

## THE GHOST OF THE PHANTOM ARRIVES AT THE HUBER



By: Tawnya English

It is 1911 and the contents of the Paris Opera House are being auctioned off. Present are the auctioneer, porters and bidders, Raoul, now seventy years old and in a wheelchair, buys a poster and a music box. As the auctioneer displays the Opera House Chandelier, he explains that it is connected with the legend of the Phantom of the Opera with a flash of light, the audience is flung back in time, when the Paris Opera was at it's height.

On April 8, 9 & 16 at 7:30 p.m. and April 10 & 17 at 2:00 p.m. The Hicksville High School students will be performing the Phantom of the Opera to be held at the Hicksville Huber Opera House. Reserved and general admission tickets on sale now at the Hicksville Elementary School M-F from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for more information you may call (419) 542-7475.

The Phantom of the Opera cast members are: The Phantom-Jordan Teeple; Christine Daae- Hayley Hesselswardt; Raoul, Vicomte de Chagny-Jared Michael; Carlotta Giudicelli-Dominique Tonneas; Ubaldo Piangi-Mitchell Smith; Monsieur Firmin-Tyler Monroe; Monsieur Andre-Austin Michael; Madame Giry-Kiersten Payne; Meg Giry - Jess Lilly; Joseph Buquet - Gerald Shreve; Auctioneer -Zach Richter; Madame Firmin - Karley Schmidt; Monsieur Reyer - Zach Richter; Monsieur Lefe-

vre - Joseph Contreras; Fob 1 - Zach Burley; Fob 2 - Travis Lysaght; Fireman - Mason Hostetler; Passarino - Eddie Coplin; Chief - Garrett Crall; Confidante - Mercedes Moncivais; Marksman -Travis Lysaght; Nurse- Karley Schmidt; Box Seat Statues - Lauren Payne, Jackalyn Siebenaler, Gabrielle Friend, Madison Timbrook; Gold Statues - Charlie Emenhiser, Justin Miller, Zac Stoll, Seth Klepper, Tyler Laney; Stone Statues - Mitchell Weatherhead, Zach Yoder, Caleb Savage; Christine Daae(double)- McKenna

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### CORRECTION:

Basketball Marathon: The West Bend News published an article on the front page of last week's paper on the 'Playing ball for those who can't' Basketball Marathon for Crippled Children. The WBN reported that \$100,000 was granted to the Paulding County Crippled Children in matching funds through the Defiance-Paulding Chapter of Thrivent Financial of Lutherans for the marathon. This amount is in correct, it should have read \$1,000.00. We at West Bend News apologize for the inconvenience this has caused.

## PAULDING COUNTY GOING GREEN



By: Sue Knapp

Driving south on 49 out of Payne you will see a lot of construction going on. This construction is one of Paulding County's way of going green.

Horizon Wind Farm's, Project Timber Road Wind Farm is in it's first phase. This phase is in Benton Township on the Paulding-Van Wert County Line. The tower is up for the first turbine. They are getting ready to put the turbine blade up. The blades are nearly 200' long and there will be 3 blades on each tower. There will be a total of 55 tur-

bines in Benton Township. The Benton Township phase will be done by the end of June of 2011.

The second phase is in Harrison Township which will hold another 55 turbines and phase 3 will be in Blue Creek and Paulding Townships. These turbines will be scattered all over these townships. The power generated from these turbines will be sold to AEP.

Erin Bowser, Project Manager with Horizon is quoted, "These are the first utility scale wind farms in Ohio."

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**Velma G. Keck** 93, died Friday, April 1, 2011 at the Paulding County Hospital, Paulding, Ohio.

She was born in Paulding County, Ohio on October 17, 1917 the daughter of Ray and Minnie (Font) Thomas. On October 23, 1940 she married Millard T. Keck, who died November 12, 1997. She was a Registered Nurse retiring from GM Powertrain of Defiance, Ohio. She was a nurse also at the Paulding County Hospital. She was a member of the Twin Oaks United Methodist Church of Oakwood, Ohio

Surviving are 2 sons: Ray V. (Carla) Keck of Defiance, Ohio and Larry T. (Terry) Keck of Fulton Missouri. 2 Sisters: Edna Parrish of Coon Rapids, Minnesota and Evelyn (Dale) Deisler of Upper Sandusky, OH; 3 Brothers: Donald Thomas of Indian Wells, California, Kenneth (Bonnie) Thomas of Indianapolis, Indiana and Loren (Luella) Thomas of Paulding, Ohio. 11 Grandchildren, 31 Great Grandchildren and 2 Great Great Grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by: her parents, her husband Millard, 1 daughter: Ann Keck Engel, 1 grandson: Todd Engel, 1 great-grandson: Derek Harrison, 2 brothers: Robert and Carl Thomas.

Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday, April 5, 2011 at the Den Herder Funeral Home Paulding, Ohio. Pastor Eric Dailey officiated. Burial followed at the Sherman Cemetery, Oakwood, Ohio.

Memorials to: Oakwood Library Fund or the Twin Oaks United Methodist Church of Oakwood, Ohio.

Online condolences to denherderfh.com

**Nell Rose Hartwick**, 95 died Tuesday, March 29, 2011 at the Gardens of Paulding,

Paulding, Ohio.

She was born September 11, 1915 in Paulding County, Ohio, the daughter of Frank and Nell (Powell) Thompson. On September 12, 1936 she married Charles Frederick Hartwick who preceded her in death on October 2, 1994. She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Briceton, OH; and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star the former Corona Chapter #95, where she was a past matron.

She is survived by two sons, Dan (Marlene) Hartwick, Plano, Texas, and Bill Hartwick, Briceton; a daughter, Bonnie (Dan) Griffiths, Paulding; 9 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; 6 great-great-grandchildren; and a sister-in-law, Virginia Thompson, Nashville, TN.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; 3 brothers, Richard, Bill and Robert; 2 sisters, Betty and Ruth Ann.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 4, 2011 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Pastor Joe Allen officiated. Burial followed in St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding.

Donations may be made to Caring and Sharing Food Pantry or American Cancer Society.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

**Michael Albert Lindsey**, 63, of Antwerp, passed away Saturday, April 2, 2011, 4:06 p.m. peacefully, at Paulding County Hospital.

Michael was born in Paulding County on May 26, 1947, the son of the late Ula (Norwood) and Arland Lindsey.

Mike was known for his jovial personality, especially when he was at the Antwerp Shell or working at the IGA.

His graveside service was held on Wednesday April 6, 2011 at Maumee Cemetery, County Road 43, Antwerp, with Deacon Robert Nigh-

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

**Robert M. Tracy**, 86 died Thursday, March 31, 2011 at the Van Wert Manor Nursing Home in Van Wert, Ohio.

He was born in Cleveland, Ohio on Sept. 11, 1924 the son of the late Ada (Korf) Tracy & Claude Tracy.

Robert retired from the Continental Can Co. in Van Wert, OH in 1982 after 30+ years of service. He was a member of the Van Wert Amateur Radio Club.

Robert will be sadly missed by his wife Betty J. (Ashbaugh) Tracy who survives in Grover Hill, Ohio. Sons: Floyd (Shirley) Tracy, Van Wert; Gary Tracy, Van Wert, Ohio; Daughter: Roxana (Lonnie) Lytle, Grover Hill, Ohio. Six grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Children: Janet Miller and Lloyd Tracy. Sisters: Alberta Ours, Lucille Morrison, Wilma Bish, Lois Thrasher, Bea LeMonds, and Inez Lawther.

A graveside service was held on Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at the Maumee Cemetery in Antwerp, Ohio.

Arrangements by Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home & Crematory.

Condolences may be expressed at www.alspachgearhart.com.

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Weatherhead; Hannibal Ensemble— Amber Poth, Aubrie Crall, Emily Savage, Jenna Kinn, Karley Schmidt, Megan Headley, Kaitlyn Reid, Brooke Schooley, Audrey Davis, Seth Klepper, Charlie Emehiser, Justin Miller, Zach Stoll, Tyler Laney; Masquerade Ensemble— Amber Poth, Aubrie Crall, Emily Savage, Jenna Kinn, Karley Schmidt, Megan Headley, Kaitlyn Reid, Brooke Schooley, Audrey Davis, Seth Keppler Charlie Emehiser, Justin Miller, Zach Stoll, Tyler Laney, Joseph Contreras, McKenna Weatherhead.

There will also be a live orchestra performing the night of the play. This is a must see event you do not want to miss. Join Keith Countryman and his students for a crowd pleasing heart stopping show.

**BIBLE QUESTIONS**

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

1. Matthew 2:13 - why did Joseph take Jesus to Egypt?
  2. In Matthew 2:23 - where did Jesus dwell?
  3. In Luke 2:41-49 - what was the age of Jesus when he sat in the temple with the teacher?
  4. In Luke 1:5-13 - who were the parents of John the Baptist?
  5. Who was the fore runner of Jesus?
  6. In Matthew 3:13-17 - why was Jesus baptized?
  7. In Matthew 4:1-11 - how many times did the devil tempt Jesus?
  8. In Matthew 10:5-7 - what was the limited commission?
  9. Acts 2:22 - miracles were used to confirm what?
  10. How many miracles did Jesus perform?
- Answers to last week's questions are:
1. An agreement or the new covenant given to man by God.
  2. To save all people
  3. Tracing Jesus family tree or genealogy back to Abraham.
  4. Gabriel

5. Fear not to take for your wife

6. Bethlehem
7. Jesus birth
8. Worship Jesus
9. The Bible doesn't tell us how many.
10. Two turtle doves or two pigeons.

**NOTHING TO FEAR IN DEATH**

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

I met with an elderly person recently who has been informed that they may not have long to live. One of their questions for me had to do with fear and the prospect of dying. I assured them that for those who have placed their faith in Jesus Christ, He does not let us die alone, or as the Psalmist tenderly put it, "Yea though I walk through the Valley of the Shadow of Death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me, your rod and your staff, they comfort me. Life's stages may not be easy, but we need not fear.

For example, one of the commencement traditions at Harvard University is Senior Class Chapel. On the morning of their graduation, seniors gather in Memorial Church to hear the minister offer words of solace and encouragement as they leave "the Yard" to take their places in the world.

The 1998 senior class heard the unvarnished truth from the Rev. Peter Gomes, minister at Harvard and the author of several books on the Bible, including *The Good Book and Sermons*. In his gentle ringing tones, that call to mind a cross between a Shakespearean actor and the TV sitcom character Frasier, the inimitable Doctor Gomes took no prisoners as he began:

"You are going to be sent out of here for good, and most of you aren't ready to go. The president is about to bid you into the fellowship of educated men and women and,"—and here he paused and spoke each word slowly for emphasis—"you know just - how - dumb - you - really - are." The senior class cheered in agreement.

"And worse than that," Doctor Gomes continued, "the world—and your parents in particular—are going to expect that you will be among the brightest and best. But you know that you can no longer fool all the people even some of the time. By noon-time today, you will be out of here. By tomorrow you will be history. By Saturday, you will be toast. That's a fact - no exceptions, no extensions."

"Nevertheless, there is reason to hope," Doctor Gomes promised. "The future is God's gift to you. God will not let you stumble or fall. God has not brought you this far to this place to abandon you or leave you here alone and afraid. The God of Israel never stumbles, never sleeps, never goes on sabbatical. Thus, my beloved and bewildered young friends, do not be afraid."

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

**MORE THAN PEACHES**

**By: Regan Clem, Riverside Christian Church**

In James And The Giant Peach a little boy named James is orphaned and moves in with his evil aunts to take care of him. James dreams of escaping his terrible situation and traveling to New York City. Then one magical day arrives. James receives a magical seed that turns into a giant peach. James and The Giant Peach is a story of suffering, triumph, and overcoming obstacles as James floats and flies across the ocean with the giant peach to New York City.

At the end of the movie, after James arrives in New York City, his aunts appear and attempt to take credit for the peach, so they can profit off of it. James tries to get people to believe the truth when he explains the magical, wonderful, yet unbelievable story that caused the giant peach to arrive in New York City.

The aunt retorts in a slithering voice, "This is all something he dreamed up."

James finds courage and replies, "Well, maybe it started that way. As a dream, but doesn't everything. Those buildings. These lights. This whole city. Somebody had to dream about it first. And maybe that is what I did. I dreamed about coming here, but then I did it."

Everything starts with a dream. When the Holy Spirit came upon the early church, Peter quoted from the prophet Joel, "And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" [Acts 2:17-18, 21 (ESV)].

These days of the Spirit

are here. Notice that with the Holy Spirit, old men will dream dreams. We are never too old to dream. To think of things that aren't yet that should be. To see God's vision of the world that we feel in the depths of our being should be but isn't.

Age beats us down. And the more we age, the more we can become disillusioned that the things we do become meaningless, that the wrongs in this world cannot be fixed. The ideals we once strove for are unreachable. But the Holy Spirit gives the power to continue dreaming. It gives us the power to keep going despite all obstacles. It gives us the strength to see a world that is not yet and go after it. No longer do we have to stop dreaming as we age. We can dream, and we can change into that which we dream.

May we continue to dream, and may we, as followers of Jesus, dream His dreams. May His dreams become reality because we never give up on dreaming them. It probably won't be a giant peach, but it will be a better world.

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.

**SCRAPBOOKING MARATHON AT COOPER COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

The Oakwood Area Scrapbookers will be meeting for another marathon weekend of scrapbooking on Friday, April 15-17 at the Cooper Community Library's Community Room. Friday they will meet 5:00 p.m. - midnight; Saturday, 9:00 p.m. - midnight; Sunday 1:00-6:00 p.m. Pack your projects and supplies and come and join other fellow scrapbookers for a fun weekend. For more information contact the Cooper Community Library, branch of Paulding County Carnegie Library at 419-594-3337.

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**Tuesday, April 18th** 7-30 — **CAHAL DUNNE** - Second in the Artists Concert Series "It's Great to be Irish ---- It's Ireland's Happy Man! Irish & Scottish Medleys, World War II Songs, Humorous Songs and Piano Solos (If you don't have a Season Ticket, you may purchase in advance for \$17 - or \$20 at the door performance night.)  
**Saturday, April 30th** at 7:30 p.m. - IPFW OPERA ENSEMBLE Presents - "Hansel & Gretel and Ted & Alice "PDQBach and "The Old Maide and the Thief" - GianCarlo Menatti - Adults \$6 (Srs. \$5 & Students \$3)

  
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**PCED TO HOST SEMINAR**

Paulding Chamber of Commerce and the Paulding County Office of Economic Development are working together to host a free small business seminar, Thursday, April 21 for persons interested in opening a business of their own and for current small business owners.

It will be conducted from 9 a.m.-noon in the Paulding Kiwanis Building.

Chamber board chairman Melinda Krick and PCED director Tony Langham are spearheading the project.

Information will be disseminated in the areas of business finances, legal aspects of structuring a business, real estate, advertising, accounting, licensing and permits, insurance, web design and regulations.

Participation at the seminar is being encouraged with the Antwerp, Oakwood, and Payne Chambers of Commerce, Oakwood Development, ACDC, and both of the county's Community Improvement Corporations (CICs).

Local professionals are being contacted to form a panel for a question and answer period during the seminar. They are also being offered the opportunity to help sponsor the event.

Events of the day likely will include a one-hour presentation by Merry Beavers from the Small Business Development Center in Defiance. She will give an overview of all matters pertaining to small business.

Jerry Good with Ohio Department of Development in Lima will cover State incentive programs, and Langham will discuss programs available through the local economic development office. The third hour will consist of discussion with the local panel of professional business experts, with a question and answer format.

There is no cost to attend. For more information or to reserve a seat, contact Langham at his Paulding office, 419-399-8282, or email pced@bright.net. Information will also be listed on the Paulding Chamber's Facebook page.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We would like, in this way, to say "Thank You" to the many people who were a special part of Madge Elliott's life during her waning years.

We were overwhelmed by the love and concern showed during the past months and her death.

First to the Manor House staff for their ever vigilant care and to the Community Health Professional of Paulding and Hospice for the time they spent making Madge comfortable. To all of you who sent cards, prayers, brought food to the house, and visited and shared memories with us at the funeral home.

Especially to Shawn Dooly and his staff who made a difficult time more bearable, Pastor Mike Pennington for the time he spent with Madge and for his faith inspired sermon. And last but not least to the congregation of the First United Presbyterian Church for the great lunch and their comfort and support.

You all will be blessed because you give so generously!

The family of Madge Elliott,

- Larry & Lucille Elliott,
- Brent & Stacie Brown,
- Gary & Debra Ward,
- Dean & Kelly Elliott,
- Gary & Amy Leatherman,
- And all of their families

**WT BOE HOLD SPECIAL MEETING FOR SUPERINTENDENT POSITION**

The Wayne Trace Local School District Board of Education met in special session on Thursday, March 31, 2011 in the Wayne Trace High School lecture room at 4:00 p.m.

Upon a motion by Les Hockenberry a single resolution to offer Stephen E. Arnold a contract for the position



of Superintendent of Wayne Trace Local Schools for a period of 3 years beginning August 1, 2011 and to further authorize up to 15 transition days prior to August 1, 2011 to be paid at per diem as detailed in the contract.

Steve Arnold is currently employed by Antwerp Local Schools as the High School Principal. "I am honored to have been chosen by the Wayne Trace Local Board of Education as it's next district superintendent. Having lived in Paulding County my entire adult life, I am very excited to have this opportunity and look forward to becoming a part of the excellent Raider tradition." Commented Arnold.

**CONTINUE TO HONOR VETERANS**

The dedication of the All Veterans Memorial in the summer of 2010 at Antwerp, Ohio, was the end of one project and the beginning of another. While working on the memorial the committee heard unending stories from families and friends of our honored veterans. They said, "You should put them together in a book". That is now the next project.

The V.E.T.S. committee has been dissolved and all remaining funds will be placed in an account for future use at the memorial site. A new core committee has been formed, the VETS Continuous Honor Committee (VETS-CH). The officers are as follows: Lori Manon and Judy Steele

are co-chairpersons, Karen Sanders and Starlet Levy are co-treasurers, Sandra Wann is recording secretary. They welcome other interested persons to join them.

The purpose of this new committee is to publish a book of memories that will include a time-line of the memorial beginning with the earliest history of the Civil War Monument to the completion of the All Veterans Memorial. A book that will be an extension of the memorial, to continuously honor all Veterans. The committee desires to include information that would be submitted from the public. They would like to have photos of veterans in uniform. Letters/cards, etc. from veterans to someone back home. A biography of the veteran telling what they had done before serving, what they did while serving. What they came home to and did with the remainder of their life. A remembrance of their service and why it is special to the veteran or family member/friend. How their military experience affected their life after service.

The committee has a scrapbook that was compiled while working on the memorial, but that is not complete in itself. They welcome anything that the public can share about the early monument and the veterans whose names appear on the memorial as well as other veterans whose names are not there.

These are not just names, they are people who built our town, walked our streets and worshipped in our churches. They are our grandparents, our parents, our aunts and uncles, our siblings, our friends and neighbors. They are not just faces they have stories to tell, stories of how serving in the military affected their lives. Every veteran's name has a story, every face has a life behind it. The committee would like you to share those stories and faces with others.

So, start going through your scrapbooks and old shoe boxes that you have stashed away and are chock full of mementos. Get out paper and pen and write down the stories that you only know in your heart. Compiled with others they will make a memory book, a family treasure, something to share with generations to come.

There will be a public meeting at the Essen House Restaurant on Woodcox Street in Antwerp at 1:00 pm on April 13. The committee will share examples of items they are seeking and criteria for submission of your items of interest. Do not bring your mementos to this meeting, there will be opportunities later to do that. Also at a later date, an evening public meeting will be scheduled for those who cannot attend during the day.

The goal of this committee is to publish this book and have it ready to sell in the year 2012, which is only months away. A year that will commemorate 200 years since the war of 1812 that happened not that far from our own community here in northwest Ohio.

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**PI DAY**



Eight ambitious students from fourth grade spent time learning about Pi. The symbol Pi represents the number 3.14. and is used to determine the circumference and area of circles.

Students discovered that March 14<sup>th</sup> was Albert Einstein's birthday so in celebration of the famous scientist's special day (and the date of 3-14) decided to have a Pi day at Woodburn Elementary. The Pi group members sold raffle tickets and two lucky students were selected to throw a pie in the face of fourth grade teachers, Mrs. Salzbrener and Mrs. Koester.

During lunch on 3-14-11 students were able to have

their picture taken with an Albert Einstein look-a-like for only \$1.00. Proceeds from this fun-filled celebration will go toward expenses for the fourth grade Explore Indiana 2011 field trip on May 5 & 6<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Koester would like to thank members of the Pi group for their hard work and interest in this project. Members include: Taylor Bodie, Ana Bullerman, Chris Huckeriede, Jordan Lawson, Jared Mengerink, Dabrien Richhart, Matt Singer, and Jack Stuckey. Mrs. Swymeler lead the group on all their Pi adventures with enthusiasm and ingenuity, your hard work was appreciated.

**WOODBURN DAY IN THE PARK-BBQ & MUSIC FEST**

Put a circle around July 23<sup>rd</sup> on your calendar and come to Woodburn for our BBQ & Music Fest. Entertainment will coincide with The Indiana Dulcimer Festival, held at Woodburn's Folk craft Instruments facility. There will be concerts, live music, and entertainment in great supply throughout the day. But that's not all. The festivities will start with a large parade along Main street and throughout the park. Followed by a fun-filled day with something for everyone, young and old.

More information will be coming soon. If you would like to help with the planning, please join us at Woodburn City Hall on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. Many helping hands make the work fun.

**MONTHLY SENIOR BREAKFAST AT GARDENS OF PAULDING**

The monthly senior breakfast at Gardens of Paulding will take place this next Tuesday, April 12 at 8:00 a.m. Any seniors are invited free of charge.

**SENIOR BREAKFAST**  
at  
**Gardens of Paulding**  
Tuesday, April 12  
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**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.  
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2 - Claims Assistance - Provide services for veterans and other claimants for help with VA claims for any federal, state, or local benefits.  
We also provide reimbursement for the cost of transportation to VA medical facilities in our area, or in the case where the veteran cannot drive himself, we will provide a driver.  
Our office hours are Tuesday thru Friday, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
Arrangements can be made for after office hours appointments  
Any questions, please call 419-399-8285

**BRIGHT SMILES @ ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS**



Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschoolers were recently visited by Mrs. Chelsea McGarvey from Dr. Mott's Dental Office in Paulding. Chelsea read us a story and showed us how to brush our teeth. Then, we got to brush the hilarious smiles of all of the animals she brought

along for us to enjoy! Shown here from the left are: Devyn Haller, Marley Parrett, Mrs. McGarvey, Madisyn Peters and Austin Zuber. These children are in the morning class of three and young four year olds with Mrs. Cheri Collins and Mrs. Ann Miller.

*Editor's Note: We here at the West Bend News print all "Letters to the Editor" because we believe that everyone has a Constitutional right to freedom of the press. In saying that, we do not necessarily agree with the content that is printed. We are just the messengers. The name of the person who wrote the letter is placed at the end of each article. To be considered for publication, letters must be no longer than 1000 words, and you must provide a name along with a phone number and/or email to confirm validity of content. You can respond or submit a new letter by email, USPS or fax. Responses need to be received by Friday at 5:00 pm to be considered for the next publication. We reserve the right to edit for length, content and worthiness.*

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

The Paulding County Economic Development Board is very happy to partner with the Paulding Chamber of Commerce to present a Small Business Seminar, Thursday, April 21, 9:00 a.m. to noon, at the Paulding Kiwanis Community Building. The seminar is free to all small business owners in Paulding County and to those who are interested in starting a business. Information will cover: business finance, advertising, legal, accounting permits, insurance, real estate, and regulations.

Presenters will be: Merry Beavers from the Small Business Development Center, Jerry Good from the Ohio Department of Development, and Tony Langham, Paulding County Economic Development. Also, a panel of local

professionals in all of the above fields will be there for a question and answer session. For your free reservation please call 419-399-8282 and ask for Tony.

—Randy Derck,  
President, Paulding  
County Economic  
Development

**PC RTA POTLUCK**

The Paulding County Retired Teachers Association will meet on Monday, April 11, 2011 at 11:30 a.m. Held at the Black Swamp Nature Center on Fairground Drive in Paulding. There will be a pot-luck luncheon followed by a business meeting and program. The speaker for the program will be Jon Rockhold, District II Director for the Ohio Retired Teachers Association. Mr. Rockhold will speak on the Ohio Retired Teachers Association and Social Security. Members are encouraged to invite other retired educators.

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**GARDEN WALK SEEKING GARDENS TO SHOWCASE FOR JPD EVENT**

The Paulding Better Homes & Garden Club, in cooperation with Paulding County Master Gardeners, is making plans for a garden walk as part of John Paulding Days. The event is slated from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 11.

Gardens are being sought for the 2011 stroll. Unique outdoor living spaces, vegetable or fruit gardens, organic gardens, healing gardens, prairie gardens, and gardens with unique garden structures, ponds and water elements are types of gardens that would be ideal to share with the community.

Anyone interested in opening their garden for the tour may call Brenda Crawford at 419-769-2840 or email johnpauldingdays@yahoo.com

Tentative plans for pre-sale tickets will be avail-

able at Kircher's and Holly, Wood & Vine.

The Paulding Better Homes & Garden Club is a nonprofit organization seeking to bring together all who enjoy gardens. Proceeds from the garden walk will be used for the club's beautification projects around the community.

The Ohio State University Extension Master Gardener Program provides knowledge to and develops the leadership abilities of volunteers who, in turn, enable others to improve the quality of their lives by enhancing their home and community environments through horticultural education and activities.

**MISS PAULDING COUNTY ENTRY DEADLINE NEARS**

The Paulding Chamber of Commerce will present a Miss Paulding County Scholarship Pageant on Friday, June 10, during John Paulding Days. The pageant is open to girls who reside in Paulding County and are currently a freshman, sophomore, junior or senior in high school.

Contestant applications are available at Paulding, Wayne Trace and Antwerp high schools or by emailing misspauldingcounty@hotmail.com.

Applications are due by April 8 and may be turned in to the high school offices or mailed to: Miss Paulding County Scholarship Pageant, 619 N. Main St., Paulding OH 45879.

A mandatory meeting for all contestants and parents will be held at 7:00 p.m. Monday, April 11 at Hometown Pizza in Paulding for all contestants who have turned in an application. For questions, call Kim Ousley at 419-302-3845.

**PAULDING TAKES THE WIN**

Paulding hosted the varsity softball game against Wayne Trace.

**Final Score:** Paulding 6 Wayne Trace 2

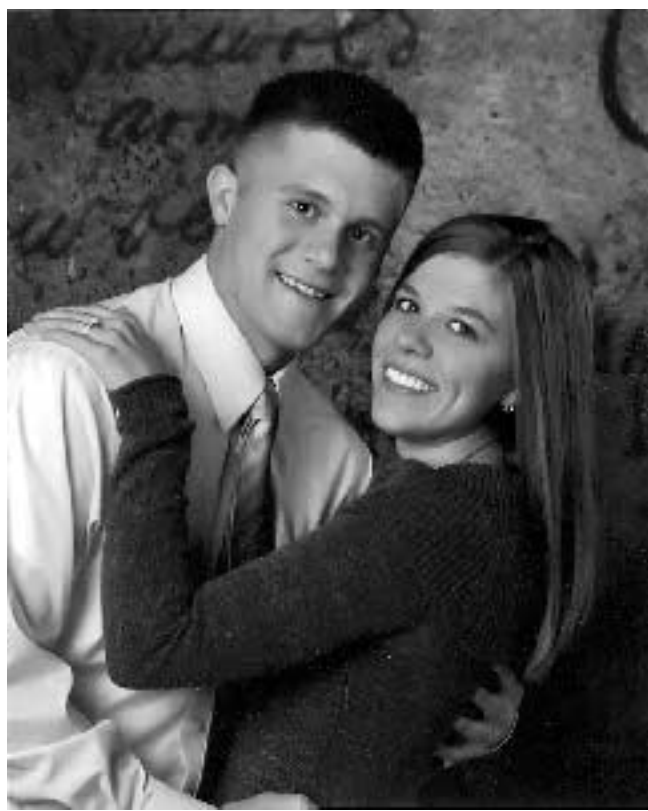
**Paulding Record:** 2-1  
**Winning Pitcher:** Kristen Beck -Strike Outs: 5, Hits Allowed: 5, Walks: 0

**W.T. Pitcher:** K. Young  
**Other Pitchers:** J. Schilb, Strike Outs: 4, Hits Allowed: 11 Walks: 2

**Hits for Paulding:** Kayla Owens- 2 singles, 1 triple, 1 RBI, Mesa Pracht -2 singles, Kristen Beck -2 singles, Haylie Forrer -2 singles, 2 RBIs, Breanna Schmidt -1 single, 1 triple, 1 RBI, 1 Miranda Stahl- 1 double

**Hits for Wayne Trace:** K. Heck -1 double, E. Linder, A. Padilla, S. Feasby, J. Schilb - all had 1 single each

**COX - MILLER**



Jack and Renee Cox of Payne, Ohio proudly announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristin Nicole, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Kristin is the granddaughter of Virgil and Ruth Woebeking of Woodburn, Indiana and Peggy Darlene Cox-Riley of Payne, Ohio.

Andrew is the grandson of Charles Toelke, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Kristin is a 2004 Wayne Trace Alumni and a 2008

graduate of Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. Kristin is employed as a Senior Accountant at Barnes Dennig, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Andrew is a 2005 LaSalle High School Alumni and a 2009 graduate of Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. Andrew is employed as an Audit Assistant at Deloitte & Touche LLP, Cincinnati, Ohio.

A July 2011 wedding is being planned in Cincinnati, Ohio.

**ANTWERP BRANCH LIBRARY NEWS!**

We have a lot of activities planned this month! Story time for children will be on April 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. An evening story time will be on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. The Easter Bunny will be reading the stories, and end the program with an Easter Egg hunt. On April 20<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-4:30 p.m. an Easter craft is planned for children. After-school movies will be shown on Mon. April 12<sup>th</sup> "Yogi Bear" at 4:00 p.m. & April 26<sup>th</sup> "Tangled" at 4:00 p.m.

The "Great Escape Book Club" will be discussing the book "To Kill A Mockingbird" on April 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. The book we will be passing out is "Bitter is the New Black". There is room in this group if you would like to attend. We are hosting an Earth Day Program for families on April 16<sup>th</sup> at noon. Our speaker "Laura Boesch" will tell us the importance of planting and taking care of the earth. National Library Week starts on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Stop in and enter your name in the drawings for book give-a-ways.

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**IKE CLANTON**

**By: Stan Jordan**

Yes, you are right. I did write a column on Ike Clanton a few months ago, but I want to clear something up about his death. If you will stay with me, I will tell you both sides on what I have heard on Ike's death.

Ike was born in 1847 in Calvary County, Missouri. Not much is known about Ike until about 1877 when the whole family moved to Arizona.

In 1878, Ike and his brother, Billy, were at the Tombstone Mill running a small lunch counter. Their father, Newman, lived with them. By 1881, Ike lived on his father's ranch about 5 miles from Charleston and 12 miles west of Tombstone.

There was a band of rustlers in the area who called themselves The Cowboys or The Red Sash Gang. Ike let them use the ranch as their hide out or headquarters. They were known to rustle a lot of cattle and some from across the U.S. & Mexico Border.

Now these boys were all welcome in Tombstone as they spent a lot of money there. There wasn't much law because the Sheriff of Cochise

County was Frank Behman and he was on the take from The Cowboys. They were free and welcome in Tombstone and actually behaved pretty well. They done their stealing over in other counties.

Now, Ike Clanton is not remembered much by anything except his fighting with the Earps and his actions at the O.K. Corral.

In July of 1881, Curley Bill Brocius and Johnny Ringo had gone over into Mexico to kill a couple of the Hazlett boys for revenge of their killing a couple of the Cowboy's Gang. At that time Brocius led a gang that ambushed a trail head over in San Luis Pass and killed 6 vaqueros and physically tortured the other 8. All their dirty work just raised the temper of the Mexicans in the area and Tombstone.

Well, the Mexicans figured Clanton was the leader of The Cowboy's as they stayed at his ranch. Well, I guess Clanton was never the leader, only their caterer.

Well, then a group of Mexicans ambushed an American raiding party. They caught them while they slept, without setting up some guides for the night. They killed and mutilated them while they slept, but one escaped and walked for 2 weeks to get back to an American ranch.

Anyway it was reported that Ike Clanton was one of the victims on that day in July of 1881 but he wasn't because he had a small role in the O.K. Corral shoot out. That is known for sure so Ike was not killed over in Mexico.

From July until October, things just got worse in Tombstone. The Earp boys tried to enforce the law prohibiting

any gun inside of Tombstone's limits.

Well, Ike was a loud mouth drunk and a braggart and bragged what he was going to do with the Earps. Well, this didn't set well with the Earps and that just stirred up the feelings between the 2 sides.

Ike played cards and drank rot gut whiskey until day light. Ike walked out on the street drunk any had his gun belt and pistol on. Well, Wyatt Earp was going to arrest him and lock him up, but Ike put up an argument and Wyatt pistol whipped him and dropped him to the sidewalk.

Well, the McLowery's and Billy Claborne were very upset about Ike's condition. About noon a magistrate found Ike guilty of disorderly conduct and carrying a weapon on the streets of Tombstone.

The shoot out at the O.K. Corral has been written over and over and probably changed about each time.

Well, when the shooting started Ike Clanton screamed to Wyatt Earp and showed him he was unarmed, Wyatt said, "Well, get a gun and get out" and Ike ran away from the action. When the shooting stopped Tom and Frank McClary were dead along with Billy Clanton.

Well, basically, that is about the way it happened on the 25th of October, 1881. So you see, Ike Clanton was not killed back in July over in that bloody ambush in Mexico.

Well, then everyone has read of Wyatt Earp's vendetta on The Cowboys for the murder of his brother, Morgan. This was plain old murder.

Virgil Earp was on the train taking the rest of the Earps to Colton, Colorado where their father lived. The Cowboys tried to ambush the train and it didn't work instead Wyatt killed Frank Stillwell, one of Morgan's marauders and the rest of the ambushees rode off. Well, he did kill the other suspects in the murder of Morgan, but he didn't kill Curly Bill Brocius or Ike Clanton.

Ike lived on into 1887 and got into trouble with the law over a robbery. He was cut down by rifle fire on Jim Wilson's ranch on Eagle Creek, a little south of Springerville, Arizona and that is on the police record books.

Well, readers, that is a thumb nail sketch of some of the events in Tombstone. You and I have read a lot and seen numerous movies of that time and area but I think this is fairly accurate and factual. See Ya!

**1992 STATE AHS VOLLEYBALL CHAMPS**



**By: Stan Jordan**

This Archer Volleyball Team went to Columbus and won the State Championship in 1992. They could do it all: dig, spike, set, slam, ace and do it well.

Front Row (L-R) Trish Bagley, Tasha Koppenhofer, Lori Lichty, Melissa Bassett, Lisa Parrish, Kelley Peters, Sarah Laisure (Manager)

Second Row (L-R) Cathy Barnett (Head Coach),

Christina Rinehart, Jennifer Knapp, Lori Kemerer, Rachel West, Cindy Harper, Sara Schutt, Shelly Arnold (Assistant Coach)

Coach Cathy Barnett gave us this picture-Thank You



**By: Stan Jordan**

There was a professional hypnotist entertaining the old folks at the local rest home. He was very good at his job and used an old pocket watch as a gimmick. He was explaining the age and history of this old pocket watch as it slowly swung back and forth as a pendulum. As the watch swung back and forth, he dropped his ball point pen on the floor on his left side.

He retrieved the pen alright but, somehow he dropped his watch to the floor and it broke into a hundred pieces. He muttered out loud "Oh, crap" and it took 3 weeks to get all the floor cleaned up.

This story was given to us by Oley McMichael See ya!

**ELOISE LANGHAM HOPKINS**

**By: Stan Jordan**

Eloise was born in July of 1924 in Antwerp. Her parents were Carl and Eva Wilson Langham. She was the only child.

Carl was the son of John Langham who lived up northwest of town close to the Indiana line.

Eva was the daughter of Jim Wilson. There were 8 children in the family and lived down east on the River Road before you come to CR 220.

Those people owned the land where everyone called Wilson's Hollow. That starts up on the land now owned by Mike Zeilke.

For many years back in the 1920's and 1930's and even later when Wilson Hollow met the Maumee River, that was the favorite fishing hole for a lot of fellows.

Eloise went to school at Antwerp and graduated in 1942.

She talked about going out to Grandpa Wilsons on butchering day and eating the 'cracklins', sort of like a busy reunion day.

She and Rex Hopkins were the best of friends all through high school.

Rex went away to the Air Force but she and Rex were married in February of 1942.

Rex had taken a lot of gunnery training and radio and radar school.

I talked with him a lot about the service and he put in sometime at a Radar Installation near Richmond, Virginia. There were 4 fellows on the detail of twenty-four hours a day for early alert. Some of the fellows including Rex had their wives in the area with them. One fellow from Florida, one from Michigan, one from Toledo and Rex from Antwerp.

They said when they were not on duty they could fish in the James River. The girls had rooms in a little town nearby. Rex was discharged from the Air Force in 1946.

They have 2 children: Kirk born in 1947 and Karlan was born in 1951. Kirk has 3 children and lives in Antwerp. His children are: Cris who has 6 children and lives in Antwerp; Matt lives in Antwerp; Dawn has 3 children and lives in Leo, Indiana. Karlan has 2 children: Mandy lives in Ft. Wayne and Emily has 1 child and lives in Antwerp.

Eloise retired from Dana-Weatherhead in 1981 after twenty-five years.

Her hobbies are traveling, reading, crafts, bowling and spending time with her 2 children, 5 grand children and 11 great grandchildren.

She and her cat really enjoy living at the Manor

House.

Thank you, Eloise for a fine visit and all those moments of reflection.

See Ya!

**EAT PANCAKES, SEND KIDS TO CAMP**

In order to support families and send kids to church camp this summer, come and eat all the pancakes and sausage you want. Saturday, April 9, 2011 from 8:00-11:00 a.m., the Paulding Church of the Nazarene is sponsoring a pancake and sausage breakfast. Different prices for different ages, but eat until you are full. The net proceeds from the breakfast will help send kids to summer church camp. The summer church camps are organized by the Northwest Ohio District of the Church of the Nazarene where kids are ministered to and of course have lots of fun.

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## WBESC APRIL BOARD MEETING

Western Buckeye Educational Service Center has scheduled their regular April Governing Board Meeting for Wednesday, April 13, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will take place at Van Wert ESC, 10730 W. Lincoln Highway, Van Wert, OH.

## AGRICULTURE SECRETARY VILSACK AND ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL WEST ANNOUNCE PROCESS TO RESOLVE DISCRIMINATION CLAIMS

The Ohio Farm Service Agency (FSA) State Executive Director, is informing farmers and producers that USDA has established a process to resolve the claims of Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers who assert that they were discriminated against when seeking USDA farm loans.

Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers who allege past discrimination can now participate in a claims process in which they may receive compensation. The claims process offers a streamlined alternative to litigation and provides at least \$1.33 billion in compensation, plus up to \$160 million in farm debt relief, to eligible Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers.

The program provides

up to \$50,000 for each Hispanic or woman farmer who can show that USDA denied them a loan or loan servicing for discriminatory reasons for certain time periods between 1981 and 2000. Hispanic or female farmers who provide additional proof and meet other requirements can receive a \$50,000 reward. Successful claimants are also eligible for funds to pay the taxes on their awards and for forgiveness of certain existing USDA loans. There are no filing fees or other costs to claimants to participate in the program. Participation is voluntary, and individuals who opt not to participate are not precluded by the program from filing a complaint in court.

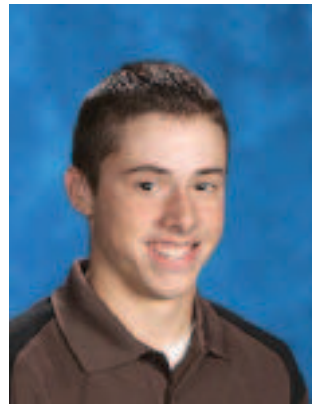
Also, USDA is launching an outreach effort to potential claimants that will include a call center for farmers and ranchers, a website and in-person meetings around the country. Individuals interested in participating in the claims process may register to receive a claims package, or may obtain more information, by visiting [www.farmerclaims.gov](http://www.farmerclaims.gov). Individuals can register to receive a claims package by calling the Farmer and Rancher Call Center at 1-888-508-4429. USDA cannot provide legal advice to potential claimants. Persons seeking legal advice may contact a lawyer or other legal services provider.

## PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL BUCKEYE STATE REPRESENTATIVES

Buckeye Boys State delegate is junior **Derrick Echols**,



son of Pamela Echols. Alternate is **Jason Koenn**, son of



Bill and Rainell Koenn. Girls State delegate is **Katie Kohart**, the daughter of Van



and Jan Kohart. Alternate is **Jenna Gasser**, daughter of



Roger and Susan Gasser. Buckeye Boys State is slated

for June 11-19 at Bowling Green State University. Girls State is slated June 12-18 at University of Mount Union.

Giltz-Brown American Legion Post 341 along with Flat Rock Creek Festival "Kettle Bean Soup" group, and Oakwood Gleaner Arbor 759 recently announced their representatives to Buckeye State from Paulding High School.

## EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER PROGRAM PHASE 29

Traditionally, the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board program would have already made an announcement as to the funding allocated to Paulding County. Due to Congress not passing the 2011 Budget, all allocations are on hold, and consequently the amount.

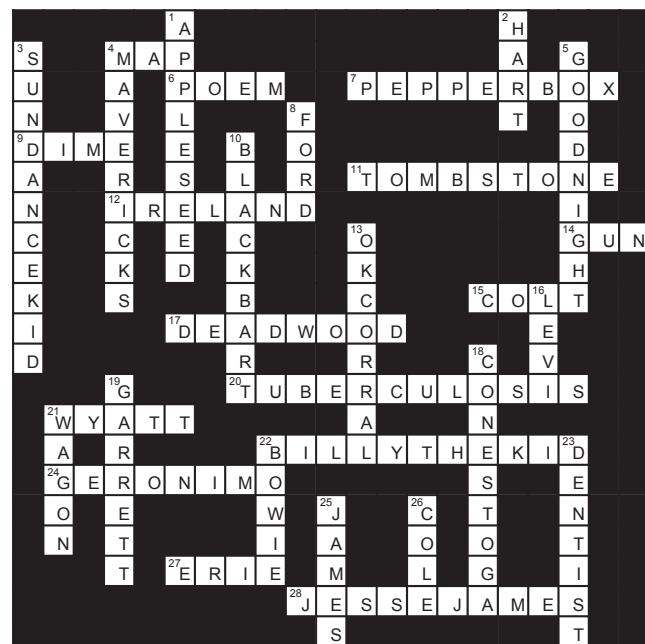
The EFSP National Board is chaired by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives from American Red Cross; Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.; The Jewish Federations of North America; The Salvation Army; and, United Way Worldwide.

A Local Board, chaired by United Way of Paulding County, will determine how the funds, when announced, are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies in the area. The Local Board, comprised of volunteers from agencies and individuals in our community, is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds available under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must: 1) be private voluntary non-profits or units of government, 2) be eligible to receive federal funds, 3) have an accounting system, 4) practice nondiscrimination, 5) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and 6) if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying agencies are urged to apply.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program Funds must contact, Amy McCreery, Executive Director of United Way of Paulding County, and Local Board Chair, at 419-399-8240, 101 E. Perry Street, or [pcuwdirector@gmail.com](mailto:pcuwdirector@gmail.com), to receive an application. Please fill out the application and return it to United Way of Paulding County by April 22, 2011.

Last Week's answers to "Will Rogers Quotes"



## BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS FOR WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS FOR THE WEEK OF 4/6 THROUGH 4/12

**Breakfast:**  
4/6 - Waffles, sausage, juice, milk  
4/7 - Egg/cheese omelet, hash brown, juice, milk  
4/8 - Turnover, juice, milk  
4/11 - Pizza, juice, milk  
4/12 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, juice, milk

**Lunch:**  
4/6 - Corn dog, french fries, fruited jello, w/ topping, milk  
4/7 - Pizza, pepperoni or cheese, tossed salad, apple-

sauce, milk  
4/8 - Fish sandwich, chips/pretzels, carrot sticks/dip, pearls, milk  
4/11 - Chicken nuggets, tator tots, mandarin oranges, milk  
4/12 - Nacho chips, meat, cheese, salsa, sour cream, corn fruit, milk

*Menus are subject to change.*

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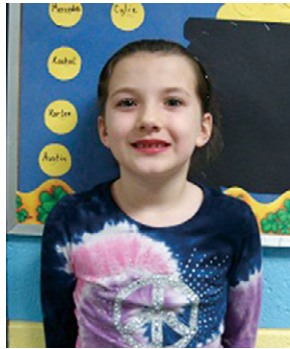
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## Woodburn Lutheran School Student of the Month - March 2011



Summer Singley, the daughter of Shaun & Rachel Singley, is the West Bend News Student of the Month for March. She is in the first grade at Woodburn Lutheran School.

Summer is a very conscientious student and takes great pride in her work. She actively participates in all class discussions and is always eager to learn. Summer demonstrates a wonderful Christian example for those around her. Congratulations to Summer Singley.

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## PAULDING COUNTY CHRONICLES II

By: Caroline Wells Zimmerman

### CLASS OF 1961 - Part 3 Antwerp High School

In September of 1957, I started school at Antwerp High School much to the chagrin of some of the kids on the bus who had been the bus-bullies for several years. After a few weeks we finally fought it out and after my Dad met the bus one morning and offered to meet with the school board if it didn't get settled, it finally smoothed out. Bullying is taken more seriously now than it was then by teachers and superiors. This one family had a kid in every grade and they took every seat and blocked it except for their friends. Even to this day everyone on that bus knows who that family was.

I only had to slap one girl's face in school (10<sup>th</sup> grade); she had told me that I wore the same skirt too often. Of course, I had to go to the office, but it was worth it. Also, I had to go to the office one time because Mr. Waldron thought one of my skirts was too short. (I think part of my knee-cap showed—it was a

kilt with knee socks).

Taking World History was my goal from childhood, so when I couldn't take it my Freshman year, I was VERY disappointed about it and made it known at the school office. I think they thought I was going to cry so they let me take it my Freshman year. I've always loved history of any kind. American History was a joy, too. My folks had taken us on vacations to a lot of places, and camped in the mountains and around the Great Lakes. Mr. Foster was a sober and good teacher about not only past history, but American politics in general.

I was in chorus and would have liked to have been a cheer leader (and was invited to join the group), however, I was a farm girl and helped my Mom with the chores and she didn't drive. I rode my horse everyday, anyway.

Dad always thought being a Secretary was the profession to be, so I took all the secretarial courses that I could. Mr. Fast was my teacher. All of the girls had a crush on him because he was so cute and is still a good-looking gentleman in his retired years.

Mr. Bell was my teacher for Algebra I & II and Geom-

etry. Home Economics was always fun because it was sort of low key and relaxed with Mrs. Neuhauser. The Science teacher had been a flyer in the War and was all the boys' idols.

My Junior Prom, my friend, Bill Knapp took me and we sat with friends Colleen Murphy and Bruce Longardner. My dress was made by Mom, it was yellow with rhinestones on the skirt.

The Senior year flew by (1960-61). We had "scrap drives" earning money for our class trip to Washington, DC (It was the first of my nine trips to that beautiful city, so far). I got a Lane cedar chest and luggage as traditional senior gifts from my parents.

The Senior Prom was beautiful. My dress was strapless, long and big and yellow. Mom and Dad thought I looked like a belle from a Southern movie. Again, Bill and I went together. One of my good friends, Charmaine Reeb, went with Myron Richard Zimmerman both of our class.

In September 1961 I went on to International Business College taking the Executive Secretarial Course. Actually I never planned to go to college, but couldn't get a job in an office the summer of 1961 and a man at a Hicksville factory told me that he had a factory opening for me but that I would always be stuck in a factory and that I should call International Business College. I called them, and signed up the next day. They were already one week into the 1961 Fall session and had one person drop out which made room for me. Eventually, I moved into Fort Wayne, living with a widow who took in college students. Linda Klender, another Antwerp classmate was taking the same course there.

I met Bruce Longardner's brother (through classmate, Colleen Murphy) and married John K. Longardner in December 1962 and graduated from college in June 1963. I then got a good job at GE in the office. We moved to Antwerp in June 1965 and had a family. I worked several years as an insurance agent and in banking before retiring when John died in 1996 of cancer at age 59.

The Class of 1961 had a reunion in 1996. I saw a lot of our classmates again. Myron Richard Zimmerman and I were married in 1997; our address is 7292 Rd. 176, Antwerp, Ohio 45813. (Old Reservoir Rd.)

We have lost several of our class members including Charmaine Reeb, Ann Elston Balsler, and Joan Ely. Many have moved away. Richard and I are looking forward to our 50<sup>th</sup> Antwerp School Class Reunion this year. Tony Langham recently told me that it may be scheduled for some time in August. Please let us know how and when we can help. We want to see all of our friends again.

Sincerely, Carrie and Richard

### DRIVERS MAKE WORK ZONES DANGEROUS

Friday, April 1, 2011. Drivers take heed: You are more likely to be injured or killed in a work zone on a dry and sunny August afternoon than any other time of year.

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# Paulding County's Students of the Month

MARCH 2011

Paulding County has great students and we want to recognize them and their achievements. Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative, Inc. has teamed up with the West Bend News to bring you this information. We will be delivering different schools' students each month from OUR county. Congratulations to these young people!



JoEllen Fickel is the Student of the Month for March 2011. JoEllen is a senior at Wayne Trace Jr/Sr. High School and the daughter of Blane and Claudia Fickel.

Throughout her 4 years in high school, JoEllen has been an extraordinary example to her peers as she has been in FFA, Basketball (4 years), Softball (4 years), Golf (1 year), High School Bible study. She has carried a 3.3 GPA.

Numerous other awards have been given to her through the years including: 2010 Homecoming Queen, Division 4 All State Honorable mention in basketball, 2010 & 2011 District 7 1st team in basketball, 2011 1st team GMC for basketball, 2010 2nd team GMC for basketball, 2010 2nd team GMC for softball, 2010-2011 FFA President, 2010 State FFA Degree, 2009-2010 FFA Student Advisor

JoEllen spends time outside of school playing her guitar and riding ATV's and working with animals. Great job!

The Antwerp Jr/Sr High School Student of the Month for the West Bend News is Vanessa Gordon. She is the daughter of Dan and Dawn Gordon.

Vanessa is a senior and in several activities at the school including: Cross Country, Softball, Track and Field, SADD and National Honor Society. She also enjoys spending time with her friends.

After high school Vanessa plans to attend Northwest State to major in accounting. Congratulations and keep up the good work Vanessa.



Paulding Middle School is pleased to announce that 6th grader, Emily Knodel, has been chosen as the "Student of the Month." Emily is academically an excellent student. She is in the gifted program at school and is very conscientious of her work. It is always done neatly, correctly, and turned in on time. She is a fantastic role model for her peers.

Emily enjoys Reading, Math, dance, cheerleading and hanging out with her friends. Emily also plays the saxophone in the 6th grade band and helps daily with the 6th grade recycling program held during lunch. Emily is the daughter of Jeff and Kelly Knodel of Paulding. Congratulations, Emily.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE FINE STUDENTS AND KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

(ODOT) safety experts discovered after analyzing 10 years of crash statistics.

In a report just released by ODOT, data shows that there were 5,038 work zone crashes last year resulting in 1,262 injury crashes and 10 fatal crashes are down from 5,105 crashes, 1,286 injury crashes, and 13 fatal crashes in 2009.

While there is no upside when talking about injuries and deaths in work zones, the data is promising. Since 2001, the number of crashes in work zones has gone down 37 percent and the number of fatal crashes has dropped by 50 percent.

"ODOT does all it can to ensure the safety of its workers and the motoring public," said ODOT Director Jerry Wray. "But to see a real reduction in work zone crashes, certain driver behaviors need to change."

According to ODOT's analysis, the top three causes of work zone crashes can be prevented. They include following too closely, failure to control and improper lane changes.

The best advice: How you drive keeps you alive.

To help motorists better navigate through work zones, ODOT continually utilizes new technology and refines its policies.

Beginning this year, ODOT will require its contractors to use high-intensity flashing lights and reflect-

ive tape on all equipment in work zones. Additional signing and special warnings for motorcyclists have been added in recent years.

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road conditions and details on highway construction projects in every area of the state, visit ODOT's premier website [www.BuckeyeTraffic.org](http://www.BuckeyeTraffic.org).

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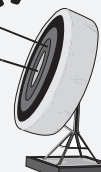
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**By: Jim Gerig, Scotts STI Graduate, Grabill & Woodburn Hardware**

With the weather warming up, many of you will be planting grass seed to either fill in bare spots in your yard or over-seed the lawn. Here are some tips to help you make sure your seeding is a success.

The first step is selecting a grass seed. Make sure you insist on top quality seed so you won't plant weeds. "Bargain grass seed mixes" are often full of weed seeds, undesirable grasses, immature seeds, and even filler material to make the package larger. Once it's planted, you must live with the results (sometimes ugly) for years. That's why the few dollars more it costs to buy top quality grass seed is one of the best homeowner investments you can make.

For more information about grass seed, refer to the article on grass seed in a previous issue of the East Allen Courier or West Bend News.

Next, prepare the "seedbed" by working up the soil to give the seed a place to lodge and take root. Don't work the soil too finely, as this makes the surface crust-over and dry out too quickly. Soil particles from pea-to-marble size are ideal. On over-seeding: Large thin areas should be cut with a slicing machine.

Then, sow the seed evenly using a broadcast, drop, or handheld spreader to do the job. Spreading large areas by hand is a mistake, because it's almost impossible to get even coverage, so the grass sprouts in patches. To cover the seed, simply go over the area lightly with the back of a leaf rake, or drag a light object, such as a doormat, over the area.

Be sure to use a starter fertilizer the same day you seed. This will make a world of difference in your

results. It stimulates early root development, so your seedlings develop faster, and grow much thicker and greener. Agricultural fertilizers like 12-12-12 are not good starter fertilizers because they release their nutrients too quickly. Once the grass seeds have germinated, there is nothing left of the fertilizer for the young plants to use.

Mulch only if necessary. On sloping areas, such as hillsides, or to reduce the frequency of watering, mulching is good. Simply scatter clean weed-free straw or peat moss lightly over the area. Only a small amount is needed... just enough to provide a light shading, so the seedbed is clearly visible through the mulch. Mulching too thick can suffocate the young grass plants.

Watering is critical to young seedlings. The seedbed should be kept moist. Watering frequently, rather than deeply, is best. Only the top inch of soil needs to be kept moist, either by watering or rainfall. Once seedlings sprout, watering becomes even more critical. Tender young plants will die if moisture is not available to them.

Once the young plants have developed into mature grasses, mowing can begin as soon as there is anything to cut with the mower set at about 1 1/2 inches high. Do not mow when the soil is overly wet, as it can damage your newly planted grass. You should also apply a follow-up application of weed and feed eight weeks after the new seedlings sprout to enhance growth and eliminate any undesirable weeds.

**LAWN FERTILIZATION AND WEED CONTROL**

**by: Jim Lopshire, Extension Educator**

After the long winter, it is important to resist the urge to apply something to your turf right now to help wake

it from its winter slumber. It is recommended to see turf growing before applying either a pre-emergence herbicide, such as crabgrass preventer, or fertilizer. This is the time to show restraint and let the turf naturally awaken. Applying high rates of fertilizer now will encourage excessive top-growth and has the potential to reduce summer stress tolerance. If a late fertilizer application was made last fall, you may not need to apply any early spring fertilizer, but instead might be able to wait until mid-May.

Weed control in lawns begins with proper mowing techniques to manipulate your lawn's natural defenses against weeds. If an herbicide is needed, two primary categories of herbicides are available to fight both broad-leaf and/or grass weeds. Pre-emergent herbicides are used to prevent weed seeds from germinating and post-emergent herbicides are used to selectively kill weeds once they are growing and established.

Pre-emergent herbicides are usually available in granular forms and applied in the spring as one of the primary ways to keep crabgrass and other weed grasses from germinating. Crabgrass, being an annual grass weed, germinates from seed and the use of a pre-emergent herbicide keeps most seed from germinating. Depending on the type of pre-emergent used, selective grass and broadleaf weeds are prevented from germinating in early spring.

The environmental signal for applying a pre-emergent herbicide is when the forsythia bush is in full bloom. You can also use a soil thermometer to check soil temperatures. Apply pre-emergent herbicides when soil temperatures at a two-inch depth reach 50 degrees Fahrenheit.

Post-emergent herbicides are either applied in granular or liquid forms. The granular forms are generally found incorporated into lawn fertilizers and are applied as part of a fertilizer application. The liquid post-emergent herbicides are usually applied separately from fertilizers. Liquid forms are applied using a hand or tank sprayer. Using liquid post-emergent herbicides can be more difficult to apply but provide better results with a single application.

You might notice professional applicators making applications in the next month. They are most likely doing pre-emergent herbicide applications and/or light fertilizer applications. The fertilizer amounts they are applying are probably 1/2 pound of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet or less, just enough to encourage some greening without causing excessive growth.

Before applying a crabgrass preventer, consider whether or not crabgrass is a big problem in your turf. Remember that the best way to control weeds in turf is to encourage a healthy, dense turf that competes well with weeds and crowds them out. Mowing high, returning clippings and having a good fertility program are just some of the practices that will encourage a dense turf.

**VILLAGE OF PAULDING COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR 3/7/11**

Paulding Village Council met in Regular Session on March 7, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. Mayor White called the meeting to order.

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

Sutton motioned to approve the minutes of the February 22nd Council meeting, seconded by Trausch. Vote: all yeas. Sutton also motioned to approve the minutes of February 22nd's Public Hearing, seconded by Guelde. Vote: Rife, yeas; Sierer, yeas; Sutton, yeas; Daeger, abstain; Trausch, yeas; Guelde, yeas.

Daeger presented the Street Committee's report from their March 1st meeting. The following was discussed:

—Permission was granted to Curtis Gawronski of Cooper Grain and Feed to extend a cement pad on the west side of the elevator onto Village property.

—A contractor will chip and seal Road 162 (Airport Road) while in the area performing work for Emerald Township.

—Craig Knapke updated the Committee on the Cherry Street/North Drive project. He noted the camera work on the sewer has been completed, and the findings indicate approximately 150 feet of the 2,500 feet of line that was inspected will need to be replaced. The repairs will be made before resurfacing is done, and the remainder of the line will be slipped lined (this can be done at a later date without disturbing the street). Mr. Knapke relayed the Cherry Street/North Drive project will be advertised for bid March 16th and 23rd, bids will be opened April 6th, and the recommended scenario brought back to Council for approval.

Sierer motioned to approve the Street Committee's report, seconded by Trausch. Vote: all yeas. Daeger requested a public meeting be scheduled to better inform the public of the details of the project.

Trausch presented the Recreation Committee's February 14th report. The following was discussed:

—Mike Trausch will be meeting with Master Gardeners on March 10th to discuss landscaping around the flag pole at Lafountain Park.

—A ceiling will be installed in the restrooms at Lafountain Park.

—An exhaust needs to be installed in the pool house to help ventilate the building.

—Sierer will be checking into a used mower for dragging/mowing fields at Jeffery Park.

**VANTAGE BLUE CHIPPERS**



Congratulations to the Vantage students who had a 4.0 gpa and perfect attendance for the third nine weeks of the school year!

Front row: Rebecca Stutz (Parkway), Sr. Cosmetology, Aryn Denny (Wayne Trace), Sr. Medical Office Management; Kayla Butler (Van Wert), Jr. Health Technology

Back row: Joseph Shoppell (Lincolnview), Jr. Early Childhood Education; Bart Barthels (Van Wert), Jr. Network Systems; Harley-Davidson Lane (Continental), Jr. Electricity; Ian Munger (Paulding), Jr. Industrial Mechanics. Unavailable for the picture Taylor Mock (Paulding), Jr. Cosmetology

Wiebe provided Council with copies of two public notices (one in draft form) from the Ohio EPA regarding NPDES permits for the water treatment plant.

Wiebe presented Council with a "Distinguished Service Award" from the Paulding Chamber of Commerce. He also relayed several entities that had been awarded Issue 1 grant money in round #25 were erroneously left out of HB114; therefore, their projects may not be funded. Fortunately, the Village will not be impacted by this mistake. Wiebe also noted the state may be reducing, or eliminating, Local Government Funding. Local Government funding makes up approximately 20-30% of the Village's General Fund revenues. The loss of this revenue would have a dramatic impact on the Village.

Mayor White relayed Mayor's Court

collected \$795 for the month of February 2011. He also requested Council approval of probationary firemen Jayson Dangler, Mark Wolffe, and Greg Reinhart. Vote: all yeas.

The following meetings were scheduled:

- Building & Grounds Committee - Wednesday, March 9th at 5:30 p.m.
- Recreation Board - Monday, March 14th at 4:30 p.m.
- Recreation Committee - Monday, March 14th at 5:30 p.m.
- Street Committee - Tuesday, March 15th at 5:30 p.m.
- PCFA - Tuesday, March 15th at 7:00 p.m.

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

Trausch motioned to adjourn, seconded by Daeger. Vote: all yeas.

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# CRAIG GARKUS WINS MMA DEBUT



Pictured is Rob Majors (trainer/manager), Craig Garkus, and Ryan Hogans.

Craig Garkus of Malice Fitness & MMA made his Mixed Martial Arts debut in Adrian, Michigan on Saturday night and won by rear naked choke.

Craig took the fight against an opponent that out-weighted him by 10 pounds but Craig's superior strength and conditioning was able to help even the odds.

The match began with several exchanges of multiple punches, but each time Craig was able to close the distance and slam his opponent to the mat. The second round consisted of much of the same exchanges, but the opponent was able to

land a strong right hook that knocked Craig's mouth piece out and momentarily stumbled him. Craig demonstrated true heart and determination after this, and was able to score a take down and ultimately achieved a superior position. The fight ended by Craig taking the fighter's back and choking him out with a rear naked choke. For videos, pictures, and information on more local fighters or upcoming events, visit malicefighters.com

caption: Pictured is Rob Majors (trainer/manager), Craig Garkus, and Ryan Hogans.

# MONEY OUT THE WINDOW WITH LITTER

Each year, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is forced to spend \$4 million on litter pick-up. A preventable problem. That money could be used to install 323 culverts, pave 40 miles of a two-lane road, install 340 miles of guardrail, or purchase 28 snowplow trucks.

"While potholes remain a priority this time of year, our crews must also focus on litter pick-up before the mowing season begins," said ODOT Director Jerry Wray.

Statewide last year, ODOT

spent \$4.4 million and 206,221 hours picking up 392,305 bags of trash.

Each March, ODOT organizes cleanup events around the state as part of the annual Great American Cleanup. In Ohio, hundreds of volunteers made up of citizens, neighborhood groups, businesses, and organizations take to Ohio's roadways to pick up thousands of bags of recyclables, litter, and debris.

"Gathering together to pick up litter along roadways gives Ohioans cleaner and safer roadways, helps to foster pride in communities, and positively affects healthy

economic development," said Director Wray.

ODOT's more than 1,400 Adopt-A-Highway groups, at least one in each of Ohio's 88 counties - clean a two-mile section, or interchange, a minimum of four times a year for two years. On average each year, Adopt-A-Highway volunteers pick up 25,000 bags of trash, saving the Department \$280,000.

Groups wanting to adopt a section of highway or an interchange can apply at: www.transportation.ohio.gov

# ODOT ANNOUNCES 2012-2015 STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM OPEN HOUSE

As the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) develops its four year State-wide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) - providing project funding and scheduling information for the department and the state's metropolitan planning organizations - the department encourages the public to attend and participate in their local 2012-2015 STIP open houses.

An informal open house meeting will be held at the Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission, 130 West North Street, Lima, on Tuesday, April 5 from 2:00-6:00 p.m. Participants may come at any time during the open house to view documents and maps regarding upcoming transportation projects and provide comment.

"This is an opportunity for the public to participate in planning for future transportation projects in the area and we encourage their involvement," said Kirk Slusher, ODOT District 1 deputy director.

For additional STIP information please access the STIP website at: <http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/TransSysDev/ProgramMgt/STIP>

# PAULDING COUNTY AREA FOUNDATION NEW LOOK

The Paulding County Area Foundation office building will be getting a new look soon.

In April building repair will take place on the west side of the building facing Williams St. The brick and concrete wall has eroded from weather over the last 100 years and needs redone. Jack Moore, the former owner of the building, had a face lift on the building in the 1960's and it is due again for repair. Many of the buildings that were built in that era have soft brick that tends to wear away over time.

After the masonry repairs are made a mural will be painted on the exterior wall. The Leadership in Action Class of 2011 is taking donations for the historical depiction to be painted. The Leadership program is sponsored by the Paulding Chamber of Commerce.

Another new look for the Foundation is a new logo that was unveiled a couple of weeks ago and that led to a reworked website. Go on line and take a look. [pauldingcountyarea-foundation.net](http://pauldingcountyarea-foundation.net)

For more information on estate tax planning and helping your community, call 419-399-8296 for more information and ask for Tony.

# PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES FOR 3/23/11

This 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2011, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

Tony Burkley, Fred Pieper, and Nola Ginter, Clerk  
Absent: Tony Zartman  
**ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:**  
Warrants documented as 176683 through 176733 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

**TRAVEL REQUEST:**  
Suzanne Rister, New Judge Conference, Columbus OH - April 11-15, 2011  
Vicki Lamerson, Victims' Assistant Conference, Columbus OH - May 15, 16, & 17, 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 March 16, 2011, Warrants numbering 176255 through 176651 totaling \$24,734.26; 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 REVENUE LINE ITEM (FUND 001-031):

It is necessary to track revenue from Windfarm contributions for auditing purposes; the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to create the following line item in the General Fund, Commissioners' Miscellaneous (001-031):  
Revenue: 001-031-10008, Windfarm Contribution

# IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 147):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2011 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:

FROM: 147-001-20117/PHIG/Other Costs  
TO: 147-001-20119/PHIG/Contracts

AMOUNT: \$666.00

# IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO SUBMIT A COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT:

The State of Ohio Department of Development provides financial assistance to local Governments for the purpose of addressing local needs; and the Paulding County Board of Commissioners desires to participate in the Program to receive financial assistance to undertake and carry out Community Development Activities under the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Community Housing Improvement Program; and the Paulding County Board of Commissioners have the authority to apply for financial assistance and to administer the amounts received from the State of Ohio Department of Development, through its Small Cities(CDBG) Fiscal Year 2011 Community Housing Improvement Program, and the Paulding County Board of Commissioners must direct and authorize the President of the Paulding County Commissioners to act in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as may be required.

# THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Paulding County:

**SECTION 1:** That the Paulding County Board of Commissioners hereby approves filing an application for financial assistance under the Small Cities CDBG Community Housing Improvement Program.

**SECTION 2:** That the Paulding County Board of Commissioners authorizes the President of the Board of Commissioners, as official representative of the Paulding County Commissioners, to provide all information and documentation required in said application and upon the approval of the Paulding County FY 2011 Community Housing Improvement Program application, to participate in the State of Ohio, Department of Development, Small Cities Community Development Program.

**SECTION 3:** That the Paulding County Board of Commissioners hereby understands and agrees that participation for the Program will require compliance with program guidelines and assurances.

**SECTION 4:** That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were

# PAULDING ELEMENTARY'S PTO BINGO NIGHT



The Paulding Elementary PTO held a family PTO Bingo Night on March 24, 2011. There were many parents and students who attended. Many prizes were given out to the families. The PTO Bookfair was open throughout the night. It was a great time to get together and enjoy one another.

so adopted in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board 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 SUSPENDING A SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF MEETING WITH THE STATE AUDITOR:

The State Auditors requested a meeting for the 2010 pre-engagement meeting for the audit of the County; and this date was set by the State Auditors to review said pre-engagement meeting; the Board of County Commissioners does suspend this meeting from 10:35 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. in order to meet with the State Auditors regarding the 2010 pre-engagement meeting for the audit of the County.

# EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Mr. Tony Burkley to go into executive session at 11:03 a.m. with the County Prosecutor to discuss legal matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fred Pieper. All members voting yea.

# MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Matt Davis, Maumee Valley Planning Organization (MVPO) - Mr. Davis met with the Commissioners to update them on the status of the home in Payne that was recently renovated with Neighborhood Stabilization Program grant dollars. The work on the home located at Flatrock Trail is complete and it is ready to be put on the market. Gorrell Bros. Real Estate will be marketing the home for sale. Proceeds from the sale of the home will be utilized for another NSP project through early 2013. Mr. Davis presented the FY 2011 Community Housing Improvement Program breakdown for Paulding County; as follows; Private Owner Rehabilitation

- \$260,000; Private Owner Rehabilitation (target area Village of Paulding) - \$100,000; Home Repair - \$51,000; Emergency Monthly Housing Payments - \$15,000; Tenant-based Rental Assistance - \$15,000; and Administration - \$59,000. Mr. Davis then presented the application for FY 2011 CDBG Formula Program, prepared by MVPO on the County's behalf, for signature. Applications for project funding may be obtained from MVPO. Applications and third party certified cost estimates for proposed projects are due to MVPO no later than 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 11, 2011. Second public hearing (final decision on projects to be funded) will be scheduled in June. Projects approved under the 2011 CDBG Formula Program must be completed by December 2012. Mr. Davis also asked if there would be interest in forming a regional Economic Development Association (EDA), which would be another source of grant dollars for the county. MVPO will try to arrange an informative meeting in the future.

Corey Walker, PCDJFS - Mr. Walker shared his letter of support for Van Wert County's DJFS director.

Claudia Fickel, County Auditor - Ms. Fickel presented March General Fund revenue and expense reports for review. She announced the Auditor's office will be open all day on Wednesdays. Ms. Fickel also reported the north doors to the real estate department of her office are now to hopefully reduce traffic in the accounting office. Ms. Fickel noted she has been working with the County Treasurer on completing the bond application for the jail and hospital bond renewal. She also noted the governor has certified the 2010 census and Paulding County's population is 19,614. Because the census is now below 20,000, all elected officials' salaries (which are set by the state based on population) will decrease beginning with their next term of office.

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**"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": VANTAGE HOLDS FFA BANQUET**



Vantage FFA officers flank guest speaker, Van Wert Municipal Court Judge Jill Leatherman at the annual FFA banquet. Left to right: Josh Grubaugh, Sentinel (Crestview), Clint Walser, Treasurer (Van Wert), Harrison Oechsle, Vice-President (Van Wert), Leatherman, Caleb Wright, President (Paulding), Phil Schwartz, Secretary (Lincolnview), Abram Mitchener, Reporter (Lincolnview) and Jared Yant, Advisor (Paulding).

The Vantage Career Center FFA chapter held their annual Awards and Recognition Banquet on Tuesday, March 29, 2011 in the Vantage Commons Area.

Guest speaker for the evening was The Honorable Jill Leatherman, Van Wert Municipal Court Judge, who spoke about how the leadership skills students learn in organizations like FFA will benefit them throughout their future.

The chapter honored Mr. Jim Fisher, Vantage guidance counselor, with an FFA Honorary Degree for his involvement with the Vantage FFA Chapter.

Awards were presented to FFA members throughout the evening. Senior Josh

Grubaugh (Crestview) and junior Abram Mitchener (Lincolnview) were presented with "Quiet Leader" awards for setting an example to others by their actions. The "110% Ag Credit" award was given to senior Nick Poling (Parkway) and junior Andre Greutman (Wayne Trace).

Receiving the Scholarship awards for outstanding grades were seniors Josh Grubaugh (Crestview) and Clint Walser (Van Wert) and junior Andre Greutman (Wayne Trace).

Juniors receiving the Greenhand award for their first year involvement in FFA were Shane Cline (Antwerp), Andre Greutman (Wayne Trace), Michael

Richards (Antwerp), Brian Schultz (Kalida), Jordan Titus (Ottoville) and Gerald Kohorst (Delphos Jefferson).

Receiving the Chapter award for their second year as an active member of an FFA Chapter were seniors Cody Grudowski (Paulding), Rodney Adams (Van Wert), Caleb Wright (Paulding), Coty Helstad (Van Wert), Clint Walser (Van Wert), Ethan Wolfle (Paulding) and Harrison Oechsle (Van Wert). Senior Clint Walser (Van Wert) was recognized for having perfect attendance.

**WOODBURN CHAMBER QUARTERLY MEETING**

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**WOODLAN VS. HARDING TRACK RESULTS**

On March 28, 2011 Woodlan played host to the Harding track team. The teams finished a refreshing spring evening with Woodlan track keeping a win at home: 79.5, and Harding with 42.5 for the boys, and Woodlan girls finished with 66, and Harding girls, 52.

Boys individual event results:

Discus - Brames, W, 120'9"; Brenneke, W, 120'7"; Anderson, W, 91'2"

Shot Put - Brames, W, 44'6¼"; Wahl, W, 37'9¾"; Hirschy, W, 33'5½"

Long Jump - Q Jones, H, 19'8½"; Carr, H, 19'0"; Stoller, W, 17'11½"

High Jump - Brenneke, W, 5'8"; Romines, W, 5'6"; Bennett, H, 5'2"; Kashner, W, 5'2"

3200m Relay - Woodlan, 9:34.8

110 Hurdles - Nieuwlandt, W, 18:06; Brenneke, W, 19:08

100m Dash - Jones, H, 10.84; Goy, H, 11:13; Washington, H, 11:57

1600m Run - Fitzgerald, W, 5:20; Normand, W, 5:37.1; Fuelling, W, 5:43

4x100m Relay - Harding, 43.41

400m Dash - Harre, H, 52.03; Stoller, W, 52.05

300m Hurdles - Nieuwlandt, 46.09; Kashner, W, 48.18; Wahl, W, 1:06.00

800m Run - Conroy, W, 2:15.00; Hathaway, W, 2:29.9; Hathaway, W, 2:33.2

200m Dash - Gay, H, 23.10; Karr, H, 23.14; Washington, H, 23.56

3200m Run - Fitzgerald, W, 12:07; Fuelling, W, 12:27; Mendenhall, W, 12:58

4x400m Relay - Harding, 3:49.28

Shot Put - Brown, H, 31'2½"; Pollard, H, 25'9"; Stoll, W, 25'4¼"

Discus - Brown, H, 93'7"; Stoll, W, 85'5"; Pollard, H, 70'4"

Long Jump - Carver, W, 14'1"; Walker, H, 13'8½"; Gerbers, W, 13'6½"

High Jump - Carver, W, 5'0"; Gerbers, W, 4'8"; Spencer, W, 4'8"

3200m Relay - Woodlan, 12:57.01

100m Hurdles - Gerbers, W, 17.74; Stutzman, W, 18.79; Walker, H, 18.94

100m Dash - Ford, H, 13.08; Littlejohn, H, 13.37; Drewery, W, 13.56

1600m Run - Gaffer, W, 6:20; Neuenschwander, W, 7:40

4x100 Relay - Harding, 52.00; Woodlan, 55.34

400m Dash - Lomont, W, 1:03.9; Trice, H, 1:08.2; Gerig, W, 1:14

300m Hurdles - Stutzman, W, 56.53; Walker, H, 57.49; Spencer, W, 57.76

800m Run - Jackson, H, 2:20.6; Gaffer, W, 2:55.3; Emehiser, W, 3:20.28

200m Dash - Ford, H, 27.51; Drewery, W, 28.9; Lomont, W, 29.4

3200m Run - Neuenschwander, W, 16:47.7

4x400m Relay - Harding, 4:30.3; Woodlan, 5:08.7

**PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND DISMISSALS**

**Admissions:**  
3/21- Paul Cramer, Paulding

3/27- Sheryl Crone, Payne

**Dismissals:**  
3/22- Ernest Gonzales, Paulding

3/24- Ronnie Hostettler, Cecil

**THE PUNKY PRUNE**

By: Rachel Steiner

Hi everyone. So this week I decided we should apply some of the things we've learned so far and put them to good use! Each of us have specific nutrition needs we are trying to achieve so I've revamped the classic mashed potato recipe with some healthy additions. Try them out or get some ideas for how you can make some good swaps to your own meals and use up those leftovers.

**Sneak in some extra veggies:**

2 white potatoes  
2 C cooked orange veggie (carrot/sweet potato/pumpkin)

1 frozen bag of spinach  
Garlic, salt and butter to taste

While boiling the potatoes, thoroughly mash together the spinach and orange veggie, or use a food processor. Heat up your veggie mash and then add the cooked potatoes and mash all together with a potato masher. You can add some garlic powder and salt which goes great with the sweetness of the orange veggies. I've made it with sweet potatoes, carrots and pumpkin and they are all great. This is a new favorite staple in our house!

**Added protein:**

5-6 large red potatoes  
1.5 C cooked white beans  
2 TB butter or vegan spread

2 TB water or milk  
2-4 large cloves of garlic  
Salt, pepper and paprika to taste

Cook the potatoes. Beat together the beans, butter, liquid and garlic. Then add in the potatoes and beat until you get your desired consistency. Add seasonings to taste.

**Low Carb Almost Potatoes:**

1 C cashews (soaked over-

night)

1 lb cooked cauliflower  
2 TB lemon juice  
Salt and pepper to taste

(OPTIONAL: ¼ C nutritional yeast OR cheese, ½ TB miso paste)

Grind your soaked cashews and lemon juice into a smooth paste using your food processor. Slowly add cauliflower in small batches until it reaches your desired consistency. Season to taste, then heat up and enjoy. If adding the optional ingredients, add to food processor with the cashews and lemon juice. The cashews provide a very rich buttery flavor and some protein, plus you get some veggies and skip the sugary starches from the potato.

**Brownies Dessert:**

1½ C chocolate or carob chips

1 C sweet potato

1 Tsp vanilla extract

1/4 C honey

1/2 C flour

2 TB cocoa powder

1/4 Tsp baking powder

Melt the chocolate/carob chips while you process all other ingredients. Then combine everything and mix well. Pour into an oiled pan and bake at 350 degrees until done, 20-30 minutes.

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For more information, contact Jerrica Steffens at 419-542-7400 or livfithicksville@yahoo.com.

**ANTWERP ALLEYS HIGH SCORES FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 25, 2011**

**Mens High Series**

1. David Bauer 582
2. Greg Shull 564
3. Duey Schoenauer 544
4. Phil Bauer 541
5. Robert Johnson 540
6. Scott Kaufman 537
7. Deon Daugherty 534
8. Mike Walley 527
9. Scott Lichty 513
10. Craig Womack 509
10. Jerry Vancleve 509

**Mens High Game**

1. David Bauer 227
2. Greg Shull 217
3. Duey Schoenauer 209
4. Chad Geyer 200
5. Phil Bauer 199
5. Deon Daugherty 199
6. Scott Kaufman 197
7. Jerry Vancleve 192
8. Mike Walley 190
9. Ray Delong 189
10. Shelton Bradbury 188

**Womens High Series**

1. Angie Hudson 551
2. Sherry Reinhart 542
3. Carol Kortokrax 523
3. Marie Bauer 522, 523
4. Pat Friend 475
5. Deb Lucas 463
6. Leslie Hughes 461
7. Sue Molitor 457
8. Kendra Eaken 444
9. Leslie Ross 431
10. Marilyn Provines 426

**Womens High Game**

1. Angie Hudson 213
2. Kendra Eaken 199
3. Sherry Reinhart 195
4. Carol Kortokrax 190
5. Marie Bauer 189
6. Leslie Hughes 187
7. Tina Conley 170
7. Deb Lucas 168
8. Pat Friend 167
9. Michelle Litzenberg 167
10. Diane Haller 164

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**HIGH SCORES FOR ANTWERP ALLEYS, WEEK ENDING APRIL 1, 2011**

**Mens High Series:**

- Robert Johnson 576
- Jerry Vancleve 542
- David Bauer 536
- Ray Delong 527
- Phil Bauer 518
- Chris Jones 515
- Kris Reinhart 502
- Chad Geyer 494
- Shelton Bradbury 494
- Mike Walley 492
- Jeff Lucas 486

**Mens High Game:**

- Robert Johnson 247
- Scott Lichty 204
- Jerry Vancleve 200
- Mike Walley 199
- Greg Shull 194
- Jeff Lucas 192
- Shelton Bradbury 191
- Phil Bauer 191
- Ray Delong 188
- David Bauer 187
- Kris Reinhart 183

**Womens High Series:**

- Sherry Reinhart 577
- Charlene Geyer 521
- Marie Bauer 508
- Angie Hudson 497
- Sue Molitor 474
- Kendra Eaken 469
- Paula Lichty 468
- Leslie Ross 460
- Deb Lucas 452
- Jeanette Yerks 451

**Womens High Game:**

- Sherry Reinhart 214
- Angie Hudson 197
- Charlene Geyer 195
- Marie Bauer 192
- Leslie Ross 182
- Sue Molitor 180
- Kendra Eaken 171
- Brenda Wobler 171
- Paula Lichty 169
- Michelle Litzenberg 166
- Karen Laker 166
- Mary Brown 164
- Nancy Bennett 164

**PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES FOR 3/21/11**

This 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2011, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

Tony Burkley, Fred Pieper, and Nola Ginter, Clerk

Absent: Tony Zartman  
**TRAVEL REQUEST:**  
 Claudia Fickel, County Auditor - NW Auditors' Association Meeting, Fremont OH - March 25, 2011

**IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE PAULDING COUNTY ENGINEER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE 2011 JOINT CHIP SEAL PROJECT:**

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize Travis McGarvey, Paulding County Engineer, to advertise in a paper of general circulation within the County for two consecutive weeks for bids for the 2011 Joint Chip Seal Project.

**MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:**

Marsha Yeutter, Senior Center - Ms. Yeutter presented bills and payroll for payment approval. She also reported the garage at the back of the senior center building has foundation issues. She will be applying for CDBG dollars to partially fund the improvement of the garage. Ms. Yeutter then noted the sidewalk is in need of leveling. Yet another building concern is the entry floor tile. Mr. Yeutter reported she will be attending the United Way's Luau on April 2, representing the Senior Center. Ms. Yeutter reminded the Commissioners of the Senior Center's health fair at the OSU Extension building on Wednesday, March 23, from 11 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. She reported as many as 52 booths will be manned at the health fair and lunch will be available.

Carol Temple, County Recorder - Ms. Temple met briefly with the Commissioners. Deterioration of the Courthouse exterior steps and foundation was noted.

Lou Ann Wannemacher, County Treasurer - Ms. Wannemacher met with the Commissioners to secure signatures on a depository agreement with Waterford Bank, N.A.

**WAYNE TRACE JR-SR HS ANNOUNCES MARCH TEACHER OF THE MONTH**



Students at Wayne Trace Jr-Sr HS recently voted teacher Jack Baumle as Teacher of the Month. Pictured above are: (front) Nick LaBounty, Kelsey Heck, Erika Langmeyer, Kacee Hockenberry, Abby Linder and Ryne Jerome. (back) Nathan Tumblin, Joe Sponseller, Mr. Baumle,

Taylor Baumle, Jessica Weninger, and Tate Church.

Mr. Baumle teaches Calculus, Geometry, Integrated Math, and Advanced Math and was awarded a \$25 Gift Certificate from N&N Quick Stop, who sponsored the award. Congratulations Mr. Baumle!

**PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES FOR 3/14/11**

This 14<sup>th</sup> 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

**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 9, 2011, Warrants numbering 176198 through 176206 totaling \$788,391.63; 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 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-035):**

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

FROM: Pay-In #89656  
 TO: 001-035-00011/General Fund Transfers/OSU Extension  
 AMOUNT: \$40,000.00

**MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:**

Bryan Schira, King Agency - Mr. Schira met with the Commissioners to introduce the King Agency, which provides employee benefits consulting and brokerage services. The King Agency was founded in 1987 and offers a full range of brokerage services including employee benefits products and services. The agency is based out of Toledo. Mr. Schira primarily focused on OME-RESA (Ohio Mid-Eastern Regional Education Service Agency), which is a non-profit, Ohio pooling consortium providing economic health care and related insurance benefits to Ohio schools, and other eligible public entities, through group purchasing. He provided handouts explaining the governance, benefit programs, services, partial self-insurance benefits, opportunities, and membership benefits.

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**Parcels of 23 Acres to 79 Acres**  
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**FARM 1 is 44+- acres located in Sec. 32, Brown Twp., Paulding Co., Ohio - 3 mi south of Paulding on Rt. 127 to Rt. 613; then east on Rt. 613 for 8 mi to T-165; then south across RR tracks (¼ mi west of Melrose). Farm 1 is Auction Parcel 1**  
**FARM 2 is 160+- acres located in Sec. 26, Jackson Twp., Paulding Co., Ohio - 5 mi east of Paulding on C-138 (Charloe Trail) to Rt. 637; then south on Rt. 637 for 2 mi (frontage on Rt. 637 and T-108). Farm 2 is Auction Parcels 2, 3 & 4.**  
**FARM 3 is 23+- acres located in Sec. 27, Delaware Twp., Defiance Co., Ohio - 4 mi. west of Defiance on C-424 (former Rt. 24) to Limbaugh Rd.; then south on Limbaugh Rd. for ½ mi. Farm 3 is Auction Parcel 5.**  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
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**HOOPS FOR HEARTS**



Antwerp Local School held their annual Hoops for Heart fundraiser on March 23, 2011. All together, the students raised over \$3,000 for the American Heart Association.

Best Costume Award (new this year): Seniors Taylor Vail, Loni Walk, and Toni Winslow in their duct tape outfits.

3-on-3 high school winning team: Seniors Logan Lucas, Anthony Reid, and Jordan Koppenhofer.

3-on-3 junior high winning team (Dunkin' Donuts): Sam Williamson, Trenton Copey, and Jarrett Bute.

Junior high free throw and 3-point winner Jeff Coleman.

High school 3-point winner Alaine Wetli.

High school free throw winner Logan Lucas.

Top Money Raisers Jordan Koppenhofer and Becca Johanns.

**PEVS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 4/6 THROUGH 4/12**

*MS/HS - Breakfast:*  
 4/6 - Sausage, egg & cheese muffin, juice, milk  
 4/7 - Mini pancakes, sausage links, juice, milk  
 4/8 - Sausage gravy w/biscuits, juice, milk  
 4/11 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk  
 4/12 - Sausage biscuit, tator tots, juice, milk

*MS/HS - Lunch:*  
 4/6 - Walking taco or Philly beef sub, mexicali corn, assorted fruit, milk  
 4/7 - Sub sandwich, baby carrots/dip, munchos, assorted fruit, milk  
 4/8 - Oriental chicken wrap, oven potatoes, assorted fruit, milk

4/11 - Stuffed crust pizza, corn or BBQ pork w/bun, cheddar munchers, assorted fruit, milk  
 4/12 - Grilled chicken salad, garlic bread stick, assorted fruit, milk

*Paulding Elementary - Breakfast:*

4/6 - Cereal bar, graham crackers, juice, milk  
 4/7 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk  
 4/8 - Pancakes, applesauce, milk  
 4/11 - Assorted cereals, juice, milk  
 4/12 - Muffin, graham crackers, applesauce, milk

*Paulding Elementary - Lunch:*

4/6 - Chicken strips, whipped potatoes, gravy, bread, fruit, milk  
 4/7 - Taco salad, lettuce/cheese/salsa, crackers, fruit, milk  
 4/8 - Toasted cheese sandwich, tomato soup, crackers, fruit, milk  
 4/11 - Nachos w/cheese, mixed vegetables, g-force bar, fruit, milk  
 4/12 - Chili soup, crackers, bread, fruit, milk

*Oakwood Elementary - Breakfast:*

4/6 - Assorted cereals, crackers, fruit, milk  
 4/7 - Breakfast burrito, fruit, milk  
 4/8 - Assorted cereals, crackers, fruit, milk  
 4/11 - Pancake wrapped sausage on stick, fruit, milk  
 4/12 - Warm cinnamon cheese bread stick, fruit, milk

*Oakwood Elementary - Lunch:*

4/6 - Chicken fajita, corn, fruit, milk  
 4/7 - Chicken noodles, peas, bread, fruit, milk  
 4/8 - Mozzarella sticks w/ marinara sauce, green beans, fruit, milk  
 4/11 - Pizza burger w/bun, lettuce salad, fruit, milk  
 4/12 - Pepperoni & cheese bread stick /sauce, green beans, fruit, milk

*Menus are subject to change.*

**WAYNE TRACE JR-SR HS ANNOUNCES MARCH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**



The students pictured above were recently named as "Students of The Month": (front) Grady Gudakunst, Dylan McMullen, Megan Risner, Taylor Grant, Chelsea Critchfield, Kayla Zuver, Gina Sinn, and Alexis Sutton. (back) Jacob Arend, Cole Rosswurm, Jehane Hoagland, Hannah Myers, Nathan Tumblin, JoEllen Fickel, Sarah Feasby, and Justin Speice. These students will be awarded with pizza for lunch. Way to go Raiders!

**ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL LUNCH MENU FOR THE WEEK OF 4/6 THROUGH 4/12**

4/6 - Hamburger or Hot dog on bun, french fries, apple crisp, milk: PLUS: Salad bar or Jello cup  
 4/7 - Pancakes or Spicy chicken on bun, sausage, hash browns, orange juice, milk, PLUS: Salad bar or chocolate cake  
 4/8 - NEW Cheese twisted edge pizza or Turkey salad sandwich, salad, applesauce, milk, PLUS: Salad bar or Cook's choice  
 4/11 - Teriyaki chicken or Ham sandwich, biscuit, mashed potatoes, pears, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or cook's choice  
 4/12 - Grilled cheese or burrito, noodle soup, green beans, peaches, milk, PLUS: Salad bar or pie

*Menus are subject to change.*

**PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES FOR 3/16/11**

This 16<sup>th</sup> 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  
**IN THE MATTER OF CREATING A NEW FUND AND REVENUE AND EXPENSE LINE ITEMS (FUND 181):**  
 It is necessary to accurately track excess money collected following a tax sale for auditing purposes; the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to create Fund 181, Excess Proceeds Tax Sales Fund; and also to create the following line items in the Excess Proceeds Tax Sales Fund (Fund 181):  
 Revenue: 181-001-10001, Excess Proceeds Tax Sales  
 Expense: 181-001-00001, Reimb. Excess Proceeds Tax Sales

**ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:**  
 Warrants documented as 176249 through 176651 for County Bills were approved and certified on March 16, 2011, to the County Auditor for payment.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**  
 A motion was made by Mr. Tony Burkley to go into executive session at 11:02 a.m. with the County Pro-

secutor to discuss legal matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fred Pieper. All members voting yea.

At 11:18 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

**IN THE MATTER OF AWARDED A BID AND ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE CR206-3.99 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT:**

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2010, bids were received and opened for the CR206-3.99 Bridge Replacement Project; and after review of the aforementioned bids by the Paulding County Engineer, Travis McGarvey recommended to the Board of County Commissioners to accept the submitted bid from R. G. Zachrich Construction, Inc., the Board of County Commissioners awarded the CR206-3.99 Bridge Replacement Project to R. G. Zachrich Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$164,454.00; and the Board of County Commissioners entered into contract with R. G. Zachrich Construction, Inc., 10105 Haler Street, Defiance OH 43512.

**IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO AN ESCROW AGREEMENT WITH PAULDING WIND FARM II, LLC.:**

An Agreement for Use, Repair and Improvement of Roads was signed December 1, 2010, between

Paulding County (Engineer's Office), Paulding Wind Farm II, LLC, Harrison Township and Benton Township; and an escrow account will be established to provide the necessary funds to make required payments under the aforementioned agreement; the Board of County Commissioners entered into the Escrow Agreement by signing same on this date; and the Board of County Commissioners do hereby authorize their Board Chairman, Tony Zartman, to sign documents relating to the Escrow Agreement on the Board's behalf.

**MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:**

Travis McGarvey, County Engineer; and Lou Ann Wannemacher, County Treasurer - Mr. McGarvey and Ms. Wannemacher presented Paulding Wind Farm II, LLC. Escrow Agreement for signature. (see resolution above). Mr. McGarvey updated the Commissioners on various spring projects the Engineer's Office will be doing.

Lou Ann Wannemacher, County Treasurer - Ms. Wannemacher addressed the Commissioners with budgetary concerns. She stated her office is understaffed, requesting additional appropriations. Ms. Wannemacher commented her office has assumed too many additional duties with no compensation.

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