is the Geisel Award winner. The book is published by TOON BOOKS, a division of RAW Junior, LLC.

Four Geisel Honor Books were named: "I Spy Fly Guy!" written and illustrated by Tedd Arnold and published by Scholastic; "Little Mouse Gets Ready," written and illustrated by Jeff Smith and published by TOON BOOKS, a division of RAW Junior, LLC; "Mouse and Mole: Fine Feathered Friends," written and illustrated by Wong Herbert Yee and published by Houghton Mifflin Books for Children, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt; and "Pearl and Wagner: One Funny Day," written by Kate McMullan, illustrated by R. W. Alley and published by Dial Books for Young Readers, a division of Penguin Young Readers Group.

Margaret A. Edwards Award for lifetime achievement in writing for young adults Jim Murphy is the 2010 Edwards Award winner.

ner. His books include: "An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793," published by Clarion Books; "Blizzard! The Storm That Changed America," published by Scholastic Press, an imprint of Scholastic; "The Great Fire," published by Scholastic Press, an imprint of Scholastic; "The Long Road to Gettysburg," published by Clarion Books; and "A Young Patriot: The American Revolution as Experienced by One Boy," published by Clarion Books.

Robert F. Sibert Medal for most distinguished informational book for children "Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream," written by Tanya Lee Stone, is the Sibert Award winner. The book is published by Candlewick Press.

Three Sibert Honor Books were named: "The Day-Glo Brothers: The True Story of Bob and Joe Switzer's Bright Ideas and Brand-New Colors," written by Chris Barton, illustrated by Tony Persiani and published by Charlesbridge; "Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11," written and illustrated by Brian Floca, and published by Richard Jackson/Athenum Books for Young Readers; and "Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice," written by Phillip Hoose and published by Melanie Kroupa/Farrar Straus Giroux, an imprint of Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

YALSA Excellence in Nonfiction Award "Charles and Emma: The Darwins' Leap of Faith," written by Deborah Heiligman, is the winner of the first-ever YALSA Excellence in Nonfiction Award. The book is published by Henry Holt Books for Young Readers, an imprint of Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

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DEMOCRATIC INITIATIVES ONLY FOR POLITICAL GAIN

Guest Column From Representative Lynn R. Wachtmann

It is disheartening to see that creating jobs has been set on the backburner in favor of "more urgent issues" under the watch of the Democrats in control—like political pandering and raising Ohio's tuition rates.

We currently have House Bill 365 in the House Commerce and Labor Committee, legislation that will raise tuition rates on Ohio's students, cater to Democratic allies to help them gain political security, and completely neglect the growing economic concerns of this state. Why has this bill already received three committee hearings after its introduction just two short months ago? The motives of House Democrats are very transparent and, quite frankly, alarming.

Under the Public Employees' Collective Bargaining Law, a public employee has the right to bargain with their employer. However, there are a specific number of cases where employees are not considered "public employees" in the eyes of the law. Currently, students

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JIM BRIDGER

By: Stan Jordan

There is no one that did more to settle the Old West than Jim Bridger. He was a mountain man, a trapper, scout and guide and even an explorer in those years of 1820 to 1840.

He was born in 1804 in what is now the state of Missouri. He was only 17 years old when he was a member of Gen. William Ashley's Upper Missouri Expedition. He was one of the first white men to see the wonders of the Yellowstone region.

Bridger was a tough strong durable young fellow who trapped and hunted all over the northwest. The beaver pelts were a very lucrative business in those years. There were a lot of beavers in that country sold to the Hudson's Bay Company and John Jacob Astor's American Fur Company. Bridger and several other fellows bought out The Ashley Fur Company.

In 1843, Bridger and Louis Vasques built a trading post named Fort Bridger on the west bank of the Black Fork of the Green River and this served the pioneers on the Oregon Trail.

For about 20 years, so called Fort Bridger, was the dividing place for the north and south routes to California and Oregon. Actually it wasn't a fort at all, it was a long log cabin that set down in a big beautiful valley. You came out of the foot hills into the valley, to another range of mountains in the background.

The place was big enough for the wagon trains to stop

and rest their horses and oxen for a few days with a lot of water and grass. The wagons were all repaired at this time and nearly all of them needed repaired.

This place did not belong to the government but they had people to use it as a hub for the wagon trains to go west. It was the last piece of civilization until you crossed the mountain to the west. It was free to all the travelers, but later on when Bridger tried to get some compensation from the U.S. Government for his time and effort to help the settlers, the government wouldn't pay him a dime.

But that was sort of expected I guess. When the Indian girl, Sacajawea, helped Lewis and Clark for almost two years to get to the Pacific and back, the government would not pay her a dime either. I guess maybe they did help raise her daughter.



In 1835 he married a woman of the Flat Head Tribe and they had three children. She died in 1846 and he married a Shoshone Chief's daughter. She died in childbirth three years later. Then he married another Shoshone Chief's daughter, that was in 1850.

He had two children with her. Some of these children were sent back east for their education.

In 1850 they were looking for an alternate route for the south pass over the Rockies. He found one that shortened the Oregon Trail by 61 miles. This became known as Bridger's Pass. Later years this was used for the Union Pacific Railroad and later for Interstate 80.

He blazed a trail in 1864 from Wyoming to the Montana gold fields. This was called The Bridger Trail. The significance here was that Red Cloud and the Sioux and Cheyenne controlled the Bozeman Trail and it was dangerous for the whites to use that trail.

A little later, Bridger served as an Army Scout for an expedition against the Sioux and Cheyenne as they were blocking the Bozeman Trail.

He was discharged in 1865 at Fort Laramie. He was suffering from a goiter, arthritis, rheumatism and some other problems.

He returned to Missouri in 1868. He died on his farm near Kansas City, MO on July 17, 1881.

This ended the life of one of our first and best pioneers of the early west. They roamed and mapped the country and made it safe for the people that followed.

For years and years they were the only go between for the white man and the Indians. He could speak French, Spanish, English and several native tongues.

He was a good man among some good men like, Brigham Young, Kit Carson, John C. Fremont, Joe Meek and John Sutter.

It was a different time, a different era.

See Ya!

RUTH GERBER

By: Stan Jordan

This is a story about a Paulding County lady who followed the instructions of a hypnotist, Don Mannarino, and lost 80 pounds. Then she was flown to Los Angeles and was wined and dined with some movie people who made an infomercial for television.

She was born Ruth Williamson in 1931. At that time her folks, Lewis 'Rube' and Edna lived about one mile west of where the Wayne Trace High School now sits. She had one brother and two sisters.

Brother George is gone now, sister Shirley lives on the home place and sister Mary lives in Defiance. She went to school in Latty and graduated there in 1948.

She married Richard Gerber in 1948. They had three children: Ron, who was a fatality in a car accident years ago; Bob lives in Paulding and Rick lives in Toledo.

The hypnotist, Mannarino, gave a number of lectures in the neighboring hospitals and Ruth was in one of the audiences. She was put to sleep and he told her to think and lose weight. Eat no sugar, no sweets, no fattening foods and only half a serving. In a years time she had lost 80 pounds.

Well, sometime back, that man and his organization wanted her to come to L.A. and make an infomercial about his weight loss program and she was living proof.

Well, she and her grand-

daughter, Jamie Heisler, who lives in Hamilton, IN, made the trip out west.

They landed at L.A. International Airport and were bussed to the Sheraton Hotel. This hotel was 50 stories tall, but the Hilton, across the street, was 120 stories tall.

There were six or eight other testimonial people in the group. They were treated to a banquet at the hotel that lasted for hours.

The next morning they were bussed to Universal Studios, where again, they were treated like royalty. They had their own clothing or costume people and their own make-up lady.

They spent quite a while in front of the cameras in different forms and positions. They were told what to say and how to say it.

The wardrobe lady that helped with the clothing also does that for the soap opera 'All My Children'.

Then Ruth and Jamie went to the mall where all the actors go. They were astounded by the prices there. Chewing gum was \$3.00 a pack. A pair of shoes that were all heels and straps were \$850.00. A t-shirt that mentioned where they were was \$45.00. They bought their chewing gum and left.

Then they walked down Sunset Boulevard and saw all the plaques honoring the stars.

Then they took a tour that showed the home of some stars like Doctor Phil, Michael Jackson, Tom Cruise, Frank Sinatra, Hugh Hefner and many more.

On Sunset Blvd. all types of freaks dressed in 'way out' clothing would pose with you for a picture, for a price.

And then the party was over (about three days). The carriage was a three holer jet and brought them back to where the Yellow Brick Road had started.

Ruth tells me that she was a cook in the kitchen at the Wayne Trace High School and retired from there.

She came home from work one day and found her husband dead on the kitchen floor. He had been a driver for Shwerman Trucking. Then Ruth moved into Paulding in 1991. Exactly one year later her house burned down.

It was six years ago that she lost that weight and she is a neat and trim lady and keeps in shape.

For hobbies she likes to travel, spend time with the grandkids, seven of those and five great-grandchildren.

She mows her own lawn with a push mower. When she plays golf she walks, no cart for her. She also likes to grow flowers.

She hasn't gained any of that weight back. She sticks to the advice of the hypnotist.

Well, Ruth, it was a very interesting interview. We sure appreciate you telling us about your trip and hobnobbing with the rich and famous.

See Ya!

A FISHING STORY

By: Stan Jordan

I was over to Payne in Bob Lichty's Barber Shop the other day and Collie Lamb gave me this fishing story.

He said years ago Glenn 'Chink' Williams, who had just retired from Fruehauf Trailer Corp. in Fort Wayne,

along with Harry Stiner, who was retired from Phelps Dodge Corp. in Fort Wayne and Aldon Ramsier, who was a farmer living northwest of Antwerp, went to Lake Erie for some Walleye fishing along with another fellow, but he didn't remember who.

Anyhow, they were out towards number five can and it was a beautiful day. The fish weren't biting but there was about a five mile an hour wind, just enough to make some long smooth swells on the lake surface. Harry Stiner sat in the back right hand corner of the boat with his one rod dragging along with the boat action. It was along about 11:00 in the morning and the sun was nice and warm. Harry was sound asleep because the boat rolled just a little like being in a rocking chair on the front porch. His head was on his chest with both of his hands on the rod and reel and the line hanging over the side. You talk about a peaceful picture, it surely was, but Chink Williams and Aldon could not let a chance like this go by.

These two mischievous rascals slowly pulled Harry's fish line up into the boat, without waking Harry. They took off his hook, bait and sinker and tied a one quart Pennzoil Oil can on the end of his line. They put a little water in it and then a small hole in the can so the can would fill up slowly and sink.

Well, everything worked fine, the can slowly sank and tightened up Harry's line and started to bend his pole.

Harry roused up and his pole was bent down towards the water. He was still half asleep, he was tugging and waving his pole, making quite a bit of noise and commotion. These other fellows were telling him how to catch 'him': Don't let him get away, keep your line tight, he must be a big one, look at that pole bend, it's probably a big catfish the way he's pulling on the line!

In a short time, Harry, had wound in some line and he could see the oil can tied to his line. He lifted his catch over into the boat and examined the catch. After a few moments, he lifted his head and said, "Fellows, I've been had."

See Ya!



By: Stan Jordan

I think this football game took place in northern Montana, but I'm not sure.

Anyhow, the Cherry Hill football team was called the Pitts. They had traveled to the north into the next county to play the Snowy Hill Avalanchers. They were having a good season, I think they were 7 and 1.

Cherry Hill graduated 10 starters last year and this year they are 0 and 8. They really were the Pitts. They didn't have very many boys out for football this year and most of the boys have to play both offense and defense and that is very tiring.

It was in the last few minutes of the game and the Snowy Hill team was ahead 31 to 0. In the huddle the boys were worn out and knew the game was lost.

The Snowy Hill Avalanchers had scored a touchdown and the extra point and kicked off to the Pitts. They lined up on the 29-yard line and the coach hollered to the quarterback to, "Give the ball to Leroy!"

Well, Leroy, the running back, took the ball into the right side of the line and was stopped cold. Both the defensive guard and tackle were lying on top of him. No gain!

'Ol Leroy staggered back to the huddle and the coach hollered out, "Give the ball to Leroy!"

Well, on the signal hike, the quarterback handed off to Leroy and he tried the right side of the line again. He barely got back to the line of scrimmage and he was met by all four of the down linemen. When the ref blew the whistle to stop the play, 'Ole Leroy was on the bottom of the pile with at least four boys on top of him.

Three of Leroy's teammates helped him up and led him back to the huddle. Leroy was taking a beating, he was extremely tired and hurt in every joint he had to be held erect. His head was in a buzz.

After a fashion, the coach shouted to, "Give the ball to Leroy!" on the same play. Those defensive men must

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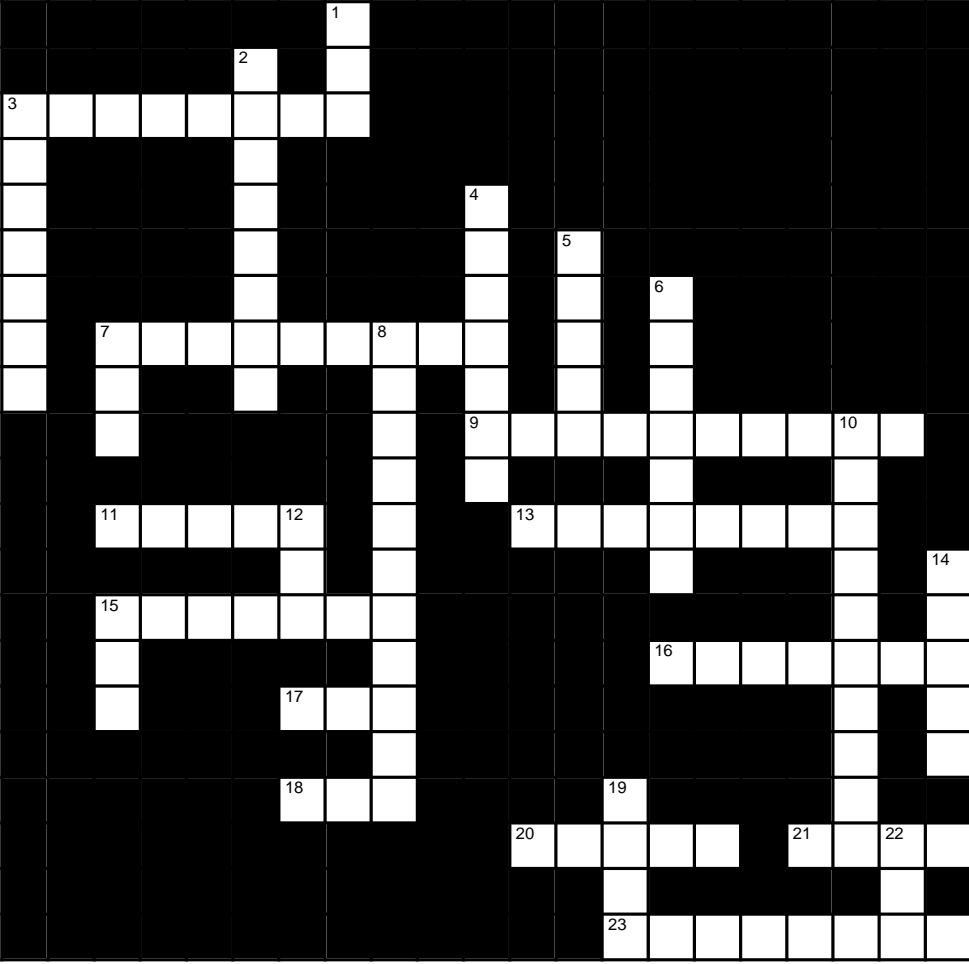
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- 11. What can you put in a wood box to make it lighter?
- 13. What goes up a chimney down, but won't go down a chimney up?
- 15. What is so fragile even saying its name could break it?
- 16. What is red & blue & purple & green?
- 17. If you drop a yellow hat into the Red Sea, what does it become?
- 18. What kind of stones are never found in the ocean?
- 20. What grows down when it grows up?
- 21. What kind of cheese is made backwards?
- 23. A father's child, a mother's child, yet no one's son. Who am I?

Down

- 1. What can't be burned in fire, nor drowned in water?
- 2. What do you call a kitten drinking lemonade? (2 words)
- 3. What flowers do you always wear? (2 words)
- 4. What vehicle is spelled the same backwards & forwards?
- 5. What did the banana do when it heard the ice scream?
- 6. What building has the most stories?
- 7. What do you call a fish without an I?
- 8. What 11-letter english word does everyone pronounce incorrectly?
- 10. What gets whiter the dirtier it gets?
- 12. What goes around and in the house but never touches the house?
- 14. What gets wetter the more it dries?
- 15. You can see it everyday, but cannot touch it at will.
- 19. What is it that you can keep after giving it to someone else?
- 22. What goes up but never goes down?

By: Caroline Wells Zimmerman

2010 Census Part 1

To any family genealogist, the census is an exciting piece of history taken each decade in this country since 1790. Each census provides different information for the government to draw conclusions from, in epic attempts to count everyone in America. Article 1, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution calls for an "actual Enumeration: of the population every 10 years in order to determine how many Representatives each state gets in the House." The survey has also collected data on housing and education, occupations and many other subjects. The 2010 Census is coming up this year. This is Part 1 of information on the U.S. Federal Census and the information it has collected for the government in the past 220 years. There will be two more parts to this series on the 2010 Census.

The first **census of 1790**, was mainly a head count of free, white draft-eligible men. It also asked for name of head of the household, number of free white males 16 years and upwards, number of free white males under 16; number of free white females; number of all other free white persons; number of slaves; county and sometimes town or district of residence.

1800 census - Name of head of household; number of free white males and females in age categories: 0-10, 10-16, 16-26, 26-45, 45 and upwards; number of other free persons except Indians not taxed; number of slaves; town or district, and county of residence.

1810 census - Same as 1800

1820 census - Same as 1800 with additional columns for the number of free white males 16-18; number of persons not naturalized; number engaged in agriculture, commercial, or manufacture, number of colored persons (sometimes in age categories); number of other persons except Indians.

1830 census - Name of head of household; number of free white males and females in age categories: 0-5, 5-10, 10-15, 15-20, 20-30, 30-40, 40-50, 50-60, 60-70, 70-80, 80-90, 90-100, over 100. Number of slaves and free colored persons in age categories; categories for deaf, dumb, and blind persons and aliens, town (or district) and county of residence.

1840 census - Same as 1830, with additional columns for Revolutionary pensioners and ages; number engaged in mining, agriculture, commerce, manufacturing and trade, navigation of the ocean, navigation of canals, lakes and rivers, learned profession and engineers. Number in schools, etc; number in family over 21 who cannot read and write; number insane.

1850 census - Each member of the household is listed by name. The 1850 was the first census to list every household member by name and relationship to head-of-household. The usual date of the census was June 1850. Every person in each household was listed by the census enumerator by the family name, personal name, sex, and color (black, white, or mulatto);

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profession occupation, or trade of each male over the age of 15; value of real estate owned; birth state, territory or country of each person listed; whether married within the year; whether attended school within the year; if over 20, whether unable to read and write; and whether deaf, dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict; town (or district) and county of residence.

The 1850 is the favorite census for genealogists because it is the first one of the old ones that names everyone in the household. Keep in mind poor spelling and handwriting of the census takers and the memories of some of the people giving the information was not so great either sometimes, unfortunately.

Please see Parts 1 and 2.

WETLANDS RESERVE PROGRAM (WRP) - IS IT RIGHT FOR YOU?

Ohio has lost over 90% of its original wetland area due to development pressures from human settlement. Wetlands perform many critical environmental functions, which include providing habitat for fish and wildlife; improving water quality by filtering sediments and chemicals; reducing flooding; recharging groundwater; and protecting biological diversity. Creating wetlands through WRP can also offer farmers battling marginal or wet land an opportunity to relieve the burden of cropping that ground and gain economically from a conservation easement.

The Wetlands Reverse Program (WRP) is a voluntary restoration program that provides technical assistance to restore and improve

wetland resources on private lands. NRCS pays all acquisition costs - appraisals, surveys, title work, and recording fees. Once all the legal work is done, NRCS' technical staff can follow through on restoration plans and let the wetland come alive. WRP contracts last as long as you want - 10 years without an easement, 30 years with an easement... or FOREVER!

In addition, landowners retain ownership of the land, control access to the land, may use the land for recreational purposes such as bird watching and hunting, and may sell the land. There are two aspects of eligibility for WRP, one is landowner eligibility and the other is land eligibility.

Landowner Eligibility:

- 1. Own the property for at least seven years (there are some limited exceptions granted), and
- 2. Adjusted gross income less than 1 million dollars, and
- 3. No wetland violations or highly erodible land violations.

General Land Eligibility:

- 1. Land must have an agricultural use history (row crops, pastureland, hayland, orchards, etc) and contain at least 50% hydric soils, or
- 2. Riparian areas that connect two protected wetland areas, or
- 3. Previously restored wetland areas.

WRP operates under a continuous sign-up, applications are accepted anytime.

To discuss the program and complete an application, please contact your local NRCS Field Office at (419) 399-3841 or visit us on the web at www.oh.nrcs.usda.gov

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be getting tired.

Well, Leroy took the hand off and didn't make it back to the line when he was hit by all of the defensive line and a couple burly linebackers. It seemed that everyone was lying on Leroy.

Leroy was helped to his feet and led back to the huddle. He was really tired and he hurt all over. It was the fourth down and ten yards to go. The coach thought maybe they could make a first and ten and have a new set of downs.

He signaled in to, "Give the ball to 'Ol Leroy!"

There was confusion in the huddle with some weaving about and head shaking. The time had about run out so the quarterback called a time out.

There was a little more discussing and confusion in the huddle and the coach hollered out to the quarterback to, "Give that ball to 'Ol Leroy!"

The quarterback shouted back to the coach, "'Ol Leroy don't want that ball!" See Ya!

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GOVERNOR, TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR ANNOUNCE FIRST ROUND OF FAST TRAC PROJECTS

Ohio Governor Ted Strickland and Ohio Department of Transportation Director Jolene M. Molitoris announced today that the state's Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) will accelerate construction on five major roadway projects under the new FAST TRAC initiative announced in the Governor's State of the State address Tuesday.

"Our new regulatory reform initiative FAST TRAC will accelerate major transportation infrastructure projects - the kind that can quickly have a profound economic development impact for an entire region," Strickland said. "By cutting red tape and advancing promising job-creating projects, more Ohioans will be put to work more quickly rebuilding Ohio from the ground up."

TRAC is the independent committee that assists the ODOT in selecting its largest multi-modal investments. The Council voted today to approve the FAST TRAC process and the construction of the first five FAST TRAC projects at its meeting in Columbus.

The first FAST TRAC projects, detailed below, include five major roadway constructions in Franklin, Lorain, Clark and Butler counties.

FAST TRAC was introduced earlier this month by the TRAC as an investment tool to consider important transportation projects on an "as needed" basis, instead of the typical four-year planning horizon. The members of the TRAC called for this regulatory reform to cut red tape and capitalize on the success of ODOT's expedited

project development process under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

"Because of the lessons ODOT learned from the Recovery Act, working faster, more collaboratively, transparently, and multi-modally have become the norm not the exception," said ODOT Director Jolene M. Molitoris, who also chairs the TRAC.

Each of these projects demonstrates a strong statewide or regional economic development connection, will leverage public and private investment, and can be under construction promptly.

The first FAST TRAC projects to be voted on and approved are:

Interstate 90 Avon Interchange (Lorain County): construct a new interchange at I-90 and Nagel Road to reduce traffic congestion of surrounding interchanges and improve access for the City of Avon. With only 25 percent of the industrial land near this location developed, the new interchange - paid for entirely by the City of Avon - will provide the infrastructure needed for future growth and serve as the main access point for a future Cleveland Clinic hospital/office facilities complex. (Project Cost: \$23.7 million)

Interstate 275 - Gilmore Road Interchange (Butler County): provide additional capacity and improved safety along Winston and South Gilmore Road and at the interchange with I-275 near the city of Fairfield. Cincinnati Financial Corporation is planning a major expansion of up to 3000 jobs by 2030 that will heavily utilize the corridor and interchange facilities. (Project Cost: \$27.45 million)

Interstate 270 - Alum Creek Interchange (Franklin County): provide more efficient access at the Alum Creek Drive/Groveport Road

interchange with turn lanes, by-pass lanes and roundabouts. With both private and public support, the modernization of this interchange will better connect the growing Rickenbacker Airport and Intermodal Terminal with I-270. (Project Cost: \$17.3 million)

Interstate 71 Grove City Urban Interchange (Franklin County): reconstruct the interchange of I-71 and State Route 665 with a safer, more efficient Single Point Urban Interchange. By sharing in the costs to replace this 50-year-old heavily congested interchange, ODOT and Grove City are partnering to improve mobility for daily traffic demands, including increased business traffic from FedEx and the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio. (Project Cost: \$35.0 million)

Interstate 70 Added Lane (Clark County): construction of a third travel lane on both eastbound and westbound I-70 near Springfield from State Route 72 to U.S. Route 40. In addition to improving the pavement and widening the shoulder for safety, this new lane of traffic will better accommodate the estimated 20,500 trucks which travel this route daily. (Project Cost: \$27 million)

While these initial projects are highway improvements, FAST TRAC is designed to advance projects of all modes of travel and shipping, including transit, rail, airport and waterway improvements.

Because many of these first FAST TRAC projects are supported by local funding, these initial investments will not divert any dollars from ODOT's major new construction budget (targeted at capacity-adding projects more than \$5 million in cost).

Over the next two years, ODOT is dedicating \$100 million in departmental cost savings, and a total of \$400 million planned through 2017, to support future FAST TRAC projects.

Established by Ohio Revised Code in 1997, the nine-member TRAC assists in developing a project selection process for ODOT's largest multi-modal investments. More information on FAST TRAC, as well as information on many of the state other major multi-modal transportation projects currently under development can be found online at www.dot.state.oh.us/TRAC.

LOW-INCOME TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE AT THE HICKSVILLE COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Ohio Benefit Bank and the Hicksville Community Service Center will be offering low and moderate-income Ohioans with free tax preparation and access to potential public benefits and supports on February 22, March 8, and March 22. Appointments are required and must be made through Myra at 419-784-5393.

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND DISMISSALS

Admission:
2/13 - Ernest Rike, Paulding
Dismissal:
2/14 - Ernest Rike, Paulding

PHS 2010 WINTER HOMECOMING



The Paulding High School 2010 Winter Homecoming court was announced during the February 5th basketball game against Lincolnview. The court were as follows:

Front row - Bailey March, crown carrier; Hayley Clellan, Junior attendant; Alicia Carnahan, Senior attendant; Brooke Schlegel, Queen; Staci Manz, Senior attendant; Taylor Dotson, Junior attendant; Emily Harmon, crown carrier.

Back row - Kelli Schlatter, Sophomore attendant; Zach Gawronski, Sophomore escort; Derrick Pease, Junior escort; Jordan Monnier, Senior escort; Derek



Schlatter, King; Cody Clark, Senior escort; Cameron Aldrich, Junior escort; Neil Roehrig, Freshman escort;

Marlee Pease, Freshman attendant. Not in photo: Greyson Harder, crown bearer.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES FOR 2/3/10

This 3rd day of February, 2010, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

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

Warrants documented as 165015 through 165280 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on December 30, 2009:

Ohio Gas Company, \$371.17
Ohio Gas Company, \$423.72

The Paulding County Commissioners approved the Then and Now Purchase Orders as submitted by the Auditor.

The Paulding County WMEA Program owns a vehicle that is unfit for the use for which it was acquired. The fair market value of the property is, in the opinion of the Board, two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) or less. The Board of County Commissioners authorized the Paulding County WMEA Program to sell privately or trade in the following vehicle:

1999 Ford E-350 Club Wagon,
VIN#1FBNE
31LOXHA69532

The Commissioners authorized and directed the Auditor to make a Supplemental Appropriation for the following:
FROM: Pay-Ins #085449
TO: 055-001-00001/OPWC/Expenses

AMOUNT: \$33,783.91
The Commissioners authorized Travis McGarvey, Paulding County Engineer, to advertise in a paper of general circulation within the County for three consecutive weeks for bids for the PAU-TR 8.9.00 Bridge Replacement Project.

The County Commissioners authorized Travis McGarvey, Paulding County Engineer, to issue and approve permit applications for work to be done within the public right of way of county roads and to permit overweight and oversized vehicles on county roads.

Meeting Notes of Appointment:

Niki Warncke, MVPO - Ms. Warncke conducted the first public hearing for the FY 2010 CDBG/HOME/OHTF Programs. Eleven interested parties attended the meeting. Ms. Warncke gave a programs overview and then reviewed the application process. She had applications for those interested and reminded the group that additional applications will be mailed out next week. Paulding County's Formula Allocation Grant amount for 2010 will be about the same as 2009. Ms. Warncke also reminded the group in attendance of some of the criteria for qualifying for the grant dollars. There may be up to six projects that may be awarded grant dollars. The applications are due to Maumee Valley Planning Organization by May 12, 2010. A second public hearing will be scheduled in June. All applications are due to the state on June 25, 2010. Approved FY 2010 projects are to be completed by December 31, 2011.

Lou Ann Wannemacher, County Treasurer - Ms. Wannemacher presented her investment income report. She has estimated an average of \$18,333.00 per month in investment income for 2010. January 2010 actual was \$16,341.00. Ms. Wannemacher also reported 48% of the first half taxes for 2010 have been collected.

Travis McGarvey, County Engineer - Mr. McGarvey met with the Commissioners to request authorization to advertise a bridge replacement project. He advised this project will be in Section 3

WESTERN BUCKEYE GOVERNING BOARD HOLDS FEBRUARY MEETING

The Western Buckeye ESC Governing Board held their regular monthly Board meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 11, 2010 in the Van Wert ESC Board Office with all Board members present. Board President Mr. Nick Miller welcomed Board members and school personnel to the meeting.

The Board members approved a light agenda for the evening, which included personnel items as well as action items to adjust service contract with the local school districts. The Board also acted on resolutions regarding the Northwest Ohio Area Computer Services Cooperative (NOACSC). The WBESC is the fiscal agent for the NOACSC.

In the regular meeting, Superintendent John Basinger recommended that the Board consider adjusting their April Board meeting time from 6:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. to allow Board members to attend the Vantage Career Center's All Boards meeting, which the Board approved. Basinger also updated the Board on recent Western Buckeye activities and several personnel issues.

Treasurer, Kristine Stuart reported to the Governing Board that no irregularities were found during the annual audit of Western Buckeye Educational Service Center's financial operations and procedures. The audit was conducted by the Ohio Auditor of States office. Stuart com-

mented, "I want to commend both Linda Clark and Gary Ginter for their commitment to responsible fiscal management. It is refreshing to be a part of an organization with such experience and knowledge. Our goal is to continue to be fiscally responsible, to provide quality support, and to maintain cost effective services to our school districts in Paulding and Van Wert Counties."

In the business portion of the regular meeting, the Board:

**Approved the minutes from the January 14, 2010 Organizational and Regular Meetings.

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

**Approved a three (3) year contract as presented to John Basinger as Superintendent of the Western Buckeye ESC, effective August 1, 2010 to July 31, 2013.

**Approved FY10 revised service contracts with Antwerp Local, Lincolnview Local, Thomas Edison Center, Van Wert City, and Wayne Trace Local.

**Approved the 2009 Annual Report for the Paulding County Family and Children First Council.

**Approved NOACSC fees for the following, effective July 1, 2010:

1) For Printek/OTC Printer Repairs: Districts will be invoiced the costs of acquiring replacement or repair parts. If districts request on-site repair there will be a \$100 per visit charge in addition to the cost of acquiring parts.

2) For Graph Printing at NOACSC: There will be a \$100/year flat fee per district utilizing printing on NOACSC printers. This is for printing graphs related to monthly/yearly fiscal and payroll data.

**Approved an unpaid leave request from Christine Daugherty for six weeks unpaid maternity leave under Family and Medical Leave Act, effective on or about March 16, 2010.

The Board meetings adjourned at 6:35 p.m. with no additional Board action. The next regular Governing Board meeting of the Western Buckeye Educational Service Center will be on March 11, 2010 starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Paulding ESC Office.

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FROM THE DOG WARDEN'S DESK

By: Mandy Lichty, Paulding County Chief Dog Warden

This week's featured pet is Snickers. Snickers is a 12 week old corgi/schnauzer mix. He has had some rough treatment in his short little life so he is quite nervous of new people. Snickers would probably do best in a household with no kids under 12 years old. He needs someone to be patient with him while he learns to trust people again.

Also, at the shelter we have Charlotte, a 6 month old black lab; a litter of 12 week old American Eskimo/German Shepherd mix puppies; Blizzard, a black and white dalmatian mix; and Sammie, a Collie/German Shepherd mix (spayed and housetrained).

The new hours for the shelter are Tuesdays from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Thursdays from 3:00-5:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. - Noon.

Check the website at www.petfinder.org/shelters/oh709.htm and look for our new listing on adoptapet.com

BOOK CLUBS ABOUND AT THE JOHNSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Book clubs abound next week at the Johnson Memorial Library. On Thursday, February 25 at 6:30 p.m., the Teen Book Discussion Group will kick off the book clubs with the Book Brunch Discussion Group for upper elementary school students on Saturday, February 27 at 10:00 a.m.,

and the adult book discussion is on-line at <http://jmlbookclub.blogspot.com>. All of the monthly book discussion groups are free and are open to the public.

On February 25 at 6:30 p.m., the Johnson Memorial Library will host its monthly Teen Book Discussion Group. They will be discussing *The Reformed Vampire Support Group* by Catherine Jinks. According to the book jacket, "Nina Harrison—fanged at fifteen and still living with her mother. She hasn't aged since 1973, and the highlight of her sickly, couch-bound life is probably her Tuesday-night group meeting, which she spends with a miserable bunch of fellow sufferers, being lectured at." Library volunteer Naomi Barkman will facilitate the teen's discussion with refreshments provided by the Friends of the Hicksville Library.

Then discover the indomitable spirit of mankind through true-life, inspirational stories at the Johnson Memorial Library's Book Brunch Discussion Group on February 27. Each group participant is encouraged to read an inspirational story and share what they've learned about themselves and the human spirit. The discussion will be facilitated by library volunteer Jaci Underwood with refreshments provided by the Friends of the Hicksville Library.

Wrap up the month with the on-line adult book discussion group at <http://jmlbookclub.blogspot.com>. The adults will be enjoying *Deep Dish* by Mary Kay Andrews. To better meet the needs of working adults and to avoid going out in awful winter weather, you can log on anytime and share your thoughts on this month's book.

The library has ordered copies of the books, so each group member may have one. Please stop by the library and pick up your copy today. For more information on any of the book discussion groups, call the Johnson Memorial Library at 419-542-6200 or email murphyam@oplin.org.

VANTAGE BOARD MEETS 02/04/10

The regular February monthly board meeting of the Vantage Board of Education was held on February 4, 2010. The minutes from the January 14 tax budget, organization and regular meetings were approved along with financial statements for the month of December, 2009.

Guests present at the meeting included cosmetology instructor, Amy Grothouse, and students Amanda Hirzel and Cambi Edwards, who presented a summary to the Board of their experience designing hair and makeup for the performance of Annie held recently at the Niswonger PAC.

Superintendent Staci Kaufman provided the board with updates on the OSFC CORE meeting, the Van Wert City Community School, and held an Owner's representative and Commissioning Agent discussion. Director Bob Vennekotter congratulated the staff and students for fundraising efforts to benefit earthquake relief in Haiti and a clothing drive for the Van Wert Community Action Commission. He reported that Sr. Carpentry will begin installing drywall at the house and Sr. Electricity has completed the rough wiring. He reported on the "greenlearning lab" that will be available for use through Paulding Putnam Electric in the future. Principal Keith Rydell updated the board on 10th grade visits to home schools, senior capstone project planning, the Numeracy Challenge, the HSTW Technical Assessment, and the Child Abuse and Harassment in-service attended by the staff. He also reported on the OGT fall test scores and that the academic department successfully implemented semester exams. Adult Education Director Pete Prichard reported that ABLE enrollment is much higher this year, Medical Assisting 0309 students took the National Health Careers Association Credential Exam and enjoyed a very high pass rate, truck driver instructors licenses were renewed, and discussions were held regarding pipe welding certification. He also elaborated on the Paulding Putnam Electric lab project, which will be dedicated strictly to alternative energy programming.

In new business, the board:
 -Approved a supplemental contract for Stacie Leiter for Special Event Tech Support;
 -Employed the following as Adult Education personnel, as needed, as scheduled: Edward Klausung, Police Academy, Sara Ricker, Transition Coordinator, Eric Davis, ABLE Coordinator and Steve Treece, Transportation Programs Coordinator;

-Approved the NEOLA new, revised or replacement policies;
 -Approved the amendment of employment contract to provide Blackberry service communication for the positions of Career Tech supervisor (2), Adult Education Director and Treasurer;
 -Approved the revised job description for the ABLE Coordinator and Transportation Programs Coordinator;
 -Appointed Staci Kaufman as Vantage's representative on the Putnam County Tax Incentive Review Council;

The Superintendent requested an executive session for the purpose of discussion of employment of personnel.

The next board meeting will be held on Thursday, March 4, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Vantage Community Meeting room.

Ohio Basic Code, 2010 Edition, as the Code of Ordinances for the Municipality of Paulding, Ohio, and Declaring an Emergency, was read for the first time. Daeger motioned to declare an emergency and suspend the rules, seconded by Trausch. Vote: all yea. Rife motioned to approve the legislation, seconded by Daeger. Vote: all yea.

Trausch presented a report from the Grounds & Buildings January 7th meeting. The Committee discussed the mowing contract and the ball park maintenance agreements. The Committee decided to advertise the mowing contract for bid, and are continuing to review the Ball Park Maintenance Agreements. Rife motioned to approve advertising for bids for the mowing contract, seconded by Daeger. Vote: all yea.

Sierer noted work on the Lela McGuire Jeffery Park has progressed due to a slight break in the weather.

Finance Director Tope relayed the State Auditors have quoted \$15,800 for the 2008/2009 audit.

Mayor White relayed Mayor's Court had collected \$307.07 for the month of December 2009, and \$11,402.67 for the year. He also recognized EMS personnel members Dan Workman for 30 years of service, along with Randy Tressler and Pam Echols for recently passing the Intermediate EMT National Registry exam.

Wiebe requested approval of the Administrator's Agenda to assess a residence owned by Brian A. Baker for delinquent water, sewer, and refuse charges. Daeger motioned to approve the Administrator's Agenda, seconded by Trausch. Vote: all yea.

Jones requested the "399-8464" number be removed from the 2010 Office Personnel Phone Listing. He also requested Council authorize the issuance of a 30-day notice from today's date to cancel an apparent 1997 agreement between the Village of Paulding and the Reservoir Ball Association (Ron Riggensch) regarding the Reservoir Ball Park. Mr. Riggensch had provided a copy of the agreement to Jones, but the document had not been signed by all the appropriate parties. Council minutes from a council meeting held on April 21, 1997, appear to reflect a contract being approved with the addition of several additional provisions, including a provision that either party may withdraw from the agreement by giving the other party 30 days notice. The agreement presented to Jones by Ron Riggensch does not have a clause noting a 30-day notice must be provided to cancel the agreement. Jones requested the apparent contract be cancelled since the Village is currently working on new contract with the organization. Daeger motioned to provide a 30-day notice to terminate the 1997 agreement with the Reservoir Ball Association (Ron Riggensch), effective January 19, 2010; seconded by Rife. Vote: all yea.

Daeger thanked Jack Palmer for the article regarding Paulding's Village Council. He also requested junk cars around the Village be cleaned up.

The following meetings were scheduled:

Grounds & Buildings Committee - Monday, January 25th at 5:30 p.m.

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

Daeger inquired as to the protocol to advertise for bids for the demolition of the old Barnes Hotel. Jones noted he was doing some research into the matter, and requested some additional time before bidding the project.

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

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES FOR 1/11/10

This 11th day of January, 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. Tony Zartman was appointed as President of the Board of County Commissioners for 2010; and Tony Burkley was appointed to serve as the Vice President of the Board of County Commissioners for 2010. The official meeting days of the Board of County Commissioners will be each Monday and Wednesday, excluding holidays, from 8:00 a.m. to close of business in the Commissioners' Office in the basement of the Paulding County Courthouse.

The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on December 23, 2009:

- Ohio Assn. of Probate Judges, \$255.00
- John Hatcher, \$742.00
- Todd Wolfrum, \$360.00
- Shane Lee, \$176.00
- Shane Lee, \$1,399.00
- Todd Wolfrum, \$313.00
- Premier Election Solutions, \$517.02
- American Electric Power, \$2,292.27
- American Electric Power, \$3,824.78
- Emergitech, \$6,134.00
- Treas of State, \$249.63
- American Electric Power, \$123.02
- Village of Paulding, \$242.76
- JBS Office Solutions, \$3,500.00
- Quill, \$339.36
- Kauser Trucking, \$250.74
- Office Partners, \$219.00
- Brune Printing, \$146.50
- Paulding Ace, \$284.22
- State of Ohio Treasurer, \$117.68
- American Electric Power, \$270.31
- Ohio Assn. of Bds of Health, \$180.00
- Windstream, \$160.33
- Virtual Technologies Group, \$767.00
- Vern Killion, \$360.00
- Nolan Shisler, \$2,850.00
- Maxim Inc, \$2,150.00
- Pldg Co. Commissioners, \$2,127.41
- PCSAO, \$919.88

VILLAGE OF PAULDING COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 1/19/10

Paulding Village Council met in Regular Session on January 19, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. Mayor Greg White called the meeting to order.

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

Rife motioned to approve the minutes of the January 4th meeting, seconded by Trausch. Vote: all yea. Sierer requested the word "his" be stricken from last sentence of the fourth paragraph of January 13th minutes. The line should read "Mr. Powell was present with attorney, Tim Holtsberry, of Defiance." Sierer motioned to approve the revised minutes of the January 13th Special Council meeting, seconded by Trausch. Vote: all yea.

Ordinance No. 1403-10 re: An Ordinance Approving, Adopting and Enacting American Legal Publishing's

- Van Wert Medical Services, \$290.00
- West Ohio X-Ray, \$306.00
- Virtual Technologies Group, \$436.20
- Pldg Co. Economic Development, \$2,150.00
- Brune Printing, \$239.41
- Vernon Nagel Inc, \$17,719.38
- Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield, \$19,472.87
- Welder Services Inc, \$132.78
- Northwest Fuel Injection Serv, \$209.00
- Winter Equipment Company, \$324.34
- Mcafee's Communication, \$470.00
- Marcia Pressler, \$1,155.00
- American Electric Power, \$1,660.68
- JBS Office Solutions, \$152.97
- OACBMRDD, \$7,000.00
- Vasko, \$1,703.75
- Brown Supply, \$1,807.42
- Pldg Co. Engineer, \$1,881.16
- C & Y Oil, \$123.69
- Village of Paulding, \$457.62
- Ohio Gas Company, \$1,512.78
- Western Buckeye, \$2,785.86
- Fitzenrider Culligan, \$1,470.03
- State of Ohio Treasurer, \$42,751.71
- Pauld Co Auditor, \$6,444.36
- Ohio Gas Company, \$567.17
- Ward Construction, \$43,353.10
- Pldg Co. Economic Development, \$1,468.46
- Poggemeyer Design Group Inc, \$10,795.34
- Fulton Co. Health Dept, \$2,750.00
- Teresa Osborn, \$140.27
- Brown Mackie College, \$1,015.00
- Brown Mackie College, \$3,378.48
- Quill Corp., \$304.17

The Commissioners approved the Then and Now Purchase Orders as submitted by the Auditor.

The Paulding County Senior Center became a county entity January 1, 2010; and the Fund 052 Senior Center is created for the purpose of accounting for revenue and expenses for the Paulding County Senior Center with the following appropriations:

- Revenue:
- Grant, \$50,950.40
- Trans Donation, \$6,000
- Misc Income, \$5,500.00
- Rental Income, \$9,000.00
- Passport Income, \$9,000.00
- Caregiver, \$1,200.00
- Public Utility Tax, \$14,036.00
- Mobile Home Tax, \$897.00
- TTP Tax Replacement, \$13,340.00
- Homestead Rollback, \$19,181.00
- Pers Property Tax, \$-0-
- Real Estate Tax, \$104,017.00
- Transfers In, \$-0-
- Expense:
- Salaries - Director, \$38,771.00
- Salaries - Employees, \$67,678.00
- Medicare, \$1,543.51
- PERS, \$14,902.86
- Workers' Comp, \$1,916.08
- Raw Food, \$500.00
- Supplies, \$4,500.00
- Vehicle Expenses, \$12,000.00
- Travel Expenses, \$1,800.00
- Utilities, \$13,000.00
- Janitorial, \$-0-
- Postage, \$900.00
- Printing/Duplicating, \$800.00
- Maintenance, \$2,850.00
- Employment Requirements, \$1,400.00

- Memberships, \$1,500.00
- Other Expenses, \$500.00
- Insurance - Health, \$2,041.00
- Insurance - Liability, \$1,640.00
- Transfers Out, \$-0-
- Revenue:
- Grant, \$78,432.85
- Meal Donations, \$52,620.00
- Catered Meals, \$24,000.00
- Passport, \$35,000.00
- Expense:
- Salaries, \$86,363.00
- Medicare, \$1,253.00
- Workers' Comp, \$1,555.00
- PERS, \$12,090.82
- Insurance - Health, \$2,091.00
- Raw Food, \$105,000.00
- Supplies, \$10,000.00
- Vehicle Expenses, \$12,000.00
- Travel Expenses, \$1,800.00
- Utilities, \$13,000.00
- Janitorial, \$-0-
- Postage, \$900.00
- Printing/Duplicating, \$800.00
- Maintenance, \$2,850.00
- Employment Requirements, \$1,400.00
- Memberships, \$500.00
- Other Expenses, \$500.00
- Contract Services, \$2,400.00
- Transfers Out, \$-0-

The Board of County Commissioners modify the 2010 Annual Appropriation directed the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:

FROM: 001-016-00006/General Fund/Commissioners' Buildings & Grounds/Utilities, Phone
 TO: 001-016-00004/General Fund/Commissioners' Buildings & Grounds/Supplies

AMOUNT: \$4,500.00

The Board of County Commissioners passed a resolution approving a monthly charge of \$15.00 per potential user to offset debt already incurred from engineering fees, legal permits, administration, and for reimbursement to Defiance County for lagoon construction costs, until completion of the project.

Meeting Notes of Appointment:
 Ken Maag, Poggemeyer Design Group - Mr. Maag met with the Commissioners to discuss the status of the Auglaize River Sewer Project. He reported the plans and specs have been sent to the Ohio EPA for approval. He anticipates the Ohio EPA will issue permits when the plans are approved. Mr. Maag also discussed the OWDA loan and the possibility of rolling expenses already incurred into the loan. A breakdown of expenses to date for the project will be provided.

Don Foltz and Ginny Shrimplin, CORSA - Ms. Shrimplin reported the county property insurance rates will likely not increase; however, the liability insurance rates will more than likely increase from 2009. She commended the Commissioners for completing the requirements of Loss Control Coordinator, which will entitle the county to an insurance premium credit adjustment. Ms. Shrimplin also noted industrial appraisals will be done within the next two years for all members of CORSA. Paulding County's will occur mid-summer, 2010. Ms. Shrimplin reminded the Commissioners of the CORSA overview meeting in Columbus on March 26, 2010. Mr. Foltz will attend as the county's agent.

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LADY ARCHERS SHOW NO MERCY TO HICKSVILLE



Hicksville Lady Aces took on the Lady Archers at Antwerp Thursday, February 11. The score started off close. Suddenly Antwerp kicked into gear and before you knew it the score was at 27-9. Shown here is freshman Alexis Jones scoring for Antwerp. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



Top notch shooting for the Lady Archers won this game 49-25 vs the Aces. This brings Antwerp's record to 8-7 for the 2009-2010 season. Shown here is Sophomore AJ Stuck taking a shot for the Archers. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

It was a crusher of a night in Archer country when the Hicksville Lady Aces came to town on 2/11. The Lady Archers dominated the court for the duration, ending the night with a win: 48-25. Score by the quarter: Hicksville - 7 2 10 6=25 Antwerp - 6 16 17 9=48 Lady Archer scorers: Reinhart 2, Jones 11, Delgado 2, Bashore 2, Koppen-

hofer 6, Arnold 7, Smalley 4, Stuck 10. **CORRECTION:** In the Lady Archer's previous home games against Ayersville, a scoring stat was accidentally omitted. In that game, #32 A.J. Stuck earned the Lady Archers 16 points! We here at West Bend News are proud of all our high school athletes, and do apologize for our oversights.

JAMES R. WEGMANN MAKES HILLSDALE COLLEGE DEAN'S LIST

James, a senior with a Double Major in Political Science and History at Hillsdale College, MI, was named to the Dean's List. James is the son of Lynn and Elizabeth Wegmann of Woodburn, IN and is a 2006 graduate of John Young Prep High School.

LAURA ELIZABETH WEGMANN MAKES HILLSDALE COLLEGE DEAN'S LIST

Laura Elizabeth Wegmann, a sophomore with a Double Major at Hillsdale College, MI, was named to the Dean's List.

Laura is the daughter of Lynn and Elizabeth Wegmann of Woodburn, IN and is a 2008 graduate of John Young Prep High School.

AUDREY NICE NAMED TO TAYLOR UNIVERSITY DEAN'S LIST

Audrey Nice was named to the fall 2009 Dean's List at Taylor University. Audrey is a Freshman majoring in Mathematics Education and is a graduate of Paulding High School in Paulding, OH.

Full-time students are named to the Dean's List when they have earned a 3.6 or better grade point average for the term and at least 12 hours carry credit point values.

Audrey is the daughter of Dave and Jane Nice of Paulding.

About Taylor University: Founded in 1846, Taylor University is an interdenominational liberal arts university of evangelical faith located in Upland, IN. The 2010 U.S. News and World Report survey America's Best Colleges ranked Taylor the number one Baccalaureate College in the Midwest. It marked Taylor's third straight top ranking following ten straight years of being ranked in the region's Top Three.

Taylor University is a member of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCU).

LOCAL STUDENTS AWARDED TOP SCHOLARSHIPS

Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW) is pleased to announce Angela Manz and Derek Schlatter, seniors at Paulding High School, have accepted IPFW Chancellor's Merit Awards. Angela has not declared a major; Derek plans to study agriculture this fall. The scholarships enable out-of-state students to attend IPFW at in-state costs for tuition and fees. It is renewable for four years.

For more information, contact Mary Remenschneider, Admissions operations assistant, at 260-481-6141 or remenscm@ipfw.edu

RYAN BUTCHER ELECTED VP OF DELTA THETA SIGMA FRATERNITY

Ryan Butcher, a 2007 Antwerp honors graduate, has been elected Vice President of his fraternity, Delta Theta Sigma. He is currently a junior at Ohio State University in Columbus. His major is wildlife and fisheries science.

His parents are Antwerp residents Shelton and Sandi Bradbury.

DTS is a social professional agricultural fraternity at Ohio State, currently claiming 29 members. It is the alpha chapter of eight chapters in the Big Ten, founded in 1906. DTS has recently been congratulated by OSU president E. Gordon Gee and other Big Ten schools for its anti-hazing new members training process.

Ryan is glad for this opportunity to serve DTS and hopes to become employed by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources as a conservation officer after graduation.

GMC ANNOUNCES "ALL CONFERENCE SCHOLAR ATHLETES" FOR WINTER 2010

The Green Meadows Conference is proud to announce their "All Conference Scholar Athletes" for the winter of 2010.

To be eligible for this honor, the athlete must be a senior, participate and letter in a recognized sport or cheerleading and have a 3.5 GPA or better after seven semesters.

ANTWERP - Darcie Reinhart 3.9; Kelsey Bashore 3.7
AYERSVILLE - JJ Erickson 4.0; Dillon Flint 4.0; Kelley Schroeder 4.0; Bryce Hussey 4.0; Cole Limber 3.9; Kayla Conley 3.8; Kurt Brown 3.5

EDGERTON - Elizabeth Krill 4.0 Jazmyn Wagner 3.8 Brooke Riehle 3.7 David Dietsch 3.7; Jayma Nihart 3.6

FAIRVIEW - Nathan Singer 4.0; Lydia Baughman 3.9; Kayla Bostater 3.9; Zach Lee 3.6; Greg Meyer 3.5

HICKSVILLE - Paul Pierce 4.0; Macy Weatherhead 4.0

HOLGATE - Taylor Abel; Jenna Clady; Derek Klingshim; Glynnis Prigge; Hannah Stevens

TINORA - Jessica Brumbaugh 4.0; Casey McDonald 4.0; Ashley Meyer 4.0; Josh Harpest 3.9; Katie Weber 3.8

WAYNE TRACE - Jenna Stoller 4.0; Evan Klopfenstein 3.8; Henk Akkerman 3.6

PEVS BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 2/17 THROUGH 2/23

MS/HS - Breakfast:
2/17 - Ham, egg and cheese, croissant, juice, milk
2/18 - French toast sticks, sausage links, juice, milk
2/19 - Sausage gravy w/ biscuits, juice, milk
2/22 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk
2/23 - Tator tots & cheese, sausage links, juice, milk

MS/HS - Lunch:
2/17 - Pizza sticks w/marinara sauce, green beans or Grilled chicken/bun, baked beans, assorted fruit, milk
2/18 - Beef sandwich, whipped potatoes, gravy, assorted fruit, milk
2/19 - Chicken tenders, macaroni & cheese, coleslaw, assorted fruit, milk
2/22 - Fried steak, whipped potatoes, gravy, or Beef stew biscuit, assorted fruit, milk
2/23 - Teriakid chicken, salad, seasoned bread stick, assorted fruit, milk

Paulding Elementary - Breakfast:
2/17 - Cereal bar, graham crackers, juice, milk
2/18 - Muffin, applesauce, milk

Divine Mercy Catholic School

Student of the Month - January '10



The Student of the month from Divine Mercy Catholic School is Brady Stabler. Brady is a fifth grade student in Mrs. Saylor's class. He is the son of Kenny and Rhonda Stabler of Payne, and has an older sister Libby. Brady excels academically and was recently the runner-up in the school's Geography Bee. He also won the school's spelling bee and represented Divine Mercy in the Paulding County Spelling Bee. Brady is a server at Divine Mercy Church. He enjoys football and is a loyal Ohio State Fan.

Brady is a very dedicated, hard working student. He is an excellent example of what hard work can achieve.

Congratulations Brady!

Sponsored by:



2/19 - Yogurt, applesauce, whales, milk
2/22 - Assorted cereal, graham crackers, juice, milk
2/23 - Pancake wrap, juice, milk
Paulding Elementary - Lunch:
2/17 - Cheese pizza, corn, assorted fruit, milk
2/18 - Egg cheese omelet, hash browns, raisin muffin, assorted fruit, milk
2/19 - Fish on bun, green beans, assorted fruit, milk
2/22 - BBQ rib on bun, au gratin potatoes, assorted fruit, milk
2/23 - Corn dog, baked beans, assorted fruit, milk
Oakwood Elementary - Breakfast:
2/17 - Assorted cereals, crackers, fruit, milk
2/18 - Breakfast burrito, fruit, milk
2/19 - Warm cinnamon roll, fruit, milk
2/22 - Assorted cereals, cracker, fruit, milk
2/23 - Rainbow yogurt, crackers, fruit, milk
Oakwood Elementary - Lunch:
2/17 - Cheese bread stick w/marinara sauce, green beans, fruit, milk
2/18 - Taco in a bag, lettuce, cheese, fruit choice, milk
2/19 - Breaded mozzarella sticks w/sauce, corn, fruit choice, milk
2/22 - Popcorn chicken, whipped potatoes, gravy, bread, fruit, milk
2/23 - Ham & cheese stromboli, green beans, fruit choice, milk

juice, cookie, milk
2/18 - Diced turkey/ gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, applesauce, milk
2/19 - Cheese or pepperoni pizza, carrot sticks w/ dip, peaches, milk
2/22 - Breaded chicken sandwiches, potato wedges, pears, milk
2/23 - Chicken noodle soup, toasted cheese sandwich, pineapple, milk

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR 2/17 THROUGH 2/23

Breakfast:
All days - Cereal, crackers, juice, milk
Lunch:
2/17 - Fish on bun or Mac & cheese, mashed potatoes, applesauce, milk; PLUS: salad bar or onion rings
2/18 - French toast sticks or Corn dog, hash browns, orange juice, sausage, milk; PLUS: salad bar or brownie
2/19 - Cheese pizza or Egg salad sandwich, salad, peaches, chips, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cook's choice
2/22 - Tacos or Chili dog on bun, broccoli w/cheese and rice, warm cinnamon applesauce, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cook's choice
2/23 - Breaded chicken patty or Ham on bun, green bean casserole, peaches, milk; PLUS: salad bar or broccoli w/cheese & rice

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS FOR THE WEEK OF 2/17 THROUGH 2/23

Breakfast:
2/17 - Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk
2/18 - Egg/cheese omelet, toast, jelly, juice, milk
2/19 - Waffles, sausage, juice, milk
2/22 - Pizza, juice, milk
2/23 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, juice, milk
Lunch:
2/17 - Fish nuggets, potato wedges, ice cream cup, 100%

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Village of Cecil 2009 Financial Report is complete and available for public review.

Monthly Meetings of the Council of the Village of Cecil are held on the 3rd Monday of each Month at 7pm in the Firehouse Community Room. The public is invited to attend.

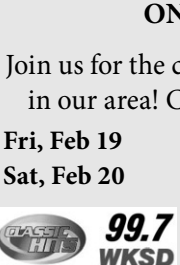
To review the 2009 Financial Reports, please schedule an appointment with Carlene Turner, Clerk-Treasurer by calling 419-399-3166

—Carlene Turner, Clerk Treasurer, Village of Cecil

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CHRISTMAS IN GERMANY- PART ONE: TRADITIONS

By: Hayley Feichter

Christmas is a time of joy and cheer, love and giving, happiness and charity. These same qualities hold true here in Germany, too! Although Germany is missing out on decking the house with lights, millions of Christmas Cards, Frosty the Snowman, plastic trees, candy canes, Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer, leaving cookies out for Santa, and caroling... they still have many great traditions.

For starters, you may be thinking, "No Rudolph? How does Santa deliver his presents?" There are three different "Santas" and the tradition is slightly changed in Germany. People still know and sing the song, but Santa starts visiting much earlier. On December 6th, everyone puts their shoes by the door, hoping Nikolaus fills them with goodies! This would be similar to our tradition of hanging our stockings on Christmas Eve. Therefore, December 6th is known as "Nikolaus Day." The other two "Santas" who visit on the 24th are called Weihnachts Mann (Christmas Man) and Knecht Ruprecht (a Bishop).

Advent calendars and wreaths are a main tradition here. We have advent calendars and advent wreaths in America, but here they play a major role in the Christmas season. Every family has an advent wreath with four real candles and they light one candle each week of the advent season, as we do.

Advent Calendars originated in Germany by a man that managed an orphanage. It was his way to show the kids how many days until Christmas. In America, our Advent Calendars consist of opening a little door on a poster or putting an ornament on a tree. But here you get a small present each day. Many traditional German Advent calendars are full of chocolate, one chocolate treat each day. My family had one that is slightly different. Every morning, we went to the advent calendar, which were little Christmas

Tree pouches, and found a small item like hand lotion, pens, small container of body spray, or lip gloss. It was a nice way to start each day.

Another German tradition is the Weihnachts Markets (Christmas Markets). These markets are in almost every town and run for about the entire month of December. The markets are set up in downtown areas and include everything from hand-made ornaments and candles to knee socks and jewelry to art work, collectibles, and, of course, many home cooked goodies like medein, flannkuchen, lebkuchen, and Schoko-obst. In addition, it wouldn't be a good market without significant amounts of Gluhwein! Gluhwein has no direct translation, but it is a hot red wine. They are crazy about it here. You can see people just walking around enjoying the atmosphere with their bratwurst in one hand and Gluhwein in the other! The only thing in our area somewhat like The Christmas Markets would be Arts In the Park, or a local craft show. But in comparison, even these don't do justice to the awesome German Christmas Markets.

Many of the traditions we have in America are German in origin, but it was interesting to experience their version of the familiar ones and discover their unique foods and events for the holidays.

ANTWERP ADULT CAREER-TECH CLASS SCHEDULE

Antwerp Local School will again offer free adult career-tech classes as part of the school's continuing Learn and Serve America project. Trisha Fuller, IT Trainer at Do It Best Corp., Alex Gust, owner of PenguinNet Computer Services, and Nick Barnett, Publishing Specialist for Do It Best Corp. will be teaching the classes listed below, assisted by Student Technology Service students.

All classes except the Word class (Monday & Tuesday) will be held on Monday evenings from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

DENTAL HEALTH AT ANN'S PRESCHOOL!



Mrs. Chelsie McGarvey, RDH/EFDA from Dr. Mott's office in Paulding recently visited Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschoolers to talk to the children about dental health. We learned that we should brush our teeth twice a day and to eat healthy foods to grow up big and strong with healthy and strong teeth! Then, we got to brush the teeth of the stuffed animals she brought along: a BIG bear, a fish, a dinosaur and a

dragon. Shown here with Mrs. McGarvey are from left: Storm Carter, Allison Schilt, Ella Gorrell and Raelyn Schweinsberg. These children are in the morning class of three and young four year olds with Mrs. Ann Miller and Mrs. Carrie Myers. Call the preschool for more information on signing your child up for a fun and learning-filled year of preschool at 419-3999-KIDS.

in the Antwerp High School Tech Lab (E7). Please enter through the main entrance. To attend any of the classes listed below you must register via email at antwerpcomputerclass@yahoo.com. Seats are limited to provide hands-on learning. Some classes are taught over multiple sessions and each session builds upon previous knowledge. The class schedule is as follows:

2/22 - **What to Know When Shopping For a New Computer (Alex Gust)** - Designed for the beginner to intermediate PC user, differences in processor types, versions of Microsoft Windows, and comparison shopping methods will be discussed. Participants will learn about Netbooks, Notebooks, Desktop PCs, and methods of connecting to the Internet both at your home and while mobile.

3/1 & 3/8 - **Intro to Computers and the Internet (Trish Fuller)** - Learn about saving and retrieving files, the difference between hardware and software, desktop management and other basic information that will give you more confidence and a better understanding of how your computer works.

3/15 - **Create a Professional Resume (Trish Fuller)** - Learn to create and modify a professional resume or find job specific templates using Microsoft Word.

3/22 & 3/23 - **Microsoft Word (Trish Fuller)** - Learn the basics of formatting in Word to create and edit documents.

3/29 & 4/1 - **Adobe Photoshop for Beginners (Nick Barnett)** - Learn to edit digital photos using Adobe Photoshop. Prior computer experience is helpful.

4/12, 4/19, 4/26 - **Microsoft Excel (Trish Fuller)** - Learn spreadsheet basics such as when and how to use a spreadsheet, entering data, formulas, formatting, modifying, saving, shortcuts, and much more.

5/3 & 5/10 - **Microsoft PowerPoint Basics (Trish Fuller)** - Create a presentation that sets you apart from the competition. Learn to create, modify, and format a presentation that looks professional. You will also learn to use PowerPoint to add photos and create a slide show.

DRIVER'S LICENSE LATE FEES TOPIC OF DISCUSSION AT TOWN HALLS, STATEHOUSE

Capitol Letters Weekly Column by: Senator Steve Buehrer

On October 1, the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles began assessing a \$20 penalty on Ohio drivers who are more than seven days late in renewing their license and vehicle registrations. The fee was included in the state transportation budget and was designed to generate revenue for the State Highway Patrol, which has lost funding in recent years because of declines in gas tax collections. According to recent statistics from the BMV, more than 300,000 late fines have been issued since the law took effect.

This late penalty was one of several fee increases the Strickland Administration proposed during deliberations on the transportation budget in early 2009. While Senate Republicans were successful in removing many of these fees from the bill, House Democrats insisted that the \$20 late penalty on license and registration renewals was necessary to provide additional funding for the Highway Patrol.

Over the past several weeks, during discussions at town hall meetings and through letters, emails and phone calls to my office, I have heard from a number of

motorists in Northwest Ohio who have questions and concerns about the new policy. Many of my colleagues in the House and Senate have also been contacted about the issue from drivers in their districts who are confused, frustrated and say they were unaware of the change.

This feedback has sparked a debate at the Statehouse about the merits of the late charge. In fact, legislation was introduced in the Ohio House last month that would eliminate it. While this discussion will continue among lawmakers and other state leaders in the coming weeks, I wanted to take an opportunity now to make residents of the 1st Senate District aware of several instances when motorists can be exempted from having to pay the \$20 penalty.

First, I have heard from many people who are concerned that they will be charged a late fee for failing to meet the deadline to register motorcycles, trailers and other vehicles that they only pull out of the garage or shed during certain months of the year. According to the BMV, Ohioans can have the late fee waived on certain seasonal vehicles. The list includes motorcycles, mopeds, golf carts, APVs and non-commercial trailers, including those used to haul boats and jet-skis.

There are also exemptions for military personnel who are out of state or deployed overseas when their license or vehicle registration expires, as well as for the family members of these soldiers who may be experiencing difficulties or setbacks related to their service. These drivers can present several forms of documentation to have the late fee waived, including a DD 214, military ID, military dependent ID, military orders, a leave and earning statement or a letter from their commanding officer.

In addition, if a driver provides documentation proving that their vehicle was inoperable during the license and registration renewal period, they could be exempt from having to pay the \$20 penalty. This could include an estimate from a dealership or repair shop, a receipt from a mechanic or an accident report showing that the vehicle was damaged prior to the registration expiration date.

Further, drivers can have the late fee waived if they provide medical treatment records showing they were hospitalized with an extended illness prior to the expiration date of their license and

vehicle registration and had to stay in the hospital during the seven-day grace period for renewal.

Ohio motorists can also avoid having to pay a late fine if it can be verified that they sent in their license and registration renewal papers by mail but have not received their sticker, or if they were unaware that they moved into a county that requires e-check and now must have the test done to their vehicle.

Additionally, Ohioans can be exempt from the late charge if they were sequestered for jury duty, transferred a license plate that is expired more than seven days to a newly-purchased vehicle, or if the local or state BMV experiences an outage in its Business Application Service System, which is used to process license and registration renewals.

For more information about the rules and procedures for renewing your driver's license and vehicle registration in Ohio, please visit the Bureau of Motor Vehicles website at <http://www.bmv.ohio.gov>. I also encourage residents from the 1st Senate District to continue contacting me with any questions, thoughts or concerns about the issue. You can write me, Senator Steve Buehrer, Ohio Senate, Statehouse, Columbus, Ohio, 43215, or contact me by phone at (614) 466-8150. I can also be reached by email at SD01@senate.state.oh.us. In addition, for more information about my work in the Ohio Senate, please visit my page on the new Senate website at www.ohiosenate.gov/steve-buehrer.

LEGAL NOTICE

"Village of Cecil, Resolution No. 09-10. A Resolution to establish a supplemental appropriation and increased revenue to Fund 3901 (Debt Service) for the purpose of a New Heating System for the Firehouse Bays and Declaring the same to be an Emergency."

"Village of Cecil, Resolution 09-11. A Resolution to establish a supplemental appropriation for the purpose of meeting the loan payment to Ohio Water Authority and declaring the same to be an emergency."

A Full Copy of the Resolutions may be viewed by appointment with Carlene A. Turner, Clerk Treasurer by calling 419-399-3166

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WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE FORMING IN ANTWERP

A Women's Volleyball League hosted by the Antwerp Volleyball Program at Antwerp High School will begin in March.

The run dates for this league are March 11 - April 29, Thursdays evenings. Pool play each week with a single elimination tournament on the final week. There can be up to six players on each team. All proceeds from registration will benefit the Antwerp Volleyball Program. Please register by March 4, 2010. For information contact Kara Eicher at 419-506-1715, karaliz456@hotmail.com or Amy Hammer at hammer_a@aw.noacsc.org

ANTWERP ALLEYS WEEKLY HONOR SCORES WEEK OF 2/12/10

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2. Ray Delong 209
3. David Bauer 201
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V.E.T.S. CIVIL WAR VETERANS LISTING

This is the first week for the Civil War listings of Antwerp Veterans. If you have any additions or corrections please contact us. To date, we have about 360 Civil War Veterans.

Charles N. Adams, Lewis Adams, Timothy Aldrich, Benjamin Alltop, Adam Ankney, David Ankney, Oliver S Applegate, Zachaeus Armstrong, George W Babcoke, Jonathon Baker, Charles Ball, David Ballinger, George Balsinger, John Balsinger, George G Banks, Jediah C Banks, John M Banks, Thomas H Banks, William R Banks, Hiram S Barber, Frederick Barchard, Samuel Barchard, Edmond Barker, Allen D Barnes, John Barnes

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V.E.T.S. LOOKING FOR NOT-CONFIRMED VETERANS NAMES

Antwerp Area Veterans documentation needed to be included on the tablets at the Veterans Memorial in the Antwerp Park.

This week is a partial listing of discharged veterans from the Antwerp Local School District that DO NOT have documentation turned in to V.E.T.S. These veterans are in need of your help.

VIETNAM ERA: (1960-1980) Arnold Begley, Burleigh Bittenger, William Russell Brown, Lewis Rayburn Chehi, Rex Clinton, Ronald W Colwell, George W Doctor, Ronald L Fraley, Chester Edwin Hahn, James Carl Hahn, William J Jackson, Allan Nichol Kelble, Carl J Klender, Rolland R Laisure, Dean Edward Laker, Frankie J Lichty, & Robert Elden Lichty.

These names were derived from public sources and will remain on the NOT CONFIRMED listing awaiting approval by one of the following:

1. Honorable or medical military discharge documents
2. Photo showing military service on a tombstone & which cemetery
3. Proof of military service by other means, such as a photo in uniform, dog tag, or Veterans Card & knows where this person lived within the boundary. Any person submitting a name takes responsibility for the accuracy of the information. V.E.T.S. reserve the right to reject names submitted without a military discharge.

March 31, 2010 is the deadline to submit Veterans names to be engraved at NO CHARGE. Vietnam Era will continue in the next weekly article.

Questions or check out any name: Contact Karen Sanders (419) 399-5764, Keith West (419) 258-2232 or Nancy Lichty (419) 258-2026

HICKSVILLE MASONIC MEETING 2/10/10

Dick Wann opened the Lodge and the Pledge was given. Degree work was conferred on the newest candidate. Those in attendance included Tim Betts, Walter Schilb, Byron Rasey, Hanson "Curly" Lilly, B.J. Kline, Jimmie J. Volkert, Ron Farnsworth, Steve Schilb, Scott Ruppert, Lee Kallsen, Jim Kline, Richard Wann, Bill Metz, Robert L. Stotler Jr., and 50-year member Richard Savage. There were also eight Past Masters on the sidelines. Birthday cards were signed and sent to members Norm Byers February 21, Jack Tongring February 15, Jim Volkert February 20, Bob Volkert February 18, Tyler Fleming February 13, and Charles Fleming February 15. A get-well card was sent to 50-year member Richard Schilb.

Ken Crouch was accepted as a plural member. Ken is very active in Masonry at his home Lodge in Bryan and is called upon to help out at Hicksville occasionally. Hicksville Lodge currently has five candidates that are currently in the process of joining the fraternity. Grand Lodge has instituted a new program this year to reduce the initiation fees for all current and retired Veterans, current and former Police Officers, EMT's, and current and retired Fire Fighters. This is in appreciation for the work they do in serving their fellow citizens and protecting our country. A petition was received for this year's 1-Day Class which will be held in Bryan on May 15th.

Dick Wann encouraged all members to attend the next Inspection which will be held at Bryan Lodge on Friday February 19. At the next stated meeting on February 24, Hicksville Lodge will confer Degree work. With no further business all members retired to the dining room for sandwiches, chips, finger food, and some of Sue Wann's famous chocolate/white cake.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES FOR 2/1/10

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

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

The Commissioners appointed Mike Farmer, 775 North Cherry Street., Paulding OH 45879, to serve as board member of the Tri-County Alcohol, Drug Addiction, Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board, filling the unexpired term of Laura Durre; and be it further. The term began February 1, 2010, and will expire June 30, 2011.

The Paulding County Senior Center Steering Committee submitted a request to the Commissioners to levy a tax for the benefit of the Paulding County Senior Center for the purpose of operational expenses in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 5705.19 at a rate not exceeding five tenths mill (.50) for each dollar of valuation for a period of five (5) years, commencing 2010, first due in 2011, and which levy is a renewal.

The Commissioners requested the Auditor to issue a Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue, Form DTE 140R, to certify the total current tax valuation of said subdivision and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by said specified number of mills.

The Commissioners approved the revised Paulding County Senior Center Cell Phone and Travel Policy as presented by Marsha Yuetter, Director of the Paulding County Senior Center.

The Commissioners approved and authorized the removal of the Paulding County Hospital vehicles from the County's vehicle fleet policy effective May 1, 2010.

The Commissioners approved and authorized Corey Walker, Director of Paulding County Department of Job and Family Services, to enter into an agreement with Northwest Ohio Security System, Inc. to upgrade the Jacob Eaton Children's Home security system by adding five (5) wireless door contacts.

The Commissioners approved and authorized Corey Walker, Director of Paulding County Department of Job and

Family Services, to join the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Directors' Association.

Meeting Notes of Appointment:
Corey Walker, Director, Paulding County Department of Job and Family Services - Mr. Walker met with the Commissioners to discuss the adoption of an agency lease. He will be submitting a preliminary copy to the Prosecuting Attorney for approval as to form. Mr. Walker reported the Jacob Eaton Children's Home is ready to accept children. He stated as soon as the state processes the paperwork, children can move in. Mr. Walker then reported concerns from area physicians regarding referring Medicaid patients to specialists. Medicaid is part of a managed care system which now requires patients be referred to an Ohio facility. With our close proximity to Fort Wayne, most patients already have doctors in Indiana. Mr. Walker stated that state representatives will need to become involved to make necessary changes. Mr. Walker also discussed the tobacco settlement case, which has now reached the Ohio Supreme Court. If the case is won, funds may be used to update Department of Job and Family Services computer programs.

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RESULTS OF THE JANUARY 25, 2010 POINT IN TIME HOMELESS COUNT ARE RELEASED

The Northwest Ohio Housing Coalition participated in a statewide "Point in Time Homeless Count" on Tuesday, January 26, 2010. Throughout the state of Ohio, Housing Coalitions and Continuum of Care groups joined forces to document the number of people experiencing homelessness on one given day. This effort was organized by The Coalition on Housing and Homelessness in Ohio.

Locally, volunteers from the NW Ohio Housing Coalition sent data collection forms to area service organizations, churches, schools, businesses, parks, and campgrounds. Volunteers also went out into the community that evening in search of persons who might have been sleeping in cars or who were without adequate housing. Data was collected for Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Paulding and Williams Counties. Anyone who may have had contact with someone who was homeless or at risk of homelessness was asked to respond by returning the data collection form or calling First Call For Help.

Results of the January count provided the following information:

227 people in the five county area were homeless on January 26. Of the 227 homeless persons, there were 153 single persons and 22 families consisting of 29 adults and 40 children (the age of five persons was not identifiable). 26 of the people reported to be homeless were residing in a local shelter facility.

411 people in our five county area were identified to be at risk of being homeless within three months. Of the 411 at-risk persons there were 211 single persons and 46 families consisting of 68 adults and 111 children (the age of 21 of the reported at-risk persons was not identifiable).

Homelessness in rural ar-

reas is a hidden problem. Rarely do we see persons sleeping on a sidewalk, a park bench or under a bridge - although these occurrences have all happened right here in NW Ohio. But yet, hundreds of people from our communities find themselves homeless each year and resort to sleeping in cars, in tents or campers, on front porches, in abandoned trailers or buildings, in community shelter programs, in hotel rooms or "couch surfing" from one kind friend or relative's home to another.

The January 26th count indicated an increase (+68) of the number of local people considered to be homeless or at risk of homelessness as compared to data collected in the 2009 count.

Committee members were surprised to see that the number of local families reported to be at risk of homelessness was less than reports over the last several years. This was especially surprising due to the high levels of unemployment experienced in our area.

A point in time count is a crucial activity in our community's continuum of care process to assure effective services for homeless or at-risk persons. The count provides important information about the number of persons who may need access to services and allows communities to determine if current services need to be expanded or improved.

For more information contact one of the county team leaders:

Defiance County, Kris Bryant, NOCAC, PATH Center, 419-782-6962.

Fulton County, Ashlee Lopez, NOCAC, PATH Center, 419-782-6962.

Henry County, Maria Martinez, PathStone, 419-875-6654.

Paulding County, Angie Franklin, NOCAC, 419-784-5393.

Williams County, Linda Shambarger, Corrections Center of Northwest Ohio, 419-428-3800.

2010 PAULDING COUNTY SPELLING BEE WINNERS



The champion of the Paulding County Spelling Bee was Abigail Pierce of the Christian Home Educators of Paulding County (CHEPC). She is a fifth grader, and is the daughter of Alan and Anna Pierce of Scott. The winning

word was "aristocracy" in round 16.

The runner up was Jacob Dings, a seventh grader at Wayne Trace High School. He is the son of Tira Ripke of Oakwood.

CURVES IN HICKSVILLE HOLDS OPEN HOUSE CHECK OUT OUR SPECIALS

If you've been curious about Curves in Hicksville or just want to know what they have to offer, then stop in on February 21st. Curves will be hosting an open house so you can take a peek.

Curves in Hicksville, located at 143 E. High St. is owned by Jerrica Steffens. According to Steffens, the open house will be held from 2:30-4:30 p.m. There will also be complimentary services provided by: Mary K rep. Jodi Bland for some always needed pampering, also Debra Keller-Plum licensed massage therapist offering relaxing chair massages.

"This is a chance for someone to come in and see the equipment we have, and learn more about our program," said Steffens. Steffens also added "We have specials if you are 55 or older you may be eligible to workout for FREE. Also Freshman through Senior high school girls can workout for a discounted rate."

Whether you're interested in getting more exercise for health and general condition, or want to lose weight or tone your muscles, Curves can help you establish a regimen to help you meet your goal.

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In addition to a proven workout plan, Curves of Hicksville offers various pro-

GOT 4-H?

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Educator

Now is the time that 4-H clubs enroll new members. Joining a 4-H club can begin by looking at the nearly 200 projects listed in the 2010 Family Guide. Take some time to review the projects as a family, club, or group. Then, visit the Extension office and preview these project books for more details. A good rule of thumb is to select no more than two projects as a first year member.

Once you know the types of projects you are interested in taking, you will be able to look for a 4-H club in your area that offers help in the projects you are interested in. A listing of county 4-H clubs and their key advisor can be found in the Extension office. Not all clubs are able to offer help in every project we have available, so some clubs specialize in certain projects. Narrow your list to a two or three clubs and call the club's key advisor. Finding a club that fits your needs is essential to having a positive 4-H experience.

Upon selecting the club that best meets your needs, call the advisor to find out when the next meeting is scheduled. The club you join will provide you with the enrollment forms necessary to join 4-H. They will help you select the project books you will need to purchase and get you started.

4-H helps prepare young people for life success by actively engaging them in a wide variety of projects that develop practical skills, leadership abilities, and a passion for giving back to their community—skills that are critical in today's world. Whether you are interested in caring for an animal, learning how to prepare nutritious, low-cost meals, learning about science, technology, or engi-

neering, or even learning how to make your own movies and post them on the Web, 4-H is the place for you! If you can dream it, you can do it in 4-H.

The registration deadline to enroll in a Paulding County 4-H club is March 1. If you need more help or have additional questions, please contact the Paulding County Extension office.

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