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SPECIAL OLYMPICS BASKETBALL ENDS ANOTHER SEASON



The PC Tigers have ended another season of basketball play. The team appreciates all the dedication and hard work their coaches Mark Holtsberry and John Claymiller have given to the team over the past four years.

Pictured is this year's team. Starting from left to

right are Derick Shawley, Steffon Saco, Eddie Hibbard, and Mitchell Highwarden. Back row: Coach Mark Holtsberry, Rickie Raudabaugh, William Smith, Matthew Wayne, Cody Hibbard, Ass. Coach John Claymiller.

WAYNE TRACE QUALIFIES THREE FOR OAC STATE, LONG PLACES 5TH

Wayne Trace Wrestling Club participated in the OAC Elementary State Tournament March 19-20, at the Covelli Center in Youngstown, Ohio. Qualifying for the event to represent Wayne Trace were Jarrett Hornish, Hunter Long, and Robbie Bowers.

Starting Saturday morning off for WT was Robbie Bowers, Div IV 120lbs. First round Bowers defeated Hunter Coppock (Kra) Pin. Second round Bowers lost to Austin Moeller (Ignatius) 0-8. On Sunday Bowers started off with a 6-4 win over Vittorio Santillo (Ignatius), losing the second round by pin to Christopher Graziano (Brecks).

Jarrett Hornish, first year at state, wrestled Div I 50lbs. On Saturday, Hornish wrestled Jonathan Norwood (BTW), losing 8-7. Sunday morning Hornish came in strong defeating Owen Mill-

er (Oakharbor) 11-1. Hornish then fell to Jakob Hynciw (Teamray) with a score 6-2.

Hunter Long, the third wrestler from WT, wrestled Div II 45 lbs. On Saturday, Long started with a bye, bringing him to his second round, in which he fell short to Mason Brugh (WadR) 6-5.

On Sunday morning, Long got off to a great start with a Pin against Maximus Shore (Team Miron). Round 2 brought another win over Mikah Circle(DWC) 14-2. The next round Long needed a win to secure a spot in the top 8, and he did, defeating Peyton Fenton (BTW) 7-4. Long yet had another win in OT against Colton Spurgeon (Wside) 8-6. A rematch once again, Long fell short to Mason Brugh 5-4. And the final match of the day, Long defeated Alec Herman (CBWC) 14-0. Long secured a 5th place finish for Wayne Trace.

DRIVE ONE 4 UR SCHOOL



By: Tawnya English

Antwerp Athletic Boosters is teaming up with Integrity Ford from Paulding, Ohio on Saturday, April 9th for a full day of scheduled events. They will be hosting a Drive One 4 UR School and a reverse raffle with a Margaritaville theme. All proceeds will go towards the Antwerp School's new track and field. The funds still needed to pay off the loan which includes the pole vault pit and 65 new hurdles (among other things) total \$27,000.

Integrity Ford will be sponsoring the Drive One 4 UR School event starting at 9:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. at the Antwerp School parking lot. For every test drive that takes place, Ford Motor Company will make a generous \$20.00 donation, up to \$6,000.00. To

encourage participation from students and parents alike, Ford will donate \$100.00 Best Buy gift card per event!

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OBITUARIES



Madge L. Elliott, 93, of Antwerp, departed this earthly home into the arms of her savior on Tuesday, March 15, 2011 at Manor House Assisted Living.

Madge was born in Woodburn, IN on March 1, 1918, a daughter of the late Amy (Gustin) and Vernon Stevenson. On May 26, 1938 she married Gilbert Elliott, who died February 29, 1968. They moved to Naples, FL in 1958 and made their home for 10 years. Returning to Paulding County she retired from Paulding County Hospital in 1980. Madge was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Antwerp.

She will be sadly missed by her son, Larry (Lucille) of Antwerp; half-brother, Carl (Norma) Stevenson of Defiance; half-sisters: Violet Hughes of Antwerp, Mary Ann (Larry) Hawkins of Florida and Peggy (Jerry) Koch of NC; four grandchildren: Brent (Stacie) Brown of Fort Wayne, Debra (Gary) Ward of Payne, Dean (Kelly) of Ft. Jennings and Amy (Gary) Leatherman of Douglasville, GA; 12 great-grandchildren; 10 great-great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Marcellene Noll of Antwerp.

Also preceding her in death are her sister, Eula Hickman; brother, Cecil;

half-brothers: Richard and John Stevenson.

Her funeral service was at Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp, on March 19, 2011. Pastor Mike Pennington officiated. She was laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery.

Memorials are to First Presbyterian Church, PO Box 396, Antwerp 45813 or Paulding Hospice, 250 Dooley Drive, Paulding 45879.

Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Lillian M. Powell, 90, of Woodburn, IN, formerly of Van Wert, OH passed away Friday, March 18, 2011 at Parkview Hospice, Fort Wayne.

Lillian was born in Kenosha, WI on July 31, 1920, a daughter of the late Mary (Lootens) and Bruno Persyn.

She was a homemaker and a member of First United Brethren in Christ Church, Van Wert and the ladies auxiliary of Van Wert Camp of Gideons International. On December 23, 1942 she married Herbert Powell, who died March 7, 1988.

She will be sadly missed by her children: Karl (Shirley) of Woodburn, Edward (Jan) of Roanoke, Marianne Knotts of Fort Wayne; siblings: Robert Persyn of Fort Wayne and Clara Reeb of Antwerp; 14 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and 19 great-great-grandchildren.

Lillian is also preceded in death by her son, John; sister, Estella Coonrod; and grandson, Jeff.

Her funeral service was at Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River St., Antwerp, Ohio on March 22, 2011.

Rev. Jody Harr officiated. She was laid to rest at Scipio Cemetery.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice 1900 Carew St # 6 Fort Wayne, 46805 or First United Brethren in Christ Church, 501 S. Race, Van Wert 45891. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

LEADERS MUST SHOW THE WAY

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

One of the most challenging things in being a leader is taking risk, especially if it involves making the first move.

For example, one of the popular ads for the 2011 Super Bowl was a comical Cars.com ad titled "Go First." In the first scene, a king wearing a crown sits at a banquet table with others feasting, laughing, and talking around him. As the king lifts a spoonful of soup from his bowl, he suddenly calls out, "Poison checker!" Presently a man at the king's side takes a spoonful of the king's soup, pauses, gets a sour look on his face, then keels over and falls to the floor.

The ad's narrator says, "Sometimes it's better to let others go first so that we can learn from their experiences."

In the final scene, two cowboys, guns in hand, are hiding behind a rock. The one cowboy tells his partner, "See if it's clear." The partner stands up from behind the rock and is promptly hit by three arrows in the chest and abdomen. As if nothing had happened, he kneels again and reports, "Nope, isn't clear."

This ad conveys in a goofy way the sobering truth that in many life situations going first can be risky, even dangerous. When the situation is dangerous, we may wish that others would go first; but leaders know the hard truth that they, not their followers, must be the first to go. Leaders must show the way.

Regarding the subject of setting an example, the veteran Apostle Paul reminds a young pastor, Timothy... 1 Timothy 4:12 (NIV), "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity."

For more information about the work of Youth for Christ, you may contact Youth for Christ at 419-782-0656, P.O. Box 111, 210 Clinton Street, Defiance, Ohio 43512, or email to: defycf@embarqmail.com

GOD HAS NO GRANDCHILDREN

By: Regan Clem, Riverside Christian Church

As a pastor, I run across people who want their children to be spiritually-minded, loving toward their neighbors, and in love with God. These are great and noble goals for a parent to have. They are better than wanting your child to be smart, a great athlete, or the most popular. But when it comes down to it, we, as parents, invest in the lesser goals rather than the more important ones. Unwittingly, due to the pressure of society, we do this to the detriment of our children's souls. We must remember that the most dangerous distractions are usually not the most obvious actions. Danger waits in the good things, for when we focus on them, at the exclusion of the great things, we stray off course.

We have been steered off course into thinking that the spirituality that was passed on to us will automatically transfer to our children without the investment that our parents, grandparents, neighbors, and teachers made in us. On the other hand, maybe we didn't have a spiritual life growing up, but we want our children to. The harsh truth is that they will not be spiritually-minded unless we make the investment and model it ourselves.

God has no grandchildren. He only has children.

John wrote, "The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God" [John 1:9-13 (ESV)].

To be born of God. This is what must happen to our children for them to be called "children of God." Total rebirth, dying to their old self, is the investment that it takes. And it starts with us. We must die to our old selves, the one where we believe that our intelligence, our sports, our cars, our house, our money, our job, and our popularity are the most important aspects to our life. We must be born of God.

Throughout history, churches have argued and fought over exactly what it takes to be born of God. I am not going to go into that here. What I want to briefly show is what your life will look like after you have been born of God.

Jesus tells a story of the

final judgment in Matthew 25. In the story he talks about people who thought they were in with God. I can imagine the dire face that many scornful churchgoers will face some day. They will be like those people in Matthew 25 who are told that they do not know God because they have not fed the hungry, given water to the thirsty, helped the immigrant, given clothes to the naked, nourished the sick, and visited prisoners. On the other hand are those who do know God and done those things.

So if you want your children to be God's children, take time out and invest in them spiritually. Take them to church with you. Study the Bible with them. Pray with them. Feed the hungry, give water to the thirsty, help immigrants, give clothes away, nourish the sick, and visit prisoners with them. They won't just learn to be God's child through wishful thinking. It's going to take hard work on your part. Invest in your children spiritually more than you invest in their sports, their careers, or their education. All of those things will fall in their proper place in a life that has its highest priority properly aligned.

A Swiss government study published in 2000 showed that if a mother and father go to church regularly, 74% of their children will attend church as adults, with 33% of them regularly attending. But if the mother goes without the father, only 39% of their children will attend church as adults, with only 2% of them regularly attending. Where neither father nor mother attend church, only 19% of their children will attend church, with only 4% of them regularly attending. What that tells me is that we, fathers, must step up.

Now some will be thinking church attendance is irrelevant to spiritual growth. That might be true at an unhealthy church. But the writer of Hebrews wrote that the purpose of gathering together is to spur one another on toward love and good works. If that is what happens at church, which is what should be happening at church, then the church gathering together is an irreplaceable tool to encourage one another on to be who God destined for us to be.

God has no grandchildren, but he does want your grandchildren and children to be His children. This happens through parents and grandparents stepping up and being the people God wants them to be. I pray that you will find the strength to do that.

You can read more of Regan's writings at www.regansravings.blogspot.com or stop in to worship God with him and his church family on Sundays at Riverside at 10:30 a.m.

QUESTIONS ON THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

By: James Potter, Oakwood church of Christ

John 1:1 - "In the beginning was the word, and the word was God." (NKJV)

1. True or false? Was Jesus in the beginning with God?

2. True or false? Was Jesus "the word" that is mention in verse 1?

John 1:14 - "And the word became flesh and dwelt

among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." (NKJV)

1. Who became flesh and dwelt among us?

John 1:29 - "The next day John saw Jesus coming toward Him, and said, 'Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!'" (NKJV)

1. Who is the Lamb of God?

2. Who is the sacrificial Lamb?

John 1:6 - "There was a man sent from God, whose name was John." (NKJV)

1. What was the mission God gave to John to do?

John 1:41 - "He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' which is translated the Christ." (NKJV)

1. Who first told Simon Peter of Jesus?

Please continue your study on Jesus for next week, there will be some more questions on Jesus and His life.

Loved ones, please continue to pray and ask God to help you in your studies. Always remember: the Bible is always right, but sometimes men and women teach contrary to God's word.

Comments or questions call 419-399-5022 for Lonnie Lambert or James Potter at 419-393-4775. Jesus loves you and so does the Oakwood church of Christ.

THE SOARING POWER OF HELIUM BALLOONS

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

I was at a county fair awhile back and saw one of those helium-filled balloons rising up into the clouds, accidentally released by a tearful four-year-old. The little boy stood there helplessly as the thing shot heavenward. His mother was fighting a losing cause, trying to comfort the heartsick little guy as he had his first lesson in physics... the hard way. All of us have seen that kind of thing happen.

But did it ever occur to you what happens to that balloon? How far and how high will the new-found freedom take it? Being the inquisitive type, I discovered that a simple helium balloon will soar amazingly high before popping—eighteen thousand feet, to be exact, according to the National Scientific Balloon Facility in Palestine, Texas.

Robert Lubara, a project engineer at the facility, says that at that lofty height, the helium in the balloon has expanded to 80 percent of its original volume. Such stretching is most likely the limit to which the latex surface of the balloon can expand. As a result, the balloon bursts. Of course, specially designed experimental balloons, with ducts to vent excess gas, can rise as high as 120,000 feet. But your basic dime store balloon will only rise about three miles or so up into the sky.

The moral of the story? How high you can rise depends upon your ability to expand.

The Christian life operates on much the same principle. As we soar heavenward, our ability to be stretched and expand will

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often determine how high we rise. Many Christians become too rigid for the expanding Spirit within them. They aren't flexible enough to be stretched and challenged by the difficulties, challenges, or fresh work that God allows in their lives.

Consequently, many believers stabilize at a lower altitude and never know the thrilling experience of spiritual elevation. Too many Christians fear change. They want the status quo; they desire sameness. All of us are like this to a certain extent.

We become uncomfortable if we are stretched too far. And so we often hover at the lower altitudes, struggling to keep from sailing into the heavenly realms that God intends.

Are you resisting the activity that God is trying to do in your life? Are you desperately trying to hang on to where you are right now, fearing where He wants to take you?

Lighten up. Flex a little. Show some resilience and stretching power. Trust Him that He knows what He's doing. You'll be surprised that soaring to new heights and entering into new realms of maturity isn't as bad as you think. And the view from up there is so much better.

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Requirements for test-drive donations are the following:

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additional person is a minor, the parent needs to sign a waiver. Car seat will not be allowed (if someone wishes to see how their seat fits in a certain vehicle, a representative will offer to test it in a display vehicle. If you have anymore questions or concerns about the Drive one 4 UR School, please contact Integrity Ford in Paulding, Ohio. (419) 399-2555 or 888-346-8347, www.Integrity-Ford.net.

Keep in mind the Margaritaville Night will be happening at Grant's Reception Hall that same evening (watch for the ad in this week's paper). Doors open at 5:00 p.m. dinner will be served at 5:30 pm. There will be a buffet style dinner along with full bar serving many different beverages (Must be 21 to enter this event). The night will also consist of a reverse raffle drawing and many door prizes to be given away. If you would like to just come and enjoy the entertainment and maybe shake a leg on the dance floor, The Wannabees will be rocking it out throughout the evening. Also there will be a silent auction going on during the festivities. Many items will be auctioned off like kitchen items from the High School, Technology equipment, etc. If you would like to pick up your pre-sale ticket contact: Barbie Wales (419)258-6401 or Denise Coleman at the Antwerp Elementary Office (419) 258-5421.

THANK YOU

The family of Julie Lynn (Blair) Lauber wishes to express our deep gratitude to the staff of Den Herder Funeral Home, the Paulding City Police Department, the Paulding County Sheriff's Department, the members and congregation of the Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church of Junction, Pastor Tab Hunter, Perry Mason, and to all of the many friends and neighbors who provided us with countless gestures of support and kindness following her passing on March 4, 2011.

17TH ANNUAL MONTE CARLO



Myron Mohr and Nick McClellan were Black Jack dealers at last year's Monte Carlo.

The Fort Defiance Humane Society is hosting its 17th annual Monte Carlo Night, a fundraiser for the Justin F. Coressel Animal Shelter, rural Defiance, on April 2. The casino night will run from 7:00 to 11:30 p.m. at Defiance Eagles Aerie #372, 711 West 2nd Street, Defiance.

Activities include black jack, regular poker, show-down poker, two big money wheels, pot o' gold, bingo, 50/50 drawings, 10 packages to raffle and a silent auction of items generously donated by area businesses. Several door prizes will also be distributed throughout the evening.

The fundraiser is expected to raise approximately \$5,000 to supplement the humane society's general fund. The shelter's annual budget is \$150,000.

Tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance at the shelter, Deluxe Cleaners, Padrone's Pizza, Lawson Printing, Mercury Cleaners, Kissner's, or from any board member. Persons must be at least 18 years old to be admitted. The price of admission includes sandwiches, veg-

etables and dip, a variety of cheeses, chips, desserts and soft drinks and coffee. A cash bar will also be open.

The Justin F. Coressel Animal Shelter, located at the corner of State Route 15 and Trinity Road, took in 1,696 animals in 2010. Of those, 541 were adopted, 174 were claimed and 104 were rescued.

Anyone wishing to adopt an animal may visit the shelter or log on to fortdefiance-humane-society.org and petfinder.com to see who they have available for adoption. The shelter is open every day, including Saturday and Sunday, from noon to 5:00 p.m. The email address is newbestfriend@fortdefiancehumane-society.org. The phone number is 419/658-2298.

Attend the Monte Carlo Night for an evening of fun and to help the animals at the Fort Defiance Humane Society where your best friend waits!

caption: Myron Mohr and Nick McClellan were Black Jack dealers at last year's Monte Carlo.

PAULDING SAY REGISTRATION

The Paulding School Board voted unanimously to start soccer as a High School sport in 2013. Register your son or daughter now for the fall 2011 Paulding County Soccer Club (Paulding SAY) league and get your kids ready to play at a competitive level in High School.

Paulding SAY is a 501-C-3 charitable organization as part of the Soccer Association for Youth, USA (SAY). In 2011, Paulding SAY will have separate boy and girl teams competing. Age groups are as follows: 10 and 11 (U-12), 12 and 13 (U-14). Any child who is 10 by July 31st is eligible to play and any 14 year old eighth grader will be eligible to play with the 12 & 13 year olds. Team practices will begin the week of August 1st with the regular season beginning the week of August 15th. All kids will also compete in a two week league tournament at the beginning of October. Games will be played home in Paulding and on the road at Continental, Crestview, Fort Jennings, Kalida, Lincoln View, Miller City, Ot-

toville and Van Wert.

The registration fee and completed forms need to be mailed to the Paulding County Soccer Club, P.O. Box 43, Paulding OH, any time before Saturday, May 28th. A fee per child will be assessed for registration fees or new uniform orders received late.

Financial Assistance will be available on a limited basis to families with a limited ability to pay. If you or someone you know has an ability to financially help promote youth soccer, please send in 'tax deductible' donations to the address below. Also, anyone willing to volunteer as a coach, assistant coach or referee, please indicate so in the registration form or email us at pauldingcountysoccerclub@gmail.com prior to the May 28th deadline. Please remember your assistance and involvement is needed for the success of the Paulding soccer program.

We are excited about the upcoming soccer season and look forward to seeing you this fall on the soccer field.

—Rob Goshia, Paulding County Soccer Club

CLASSIC FEATHERS BIRD CLUB MARCH NEWS

For those that missed our March meeting, you also missed the leprechaun that came. Be sure to visit the website to see the leprechaun and wookie (www.classicfeathersbirdclub.com).

Welcome new members: Yvonne, Teresa, and Vickie. We are so happy to have you and look forward to getting to know you better. We also had Ray, Mary and Daniel join during the Bird Clinic—welcome! Our group is growing once again with new members.

Saturday, March 26, 2011 several club members will be visiting with birds at Country Inn Enhanced Living south of Paulding, Ohio off US 127 by the Apostolic

Church. We appreciated the invitation to share our feathered friends with the seniors.

Hoosier Bird Buddies Bird Fair will be April 10th at the Allen County Fairgrounds, 2720 Carroll Road, Fort Wayne, IN. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

PEAC Conference 2011 with Dr. Irene Pepperberg and Special guest Lara Joseph on Saturday, April 30th at the Sheraton Cleveland Airport Hotel. Visit www.clevelandpeac.org for more information and costs.

Bear Awareness coming at the May meeting. Bring a teddy bear to be donated to Sarah's house. Tom and Sharon will provide food and drinks; Bob and Mary will provide a door prize for the May meeting. Don't miss the food and fellowship.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Paulding County Society for Crippled Children and Adults is very grateful for the generous donations received from our fall 2010 mailing campaign. Many who help us provide services for persons in need were not able to help this year; but others stepped up and raised their donations to give us \$7130 to provide assistance to Paulding County residents until the spring Basketball Marathon that will provide funds for the second half of the year. \$11,971.16 was used to help 91 applicants in 2010. We are proud to have provided 61 years of assistance such as wheelchairs, medications, medical supplies, hearing aids, life line, bed railings, educational fees, camps, speech therapy, occupational therapy, augmentative communication devices, and respiratory monitoring. All members volunteer their time. We have no paid personnel.

See you at the 33rd Basketball Marathon Friday, April 22, and Saturday, April 23 at

the Wayne Trace Elementary gym in Payne. We are happy to announce that Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will be matching \$1000 for this event.

Application forms are available at the Paulding County Health Department, Job and Family Services or any member of the Executive Board and Directors. Donations can be sent to PO Box 49, Paulding, Ohio 45879 in care of Marcia Pressler, Treasurer.

Sincerely,

Executive Board and Directors, Paulding County Society for Crippled Children and Adults:

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HOW TO CHOOSE THE PROPER GRASS SEED

By: Claude Schrock, Scotts STI Graduate, Grabill & Woodburn Hardware

With the weather warming up, many of you will want to buy grass seed to fill in some bare spots or to overseed thin spots in your lawn. Spring is an excellent time for applying grass seed.

The number one rule about purchasing grass seed is that no matter how it is cared for, a lawn can never be better than the seed that goes into it. Buying grass seed is like buying a car without seeing or driving it. There is nothing tangible to evaluate or compare... other than the package itself. The true quality of the product won't be visible for months, until the seed grows into a lawn.

Seed labels don't tell what the lawn will look like.

Seed labels are written to meet Agricultural Regulations and are not "consumer friendly". In fact what the label "doesn't say" is more concerning than what it "does say".

A seed label tells you what seed varieties are in this package. However, it only tells you in percent, by weight, of the total package. It doesn't tell you that seed size and weight are dramatically different. For example, it takes 1,400,000 bluegrass seeds to make a pound. It takes 530,000 fine fescue seeds to make the same pound, and it takes 225,000 ryegrass or tall fescue seed to equal a pound. So the label doesn't tell you the amount of each variety you will see in your lawn.

Unfortunately, the best way to determine how much of a particular seed that goes into your lawn is percentage by seed count. It is not required on a seed label and figuring this out is difficult.

Grasses like Divine Perennial Ryegrass and Abbey Kentucky Bluegrass are better than common-type grasses because they have been genetically improved. They create greener and denser lawns, they're more disease-resistant, and they're slower growing which means less mowing.

Well what about germination? A label gives you the percent of pure seed that is capable of growth in a prescribed time under laboratory conditions. It doesn't say that laboratory conditions are ideal. Seeds are placed on wet filter paper and placed in an incubator with perfect light and moisture control for as long as 28 days.

How about germination percentages... can they be compared between different manufacturers? The answer is no. Germination values may be the same on the label but the actual rate of germination could be different.

Some grass seed packages have filler in them. This is called inert matter. Inert matter or bulking agents like ground corncobs or chaff are often added to make larger packages. Sand may be added so that the packages will meet weight requirements. Volume of inert matter can generally be found by multiplying the percent by weight by two (5% inert = 10% of bag volume).

Weed seeds are also a factor in selection of a grass seed mix. The label says per-

"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT:" VANTAGE FCCLA STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR STATE COMPETITION



Vantage FCCLA 2011 state qualifiers! Front row: Eddie Hibbard (Wayne Trace), Kayla Waldron (Van Wert), Kayla Garb (Crestview), Emily Flaugh (Wayne Trace), Ashley Hohenbrink (Kalida), Dylan Marquart (Van Wert). Row two: Rebekahlynette Mason (Lincolnview), Cori Reuille (Wayne Trace), Alexis Cummings (Lincolnview), Angela Wells (Lincolnview), Kerrienne Blair (Crestview), Sara Detrick (Parkway). Back row: Joseph Shoppell (Lincolnview), Taylor Aldrich (Delphos Jefferson), David Funk (Paulding), Hope Nehls (Paulding), Storm Sensabaugh (Paulding).

A number of Vantage FCCLA (Culinary Arts and Early Childhood Education) students have advanced to the state contest this year! In all, eighteen students earned the right to advance to the state competition held in Columbus.

Cori Reuille, a Wayne Trace senior in Early Childhood Education will compete in the Language and Literacy contest, while Joseph Shoppell from Lincolnview and Taylor Aldrich from Delphos Jefferson will compete in the Applied Technology contest. Members of the team who will compete in the Environ-

mental Ambassadors contest are Sara Detrick from Parkway, Hope Nehls from Paulding, and Angela Wells from Lincolnview. Several of the Culinary Arts contests are "team" events. Students heading to state contest this year include the Meeting Event Set-Up team of Eddie Hibbard from Wayne Trace, Dylan Marquart from Van Wert, and Storm Sensabaugh from Paulding. Kerrienne Blair from Crestview and Alexis Cummings from Lincolnview will compete in the Entrepreneurship team contest. The Culinary Team Event members are Emily

Flaugh from Wayne Trace, Rebekahlynette Mason from Lincolnview, and Kayla Garb from Crestview. Kayla Waldron from Van Wert, David Funk from Paulding and Ashley Hohenbrink from Kalida will compete in the Meeting Event Team contest. Kayla Waldron will also compete in the Dining Room Attendant contest.

Congratulations and Good Luck to all student competitors!

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Keep the news coming. News is always free. Let your friends, neighbors and community know what's going on!

THE TREE OF LIFE

Paulding County Area Foundation has selected a new logo. That new logo is a tree. A tree as a logo is certainly not unique, as a matter of fact many foundations and other organizations use the tree as their symbol. The tree is a living thing that branches out and continues to grow. A tree brings usefulness, beauty, and comfort to all who live around it. Putting it all together, is a quote from Nelson Henderson, "The true meaning of life

is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit." This is the purpose of a foundation, we are planning for a better future for all who live in Paulding County.

You are a part of this plan. We can offer tools to help you with your estate planning and you can leave a legacy to your community.

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Thank you to all for your prayers & cards during Butch's Heart Surgery! He is doing GREAT! Thanks Again!

-Theresa & Butch

COMING SOON

I am pleased to announce that Hicksville Family Eye Care is scheduled to open and continue Jim's practice on April 18th. I am confident that Hicksville Family Eye Care will provide the same quality of eye care you have received at this deep-rooted family oriented office for so many years.

In the meantime, if you need immediate optometric care, I recommend you call Hockemeyer Family Eye Care in New Haven, IN at 260-493-1505.

Luci Hilbert



MARIE DOOLEY

By: Stan Jordan

Last October 30th the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce held their annual Halloween Parade and Costume Judging Contest at the Antwerp Fire House.

The Firemen's Auxiliary had sandwiches and soup and coffee available so I had a coffee and hot dog, and as I was to cover the events for the West Bend News, I got me a seat right behind the contest judges.

The judges were Mrs. Marie Dooley, Mrs. Shipman, Mrs. Marcelline Noll, Mrs. Sandra Wann and Cheryl

be alright, when do you want to do this?"

"Whenever it is alright with you. We can come to your house and interview you and Sue will take your picture and it won't hurt a bit."

Marie said that she had to go to Philly for Thanksgiving and maybe through the holidays.

So I said, "Let's just wait until you come back, probably after the first of the year."

Well, you all know that while staying in Philly she had a very hard stroke on February 6 and passed away on February 8 and buried in Philly on February 14.

I felt very bad about her passing and equally as bad about not getting to do her story.

She started to school in West Philly at Catholic High School for girls. She graduated from there in 1952. She was married to Robert Dooley in 1954. They started business as a Funeral Director in 1956.

But this is what I remem-

parties—she loved parties and most of the time she was the life of the party with her wit and joviality; grand children, she liked to spend time with her 18 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

I asked Shawn if there was anything Marie wanted to do and never got to, and Shawn said, yes, she always wanted to go to Italy, and that has a little story to it.

Marie and Robert, were married in 1954. They honeymooned in the Pocono Mountains. Well, while they were there they met a young couple from Italy who were



spending their honeymoon here in America at the Poconos.

In those few days they became very good friends. The Italian couple came to Philly and visited with Bob and Marie many times over the years.

She wanted to go to Italy and visit those folks, but due to the fact that they had a business to run and children; the occasion never arose for them to make the trip.

We here at The West Bend News will miss our friend and neighbor, because if you knew her you loved her.

Marie, this whole community will miss you and we are glad for the time you were here.

See ya!

A young ventriloquist is touring the clubs and one night he's doing a show in a small town in Arkansas. With his dummy on his knee, he starts going through the usual dumb blonde jokes when a blonde in the 4th row stands on her chair and starts shouting, "I've heard enough of your stupid blonde jokes. What makes you think you can stereotype women that way? What does the color of a person's hair have to do with her worth as a human being? It's guys like you who keep women like me from being respected at work and in the community and from reaching our full potential as a person. Because you and your kind continue to perpetuate discrimination against, not only blondes but women in general, and all in the name of humor!"

The embarrassed ventriloquist begins to apologize and the blonde yells, "You stay out of this, mister! I'm talking to that little guy on your knee!"

This joke was given to us by Larry Trautman.

See ya!

A WPA PROJECT



By: Stan Jordan

This picture was brought to me by Maxine Terrill Lee, who lives over by Payne. She says this was in front of a Mr. Ellsworth's place north of Antwerp. I have studied this picture many times and I can't figure out where the digging was.

She says the man closest

to the camera is her father, Harry Terrill. The closest man on your right on tip of the hill is Wright Godfrey. He lived on East Canal Street about where Pudge Kennedy lives.

This was a WPA project and the men were glad to have a job, even though it only paid 32½ cents per

hour.

If you recognize where this picture was taken please let us know. My cell phone is 419-506-1924. I am almost positive that it wasn't in Paulding County north of the river.

See ya!



Lichty, who is the secretary for the Chamber.

I listened in to all the remarks like: "Boy, that one took some time and effort." "That one is a novel idea." "Who is that supposed to represent?" It was quite entertaining and I enjoyed the evening.

After about 1½ hours the contest was over and the contestants all left to go Trick or Treating. I drank my coffee and conversed with the judges, especially Mrs. Marie Dooley—who was waiting for Shawn to pick her up.

After we talked a while I asked her, "Why don't I interview you for the WBN?"

She replied, "Why would you want to do that?"

"Well, just so the folks in the area can know you better. You are a credit to our community and I would like to do your story."

"Well, I guess that would

ber about her. She was born in Philadelphia in 1934. Her parents were Robert and Mary Ruffenach and they had six children: Robert has seven children and lives in Cape May, NJ; Kevin has six children and lives in Vineland, NJ; Maureen has three children and lives in Drexel Hill, PA; Brian lives in Philadelphia, PA; Cate lives in Drexel Hill, PA; and Shawn has two children and lives in Antwerp.

Shawn and Michelle came to Antwerp and acquired the former Schilb Funeral Home in 1993. They have two boys: Shawn a sophomore at AHS, and Matt is in the 6th grade at AHS.

Shawn Dooley's father died in 2002 and Marie came to Antwerp to live in 2003.

She fit into our community very well. She was a devout member of the Divine Mercy Catholic Parish of Paulding County. She had luncheon with the Red Hats, the Book Club, she helped as judges for the Antwerp Chamber's Halloween Contest a number of years. She helped at the library in Philly and she would help anyone who asked for help. She liked to be busy.

While she was here, she broke her hip and leg. It didn't slow her up very much as she used a wheel chair and walker to get around.

Her hobbies were: swimming—she loved to swim; traveling many times to Lake Havasu City, AZ and they spent a lot of time there;

NOTICE

By: Stan Jordan

A few weeks ago we ran a picture of a number of fellows with their number of bear and deer that they killed up in Minnesota.

I received a call from Norm Thompson telling us that the man in the middle with the cigarette is his father, Russell Thompson. The man on his left is Olaf 'Bung' Powell, next to him is Virgil Knapp. The second fellow from the left is Willie Powell, a resident of that area.

Thanks, Norm, the info is appreciated.

See ya!

LYNN LICHTY WINS GEOGRAPHY QUIZ

Lynn Lichty of Antwerp, won a Geography Quiz with a score of 103. In the overall standings, as was stated previously, records are kept on file of everyone who ever competed in the tournaments, which are sporadically run.

In 1998 the late Don Lichty had the 2nd highest score in the contests. In 2001 the late Charlene Terwilleger's score still stands as 3rd best. In 4th is Ti Davenport, 5th is S. Gomez and five other persons entered: a Fairview High School Student, a man from Putnam County, a senior lady and two men from Indiana completes the field.

Lynn won a trophy.

BENEFIT AUCTION TO BE HELD FOR ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL


A Get Sold on St. Jude Kids event benefiting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital will be held at Porters Auction on April 30, 2011. The volunteer Coordinator for this event is Mr. Rolland Porter, who encourages everyone to participate.

By participating in or attending the event, you will help raise funds for children of the world who are stricken with diseases like Cancer, AIDS, and Sickle Cell Anemia. These funds will help St. Jude in its ongoing fight against childhood cancer and other catastrophic diseases.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is internationally recognized for its pioneering work in finding cures and saving children with

cancer and other catastrophic diseases. Founded by the late entertainer, Danny Thomas and based in Memphis, TN. St. Jude freely shares its discoveries with the scientific and medical communities around the world. No family ever pays for treatment not covered by insurance, and families without insurance are never asked to pay. St. Jude is financially supported by ALSAC, its fund raising organization, through such events as Get Sold on St. Jude Kids.

We need your help once again to make this Auction a Success! Please contact us if you or your business will donate some items or goods. Gift certificates are always good if your business is a service. This will be our 15th Annual Auction benefiting St. Jude's. Over the last 14 years we have raised over \$77,500.00 with a lot of help from each of you.



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INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI

By: Stan Jordan

In it's time, the city of Independence was as important to the new west as the airports of Atlanta or Chicago are now.

That part of the country was established by the Missouri and Osage Indians, and later by the Spanish and French. By the Louisiana Pur-

chase of 1803 it became part of the United States. In 1804, Lewis and Clark wrote in their journal that they stopped and picked plums, raspberries and wild apples there.

Independence was founded in 1827 and it grew rather quickly. It was situated as far north on the Missouri River as a steamboat could navigate at that time. It is very close to the Missouri-Kansas bor-

der. The Missouri River then flowed on east to St. Louis.

There were a couple ferries across the Mississippi back around St. Louis and then a couple of ferries across the Missouri River here at Independence. This was at the convergence of the Kansas River and the Missouri almost at the Kansas and Missouri State Line.

Independence grew in size and importance quickly and became a busy frontier town. It became a jumping off place for all the trails leading to the west.

There were outfitters here and places for the pioneers to buy replacement parts or repairs, wagons, horses or mules or anything for a long journey or any of the western trails.

This town saw a great boom in business in the 1830's and 1840's by the outfitters. It was the hub between the east and the west.

In 1849 it became an incorporated town. It had its first mayor, William McCoy. The U.S. Congress called it the Start of the Oregon Trail.

During the Civil War, there were two battles in the area and the South won both of them. The second one just about blew the town apart and it never came back as good af-

ter the war as it was before. It is the second largest city in Missouri and the County Seat of Jackson City.

In the 1831 era there was a lot of religious unrest between local people and the Latter Day Saints. That seems to be all okay now as they are an important part of the city.

Bessie Truman was born and raised in Independence. Harry Truman just grew up there and both are buried there.

Harry S. Truman was elected as a Judge of Jackson County in 1922, but he was defeated in 1924. (He was an Artillery Captain in WWI) He was reelected in 1930. He was well-known for doing a job of making new roads around town and some other town projects and a number of accolades to the pioneer women in the 'Madonna of the Trail' movements.

Harry S. Truman was elected Vice-President to F.D. Roosevelt, and after FDR's death, he became President. He did a fine job even though the second World War was on. He was reelected President in the fall of 1948. Most people will agree that Truman did a fine job. His motto was, "The buck stops here."

In it's heyday, Independence was a bustling, important town in the settling of the west, but it never had a bad reputation as some of them did later on.

See ya!

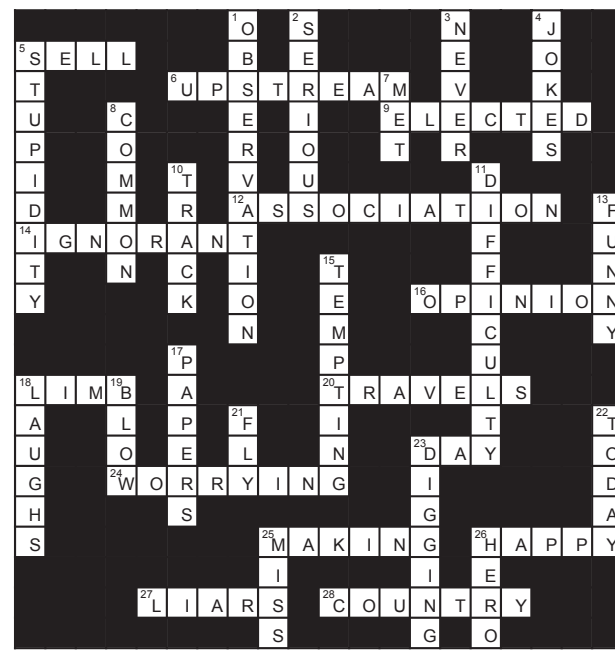
PEVS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 3/23 THROUGH 3/29

MS/HS - Breakfast:
3/23 - Sausage, egg & cheese muffin, juice, milk
3/24 - Waffles, sausage links, juice, milk
3/25 - Sausage gravy w/ biscuits, juice, milk
3/28 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk
3/29 - Eggs & ham scrambled, cinnamon biscuit, juice, milk

MS/HS - Lunch:
3/23 - Walking taco or Sausage w/bun, green bean casserole, assorted fruit, milk
3/24 - Pasta w/meat sauce, caesar salad, garlic toast, assorted fruit, milk
3/25 - Cheeseburger w/ bun, oven potatoes, assorted fruit, milk
3/28 - Country fried steak, whipped potatoes, gravy or Biscuits w/sausage gravy, assorted fruit, milk
3/29 - Oriental chicken salad, bread stick, assorted fruit, milk

Paulding Elementary

Last Week's answers to "Will Rogers Quotes"



- Breakfast:

3/23 - Muffin, graham crackers, juice, milk

3/24 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk

3/25 - Cinnamon bread stick, milk, applesauce

3/28 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk

3/29 - Cereal bar, graham crackers, juice, milk

Paulding Elementary

- Lunch:

3/23 - Pizza, corn, fruit, milk

3/24 - BBQ Rib w/bun, tator tots, fruit, milk

3/25 - Cheesy bread stick, marinara sauce, green beans, fruit, milk

3/28 - Ravioli, green beans, bread, fruit, milk

3/29 - Bologna w/bun or Tuna salad w/bun, lettuce salad, fruit, milk

Oakwood Elementary

- Breakfast:

3/23 - Egg/bacon/cheese pizza, fruit, milk

3/24 - Breakfast burrito, fruit, milk

3/25 - Assorted cereals, crackers, juice, milk

3/28 - Mini Pillsbury pancakes, fruit, milk

3/29 - Assorted cereals, crackers, fruit, milk

Oakwood Elementary

- Lunch:

3/23 - Soft taco, lettuce/

cheese, fruit, milk

3/24 - Ham & cheese stromboli, corn, fruit, milk

3/25 - Mac & cheese, cole slaw, bread, fruit, milk

3/28 - Hot dog w/bun, oven potatoes, fruit, milk

3/29 - Cheese Pizza, corn, fruit, milk

Menus are subject to change.

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 3/23 THROUGH 3/29

3/23 - Fish on bun or Chicken strips, baked beans, pears, milk; PLUS: Soup & Salad bar

3/24 - Chicken fajita or Burrito, pineapple, green beans, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Pie

3/25 - French bread pizza or Chicken salad sandwich, salad, applesauce, gogurts, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Cook's choice.

3/28 - Cheeseburger on bun or Mini corn dogs, pickle, french fries, peaches, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Chicken salad

3/29 - Chicken nuggets or Cook's choice, mixed fruit, peas, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Celery w/peanut butter

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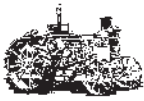
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Set-up, Thursday,
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SEUSS ON THE LOOSE AT WOODBURN ELEMENTARY!



The students at Woodburn Elementary were treated to a day of Seuss-style celebration, Tuesday, March 8th. The day started out with a Seuss character parade. The halls of Woodburn Elementary were filled with a variety of Seuss storybook characters. The costumes were homemade and outstandingly creative. There were many "cats" from the Cat in the Hat, "thing 1 and thing 2" Cindy Lou Who, as well as Horton the

Elephant. The Grinch was seen lurching around and Daisy Head Maizy walked the halls. There were even "green eggs and ham", and "Sam, I am" parading. Several guests came to watch and enjoy as the students paraded through the school.

Following the parade, the students were entertained by a day filled with Seuss stories being read by Media Specialist, Mrs. Ritenour. It was a fun filled "Seuss-tastic" day!

GMC HIGH SCHOOL BOYS ALL-CONFERENCE SELECTIONS 2010-11

The Green Meadows Conference is proud to announce the All-Conference Selections for Boys Basketball for the 2010-2011 season:

PLAYER OF THE YEAR:

Dallas Smith, Ayersville 12

FIRST TEAM:

Logan Lucas, Antwerp 12; Dallas Smith, Ayersville 12; Brody Flegal, Edgerton 11; Spencer Hastedt, Edgerton 12; Ryan Aelker, Holgate 11; Jake Mahnke, Tinora 11

SECOND TEAM:

Nathan Stark, Edgerton 11; Quenton Yoder, Fairview 12; Seth Klepper, Hicksville 11; Jeff Schliesser, Tinora 12; Robert Wuo, Tinora 10; Gage Critten, Wayne Trace 12

HONORABLE MENTION:

Jordan Koppenhoffer, Antwerp 12; Jeff Marbury, Ayersville 12; Caleb Stark, Edgerton 12; Austin Zeedyk, Fairview 12; Logan Husted, Hicksville 11; Mitchell Gonzales, Holgate 10; Casey Lisaka, Tinora 11; Nick LaBounty, Wayne Trace 12

SANDRA FREEMAN RECEIVES PROGRAM STUDY HONOR

Western Buckeye Educational Service Center is please to announce Sandra Freeman, Coordinator of Gifted Services, is the recipient of the U.S. Department of Education 2011 Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad Program: Argentina: A Cultural Crossroads. The Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad program provides short-term study and travel seminars abroad for U.S. educators in the social sciences and humanities for the purpose of improving their understanding and knowledge of the peoples and cultures of other countries.

Mrs. Freeman is one of sixteen educators in the United States, and the only one in Ohio, to receive this award, which provides international travel to Argentina for six weeks, June 22-July 26, 2011.

The objective of the program is to offer participants the opportunity to reach a greater understanding of Argentina today through a trip into the country's past. This journey will include a cultural, political, and social exploration of Argentina's diverse regions, including the opportunity to visit schools and meet with Argentine colleagues.

The seminar will begin with a six-day program in Buenos Aires, which will serve as an introduction to modern Argentina, followed by five weeks spent traveling to different regions of the country such as Misiones, Salta, Jujuy, Cordoba and Mendoza to familiarize participants with its geographic and cultural diversity.

While in Argentina, Mrs. Freeman will develop a multi-media curriculum project which can be replicated in gifted education programs and regular education classrooms after returning to the U.S. She will also present information from the program at the Ohio Association for Gifted (OAGC) Annual Fall Conference in Columbus in October 2011.

Sandra Freeman has a B.A. in Pre-Law from Penn State University, M.S. in Elementary Education/Education of the Gifted from the State University of New York (SUNY). She has worked in the field of gifted education in New York and Ohio for 23 years, and completed a year as an English teacher in Shanghai, China. She was previously awarded a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to study in Vienna, Austria. She has served as the Coordinator of Gifted Services at Western Buckeye ESC since 1999, serving Antwerp Local, Crestview Local, Lincolnview Local, Van Wert City and Wayne Trace Local Schools. Freeman lives in Fort Wayne, IN, with her husband, William.

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS & DISMISSALS

Admissions:
3/5 - Connie Williamson, Paulding
3/8 - Elva Lenhart, Melrose
3/9 - Zelma Dickerhoff, Paulding
3/10 - Josephine Reyes, Paulding
3/11 - Richard Windsor, Paulding
Dismissals:
3/9 - Elva Lenhart, Melrose
3/12 - Josephine Reyes, Paulding
3/13 - Richard Windsor, Paulding

ANTWERP ALLEYS HIGH SCORES FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 18, 2011

Mens High Series

1. Ray Delong 551
2. Robert Johnson 543
3. Chad Geyer 516
4. David Bauer 504
5. Craig Womack 502
6. Mike Walley 501
7. Darren Yerks 500
8. Benji Grant 494
9. Bowie Reid 489
10. Alan Grant 480

Mens High Game

1. David Bauer 226
2. Darren Yerks 200
3. Mike Walley 199
4. Craig Womack 196
5. Ray Delong 194
5. Robert Johnson 194
6. Chad Geyer 192
7. Benji Grant 180
8. Greg Shull 179
9. Scott Lichty 179
10. Chad Franklin 177
10. Alan Grant 175

Womens High Series

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"COOKING" IRISH AT ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS



Ann's Bright Beginnings preschoolers recently did some "cooking" in their classroom! We made shamrock snacks for St. Patrick's day with bread, peanut butter, banana slices and green sugar! We even had leprechaun milk to drink! We decided we were

a class of great cooks! Shown here from the left are: Elli Barton and Jamy Hunt. These two girls are in the morning class of four and young five year olds with Mrs. Chris Adams and Mrs. Ann Miller.

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LIBRARY INTERNET POLICY HEARING TO BE HELD

The Paulding County Carnegie Library has announced a public hearing on Monday, April 11, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. regarding the revised Internet Use and Safety Policy. This policy has been revised to be compliant with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) and requires a public hearing before approval. Any person wishing to speak to the issue of the policy must attend this hearing. Any person wishing to review the revised policy before the hearing should contact Susan Pieper at 419-399-2032. For more information, contact the library.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF US 24 IN PAULDING COUNTY

By: Tony Langham, Paulding County Economic Development

Getting the new US 24 four-lane highway built in Paulding County took over 20 years to achieve. Many officials and citizens worked thousands of hours lobbying to get the improvement accomplished. Heavy car and truck traffic has now been diverted to the new 24, and we now have a safer and higher quality of life for those who travel and live along the old 24 road, now named 424. It is unfortunate for many farmers that the new 24 has cut their farm ground in two, and the efficiency of farming a larger continuous field is now interrupted. Also, some people lost their homes and that would be quite an emotional shock. Change is inevitable, and some have sacrificed to gain safer, and more efficient transportation for all.

The latest estimation of the completion of the highway to the east, to I-75, and the west, to I-69, is 2012. At that time, traffic will increase on US 24, due to the better connection at each end. Now, the new challenge is the development of the economic potential that a 4-lane highway brings to our county. Actually, the planning for the economic development stage of the new highway was begun as it was being built. There are two interchanges in Paulding County that have potential for commercial development, US 24/US 127 and US 24/SR 49. Meetings on both interchanges by land owners and officials began two years ago and they continue. Each interchange has separate

challenges for development.

At US 24/127, the land around the interchange is owned by the Simpson family. Their family has farmed this land for many years, and they would have been content to continue farming it into the future. However, the new highway cut their farm in two, and though they can still farm both the north and south side of the highway, it is less efficient, and they did lose 100 acres of farm ground. A potential use of the land now may be for commercial development.

The challenge for the commercial development of this interchange is water and sewer service. The Paulding County Commissioners, through the Paulding County Revolving Loan Fund, assisted the Village of Cecil with a sewer study to determine the feasibility of the 24/127 interchange and the area around it being developed with sewer service from the Cecil sewer treatment plant. At the time, it was deemed too expensive; however, grants and low-interest money is being pursued. Water may be able to be supplied by drilling a well in the area. Meetings are continuing with the Simpson's, Crane Township Trustees, Cecil Village, the County Commissioners and Paulding County Economic Development.

At US 24/SR49 on the south edge of Antwerp, this area has been annexed on the north side of the new 4-lane highway by the Village of Antwerp. Water and sewer treatment accessibility is fairly close on the north side of the new 4-lane US 24, and some water and sewer lines are near as well. The challenge in Antwerp is the availability of property

in this particular area for commercial development. The area has many smaller parcels of land and getting access to larger acreage has been difficult. Meetings are continuing with the land owners, Antwerp Community Improvement Corporation, Antwerp Village, and Paulding County Economic Development.

WINTER FISH KILL

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Educator

The sight of numerous dead fish along the shore of your pond can be distressing and often lead to concerns about pollution. Fish do act as the "canary in the coal mine", so it's natural that something happened to your pond water that resulted in a fish kill. But, the vast majority of the fish kills reported turn out to be natural events.

Dissolved oxygen depletion is one of the most common causes of natural fish kills. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources states that ponds receive about 80 percent of their dissolved oxygen through plant photosynthesis. The rest of the dissolved oxygen is obtained by absorption through the water's surface caused by wind and wave action. A good supply of dissolved oxygen is necessary to support fish and other aquatic animals, but levels in a pond can vary greatly within a 24-hour period and throughout the year.

A fish winterkill is the result of a significant decline in oxygen during a long period of ice cover. As long as the pond is open or partially open, oxygen levels remain high. This is because diffusion of oxygen from the air and wind agitation adds oxygen to the water and plants contribute oxygen through photosynthesis.

When ice forms, neither wind nor diffusion from the air contributes oxygen to the water. The sole source of oxygen becomes the amount produced by algae and plants. If the ice remains thin and clear, oxygen production by plants and algae can continue as enough sunlight can filter through the ice to allow photosynthesis to occur. If the ice remains into mid-winter or thickens slightly, oxygen levels will begin to decline.

Conditions conducive to winterkill arise when ice persists into late winter and thicken considerably or worse yet, are covered by snow. Ice blanketed with snow inhibits the amount of sunlight reaching the algae and plants beneath the ice, thereby substantially reducing the amount of oxygen produced through photosynthesis. Under these conditions there is not enough dissolved oxygen produced during the day to compensate for normal daily uses by fish and other aquatic animals, aquatic plants, and bacteria. If this continues for an extended period of time, fish will eventually suffocate.

In some cases, the likelihood of fish kills can be reduced by diligent snow removal or artificial aera-

PHS PRESENTS LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS



(l-r) Top row: Kelsi Manz, Yu-chi Tenwalde, Kaity Roughton, Emily Theilbar, Olivia Arend. Middle Row: Beth Salinas, Jill Busch, Rachel Nicelley, Savannah Roughton. Bottom Row: Olivia Hoisington, Elizabeth Chandler, Jack Meriwether, Jared Renollet, James Young. Missing from photo: Audra Philpot and Kaytie Mason.

Paulding High School Drama/Music Department will be presenting their spring play, *Little Shop of Horrors*, on March 25th and 26th. Curtain is at 7:30 p.m. on both nights. Tickets will be available at the door.

Little Shop of Horrors is the story of Seymour (James Young), who comes across a strange and unusual plant after a solar eclipse. He convinces flower shop owner Mr. Mushnik (Jack Meriwether) to place the plant in the front window to attract business. Things start going well for the shop until

the secret of the plant is revealed. Flower shop employee Audrey (Kelsi Manz) is flattered that the plant has been named Audrey II in her honor, and evil dentist Orin Scrivello (Jared Renollet) finds out that he is no match for the powerful plant. The audience is kept up to date by the street urchins who hang out on the fire escape next to the shop. The street urchins are played by Audra Philpot, Emily Theilbar, and Olivia Arend. The puppeteers for Audrey II are Kaity Roughton and Rachel Nicelley. The voice of Audrey II

is Jared Renollet. The fabulous Audrey II puppets were designed and crafted by Mrs. Sandy Dobbelaere and her HS Sculpture Class. The pit orchestra is directed by PHS Senior Andy Favorito. Directors for the musical are Jill Hatcher and Lee-Ann Favorito. If you have seen the movie you are still in for many surprises as the stage version is quite different. The musical celebrates everything that is entertaining about a B-movie horror flick. Everyone is encouraged to come out for a very entertaining evening.

PAULDING EAGLES #2405

☞ **Saturday, April 2nd** — Join us for a "Luau" Spring Fling, (in conjunction with Paulding Co. United Way) Pork Loin Dinner with Full Salad Bar only \$10, 4:30-7:30. **Junkyard Band** starting at 8:00 pm. 50/50 reverse raffle, pair of Kenny Chesney raffle tickets (tickets available prior to event at Eagles), games, Luau party favors, costume judging — We recommend you come in your "Island Attire" and enjoy the evening with us!!

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tion. The most practical method to increase oxygen production and prevent winterkill is snow removal. Snow accumulations of less than two inches usually melt soon after a storm passes and do not warrant removal. However, snowfall accumulations that persist should be removed as soon as possible. Removal of at least 30 percent of the snow usually provides adequate light transmission. Pond owners should concentrate on removal in shoreline areas if only a portion of the pond is to be cleared.

A safety note to remember is aeration during the winter generally prevents safe ice from developing anywhere on the pond. Only remove snow when the ice is safe. Four inches of ice is a good rule to follow before stepping onto the ice to remove snow.

WT WRESTLERS COMPETE IN HICKSVILLE TOURNAMENT

The Wayne Trace Wrestling Club competed in the Hicksville wrestling tournament on Saturday, March 19th. Placing in the tournament were the following wrestlers:

1st place — Ty Tinlin, Gabe Sutton, Worth Clark, Nicholas Barnett, Anthony Rooks, Brendan Dingus, Riley Heater
2nd place — Gage Tinlin,

Austin Smith, Jacob Carpenter, Hunter Showalter, Wyatt Stabler, Hunter Powell

3rd place — Kaden Woolbright.

4th place — Tori Young and Kameron Bevis

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PEVS HOSTS "MUSIC OF THE NIGHT" & DINNER

The Paulding Exempted Village High School will be hosting a band fund raiser on April 9, 2011. The fund raiser is "Music of the Night", with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. Dinner, catered by Grant's, will begin at 7:00 p.m. Prepaid reservations must be made by March 25. Reservations may be made by contacting Vicki Gerschutz at the Paulding Schools Administration office, 419-399-4656 or by contacting any Paulding HS band member.

The entertainment will be provided by the Paulding bands. A silent auction will also be held during the evening. Anyone wishing to donate something for the auction may contact the band department at the school.

The band program is also looking for donations of used band instruments. If you have any instrument that is not being used and would like to donate it to the band program, you can bring it to "The Music of the Night" or contact the band department at the school.

All proceeds from this fund raiser will go towards the PHS band program.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Allison Ann Miller was born on March 11, 2011 to Randall Miller and Pamela Walker. She was born at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville at 7:32 a.m. Allison weighed 7 lbs. and 10 oz., and was 19 inches long.

Proud parents are Randall Miller and Pam Walker of Antwerp. Bill and Sharon Johnson from Flint, MI are Alison's grandparents.

PAULDING COUNTY CHRONICLES II

By: Caroline Wells Zimmerman

CLASS OF 1961 (correction to Part 1 - thanks to D.W. of Paulding) In my fifth grade, my teacher was NOT Miss Geyer, it was Miss Norma Fox who married the baker, Floyd Simons.

CLASS OF 1961 - Part 2

We moved from Cecil (Paulding County, OH) to Scipio Township (Allen County, IN) in March of 1953. I was in my 5th grade of school. It was a culture shock even though Cecil had been a very rural town with no indoor plumbing and an outdoor toilet. The house we moved to had a wood/coal furnace in the basement which was different and we had wonderful water there (three flowing wells compared to the Paulding County black sulphur water). There was a new barn because the new one had been taken down by a tornado, but the old house was 100 years old with the customary lone pine tree in the front yard. We had an outdoor toilet until I was 14 years old and at that time we also had a shower put in the corner of the basement. I learned how to use the wringer washer and milk cows to help Mom as Dad worked in the factory as well as worked on the 160 acres trying to get it tiled (we were surrounded by county ditches that were constantly flooding). My closest friend was my palomino horse, "Sugar". I rode her every day of the year, rain or shine. Mary Ann Lucas was my best friend and neighbor, her white horse's name was "Lady".

The one-room school that I went to was South Scipio on Knapp Rd. I was in the last graduating (8th grade) class of that school before it was closed and I believe it was the last rural school of its kind in Allen County (if not Indiana). We had outdoor toilets and a furnace that burned wood or coal. There was a water fountain upstairs in the cloakroom. There were four grades and one teacher, Mr. Ogle Winston Crisp from Monroeville. A school nurse came once a school year to look down our throats. Mr. Virgil Knapp was our school bus driver. He was the uncle of the Knapp kids of Mary and Ross Knapp who had the little grocery store just west of the school.

Some of the kids that went to South Scipio were Noah Yoder (now has Ford car dealership in Hicksville), Margaret Yoder (his sister), Randy Yontz, Jerry Lee Koch, Kenny Koch, Rudy Koch, Tim and Tom Bennett, Elizabeth Bennett, Judy Baughman, Carole Jackson, Lulu Belle Knapp, Judy Knapp, Judy Lucas (she moved out of the house we moved into), and many more that I can remember only their faces. Judy Gustin, Judy Weigman, Ronnie, also. I especially remember the young brave girl (Beth Ann Stevenson) who lived across the road from the school who rode her specially built bike to school and was so proud of it. We all remembered her smile when she came into the school yard that first time and could be independent.

Because the Antwerp School bus went by our house my Dad wanted me to go to Antwerp High School, so when I graduated from the

WAYNE TRACE JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT PRESENTS THE WIZARD OF OZ



"We're Off to See the Wizard!" Yes, a group of some 60-plus students from Wayne Trace Schools including Payne and Grover Hill Elementary are hard at work preparing to take that magical trip down the "Yellow Brick Road" into Frank Baum's storybook land of OZ as Wayne Trace Jr/Sr High School gets ready for its spring musical, *The Wizard of Oz*. Join us at the Payne Elementary Auditorium on Friday and Saturday evening, April 1st and 2nd at 7:30 p.m. and again on Sunday afternoon, April 3rd, at 2:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the auditorium doors starting one hour before each performance.

Abbey Linder heads the

cast as Dorothy Gale with Tim Willborn as Hunk/Scarecrow. Joe Sponseller as Hickory/Tinman and Austin Scheiner as Zeke/Cowardly Lion complete the four leads. Other major characters include Nathan Tumblin as Professor Marvel/Wizard, Taylor Baume as Miss Gulch/The Wicked Witch of the West, Staci Wenninger as Glinda-The Good Witch of the North, Trey Schroeder as The Guard at the Gate, Christina Klinker as Aunt Emily Gale, and newcomer Nick LaBounty as Uncle Henry Gale. Toto will be played by Cookie Cox. There is an assortment of unusual characters including Munchkins (little people), Winkies (the Witch's guards), Nikko

and his flying monkeys, talking crows, talking apple trees, haunted trees, Jitterbugs, ghosts, poppies, snowmen, and flowering capes that turn into crystal snowflakes.

This Royal Shakespeare Company adaptation of the MGM motion picture with music and lyrics by Harold Arlen and E.Y. Harburg and book adaptation by John Kane is being presented in cooperation with TAMS-WITMARK MUSIC LIBRARY, INC. and is under the direction of Mr. Dave Snyder (this is his last year as Drama Director at Wayne Trace) and sponsored by the Wayne Trace Performing Arts Association.

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PAULDING ELEMENTARY ANNOUNCES ITS FEBRUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Paulding Elementary staff are proud to announce February's Students of the Month. This is for the PAWS behavior support program. P-Pride, A-positive Attitude, W-Work habits, S-Self-Control. Students are chosen by their teachers for the behavior expectations from the PAWS program.

Grade - Sam Adams, Morgan Keeran, Kathryn Griffiths, Hailey Stallard. (third row) Second Grade - Megan Harpel, Dominic Carnahan, Lynelle Schneider, Leigha Egnor. (fourth row) Third Grade - Julia McMaster, Sidney Kohart, Jaden Verfaillie. (fifth row) Fourth Grade - Haley Apple, Jennifer Stahl, Rachel Ringler, Nicholas Barnett, Alex Cardin, Macy Iler. (back row) Fifth Grade - Ryan Woodring, Kayla Munoz, Caitlyn Myers, Devon Smith

PAULDING ELEMENTARY KINDERGARTEN SCREENING REMINDER

Paulding Elementary Kindergarten Screening is being held on April 1st and April 8th. If you have a child who will be five before August 1, 2011 please call the school at 419-399-4656 and schedule an appointment for one of the screening days. You will need to bring a certificate of live birth, social security card, immunization records, and custody papers (if applicable). Kindergarten Screening will take place at Paulding Elementary. Please stop in the office and sign in. You will be directed to the screening rooms.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES FOR 3/9/11

This 9th day of March, 2011, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

- Tony Zartman, Tony Burkley, Fred Pieper, and Nola Ginter, Clerk
- ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:** Warrants documented as 176197 through 176206 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.
- TRAVEL REQUEST:** Judge John DeMuth, Juvenile Residential Center

Governing Board Meeting, Bowling Green OH - March 11, 2011

IN THE MATTER OF THE 2010 ANNUAL COUNTY HIGHWAY SYSTEM MILEAGE CERTIFICATION:

In accordance with the provisions specified in the Ohio Revised Code, Section \$4501.04 (Distribution of Revenues), the Board of County Commissioners of Paulding County, Ohio, does hereby certify a total of 322.132 miles from January through December, 2010, for Paulding County.

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Karla Treece, Family and Children First - Ms. Treece met with the Commissioners to touch base and further explain the purpose of Family and Children First. She stated there are twelve members on their board, consisting of representatives from various agencies that deal with children. Ms. Treece reported the board meets every other month. She and the Commissioners discussed priorities when it comes to our county's children. Issues such as child abuse (the prevention of), homelessness, education for new parents, and prenatal care were at the top of the list. Ms. Treece commented the Paulding County Hospital will soon be conducting a random health needs assessment. A company from Toledo will administer the random surveys to students and parents. Hopefully, the survey results will provide the necessary data for various service agencies to target the children and families in need. Ms. Treece thanked the Commissioners for their interest in learning more about Family and Children First and some of the programs they have available for needy children and their families.

Carol Temple, County Recorder - Ms. Temple reported a minor maintenance issue in her office. The Commissioners also discussed options for cooling her computer/scanning room.

ODOT WARNS OF FLOODED ROADWAY HAZARDS

As Ohioans recover from nearly two weeks of flooding, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) reminds motorists that many roads around the state are still closed due to high water, and crossing them may be deadly. "More than half of all flood-related deaths occur in automobiles as people and their vehicles are swept downstream," said ODOT Director Jerry Wray. "Motorists should never cross flooded roadways and never drive around the barriers that warn the road is flooded."

The best advice: Turn Around Don't Drown. March 14-18 is National Flood Safety Awareness Week. Motorists can stay alive by avoiding flooded areas altogether.

Flash floods are the most dangerous kind of flooding because they combine the destructive power of high water with incredible speed and unpredictability. Rapidly rising water creating a flash flood may occur with little warning.

Know Before You Go: Up-to-the-minute road conditions are always available by logging onto [# ST. PATTY SPOTTED IN PAULDING COUNTY](http://www.Buck-</p>
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St. Patty was spotted in the Kindergarten Wing of Paulding Elementary School on St. Patrick's Day, March 17. Carly Turner (St. Patty) visited Mrs. Shepherd's Kindergarten Class where her grandson, Bradyn is a student. Carly is carrying on this wonderful tradition from her Mother, Ethel Baxter. Ethel was known for visiting the school, hospital, nursing home and other local establishments on St. Patrick's Day—she could be found around Easter as the Easter Bunny. Carly and her mother enjoy life to the fullest and love to bring smiles and laughter to those they meet.

On Sunday, March 13th, St. Patty visited with Classic Feathers Bird Club at their regular meeting in Bryan. Wookie, a cockatiel, can be seen visiting with St. Patty and enjoying her green top hat. Classic Feathers Club Members will be traveling

to Fort Wayne Bird Fair on Sunday, April 10th at the Allen County Fairgrounds in Fort Wayne. For more information contact the club at classicfeathers@gmail.com or visit their website at www.classicfeathersbirdclub.com



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Dr. Rolf Daniel, Provost of the University of Saint Francis, has announced students named to the Dean's List for the Fall Semester 2010. These students have maintained a 3.5 grade point average on a four-point scale and have carried at least 12 credit hours.

The students from this area are listed below:

- Kelsey Cottrell - Social Work, Antwerp
- Jason Gaisford - Biology- Pre Physician Assistant Dual, Antwerp
- Tyler Gaisford - Physical Therapist Assistant, Antwerp
- Timothy Ryan - Physical Therapist Assistant, Antwerp

- Jessica Smith - Nursing-ASN Program, Antwerp
- Elizabeth Vachon - Nursing-BSN Program, Antwerp
- Kathleen Vachon - Communication Arts & Graphic Design, Antwerp

GMC SPORTS POINT STANDINGS TO-DATE FOR 2010-11

The following are the girls, boys, and girls/boys combined Point Standings as of the ending of the winter sports season.

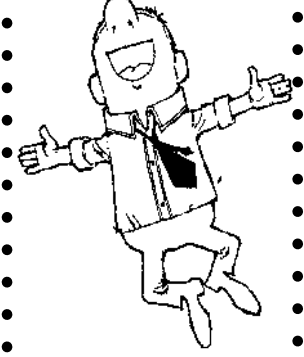
Girls:
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Boys:
Tinora 32.33; Fairview 27; Edgerton 25.33; Ayersville 21; Antwerp 20.33; Hicksville 17; Wayne Trace 17

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PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES FOR 2/28/11

This 28th day of February, 2011, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

Tony Zartman, Tony Burkley, Fred Ginter, Clerk; Absent: Fred Pieper

TRAVEL REQUESTS:

Gregory Geyer, OSAVSC Spring Conference, Dublin OH - April 1-3, 2011

Timothy Baumle, OSAVSC Spring Conference, Dublin OH - April 1-3, 2011

Roger Taylor, OSAVSC Spring Conference, Dublin OH - April 1-3, 2011

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

The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on February 23, 2011, Warrants numbering 175852 through 175900 totaling \$1,741.35; and it is certified that both at the time that the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time that the County Auditor is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance; and pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code §5705.41(D)(1), these purchases must be approved by resolution of the board of county commissioners; the Paulding County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Purchase Orders as submitted by the Auditor; and it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners, County of Paulding, State of Ohio concerning the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-003):
The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2011 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:
FROM: 001-016-00007/General Fund/Commissioners' Buildings and Grounds/Contract Services
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PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES FOR 3/7/11

This 7th day of March, 2011, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

Tony Zartman, Tony Burkley, Fred Pieper, and Nola Ginter, Clerk

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:

Warrants documented as 175953 through 176151 and 176152 through 176157 for County Bills were approved and certified on March 2, 2011, to the County Auditor for payment.

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

The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on March 2, 2011, Warrants numbering 175953 through 176089 totaling \$3,709.61; and it is certified that both at the time that the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time that the County Auditor is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance; and pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code §5705.41(D)(1), these purchases must be approved by resolution of the board of county commissioners; the Paulding County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Purchase Orders as submitted by the Auditor; and it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners, County of Paulding, State of Ohio concerning the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

IN THE MATTER OF CREATING A NEW FUND AND REVENUE AND EXPENSE LINE ITEMS (FUND 179):
It is necessary to track revenue and expenses for auditing purposes for real estate escrow payments; the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to create Fund 179, Escrow Tax Fund; and also to create the following line items in the Escrow Tax Fund (Fund 179):
Revenue:
179-001-10001, 1st Half RE Tax Escrow
179-001-10002, 2nd Half RE Tax Escrow
Expense:
179-001-00001, 1st Half RE Tax Escrow
179-001-00002, 2nd Half RE Tax Escrow

IN THE MATTER OF SELECTING AN ORGANIZATION TO PERFORM THE ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF CDBG SERVICES FOR PAULDING COUNTY:

Paulding County utilizes Community Development Block Grant dollars for various projects; and Maumee Valley Planning Organization provides a full range of services in the areas of housing, economic development, downtown redevelopment, and general community development; the Board of County Commissioners does hereby select and authorize the Maumee Valley Planning Organization to perform the administration and implementation of Paulding County's CDBG Programs.

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PAULDING COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES TO RENT ADDITIONAL OFFICE SPACE FOR THE WIA PROGRAM:
The WIA Office is in need for additional office space; the Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize the Director of Paulding County Department of Job and Family Services to rent additional office space for the WIA program; additional expense for the office space will be funded by the WIA program.

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:
Lou Ann Wannemacher, County Treasurer - Ms. Wannemacher met with the Commissioners to update them on the county credit card issue. She reported the credit card would have a master account; however, each office requiring the use of a credit card will have the name of that particular office on it. The credit card billing will be all inclusive, with a separate billing sheet for each office. Ms. Wannemacher then discussed some of her budgetary concerns.
Corey Walker, DJFS - Mr. Walker reported the roofing project at the Jacob Eaton Children's Home is to begin today.
Mike Wilhelm - Mr. Wilhelm requested permission to conduct a feasibility study for geothermal heating and air conditioning for the courthouse. He suggested using an 'open loop' system, utilizing water from the Flat Rock Creek. Mr. Wilhelm is an accredited installer of geothermal heating/cooling systems and has done residential and commercial projects. He suggested the possibility of state or federal grant dollars to fund the project.
Tony Langham, PCED - Mr. Langham met with the Commissioners to update them on Paulding County Economic Development activities.

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EDGERTON FARM COUPLE SELECTS CMH TO RECEIVE MONSANTO GRANT



Pictured are (l-r) Tim Meyer (Monsanto), Art Herman (Monsanto), Natalie Appel, Lolita Appel, Duane Appel, Janis Meyer (CMH Foundation Board President), Andrew Farnham (Monsanto).

Community Memorial Hospital was chosen by Duane and Lolita Appel, Edgerton farm couple, as the winner for Defiance County in Monsanto's America's Farmers Grow Communities™ program. Farmers across the nation enrolled in the project for an opportunity to win \$2,500 for a nonprofit organization in their county that they felt strengthened their community.

The Appel family has always used CMH as their primary hospital. Over the years, as Duane and Lolita raised their children, the couple enjoyed the personal care they received from their family physicians and the hospital staff. And when Lolita was

diagnosed with breast cancer, she especially appreciated the kindness and compassion shown to her by Dr. Michael Kooistra and his office nurse, Lisa Biery.

America's Farmers Grow Communities is sponsored by the Monsanto Fund to support local farming communities. One winner was selected in each of 1,204 eligible counties in 38 states.

These counties were selected based on crop parameters from the January 2010 USDA report. Nearly 50,000 farmers applied from eligible counties where a minimum of 30,000 acres of corn, soybeans, cotton, or vegetables are planted each year.

"We wholeheartedly ap-

preciate these grant funds and will put them to good use, but I have to admit that what touches my heart most is that out of every nonprofit organization in Defiance County, Duane and Lolita chose Community Memorial Hospital," said Mel Fahs, hospital CEO. "The magnitude of what that says about our staff and the service we provide is both humbling and exhilarating."

The \$2,500 grant will be used to purchase an additional epidural pump for CMH. This pump will be used to provide pain relief for mothers in labor and for surgery patients.

THANK YOU

Thanks to friends, family and the town of Antwerp for supporting and congratulating me during my participation in the Paulding County and Journal-Gazette regional spelling bees.

—Derek Reeb

THE PUNKY PRUNE

By: Rachel Steiner

Hello again! Since the temperatures are increasing and people will be outside milling about soon, I figured it was the perfect time to spend

some time talking about getting outside and enjoying the beautiful world. Walking outside is the easiest form of exercise but there are many other reasons and benefits associated with it. As you read this article, decide which is the most relevant reason for you to get outside, then lace up those sneakers and take to it.

Walking for fitness has many wonderful benefits. It can help lower bad cholesterol and blood pressure and can burn up to 300 calories an hour for a 150 lb. person. Some important tips are

to walk tall and take short comfortable steps. To boost cardio benefits, you can do speed intervals. On a scale of 1-10 with 1 being the easiest, alternate 1 minute walking at a 5 or 6 with 1 minute at a 8 or 9 then repeat it 10 times. You can also try to walk on paths with uphill climbs and keep your intensity the same as when the ground is flat.

Another reason to get moving is for therapeutic reasons. Going for walks with your spouse or friends is a great way to enjoy the outdoors and have meaningful conversations. When someone else is talking, practice the simple art of just listening without jumping to give your two cents. You want to send the message that what your companion is saying really does matter. Wait for the person to tell you what they need. Are they rambling on and on and perhaps just looking to let off some steam or are they asking for advice? Being outside with nature helps all of us to relax and open up as does

the mindless act of walking or pacing. So take this time to foster and develop your relationships.

Lastly, my favorite form of walking is for meditative purposes. I find it easier to pray and "go with the flow" when I'm outside, moving and relaxed. You can also focus on taking smooth, long breaths and clearing your mind with repetitive affirmations or scriptures. Wander slowly and recognize each of your 5 senses. Begin with sight since that is the easiest and notice the blossoms forming on the tree branches. Then notice the sounds of birds chirping, the feel of the sun rays beating down on you, and the fresh scents of spring. Each of these will help you to get lost in the present and release your worries and anxieties. Plus, it's a great way to acknowledge how great a God we have for creating so many beautiful and perfect gifts in this life!

If you have questions or topics you would like discussed, you can email punkprune@yahoo.com

UPDATED SUNSHINE LAWS MANUAL NOW AVAILABLE

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine and Ohio Auditor of State Dave Yost announced the release of an update to the Sunshine Laws Manual. This open government resource, which is published as a joint venture of both offices, is a guide to the state's laws concerning open meetings and public records.

The release of this new edition of the Sunshine Laws Manual coincides with Sunshine Week, which is celebrated from March 13-19, 2011.

"Accountable and transparent government must function in the open," said Attorney General Mike DeWine. "The goal of the Sunshine Laws Manual is to help officials and Ohio citizens to better understand Ohio's open meetings and public records laws."

"The Yellow Book is the owner's manual for open government," Auditor Yost said. "It tells you how to start it, operate it and keep it running smoothly."

To view or download the updated manual, commonly referred to as the "Yellow Book," visit www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/YellowBook or www.Auditor.state.oh.us.

In addition to releasing this guide each year, the Attorney General's office and the Auditor's office promote open government by offering free Sunshine Law Trainings to public officials, as required by law. In 2010, the offices conducted 60 training sessions attended by more than 3,700 people.

Sunshine Law training sessions have been scheduled

across the state for 2011. A full schedule is available at www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/SunshineLawTraining. The general public is welcome to attend these trainings. This Sunshine Laws Manual is intended as a guide, but because much of open government law comes from case law or the interpretation of statutes by the courts, the office encourages local governments to seek guidance from their legal counsel when specific legal questions about these laws arise.

REP. WACHTMANN APPLAUDS REPEAL OF PUCO MANDATES

State Representative Lynn Wachtmann (R-Napoleon) today applauded the decision by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) to rescind the revised regulations on private commercial vehicles operating in intrastate commerce.

Initially intended to take effect on January 1, 2011, the PUCO extended motor carrier safety regulations to include private intrastate vehicles with a weight of between 10,001 and 26,000 lbs. Included in the new regulations were rules that require drivers of these vehicles to maintain log books and medical certificates. Furthermore, these vehicles would have been subject to inspection by the state of Ohio, and the operations of the companies that use these vehicles would have been subject to review from the PUCO's safety compliance auditors.

"I am excited that the PUCO and Governor Kasich recognized that these regulations would have had devastating consequences and driven small businesses into the ground," Wachtmann said. "The extra time and money that independent businesses would have had to set aside

for jumping through these hoops was ridiculous, so I am pleased that these job-killing regulations, set in motion by former Governor Strickland, have been stopped. Ohio cannot afford to lose more businesses to states with less of a regulatory burden. We need to continue our focus of implementing policies and legislation that will prosper our businesses and provide them with incentives to remain in Ohio."

House Bill 82, which was introduced in February, would have matched Ohio's hazmat requirements to the federal standard and repealed the additional regulations that are not required by the federal government. This legislation was aimed at alleviating some of the burden caused by the new motor carrier vehicle regulations on businesses.

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