

## MATTHEW S. KELLY ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

I would like to take this opportunity to officially announce my candidacy for Paulding County Auditor. I will be running as a Democratic Candidate in the May 4<sup>th</sup> primary election. I am looking forward to the opportunity to serve the people of Paulding County and to the challenges that come with it.

I grew up in Paulding, and have lived in the county my entire life with the exception of going away for college. After graduating from Paulding High School, I attended The Ohio State University receiving a B.S. in Business Administration Degree, majoring in Accounting. Upon graduation, I married Beth Saxton of Oakwood. We have been married now for over 14 years, and we have three children in the Paulding School System.

I possess over 15 years of Accounting Management experience working in all facets of Accounting particularly in the areas of Accounts Payable management, payroll, budgeting,

forecasting and financial analysis. I provide a broad perspective in that I have worked for all sizes of companies from a small family-owned business, to a Fortune 200 company.

I would appreciate your support on May 4<sup>th</sup>, and look forward to putting the people first.

—Matthew S. Kelly

## PAYNE BALL ASSOCIATION LITTLE LEAGUE SIGN-UP

The Payne (Ohio) Ball Association will have registration days for summer baseball and softball in March.

Registrations will take place at the Payne Elementary Cafeteria on the following dates/times:

Thursday, March 4, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 6, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, March 10, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Boys and girls age 15 and under are allowed to sign up for their respective divisions. If you have any questions, please contact Brian Vest at (419) 263-0037.

**The deadline for ads and article submissions is Friday at 5:00 p.m.**

## FIRST ANTWERP - WOODLAN BASKETBALL GAME SINCE 1991



It was great to see Woodlan and Antwerp basketball teams to play once again after 19 years of being off each other's schedules. Antwerp started off strong, but Woodlan soon brought the score back to within 3 points (24-21) in the 2nd quarter. Antwerp pulled ahead again and ended the game 71-33. Shown here is Antwerp Senior TJ Short scoring for the Archers while Warrior Sophomore Brock Hines attempts to block. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)

The Antwerp Archers played host to the Woodlan Warriors for an end of the season game last Friday night, 2/26. The Archers dominated their home court for the duration, leaving the Warriors scrambling to keep up. The Archers intense offense was no match for the Warriors' defense. The Archers kept the last regular season win at home: 71-33.

Score by the quarter:  
Antwerp - 17 20 13 21=71

Woodlan - 12 10 5 6=33  
Game scorers:

Antwerp - Stuart 5, Lucas 7, Coleman 2, Koppenhofer 9, Hitzeman 7, Short 24, Rindahl 5, Miesle 5, Taylor 6, Bute 1

Woodlan - Hines 13, Romines 13, Mumma 7

## HATS (& SHOES) FOR HAITI A HUGE SUCCESS!

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## PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF REVISIONS DEADLINE

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To file a complaint, call 419-399-8241 and we will send you the State's form and instructions, rules and guidelines. Read them carefully to prepare for your hearing. Complaint forms and instructions may also be downloaded and printed from our website, [www.pauldingcountyauditor.com](http://www.pauldingcountyauditor.com). Click on FORMS and under TAX, Click on DTE-1 and DTE-1 Instructions. In

addition, under LINKS click Valuation Process to access further information about the valuation process.

Complaints must be received in our office (the postmark is irrelevant under state law) by 4:30 p.m. on March 31 (due to our office being closed on Wednesday, March 31, we will accept forms hand-delivered on April 1<sup>st</sup>) so if you are not in a position to mail in plenty of time we suggest you play it safe and hand-deliver to the Auditor's office located in the courthouse.

At your hearing you will need to make your case for the value you seek. The burden of proof is on the property owner not the county. If you decide to file a complaint you will want to be prepared and provide evidence for your case.

Remember: our office's only goal is to get your value right. Even if we summarily reduced all Paulding County property values, it would have a minimal effect on taxes. The millage of most levies is reset by the State after a reappraisal. Taxing entities get the amount you voted. So, if values overall go down, millages increase.

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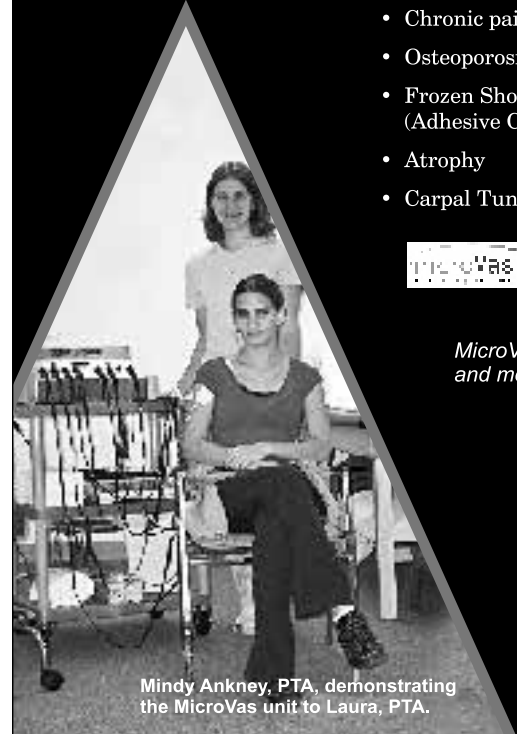
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**OBITUARIES**

**Clara Belle Banks**, 96, of Antwerp, Ohio passed away Friday, February 26, 2010 at Dallas Lamb Foundation Home.

Clara Belle was born in Antwerp on September 14, 1913, a daughter of the late Frances (Clemmer) and Clyde Quaintance.

Clara Belle worked at Antwerp Local Schools and was a member of Antwerp United Methodist Church. She married Ray Robert Banks, who died in 1960.

She will be sadly missed by her daughters: Joan Baker and Penny (Larry) Ryan both of Antwerp; sisters: Bertha Zuber of Antwerp and Dorothy Roth of Grabill; 18 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren; and 50 great-great-grandchildren.

Also, preceding her in death are her daughter, Karen Walley; sons: Barry, Kim and Nick Banks; sisters: Lois Haynes and Mabel Thimlar; and brother, Robert Quaintance.

Her funeral service was March 2, 2010 at Antwerp United Methodist Church. She was laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery.

Memorials are to Dallas Lamb Foundation or the church. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at [www.dooleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.dooleyfuneralhome.com)

**Inez I. Rose**, 75, of Paulding died Wednesday, February 24 at the Lutheran Hospital of Indiana, Fort Wayne, IN.

She was born May 4, 1934 in Paulding County, OH, the daughter of Rev. John W. and Maude F. (Davis) Slane. On April 18, 1959 she married Emerson Lee "Buzz" Rose, who preceded her in death on December 29, 1999. She was a member of Apostolic Christian Church, Junction and a homemaker.

She is survived by a brother, Floyd (Darlene) Slane, of Eufaula, OK; a sister, Mildred (Edward) Elston of Payne; and many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; a brother, Samuel Slane; and two sisters: Naomi Slane, and Betty Manz.

Funeral services were conducted February 27, 2010 at the Apostolic Christian Church, Junction, OH, with burial in Dotterer Cemetery, Auglaize Township.

Donations may be made to Apostolic Christian World Relief Fund or Paulding County Veterans Service Office. Online condolences may be sent to [www.denherderfh.com](http://www.denherderfh.com)

**Beverly J. (Dills) Decker**, 57, of Oakwood died Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at St. Rita's Medical Center, Lima.

She was born November 7, 1952 in Van Wert to the late James and Rowena (Moran) Dills. On January 6, 1996 she married James W. Decker, who survives in Oakwood.

Also surviving are two daughters: Tara (William) McMonigal and Tanya (Edward) Garlock; three stepsons: Glenn, Charles, and Edward Decker; a step-daughter, Sandra Weide; 35 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death was a daughter, Tonya Scott; and two sisters: Connie Sulfridge and Barbara Dills.

Beverly formerly worked for Pandora Manufacturing, Inc. and was a member of Christ Lutheran Church, Continental.

Funeral services were February 27, 2010 at Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Oakwood with Rev. Brent Gibson officiating. Burial was in Monroe Cemetery, Continental. Condolences may be expressed at [www.heimmeyerfuneralhome.com](http://www.heimmeyerfuneralhome.com)

**Donald C. English**, 84, of Van Wert, passed away Saturday, February 27, 2010 in Van Wert.

Don was born in Ashtabula on September 17, 1925, a son of the late Minnie Elva (Hoover) and Roy English.

He served in the U.S. Marines as a Cpl in WWII and was a foreman at Dana Weatherhead, Antwerp.

He will be sadly missed by his daughter, Robin Lee Wright of Van Wert; sons: Paul of Van Wert and Donn of Antwerp; brother, Bernard of Oakwood; 11 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Also preceding him in death are his sister, Evelyn Butler; and brothers: Cloyd, Floyd, Raymond and Gerald.

His funeral service is at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 3, 2010 with viewing one hour prior to his service. He will be laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery.

Memorials are to the charity of your choice. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at [www.dooleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.dooleyfuneralhome.com)

**Alice P. Foust**, 84, of Antwerp, died Friday, February 26, 2010 at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

She was born March 21, 1925 in Jackson Township, Paulding County, Ohio the daughter of Paul B. and Ruth L. (Phillips) Holtsberry. On September 19, 1941 she married Orlando F. Foust, who died November 29, 2005. She was a homemaker and a member of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses Antwerp, Ohio.

Surviving are two daughters: Anita (Ray) Friend of Antwerp, and Cathy (John) Hess of rural Cecil; two sons: Terry (Janet) Foust and Steven (Elaine) Foust both of Antwerp; three sisters: Ramona Fillman of Paulding, Clara Marie Moden of Cecil, and Ruth Elaine Underwood of Van Wert; 12 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband: Orlando in 2005; and one brother, Paul D. Holtsberry in 2009.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 3, 2010 at the Den Herder Funeral Home Paulding, Ohio. Alice's son-in-law, John Hess will officiate. Burial will be in Maumee Cemetery Antwerp, Ohio. Calling at the Den Herder Funeral Home one hour before services.

Memorials to Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses: 2937 U.S. Route 24 Antwerp, Ohio 45813 or The American Heart Association. Online condolences may be sent to: [www.denherderfh.com](http://www.denherderfh.com)

**V.E.T.S. "C" CIVIL WAR LISTING**

Here is the first part of our Antwerp Civil War Listing whose names start with "C":

David Campbell, Samuel Campbell, Solomon Campbell, William S. Carey, Seymour Carpenter, John B Carr, John Caskey, Samuel Caskey, Titus W Chacey, Adam Chafin, George W Champion, Joseph S Champion, Richard B Champion, Robert B Champion, Archibald Chaney, James Chaney, John L Chaney, Seth Chaney, John W Clemens, Adam Cline

**BREAKING OUT OF THE "SIT-SOAK-AND-SOUR" SYNDROME**

**By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church**

In *Walnut Cove* by Col-lum, a couple and their neighbor are standing outside of a church. It's obvious that this is the first time that the neighbor has ever been to church. He went in to the service, awkwardly stood at the times when everyone else stood, peered at the hymnal as songs were sung, and nervously shifted when the preacher prayed.

Upon leaving the church the neighbor exclaimed to the couple, "Well, I have to admit, Glen, your church is awfully friendly. I can almost see myself becoming religious in a place like that. Yessir, mighty friendly; I particularly liked the part when they passed around the plate full of money."

It's amazing how many people think just like that neighbor. Oh, I don't mean that people are taking money out of the offering plate. But some people come with the singular expectation of what they can get out of the church than what they can give or do for the Lord and His Church.

We live in a time of history where folds tend to be 'consumer conscious.' Folks shop for a church like they shop for a supermarket. "Where can I get the most for me, my kids, my money, my time."

Certainly there is nothing wrong with finding a congregation of believers where one's spiritual, relational, and various other needs can be met. But if that is the only criteria or only reason for attending a church, it would seem to me that such an attitude is terrible self-serving.

Not only is the church a place to receive, it is a place where we can give. Give of ourselves. Give of our time. Give of our services. Give of our finances.

God doesn't ask us to serve and to give of ourselves in Kingdom Ministry because the whole thing will crash and burn if we don't. Are you kidding? God can accomplish His purposes with or without you or me.

Ministry in the kingdom and service for the Lord is something he offers to us because we need it. The Lord understands that there is tremendous benefit and blessing to the one doing the serving, to the one who is giving, to the one who is ministering.

Obviously when we participate and serve in church ministries other people do benefit. But the biggest

blessing is for the person who is investing the time, energy, effort and labor for the Lord.

My encouragement for you this week is this. If you aren't involved in a church, you need to give it a try. There are many solid, Bible teaching, loving congregations in our area where you can be spiritually nurtured and fed.

If you already are tied in with a congregation, don't merely be an 'attender'. Don't settle for simply 'sitting and soaking'. Roll up your sleeves and get involved. You'll be surprised at what a blessing it will be for you.

**THE BIBLE SAYS: JOHN THE BAPTIST**

**By: James Potter, Oakwood church of Christ**

Today our lesson is going to concentrate on John the Baptist. So get your Bible and your concordance and let us walk together in this study today. Have you prayed for God's guidance and help in understanding what you will be studying?

**Prophecies concerning John the Baptist:**

Isaiah 40:3-5 says "prepare ye the way of the Lord..." these verses were fulfilled in Matthew 3:3.

Who were the parents of John the Baptist? Luke 1:13; also study Luke 1:57-80.

John the Baptist lived in the desert: Luke 1:80.

There was public confusion about whether John the Baptist was the Christ. John refuted that conclusion, Luke 3:15.

John the Baptist baptized Jesus, Matthew 3:13-16.

Why was Jesus baptized? It is true that Jesus was sinless, had committed no sin. In verse 15 Jesus told John that he needed to be baptized to fulfill all righteousness? What does this mean? To fulfill means to bring something to its intended end.

John was a prophet, he was God's chosen spokesperson at this time, and the Jewish people needed to listen to John.

John's message was from God and his message was baptism to prepare the way of the Lord.

The reason Jesus was baptized was so that he could follow God's law that included

baptism from John, according to the prophets teaching.

Jesus fulfilled the Law of Moses perfectly. This made Him sinless and able to fulfill the requirement of God for a perfect sacrifice for the sins of the world!

John's baptism today is insufficient for us, since John no longer is the spokesperson for God, but Christ now fulfills that lofty purpose, Hebrews 1:1-4. John's baptism was for repentance. Christ's baptism is for the forgiveness of sins, Acts 2:38. Those who were baptized of John's baptism were required to be baptized again for the right reason, Acts 19:1-5.

There is more that you can study on John the Baptist and my prayer is that you will. Please study Acts 18:24-26 and Acts 19:1-5.

For Bible questions call Lonnie Lambert at 419-399-5022 or James Potter at 419-393-4775. Jesus loves you and so does the Oakwood church of Christ. Remember to pray and read your Bible.

**LOW-INCOME TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE AT THE HICKSVILLE COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER**

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 March 8 and March 22. Appointments are required and must be made through Myra at 419-784-5393.

**MONTHLY SENIOR BREAKFAST AT GARDENS OF PAULDING**

The monthly senior breakfast at Gardens of Paulding will be held on March 9, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. Any seniors are invited free of charge.

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**MORE V.E.T.S. NAMES  
NEED DOCUMENTATION**

This week is a listing of more 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) - Robert Allen Banks, Marty C Cottrell, Robert Lee DeLaruelle, Robert E Doster, Joseph Halsey, Jerry Minck, Kevin B Sosbe

**KOREAN ERA:** (1950-1959) - Jerry Lee Boyce, Richard Leroy Brown, Loren Wayne Cox, Leon LeRoy Layman, Grant Leaman, & Byron Rasey

V.E.T.S. has a list of names from WWI through Vietnam showing Paulding County or Cecil as an address. The western part of Crane Township, Cecil address, is within the Antwerp Local School district. Please call to check out these names, we don't want to miss anyone.

The above information was derived from public sources and awaiting approval by one of the following:

1. Honorable or medical military discharge documents
2. Photo showing military service on a tombstone and which cemetery
3. Proof of military service by other means, such as a photo in uniform, dog tag, or Veterans Card and 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.

V.E.T.S. has four Veterans' names on the Do Not Engrave List. We respect their decision. Engraving names will be ongoing into the future should any Antwerp area discharged veteran want to be included later.

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

**SENATE SEEKS TO PROTECT TAXPAYER RESOURCES FROM COSTLY IMPACT OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION**

**Capitol Letters Weekly  
Column by: Senator Steve Buehrer**

Every year, thousands of people come across America's borders illegally and make their way to Ohio. Exact numbers are difficult to pinpoint, but the Pew Hispanic Center estimated that there were 75,000 to 150,000 illegal aliens living in our state in 2005, and it is realistic to believe that this population has grown significantly since that time.

While steps have been taken in recent years to strengthen enforcement at our borders, the relative ease with which many people are still able to cross undetected into the U.S. is a serious threat to our national security and the safety of our local communities. This influx of illegal immigrants has also put a tremendous strain on our health care system, school districts, prisons and other taxpayer-funded resources. The Center for Immigration Studies estimates that state and local governments spend \$4 billion a year to provide health care to illegal aliens and their U.S.-born children and \$20 to \$24 billion to educate children from illegal alien households.

There is no indication that President Obama and Congress will act any time soon to enact meaningful immigration reform, so it is critical that state and local governments do everything possible to protect the limited taxpayer resources of legal citizens from the costly impact of illegal immigration.

With this in mind, I was surprised to learn during hearings in the Senate Insurance, Commerce & Labor Committee this past fall that the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation does not currently check to see if injured workers are authorized to work in the United States before paying out benefits. BWC officials said they believed the Bureau from verifying employment authorization status; however, they admitted that no federal law requires the payment of workers' compensation claims to illegal aliens, and other states have already acted to stop this from happening.

I have been a vocal critic of the BWC in recent months for reducing the maximum discount that employers can receive through the state's

group rating program, effectively raising premiums on thousands of Ohio businesses during one of the worst economic periods in our state's history. Even before those rate hikes took effect, companies across the state consistently said that the cost of workers' compensation insurance in Ohio was one of their biggest obstacles in being able to grow, create jobs and compete domestically and globally. Therefore, it was disheartening to learn that a significant portion of Ohio businesses' workers' compensation premiums could be going to pay injured worker claims for illegal immigrants.

One of my colleagues on the Senate Insurance Committee, State Senator Bill Seitz (R-Green Township), will soon introduce legislation that would require every injured worker in Ohio to prove to the BWC that he or she is authorized to work in this country, ensuring that illegal immigrants will not receive workers' compensation benefits in the future. I have signed on as a co-sponsor of the bill.

As the Senate continues to explore ideas for improving Ohio's workers' compensation system for both businesses and workers, Sen. Seitz's proposal would ensure that the money companies are paying into the system now is only being used to cover the injury claims of employees who are legally authorized to work in the U.S. The money that is saved could then be used to reduce premiums for Ohio companies and make our state's economy more competitive.

In addition, as part of the effort to protect Ohio taxpayer resources from illegal immigrants, the Senate State & Local Government & Veterans' Affairs Committee has had several hearings on Senate Bill 150, legislation that would give local law enforcement greater flexibility to assist federal immigration officials in the deportation of illegal aliens in Ohio.

Under current law, a county sheriff has the authority to arrest and detain illegal immigrants who violate a criminal provision of federal immigration law. However, this authority does not extend to civil provisions of the law, which includes matters of deportation. This limitation has left many local law enforcement with their hands tied in trying to address the illegal immigration problem in their communities.

SB 150, which I co-sponsored, would authorize a county sheriff, upon request of federal immigration officials, to help in the investigation and apprehension of illegal aliens who violate civil provisions of the law. The bill would also allow county commissioners to direct local sheriffs to receive into custody anyone who is being detained for deportation or charged with a civil violation of immigration law by federal officials.

Illegal immigration has had a costly impact on many areas of Ohio and Washington needs to act to address the problem. While the state's authority is limited, the General Assembly does have the ability to pass laws that would help protect millions of Ohio taxpayer dollars from going to support services for illegal aliens. I will work in the coming weeks to help move this

critical effort forward.

I encourage residents from the 1<sup>st</sup> 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/steve-buehrer.

**FULTON COUNTY DAIRY ASSOCIATION DONATION TO 4-H CAMP PALMER**

On February 15, Mr. Neree Emmons, President, Fulton County Dairy Association presented a check for \$5,000 plus \$1 cash to 4-H Camp Palmer at their annual banquet. This check was presented to Bill Goodson, Executive Director of 4-H Camp Palmer. This donation is for the pool fund that will help replace 4-H Camp Palmer's 52 year old pool. Paulding county is one of eleven counties in Northwest Ohio whose 4-H members are part owners of 4-H Camp Palmer.

**ANTWERP ALLEYS WEEKLY HONOR SCORES WEEK OF 2/26/10**

**Men High Games**

1. David Bauer 257
2. Robert Johnson 234
3. Chad Geyer 229
4. Phil Bauer 224
5. Greg Shull 213
6. Alan Grant 212
7. Matt Hunt 209
8. David Koscher 208
9. Benji Grant 205
10. Mike Kennedy 192

**Men High Series**

1. Robert Johnson 618
2. Phil Bauer 603
3. David Bauer 588
4. Chad Geyer 577
5. Mike Walley 549
6. Benji Grant 544
7. Greg Shull 540
8. David Koscher 539
9. Matt Hunt 534
10. Jeff Lucas 533

**Women High Game**

1. Terri Meeks 228
2. Angie Hudson 215
3. Marie Bauer 211
4. Sherry Reinhart 202
5. Paula Lichty 192

**V.E.T.S. WILL HONOR PAUL R. SMITH ON THE MEMORIAL**



Kathy Wilson, Paul R Smith, Don Smith and Maggie Wilson - WWII Veteran Paul R. Smith, 91, enjoys reading the list of Veterans names with his son Don Smith, daughter Kathy and granddaughter, Maggie Wilson.

**By: Karen Sanders**

Paul greeted me with a big smile and a clean shirt! He tells me his friend, Ron Luderan from the Sherwood VFW, urged him to get the V.E.T.S. called so his name would be engraved on the memorial tablets being installed in Antwerp's Veterans Riverside Park.

Paul reads aloud every WWII name on our list, knowing most of them from being an Antwerp graduate in 1936. Paul wasn't sure where to find his discharge, but he qualifies with his collage of military medals of achievement, dog tag, and being in

an Antwerp High School team photo. He lived in ALSD Crane Township about five miles east of Antwerp.

Paul is now a resident at the Antwerp Manor House, Room 314. His family offers an open invitation for everyone to stop in and visit with Dad. He is very alert and full of ornerly stories to share. Paul, I am honored to be a recipient of your humor, sharing your WWII experiences, and to meet your loving family.

V.E.T.S. encourages all veterans who haven't turned in their military documents to do so before the March 31, 2010 deadline.

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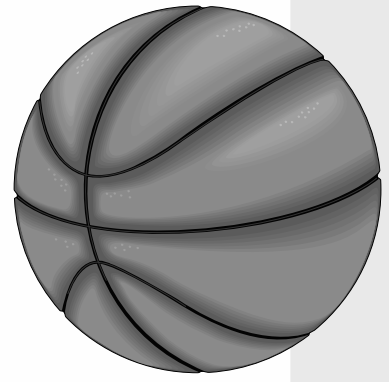
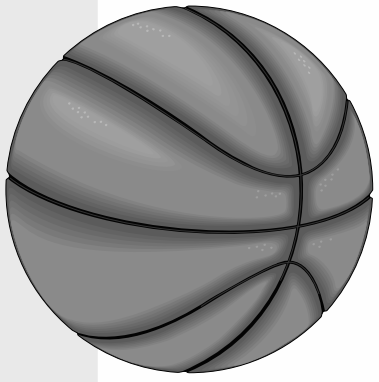
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# BASKETBALL MARATHON



## THE OBJECT OF THE MARATHON GAMES

To raise monies for the Paulding County Society for Crippled Children and Adults, Inc. for use in providing handicapped people of all ages in Paulding County with equipment and services needed. Participants are encouraged to have a great time playing a game of basketball, scoring as many points as the team can within the 24 minutes allowed for play. **Sportsmanlike conduct is the rule, not the exception.**

## RULES GOVERNING PLAY

The Mini-Tots Division will use the 8' basket and a tiny ball. The Tots, Mini-Youth, and Women's Division will use the 10' basket and women's basketball. All other Divisions will use the 10' basket and regulation basketball.

**No foul shots are permitted.**

**No time outs**

**No Dunking the basketball** (We have had to pay for a cracked glass backboard, and also have had to stop games to repair the break-away rims, which changes the schedule for the rest of the games.)

**5 players maximum on the floor at one time.**

**In Adult Co-Ed competition**, there must be at least 2 females on the floor at all times.

**In Adult Co-Ed competition**, male players are not permitted to cross, remain, shoot, or rebound from the area on the floor known as the "KEY".

**No Full Court Press in Mini-Tots, Tots, Mini-Youth Divisions**

Shirts can only be picked up by the team captain or sponsor 30 minutes before the game.

**UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT WILL NOT BE TOLERATED  
BEHAVE, ENJOY, HAVE FUN!!!!!!!**

## OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION RULES

The OHSAA is organized to administer and supervise the athletic program for students in grades 7 thru 12. The Constitution of the association does not contain any responsibility for any type of athletic programs below seventh grade. Anyone and everyone who is not yet enrolled in the seventh grade may participate in the Marathon without jeopardizing their future eligibility.

Students in grade 7 thru 12 who are participating in or plan to participate in basketball in the future, **MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE MARATHON SO LONG AS NOT MORE THAN TWO MEMBERS OF THE SAME JR. HIGH OR HIGH SCHOOL TEAM DO NOT PLAY ON THE SAME MARATHON TEAM.**

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## THE MARATHON COMMITTEE

Chad Benschneider- 419-263-2277 or 419-769-4708  
John Claymiller - 419-399-8440  
Chad Cluts - 419-263-0327  
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Rachel Treece - N/A  
Brian Vest - 419-263-0037  
Russ Zinser - 419-258-6431  
Jennifer & Rylee Zartman - 419-263-4007  
Kaleigh Young - 419-263-2801

The Marathon committee will endeavor to make this Marathon the most enjoyable for you and the fans and the most profitable for the Society and the people in Paulding County who need our help. If you have questions, you may contact any of the Committee members. Thanks for participating in this most worthwhile Paulding County charity.

**CLIP & MAIL TODAY**

## 32<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL BASKETBALL MARATHON

### OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

**ENTRY FORM DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2010**

The marathon begins on Friday, April 2, 2010, (time to be announced later), in the Payne Elementary Gymnasium and concludes on Saturday evening at (TBA). Team pairings and time of play will appear in the March 29th Weekly Reminder and the March 31st Paulding Progress & West Bend News.

### DIVISION OF PLAY

*Please Check Proper Team Bracket*

\_\_\_MINI-TOTS (0-2<sup>nd</sup> grade)\_\_\_TOTS (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade)\_\_\_MINI-YOUTH (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade)

*To make team pairings as fair as possible for the mini-tots, tots, and mini-youth divisions,*

*Please designate:* \_\_\_BOYS\_\_\_GIRLS\_\_\_CO-ED

\_\_\_YOUTH (9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade)\_\_\_MEN\*\_\_\_WOMEN\*\_\_\_CO-ED\* \*denotes no age restrictions

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**One line of copy only:** \_\_\_\_\_ (print clearly)

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#### Select Size of Shirts

You may choose any combination of ten (10) shirts for your \$100.00 entry fee. Extra shirts in excess of ten (10) are \$8.00 each. There is an additional charge of \$3.00 per shirt for XXL & XXXL shirts ordered.\*

#### Children's Sizes

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Medium (10-12) \_\_\_\_\_

Large (14-16) \_\_\_\_\_

X-Large (18-20) \_\_\_\_\_

#### Adult Sizes

Small (34-36) \_\_\_\_\_

Medium (38-40) \_\_\_\_\_

Large (42-44) \_\_\_\_\_

X-Large (46-48) \_\_\_\_\_

XX-Large \_\_\_\_\_ add \$3 ea \*

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### PREFERRED TIME OF PLAY

Every effort will be made to accommodate your first, second, or third request, however, the Marathon Committee cannot make any guarantee with respect to these requests. This is a 24 hour event and prime time slots will be awarded on a first come first serve basis, as well as how your team pairs in the bracket selection

**1st Choice** \_\_\_\_\_ **2nd Choice** \_\_\_\_\_ **3rd Choice** \_\_\_\_\_

### PREFERRED COMPETITION

Who does your team want to play? Does that team want to play your team? Is there a team your team cannot play or prefers not to play? (print clearly)

**Want To Play** \_\_\_\_\_ **Can't Play** \_\_\_\_\_

### ENTRY FEE CALCULATION

Basic Entry Fee (includes 10 shirts) **\$100.00** (players must also pay regular admission at the door)

Extra Shirts @ \$8.00/shirt..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$8.00 x # of shirts in excess of 10)

Charge for XXL and XXXL Shirts .... \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$3.00 x # of XXL or XXXL shirts)

Total Amount Due with This Entry... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO PAULDING COUNTY SOCIETY FOR C.C. & A AND SEND WITH ENTRY FORM TO: THE MARATHON, 8602 RD 51, PAYNE, OH 45880**

**\*DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2010\***

### TEAM REPRESENTATIVES:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_



**A BOY FROM MUDSOCK**

**By: Stan Jordan**

Karl Powell was born in August of 1930 in Scipio Township in Allen County, IN. His parents were Herbert and Cleo Powell. There was two boys in the family, John and Karl. His mother, Cleo, died in childbirth.

He grew up living with his grandparents, Jim and May Powell. Grandma May was the one who nicknamed him 'Tuffy'. As a little four year old shaver he stuck his arm into the old type clothes wringer almost to the shoulder. He never shed a tear over this and it laid him up for three months.

He went to school the first four years at Center Scipio and the next four years at South Scipio. Both were one room country schools. The South Scipio school was nicknamed Mudsock.

Then he went to Harlan the last four years and graduated there in 1949.

He then attended Giffen College in Van Wert for two years studying Physical Education as he wanted to be a coach. In one basketball game at Giffen he scored fifty points. That record might still stand.

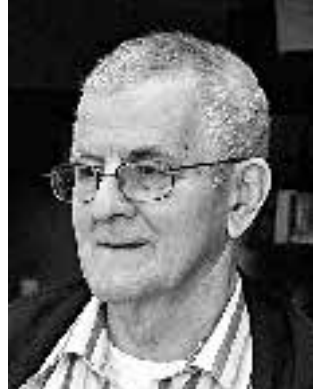
Tuffy was always shy and quiet. He was elected President of the class at college and he was unable to talk in front of the class, he was so shy. But after he became a Lay Person that problem seemed to leave him as he talked to Rescue Missions, Volunteers of America and some churches. He took some classes with the Methodist's for Lay Speakers and Sunday School.

He served in the Army from 1951 to 1953 in an Anti-Aircraft Battalion down in Fort Bliss, Texas and then was sent to Germany.

Karl was a very good athlete and excelled in some sports. In basketball in Germany he played for Headquarters Company for the 192nd Field Artillery, but they played some Division Teams. They had a good team and lost the Post Championship by only two points.

He also played baseball over there for fun and entertaining the troops. He was selected for The All Army Team while in Germany.

He worked for Ruckman and Hansen on the bridge crew. While working in the Lafayette area he met Shirley Metzger and they were married in 1953. They have three boys and one girl: Dennis has two children and lives in Fort



Wayne, Terry has two children and lives in Woodburn, Martin has three children and lives in Woodburn, and Karla lives in Zanesville.

He worked for Graham Construction for two years. Then he worked for Overhead Door Company for twenty-

two years.

They lived in Lafayette, IN for many years. He pitched softball for about five years for the Lafayette Merchants. He really enjoyed these years as they had a good team. They played Indianapolis, Peru, Logansport, Sullivan and any one with an open date. You could tell by his voice that fast pitch softball was his game.

He came back to Woodburn in 1992 and started his own Overhead Door Company. His son, Terry, manages the company along with a good helper, Tony Miller.

Karl remembers his first basketball game on a hardwood floor was in Antwerp in 1944. He was playing for the Harlan Hawks at that time and remembers that the Hawks won that night.

Karl said his dad, Herbie Powell, remarried when he was twelve years old and Lillian is the only mother he ever knew. She was Lillian Persyn. They had two children: Mariann who lives in Hicksville and Ed who lives in Roanoke. His father, Herbie, passed away years ago but Lillian lives in Van Wert and is very active at ninety years old.

I asked about his hobbies and he showed us a beautiful scenery painting of a farm scene. He said some of his work is in Bob's Restaurant, the bank and on display at Harlan Days.

Karl and Shirley have seven grandchildren, six boys and one girl. They have two great grandchildren, both boys. Girls in the family are few.

Tuffy is very active in his church and a fine minister for God. He is very proud of his life and family.

He is the type of fellow who, when he counts his blessings, he doesn't use money.

Karl, we here at West Bend News surely appreciate your stopping in for an interview. It was more like a homecoming. It was nice reminiscing about South Scipio and Mud Sock.

See ya!

**WELLS-FARGO**

**By: Stan Jordan**

Gold was discovered in California in 1848 near a place called Sutter's Mill. After the news reached the Midwest and then to the east it landed on the minds of two good businessmen that a method of transportation would be needed to cover all the west. So Henry Wells and William Fargo created a company called The American Express in 1850.

Business was good so in 1852 they expanded and formed Wells-Fargo and Company. These boys were looking ahead at all the passenger and freight business that the west was going to need, stage coach and regular freight business as well as gold shipments.

Soon Wells-Fargo started the financial business part for anyone who qualified for assistance; with the west being young, help was needed so business flourished.

The railroad only extended to the Mississippi River at this time and public transportation was needed at that time.

Wells-Fargo soon opened offices in Monterey, Sacramento and San Diego in California and one in nearly all mining camps. If there was already a stage line in

the area, they would contract with them, but use the Wells-Fargo name and reputation. Later on, they joined with some other partners and formed the biggest stage coach line in the world.

One of their first big jobs was hauling the coins and bills out of the Philadelphia Mint. After a Mint was formed in San Francisco in 1854 they hauled out of there as well.

Wells-Fargo also had a number of U.S. Mail contracts, but people at that time would rather use Wells-Fargo because it was cheaper and faster than the U.S. Mail.

After the money started to peter out, some of the banks failed and unemployment was high. Wells-Fargo still had its banking business and they still hauled folks and freight in and out of the mines.

Then Wells-Fargo and some other express companies formed the Overland Mail Service and ran two routes weekly from St. Joe, Missouri to San Francisco.

This was called The Butterfield Line, after it's owner John Butterfield. It ran through El Paso, Tuscon and Los Angeles, then onto Sacramento. It took twenty-five days and traveled 2,757 miles.

By the early 1860's, Wells-Fargo had a monopoly on shipping in California. They had 147 offices. They mostly used Concord Coaches on the stage line. They would carry nine passengers inside and six more on the top. These coaches were made in Concord, New Hampshire and were pulled by six horses. The stage coaches we see in the movies would not hold that many customers.

In the 1860's there were many stage coach robberies. Black Bart robbed 28 of them; and lots of gangs besides him—the James-Younger Gang, The Red Rock Gang and Rattlesnake Dick and many others. During the 1860's alone, Wells-Fargo suffered over 300 robberies with the total amount of \$415,000.

In 1869 the 'Golden Spike' for the Transcontinental Railroads was driven in Promontory Point, Utah. That changed a lot of things. It opened the west coast, it almost drove Wells-Fargo out of business. It was a big step forward for the whole United States.

Wells-Fargo now suffered from train robberies as well as stage coach robberies. The first train robbery was in 1870 on the Central Pacific out of Oakland and was held up at Truckee, California. The gangsters got away with \$42,000 in gold and gold coins. That was only the first train robbery, they went on for twenty years.

Wells-Fargo moved their main office to New York in 1904 and separated it's banking business and express business and then merged with the Nevada National Bank.

Over the years, Wells-Fargo merged in with The American Railroad Express which was nation wide. Wells-Fargo, from them on until now was big in the banking business.

I would like to say that Wells-Fargo played a very important part in settling the Old West.

See ya!



**By: Stan Jordan**

This man got pretty sick, so he went to the doctor. The doctor looked him over pretty thoroughly and after a few 'hms' and 'huhs' he said, "You've got about 24 hours to live. Your body is just about all wore out."

The fellow knew that, so he just sort of expected it.

His most favorite food was chocolate chip cookies. He always asked for them and even carried a couple in his overall pockets. He sure did like chocolate chip cookies.

When he woke up the next morning he smelled a different odor coming up the stairway from the first floor. "Sniff, sniff, boy, that sure smells like them good old chocolate chip cookies." The more he smelled the more he just knew that was his old favorites.

When he got down to the kitchen, there were chocolate chip cookies all over: on the table, on the counter top, all over the stove cooling off.

He reached over on the table to get one of those beauties, when SLAPPO!, his wife hit him on the knuckles with a large stirring spoon or ladle.

He said, "Gee, I just wanted one of those chocolate chip cookies."

His wife said, "All of those are for the funeral."

**OHIO BEATS RECOVERY ACT DEADLINE ON TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENTS**

With one of the most diverse multi-modal stimulus portfolios in the nation, the Ohio Department of Transportation and its local transportation partners have received final federal authorization on more than \$935 million in state and local projects - well before the

national deadline next week. As part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Ohio was allocated \$935.7 million through the Federal Highway Administration, with a deadline to have all of these funds authorized for specific projects by March 1, 2010. Any state that did not meet this deadline would lose uncommitted funds, which would then be redistributed to other states.

"Throughout the entire Recovery Act process, ODOT has meet every deadline, assuring that every transportation stimulus dollar made available to this state is invested to put Ohioans back to work building our multi-modal transportation system of the future," said ODOT Director Jolene M. Molitoris.

ODOT, along with the state's major metropolitan planning organizations and local communities, received federal authorization on 395 transportation projects in which to invest these dollars - with a combination of roadway and bridge projects, water port expansions, bike and pedestrian enhancements, and airport and railroad development.

"When these stimulus projects are complete, more than 2,000 miles of Ohio roadways will be safer, stronger, wider and ready to move Ohio's people and freight," said Director Molitoris, "and 250 bridges will be safer and ready to handle the traffic needs of Ohio's future."

This \$935.7 million is part of the more than \$1.5 billion total in transportation stimulus funds awarded to Ohio under the Recovery Act.

Since the start of the stimulus, Ohio workers on stimulus-funded projects have logged more than 660,600 hours and earned more than \$21 million in paychecks.

For the month of December alone—when active construction on many projects slowed due to the colder weather—Ohio workers still logged more than 64,300 hours, earning paychecks worth \$2.1 million.

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

At this time last year, my husband, Todd and I were beginning the conversation of where we were going to send our daughter in the fall for kindergarten. Without hesitation, my husband stated that he thought she should go to Divine Mercy School in Payne; however, I was not so convinced. I thought that public school was the way to go. We live in the town of Paulding and attended sporting events, so my daughter knows we are Panthers. All three of the other children at the baby-sitter with her were going to the elementary school here in town, in addition to most of her preschool friends. I was also worried about curriculum differences, technology in the classrooms, hot lunches and transportation to and from school. I did my homework and asked ques-

tions. I also prayed. I was still not sold. We went ahead and had our daughter screened at the public school and she was assigned a class. In the meantime, we made an appointment at Divine Mercy to tour the school with the principal, Cathy Schoenauer; I went just to please my husband knowing all along that I had made the decision of public school. Upon arrival, my first impression was that the school was small but very cozy. I was drawn in by the artwork lining the hallway. Mrs. Schoenauer showed us around, talking us into each classroom to meet the faculty and students, grades K-6. I was impressed with the pride that they had for their little school. The kids were so eager to talk; some even shared school projects they were working on with us. I noticed that each classroom had computers and smart boards and there was even a little library. I also noticed that there was a bulletin board in each classroom that had a picture of Jesus. This was definitely no ordinary school. While asking questions, I also found out that hot lunches were brought over everyday from Payne Elementary and that transportation was provided from all three districts in the county. A couple of weeks later, we committed to sending our daughter to school at Divine Mercy and we have never looked back. This little school has surpassed all of my expectations. She went from knowing only a few kids to knowing the entire school with ease. The older kids mentor the younger ones and play with them at recess. She adores her teacher. We have received personal calls about our daughter's progress. The best part, however, is that at Divine Mercy School, our daughter is being taught morals and values that will last her a lifetime. In this day and age, why not reinforce at school,

those important principles that we are trying to teach her at home?

—Stephanie Schweller, Paulding

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Response to Kenny Barnes' letter to the editor of February 24, 2010:

Mr. Barnes, Mr. Potter is a man who loves God, Jesus and all men fervently. He desires to see all people get to heaven. He also knows that only those who follow Jesus will go.

He also believes that the Bible is God's divine word given to mankind as a guide to heaven. Jesus did say that He was the one and only way to God (John 14:6).

We live in America, the bastion of religious freedom! In America, we can worship God and live our lives as we please, but that does not preclude that we are pleasing to God and Jesus! Those who will go to heaven are those who get in the one way that Jesus describes in scripture! That's why the scriptures are given! Many in Jesus day didn't believe what He said either!

Mr. Potter has taken advantage of the opportunity that the great folks at West Bend News have afforded him. He is willing to speak his convictions, even though he knows that folks like you might oppose them!

In his articles, he has given book, chapter and verse for what he has taught. He doesn't throw around ideas and doctrines, not based on scripture, as if they are!

Mr. Barnes, you seem to discount the necessity of baptism for salvation in your letter to the editor of February 24, 2010! Are you aware that in doing so, you are placing yourself in opposition to the words of Jesus Christ? Jesus said in Mark 16:16, "He that believeth AND IS BAPTIZED shall be saved. He that believeth not shall be damned." Jesus said to be baptized. Kenny Barnes and other born again clergy said not to be baptized. Who should I believe? As for me and my house, we will believe Jesus!

I agree with Mr. Potter that Jesus is the way, not Kenny Barnes or some other born again clergy in the area!

If you want to follow some man or some born again clergy instead of Jesus, you can do that in America but the question for those who want to go to heaven is: What does Jesus want?

The Hebrew writer said in Hebrews 5:9 that He (Jesus) is the author of eternal salvation to all who obey HIM, not Kenny Barnes or some born again clergy!

You mentioned that Paul never taught baptism. Are you not aware that the very scripture you mentioned in Galatians 3:26 that if you go one verse more, it says in verse 27, "that so many of you as have been BAPTIZED into Christ have put on Christ." Mr. Barnes, please read ALL the scripture and not just the part that you like! How absurd!

Paul himself, was told by Ananias in Acts 22:16, "and now why tarryest thou? Arise and be BAPTIZED to wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord."

You seem to think that because Paul didn't baptize Crispus and Gaius as re-

corded in 1 Corinthians 1:14, that they were exempt from the command of Jesus! Have you not read in Acts 18:8 that Crispus believed with all his house and many of the Corinthians were baptized? Also, in 1 Corinthians 1:18 Paul says that he baptized the household of Stephanus. Mr. Barnes, please again read all the scriptures and not just the ones you like!

Mr. Barnes, we do have agreement on one thing! False doctrines are sickening! Jesus stated in Matthew 15:9, "But in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines, the commandments of men." How can one tell what is false according to Jesus? Read and do what He says. Again, it was the Son of God who said, "Why call ye me Lord, Lord and do not the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46).

—Lonnie Lambert

**PAULDING COUNTY CHRONICLES I**

**By: Caroline Wells Zimmerman**  
**2010 Federal Census Part III**

**1880 Federal Census** - Information added to the 1870 census by specifying the street and house # and person's age before June 1; relationship to head of household; number of months unemployed during census year; state/county of birth of the father and mother; children born and number who died after June 1; genetic symptoms and diseases through a family could be traced starting with 1880.

**1880 Soundex Federal Census** - This system used phonetic code and abbreviations. The Soundex is an index in which heads of household and persons of different surnames in the household are listed by letter and number code. Consonants in each surname which sound alike have the same code. This throws many spelling variants together. For example: Scherman, Schurman; Sherman, Shireman, and Shurman are indexed together as S655 and will appear on the same roll of film with other surnames such as Sauerman and Sermon. If the name is Kuhne, for example, the index card will be in the "K" segment of the index. The code number for Kuhne worked out according to the system below is K 500. Vowels are not coded. The first letter of a surname is not coded. Every Soundex number must be a three-digit number. A name yielding no code number, like Lee, would thus be LOOO, one yielding one code number would have two zeros added, as Kuhne, coded as K500, and one yielding two numbers would have one zero added, as Ebell, coded as E140. The 1880 Soundex includes heads of families with children age 10 and younger, which somewhat limits its usefulness.

**1890 Federal Census** - Most source guides list this census as being destroyed or so badly damaged after a 1921 fire in the Commerce Dept. Bldg. in Washington, D.C., not much survived.

**1900 Federal Census** - This is the first census to give the birth month and year; year of immigration; number of children the wife has, including the number living. Included are seven schedules with one for Native Americans and one for all other residents.

**ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL IS AN AWARD WINNING CENTER!**



Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschool has once again received a 'Step Up To Quality' award. Although all preschools and child care centers are required to be state licensed, Step Up centers go "a step above" licensing requirements to achieve this prestigious award. This preschool has received this honor for three years in a row and remains the ONLY Step Up to Quality preschool in Paulding County! In order to be considered for this award, the center must adhere to strict guidelines including: low child/staff ratios, compliant licensing inspections, higher education guidelines for teachers, outstanding

curriculum and developed administrative practices. We did it again!

Shown here with our Star Award are teachers: Mrs. Chris Adams, (19 years experience and teacher for four and five year olds), Mrs. Carrie Myers (four years experience and teacher for three and four year olds) and Mrs. Ann Miller (20 years experience and owner of the preschool). In front are students: Kelcie Pack, Emma Townley, Brianna Moore, Drake Ankney, and Aiden Goings. These children are in the afternoon class of three and young four year olds with Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Myers.

**1900 Soundex Census** - Included information on the Works Project Adm. Cards that were prepared by the WPA for the census bureau with the information. Not all states were indexed; it was useful for identifying the immigrants who swarmed the country after the turn of the century.

**1910 Federal Census** - No complete index exists for the 1910 census. So a researcher must rely on atlases, directories, and land owners directories.

**1910 Soundex Miracode Index** - These were created by the Bureau of Census for twenty-one states. It uses phonetic and abbreviations but a Miracode card lists the enumerator's visitation number.

**Indian Census 1840-1942** - Several Indian censuses were taken by the federal government and Bureau of Indian Affairs. The 1860 and 1870 censuses noted only Indians living in non-Indian households. Indians not taxed (living on reservations) and nomad tribesmen in unsettled territories were not counted. So before 1880, these enumerations of Indians are frequently incomplete or inaccurate. Indian origins may not be indicated.

**Black Census Schedules** - Northern cities from about 1830 on increasingly felt the need to monitor blacks moving from South seeking freedom and work. In 1863, in the midst of the Civil War, Ohio call for the number and names of colored persons who had immigrated to Ohio from other states since 1 March, 1861, their current township of residence, and their state of origin. Thirteen counties in SE Ohio submitted schedules. Hamilton County refused because the numbers were too great and it's staff too limited. The National Archives has issued a separate list on 'Free Black Heads of Families in the First Census of the U.S. 1790' as special List 34. It is available free upon request.

**Missing Census** - It is commonly reported that the original 1790 census schedules for Delaware, Georgia, Kentucky, New Jersey, Tennessee and Virginia were burned when the British fired the Capital during the War of 1812. This is dramatic, but not true as the state retained their own schedules until 1849, and just how and when they become lost is not known.

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### UNIVERSITY OF SAINT FRANCIS STUDENTS NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST

Dr. Rolf Daniel, Provost of the University of Saint Francis, has announced students named to the Dean's List for the Fall Semester 2009. These students have maintained a 3.5 grade point average on a four-point scale and have carried at least twelve credit hours.

Antwerp's students named on the Dean's List: Kelsey Cottrell, Social Work; Jason Gaisford, Biology - Pre-Physician Assistant, Physical Therapist Assistant; and Timothy Ryan, Studies.

### NAMI TAKES ON MENTAL ILLNESS, STIGMA, EDUCATION, ADVOCACY AND AWARENESS

Recognizing the growing need and the depleting budgets in the Tri-County area, NAMI is rising to the occasion. The new Board of Directors consists of professionals and consumers who know mental health issues first hand. Paulding County Resident, Author, Program Developer and Advocate Cory Dobbelaere has been elected President of the Board with Linda Peterson of the Tri-County Board filling two seats, Treasurer and Secretary. Mental Health Professional and Clients Rights Officer Drena Teague has accepted the role of Vice-President. Therapist, Roberta Donovan of Mercer County and Captain Jodie Lange of the Mercer County Jail round out this aggressive and passionate Board of Directors.

Along with the exciting new Board of Directors is the new NAMI of Van Wert, Mercer and Paulding Counties website located at www.namitc.org. The NAMI website is designed to offer information, education and resources

to those in search of answers about mental illness. NAMI of Van Wert, Mercer and Paulding Counties is getting the ball rolling quickly. We have announced the start of NAMI's nationally recognized Family-to Family program that will begin April 8, 2010 and is being facilitated by Kris and Cory Dobbelaere. Please go to www.namitc.org for all the details. "It is unfortunate that we still face the stigma of mental illness, but what is more unfortunate is the fact the mental health community is so limited by funding and the dire need for education, support, advocacy and awareness. NAMI of Van Wert, Mercer and Paulding Counties can and will fill those gaps for education, support, advocacy and awareness to the best of our ability with a myriad of programs that are offered from NAMI Ohio and NAMI National. We are very excited about our initial Family-to-Family program starting in April and excited to implement even more programs and education in the coming months."

Artwork will hang in the Capitol for the entire year of the exhibition. Congressman Latta's three district offices will accept artwork from March 29<sup>th</sup> through April 9<sup>th</sup>. All artwork received will be on display on Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, at the Dorothy Uber Bryan Art Gallery on the campus of Bowling Green State University. Artwork categories are as follows: —Paintings: oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc. —Drawings: pastels, colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, ink, markers —Collage: must be two dimensional —Prints: lithographs, silk-screen, block prints —Mixed Media: use of more than two mediums such as pencil, ink, etc. —Computer generated art —Photography For further information, you may contact Congressman Latta's Defiance District Office by calling 419-782-1996 or visit <http://latta.house.gov/constituentservices>.

### LATTA ANNOUNCES 2010 CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) is proud to announce the 2010 Congressional Art Competition for Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. The competition is open to all high school students who reside in the Fifth Congressional District. "The Congressional Art Competition is an excellent chance for high school students across our great nation to showcase their artistic ability, and I look forward to seeing the great artistic talent students in the Fifth District possess," Latta said in today's announcement.

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### ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 3/3 THROUGH 3/9

- Breakfast: All days - Cereal, crackers, juice, milk
Lunch: 3/3 - Goulash, or Cook's choice, green beans, orange smiles, milk; PLUS: salad bar or deviled eggs
3/4 - Smokies or Hamburger on bun, pickles, warm apple slices, dices potatoes, milk; PLUS: salad bar or jello cubes
3/5 - Cheese pizza, or Ham salad sandwich, peaches, salad, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cook's choice
3/8 - Meatball sub or Pizza burger on bun, baked beans, pineapple, milk; PLUS: salad bar or pie
3/9 - Ham & cheese or Sloppy joe on bun, tator tots, jello w/fruit; PLUS: salad bar or peanut butter bar

### BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR WT LOCAL SCHOOLS FOR THE WEEK OF 3/3 THROUGH 3/9

- Breakfast: 3/3 - Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk
3/4 - Eggs/cheese omelet, toast/jelly, juice, milk
3/5 - Waffles, sausage, juice, milk
3/8 - Pizza, juice, milk
3/9 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, juice, milk

- Lunch: 3/3 - Nacho chips, meat/cheese/salsa/sour cream, corn, grapes, milk
3/4 - Turkey roast, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, yum yum cake, milk
3/5 - Sack lunch Elementary: PB jelly sandwich, cheese stick, apple, carrot sticks, milk; WT: Pizza
3/8 - Chili soup/crackers, PB sandwich, applesauce, milk
3/9 - French toast sticks, hash browns, sausage links, 100% orange juice, milk; WT: Cook's choice

### PEVS BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 3/3 THROUGH 3/9

- MS/HS - Breakfast: 3/3 - Ham, egg & cheese croissant, juice, milk
3/4 - Mini pancakes, sausage links, juice, milk
3/5 - Sausage gravy w/biscuits, juice, milk
3/8 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk
3/9 - Coffee cake or cherry turnover, milk, juice
Lunch: 3/3 - Pizza sticks w/marinara sauce or Grilled chicken strips, roll, green beans, assorted fruit, milk
3/4 - Chili soup, cheese bread stick, assorted fruit, milk
3/5 - Vegetable soup, toasted cheese sandwich, assorted fruit, milk
3/8 - Chicken strip wrap or Sub sandwich, baby carrots w/dip, chips, fruit, milk
3/9 - Ham chef salad, seasoned bread stick, assorted fruit, milk

- Paulding Elementary - Breakfast: 3/3 - Oatmeal cereal bar, graham crackers, juice, milk
3/4 - Muffin, applesauce, milk
3/5 - Yogurt, whales, applesauce, milk
3/8 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk
3/9 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch: 3/3 - Chili soup w/crackers, bread w/margarine or peanut butter, assorted fruit, milk
3/4 - Chicken fajita wrap, lettuce/cheese/salsa, assorted fruit, milk
3/5 - Cheese pizza, corn, assorted fruit, milk
3/8 - Hot dog w/bun, baked beans, assorted fruit, milk
3/9 - Cheese manicotti w/meat sauce, green beans, bread, assorted fruit, milk

- Paulding Elementary - Breakfast: 3/3 - Pancake sausage on a stick, fruit, milk
3/4 - Breakfast burrito, fruit, milk
3/5 - Assorted cereals, fruit, milk
3/8 - Assorted cereals, crackers, milk, fruit
3/9 - Sausage biscuit, fruit, milk
Lunch: 3/3 - Hamburger w/bun, pickles, green beans, fruit, milk
3/4 - Taco soft wrap, lettuce & cheese, fruit, milk
3/5 - Tortilla chips w/cheese sauce, green beans, fruit, milk
3/8 - Cheese bread stick w/sauce, celery sticks, fruit, milk
3/9 - Chicken strips, whipped potatoes, gravy, bread, fruit, milk

### DR. LARRY TOPE BRINGS HIS REALEYES PROGRAM TO OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY



Dr. and Mrs. Larry Tope presented the Realeyes Program to second graders at Oakwood Elementary recently. After learning about our amazing eyes and how to care for them, students enjoyed examining a real cow's eye.

### OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY STUDENTS HOST PHS PEP RALLY



On Thursday, February 18, students at Oakwood Elementary hosted a Pep Rally for the PHS Panther Varsity Athletes. We were so excited to have our local heroes visit us and we cheered very loudly for them! Oakwood Elementary students say, "Good Luck Panthers" as the basketball and wrestling teams finish up their seasons. During the Oakwood Elementary Pep Rally for PHS Panther Varsity Athletes, senior athletes, a few teachers and six OE students competed in a scooter relay. The maroon team, the white team, and the black team raced up and down the gym floor on scooters shooting baskets, while being cheered on by the students in the stands. The black team won the scooter relay!

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# PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS

## MARCH 2010 NEWSLETTER



### SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of the Paulding Exempted Village Schools,

March is a very busy month for our students. Winter sports are winding down and the students participating in spring sports are gearing up for a new season. Our seniors are busy planning for their future by finalizing plans for college, work, or the military as they begin the last quarter of their high school career. The sophomores will be taking the Ohio Graduation Tests beginning March 15. I am confident that our staff has prepared the students well for these high stakes tests. If you would like more information about preparing for these tests, check out this great Ohio Department of Education website at <http://portal.success-ode-state-oh.us/info>, and click on OGT.

I am hopeful that most of the winter weather is behind us. Thank you for your cooperation in using February 15 as a calamity make-up day on such short notice. If we miss any more days, our next make-up day will be April 6. As always, the safety of students will be our priority when deciding whether to cancel school. The Honeywell® Instant Alert System has been very helpful for keeping families informed of delays, cancellations, and event changes. Please keep your contact information up to date in the system. If you have a child in our school district and are not receiving Instant Alert messages, please contact Diane Goyings at 419-399-4656, extension 1512.

I appreciate the cooperation of our students, parents and community as we continue to work together to improve the education our students receive at Paulding Exempted Village Schools.

Pat Ross  
Superintendent

### NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPALS

**Paulding Elementary-Wendy Nash**  
Hello to all in Paulding! The year has gone by quickly with the end of the third nine weeks coming March 19. I would like to thank all the parents who came out for parent-teacher conferences in February. With adjustments made due to weather it was nice to see great participation.

A big thank you goes out to all the families who took part in the Change War between grade levels to raise money for health kits for Haiti. Once again I have been reminded of the generous people here in Paulding. The students learn much from your encouragement and giving. The fifth grade won the Change War with over \$199 for their grade level. Our school collected over \$764. A youth group from the Paulding Methodist Church put the health kits together and sent them to Haiti.

Remember the school fees for the 2009-2010 year can be paid at the elementary office 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. each day. If you send money with your child please put it in an envelope with their name and have it labeled school fees. Checks can be made to *Paulding Elementary School*. A receipt will be sent home for your payment. The fees per grade level are: Kindergarten, Grade 1 and Grade 2=\$55; Grade 3, Grade 4 and Grade 5=\$50.

March brings many activities including Battle of the Books, PTO Book Fair, Paulding Elementary Fund Raiser, Sleeping Beauty performance, COSI on Wheels, third quarter Incentive Carnival and Music in our Schools with our 5<sup>th</sup> grade performing a joint concert at both Oakwood and Paulding Elementary.

The students in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade continue to get ready for the Ohio Achievement Assessments at the end of April. You can assist them by helping keep them to a routine at home for homework and getting plenty of sleep to be ready to work at school. Students in grade K-5 need 10 hours of sleep a night. They also need a good hour to wake up in the morning before starting school work. If you don't have a routine established yet it is never too late. Children may resist at the beginning but with your consistent persistence you will see good results. Make sure a television is not on during this time as well; it interrupts sleep patterns and does not promote restful sleep.

The Paulding Elementary fundraiser will provide money for school-wide assemblies, Honor Roll t-shirts, PAWS Club rewards, PAWS Behavior Program incentives and other items for all students. Students will be bringing home an order form and letter to explain the fundraiser. Cookie dough will be sold starting February 26 through March 9. Delivery of the cookie dough will be after school on March 30. The selling of the items

is voluntary for each student. A reminder that as the weather gets warmer students still need to be prepared for cold days. Continue to send hats and gloves with winter coats for recess time or walking to and from school.

Our PAWS Behavior program continues to move forward with weekly character words and monthly themes for our students. Ask your child what the word of the week is and assist them with understanding what each word means in relation to behavior toward one another. Paulding Elementary has wonderful, caring children. I see so many positive influences throughout the children and parents. We will continue to do our part in keeping good character a focus for our children and community. Thank you for your support.

**Oakwood Elementary-Jennifer Manz**  
Hello from Oakwood Elementary! It is a rainy, gray day today; the kind of day that makes us anticipate the return of sunshine as spring approaches. Please remember, as we look forward to nicer weather in the next month or so, coats are worn outside for recess until it is at least 60°.

After weather-related cancellations and re-scheduling, we have completed our spring parent-teacher conferences. We want to thank all of the parents who attended. We truly value the interest and concern parents have for the education of our children. When communication lines between home and school are open and direct, a student has the support system in place to be successful.

March is a busy month at Oakwood Elementary! March brings us the end of the third quarter and a good start on the fourth quarter, Jump Rope for Heart in Phys. Ed. classes, 09-10 memory book sales, spring pictures, 7<sup>th</sup> grade scheduling for our 6<sup>th</sup> graders, Read Across America Day, Dr. Seuss' birthday, a performance by the Columbus Children's Theatre, and Music-In-Our-Schools Month. On March 5, *Sleeping Beauty* will be performed on our stage by the Columbus Children's Theatre for the enjoyment of our students who have earned the February PAWS reward. Our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade choir will get to perform joint concerts with students at Paulding Elementary to celebrate Music-In-Our-Schools on March 23 and 25. Of course, first and foremost, our students and teachers continue to work extra hard to master the academic standards and indicators set for each grade level by the State of Ohio. It's an exciting time to be at school!

We have the best PTO at Oakwood Elementary! They provide so many special activities for our students! Currently they are busy planning the annual carnival. Our PTO Carnival is on Saturday, March 20, from 4:30 to 7:00. All of you are invited to join us for a couple hours of fun, games, and prizes! \*\*If you are interested in placing a Scrip order with our PTO, please contact Deedi Miller here at school (419-594-3346).

Oakwood Elementary is hosting a kindergarten pre-screening event for 2010-2011 kindergartners on Tuesday, March 23, from 6:30 to 7:30. If you have or know a child in the Oakwood Elementary school district who will be five before August 1, please bring him/her to visit us on March 23 to see the school and meet the people he/she will be working with during kindergarten screening on April 23. Watch for more details in the newspaper a bit later in March.

Thank you for your continued support of our students!

**Middle School-David Stallkamp**  
Hello from Paulding Middle School. The following Paulding wrestlers placed at the Junior High Northwest Conference tournament held January 30: Cody Barnes-6<sup>th</sup>, Sharleen Reeves-6<sup>th</sup>, Ryan Wisner-6<sup>th</sup>, Ryelee Collins-6<sup>th</sup>, Ryan Schindler-5<sup>th</sup>, Chazz Hahn-4<sup>th</sup>, Justin Reyes-4<sup>th</sup>, Adam Deatrack-3<sup>rd</sup>, Sidney Salinas-3<sup>rd</sup>, Ryan Fraley-2<sup>nd</sup>, Taylor Deatrack-1<sup>st</sup> and Champion of his weight class for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row.

We would like to congratulate 8<sup>th</sup> grader, Sydney Provines, for representing Paulding Middle School in the Paulding County Spelling Bee held earlier this month.

Eighth grader Avery Rice finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the local Women's VFW POST 587's Patriot's Pen Contest. He won the local competition and now has been notified he finished third in district competition. Great job, Avery! Chelsea Rose wrote the winning essay for the local Men's VFW POST 587's "Why I Choose To Not Do Drugs." Chelsea is also an 8<sup>th</sup> grader.

Thank you to all that attended parent-teacher conferences. I would always like to see a larger turnout for these meetings. Spring pictures will be taken on March 26.

*Thank you to these Sponsors who have helped support the Paulding School Newsletter!*

Eighth grader, Joe Kauser, held a free concert last Thursday in the auditoria. He played songs from his recently produced album entitled, "Runaway Summers."

The guidance counselors met to start the class scheduling of all students for school year 2010-2011.

Our annual Fund Raiser Fun Day that includes prizes, Dash for Cash, and a dance, will be held on Wednesday, March 3. I again thank everyone for purchasing items to help our middle school kids.

Congratulations to all of the 6<sup>th</sup> graders that attained their reading goal for "Reading is a Sport." Great job!

The Middle School Science Fair was held with the following results: Good-Tommora Ingol, Janey McCourt; Excellent-Katie Back, Kathryn Clapsaddle, Lyndi Clinton, Claudia Foltz, Katelyn Johnson, Chase Mason, Logan McDaniel, Suzanne Reinhart; Superior and eligible for Ohio Northern Districts-Alexis Howell, Skyler Huth, Erin Johanns, Andrew Layman, Katrina Lusk, Brad Matson, Ellie Miller, Cameron Mohley, Aaron Mock, Isaac Nice, Sidney Salinas, Dalton Talbott, Laurel Wehrkamp, Cece Weidenhamer.

Our After School Detention policy is working out fabulously. We have had very, very low numbers of kids needing to stay after school. THANK YOU to the parents for their cooperation and support with this program. There have been many scheduled detention days that had 0 students needing to stay. That is our goal - that no one be assigned to detention for that day.

Thank you for your continued support of Paulding Middle School.

PS: Please remember that our state testing will be held April 27, 28 and 29. Please plan vacations and planned absences around these three very important days. Thank you.

### High School-Todd Harmon

While the weather changed the days for parent-teacher conferences we were able to re-schedule and want to thank all the parents who made the time to check on their child's progress or create a plan for success. If you were unable to make the new dates then please feel free to call and set up a time to meet with our friendly and helpful staff after school or during their conference period. Paulding High School is making final preparations for the upcoming OGT testing. PHS will be operating on a 2 hour delay schedule for juniors and seniors that have passed all requirements of state testing. Freshman and sophomores will report at the regular time and go to their testing areas. Freshman will be taking a practice version of the test. Please make sure your child gets plenty of sleep and eats breakfast as this testing is required for graduation. We want all our students to be successful.

Our high school students, under the direction of Sharon Bradford and Jayne Smiley, are rehearsing for the spring musical "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown". The musical is based on the "Peanuts" comic strip by Charles M. Schulz. The story follows the beloved "Peanuts" characters through an average day in the life of Charlie Brown. The musical will be performed March 26 and 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the auditoria. Please plan on attending as the PHS Drama Department continues its tradition of another fine dramatic performance. Tickets available after March 15.

Science Olympiad will be competing at OSU Lima March 6. Thanks to Krisi Williams, Jeanne Windsor, and Marilyn and Bill Gangwer for being the advisors for this year's Science Olympiad team. Our winter sports have concluded and play-offs are here. Good luck to the wrestlers led by Josh Neilson and to the boys' basketball team led by Shawn Brewer, Randy Crawford, Bill Koenn and Greg White as they take on Fairview. Thanks to the efforts of last year's tournament staff and the many improvements to our facility, PHS was once again selected to host Girls Division 4 Sectionals and Division 2 Districts March 4 and 6. It is a privilege to be a site for representing the OHSAA. Thank you for all the contributions and time given by our staff to make this year's tournaments a success. PHS will also be having a special event hosted by the high school band called "The Music of the Night" March 13 in the auditoria. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. for a silent auction and the meal will be served at 7:00. This is an excellent opportunity to go out and relax and to hear a wonderful musical performance. PHS wants to thank all of you for your continued support.

### FREE PRESCHOOL SCREENING

A countywide preschool screening will be held March 12 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Paulding from 12-4:00 p.m. Please call 800-

686-2964, ext. 1114 to pre-register. A limited number of walk-ins will be available.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The school district has received federal IDEA-B funds for special education services. Public comment is encouraged and information is available. Contact Tillman Karl, Director of Special Education.

### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Fall backwards; spring forward. Daylight savings time begins on March 14, 2010 at 2:00 a.m. this year. Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour.

### PAULDING ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

The Athletic Boosters will be selling 2010 11 300 Club tickets (\$25) from April 1-June 30 as well as Maroon and White Club memberships (\$10). Please contact Patti Bissell, Mike Mott, Heather Becker, Jackie Pease, Melissa Hanenkratt, Debbie Carter, Bridget Ruppert, Rocky Dangler, Linda Dangler or Jacque Gonzales. The Athletic Boosters appreciate all your support in helping our Panther Athletes. GO PANTHERS!!

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### GRADUATION DATE REMINDER

The graduation ceremony for the class of 2010 will be May 30, 2010 at 2:30 p.m.

### ATHLETIC CALENDAR EVENTS

Boys JV Baseball		
Mar. 22	North Central Scrimmage-T	5:00
Mar. 23	Montpelier Scrimmage-H	5:00
Mar. 29	Lima Shawnee-T	5:00
Mar. 30	Van Wert-H	4:30
Boys Varsity Baseball		
Mar. 22	North Central Scrimmage-H	5:00
Mar. 23	Montpelier Scrimmage-T	5:00
Mar. 25	Ottoville Local Scrimmage-T	5:00
Mar. 29	Lima Shawnee-H	5:00
Mar. 30	Fairview-T	4:30
Girls JV Softball		
Mar. 29	Lima Shawnee-T	5:00
Mar. 30	Antwerp-T	5:00
Girls Varsity Softball		
Mar. 23	Napoleon-T	4:00
Mar. 25	Hicksville-H	4:00
Mar. 29	Lima Shawnee-T	5:00
Mar. 30	Bryan-H	4:30

### DISTRICT CALENDAR EVENTS

Mar. 1-12	Yearbook Sales-OakEl	
Mar. 1	JH Winter Sports Awards-MSGym	6:30
Mar. 2	FFA Dist Public Speaking-Kalida	
Mar. 2	HS Band/Choir Concert-Aud	7:00p
Mar. 2-3	FFA Nursery Landscape-Tolles Tech	
Mar. 3	Athletic Booster Meeting	7:00p
Mar. 5	PE Sleeping Beauty Performance	
Mar. 5-6	FFA State Evaluations-Plain City	
Mar. 6	Sci. Olympiad Regionals-OSU-Lima	
Mar. 6	FFA State Job Interview/Ag Sales-Col.	
Mar. 8	FFA Chapter Meeting-Ag Rm	6:30p
Mar. 9	FFA District 1 Inv.-Fulton County	
Mar. 10	OakEl February Student/Month Lunch	
Mar. 11	FFA Sub Dist. C Job Interview-Delphos	
Mar. 12	Presch Screening-St. Paul Luth	12-4:00
Mar. 12	Band-7:30/Choir Dist Contest-CelinaHS	
Mar. 13	FFA Miami Tr. Inv-Wash. Courthouse	
Mar. 13	Band "Music/Night"-Auditeria	6:00p
Mar. 14	Daylight Savings Time Begins	2:00a
Mar. 16	PE COSI on Wheels	
Mar. 16	Board Meeting-Adm. Bldg.	7:00p
Mar. 18	OakEl Spring Pictures	
Mar. 19	PE Carnival Incentive Day	
Mar. 19	End of 3rd Quarter	
Mar. 20	FFA Mercer County Inv.-Celina	
Mar. 20	FFA State Public Speaking-Columbus	
Mar. 20	JH Band/Choir Solo/Ensemble Contest-Liberty Benton HS	
Mar. 20	OakEl PTO Carnival	4:30-7:00
Mar. 22-26	PE PTO Book Fair	
Mar. 22	Band Bstr Mtg-Band Room	7:00p
Mar. 23	PE 5th Grade Concert	2:00
Mar. 23	FFA Dist Ag Mechanics-Seneca County	
Mar. 23	OakEl Kdg Pre-Screening	6:30-7:30p
Mar. 26	OakEl Kdg. Family Reading Day	3:00
Mar. 26	OakEl Preschool Family Day	
Mar. 26	MS Spring Pictures	
Mar. 26-27	Spring Musical-Aud	7:30
Mar. 27	FFA State Skills-Columbus	
Mar. 30	PE Battle of the Books	
Apr. 1	NO SCHOOL-Prof. Dev. Waiver Day	

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## WAYNE TRACE & ANTWERP GIRLS WIN FIRST ROUND SECTIONALS



The Lady Raiders took on Continental in the first round of sectionals 2/23 at Paulding High School. The Wayne Trace girls had a 17 point decisive victory 60-43. Shown here is Sophomore Sarah Feasby scoring under the basket. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)



Antwerp went up against Montpelier in the first round of sectionals 2/23 at Bryan. The game was close until the last half when then Lady Archers pulled ahead and won 46-35. Shown here is senior Megan Koppenhofer looking for an open pass. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)  
While Antwerp & Wayne Trace both won their game, the Lady Panthers ended their season with a loss to Coldwater 36-45.

In the first round of sectionals the Antwerp Lady Archers played Montpelier at Bryan High School. The Lady Archers took the lead by the half, 16-15. The second half was all Antwerp, as they brought out the bench to play the last few minutes. The night ended an Archer victory in the first round of sectionals: 46-35.  
Score by the quarter:

Montpelier - 11 4 7 13=35  
Antwerp - 9 7 16 14=46  
Archer scorers:  
Jones 8, Bashore 4, Koppenhofer 9, Arnold 3, Smalley 2, Stuck 18, Sanders 2.  
In the second round of sectionals, Antwerp took on the Edgerton Bulldogs at Bryan. At the half the Lady Archers were up 22-4, but the Lady Bulldogs rallied to take the game in overtime: 38-36.

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

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## 2010 GROVER HILL BALL ASSOCIATION SIGN UPS ARE HERE

The Grover Hill Ball Association will hold baseball/softball sign-ups at Quik Stop Gas Station in Grover Hill on these dates and times: March 3, 7:00-8:30 p.m.; March 7, 2:00-3:30 p.m.; March 10, 7:00-8:30 p.m.; March 14, 2:00-3:30 p.m.

It is once again time for sign up for summer baseball and softball. We will field teams from tee ball through pony league for boys and girls. The registration form will be available at sign up. The age cutoff dates for boys is April 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009 for girls. The player's age as of those dates determines which age level your child falls into. The ball association has final say on whether a child can be moved up to play in another division. However, no one is permitted to be moved down. The minimum age to participate is four years of age by December 31, 2009.

Players that were on the same team last year will be placed on the same team this year unless they move up to the next level. If we have to add a second team in a division, all players will be split up evenly between the two teams. You may request to be placed on the same team with another child; however, the ball association has final say. All team rosters are final!

We are encouraging all players have their own helmet for health reasons. Each team will have helmets if this is not possible. There will be no registrations accepted after March 27, 2010 except for new move-ins to the area.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the following: Jeff Gudakunst 587-3169, Jerry Myers 622-3991, Carrie Sinn 399-9775, Craig Miller 587-3452, Ron Miller 587-3080.

## CHRISTMAS IN GERMANY-PART III: JANUARY THE 6<sup>TH</sup> & A WHITE CHRISTMAS

By: Hayley Feichter

The Christmas Tree is up until January 6<sup>th</sup>, which is also a holiday called Dreikönigfest, or the Three Kings Festival. This Catholic holiday celebrates the three kings that came to visit the Baby Jesus. On this day various small groups of children representing three kings and an angel visit people door to door. Along with an adult advisor, these small groups go around dressed in costumes reciting a few lines and singing a couple traditional songs. If you would like the "kings" to come visit you, you must write a couple symbols at the top of your door. A small tip is expected when they perform for you, but is it definitely worth the cute scene they prepare!

For Christmas, my host parents gave me a ticket to see "Wicked," which was playing at the theatre in Stuttgart for most of the year. So on January 6<sup>th</sup>, my host sister and I got dressed up and went to the show. I was so shocked to find out that our tickets were in the second row! Since I had seen the show before and loved the music, I knew the story line and every word to every song, so understand-

ing the German version of the musical was easy. But trying to translate some of the dialogue and lyrics was a challenge, and I really enjoyed it!

And did I have a "White Christmas?" Well, yes and no... the whole week before Christmas, it snowed off and on, but nothing accumulated over an inch or so. Unfortunately, it warmed up the day before Christmas and there were very few white patches left here and there. But by my birthday on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, we had at least two inches of snow! So I guess I had a "White Birthday" instead of a "White Christmas."

But what we didn't get as snow in December, we are making up for in January! It seems like it never stops snowing! We probably have close to seven inches on the ground now in mid-January. Normally, I would love the snow! But that is before I had to walk to school 15 minutes one way twice a day. Now, I just want sun and warmth! Everyone here is a little shocked by the amount of snow they have now because Stuttgart is a "bowl city" (much like New Orleans). The center of the city is at a lower altitude than the surrounding area, thus protecting the city from getting much snow. Only the outer lying areas and suburbs get some snow, but usually only a few inches. My host family jokes with me that I brought it with me from the Midwest because the last time they had this much snow was nearly ten years ago!

## FREE COMPUTER CLASS FOR TEENAGERS!

Celebrate teenagers and technology during Teen Tech Week at the Paulding County Carnegie Library! The theme of this nationwide library celebration is Learn, Create, Share @ Your Library.

The Paulding County Carnegie Library is offering a new and unique computer class designed especially for teens. Everyone can be an artist just by having fun with a basic computer application, probably already installed on your home computer. Release the Artist: Creating One-of-a-Kind Computer Art will provide hands-on exercises in creating unique art masterpieces using the basic MS Paint application. Free online photo-editing sites will also be explored. Participants will be able to leave with a matted print-out of their new masterpiece. The class will be taught by an instructor who has a degree in the arts and years of experience daydreaming while doodling.

This new teen computer class will be offered on Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the Gates Computer Lab at the main library in Paulding. Registration is open to youth ages 10-20. All classes are taught in a casual, friendly and fun environment. Register early as spaces fill up quickly. For more information and to register, call the library at 419-399-2032. (Note to grown-ups: this new computer class will be a part of the library's spring computer class schedule, so stay tuned for more information.)

## ANTWERP TAKES TOUGH LOSS TO EDGERTON AT SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



The Lady Archers were back at Bryan 2/27 for the Sectional Championship against the Bulldogs. In the 1<sup>st</sup> half of the game Antwerp ran all over Edgerton 22-4, but the 2<sup>nd</sup> half was a different story. The Lady Bulldogs pulled out all the stops while the Archers attempted to wind the clock down. The game ended in overtime with Edgerton winning 38-36. The Archers finished their season with a 8-9 record. Shown here is Senior Kelsey Bashore scoring 2 points for the Archers. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)



The Lady Raiders were back at Paulding Saturday night 2/27 for the Sectional Championship against Kalida. The Wildcats shutdown Hockenberry's 3 pointers and the other girls' to take home a 56-38 win. Shown here is WT Sophomore Ashley Saylor scoring for the Raiders and having a great night. WT finished their season with a 15-6 record. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)  
The local girls teams are now finished and all the Ladies BB teams in our readership area had great seasons this year!

The Lady Raiders began their Sectional run on a high note. They battled the Continental Pirates at Paulding High School, 2/23. The game was neck and neck until after the half when the Lady Raiders pulled ahead for the win of the first round of sectionals: 60-43.  
Score by the quarter:  
Continental - 8 11 14 10=43  
Wayne Trace - 8 17 22 13=60  
Game scorers:  
Continental - Donaldson

13, Weisenburger 10, Holtsberry 7, Howard 6, Williamson 3, Bidlack 2, Weller 2  
Wayne Trace - Fickel 18, Hockenberry 14, Davis 11, Feasby 8, Stoller 7, Saylor 2  
In the second round of sectionals, the Lady Raiders did not fare so well against the Kalida Lady Wildcats. The Lady Raiders just couldn't keep up with the Lady Wildcats' tight offensive and defensive play. The Lady Raiders ended their 09-10 basketball season with this loss: 38-56.

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# "FROM THE VANTAGE POINT:" VANTAGE SENIOR CAPSTONE PROJECTS



Vantage senior Cosmetology students Amanda Hirzel, Katie Shumaker, Cassandra Sherry and Alysha Mays get ready for their senior capstone Style Show.



Vantage Auto Tech senior Cody Mox from Ft. Jennings works on the engine of a DeSoto for his senior capstone project.

By: Beth Evans, Sr. English Teacher

Vantage Career Center seniors are counting down the days—not just the number of days to graduation—BUT the number of days until Wednesday, March 31—Senior Capstone Presentation Day! The Senior Capstone, required of all Vantage Career

Center seniors, provides an opportunity for making the last two years of high school meaningful and practical. This is the time when Vantage seniors will proudly present their culminating Senior Capstone. As always, this day will be filled with much excitement and anticipation.

Many of you may not be

familiar with the Vantage Senior Capstone and its requirements. The Senior Capstone is a three-part process involving research related to a student's career technical area of study or the capstone project, a major project/product/process that is an extension of the research involving at least 15 hours to complete, and an 8 to 10 minute oral presentation in front of a panel of judges, home school guests, and junior students.

So as you can see, this is a big deal for the seniors. They began research early in the school year and will complete the research portion in the next few weeks. They will soon begin putting together the presentation portion of the capstone as well, including writing their speeches, creating their visual aids, and preparing their portfolios for the big day. Many students are also busy working on or putting the finishing touches on the project/product/process portion of the capstone.

Senior auto body student, Jesse Giessler (Crestview), is currently in the process of repainting a utility three-wheeler for P&L Fertilizer. Cody Mox (Ft. Jennings), a senior auto tech student, has had the unique experience of working on the engine of a 1949 DeSoto. He is in the final stages of putting the engine back together and seeing if it will run. Mox says, "Working on the DeSoto has been a challenge, but overall has been a rewarding experience."

"The Daily Care of a Diabetic Child" is the topic of early childhood education senior Paige Kittle's (Lincolnvew) senior capstone. Paige spent the day with an insulin dependent diabetic child and also planned and prepared a meal that met the requirements for the child's carbohydrate and sugar intake levels. She will finish up by taking an online insulin pump course and is also putting together a school-wide diabetes awareness activity.

A few lucky seniors have already completed the project portion of the Senior Capstone. Cody Fitch (Paulding), assisted by Brandon Bostleman (Wayne Trace), installed electrical service, including a panel, lighting, and receptacles, to the new Charloe Park shelter house in Charloe, Ohio. Before any work could be completed on the shelter house, Cody attended a Charloe Park Board meeting where he presented his plans to the board, and then he began work on the shelter house. Senior cosmetology students, Amanda Hirzel (Lincolnvew), Cassandra Sherry (Paulding), Katie Schumaker (Kalida), and Alysha Mayes (Paulding) worked together on their capstone project, which was the planning, preparation, and presentation of a style show for Sophomore Visitation Day held on February 2, 2010. The girls each took on responsibility for a portion of the style show. Hirzel acted as the project manager overseeing all aspects of the style show, while Sherry was in charge of hair color, Schumaker took on the nails and up-dos, and Mayes was responsible for makeup. The girls spent well over the 15 hour requirement—practicing, choreographing, setting up, and then putting on eight performances during Sophomore Day.

These are just a few of the

projects out of the seventeen career technical areas the students will be presenting on Senior Capstone Day. The Senior Capstone Presentation Day is a day that most Vantage seniors will never forget. Maybe you would like more information about the Vantage Senior Capstone Projects, or possibly you have an idea for a project... or better yet, perhaps you would like to join the excitement on March 31 as a judge in one of the career technical programs—whatever the case may be, all you need to do is contact me at 419.238.5411 ext. 176 or via email at evans.b@vantagecareercenter.com, and I would be more than happy to answer your questions, take your suggestions, or schedule you as a judge!

## ANTIBIOTIC USE IN LIVESTOCK PART 1

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Agent

Recently, the CBS Evening News aired a segment on how the use of antibiotics is harmful to human health. The agriculture industry does not agree with much of what the CBS program said.

According to H. Scott Hurd, veterinarian and former Deputy Undersecretary of Food Safety of USDA and the Director the World Health Organization Collaborating Center for Risk Assessment and Hazard Identification in Foods of Animal Origin, the following facts provide the best knowledge and information regarding the use of antibiotics in livestock and how they may affect the health of animals, people and food safety.

CBS said health officials are concerned that, if workers who handle animals are getting sick, what about the rest of us? It said drug-resistant infections have skyrocketed during the past two decades, killing an estimated 70,000 Americans last year alone.

Hurd said the drug-resistant infections referred to have little to no relationship to any antibiotic use in animal agriculture. The types of drug-resistant infections that are lethal are often associated with hospital-acquired infections and the antibiotics used there.

According to the FDA, resistance in food-borne illness is stable to declining over the last several years. Scientific risk assessments conducted by Hurd and others have shown a person is more likely to die from a bee sting than have a few extra days of diar-

rhea due to a resistant infection acquired from on-farm antibiotic use.

CBS stated antibiotic resistance is an emerging health crisis that scientist say is caused not only by the over-use of antibiotics in humans, but in livestock as well. Antibiotics fed to healthy animals to promote growth and prevent disease.

Hurd wrote the strategic use of antibiotics in animal agriculture prevents disease and produces safer food. A side benefit of this use is faster growth. Since antibiotics have been used in humans for more than 60 years and in livestock for about 50 years, if there was going to be an epidemic of resistance related to antibiotic use in agriculture it would have occurred by now. The fact that it has not means that antibiotic use in animals is not a major risk to human health.

The use of antibiotics in the livestock industry is highly regulated to ensure that the food we eat is safe for human consumption. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration regulates antibiotic use in both humans and animals. The FDA inspects the feed mills that would produce medicated feed. The agency also evaluates the safety of antibiotics used in animals for human safety. And, the FDA works with the United States Department of Agriculture to conduct tests in processing facilities to make sure those regulations for antibiotic use are followed.

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## MATTHEW ADAMS PERFORMS WITH THE JESTERS IN FORT WAYNE

The young man who carries out your groceries at the IGA in Antwerp has a talent that you may not be aware of. Matthew Adams has been in Jesters for 11 years. The Jesters Program is an organization that was started by Hal Gunderson in 1978 that showcases young people's singing and acting abilities that have special needs. Matt has taken part of this and he loves to display his talents. He has had many parts such as portraying Willie Nelson, Jimmy Durante and others.

You are invited to see Matt this weekend at the North Campus Auditorium at the University of St. Francis on Spring Street in Fort Wayne on Saturday, March 6 at 6:00 p.m. and on March 7 at 3:00 p.m. The Jesters will present Daisy Jack, an original story about everyday men and women searching for a place where they belong. You are all welcome to come and support Matt. A small admission fee is required to help support the Jesters. The Jesters have a saying, "Once a Jester, always a Jester."

### BUEHRER NAMED "WATCHDOG OF THE TREASURY"

State Senator Steve Buehrer (R-Delta) recently received the United Conservatives of Ohio's Watchdog of the Treasury award for his dedication to fiscal responsibility and strong conservative voting record during the 127<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. The award was presented at a breakfast yesterday morning in Columbus.

Senator Buehrer, who was recently elected by his colleagues to serve as the Ohio Senate's Majority Whip, has long championed policy in the Legislature that respects individual freedom, promotes the responsible, transparent and efficient use of Ohio taxpayer resources and encourages development and job growth in Ohio's communities.

As chair of the Senate Insurance, Commerce & Labor Committee, he has fought against excessive business regulations and recent rate increases at the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation, which threaten to drive thousands of companies out of Ohio, while working to explore alternatives to Ohio's government-run workers comp system. In addition, Senator Buehrer, who is also a member of the Senate Energy & Public Utilities Committee, recently sponsored legislation to eliminate much of Ohio's traditional telecommunications regulatory framework and move to a more market-oriented, yet consumer friendly approach designed to encourage greater competition between telephone service providers, attract investment and create jobs.

"Government doesn't create jobs, businesses do. For Ohio to compete for jobs and investment now and in the future, state leaders must work to better manage Ohioans' hard-earned taxpayer dollars and support policies that are designed to encourage free enterprise, keep taxes low and limit the size and reach of government," explained Buehrer. "I will continue to be a fiscal 'watchdog' for the families and businesses of this state and work to promote solid conservative values in the Ohio General Assembly."

The UCO advocates for public policy that promotes free enterprise, low taxes and greater efficiency in government. This award, which is given on a biennial basis, is the fourth Watchdog of the Treasury that Senator Buehrer has won during his service in the Ohio General Assembly.

Senator Buehrer represents the 1<sup>st</sup> Ohio Senate District, which includes Defiance, Fulton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert, Williams and portions of Auglaize County.

### GOP LAWMAKER RETURNS TO THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

This is 2010, and Ohio's new job-rich economy is on the horizon! State Representative Lynn R. Wachtmann (R-Napoleon) recently announced his candidacy to return to the 75<sup>th</sup> Ohio House District seat in 2011.

"I am honored to have served as the voice of our community for the 128<sup>th</sup> General Assembly," Rep. Wachtmann said. "There is still much work to be done here in Ohio, and with the right leadership we can work toward a brighter future."

Since the beginning of the 128<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, Rep. Wachtmann has fought to create jobs and boost Ohio's economy through viable, sustainable changes to the way government does business. He voted against all tax increases while supporting cost-saving efficiency measures, with the goal of making state government work better for the people it is intended to serve.

Specifically, Rep. Wachtmann fought to improve the economy and small business environment of Ohio by co-sponsoring bills to eliminate wasteful spending and lower the tax burden for families and businesses. He also promoted government accountability by cosponsoring bills to provide nonpartisan financial oversight, restore ethics to county elections, and make House and Senate bills publicly available before consideration by either chamber.

Additionally, Rep. Wachtmann fought to uphold the sanctity of life and marriage by opposing the Prevention First Act and other attempts to promote abortions and demote the value of abstinence until marriage. He also cosponsored a resolution opposing the Freedom of Choice Act, which would have overturned laws concerning parental consent, the ban on partial abortion, and restrictions on public funding abortions.

"I will continue to uphold the values of our community by being a voice of responsibility in Columbus," Rep. Wachtmann said. "We need to do what is right for Ohio's future, both fiscally and ethically. I would be honored to return to the Statehouse on your behalf."

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### IMMEDIATE OPENING PART TIME LIBRARY CLERK Paulding County Carnegie Library

A rare opportunity exists for you to join our team of information professionals! We have an immediate part-time opening (about 20 hours per week) for a library clerk who may be scheduled at the main library in Paulding or any of the three branches in Antwerp, Oakwood or Payne. The right candidate will be able to work a flexible schedule and fill in for co-workers as needed - sometimes with very short notice. If you are a smiling people-person and:

- Are experienced in MS Office programs
- Have excellent organizational skills
- Are detail-oriented
- Enjoy working with the public
- Are a quick learner
- Are able to work some nights and some Saturdays
- Have dependable transportation

Then we invite you to apply for this position. The Paulding County Carnegie Library provides an excellent working environment with friendly and helpful co-workers. Interested? **A library application may be picked up at the main library in Paulding and MUST be submitted with a resume to be considered for this position.** Deadline is Friday, March 5, 2010 at 6:00p.m. NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE.

### LATTA STATEMENT ON HEALTH CARE SUMMIT

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) made the following statement regarding today's health care summit.

"Instead of coming to today's health care summit with an open mind and a clean sheet of paper, President Obama and Congressional Democrat Leadership decided to argue with Congressional Republicans on why their health care reform plans are superior to Republican proposals. A majority of Americans continue to disagree with the health care reform proposals passed by Democrats in the House and Senate and incorporated into the President's new proposal-which should have been reflected today with an honest effort to start from scratch.

Unfortunately, Republican members in attendance were the only ones who mentioned the trillion dollar price tags of the Democrat bills financed by billions in tax increases, rationing of health care for millions of Americans, and an unprecedented expansion of federal bureaucracy that will come directly between patients and their doctors as they make health care decisions.

Today's summit could have been the beginning of a true bipartisan effort, but the President and Congressional Democrats chose to continue down the same 'our way or the highway' path that will do nothing to bring us any closer to meaningful health care reform."



### FROM THE DOG WARDEN'S DESK

**By: Mandy Lichty, Paulding County Chief Dog Warden**

This week's featured pet is Joey. He is a very cute wire-haired terrier mix. He is already house-trained and likes kids, cats, and other dogs. He would make a great new friend for any family and with his wirehaired coat he will hardly shed at all!

Also at the shelter, we have Wolfie, an akita mix; Ringo, a border collie; Brutus, a border collie; and Mickey, a sheltie.

Last week we picked up a very elderly male chocolate lab in the area of RD 192 and RD 53. He was wearing an electric collar. If anyone can help us find his owner please call the shelter ASAP at 419-399-9728.

The shelter is now open 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. You can view our adoptable pets online anytime on petfinder.com and adoptapet.com

### LEGAL NOTICE

Ordinance 01-10 Village of Cecil An ordinance approving, adopting and enacting American Legal Publishing's Ohio Basic Code 2010 Edition, as the Code of Ordinances for the Village of Cecil, Paulding County, State of Ohio and Declaring an Emergency.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Annual Financial Report for the Antwerp Cemetery Association, Antwerp, OH, for the year ended or the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009 is complete and available for public inspection, at the clerk's office, by appointment. A copy of the report can be provided upon request.

-Kim M. Kemerer, Clerk

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Resolution 01-10 Village of Cecil A Resolution to Increase the Sewer Fees of the Village of Cecil, Ohio and Declaring an Emergency; A full copy of this Resolution will be publicly posted on the Village Bulletin Board outside the Firehouse Community Room and each Resident of the Village of Cecil will receive a copy with their next sewer bill.

You may request to view these documents in full by contacting Carlene A. Turner, Clerk Treasurer, at 419-399-3166

## The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office

The Paulding County Veteran's Service Office is dedicated to aiding Paulding County veterans and their families in time of need.

**There are two basic services the agency provides:**

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

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

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

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**OHIO TRAFFIC FATALITIES REACH HISTORIC LOW**

Traffic deaths on Ohio's highways last year were at a historic low, representing the safest year on record for those traveling the state's highways, according to preliminary 2009 fatality statistics released today by the Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS), the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the state's traffic safety partners.

In 2009, 1,028 people lost their lives in motor vehicle crashes—a 14 percent decline from the previous year.

Preliminary traffic safety statistics for 2009 indicate steady declines in most reporting categories. Overall, the number of motor vehicle fatal crashes decreased to 952 in 2009, as compared with 1,099 fatal crashes in 2008. Motorcycle fatalities and fatal crashes also declined, with 163 deaths reported (down from 213 in 2008) and 158 fatal motorcycle crashes (down from 212 in 2008).

Perhaps the greatest area of progress was in the area of impaired driving, where alcohol-involved fatal motor vehicle crashes declined by nearly 25 percent in 2009, with 320 reported statewide (down from 422 in 2008).

"Ohio's traffic safety progress can be attributed to the education, enforcement and engineering by all of our traffic safety and law enforcement partners," said ODPS Director Cathy Collins-Taylor. "We sincerely appreciate the hard work on all levels - from the Ohio State Highway Patrol, Ohio Traffic Safety Office and the Ohio Department of Transportation to the local law enforcement agencies

and traffic safety stakeholders who are committed to keeping our roads safe."

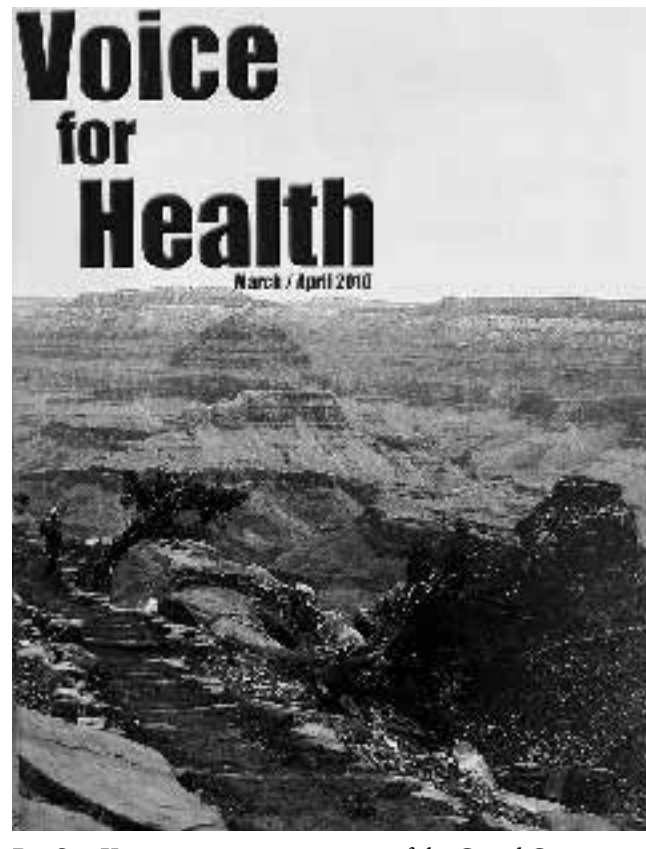
"Being safe is a team effort," said ODOT Director Jolene M. Molitoris, who recently introduced the department's 'Target: Zero' initiative - a heightened focus on safety in the workplace, on construction sites, and with the traveling public to assure zero tolerance for any safety hazards.

Today's announcement follows Ohio Executive Safety Summit, a meeting of federal and state traffic safety partners including ODOT, ODPS, the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration, Federal Highway Administration, and the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio to discuss Ohio's Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP). By using crash data, the state plan identifies and strategically addresses the state's most critical traffic safety issues and problems.

The SHSP relies heavily on a collaborative approach by the state's many safety partners to implement effective programs that impact motor vehicle crashes on Ohio's roadways, as well as the state's media partners to promote the activities of OVI Task Forces and local law enforcement that are a critical deterrent in enhancing highway safety.

ODOT coordinates a statewide SHSP steering committee, which meets quarterly to review crash trends and discuss implementing key strategies across agencies. Through efforts such as SHSP, state officials expect to continue a positive trend of declining traffic fatalities through enhancements in traffic safety and enforcement.

**ON COVER OF "VOICE FOR HEALTH": THE COUNTRY CHIROPRACTOR**



**By: Sue Knapp**

Dr. David Hughes, The Country Chiropractor, from Paulding likes to take pictures. He has been involved with a camera club from Van Wert for 10 years. Because he and his wife, Bonnie, travel a lot he has lots of time to photograph things that some only dream of seeing.

You will find in his office a pamphlet called "Voice for Health". Last year Dr. Hughes sent the editor ( Hal S. Crowe, Sr., D.C.) some of his favorite shots and the editor picked one for the cover of the March/April issue of the pamphlet. The shot chosen

was of the Grand Canyon.

"The picture was taken on the South Kaibab Trail of the Grand Canyon in Arizona. The butte below right is the O'Neil Butte, after Bucky O'Neil, 1<sup>st</sup> Sheriff of the Arizona Strip and one of Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Riders in the Spanish-American War.

"The individual standing on the trail is the photographer's long time friend and fellow hiker, Tom Morgan, D.C. of Cedartown, Georgia" (taken from pamphlet).

Dr. Hughes encourages everyone to try and visit the Grand Canyon, it is overwhelming.

**TELECOM MODERNIZATION BILL STRIKES RIGHT BALANCE**

**Capitol Letters Weekly Column by: Senator Steve Buehrer**

With the rise in communication via text messages and through portals like Twitter and Facebook, Grandma's old black phone sitting on the front hall table seems but a distant memory. However, you wouldn't know that looking at Ohio's law books. In fact, the Ohio Revised Code still refers to the "telegraph" more than 50 times.

Technology will always move faster than lawmaking can keep up. However, with a slow economy and a desperate need for more jobs in Ohio, it is absolutely critical that the General Assembly act now to update its telecom regulations. These overdue changes will help ensure individuals and small businesses in Ohio will benefit from new and better services and that Ohio will be in a better position to encourage more investment in our telecommunications infrastructure, creating good jobs in the process.

I introduced the Ohio Telecom Modernization Act (Senate Bill 162) in August. Recognizing the complexity of this topic and the impact it could have on consumers, the Senate Energy & Public Utilities Committee (of which I am a member) spent four solid months, including seven public hearings and extensive work with consumer advocates to ensure the bill had the right balance. We listened and made numerous changes to the original draft. As testament to our hard work, the bill passed the Senate with

strong, bipartisan support in early December.

The Telecom Modernization Act reflects the fact that the traditional phone companies now face competition from wireless phones, cable phones and internet phones and gives them a more even playing field so they have the ability to innovate and advance in a rapidly changing marketplace. That is good news for Ohio consumers. The bill also includes a rate cap for traditional wireline telephones - which are the only sector of the industry still regulated by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO). Under the bill, the PUCO will retain appropriate consumer protections for basic local exchange service, again, for the benefit of Ohio consumers.

The bill is now pending in the Ohio House of Representatives and my hope is that they will take prompt action on the bill so that Ohio can join the ranks of the more than half of the states that have made similar updates to their laws to keep pace with the changing technology. I believe this law will help create and retain telecommunications jobs in Ohio, encourage increased infrastructure investment in our state and make the latest technology available to all of us.

I encourage residents from the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**

Sophie Kathleen Freese was born February 25, 2010 at 2:42 p.m. to proud parents Josh and Angie Freese of Hicksville. She weighed 7lb. 2oz. and was 19.2 inches long.

Sophie was welcomed home by big sister, Joda. Proud grandparents are Larry and Elizabeth Hormann of Antwerp, Mike and Kathy Freese of West Liberty, OH. Proud great-grandparents are John and Mabel Freese of De-graff, OH and Don and Winifred Smith of Galena, OH.

**SENATE APPROVES BUEHRER RESOLUTION URGING OHIO TO REAFFIRM SISTER-STATE RELATIONSHIP WITH TAIWAN**

The Ohio Senate recently approved Senate Concurrent Resolution 20, a proposal sponsored by State Senator Steve Buehrer (R-Delta) which seeks to reaffirm Ohio's sister-state relationship with Taiwan, which for more than two decades, has helped pump hundreds of millions of dollars into our economy and enhance educational and cultural opportunities for students and families across the state.

"SCR 20 would support many mutually-beneficial exchanges between Ohio and Taiwan that over the years have worked to grow the trade market for Ohio products, bring unique educational and cultural experiences to our communities and help strengthen a long-standing partnership built on a shared dedication to freedom, democracy and the market economy," said Buehrer.

Ohio established sister-state relations with Taiwan in 1985 through joint actions undertaken by then-Ohio Director of Agriculture Dale Locker and then-Governor Chiu Chuang-huan of Taiwan Province. Sen. Buehrer explained that since that time, the agreement has had a valuable impact on the success of many Ohio and Taiwanese businesses, our state's agriculture industry and the quality

of our education system.

In 2007, bilateral trade between the United States and Taiwan totaled almost \$58 billion. In Ohio, exports to Taiwan increased to \$412.15 million in 2008 from \$301.45 million the previous year. The country has imported a variety of Ohio products, including chemicals, farm crops, machinery, transportation equipment, plastics, rubber materials and computers and electronics. Taiwan is also the third largest market for agriculture goods in Ohio.

In addition, Taiwan and Ohio have participated in a variety of cultural exchanges over the years, including visits to and from Ohio and Taiwan by teachers who are qualified in the study of languages, particularly English and Chinese, artistic performances in schools, educational programs and exhibits during Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month and Taiwanese-American Heritage Week.

Further, the Taiwanese government has invited delegations of leaders from Mid-western state legislatures to visit Taiwan, including representatives from Ohio. Last summer, Sen. Buehrer spent a week in Taiwan as part of a trip with the Council of State Governments designed to learn more about the unique relationship between the two countries and our close ties across business, agriculture and education.

"One of many impressions that I will take away from my trip to Taiwan is how interested the Taiwanese people were in the United States and all things American. They consider themselves to be great friends of our country, state and region," explained Buehrer, who noted that on any given day there are 30,000 Taiwanese people working and studying in the U.S. "Ohio and Taiwan have a vibrant partnership that has contributed greatly to the success and well-being of businesses, farmers and communities in both nations, and it is critical that we work to continue to foster this important relationship."

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